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## Algebraic features of cumulants

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# Summary

**Generalities** Multivariate cumulants: definition, existence, combinatorial properties, log-exp formulæ. Exponential models, divergences.

**Finite state space** Monomial aliasing, moments aliasing, cumulants aliasing, polynomial representation. Models on the finite state space.

**Finite generation** Differential finite generation of cumulants.

**Geometric approach** Interpretation of cumulants on the statistical manifold.

# Multivariate cumulants I

## Definition (Moment and cumulant generating function)

- $X$  is a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- For  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\theta \cdot X = \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i X_i$  is the scalar product.
- $D_X$  is the *interior* of the convex set

$$\left\{ \theta \in \mathbb{R}^m : E[e^{\theta \cdot X}] < +\infty \right\}.$$

- If  $D_X \neq \emptyset$ , then the *moment (generating) function*  $M_X$  and *cumulant (generating) function*  $K_X$  of  $X$  are the functions defined for each  $t \in D_X$  by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(\theta) &= E[e^{\theta \cdot X}], \\ K_X(\theta) &= \log M_X(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

If  $D_X = \emptyset$ , one could consider the characteristic function  $\Phi_X(\theta)$  and define  $K_X$  by  $e^{K_X(\theta)} = \Phi_X(\theta)$ ,  $K_X(0) = 0$ . Cf. Eugene Lukacs. *Characteristic functions*. Hafner Publishing Co., New York, 1970. Second edition, revised and enlarged.

# Multivariate cumulants II

## Theorem (Convexity and analyticity)

- 1 The moment generating function  $M_X$  and the cumulant generating function  $K_X$  are convex.
- 2 If  $X$  is not supported by an affine hyperplane of dimension  $< m$ , then the convexity is strict.
- 3 The moment function  $M_X$  and the cumulant function  $K_X$  are analytic in  $D_X$ . The  $\alpha$ -derivatives of the moment generating function are given by

$$D^\alpha M_X(\theta) = \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m}}{\partial \theta_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial \theta_m^{\alpha_m}} M_X(\theta) = E[X_1^{\alpha_1} \dots X_m^{\alpha_m} e^{\theta \cdot X}] = E[X^\alpha e^{\theta \cdot X}].$$

- 4 If the generating functions are defined in 0, then the random vector  $X$  has finite moments of all orders given by

$$\mu_\alpha(X) = D^\alpha M_X(\theta)|_{t=0} \quad .$$

# Multivariate cumulants III

## Theorem (Monotonicity)

- *The gradient of the cumulant generating function*

$$\nabla K_X(\theta) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} K_X(\theta), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_m} K_X(\theta) \right)$$

*is a (strictly) monotone function  $D_X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , i.e.*

$$\langle \nabla K_X(\theta_1) - \nabla K_X(\theta_2), \theta_1 - \theta_2 \rangle > 0, \quad \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$$

- *In particular,  $\nabla K_X$  is a 1-to-1 analytic mapping from  $D_X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .*
- *For each matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  the initial value problem*

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = -\nabla K_X(\theta(t)) + A\theta(t)$$

*has a unique solutions such that*

$$\|\theta_1(t) - \theta_2(t)\|^2 \leq \|\theta_1(0) - \theta_2(0)\|^2 e^{\|A\|t}$$

## Definition (Cumulants)

- 1 If the domain  $D_X$  of the generating functions of the random vector  $X$  contains 0, we will say that  $X$  belongs to the class  $L^e$  of exponentially integrable random vectors.
- 2 If  $X \in L^e$ , then all joint moments are defined:

$$\mu_\alpha = E(X^\alpha), \quad \mu'_\alpha = E((X - E(X))^\alpha)$$

- 3 If  $X \in L^e$ , the  $\alpha$ -derivatives of  $K$  are called cumulants:

$$\kappa_\alpha(X) = D^\alpha K_X(\theta)|_{\theta=0}$$

and the Taylor expansion of  $K_X$  is

$$K_X(\theta) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\kappa_\alpha(X)}{\alpha!} \theta^\alpha.$$

# Applications

**Sample** For  $n$  independent random vectors  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,  
 $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\sum m_j}$ , the joint CGF is the *outer* sum:

$$K_X(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) = K_{X_1}(\sigma_1) + \dots + K_{X_n}(\sigma_n),$$

**Sum** For  $n$  independent random vectors  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  the joint CGF of the (inner) sum  $Y = \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$  is the sum of the marginal CGFs:

$$K_Y(\theta) = K_{X_1}(\theta) + \dots + K_{X_n}(\theta)$$

⊗ Independence of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is equivalent to all mixed cumulants being 0.

**ICA/CCA** For  $n$  independent random variable  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ , with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ , the joint CGF of the random vector  $Y = AX$  is

$$K_Y(\theta) = K_X(A^{\text{transpose}}\theta) = K_{X_1}(a_1 \cdot \theta) + \dots + K_{X_m}(a_m \cdot \theta)$$

# Existence

The use of generating functions, moments, cumulants raises non trivial question of existence and uniqueness. We want:

- Characterise the class of moment generating functions.
- Characterize the class of cumulant generating functions.
- Characterise sequences that are moments of a unique distribution.
- Characterise sequence that are cumulants of a unique distribution.
- Characterize cumulants of a given order.
  - 2 Let  $X$  be an  $m$ -dimensional random vector. If  $\alpha$  is a multi-exponent of degree 2, e.g. 110, 101, 011, 200, 020, 002, then  $\kappa_\alpha(X)$  is a symmetric 2-tensor that we identify with the covariance matrix:  
 $\kappa_\alpha(X) = \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j), i, j : \alpha_i \alpha_j \neq 0$ . Viceversa, given a symmetric 2-tensor  $K_{i,j}, i, j = 1 \dots m$ , it is the cumulant of some distribution if and only if it is non-negative definite.
  - 3 If  $\alpha$  is a multi-exponent of degree 3, we have the symmetric 3-tensor  $K_{ijk} = \kappa^\alpha, \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k \neq 0$ . Viceversa ...
- Is the class of ICA distributions general?

# Moments, cumulants, $\kappa$ -statistics

- 1 From  $M_X(\theta) = e^{K_X(\theta)}$  and the Faà di Bruno formula one shows that the moment  $\mu_\alpha$  is a symmetric polynomial of the cumulants  $\kappa_\beta(X)$  with  $\beta \leq \alpha$ .
  - 2 From  $K_X(\theta) = \log(M_X(\theta))$  and the Faà di Bruno formula one shows that the cumulant  $\kappa_\alpha(X)$  is a symmetric polynomial of the moments  $\mu_\beta(X)$  with  $\beta \leq \alpha$ .
  - 3 The  $k$ -statistics of order  $\alpha$  is the (unique) symmetric polynomial of an independent sample of  $X$  such that the expected value is  $\kappa_\alpha(X)$ .
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# Binary moments and cumulants

- A binary exponent is a coding of a subset of indices, e.g. 11100 is the subset  $1 \cdots 3$  of the set  $1 \cdots 5$ . A *partition*  $b$  of  $\alpha$  is a set  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  such that  $\sum_j \alpha_j = \alpha$ . E.g., for  $n = 3$  we have  $1|2|3$ ,  $12|3$ ,  $1|23$ ,  $13|2$ ,  $123$ , or  $11100 = 10000 + 01000 + 00100$ ,  $11100 = 11000 + 00100 \dots$ . These partitions together with the refinement partial order  $\prec$  define a lattice: e.g.  $12|3|45 \prec 12|345$ .
- Each such binary code has a corresponding moment, centered moment and cumulant, e.g.  $\mu_{111000}$ ,  $\mu'_{111000}$ ,  $\kappa_{111000}$ . The product over all terms in a partition is denoted  $\prod_{\alpha \in b}$ .
- For a binary  $\alpha$ , the Faà di Bruno formulæ, applied to  $\exp$  and  $\log$  give:

$$\mu_{\alpha} = \sum_{b \prec \alpha} \prod_{\beta \in b} \kappa_{\beta}$$
$$\kappa_{\alpha} = \sum_{b \prec \alpha} (-1)^{|b|-1} (|b| - 1)! \prod_{\beta \in b} \mu_{\beta}$$

where  $|b|$  is the number of elements of the partition  $b$ .

# Example of log-exp formulæ

As  $\mu'_\alpha(X) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \mu_\beta(X) \prod_{i: \alpha_i=1, \beta_i=0} (-\mu_i(X))$ , we have:



$$\begin{aligned} \mu'_{111} &= \mu_{111} - (\mu_{110}\mu_{001} + \mu_{101}\mu_{010} + \mu_{011}\mu_{100}) + \\ &(\mu_{100}\mu_{010}\mu_{001} + \mu_{010}\mu_{100}\mu_{001} + \mu_{001}\mu_{100}\mu_{010}) + \mu_{100}\mu_{010}\mu_{001} = \\ &\mu_{111} - (\mu_{110}\mu_{001} + \mu_{101}\mu_{010} + \mu_{011}\mu_{100}) + 2\mu_{100}\mu_{010}\mu_{001} \end{aligned}$$



$$\kappa_{111} = \mu_{111} - \mu_{110}\mu_{001} - \mu_{101}\mu_{010} - \mu_{011}\mu_{100} + 2\mu_{100}\mu_{010}\mu_{001}$$

- Therefore,  $\mu'_{111} = \kappa_{111}$ .

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# Monomial and moment aliasing

- Let  $D$  be a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $I(D)$  the design ideal in  $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$ ,  $g_1, \dots, g_k$  a polynomial basis of  $I(D)$ ,  $x^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in L$ , a linear monomial basis of  $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_m]/I(D)$ . This is the usual setting of the algebraic theory of Design of Experiments. Each equation  $g(x) = 0$ ,  $g \in I(D)$ , is an *aliasing* relation between moments.
- Let

$$H(x) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i x_i\right) = \sum_{\alpha \in L} b_\alpha(s) x^\alpha.$$

Therefore  $M_X(s) = \sum_{\beta \geq 0} \frac{s^\beta \mu_\beta}{\beta!} = \sum_{\alpha \in L} b_\alpha(s) \mu_\alpha$ , so that

$$\mu_\beta = \sum_{\alpha \in L} b_{\alpha, \beta} \mu_\alpha,$$

where  $b_{\alpha, \beta} = D_\beta b_\alpha(s)|_{s=0}$ .

- Note that these coefficients, coming as they do from the initial interpolation, only depend on the support and choice of the monomial basis.

# Cumulant aliasing

For a discrete distribution and monomial order  $\tau$  every cumulant  $\mu_\beta, \beta \geq 0$  is expressible as a linear function of the moments  $\mu_\alpha, \alpha \in L$ , whose coefficients depend only the support and choice of monomial ordering, not the  $p(x)$ .

## Theorem (Cumulants aliasing)

*For a discrete distribution and monomial order  $\tau$  every cumulate  $\kappa_\beta, \beta \geq 0$  is expressible as a polynomial function of the cumulates  $\kappa_\alpha, \alpha \in L$ , whose form is only dependent of the support and monomial ordering.*

*Proof.* Express  $\kappa_\beta$  as polynomial in moments  $\mu_\beta \leq \alpha$ . Then use the moment aliasing to express any such  $\mu_\beta$  in terms of the  $\mu_\gamma, \gamma \in L$ . Then express any such  $\mu_\gamma$  in terms of  $\kappa_\delta, \delta \leq \gamma$ . The order ideal property of  $L$  means that all such  $\delta$  remain in  $L$ .

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## Example of cumulant aliasing

Let  $m = 2$  and take  $D = \{0, 1, 2\}^2 \setminus \{(2, 2)\}$ , i.e.

$$\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (2, 0), (1, 1), (0, 2), (2, 1), (1, 2)\}.$$

From the special structure of  $D$  we can claim that  $D = L$  for any monomial ordering. Note that  $(2, 2)$  is not in  $L$  and our aim is the express  $\kappa_{22}$  in terms of  $\kappa_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in L$ .

First express  $\kappa_{22}$  in terms of moments:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{22} &= \mu_{22} - 2\mu_{21}\mu_{01} + 2\mu_{20}\mu_{01}^2 \\ &\quad - \mu_{20}\mu_{02} - 2\mu_{11}^2 + 8\mu_{10}\mu_{11}\mu_{01} \\ &\quad - 2\mu_{10}\mu_{12} - 6\mu_{10}^2\mu_{01}^2 \\ &\quad + 2\mu_{10}^2\mu_{02} \end{aligned}$$

But we can fold  $m_{22}$  in to  $L$ . One method for doing this in simple problems is to use the Gröbner basis directly.

The relevant G-basis element is

$$x_1^2 x_2^2 - x_1^2 x_2 - x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 x_2$$

Since this is zero on the support  $D$  we can take expectation directly to obtain

$$m_{22} = m_{21} + m_{12} - m_{11}$$

Substituting for  $m_{22}$  and converting back to cumulates we have the following value for  $\kappa_{22}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & -\kappa_{11} + \kappa_{21} + \kappa_{12} + \kappa_{10}\kappa_{01} - \kappa_{20}\kappa_{02} + \kappa_{10}^2\kappa_{01} \\ & \quad + \kappa_{10}\kappa_{01}^2 + \kappa_{20}\kappa_{01} - \kappa_{10}\kappa_{02} - \kappa_{10}^2\kappa_{02} \\ & \quad - \kappa_{20}\kappa_{01}^2 + 2\kappa_{10}\kappa_{11} + 2\kappa_{01}\kappa_{11} - 2\kappa_{10}\kappa_{12} \\ & \quad + 2\kappa_{10}\kappa_{21} - 2\kappa_{11}^2 + 4\kappa_{10}\kappa_{01}\kappa_{11} - 17\kappa_{10}^2\kappa_{01}^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Definition (Exponential model)

- 1 Let  $X$  be a random vector of class  $L^e$  and let  $D_X$  be the domain of the generating functions. Then the equation

$$p(x; \theta) = e^{\theta \cdot x - K_X(\theta)} \cdot p_X(x), \quad \theta \in D_X,$$

defines a statistical model.

- 2 Such a model is called the *natural exponential model associated to  $X$* .
- 3 The model can be parameterized by the *mean parameter*  $\eta = K'_X(\theta)$

## Definition

The cumulants of  $X$  are called *finitely generated* if there exist polynomials

$$F_{hk}(\eta_i : i = 1, \dots, m; \gamma_{ij} : i \leq j = 1, \dots, m) \quad , \quad h \leq k = 1, \dots, m \quad ,$$

such that the corresponding system of equations can be uniquely solved for  $\gamma = (\gamma_{ij})_{1 \leq h \leq k \leq m}$  as a function of  $\eta = (\eta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ , around the point

$$\eta_0 = K'_X(0) \quad , \quad \gamma_0 = K''_X(0) \quad ,$$

and the equations

$$F_{hk}(K'_X(t), K''_X(t)) = 0 \quad , \quad h \leq k = 1, \dots, m \quad ,$$

hold in a neighborhood of 0. The polynomials  $F = (F_{hk})_{h \leq k = 1, \dots, m}$  are called *generating polynomials of  $X$* .

## Definition (Variance function)

Let  $\Psi_X$  be the inverse of the gradient of the cumulant generating function  $K_X$ . The *variance function* of the exponential model is

$$V_X(\eta) = K_X''[\Psi_X(\eta)] \quad ,$$

where  $K_X''$  is the Hessian matrix of the cumulant generating function.

A number of authors have classified distributions for which the variance function  $V_X(\cdot)$  has an algebraic form.

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# Finite generation III

- We refer to the property in the Definition as the FGC (finitely generated cumulant) property.
- The existence of the variance function  $V_X(\cdot)$ , together with the definition will ensure that at most the pair  $(\eta, \gamma) = (\eta, V_X(\eta))$  is a solution to each  $F_{hk}(\eta, \gamma) = 0$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq k \leq m$ , in a suitable neighborhood of  $(K_X''(0), K_X'(0))$ .
- Differentiation of  $F(K_X'(t), K_X''(t))$  with respect to  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and putting all  $t_i = t_{0,i}$  will give a algorithm for generation of the coefficients of the Taylor development of  $K(t)$  at  $t_0$ .
- If the cumulants of a random variable  $X$  are finitely (or the formal cumulants are weakly finitely) generated then the cumulants of any polynomial function of  $X$ ,  $Y = h(X)$ , are weakly finitely generated.
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# Variance function: Morris

- The following table is adapted from [Morris, 1982, Table 1], where all the distributions such as the variance function is a quadratic polynomial in the mean are studied.
- In our terms, the variance  $K''(\theta)$  and the mean  $K'(\theta)$  are related by a *generating polynomial* of degree 2.

Distribution	Parameters	Generating polynomial
Normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\mu, \sigma^2$	$K'' - \sigma^2$
Poisson $P(\lambda)$	$\lambda$	$K'' - K'$
Gamma $\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)$	$\alpha, \lambda$	$\alpha K'' - (K')^2$
Binomial $\text{Bin}(n, p)$	$n, p$	$nK'' - K'(n - K')$
Negative Binomial $\text{NegBin}(r, p)$	$r, p$	$rK'' - K'(r + K')$
Generalised Hyperbolic Secant	$r, \lambda = \tan t$	$rK'' - (K')^2 - r^2$

## Finite generation IV

- The generating polynomial uniquely defines the corresponding distribution. E.g. the differential equation for  $\eta(\theta) = K'(\theta)$  in the GHS case is

$$r\eta'(\theta) = \eta(\theta)^2 + r^2, \quad \eta(0) = 0$$

The unique solution is

$$\eta(\theta) = r \tan t$$

so that

$$K(\theta) = r \int_0^t \tan \tau d\tau = r \log \sec t.$$

- All cumulants are polynomials in the mean parameter. E.g. for the GHS distribution

$$r^n K^{(n)}(\theta) = f_n(K'(\theta)), \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

where

$$f_{n+1}(\eta) = f_n'(\eta)(\eta^2 + r^2).$$

## Finite generation V

- The *Laplace (double exponential) density* with parameter 1 has cumulant function  $K(t) = -\log(1 - t^2)$ . Then the first and second derivatives are

$$K'(t) = \frac{2t}{1 - t^2},$$
$$K''(t) = 2 \frac{1 + t^2}{(1 - t^2)^2}.$$

The generating polynomial is

$$(K'')^2 - 2(1 + (K')^2)K'' + (K')^2 + (K')^4.$$

- The uniform density on  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  has generating polynomial

$$3(K')^4 + 2K' - 2K'' + 11(K')^2 - 12K'K'' - 12(K')^3 + 6(K')^2(K'') + 3(K'')^2$$

# Finite generation: properties

## Theorem

*The FGC property is stable for*

- 1 *joining independent components, in particular sampling;*
- 2 *invertible linear transformations;*
- 3 *convolutions and de-convolution of the same distribution.*

## Theorem

- *Every discrete distribution supported on an equally spaced set of reals has the FGC property.*
- *Every finite mixture of exponential random variables has the FGC property.*
- *Let  $p_X(x)$  be the density function of a random variable with the FGC property. Then if  $Y$  is a random variable with density  $g(y)p_X(y)$  where  $g(y)$  is polynomial then  $Y$  also has the FGC property.*

# Finite generation: discussion

- For  $U[0, 1]$  the MGF is  $M(\theta) = \frac{e^\theta - 1}{\theta}$ .
- This involves  $\theta$  and  $e^\theta$ . We set  $z = \frac{1}{e^\theta - 1}$  and  $t = \frac{1}{\theta}$ , so that  $z' = -(1+z)z$   $t' = -t^2$  and

$$K' = 1 + z - t$$

$$K'' = -z - z^2 + t^2$$

$$K''' = z + 3z^2 + 2z^3 - 2t^3$$

- Algebraic elimination of  $t$  and  $z$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} & (K')^6 - 5(K')^5 - 3(K')^4 K'' + 17/2(K')^4 + 2(K')^3 K'' - 4(K')^3 K''' \\ & - 6(K')^3 + 3(K')^2 (K'')^2 + (K')^2 K'' + 6(K')^2 K''' + 3/2(K')^2 \\ & - 5K'(K'')^2 - 3K'K''' - (K'')^3 + 5/2(K'')^2 - 1/2K'' + 1/2K''' \end{aligned}$$

- This derivation does not constitute a proof that a lower order equation is not satisfied. Differential algebra?

# Statistical manifold

- Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the set of *all* probability densities on a probability space. At each density  $p \in \mathcal{M}$  we attach a *tangent space*  $T_p$  consisting of  $p$ -centered random variables, i.e.  $u \in T_p$  if  $E_p[u] = \int up d\mu = 0$ .
- Each other density  $q \in \mathcal{M}$  is represented, with respect to  $p$ , by a unique element  $u$  of the tangent space  $T_p$  such that

$$q = e^{u - K_p(u)} \cdot p$$

$$u = \log \left( \frac{q}{p} \right) - E_p \left[ \log \left( \frac{q}{p} \right) \right]$$

- The mapping  $q \rightarrow u$  is the  $p$ -chart in the statistical manifold and we denote the expectation w.r.t.  $q$  by  $E_u[v] = \int vq d\mu$ .
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# Moment functional and cumulant functional

## Theorem

① From  $q = e^{u-K_p(u)} \cdot p = \frac{e^u}{e^{K_p(u)}} \cdot p$  and the condition  $\int q d\mu = 1$ :

$$M_p(u) = E_p[e^u]$$

$$K_p(u) = \log(M_p(u))$$

②  $D(p||q) = E_p \left[ \log \left( \frac{p}{q} \right) \right] = E_p [K_p(u) - u] = K_p(u)$ .

③  $M_p$  and  $K_p$  are both convex functionals on  $T_p$ , with values in  $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \cup \{+\infty\}$ .

④  $M_p$  and  $K_p$  are analytic functionals on the interior of the set  $\{u \in T_p : M_p(u) < +\infty\}$ . It is a convex open domain  $\mathcal{S}_p \subset T_p$ .

⑤  $\mathcal{E}_p = \{q \in \mathcal{M} : q = e^{u-K_p(u)} \cdot p, u \in \mathcal{S}_p\}$  is the maximal exponential model at  $p$ .

# Directional derivatives

- For each analytic functional  $f : S_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the  $n$ -th derivative at  $u$ ,  $D^n f(u)$  is a *symmetric multilinear operator* (tensor) such that for each  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in T_p$ ,

$$D^n f(u)(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \left. \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t_1 \cdots \partial t_n} f(u + t_1 v_1 + \cdots + t_n v_n) \right|_{t=0}$$

- As  $D^n f(u)$  is symmetric,  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  can be treated as *commutative indeterminates* and written  $(v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n)$ . Symmetric  $n$ -operators can be mapped into symmetric  $(n+1)$ -operators.
- $\mu_n(u)v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n = D^n M_p(u)(v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n) = E_p[v_1 \cdots v_n e^u]$ .
- $\kappa_n(u)v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n = D^n K_p(u)(v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n)$ .

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# Recursion

- Derivatives are computed recursively,

$$D^n f(u) v_1 \circ \cdots v_n = \left. \frac{d}{dt} D^{n-1} f(u + tv_n) v_1 \circ \cdots v_{n-1} \right|_{t=0}$$

- $DK_p(u)v = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \log(E_p[e^{u+tv}]) \right|_{t=0} = E_u[v]$



$$\begin{aligned} D^2 K_p(u) v_1 \circ v_2 &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} E_{u+tv_2} [v_1] \right|_{t=0} = \\ & \left. \frac{d}{dt} E_p \left[ v_1 e^{u+tv_2 - K_p(u+tv_2)} \right] \right|_{t=0} = E_u [v_1 (v_2 - E_u[v_2])]. \end{aligned}$$



$$\kappa_n(u) v_1 \circ \cdots v_n = D^n K_p(u) v_1 \circ \cdots v_n = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \kappa_{n-1}(u + tv_n) v_1 \circ \cdots v_{n-1} \right|_{t=0}$$

# Exponential models

- An exponential model  $\mathcal{E}_V$ , where  $V$  is a linear subspace on  $T_p$  is the model  $e^{u-K_p(u)} \cdot p$ ,  $u \in V$ .
- The set of finite-dimensional exponential models is the set of finite-dimensional linear subspaces of the tangent space  $T_p$ .
- The restriction of the system of cumulants  $\kappa_n(u)v_1 \circ \dots \circ v_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $u, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , is computed locally on the exponential model  $\mathcal{E}_V$ .
- Higher order cumulants are computed as  $\kappa_{|\alpha|}(u)(v_1^{\circ\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ v_n^{\circ\alpha_n})$ ,  $u, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ .