

Construction Of Maxi-Min Efficiency Designs

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Theorem (Equivalence Theorem)

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such that ξ^* is a Bayesian optimum design for the prior distribution π^* , that is, if and only if ξ^* fulfils the following inequality,

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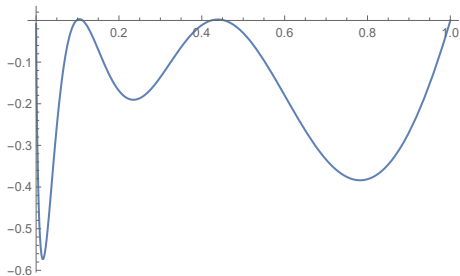


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