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1. Introduction

In astrophysics, a polytrope refers to a solution of the Lane–Emden equation. This is an equation which gives the pressure as a function of density [1]. These solutions are modelling self-gravitating fluid spheres that are called “polytropes” too, which are objects used as crude approximation to more realistic stellar models [2]. The solution of the Lane–Emden equation, a dimensionless form of Poisson's equation for the gravitational potential, depends on a parameter which is the polytropic index n . It is written as $P=K\rho^{(n+1)/n}$, where P is pressure, ρ is density and K a constant. If stellar structure is approximated with a polytrope having a given index, then two scaling parameters are needed to express the structure in physical units [3]. The two parameters that we can use are a constant which is related to entropy and the stellar mass. Since Boltzmann distribution yields unphysical results, the Boltzmann entropy had been substituted by a generalized entropy, the Tsallis entropy [4]. Another generalized entropy, the Kaniadakis entropy, had been recently proposed too, in [5]. Here we discuss how these two entropies are related in polytrope solutions, and that the result given in [5] can be easily obtained from [4].

2. The entropies

Well-known is the entropy proposed by Claude Shannon in 1948 [6]. He defined the entropy H of a discrete random variable X , as the expected value of the information content: $H(X)=-\sum_i p_i \log_b p_i$. The probability of i -event is p_i and b is the base of the used logarithm. However, several entropies exist which are generalizing Shannon entropy. Among them we have Tsallis and Kaniadakis entropies [7,8], which are defined, with a corresponding choice of

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measurement units equal to 1, as follow:

$$(1) \quad T_{\text{Tsallis}} : T = T_q = \frac{1}{q-1} \left(1 - \sum_i p_i^q \right)$$

$$(2) \quad \text{Kaniadakis } (\kappa\text{-entropy}) : K_\kappa = - \sum_i \frac{p_i^{1+\kappa} - p_i^{1-\kappa}}{2\kappa}$$

In (1) and (2) we have the entropic indices q and κ . For its generalized additivity, the Kaniadakis entropy requires another function, defined as follow:

$$\mathfrak{S} = \sum_i (p_i^{1+\kappa} + p_i^{1-\kappa}) / 2$$

A detailed discussion of the generalized additivity of Tsallis and κ -entropy is given in [9].

Tsallis and Kaniadakis entropies are linked:

$$(3) \quad K_\kappa = \frac{T_{1+\kappa} + T_{1-\kappa}}{2},$$

$$\text{where } T(q=1+\kappa) = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_i p_i^{1+\kappa} + \frac{1}{\kappa}; \quad T(q=1-\kappa) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_i p_i^{1-\kappa} - \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

Eq.(3) is a simpler form of an expression given in [10,11]. However, besides this relation, because of the generalized additivity possessed by the Kaniadakis entropy, we need also another relation:

$$(4) \quad \mathfrak{S}_\kappa = \frac{\kappa}{2} \left(-T_{1+\kappa} + T_{1-\kappa} + \frac{2}{\kappa} \right)$$

In (3) and (4), we have Kaniadakis functions expressed by Tsallis entropy. As shown in [12], we can also write T expressed by means of Kaniadakis functions:

$$2K + \frac{2}{\kappa} \mathfrak{S} = T_{1+\kappa} + T_{1-\kappa} + \left(-T_{1+\kappa} + T_{1-\kappa} + \frac{2}{\kappa} \right)$$

$$\text{And then : (5) } K_\kappa + \frac{1}{\kappa} \mathfrak{S}_\kappa = T_{1-\kappa} + \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

Let us have: $\kappa=1-q$. From (5) we have immediately the relation between Tsallis and Kaniadakis functions:

$$(6) \quad T_q = K_{1-q} + \frac{\mathfrak{S}_{1-q} - 1}{(1-q)}$$

3. With polytropes

The relation (6) between Tsallis and Kaniadakis entropies can be useful in several problems. Here we consider its use in polytropes. In the previous equations, we have p_i denoting the probability distribution. In Ref.4, it is used letter f for probability. From now on, we will use this notation. In [4], the distribution from Tsallis entropy is:

$$(7) \quad C_q(f) = \frac{f(1-f^{q-1})}{q-1}$$

After Eq.6, we can write Eq.7 in the following manner:

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$$(8) \quad C_q(f) = \frac{f - f^q}{q-1} = \frac{1}{2(q-1)}(f^{2-q} - f^q) - \frac{1}{2(q-1)}(f^{2-q} + f^q) + \frac{f}{q-1}$$

Of course, (7) and (8) are the same equation. As a consequence, Kaniadakis distributions are linked to Tsallis distribution by:

$$(9) \quad t_q(f) = C_q(f) = \frac{(f - f^q)}{q-1} = k_{1-q} - g_{1-q} + \frac{f}{q-1}$$

where $K_{1-q} = \sum_i k_{1-q}$, $\mathfrak{S}_{1-q} = \sum_i g_{1-q}$, $1 = \sum_i f$

From [4], a relation exists between polytrope index and entropic Tsallis index:

$$(10) \quad n = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{q-1}$$

As a special case, for $q \rightarrow 1$, we find the isothermal situation. To have Eq.6, as shown in [12], we need $\kappa=1-q$ or $\kappa=q-1$. Then, from (10), considering that we have for the Kaniadakis index, $-1 < \kappa < 1$:

$$(11) \quad n = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

And in fact, (11) is the relation that we find in [5]. Using then the relation between Tsallis and Kaniadakis entropies and distributions we can easily find results concerning several applications. Polytropes are an example of such a possible approach.

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