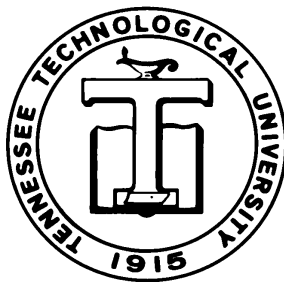

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Abstract

This short note will discuss Theorems 1, 3 and 4 of Strassen's paper [6] from the viewpoint of completely modern treatment of conditional distributions.

1 Preliminary

1.1 Hahn-Banach and separation theorem.

A real-valued function h on a real linear space E is called a sublinear functional if

h is a linear functional on a subspace E_0 of E such that $f \leq h$ on E_0 . Then f can be extended to a linear functional f on E satisfying $f \leq h$ on E (Hahn-Banach theorem; see 5.2 of [3]).

Now let E be a locally convex linear topological space, and let A and B be non-empty convex subset of E . Then there exists a non-trivial continuous linear functional f on E such that $\sup f(A) < \inf f(B)$ if and only if $\text{int}(A) \cap B = \emptyset$, where $\sup f(A) := \sup\{f(x) : x \in A\}$ (Separation theorem; see Theorem 14.2 of [5]). Furthermore, there exists a continuous linear functional f on E such that $\sup f(A) < \inf f(B)$ if and only if $\text{int}(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ (Separation theorem; see Theorem 14.2 of [5]).

1.2 Weak* topology and continuous Minkowski functionals.

Let X be a Banach space and let X^* be its dual (i.e., the linear space of "norm"-continuous real linear functions on X). Here we consider the weak* topology on X^* ,

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that is, the smallest topology such that the linear functional $x^*(x)$ on X^* is continuous for every $x \in X$ (see, e.g., page 194 of [2]). Then a linear functional f on X^* is weak* continuous if and only if we have $f(x^*) = x^*(x)$ for some $x \in X$ (17.6 of [5]). Also note that the weak* topology is always Hausdorff and locally convex (see the paragraph above 17.6 of [5]).

Theorem 1.1. Let K be a non-empty, convex and weak* compact subset of X^* , and let

$$(1) \quad h(x) := \sup_{x^* \in K} x^*(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Then (a) h is a continuous Minkowski functional on X , and (b) $K = \{x^* \in X^* : x^* \leq h\}$.

Proof. In (a) it is easy to see that h is a Minkowski functional. To verify the continuity of h , observe that a Minkowski functional h is norm-continuous if and only if

$$\|h\| := \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} |h(x)| < \infty.$$

(The proof of the above statement is analogous to that of Theorem 6.1.2 of [2].) Let $U_i = \{x^* \in X^* : \|x^*\| \leq i\}$ be an open set in X^* for each $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Since K is compact, there is an integer N such that $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N U_i$. Hence we have $\|h\| \leq \sup_{x^* \in K} \|x^*\| < \infty$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $x^* \in X^*$, and let h_ω be a kernel. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) $x^* \in h$ with the Minkowski functional (3);

(ii) there is a linear kernel x_ω^* such that

$$(4) \quad x_\omega^* \in h_\omega \quad \text{for all } \omega \in \Omega;$$

$$(5) \quad x^*(x) = \int x_\omega^*(x) d\mu(\omega) \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

In Theorem 2.1 (ii) is clearly sufficient for (i). We first present the proof of its necessity when Ω is discrete, following the remark at page 426 of Strassen [6]. Let K be the subset of X^* in which each x^* is expressed in the form of (5) with some linear kernel x_ω^* satisfying (4). Then it is not difficult to see that K is a subset of

$Q \ll H$ on L . Let $x \in L \setminus X$ be fixed. We can define a signed measure Q_x on (Ω, \mathcal{B}) by setting $Q_x(A) := Q(xI_A)$. Observing that

$$(6) \quad \int_A H(xI_A) d\mu = Q_x(A) = \int_A H(xI_A) d\mu \quad \text{for every } A \in \mathcal{B},$$

we obtain $Q_x \ll \mu$. Thus, there is a Radon-Nikodym derivative $q_\omega(x)$ such that $Q_x(A) = \int_A q_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega)$.

II. μ -almost everywhere properties of $q_\omega(x)$ and construction of $\tilde{x}_\omega^*(x)$. Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in L \setminus X$, the linearity and Property (b) of the extension Q imply respectively that (a) $q_\omega(ax + by) = aq_\omega(x) + bq_\omega(y)$ and (b) $q_\omega(x) \leq h_\omega(x)$ for μ -a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$.

measure on F for μ -a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$, and (b) the map $\omega \mapsto P(E, \omega)$ is \mathcal{B} -measurable for every $E \in \mathcal{F}$. A conditional distribution P defines the probability measure $(P \times \mu)$ on $(\mathbb{R} \times \Omega, \mathcal{F} / \mathcal{B})$ via

$$(1) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \Omega} g \, d(P \times \mu) = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(r, \omega) P(dr, \omega) \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for any $(P \times \mu)$ -integrable function g (see, e.g., Theorem 10.2.1 of [2]). It should be noted that, given the measures μ and $(P \times \mu)$, the existence of conditional distribution P cannot be guaranteed unless \mathbb{R}

space R in Section 56 of [4].) Therefore, we can rewrite Theorem 3.1 in the form of Theorem 2.1. However, the Banach space $C(R)$ in the place of X is not separable in general. The following proof of Theorem 3.1 introduces an additional technique to get around.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Assuming (i), we claim that there exists a desired conditional distribution P in (ii).

I. Introduction of separable Banach space X . Let V be the countable algebra generated by countable open base. For each $B \in V$ choose a sequence $\{B_n\}$ of increasing compact subsets such that $B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$. Then we can construct a countable algebra U which includes the algebra V and all the sequences $\{B_n\}$'s for all $B \in V$ (cf. the proof of Theorem 10.2.2 in [2]). Now for each $A \in U$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ choose a continuous function $x_{A,\varepsilon}$ on R such that

$$x_{A,\varepsilon}(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r \in A; \\ 0 & \text{if } d(r, A) := \inf\{d(r, s) : s \in A\} > \varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

and $0 \leq x_{A,\varepsilon}(r) \leq 1$ for all $r \in R$. Thus, we can construct a separable subspace X of $C(R)$ which contains all $x_{A,\varepsilon}$'s for all $A \in U$ and all $\varepsilon > 0$.

II. Construction of probability measure $P(\cdot, \omega)$. When restricted to X , the kernel h_ω and the linear functional x^* in (4) satisfies Theorem 2.1(i), and therefore, there exists a linear kernel x_ω^* satisfying Theorem 2.1(ii). Observe for $A \in U \setminus \{R, \emptyset\}$ that

$$0 = \int \sup(x_{A,\varepsilon}(R)) \leq \int h_\omega(x_{A,\varepsilon}) \leq \int x_\omega^*(x_{A,\varepsilon}) \leq \int h_\omega(x_{A,\varepsilon}) \leq \int \sup(x_{A,\varepsilon}(R)) = 1.$$

For each $\omega \in \Omega$ we can define a finitely additive nonnegative measure $P(\cdot, \omega)$ on the algebra U via

$$P(A, \omega) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_\omega^*(x_{A, 1/k}), \quad A \in U.$$

Then the map $\omega \mapsto P(A, \omega)$ is B -measurable, and satisfies (3) for every $A \in U$.

Let $\omega \in \Omega$ be fixed. Then $P(\cdot, \omega)$ satisfies for each $B \in V$,

$$P(B, \omega) = \sup\{P(K, \omega) : K \in U \text{ and } K \text{ is a compact subset of } B\},$$

and is called regular on V for U . According to Theorem 10.2.4 of [2], the regular finitely additive $P(\cdot, \omega)$ is countably additive on V . Thus, we can extend it uniquely to a measure $P(\cdot, \omega)$ on the Borel σ -algebra F (see, e.g., Theorem 3.1.4 and 3.1.10 of [2]) satisfying (2). We can also show that $P(\cdot, \omega)$ is a probability measure for μ -a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$. Since R is separable and ν is tight (cf. Theorem 7.1.4 of [2]), for any $\delta > 0$ we can find a sequence $\{K_n\}$ of compact subsets such that $R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n$ and $\nu(K_n) > 1 - \delta 2^{-n}$. We can immediately see that $\int \nu(K_n) dP(\omega) > 1 - \delta$.

Therefore, we obtain

$$\mu(\{\omega : P(K_n, \omega) > 1 - 2^{-n} \text{ for all } n\}) > 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - a_n) \cdot 1 - \delta,$$

which implies that $P(R, \omega) = 1$ for μ -a.e. $\omega \in \mathcal{L}$.

III. Monotone class argument for the existence of P . Let \mathcal{E} be the collection of $E \in \mathcal{L}$ such that the map $\omega \mapsto P(E, \omega)$ is \mathcal{B} -measurable, satisfying (3). It is easy to check that \mathcal{E} is a monotone class; thus, $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}$ by the monotone class theorem (see, e.g., 4.4.2 of [2]). Therefore, P is a conditional distribution as desired in (ii). \square

4 Capacity and Strassen's Theorem 4.

Let \mathcal{G} be the family of open subsets in \mathbb{R}^d . A real-valued function f is called a normalized capacity alternating of order 2 if (a) $f(\emptyset) = 0$ and $f(\mathbb{R}^d) = 1$, (b) $f(U) \geq f(V)$ whenever $U \subset V$, (c) $f(U) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(U_n)$ whenever $U_n \uparrow U$, and (d) $f(U \cup V) + f(U \cap V) \geq f(U) + f(V)$. The normalized capacity f alternating of order 2 defines the continuous Minkowski functional $h(U, \cdot)$ on \mathbb{R}^d .

