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Existence Theorems in Conditional Gauss Variational Problems

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## § 1. Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and G be a Borel measurable function on  $\Omega \times \Omega$  which takes values in  $(-\infty, \infty]$ . We assume that G(u, v) = G(v, u) for all  $u, v \in \Omega$  and G is bounded below on every compact set. Such a function G is called a kernel. A non-negative Radon measure  $\mu$  with compact support  $S\mu$  will be called simply a measure. Denote by  $M^+(\Omega)$  the totality of measures on  $\Omega$  and put  $M^+(S\mu) = \{v \in M^+(\Omega); Sv \subset S\mu\}$  for  $\mu \in M^+(\Omega)$ . Given measures  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  on  $\Omega$ , we define  $G(u, \mu)$  and  $(v, \mu)$  by

$$G(u, \mu) = \int G(u, v) d\mu(v),$$

$$(v, \mu) = \int G(u, \mu) d\nu(u),$$

and call them the potential of  $\mu$  and the mutual energy of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  respectively. We call  $(\mu, \mu)$  simply the energy of  $\mu$ . Denote by E the set of measures with finite energy.

We shall say that a property holds n.e. (= nearly everywhere) on a set  $B \subset \Omega$  if it holds on B' such that  $B' \subset B$ ,  $\mu(K) = 0$  for all compact sets  $K \subset B - B'$  and  $\mu \in E$ . A kernel G is termed to be of positive type or positive semi-definite if

$$(\mu - \nu, \mu - \nu) = (\mu, \mu) + (\nu, \nu) - 2(\nu, \mu) \ge 0$$

for all  $\mu$ ,  $\nu \in E$ . In case g and h are extended real-valued functions on  $\Omega$  which are  $\mu$ -summable for all  $\mu \in E$ , we set

$$g(u) - h(u) = 0$$

at points u where  $g(u) = h(u) = \infty$  or  $g(u) = h(u) = -\infty$ .

Let B be a set in  $\Omega$  which is measurable with respect to every  $\mu \in E$  and satisfies the condition that  $E_B' \neq \{0\}$ , where

$$E_B' = \{ \mu \in E; \mu(\Omega - B) = 0 \}.$$

Let f and  $g_k$ ,  $k=1,\cdots$ , n, be real-valued functions on B which are  $\mu$ -summable for every  $\mu\in E_B'$  and  $\{c_k;\ k=1,\cdots,\ n\}$  be a set of real numbers. For simplicity, we shall write

$$\int f d\mu = \langle f, \mu \rangle.$$

A mutual energy  $(\mu, \nu)$  can be written as  $< G(\cdot, \mu), \nu>$ .

We shall consider the problem of minimizing the expression (Gauss integral)

$$I(\mu) = (\mu, \mu) - 2 < f, \mu >$$

subject to  $\mu \in E_B'$  and  $\langle g_k, \mu \rangle = c_k$  for each k. This is called the conditional Gauss variational problem. Let A be the transformation from  $E_B'$  into the n-dimensional Euclidean space  $R^n$  defined by

$$A\mu = (< g_1, \mu >, \dots, < g_n, \mu >)$$

and let  $z_0 = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$ . Let us put

$$V = \inf\{I(\mu); \mu \in S\}.$$

$$S = \{ \mu \in E'_{B}; A\mu = z_{o} \},$$

$$S_0 = \{ \mu \in S; V = I(\mu) \}.$$

In case  $S_0$  is nonempty, V is finite by our assumption for f.

Let  $\mu^* \in E_B'$ .  $\{g_k; k = 1, \cdots, n\}$  is called  $\mu^*$ -independent if there exists a set  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \cdots, n\}$  in  $M^+(S\mu^*)$  such that  $\mu^* - \mu_k \in M^+(S\mu^*)$  for each k and  $\det(\langle g_j, \mu_k \rangle) \neq 0$ , where  $\det(a_{ij})$  means the determinant of a matrix  $(a_{ij})$ . The set  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \cdots, n\}$  is called a system of components of  $\mu^*$ .

The following existence theorem was established by M. Ohtsuka ([1], p. 213, Theorem 2. 1).

Theorem 1. Assume that  $\mu^* \in S_0$  and that  $\{g_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -independent. Let  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  be a system of component; of  $\mu^*$  and  $\{r_j; j = 1, \dots, n\}$  be the solution of the equations

Then it is valid that

(2) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \geq f + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k \quad \text{n.e. on B},$$

(3) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \leq f + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k \mu_k^{-a.e.}$$

for each k.

The aim of this paper is to study the roles of  $\mu^*$ -independence in the conditional Gauss variational problem. We improve Theorem 1 and related results in [1]. For applications of our results and the existence of a measure of  $S_0$ , we refer to the forthcoming paper [2].

## § 2. Existence theorems

A system of components  $\{\mu_k;\ k$  = 1, ..., n } of  $\mu$  is called to be full if  $\mu$  =  $\sum\limits_{k=1}^n \ \mu_k$  . In this case we say that  $\mu$  has a full system of components.

For 
$$\mu \in E$$
, we define  $C[\mu]$  by 
$$C[\mu] = \{ \nu \in M^+(S\mu) \colon \mu - \nu \in M^+(S\mu) \}.$$

It is shown by the symmetry of G that  $C[\mu]$  is a convex subset of E.

Let  $Q(\mu)$  be the convex cone generated by  $A(C[\mu])$ , i.e.,  $z \in Q(\mu)$  if and only if there exist  $\nu \in C[\mu]$  and a non-negative number t such that  $z = tA\nu$ . Denote by  $F^O$  the interior of a set F in  $R^n$  and by  $((x, y))_2$  the usual inner product of  $x, y \in R^n$ .

We have

Lemma 1. Let  $\mu^* \in S$ . If  $\{g_k; k = 1, \cdots, n\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -independent, then  $z_0 \in Q(\mu^*)^0$ .

Proof. Supposing the contrary, we see that  $z_0$  is a boundary point of  $Q(\mu^*)$ . There exists a nonzero  $w=(r_1,\cdots,r_n)\in R^n$  by a well-known separation theorem such that

$$((z_0, w))_2 = 0 \le ((z, w))_2$$

for all  $z \in Q(\mu^*)$ . Let  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \cdots, n\}$  be a system of components of  $\mu^*$ . From  $\mu_k \in C[\mu^*]$  and  $\mu^* - \mu_k \in C[\mu^*]$  for each k, it follows that

$$0 \le ((A\mu_k, w))_2 \le ((A\mu^*, w))_2 = ((z_0, w))_2 = 0,$$

so that

$$0 = ((A\mu_k, w))_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{n} r_j < g_j, \mu_k > .$$

Since  $\det(\langle g_j, \mu_k \rangle) \neq 0$ , we conclude that  $r_j = 0$  for each j. This is a contradiction. Therefore  $z_0 \in \mathbb{Q}(\mu^*)^0$ .

Lemma 2. Let  $\mu^* \in S$  and assume that  $\{g_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -independent. Then  $\mu^*$  has a full system of components.

Proof. Since  $z_0 \in \mathbb{Q}(\mu^*)^0$  by Lemma 1, we can find a set  $\{v_k; k=1,\cdots,n\}$  of measures of  $\mathbb{C}[\mu^*]$  and a set  $\{s_k; k=1,\cdots,n\}$  of strictly positive numbers such that  $\{Av_k; k=1,\cdots,n\}$  is linearly independent and

$$z_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} s_k^{Av}_k$$

In case  $s_0 = \sum_{k=1}^n s_k \le 1$ , we have  $\bar{\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^n s_k \nu_k \in S$  and  $\nu = \mu^* - \bar{\mu} \in M^+(S\mu^*)$ . Choosing  $\mu_k^* = s_k \nu_k + \nu/n$  for each k, we see that  $\{\mu_k^*; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is a full system of components of  $\mu^*$ . In case  $s_0 > 1$ , let us put  $t_k = s_k/s_0$  for each k and consider  $\mu_0 = \sum_{k=1}^n t_k \nu_k$ . Then  $\mu_0 \in C[\mu^*]$  and  $A\mu_0 = z_0/s_0$ . Taking  $\nu_0 = \mu^* - \mu_0$  and  $\mu_k^* = t_k \nu_k + \nu_0/n$ , we can show that  $\{\mu_k^*; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is a full system of components of  $\mu^*$ .

For  $\mu^* \in S_0$ , we denote by  $S_0^*(\mu^*)$  the set of points  $w = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$  which satisfy the following relations (4) and (5):

(4) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \ge f + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k$$
 n.e. on B,

(5) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \leq f + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k \quad \mu^*-a.e.$$

If  $w \in S_0^*(\mu^*)$ , then it is valid that

(6) 
$$\langle G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f, \mu^* \rangle = ((z_0, w))_2,$$

(7) 
$$V = I(\mu^*) = ((z_0, w))_2 - \langle f, \mu^* \rangle = 2((z_0, w))_2 - (\mu^*, \mu^*).$$

It is easily seen that (4) and (6) imply (5).

We shall prove

Theorem 2. Assume that  $\mu^* \in S_0$  and that  $\{g_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -independent. Then  $S_0^*(\mu^*)$  consists of only one point  $\overline{w}(\mu^*) = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ . If  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is a system of components of  $\mu^*$ , then  $\{r_j; j = 1, \dots, n\}$  is the solution of the equations

Proof. Let  $\{\mu_k^*; k=1,\cdots,n\}$  be a full system of components of  $\mu^*$  and define  $\{r_j; j=1,\cdots,n\}$  by

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} r_{j} < g_{j}, \ \mu_{k}^{*} > = < G(\cdot, \mu^{*}) - f, \ \mu_{k}^{*} > .$$

It follows from Theorem 1 that

(9) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \ge f + \sum_{j=1}^{n} r_j g_j \quad \text{n.e. on B},$$

(10) 
$$G(\cdot, \mu^*) \leq f + \sum_{j=1}^{n} r_j g_j \quad \mu^*-a.e.,$$

since  $\mu^* = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k^*$ . Therefore  $\overline{w} = (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in S_0^*(\mu^*)$ . If w = 1

 $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in S_0^*(\mu^*)$ , then

$$\int_{j=1}^{n} s_{j} < g_{j}, \ \mu_{k}^{*} > = < G(\cdot, \mu^{*}) - f, \ \mu_{k}^{*} > = \int_{j=1}^{n} r_{j} < g_{j}, \ \mu_{k}^{*} >,$$

so that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} (s_j - r_j) < g_j, \mu_k^* > = 0.$$

Since  $\det(\langle g_j, \mu_k^* \rangle) \neq 0$ , we have  $w = \overline{w}$ . Namely  $S_0^*(\mu^*)$  consists of only one point. Let  $\{\mu_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  be a system of components of  $\mu^*$ . Then we have (8) by (9) and (10). This completes the proof.

Theorem 3. Assume that  $E_B^*$  is convex and that  $\mu^* \in S_0^*$ . If  $\{g_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\mu$ -independent for some  $\mu \in S$ , then  $S_0^*(\mu^*)$  is nonempty.

Proof. From our assumption that  $E_B^{\mbox{\tiny $^{\prime}$}}$  is convex, it follows that S is convex. It is shown that

$$< G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f, \mu^* > \le < G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f, \nu >$$

for all  $\nu \in S$ . Writing  $g_0 = G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f$ , we have

$$M = \langle g_0, \mu^* \rangle = \min \{\langle g_0, \nu \rangle; \nu \in S \},$$

$$V = \langle g_0, \mu^* \rangle - \langle f, \mu^* \rangle.$$

Our assumption that  $\{g_k; k = 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\mu$ -independent for some  $\mu \in S$  is equivalent to the condition  $z_0 \in A(E_B')^0$ . By means of a duality theorem in semi-infinite programs, we see that there exists  $\overline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$((Av, \overline{w}))_2 \leq \langle g_0, v \rangle$$

for all  $v \in E_B'$  and  $M = ((z_0, \overline{w}))_2$ . It is shown that  $\overline{w} \in S_0^*(\mu^*)$ .

 $E_B'$  is convex if and only if  $(\mu, \nu)$  is finite for all  $\mu, \nu \in E_B'$ . It is clear that  $E_B'$  is convex whenever G is of positive type or G is bounded on  $B \times B$ .

Theorem 4. Assume that G is of positive type and that  $\mu^*$  and  $\nu^*$  are elements of  $S_0$ . Then it is valid that  $S_0^*(\mu^*) = S_0^*(\nu^*)$ .

Proof. From  $I(\mu^*)$  =  $I(\nu^*)$  = V and  $(\mu^* + \nu^*)/2 \in S,$  it follows that

 $I(\mu^*) \leq I((\mu^* + \nu^*)/2) = I(\mu^*) - (\mu^* - \nu^*, \, \mu^* - \nu^*)/4,$  and hence  $(\mu^* - \nu^*, \, \mu^* - \nu^*) \leq 0$ . Since G is of positive type, we have  $(\mu^* - \nu^*, \, \mu^* - \nu^*) = 0$  and  $G(\cdot, \, \mu^*) = G(\cdot, \, \nu^*)$  n.e. in  $\Omega$ . Consequently  $(\mu^*, \, \mu^*) = (\mu^*, \, \nu^*) = (\nu^*, \, \nu^*)$  and  $\langle f, \, \mu^* \rangle = \langle f, \, \nu^* \rangle$ . Assume that  $\overline{w} = (r_1, \, \cdots, \, r_n) \in S_0^*(\mu^*)$ . By the above observation, we see that

$$G(\cdot, \nu^*) - f = G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f \ge \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k \quad \text{n.e. on B},$$

$$< G(\cdot, \nu^*) - f, \nu^* > = < G(\cdot, \mu^*) - f, \mu^* > = \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k c_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k < g_k, \nu^* > = < \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k, \nu^* > = < \sum_{k=1}$$

and hence

$$G(\cdot, v^*) - f = \sum_{k=1}^{n} r_k g_k v^*-a.e.,$$

so that  $\bar{w} \in S_0^*(\nu^*)$ . Therefore  $S_0^*(\mu^*) \subset S_0^*(\nu^*)$ . Since the discussion is symmetric, we have  $S_0^*(\nu^*) \subset S_0^*(\mu^*)$  and hence  $S_0^*(\mu^*) = S_0^*(\nu^*)$ .

Corollary. Assume that G is of positive type and let  $\mu^*$  and  $\nu^*$  be elements of  $S_0$ . If  $\{g_k; k=1, \cdots, n\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -independent and  $\nu^*$ -independent, then it is valid that  $\overline{w}(\mu^*) = \overline{w}(\nu^*)$ .

We observe that Theorem 4 and its corollary are not always valid if G is not of positive type.

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