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# A generalization of H-H f-divergence

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#### Abstract

In optimization theory, the discrimination between two probability distributions is an impotent problem. In 1991, Lin [IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 37(1) 1991] introduced a novel class of information-theoretic divergence measures based on the Shannon entropy. As a generalization of Lin's divergence, a new divergence, called Hermite-Hadamard (HH) *f*-divergence, based on Lin's method of constructing the divergence was introduced by Shioya and Da-te in 1995. In this paper, we expand the applicability of HH *f*-divergence by combining the properties of fractional calculus with HH *f*-divergence, and then introduce the concept of some fractional HH *f*-divergences which are generalizations of the HH *f*-divergence. Then, some inequalities related to fractional HH *f*-divergence are proposed.

**Keywords:** *f*-divergence; Fractional HH *f*-divergence; inequalities; Information theory

## 1 Introduction

Optimization theory plays an important rule in numerous applications in applied mathematics, engineering and statistics [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]. The discrimination (distance) between two probability distributions is an impotent subject

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