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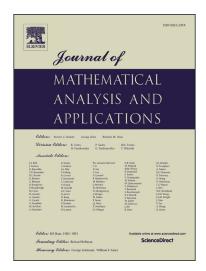
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Abstract

Given a (finitely additive) full conditional probability space $(X, \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}^0, \mu)$ and a conditional measurable space $(Y, \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}^0)$, a multivalued mapping Γ from X to Y induces a class of full conditional probabilities on $(Y, \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}^0)$. A closed form expression for the lower and upper envelopes μ_* and μ^* of such class is provided: the envelopes can be expressed through a generalized Bayesian conditioning rule, relying on two linearly ordered classes of (possibly unbounded) inner and outer measures. For every $B \in \mathcal{G}^0$, $\mu_*(\cdot|B)$ is a normalized totally monotone capacity which is continuous from above if $(X, \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}^0, \mu)$ is a countably additive full conditional probability space and \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra. Moreover, the full conditional prevision functional M induced by μ on the set of \mathcal{F} -continuous conditional gambles is shown to give rise through Γ to the lower and upper full conditional prevision functionals \mathbf{M}_* and \mathbf{M}^* on the set of \mathcal{G} -continuous conditional gambles. For every $B \in \mathcal{G}^0$, $\mathbf{M}_*(\cdot|B)$ is a totally monotone functional having a Choquet integral expression involving μ_* . Finally, by considering another conditional measurable space $(Z, \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^0)$ and a multivalued mapping from Y to Z, it is shown that the conditional measures μ_{**} , μ^{**} and functionals \mathbf{M}_{**} , \mathbf{M}^{**} induced by μ_* preserve the same properties of μ_*, μ^* and $\mathbf{M}_*, \mathbf{M}^*$.

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1. Introduction

Let (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) be a finitely additive probability space and (Y, \mathcal{G}) a measurable space, where both \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are algebras (not necessarily σ -algebras) of subsets of X and Y, respectively. Throughout the paper we consider arbitrary non-empty sets without requiring any topological structure.

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