

UNIT-IV

UNCERTAINTY AND INFORMATION

TYPES OF UNCERTAINTY:

There are many words or phrases to define the word Uncertainty. Dictionary gives 6 clusters of meanings for the term, uncertainty.

- i) Not certainly known
- ii) vague
- iii) Doubtful
- iv) Ambiguous
- v) Not-steady
- vi) Liable to change

We categorize the term uncertainty into two terms namely

- * Vagueness and
- * Ambiguity

The term vagueness is associated with the difficulty of making sharp. Ambiguity is associated with one to many relations.

i.e., situations in which the choice between 2 or more alternatives is left unspecified. Measures of uncertainty related to vagueness are referred to measures of fuzziness.

Measures related to ambiguity are

divided into three types

- i) Measure of non-specificity
- ii) Measure of Dissonance
- iii) Measure of confusion in evidence.

Measure of fuzziness:

In general, a measure of fuzziness is a function $f: \bar{\wp}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $\bar{\wp}(X)$ denotes the set of all fuzzy subsets of X .

i.e., the function f assigns a value $f(A)$ to each fuzzy subset A of X that characterizes the degree of fuzziness of A .

There are 3 axiomatic requirements that every meaningful measure of fuzziness must satisfy

axiom f_1 :

$$f(A) = 0 \iff A \text{ is a crisp set}$$

axiom f_2 :

$$\text{If } A < B, \text{ then } f(A) \leq f(B).$$

axiom f_3 :

$f(A)$ assumes the maximum value iff A is maximally fuzzy.

i) The sharpness relation:

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$A < B$ in axiom f_2 is defined by $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$, for $\mu_B(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}$
 $\mu_A(x) \geq \mu_B(x)$, for $\mu_B(x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$,
 $\forall x \in X$

ii) Maximally fuzzy:

This measure of fuzziness is defined by the function

$$f(A) = - \sum_{x \in X} [\mu_A(x) \log_2 \mu_A(x) + (1 - \mu_A(x)) \log_2 (1 - \mu_A(x))]$$

iii) Index of fuzziness:

Index of fuzziness is defined in terms of metric distance (Hamming or Euclidean) of A from any of the nearest crisp sets C for which

$$\begin{cases} \mu_C(x) = 0, & \text{if } \mu_A(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \mu_C(x) = 1, & \text{if } \mu_A(x) > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

When the hamming distance is used, the measure of fuzziness is expressed by the function

$$f(A) = \sum_{x \in X} |\mu_A(x) - \mu_C(x)| \quad (1)$$

For the Euclidean distance,

$$f(A) = \left[\sum_{x \in X} [\mu_A(x) - \mu_C(x)]^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

The other metric distances may be used as well

For example, the Minkowski class of distances yields a class of fuzzy measure

$$f_w(A) = \left[\sum_{x \in X} [\mu_A(x) - \mu_C(x)]^{\frac{1}{w}} \right]^{w \omega} \quad (3)$$

where, $w \in [1, \infty]$

For $w=1$, eqn. (3) reduces to eqn. (1)
and for $w=2$, eqn (3) reduces to eqn. (2)

Classical measure of Uncertainty

(1) Hartley and Shannon introduced measure of uncertainty in different views.

These measures are referred as Hartley information and Shannon entropy

Hartley information:

Consider a finite set X of n elements, sequence can be formed from elements of X by successive selections.
At each selection, all possible elements that might have been chosen or eliminated except one. The number of all possible sequences of SELECTIONS from the set X is n^s , where $s = |X|$

No., we defined the amount of information $I(n^s)$ associated with s -selections from the set X should be proportional to s .
 i.e., $I(n^s) = k(n) \cdot s$ (2)

where, $k(n)$ is a constant depends on n .

Consider two sets X_1 and X_2 such that $|X_1| = n_1$ and $|X_2| = n_2$, when the numbers s_1 and s_2 of selections from the sets X_1 and X_2 respectively are such that they yield same number of sequences, then the amount of information associated with the sequences should be the same.

$$\text{i.e., } n_1^{s_1} = n_2^{s_2} \Rightarrow I(n_1^{s_1}) = I(n_2^{s_2}) \\ \hookrightarrow (1) \Rightarrow k(n_1) \cdot s_1 = k(n_2) \cdot s_2 \quad (2)$$

taking log on both sides in (1)

$$\log n_1^{s_1} = \log n_2^{s_2} \\ \Rightarrow s_1 \log n_1 = s_2 \log n_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{s_2}{s_1} = \frac{\log n_1}{\log n_2} \quad (3)$$

From (2), $\frac{s_2}{s_1} = \frac{k(n_1)}{k(n_2)}$ (4)

from (5) and (4)

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$$\frac{\log_b n_1}{\log_b n_2} = \frac{k(n_1)}{k(n_2)}$$

Thus eqn. can be satisfied only by

$$k(n) = k_0 \log_b n$$

where, k_0 is a common constant

The amount of information conveyed by a sequence of s -selections from the set X with n -elements is given by the formula

$$I(n^s) = k(n) \cdot s$$

$$= k_0 s \log_b n$$

Particular case:

choose $k_0 = 1$ and $b = 2$

$$I(n^s) = s \log_2 n$$

$$= \log_2 n^s$$

$$I(n) = \log_2 N$$

where N denotes the total no. of alternatives

Information function:

$I(N)$ can also be viewed as the amount of information needed to characterize one of N -alternatives. Now, Hartley information can also be characterised by

The following axioms:

Axiom I₁: (Additivity)

$$I(NM) = I(N) + I(M)$$

where N, M ∈ Natural numbers

Axiom I₂: (Monotonicity)

$$I(N) \leq I(N+1), \forall N \in \text{natural numbers}$$

Axiom I₃: (Normalization)

$$I(2) = 1$$

THEOREM:

Hartley information is the only function that satisfies all the three axioms of Information function.

Proof:

Let $N > 2$, for each integer i , define $q(i)$ such that

$$2^{q(i)} \leq N^i \leq 2^{q(i)+1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This eqn. can be written in the form

$$\log_2 2^{q(i)} \leq \log_2 N^i \leq \log_2 2^{q(i)+1}$$

$$q(i) \log_2 2 \leq i \log_2 N \leq (q(i)+1) \log_2 2$$

÷ i and replace $\log_2 2 = 1$

$$\frac{q(i)}{i} \leq \log_2 N \leq \frac{q(i)+1}{i}$$

taking

the limit $i \rightarrow \infty$

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$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(i)}{i} \leq \log_2 N \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{q(i)}{i} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(i)}{i} = \log_2 N \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2}$$

Let I be a function that satisfies all the three axioms of the information function.

If $a < b$, then $I(a) \leq I(b)$ from axiom I_2

from $\textcircled{1}$,

$$I(2^{q(i)}) \leq I(N^i) \leq I(2^{q(i)+1}) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2}$$

using axiom - I_1 ,

$$\begin{aligned} I(a^k) &= I(a \cdot a \cdot a \dots a) \quad (\text{k times}) \\ &= I(a) + I(a) + \dots + I(a) \\ &= k \cdot I(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore I(N^i) = i \cdot I(N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(2^{q(i)}) &= q(i) \cdot I(2) \\ &= q(i) \quad \because I(2) = 1, \text{ by axiom 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(2^{q(i)+1}) &= (q(i)+1) \cdot I(2) \\ &= q(i)+1 \quad \because \text{by axiom 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow q(i) \leq i \cdot I(N) \leq q(i)+1$$

\div by i & taking $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty}$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(i)}{i} \leq I(N) \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow q} \frac{q(i)}{i} \quad \text{F. } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{i} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(i)}{i} = I(N) \quad (4)$$

from (3) and (4),

$$I(N) = \log_2 N, \quad \text{for } N > 2$$

when, $N = 2$,

$$I(2) = \log_2 2 = 1$$

and

$$I(N) = I(N \cdot 1)$$

$$I(N) = I(N) + I(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow I(1) = 0$$

Hence, the Hartley information function is the only function that satisfies all the three axioms of information function

Types of information:

Consider the 2 sets X and Y , that are inter-related in the sense that selections from one of the sets constrained by selections from the other.

Assume that the constraint is expressed by the relation $R \subset X \times Y$, then 3 types of Hartley information can be defined on these sets.

1. Simple information:

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$$I(x) = \log_2 |x|$$

$$I(y) = \log_2 |y|$$

2. Joint information:

$$I(x,y) = \log_2 |R|$$

3. Conditional information:

$$I(x|y) = \cancel{E(\log_2)}$$

$$= \log_2 \left(\frac{|R|}{|Y|} \right)$$

$$= \log_2 |R| - \log_2 |Y|$$

$$\therefore I(x|y) = I(x,y) - I(y)$$

and

$$I(y|x) = \log_2 \left(\frac{|R|}{|X|} \right)$$

$$= \log_2 |R| - \log_2 |X|$$

$$\therefore I(y|x) = I(x,y) - I(x)$$

If selections from x do not depend on selections from y , then sets x and y are called non-interactive. Then

$$I(x,y) = I(x) + I(y)$$

$$I(x|y) = I(x,y) - I(y)$$

$$= I(x) + I(y) - I(y)$$

$$= I(x)$$

$$I(y|x) = I(x,y) - I(x)$$

$$= I(x) + I(y) - I(x)$$

$$= I(y)$$

Information transmission function:

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Definition:

A symmetric function which is usually referred to as information transmission is a useful indicator of the strength of constraint between the sets X and Y defined by

$$T(X, Y) = I(X) + I(Y) - I(X, Y)$$

When the sets are non-interactive

$$T(X, Y) = 0$$

Generalized information transformation is defined by

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i) - I(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

Example:

Consider 2 variables X, Y whose values are taken from the sets

$$X = \{ \text{low, medium, high} \}$$

$$Y = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \}$$

It is known that the variable are constrained by the relation R by the matrix

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \text{low} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \text{medium} & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \text{high} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

We can see that, the low value of X does not contain Y at all. The medium value of X contains

Y partially and the negt value

Y totally

The following types of negt information
can be calculated in this example.

Soln:

1. Simple information:

$$I(x) = \log_2 |x| = \log_2 3 = 1.5$$

$$I(y) = \log_2 |y| = \log_2 4 = \log_2 2^2 = 2 \log_2 2 = 2.1$$

2. Joint information:

$$I(x,y) = \log_2 |xy| = \log_2 12 = 2.8$$

3. Conditional information:

$$\begin{aligned} I(x|y) &= I(x,y) - I(y) \\ &= 2.8 - 2 \\ &= 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(y|x) &= I(x,y) - I(x) \\ &= 2.8 - 1.6 \\ &= 1.2 \end{aligned}$$

4. Information transmission

$$\begin{aligned} T(x,y) &= I(x) + I(y) - I(x,y) \\ &= 1.6 + 2 - 2.8 \\ &= 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

Shannon entropy:

Shannon entropy is a measure of uncertainty formulated in terms of probability

Theory is given by the function.

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$$H(p(x) | x \in X) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 p(x)$$

where, $(p(x) | x \in X)$ is a probability distribution on a finite set X . It is thus, a function of the form

$$H: \wp \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

where \wp denotes the set of all probability distributions on finite sets.

Axioms which are essential for a probabilistic measure of uncertainty.

Axiom - H₁: (Expansibility)

When a component with zero probability is added to a probability distribution, the uncertainty should not change.

$$\text{i.e., } H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, 0) \quad \forall$$

$$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \in \wp$$

Axiom - H₂: (Symmetry)

The uncertainty should be invariant with respect to permutations of probabilities of a given probability distribution.

$$\text{i.e., } H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = H(\text{perm}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)),$$

$$\forall p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \in \wp$$

Axiom - H₃: (Continuity)

Function H should be continuous in

all its arguments p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n , " "

Axiom - H₄: (Maximum)

For every $n \in N$.

$$H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \leq H\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Axiom - H₅: (Sub-additivity)

The uncertainty of a joint probability distribution should not be the greater the sum of the uncertainty of the corresponding marginal probability distributions.

$$\text{i.e., } H(p_{11}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{1n}, p_{21}, p_{22}, \dots, p_{2n}, p_{s1}, p_{s2}, \dots, p_{sn})$$

$$\leq H\left(\sum_{i=1}^s p_{1i}, \sum_{i=1}^s p_{i2}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^s p_{in}\right)$$

$$+ H\left(\sum_{j=1}^n p_{1j}, \sum_{j=1}^n p_{2j}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n p_{sj}\right)$$

-for any joint probability distribution in Φ .

Axiom - H₆: (Additivity)

For any two marginal probability distribution that are non-interactive, the uncertainty of the associated joint distribution should be equal to the sum of uncertainties of the marginal distributions.

$$\text{i.e., } H(p_1 q_1, p_1 q_2, \dots, p_1 q_s, p_2 q_1, p_2 q_2, \dots, p_2 q_s, \dots, p_n q_1, p_n q_2, \dots, p_n q_s)$$

$$= H(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n) + H(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_s)$$

For any 2 probability distributions $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \in \Phi$ & $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s \in \Phi$

This requirement is sometimes replaced with a weaker additivity requirement defined only for marginal distribution with equal probabilities $\frac{1}{n}$ and $\frac{1}{s}$.

$$\text{i.e., } H\left(\frac{1}{ns}, \frac{1}{ns}, \dots, \frac{1}{ns}\right) = H\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right) + H\left(\frac{1}{s}, \frac{1}{s}, \dots, \frac{1}{s}\right)$$

for all $n, s \in N$

Note:

$$f(n) = H\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$f(ns) = f(n) + f(s)$$

Axiom H7: (Monotonicity)

For probability distribution with equal probabilities $\frac{1}{n}$, $n \in N$, the uncertainty should increase with increasing n .

$$\text{i.e., If } n < s, \text{ then } f(n) < f(s), \forall n, s \in N$$

Axiom H8: (Branching)

$$\text{Let } A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s\}$$

$$B = \{x_{s+1}, x_{s+2}, \dots, x_n\}$$

be two disjoint subsets of X . Further more given a probability distribution, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n on X , where $p_i = P(x_i)$, $\forall i \in N$.

$$\text{Let } P_A = \sum_{i=1}^s p_i, \quad P_B = \sum_{i=s+1}^n p_i$$

denote the probabilities of n events, i.e.,
 Then, the branching requirement means
 that.

$$H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = H(p_A, p_B) + p_A H\left(\frac{p_1}{p_A}, \frac{p_2}{p_A}, \dots, \frac{p_s}{p_A}\right) + p_B H\left(\frac{p_{s+1}}{p_B}, \frac{p_{s+2}}{p_B}, \dots, \frac{p_n}{p_B}\right)$$

$\forall p_1, p_2, \dots \in \mathbb{P}$

Axiom H9: (Normalization)

$$H\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

THEOREM-1:

Shanon entropy is the only function that satisfies all the 9 axioms of probabilistic measure of uncertainty. i.e., S.T.

$$0 \leq H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \leq \log_2 n$$

Proof:

First let us prove that

$$H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \geq 0$$

W.E.T.

$$-p_i \log_2 p_i \geq 0, \quad \forall p_i \in (0, 1]$$

for $p_1 = 0$, $\log p_i$ is not defined

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} -p_i \log_2 p_i &= -\lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_2 p_i}{\frac{1}{p_i}} \\ &= -\lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{p_i} \cdot \frac{-1}{p_i^2}}{\frac{-1}{p_i^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{P_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_i \log_2 P_i}{P_i \log_e^2} \\
 &= \lim_{P_i \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{P_i}{\log_e^2} \right] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n) \geq 0$$

Let P_n be the dependent variable,
 Then $P_n = 1 - (P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_{n-1})$
 and the necessary condition for an
 external value of H are

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i} = 0, \quad \forall i$$

The partial derivatives are

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_1} \cdot \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial P_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_n} \cdot \frac{\partial P_n}{\partial P_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Since,

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial P_k} \cdot \frac{\partial P_k}{\partial P_i} = 0, \quad \forall k \neq i. \quad \text{M}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i} = \frac{d(-P_i \log_2 P_i)}{dP_i} \cdot \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial P_i} + \frac{d(-P_n \log_2 P_n)}{dP_n} \cdot \frac{\partial P_n}{\partial P_i}$$

$$= - \left[\log_2 P_i + P_i \cdot \frac{1}{P_i \log_e^2} \times \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial P_i} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$= - \left[\log_2 P_n + P_n \cdot \frac{1}{P_n \log_e^2} \times \frac{\partial P_n}{\partial P_i} \right] \quad (-1)$$

$$= -\log_2 P_i - \frac{1}{\log_e^2} + \log_2 P_n + \frac{1}{\log_e^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = -\log_2 p_i + \log_2 p_n$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = 0 \quad . \quad 18$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 p_n = \log_2 p_i$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = p_n$$

$$\text{Hence } p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

Hence an extremal value of H exist for the distribution with equal probabilities

$\frac{1}{n}$

now,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p_i^2} &= \frac{-1}{p_i \log_e^2} \times \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial p_i} + \frac{1}{p_n \log_e^2} \times \frac{\partial p_n}{\partial p_i} \\ &= -\frac{1}{p_i \log_e^2} + \frac{1}{p_n \log_e^2} (-1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{p_i \log_e^2} - \frac{1}{p_n \log_e^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{n}) \log_e^2} - \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{n}) \log_e^2} \\ &= -\frac{2n}{\log_e^2} < 0, \quad \forall i\end{aligned}$$

Hence, H is maximum.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}H\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right) &= -\sum \frac{1}{n} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= -\sum \frac{1}{n} \log_2 (n)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \log_2 n \geq 1\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \log_2 n(n)$$

$$= \log_2 n$$

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Hence the inequalities

$$\text{i.e., } 0 \leq H(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \leq \log_2 n$$

$\therefore H\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right) = \log_2 n$ is the maximum of H .

Hence the inequalities is true.

Gibbs inequality (or) Gibbs theorem - 2:

$$\text{The inequality } -\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 p_i \leq -\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 q_i$$

It satisfied for all probability distributions p_i and q_i , $i \in N_n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$; the inequality holds iff $p_i = q_i$, $\forall i \in N_n$

Proof:

Consider the function,

$$h(p_i, q_i) = p_i (\log_e p_i - \log_e q_i) - p_i + q_i, \quad \forall p_i, q_i \in [0, 1]$$

This function is finite and differentiable for all values of p_i and q_i except the pair $q_i=0$ and $p_i \neq 0$

for each fixed $q_i \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_i} &= p_i \left(\frac{1}{p_i} - 0 \right) + (\log_e p_i - \log_e q_i) 1 - 1 \\ &= \log_e p_i - \log_e q_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{I.e., } \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_i} = \begin{cases} < 0, & p_i < q_i \\ = 0, & p_i = q_i \\ > 0, & p_i > q_i \end{cases}$$

Hence 'h' is a convex function of p_i with its minimum at $p_i = q_i$

$$\text{Hence, } p_i (\log_e p_i - \log_e q_i) - p_i + q_i \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

taking summation for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ in (1), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e p_i - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e q_i - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i + \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e p_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e q_i \quad \because \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 1 \text{ (prob. = 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e p_i \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_e q_i$$

÷ by $\log_e 2$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 p_i \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 q_i \quad \because \log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

Let us examine now, shannon entropy of marginal, joint and conditional probability distributions on 2 sets X and Y .

i) Simple entropy is based on the marginal probability distribution

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 p(x)$$

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \log_2 p(y)$$

ii) Joint entropy :

$$H(X,Y) = - \sum_{(x,y) \in (X \times Y)} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

iii) Conditional entropies:

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$$H(x|y) = - \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \sum_{x \in X} p(x|y) \log_2 p(x|y)$$

$$H(y|x) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \sum_{y \in Y} p(y|x) \log_2 p(y|x)$$

Information transmission function:

$$T(x,y) = H(x) + H(y) - H(x,y)$$

Joint entropy:

$$H(x,y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

THEOREM - 3:

Prove that $H(x|y) = H(x,y) - H(y)$

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Proof:

$$L.H.S = H(x|y)$$

$$= - \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \sum_{x \in X} p(x|y) \log_2 \frac{p(x|y)}{p(x,y)}$$

$$= - \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \sum_{x \in X} \frac{p(x,y)}{p(y)} \log_2 \left(\frac{p(x,y)}{p(y)} \right)$$

$$= - \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{x \in X} p(x,y) [\log_2(p(x,y)) - \log_2 p(y)]$$

$$= - \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{x \in X} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

$$+ \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{x \in X} p(x,y) \log_2 p(y)$$

$$= H(x,y) + \sum_{y \in Y} \log_2 p(y) (\sum_{x \in X} p(x,y))$$

$$= H(x,y) + \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \log_2 p(y)$$

$$= H(x,y) - H(y)$$

$$= RHS$$

Similarly,

$$H(y|x) = H(x,y) - H(x)$$

THEOREM - 4:

Prove that $H(x,y) \leq H(x) + H(y)$

Proof:

$$H(x) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 p(x) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

$$H(y) = - \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \log_2 p(y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

$$H(x) + H(y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \left[\log_2 \sum_{x \in X} p(x,y) + \log_2 \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \right]$$

$$H(x) + H(y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) [\log_2 p(y) + \log_2 p(x)]$$

$$\therefore H(x) + H(y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 (p(x) \cdot p(y)). \quad 23$$

From Gibbs's theorem,

$$H(x,y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x,y)$$

From Gibbs's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x,y) \log_2 (p(x) \cdot p(y)) \\ &= H(x) + H(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(x,y) \leq H(x) + H(y)$$

THEOREM - 5:

Prove that $H(x) \geq H(x|y)$ & $H(y) \geq H(y|x)$

Proof:

From theorem - 3,

$$H(x|y) = H(x,y) - H(y) \quad \text{--- } ①$$

$$H(y|x) = H(x,y) - H(x) \quad \text{--- } ②$$

From theorem - 4,

$$H(x,y) \leq H(x) + H(y) \quad \text{--- } ③$$

Substitute ① in ③, we get

$$H(x|y) + H(y) \leq H(x) + H(y).$$

$$\Rightarrow H(x|y) \leq H(x)$$

Substitute ② in ③, we get

$$H(y|x) + H(x) \leq H(x) + H(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow H(y|x) \leq H(y)$$

THEOREM - 6:

Prove that $H(x) - H(y) = H(x|y) - H(y|x)$

Proof:

Consider the information transition function

$$\begin{aligned} T(x,y) &= H(x) + H(y) - H(x,y) \\ &= H(x) - (H(x,y) - H(y)) \\ &= H(x) - H(x|y) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{from thm 3} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T(x,y) &= H(y) - (H(x,y) - H(x)) \\ &= H(y) - H(y|x) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{from thm 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) - H(x|y) &= H(y) - H(y|x) \\ \Rightarrow H(x) - H(y) &= H(x|y) - H(y|x) \end{aligned}$$

Measure of dissonance:

Let us consider two bodies of evidence (f_1, m_1) and (f_2, m_2) . Assume that they are defined on the same Universal set X and obtained from independent sources.

The conflict which each other

$$m_1(A) \neq 0, \quad m_2(B) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A \cap B = \emptyset$$

The total amount of conflict of dissonance should be monotonic increasing with

$$k = m_1(A) \cdot m_2(B)$$

$A \cap B = \emptyset$

where,

$$A \in f_1, \quad B \in f_2$$

The total amount of conflict between two bodies of evidence is expressed by the function

$$\text{Con}(m_1, m_2) = -\log_2(1-k)$$

where $k \in [0, \infty)$

This function takes values from 0 to ∞

$$\text{If } k=0, \quad \text{Con}(m_1, m_2) = -\log_2' = 0$$

$$\text{If } k=1, \quad \text{Con}(m_1, m_2) = -\log_2 0 = \infty \text{ (not defined)}$$

\therefore It is clearly monotonic increasing with k ; $\text{Con}(m_1, m_2) = 0$, only if m_1 & m_2 do not conflict at all ($k=0$).

and $\text{Con}(m_1, m_2) = \infty$, only if they conflict totally, ($k=1$).

Defn: (Measure of dissonance)

$$E: \wp M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

where M denotes the set of all basic assignments defined on the power sets with 2^n elements, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$

THEOREM: 7

$E(m)$ can be justified as a measure of conflict or dissonance.

To derive $E(m)$, Let $m_A(B)$ denote a basic assignment defined on the universal set X , such that

$$m_A(B) = \begin{cases} 1, & B = A \\ 0, & \text{otherwise, } B \in \wp(X) \end{cases}$$

The given body of evidence is given by the family of focal elements (f, m)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{con}(m, m_A) &= -\log_2 (1-k) \\ &= -\log_2 \left(1 - \sum_{B \cap A = \emptyset} m(B) m_A(B) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since, $m_A(c) = 0$, $\forall c \neq A$ and $m_A(A) = 1$,
for $c = A$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{con}(m, m_A) &= -\log_2 \left(1 - \sum_{B \cap A = \emptyset} m(B) \right) \\ &= -\log_2 \left(\sum_{B \cap A \neq \emptyset} m(B) \right) \\ &= -\log_2 P(A) \end{aligned}$$

now, we define $E(m)$ as a weighted average of $\text{con}(m, m_A)$

$$E(m) = \sum_{A \in f} m(A) \text{con}(m, m_A)$$

$$\therefore E(m) = - \sum_{A \in f} m(A) \log_2 P(A)$$

THEOREM - 8

If m represents a probability distribution on X , then the measure $\overset{(m)}{\text{of}} \underset{27}{\text{dissimilarity}}$ in evidence is equivalent to shannon entropy.

Proof:

For probability measures defined on X ,

case(i): $m(A) = 0$, for $A \neq \{x\}$, $x \in X$

Hence, $m(A) \cdot \log_2 p_l(A) = 0$, $\forall A \neq \{x\}$, $x \in X$

case(ii): For $A = \{x\}$,

$$E(m) = - \sum m(\{x\}) \log_2 p_l(\{x\})$$

Since, $m(\{x\}) = p_l(\{x\})$
 $= p(x)$, where $p(x)$ is the probability of x .

$$E(m) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \cdot \log_2 p(x)$$

$$\therefore E(m) = H(p(x) | x \in X)$$

THEOREM - 9:

Let m_x and m_y be marginal basic assignments on set X and Y respectively, and let m be a joint basic assignment on $X \times Y$, such that

$$m(A \times B) = m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B), \quad \forall A \in \wp(X) \quad \forall B \in \wp(Y)$$

Then,

$$E(m) = E(m_x) + E(m_y)$$

Proof: W.L.T

$$p_l(A \times B) = \sum_{(C \times D) \cap (A \times B) \neq \emptyset} m(C \times D)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pl}(A \times B) &= \sum_{(C \times D) \cap (A \times B) \neq \emptyset} m_x(C) m_y(D) \\
 &= \sum_{C \cap A \neq \emptyset} m_x(C) \sum_{D \cap B \neq \emptyset} m_y(D) \\
 \therefore \text{Pl}(A \times B) &= \text{Pl}(A) \cdot \text{Pl}(B)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(m) &= - \sum_{A \times B} m(A \times B) \log_2 \text{Pl}(A \times B) \\
 &= - \sum_{A \times B} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \cdot \log_2 (\text{Pl}(A) \cdot \text{Pl}(B)) \\
 &= - \sum_{A \times B} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \cdot [\log_2 \text{Pl}(A) + \log_2 \text{Pl}(B)] \\
 &= - \sum_{A, B} m_x(A) m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Pl}(A) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{A, B} m_x(A) m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Pl}(B) \\
 &= - \sum_{A \in X} m_x(A) \cdot \log_2 \text{Pl}(A) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{B \in Y} m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Pl}(B) \\
 \therefore E(m) &= E(m_x) + E(m_y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Measure of confusion:

Plausibility measure and Belief measure are dual in sense that

$$\text{Pl}(A) = 1 - \text{Bel}(\bar{A})$$

We can define a measure of confusion as

$$C(m) = - \sum_{A \in f} m(A) \log_2 \text{Bel}(A)$$

where f is the set of all local elements of the basic assignment. This

function $C(m)$ is called measure of confusion
 Since, $Bel(A) \leq p(x)$, $C(m) \geq E(m)$

THEOREM - 10:

Let m_x and m_y be marginal basic assignments on the set X and Y respectively and let m be a joint basic assignment on $X \times Y$, such that

$$m(A \times B) = m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B), \quad \forall A \in \wp(X) \\ B \in \wp(Y)$$

then,

$$C(m) = C(m_x) + C(m_y)$$

Proof:

N.K.T.

$$Bel(A \times B) = \sum_{(C \times D) \cap (A \times B) \neq \emptyset} m(C \times D)$$

By assumption of the theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} Bel(A \times B) &= \sum_{(C \times D) \cap (A \times B) \neq \emptyset} m_x(C) \cdot m_y(D) \\ &= \sum_{C \cap A \neq \emptyset} m_x(C) \cdot \sum_{D \cap B \neq \emptyset} m_y(D). \end{aligned}$$

$$Bel(A \times B) = Bel(A) \cdot Bel(B)$$

now,

$$\begin{aligned} C(m) &= - \sum_{A, B \subset X \times Y} m(A \times B) \log_2 Bel(A \times B) \\ &= - \sum_{A, B \subset X \times Y} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \cdot \log_2 (Bel(A) \cdot Bel(B)) \\ &= - \sum_{A, B \subset X \times Y} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \left[\log_2 Bel(A) + \log_2 Bel(B) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(m) &= - \sum_{A, B \subseteq X, Y} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Bel}(A) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{A, B \subseteq X, Y} m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Bel}(B) \\
 &\stackrel{20}{=} - \sum_{A \subseteq X} m_x(A) \log_2 \text{Bel}(A) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{B \subseteq Y} m_y(B) \log_2 \text{Bel}(B) \\
 \therefore C(m) &= C(m_x) + C(m_y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

Example - 5.6:

To illustrate the meaning of this, let us consider the non-interactive marginal basic assignments m_x and m_y on set $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ and $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ respectively that are specified in table I(a). Their joint basic assignment m , which is defined by

$$m_i(A \times B) = m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B)$$

Table I(a): $m(A \times B) = m_x(A) \cdot m_y(B)$

$m(A \times B)$	$m_y(\{y_1\}) = .2$	$m_y(\{y_2, y_3\}) = .5$	$m_y(\{y_2\}) = .3$
$m_x(\{x_1, x_2\}) = .4$	0.08	0.2	0.12
$m_x(\{x_3\}) = .1$	0.02	0.05	0.03
$m_x(\{x_1, x_3\}) = .3$	0.06	0.15	0.09
$m_x(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}) = .2$	0.04	0.1	0.06

$$Pl(A \times B) = Pl_X(A) - Pl_Y(B)$$

$Pl(A \times B)$	$Pl_Y\{y_1\} = 0.2$	$Pl_Y\{y_2, y_3\} = 0.8$	$Pl_Y\{y_2\}$ 0.2
$Pl_X(\{x_1, x_2\})$	0.18	0.72	0.52
$= 0.9$			0.48
$Pl_X(\{x_3\})$	0.10	0.48	0.8
$= 0.6$		0.8	
$Pl(\{x_1, x_3\})$	0.2		0.8
$Pl(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\})$	0.2		

Solution:

$$\text{Verify } E(m) = E(m_x) + E(m_y)$$

$$10. k.T \quad E(m_x) = - \sum_{A \in F} m(A) \log_2 Pl(A)$$

$$\text{and } Pl(A) = \sum_{B \cap A = \emptyset} m_x(B)$$

$$\therefore Pl(\{x_1, x_2\}) = m(\{x_1, x_2\}) + m(\{x_1, x_3\}) + m(\{x_2, x_3\}) \\ = 0.4 + 0.3 + 0.2 \\ = 0.9$$

$$Pl(\{x_3\}) = m(\{x_3\}) + m(\{x_1, x_3\}) + m(\{x_2, x_3\}) \\ = 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.2 \\ = 0.6$$

$$Pl(\{x_1, x_3\}) = m(\{x_1, x_3\}) + m(\{x_2\}) + m(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}) \\ + m(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}) \\ = 0.4 + 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.2$$

$$= 1$$

$$Pl(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}) = m(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}) + m(\{x_3\}) + m(\{x_1, x_3\}) \\ + m(\{x_1, x_2\})$$

$$= 0.2 + 0.4 + 0.3 + 0.4$$

$$= 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(m_x) &= -\sum m(A) \log_2 P_l(A) \\
 &= -m\{x_1, x_2\} \log_2 P_l(\{x_1, x_2\}) \\
 &= -0.4 \log_2 0.9 - 0.1 \log_2 0.6 - 0.3 \log_2 0.2 = 0.2 \log_2 0.4 \\
 E(m_x) &= 0.14
 \end{aligned}$$

11) y

$$E(m_y) = -\sum m(B) \log_2 P_l(B)$$

$$P_l(\{y_1\}) = 0.2$$

$$P_l(\{y_2, y_3\}) = 0.8$$

$$P_l(\{y_2\}) = 0.8$$

$$E(m_y) = -0.2 \log_2 0.2 - 0.5 \log_2 0.8 - 0.3 \log_2 0.8$$

$$E(m_y) = 0.72$$

$$\therefore E(m_x) + E(m_y) = 0.14 + 0.72$$

$$E(m_x) + E(m_y) = 0.86 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(m) &= -\sum m(A \times B) \log_2 P_l(A \times B) \\
 &= -0.08 \log_2 0.18 - 0.2 \log_2 0.72 \\
 &\quad - 0.12 \log_2 0.72 - 0.08 \log_2 0.12 \\
 &\quad - 0.05 \log_2 0.48 - 0.03 \log_2 0.48 \\
 &\quad - 0.6 \log_2 0.2 - 0.15 \log_2 0.8 \\
 &\quad - 0.09 \log_2 0.8 - 0.04 \log_2 0.2 \\
 &\quad - 0.1 \log_2 0.8 - 0.06 \log_2 0.8 \\
 &= 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.06 + 0.06 + 0.05 + 0.02 \\
 &\quad + 0.14 + 0.05 + 0.03 + 0.09 + 0.03 \\
 &\quad + 0.02
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(m) = 0.86 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow E(m) = E(m_x) + E(m_y)$$

Measures of Non-specificity: 33

The Hartley measure captures that aspect of uncertainty that is well characterized by the term non-specificity. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the possibilistic measure of uncertainty derived from the Hartley measure is also connected with non-specificity.

In addition, of course, it must also satisfy appropriate generalizations of the requirements upon which the Hartley measure is founded.

$$\text{Let } U: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

where \mathcal{R} denotes the set of all ordered possibility distributions, be a function such that $U(r)$ is supposed to characterize the amount of uncertainty associated with the possibility distribution r .

The function U should satisfy all properties of the Shannon entropy. ~~#~~

U₁) Expansibility:

When components of zero are added to a given possibility distribution, the value of U should not change.

U₂) Subadditivity:

When r_x and r_y are marginal possibility distributions that are calculated from a

Joint possibility distribution τ by the eqns
 $\tau_x(x) = \max_{y \in Y} [\tau(x, y)]$, for each $x \in X$

and

$$\tau_y(y) = \max_{x \in X} [\tau(x, y)], \text{ for each } y \in Y$$

then we have

$$U(\tau) \leq U(\tau_x) + U(\tau_y)$$

U3) Additivity:

If τ_x and τ_y in U_2 are non-interactive (in the probabilistic sense) that is

$$\tau(x, y) = \min [\tau_x(x), \tau_y(y)]. \forall x \in X, y \in Y$$

then

$$U(\tau) = U(\tau_x) + U(\tau_y)$$

U4) Continuity:

U should be a continuous function

U5) Monotonicity:

For any pair p_1, p_2 of possibility distributions of the same length ($p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$), if $p_1 \leq p_2$, then

$$U(p_1) \leq U(p_2)$$

U6) Minimum:

For all possibility distributions, $U(\tau) = 0$ if exactly one component of τ is equal to 1 and all of its remaining components are 0s.

U7) Maximum:

Among all possibility distributions of the same length n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), function U should attain its

maximum for the distribution for which all elements are 1s.

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U8) Branching:

for every possibility distribution $r = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ of length n ($n \in N$)

$$\begin{aligned} U(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) &= U(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{k-2}, p_k, p_k, p_{k+1}, \dots, p_n) \\ &= + (p_{k-2} - p_k) U\left(\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{k-2}, \frac{p_{k-1} \dots p_k}{p_{k-2} \dots p_k}, \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{n-k+1}\right) \\ &\quad - (p_{k-2} - p_k) U\left(\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{k-2}, \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{n-k+2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for each $k \in N_{3,n}$

U9) Normalization:

$$U(1, 1) = 1$$

It has been established that the only function that satisfies the requirements through U9 is

$$U(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - p_{i+1}) \log_2 \frac{|A_i|}{|X|} \quad (1)$$

where $p_{n+1} = 0$ by convention and

$$A_i = \{x \in X \mid r(x) \geq p_i\} \quad (2)$$

The set A_i in (2) can be viewed as the p_i -cut of a fuzzy set A defined on X by

$$M_A(x) = r(x), \quad \forall x \in X$$

In this sense, $U(r)$ can be viewed as a weighted average of the Hartley

information of the μ_i -cut A_i of the fuzzy set A , since $\mu_i - \mu_{i+1} = m(A_i)$ by

$$\mu_i = \mu_i - \mu_{i+1}, \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

the weights of sets A_i are the values $m(A_i)$ of the basic assignment corresponding to the possibility distributions.

Function U defined by (1) is usually called a U -uncertainty.

Since possibility distributions on which U is defined are assumed to be ordered and the sets A_i are nested, it is obvious that $|A_i| = i$, $\forall i \in N$.

(1) can thus be re-written in a simpler form,

$$U(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mu_i - \mu_{i+1}) \log_2 i \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Furthermore, using the 1-1 correspondence between possibility distributions and basic distributions given by $\mu_i = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k$ and $\mu_i = \mu_i - \mu_{i+1}$, we can also express the U -uncertainty in terms of the basic distributions.

One form, based upon (1) is

$$U(r) = U(t^{-1}(m)) = \sum_{i=1}^n m(A_i) \log_2 |A_i| \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Another form, based upon (2) is

$$U(r) = U(t^{-1}(m)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \log_2 i \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where, $(\mu_i | i \in N_n) = (t(r_i) | i \in N_n)$

Example:

Calculate $U(r)$ for the possibility distribution

$$r = \{1, 1, 0.8, 0.7, 0.7, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.2\}$$

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Sln:

Given possibility distribution,

$$r = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7, p_8, p_9, p_{10}\}$$

$$= \{1, 1, 0.8, 0.7, 0.7, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.2\}$$

We defined

$$t: R \rightarrow M \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\therefore t(r) = m$$

w.k.t.

$$m = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4, \mu_5, \mu_6, \mu_7, \mu_8, \mu_9, \mu_{10})$$

④ \Rightarrow

$$m = (0, 0.2, 0.1, 0, 0, 0.3, 0.1, 0.1, 0, 0.2)$$

⑤ \Rightarrow

$$U(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 i$$

$$= 0 \cdot \log_2 1 + 0.2 \log_2^2 + 0.1 \log_2^3 + 0.1 \log_2^4 + 0.1 \log_2^5$$

$$+ 0.3 \log_2^6 + 0.1 \log_2^7 + 0.1 \log_2^8 + 0.2 \log_2^9$$

$$= 0 + 0.2 \frac{\log_{10} 2}{\log_{10} 2} + 0.1 \frac{\log_{10} 3}{\log_{10} 2} + 0 + 0.1 \frac{\log_{10} 5}{\log_{10} 2}$$

$$+ 0.3 \frac{\log_{10} 6}{\log_{10} 2} + 0.1 \frac{\log_{10} 7}{\log_{10} 2} + 0.1 \frac{\log_{10} 8}{\log_{10} 2} + 0 + 0.2 \frac{\log_{10} 9}{\log_{10} 2}$$

$$= 0 + 0.2 + 0.1(1.38) + 0.3(2.58) + 0.1(2.81)$$

$$+ 0.1(3) + 0.2(3.32)$$

$$\therefore U(r) = 2.38$$