

Working with Henry Wynn: the Quest for Orderings

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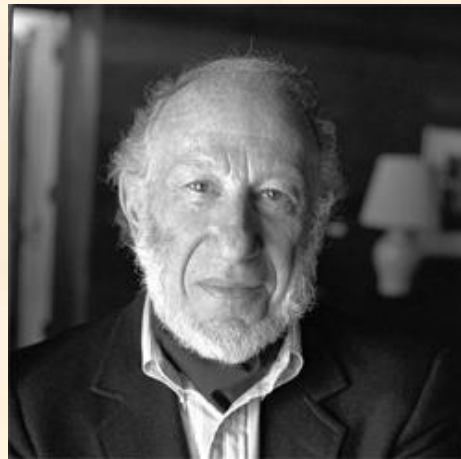
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Imperial College, London, 1976-77

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Inequalities:
Theory of
Majorization
and
Its Applications

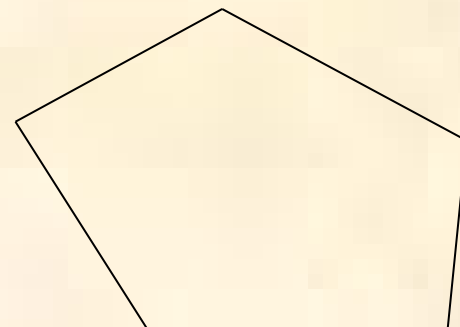
Albert W. Marshall
Ingram Olkin

First edition, 1979

Majorization $\prec$

$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbf{x} \prec \mathbf{y}$ means $\mathbf{x}$ is in the convex hull of all the vectors obtained through permutations of the entries of $\mathbf{y}$



The entries of vector $\mathbf{x}$ are less spread out than those of $\mathbf{y}$

A more common definition of $\prec$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{[1]} \geq x_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq x_{[n]} \\ y_{[1]} \geq y_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq y_{[n]} \end{aligned} \quad \mathbf{x} \prec \mathbf{y} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^k x_{[i]} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k y_{[i]} & k = 1, \dots, n-1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{cases}$$

- Majorization is a pre-ordering
- Order-preserving functions are called **Schur-convex** (e.g. any permutation invariant convex fn, and many more)

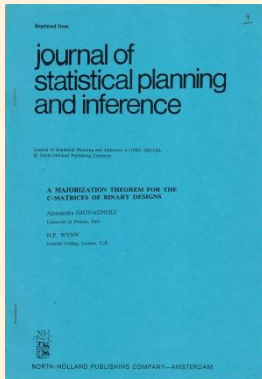
Optimal Designs

Criteria for Linear Model

- A-optimality
- D-optimality
- E-optimality
- G-optimality



Jack Kiefer 1924-1981
Cornell and Berkeley, U.S.A



First joint paper with Henry:

- "A **majorization** theorem for the C-matrices of binary **designs**" (1980)

The appropriate design ordering is $\prec$ on eigenvalues of information matrix

- "Optimum continuous block **designs**" *Proc. Royal Soc. London* (1981)
- "Schur-optimal block **designs** for treatments with a control" In: *Proceedings of the Berkeley Conference in honor of Jerzy Neyman and Jack Kiefer* Wadsworth, CA, (1985)

Weak majorizations

(lower $\prec_w$ & upper $\prec^w$)

$$x \prec_w y \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k x_{[i]} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k y_{[i]}$$

$$x \prec^w y \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k x_{(i)} \geq \sum_{i=1}^k y_{(i)}$$

increasing rearrangement

Equivalent definitions of $\prec_w$ and $\prec^w$ combining $\prec$ with entrywise ordering $\leq$ (after rearrangement)

$$x \prec_w y \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{u} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \quad x \prec \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \mathbf{u} \leq y$$

$$x \prec^w y \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{v} \quad x \prec \mathbf{v} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \geq y$$

The appropriate design ordering is $\prec^w$ on eigenvalues of information matrix

Order relations in Statistics

Axiomatic approach to statistical concepts by means of equivalence and order relations *Bickel and Lehmann* (1975, 1976, 1979)

transitive: $x <_{\Delta} y$ AND $y <_{\Delta} z \Rightarrow x <_{\Delta} z \quad \forall x, y, z \text{ in } S$
(pre-order)

A large part of statistics is concerned with indicators: **precise measurements of vague concepts**

Approach through orderings allows **better investigation of statistical concepts**

Properties of statistical indicators in many instances follow from properties of the underlying order relations

Imperial College, 1983: *GW-majorization*

Giovagnoli, Wynn

- "G-majorization with applications to matrix **orderings**" *Linear Algebra Appl.* 1985

G-MAJORIZATION

$$\mathbf{x} \prec_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{y} \iff \mathbf{x} = \sum_i \alpha_i g_i(\mathbf{y}) \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum_i \alpha_i = 1,$$

$\mathcal{G}$ any linear group on $\mathbb{R}^d$

GW-MAJORIZATION $\mathcal{G}$ for group, $\mathcal{W}$ for weak (upper & lower)

Weak G-majorization:

$\triangleleft$ any $\mathcal{G}$ -compatible order in $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathbf{x} \triangleleft \mathbf{y} \implies \sum_i \alpha_i g_i(\mathbf{x}) \triangleleft \sum_i \alpha_i g_i(\mathbf{y})$$

$$\mathbf{x} \prec_{\mathcal{GW}} \mathbf{y} \iff \exists \mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{x} \prec_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{u} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u} \triangleleft \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \prec^{\mathcal{GW}} \mathbf{y} \iff \exists \mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{x} \prec^{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} \triangleleft \mathbf{v}$$

GW applied to designs

- Giovagnoli, Pukelsheim, Wynn

"Group invariant **orderings** and experimental **designs**"

J. Statist. Planning Inf. (1987)



The 3 authors, Tashkent, 1986

A e B symmetric non-negative definite matrices , with $\leq_L$ Loewner ordering :

$\mathbb{G}$ = a subgroup of orthogonal matrices acting by congruence

The appropriate design ordering is $\prec^{GW}$ on information matrices

$M_1 \prec^{GW} M_2$ means M_1 more informative than M_2

Known optimality criteria are consistent with $\prec^{GW}$ (are order-preserving).

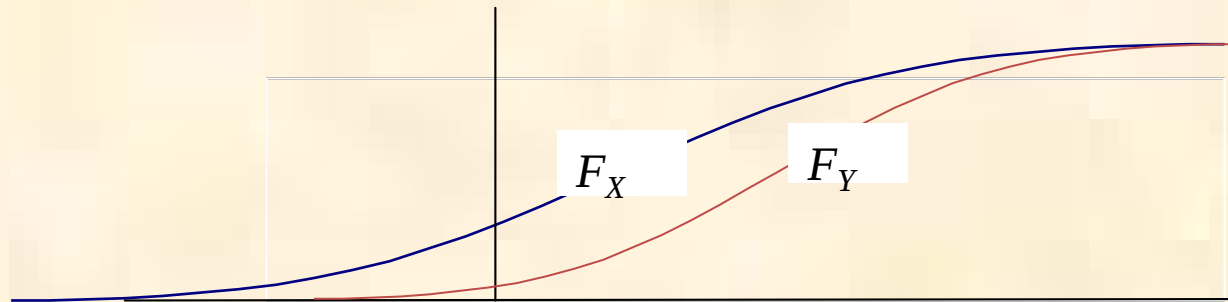
- Special case: if $\mathbb{G}$ = the group of **all** orthogonal matrices, then $\prec^{GW}$ becomes upper weak majorization of eigenvalues of M .

Stochastic Orderings

Comparing random variables X, Y

For a start, comparing quantity, location, size, length...

First degree Stochastic Dominance : $X <^{FSD} Y$ iff $F_X(x) \geq F_Y(x)$



Other possible comparisons

Variability, Dispersion, Concentration

both univariate and multivariate

*Association, Dependence, Concordance, **Agreement***

multivariate

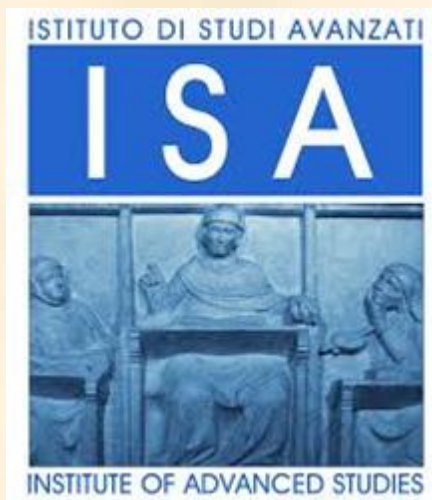
Statistical indicators are order-preserving functions w.r.t. some stochastic order relation

Giovagnoli, Wynn

- “Multivariate dispersion **orderings**” *Statistics and Probability Letters* (1995)

Stochastic Orderings: the discrete case

Henry at I.S.A., University of Bologna, 2005



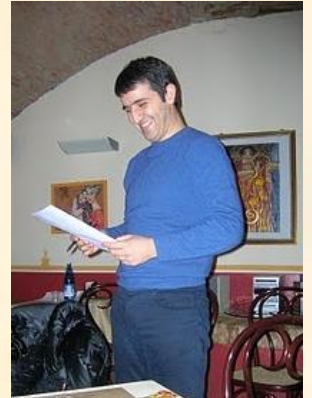
Giovagnoli, Wynn

- “Stochastic **orderings** for discrete random variables” *Statistics and Probability Letters* (2008)

Dependence Orderings in the discrete case

Giovagnoli, Marzioletti, Wynn:

- “Bivariate dependence **orderings** for unordered categorical variables” in *Optimal Design and Related Areas in Optimization and Statistics*, L. Pronzato and A.A. Zhigljavsky, eds., Springer (2009)



Johnny Marzioletti

Celebrating Henry's 60th Birthday, Juan-Les-Pins
26 May 2005

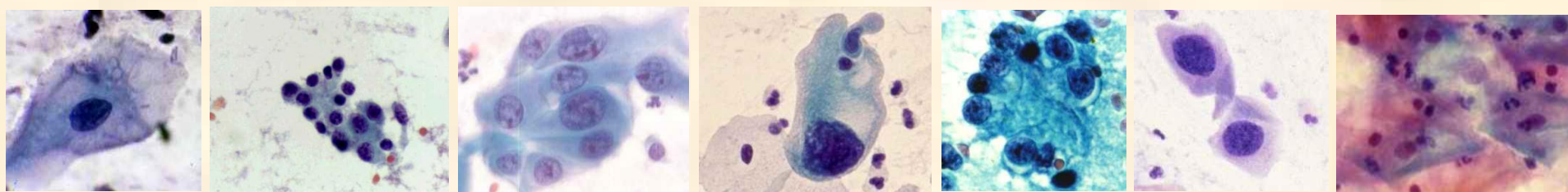
Giovagnoli, Marzioletti, Wynn:

- “An approach to **inter-rater agreement** through stochastic **orderings**: the discrete case” *Metrika* (2008)

From biopsy to diagnosis



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Comparing the diagnostic agreement among different groups of observers on the same sample (smears of cytological cells)

Agreement: An Axiomatic Approach

Agreement between independent observers (people or diagnostic instruments) when rating the same subject, e.g. a patient on seriousness of illness

Scores x_i on a continuous or discrete ordered scale I

$(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ = ratings by group of d observers $S = \underbrace{I \times I \times \dots \times I}_{d \text{ times}}$

A.1 (*Perfect agreement*)

If all observers give same score $(x, x, \dots, x)$, agreement is a maximum

A.2 (*Equivalence*)

If order of observers is permuted, agreement stays the same

A.3 (*Invariance*) Agreement does not change under the same shift of all the scores
 $(x_1 + a, x_2 + a, \dots, x_d + a)$

A.4 (*Compromise*) If two observers accept to make their scores more similar

$$(x_1, \dots, x_d) \rightarrow (x_1 - \Delta, x_2 + \Delta, x_3, \dots, x_d)$$

then agreement increases

Stochastic agreement ordering for multivariate r.v. on an ordered scale

“Agreement ordering” $<_A$ on $S = \mathbf{I}^d$ is reverse of $\mathcal{G}$ -majorization
where $\mathcal{G} = \{\text{permutation of coordinates} + \text{shifts}\}$

$$\mathbf{x} <_A \mathbf{y} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (y_1 - \bar{y}, y_2 - \bar{y}, \dots, y_d - \bar{y}) < (x_1 - \bar{x}, x_2 - \bar{x}, \dots, x_d - \bar{x}) \quad \bar{x} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i$$

i.e. $\mathbf{y}$ is more concentrated around the average score than $\mathbf{x}$

In the case of two observers, $<_A$ is a total ordering.

d **observers rating** n **subjects** $\rightarrow$ random vector of scores $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$

From $<_A$ on S to **stochastic agreement** $<_A^{st}$ of multivariate $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$

$$\mathbf{X} <_A^{st} \mathbf{Y} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Pr \{ \mathbf{x} <_A \mathbf{X} \} \leq \Pr \{ \mathbf{x} <_A \mathbf{Y} \} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S$$

Example: $d = 2$ observers, $m = 4$ possible scores

X is bivariate r.v.

$$P = [p_{ij}] \quad i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

probability distribution of pairs of ratings

Also $Y \quad Q = [q_{ij}]$

$$tr_0 P = p_{00} + p_{11} + p_{22} + p_{33}$$

$$tr_1 P = p_{01} + p_{12} + p_{23} + p_{10} + p_{21} + p_{23}$$

$$tr_2 P = p_{02} + p_{13} + p_{20} + p_{31}$$

$$tr_3 P = p_{03} + p_{30}$$

		Observer 2				
		0	1	2	3	
Observer 1	0	p_{00}	p_{01}	p_{02}	p_{03}	p_{0+}
	1	p_{10}	p_{11}	p_{12}	p_{13}	p_{1+}
	2	p_{20}	p_{21}	p_{22}	p_{23}	p_{2+}
	3	p_{30}	p_{31}	p_{32}	p_{33}	p_{3+}
		p_{+0}	p_{+1}	p_{+2}	p_{+3}	1

$$P \geq_A^{st} Q \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} tr_0 P \geq tr_0 Q \\ tr_0 P + tr_1 P \geq tr_0 Q + tr_1 Q \\ tr_0 P + tr_1 P + tr_2 P \geq tr_0 Q + tr_1 Q + tr_2 Q \end{cases}$$

Measures of agreement

Order-preserving functions w.r.t $<_A^{st}$

(Weighted) Total Proportion of Agreement $\mathbf{TPA}_w$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} p_{ij}$$

with weights

$$0 \leq w_{ij} \leq 1 \quad w_{ij} = w_{ji} \quad \text{and} \quad w_{ii} = 1$$

Commonly used weights:

$$w_{ij} = 1 - \frac{|i - j|}{(m - 1)} \quad \text{or} \quad w_{ij} = 1 - \frac{(i - j)^2}{(m - 1)^2}$$

In medical literature

Cohen's weighted Kappa



$$\kappa_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \cdot p_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \cdot p_{i+} \cdot p_{+j}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \cdot p_{i+} \cdot p_{+j}}$$

(When $w_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$, classic Cohen's Kappa κ)

The Future...



Henry, 1981, California