

# Contributing to the aggregated expression of environmental damage by air pollution

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**Abstract** - This article describes one of the possible approaches to the calculation of the pollution and its summary indicator. But, the suggested total indicator of pollution needs a correction according to the bias. This correction is described in this paper on chosen example.

The aim is to separate the total pollution into aggregates indicator of material and aggregates indicator of indicator of pollution per unit of quantity of emissions.

An indicator of pollution is possible to separate into two different aspects. It is possible to define pollution indices and the indices for quantity. The article presents the process and outcome on real data of air pollution in the Czech Republic.

**Keywords** - Environmental damage, level of air pollution, price level, total value of pollution.

## I. THEORETICAL APPROACH

### A. Value, Quantity, Unit Value

Let us consider a complex (total) phenomenon or process which consists of  $n$  partial disjoint parts  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The unification of all parts gives the total. [3],[12]. E.g. aggregate pollution consists of pollution caused by  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , etc.[7], [8], [1].

Let us consider value of individual  $h_i$  for any part  $i$ . Let us assume that variables  $h_i$  are addable i.e. they have the same meaning and it is possible to sum them. We will call them values.

We state

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \quad (1)$$

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Let us define variables  $q_i$  which correspond quantity (amount) of an item  $i$ . The meaning of these variables can be various. So, their sum may not make sense. These variables will be called quantity.

So, for any item  $i$  we have two variables: value and quantity.

For any item  $i$  we define

$$p_i = \frac{h_i}{q_i} \quad (2)$$

The variable  $p_i$  means the value of item  $i$  per unit of quantity  $i$ . If the value is expressed in monetary units, these variables represent prices. Generally, it may not be so, therefore, we will use term unit value.

For any  $h_i$  and positive  $q_i$  we obtain

$$h_i = \frac{h_i}{q_i} q_i \quad (3)$$

$$h_i = p_i q_i \quad (4)$$

Values  $h_i$ ,  $i=1,2, \dots, n$  form vector  $h$ .

Values  $q_i$ ,  $i=1,2, \dots, n$  form vector  $q$ .

Values  $p_i$ ,  $i=1,2, \dots, n$  form vector  $p$ .

Coordinates of these vectors correspond to the item  $i$ ,  $i=1,2, \dots, n$ . The sum  $H$  is the total value in chosen time  $t$  or time period  $(t-1, t)$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i q_i \quad (5)$$

A question arises whether it is possible to define set numbers  $P$  and  $Q$  which correspond to vectors  $p$  and  $q$  so that

$$H = P Q \quad (6)$$

$P$  and  $Q$  represent scalar representatives of vectors  $p$  and  $q$ .

**B. Data Changes**

In this paragraph we will consider continuous time and infinitesimal time interval  $< t, t + dt$ ).

From relations written above it follows

$$dH = \sum_{i=1}^n dh_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dh_i}{h_i} h_i = \sum_{i=1}^n d(p_i q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i dp_i + p_i dq_i) \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{dH}{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dh_i}{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dh_i}{h_i} \frac{h_i}{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dh_i}{h_i} w_i \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH}{H} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d(p_i q_i)}{p_i q_i} w_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{q_i dp_i + p_i dq_i}{p_i q_i} w_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{dp_i}{p_i} + \frac{dq_i}{q_i} \right) w_i, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where weight  $w_i$  fulfils

$$w_i = \frac{h_i}{H}. \tag{10}$$

From it follows

$$d \ln H = \sum_{i=1}^n (d \ln p_i + d \ln q_i) w_i \tag{11}$$

This relative change of the total value is equal to weighted sum of relative changes of the values for individual  $i$ .

Therefore, infinitesimal growth of value is equal to sum of weighted infinitesimal changes of unit value and quantity [6],[3].

In order to express infinitesimal growth we assume dependency of the variables on parameter (e.g. time)  $t$  which will be assigned as an index to considered variables. Therefore, we can write

$$H_{t+dt} = H_t + dH_t \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} = 1 + \frac{dH_t}{H_t} \tag{13}$$

It arises from here that the index reduced by a unit represents relative change of variable  $H$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} &= \ln H_{t+dt} - \ln H_t \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\ln q_{it+dt} - \ln q_{it}) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\ln p_{it+dt} - \ln p_{it}) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

We assume that weights  $w_i \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  do not depend on parameter  $t$ .

From which arises

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left( \ln \frac{q_{it+dt}}{q_{it}} + \ln \frac{p_{it+dt}}{p_{it}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln \frac{q_{it+dt}}{q_{it}} \frac{p_{it+dt}}{p_{it}} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\ln \frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left( \frac{q_{it+dt}}{q_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \left( \frac{p_{it+dt}}{p_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \tag{16}$$

$$\ln \frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} = \ln \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{q_{it+dt}}{q_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \left( \frac{p_{it+dt}}{p_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \tag{17}$$

$$\frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{q_{it+dt}}{q_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \left( \frac{p_{it+dt}}{p_{it}} \right)^{w_i} \tag{18}$$

Let us define

$$Q_t = K_Q q_{1t}^{w_1} q_{2t}^{w_2} \dots q_{nt}^{w_n} \tag{19}$$

$$P_t = K_P p_{1t}^{w_1} p_{2t}^{w_2} \dots p_{nt}^{w_n}, \tag{20}$$

where  $K_Q$  and  $K_P$  are positive constant such that

$$K_Q K_P = 1. \tag{21}$$

So, we can see

$$\frac{H_{t+dt}}{H_t} = \frac{Q_{t+dt}}{Q_t} \frac{P_{t+dt}}{P_t}. \tag{22}$$

For time  $t$ ;

$P_t$  may be considered as aggregate variable of unit values, i.e. as level of unit value;

$Q_t$  may be considered as aggregate variable of value.

II. EXAMPLE

A. *Polution and its Clasification*

Environmental data are available in the various classifications of pollution and other harmful effects [8], [11].

For the purposes of interpretation, it is sufficient to consider the information relating to one year and the types of pollution, which are in the following table.

Tab. 1 Selected air pollutants

| (n) | Type of pollution |                     |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | PM <sub>10</sub>  | Particulate Matters |
| 2   | SO <sub>2</sub>   | Sulphur dioxide     |
| 3   | NO <sub>x</sub>   | Oxides of nitrogen  |
| 4   | CO <sub>2</sub>   | Carbon dioxide      |

Source [5]

We will use the selected data for the year 2011 in further analysis [5].

In general, you can assume n types of pollution.

B. *Quantity of Polution*

Default data are considered types of pollution emissions in tons per year (t/year) that are listed in the following table

Tab. 2 Emitted amount per year

| (n) | q                | kt/year    |
|-----|------------------|------------|
| 1   | PM <sub>10</sub> | 48,4207345 |
| 2   | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 170,180470 |
| 3   | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 225,308640 |
| 4   | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 107 991,12 |

Sources: [10], authors, [11]

Costs of pollution per unit of quantity.

The amount of emissions we will mark the kind of q<sub>i</sub>. These quantities are not possible to sum.

The next table shows data about the cost, which the issuer must incur pollution. Costs relating to the nature of the pollution and the unit of quantity (1 ton) we mark p<sub>i</sub>. Their size is EUR per ton (€/t).

Tab. 3 Estimating of damage for pollutants unit

| (n) | p                | €/t    |
|-----|------------------|--------|
| 1   | PM <sub>10</sub> | 11 000 |
| 2   | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 4 000  |
| 3   | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 4 000  |
| 4   | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 19 000 |

Source:[2]

The value of the pollution of the kind i we denoted by h<sub>i</sub>. We get this value by using the relation

$$h_i = p_i q_i. \tag{23}$$

Dimension values h<sub>i</sub> we determine the size of the values of p<sub>i</sub> q<sub>i</sub>. Applies

$$[\text{€/Year}] = [\text{€/t}] [\text{t/ Year}]. \tag{24}$$

So, the values h<sub>i</sub> are possible to sum for i = 1,2, ..., N.

Tab. 4 Damage for year in €

| (n) | p * q            | €/year              |
|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | PM <sub>10</sub> | 532 628 079,5       |
| 2   | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 680 721 880,0       |
| 3   | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 901 234 560,0       |
| 4   | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 2 051 831 280 000,0 |
| Sum |                  | 2 053 945 864 519,5 |

It is possible to define nonnegative weights from the formulae

$$w_i = \frac{h_i}{H} \quad i = 1,2,3,4 \tag{25}$$

So, we receive the table

Tab. 5 Weights calculation

| n   | Item             | h <sub>i</sub> =p <sub>i</sub> *q <sub>i</sub> (€/Year) | w <sub>i</sub> |
|-----|------------------|---|----------------|
| 1   | PM <sub>10</sub> | 532 628 079,5   | 0,000259319    |
| 2   | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 680 721 880,0   | 0,000331422    |
| 3   | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 901 234 560,0   | 0,000438782    |
| 4   | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 2 051 831 280 000,0                                     | 0,998970477    |
| Sum |                  | 2 053 945 864 519,5                                     | 1,000000       |

From relations

$$P = p_1^{w_1} p_2^{w_2} \dots p_n^{w_n} \tag{26}$$

$$Q = q_1^{w_1} q_2^{w_2} \dots q_n^{w_n} \tag{27}$$

We determine the value of P and Q and their product.

In the calculation we use logarithms. Indeed

$$\ln(P) = \ln(p_1^{w_1}) + \ln(p_2^{w_2}) + \dots + \ln(p_n^{w_n}) \tag{28}$$

$$\ln(P) = w_1 \ln(p_1) + w_2 \ln(p_2) + \dots + w_n \ln(p_n) \tag{29}$$

$$\ln(Q) = \ln(q_1^{w_1}) + \ln(q_2^{w_2}) + \dots + \ln(q_n^{w_n}) \tag{30}$$

$$\ln(Q) = w_1 \ln(q_1) + w_2 \ln(q_2) + \dots + w_n \ln(q_n) \tag{31}$$

We come out of table by the logarithms of the values

Tab. 6 Logarithms of the values

| n | Item             | $h_i=p_i*q_i$ (€/Year) | $w_i$       |
|---|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | PM <sub>10</sub> | 532 628 079,5          | 0,000259319 |
| 2 | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 680 721 880,0          | 0,000331422 |
| 3 | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 901 234 560,0          | 0,000438782 |
| 4 | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 2 051 831 280 000,0    | 0,998970477 |
| Σ |                  | 2 053 945 864 519,5    | 1,000000    |

Continue of Tab. 6

| n | Item             | $\ln(h_i)$ | $w_i \ln(h_i)$ | $w_i \ln(h_i)$ and Σ |
|---|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | PM <sub>10</sub> | 20,0933340 | 0,005210592    | 0,005210592          |
| 2 | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 20,3386644 | 0,006740671    | 0,006740671          |
| 3 | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 20,6192761 | 0,009047368    | 0,009047368          |
| 4 | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 28,3497538 | 28,32056709    | 28,32056709          |
| Σ |                  | 28,3507839 | 28,35078387    | 28,34156573          |

Consider the aggregate numbers

Tab. 7 Aggregate numbers

| n | It corresponds to       |            | Exp(Σ)            |
|---|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | $\Sigma_i w_i = 1$      | 28,3507839 | 2 053 945 864 520 |
| 2 | $\Sigma_i w_i \ln(h_i)$ | 28,3415657 | 2 035 099 290 843 |

Let's calculate the values of P and Q. We proceed from tables

C. The values and weights

Tab. 8 Given values and weights

| n | Item             | $p_i$ (€/t) | $q_i$ (t/year) | $h_i=p_i*q_i$ (€/year) | $w_i$       |
|---|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | PM <sub>10</sub> | 11 000      | 48 420,7345    | 532 628 079,5          | 0,000259319 |
| 2 | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 4 000       | 170 180,4700   | 680 721 880,0          | 0,000331422 |
| 3 | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 4 000       | 225 308,6400   | 901 234 560,0          | 0,000438782 |
| 4 | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 19 000      | 107 991 120,00 | 2 051 831 280 000,0    | 0,998970477 |
| Σ |                  | x           | x              | 2 053 945 864 519,5    | 1,000000    |

Tab. 9 Logarithm of values

| n | Item             | $\ln(p_i)$ | $\ln(q_i)$ | $\ln(h_i)=\ln(p_i)+\ln(q_i)$ |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | PM <sub>10</sub> | 9,30565055 | 10,78768   | 20,09333395                  |
| 2 | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 8,29404964 | 12,04461   | 20,33866438                  |
| 3 | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 8,29404964 | 12,32523   | 20,61927611                  |
| 4 | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 9,85219426 | 18,49756   | 28,34975382                  |

Tab. 10 Logarithm of the value multiplied by weights and the sum of its

| n      | Item             | $w_i \ln(p_i)$ | $w_i \ln(q_i)$ | $w_i \ln(h_i)$<br>$w_i (\ln(p_i)+\ln(q_i))$ |
|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 1      | PM <sub>10</sub> | 0,002413       | 0,002797       | 0,005211                                    |
| 2      | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,002749       | 0,003992       | 0,006741                                    |
| 3      | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 0,003639       | 0,005408       | 0,009047                                    |
| 4      | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 9,842051       | 18,478516      | 28,320567                                   |
| Σ      |                  | 9,850852       | 18,490713      | 28,341566                                   |
| EXP(Σ) |                  | 18 975         | 107 254 308    | 2 035 099 290 843                           |

Easy to see that it is

$$2\ 035\ 099\ 290\ 843 = 18\ 975 * 107\ 254\ 308$$

$$P\ Q = {}_wH$$

(32)

So,

value of **18 975** can express scalar values representative of  $p_i$ , which denoted P

value of **107 254 308** can express scalar values representative of  $Q_i$ , which we denote Q;

value **2 035 099 290 843** can express scalar representative  $h_i$ , which denote  ${}_wH$

At the same applies

$$P\ Q = {}_wH$$

(33)

The problem is that the value  ${}_wH$  does not match the

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i,$$

(34)

which is the default value for the weights.

Insert one of the options for addressing the problem. [9], [10]. Let us start from the definition of weights. For all  $i$  is valid

$$h_i = w_i H.$$

(35)

Therefore

$$\ln(h_i) = \ln(w_i) + \ln(H)$$

(36)

$$w_i \ln(h_i) = w_i \ln(w_i) + w_i \ln(H) \tag{37}$$

Adding the obtained relationship over all i, we get

$$\ln({}_wH) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln(w_i) + \ln(H) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \tag{38}$$

Since the sum of the weights is equal to one, we get

$$\ln({}_wH) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln(w_i) + \ln(H) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \tag{39}$$

Hence

$${}_wH = E H, \tag{40}$$

where

$$E = \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln(w_i) \right] \tag{41}$$

Hence

$$H = \frac{{}_wH}{E} \tag{42}$$

Consideration is illustrated on the example

Tab. 11 Results of process

| n      | Item             | $w_i \ln(p_i q_i)$   | $w_i \ln(w_i)$ | $w_i \ln(H)$         |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1      | PM <sub>10</sub> | 0,005211             | -0,00214       | 0,007351909          |
| 2      | SO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,006741             | -0,00266       | 0,009396060          |
| 3      | NO <sub>x</sub>  | 0,009047             | -0,00339       | 0,012439815          |
| 4      | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 28,320567            | -0,00103       | 28,32159609          |
| Σt     |                  | 28,341566            | -0,00922       | 28,35078387          |
| EXP(Σ) |                  | 2 035 099 290<br>843 | 0,990824       | 2 053 945 864<br>520 |

Easy to see that

$$2\ 053\ 945\ 864\ 520 = \frac{2\ 035\ 099\ 290\ 843}{0,990824}$$

From the relation

$$H = \frac{{}_wH}{E} \tag{43}$$

we get

$$H = \frac{P Q}{E} \tag{44}$$

Since P is the proportion indicator, it is advisable to perform a correction for indicator Q. So get decomposition

$$H = P \frac{Q}{E} \tag{45}$$

It can however be selected for the correction value P E<sub>P</sub> correction value Q E<sub>Q</sub>, so that it applies

$$E = E_P E_Q \tag{46}$$

The numerical value is obtained for P=18 975 and Q=107 254 308.

If P is not corrected, the corrected Q is equal to 108 247 565,04 as is true

$$2\ 053\ 945\ 864\ 520 = 18\ 975 * \frac{107\ 254\ 308}{0,990824} \tag{47}$$

$$2\ 053\ 945\ 864\ 520 = 18\ 975 * 108\ 247\ 565,04 \tag{48}$$

### III. CONCLUSION

The article indicated one of the possible methods of obtaining overall characteristics. Commonly used features are analyzed in terms of their explanatory power and in terms of accuracy. On this issue article implicitly points.

Generally, when examining structured variables, it is necessary to examine the influence of factors weighing on aggregate variables. This must include in the survey and related analyzes.

Next viewpoints should be considered concern the sensitivity to changes, and the characteristics of the variables that determine them

Formulas used in the description and definition of the characteristics might be expressing by different way e.g. d ln(x) or statements dx / x have the same meaning.

This article draws attention to other aspects of description and quantification of phenomena and processes. The result should be considered a rough estimate with advantages and disadvantages of aggregate indicator.

These possibilities are illustrated on the example of problematic quantification of environmental damage. This procedure could help to improve the quality and acceleration of data for decision-making processes

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