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Research Topics Related to Skew-Symmetric Distributions

Message from the Guest Editors

In diverse scientific fields, symmetric distributions are applied for many statistical analyses because of their mathematical and statistical tractability. However, the phenomenon in a real dataset is not always symmetric, and thus "symmetric" requirement for the underlying distributions is too restrictive and sometimes provides a wrong insight into the observations. For this reason, there has been increasing interest in the flexible skew distributions in recent years. This Special Issue of *Symmetry* focuses on the studies and methodologies of the skew distributions as well as symmetric distributions. Statistical inference and applications based on the flexible distribution are welcome. In addition to these topics, Bayesian inference and examples of applications of those theories are also welcome.

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