

Generalization of equipartition and virial theorems: Maximum Entropy derivation

Gonzalo Gutiérrez, Sergio Davis

Departamento de Física, Facultad de Ciencias,
Universidad de Chile

gonzalo@fisica.ciencias.uchile.cl

www.gnm.cl

APS March meeting, Baltimore March 18th, 2013

Outline

- Motivation: equipartition and virial theorems
- Continuous inference problem
- Theorem concerning Lagrange multipliers
- Examples: 1) equipartition and virial theorem
2) temperature estimators: configurational temp.
- Conclusions

(Work supported by Fondecyt-Chile)

Equipartition and virial theorems

6.4 EQUIPARTITION THEOREM

Let x_i be either p_i or q_i ($i = 1, \dots, 3N$). We calculate the ensemble average of $x_i(\partial\mathcal{H}/\partial x_j)$, where \mathcal{H} is the Hamiltonian. Using the abbreviation $dp dq \equiv d^{3N}p d^{3N}q$, we can write

$$\left\langle x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\Gamma(E)} \int_{E < \mathcal{H} < E + \Delta} dp dq x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\Delta}{\Gamma(E)} \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j}$$

Noting that $\partial E / \partial x_j = 0$, we may calculate the last integral in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j} &= \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\mathcal{H} - E) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [x_i (\mathcal{H} - E)] - \delta_{ij} \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq (\mathcal{H} - E) \end{aligned}$$

The first integral on the right side vanishes because it reduces to a surface integral over the boundary of the region defined by $\mathcal{H} < E$, and on this boundary $\mathcal{H} - E = 0$. Substituting the latest result into the previous equation, and noting that $\Gamma(E) = \omega(E)\Delta$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle &= \frac{\delta_{ij}}{\omega(E)} \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq (E - \mathcal{H}) \\ &= \frac{\delta_{ij}}{\omega(E)} \int_{\mathcal{H} < E} dp dq = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{\omega(E)} \Sigma(E) \\ &= \delta_{ij} \frac{\Sigma(E)}{\partial \Sigma(E) / \partial E} = \delta_{ij} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial E} \log \Sigma(E) \right]^{-1} = \delta_{ij} \frac{k}{\partial S / \partial E} \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\left\langle x_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle = \delta_{ij} kT \quad (6.34)$$

This is the *generalized equipartition theorem*.

K. Huang
Statistical Mechanics

Inference with continuous variables

$\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ Distributed according to $\pi(x)$

New information: m expectation values $\langle f_i(\vec{x}) \rangle = F_i$

What is the new probability distribution $P(\vec{x})$?

Maximization of Shannon-Jaynes entropy:

$$S[P(\vec{x}), \pi(\vec{x})] = - \int d\vec{x} P(\vec{x}) \ln \frac{P(\vec{x})}{\pi(\vec{x})}$$

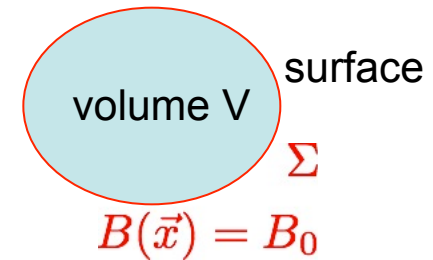
Result:
$$P(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\vec{\lambda})} e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}(\vec{x})} \pi(\vec{x}),$$

where
$$\mathcal{Z}(\vec{\lambda}) = \int d\vec{x} \pi(\vec{x}) e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}(\vec{x})}$$

¿How can λ be obtained? $\longrightarrow \vec{F} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{\lambda}} \ln \mathcal{Z}(\vec{\lambda}).$

Estimators for λ

$$\langle A(\vec{x}) \rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V} = \frac{1}{Z} \int_V d\vec{x} \underbrace{\pi(\vec{x}) e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}(\vec{x})}}_{u(\vec{x})} \underbrace{A(\vec{x})}_{\nabla \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{x})}$$



$$\int_V d\vec{x} u \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \hat{n} \cdot u \vec{v} - \int_V d\vec{x} \vec{v} \cdot \nabla u,$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla B}{|\nabla B|}$$

$$\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V} = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \pi(\vec{x}) e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}} \left(\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \nabla B}{|\nabla B|} \right) + \frac{1}{Z} \int_V d\vec{x} e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}} \left[\pi(\vec{x}) (\mathbb{J}^T \vec{\lambda}) \cdot \vec{v} - \nabla \pi(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{v} \right]$$

$$\int d\vec{x} \pi(\vec{x}) e^{-\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{f}} \delta(B_0 - B(\vec{x})) \vec{v} \cdot \nabla B. \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(B_0 - B(\vec{x})) = \frac{\partial}{\partial B_0} \Theta(B_0 - B(\vec{x}))$$

we finally obtain


$$\left\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} - (\mathbb{J}^T \vec{\lambda}) \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \ln \pi(\vec{x}) \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial B_0} \left\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla B \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V}$$

Conjugate variables theorem

$$\left\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} - (\mathbb{J}^T \vec{\lambda}) \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \ln \pi(\vec{x}) \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial B_0} \left\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla B \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}, V}$$

Considering $V \longrightarrow \infty$

$$\left\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}} = \left\langle (\mathbb{J}^T \vec{\lambda}) \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \ln \pi(\vec{x}) \right\rangle_{\vec{\lambda}}.$$



 “ $\vec{\lambda} \nabla \cdot \vec{f}$ ”

SD, GG,
Phys. Rev. E, 051136 (2012)

System with only one constraint $\langle f(\vec{x}) \rangle = F_0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \ln \pi \rangle_\lambda}{\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f \rangle_\lambda}$$

Considering a flat prior $\nabla \ln \pi = 0$

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \rangle_\lambda}{\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f \rangle_\lambda}$$

Mechanical system: $\vec{x} = (p, q)$

Only one constraint $\langle \mathcal{H}(p, q) \rangle = E$

$$\implies P(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z(\vec{\beta})} e^{-\vec{\beta} \cdot \mathcal{H}(p, q)} \pi(p, q)$$

Conjugate variable theorem:

$$\beta = \frac{\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \rangle}{\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{H} \rangle}$$

according to how the vector field \vec{v} is chosen, we have several results, a family of temperature estimators

Equipartition and virial

$$\beta = \frac{\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \rangle}{\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{H} \rangle}$$

1) choosing $\vec{v} = \hat{e}_k x_j$

equipartition of energy:

$$x_j = p \Rightarrow k_B T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

virial:

$$x_j = q \Rightarrow k_B T = -\vec{r} \cdot \vec{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{\delta_{kj}}{\left\langle x_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_k} \right\rangle}$$

Configurational temperature

$$\beta = \frac{\langle \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \rangle}{\langle \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{H} \rangle}$$

Choosing $\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{\omega}}{\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{H}}$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \left\langle \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{\omega}}{\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{H}} \right\rangle$$

Taking $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \mathcal{H}$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \left\langle \nabla \cdot \frac{\nabla \mathcal{H}}{|\nabla \mathcal{H}|^2} \right\rangle_E$$

(Dynamical temperature
H. H. Rugh,
Phys. Rev Lett (1998))

Conclusions

We have derived a general theorem that connects the values of Lagrange multipliers to expectation values of an arbitrary function

Application to physical systems allows one to obtain, in a practical way, different estimators to physical quantities (temperature, pressure, chemical potential, etc.)

There is a systematic method to evaluate the statistical efficiency of different estimators (like Cramer-Rao bound)