

FINITE ROUGH SETS AS PROBABILISTICLIKE FUZZY SETS.

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Pawlak [1] introduce the concept of rough set and he [2] show that the rough sets are not reducible to fuzzy sets [3] expressed by three-valued membership functions and the their basic set-theoretic operations are not compatible.

On the contrary, Wygralak [4] show that the rough set theory can be expressed in 3-valued fuzzy set theory language using heterogeneously defined operations.

Here, finite rough sets are expressed by means of fuzzy sets and probabilisticlike operators.

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Notations.  $\#A$  is the cardinality of the (crisp) set  $A$ ;  
 $\vee$  is the sup (or max, if finitely) operator;  
 $\wedge$  is the inf (or min, if finitely) operator.

A. FUZZY SETS.1. Fuzzy sets.

Let  $\Omega$  be a universe of discourse,  $\Lambda$  a <sup>bounded</sup> lattice and  
 $\Lambda^\Omega = \{ \Omega \rightarrow \Lambda \}$  the totality of the maps from  $\Omega$  to  $\Lambda$ .

Def. The 3-tuple  $\tilde{F} = (\Omega, \Lambda, \Omega \xrightarrow{\mu} \Lambda)$  is called zadhean fuzzy set  $\tilde{F}$  and the map  $\mu$  is called fuzzy membership function of  $\tilde{F}$ .

The collection  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\Omega(\Omega) = \{ (\Omega, \Lambda, \mu) \mid \mu \in \Lambda^\Omega \}$  is called fuzzy zadhean of  $\Omega$  (i.e. the totality of the fuzzy sets  $\tilde{F}$  in  $\Omega$  in the sense of  $\Lambda$ ).

Remarks. For short but improperly, we write also  $\tilde{F} = (\Omega, \Lambda, \Omega \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}} \Lambda)$  where  $\tilde{F}$  represent the fuzzy set and its membership function.

When we consider the subset  $\Lambda_0 = \{0, 1\} \subseteq \Lambda$ , the 3-tuple  $(\Omega, \Lambda, \Omega \rightarrow \Lambda_0)$  is called cantorian fuzzy set and the subset  $\mathcal{F}_\Lambda^\circ(\Omega) = \{(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu) \mid \mu \in \Lambda_0^\Omega\}$  is called fuzzy boolean of  $\Omega$ .

Through isomorfisme, a cantorian fuzzy set is a crisp set of  $\Omega$  and the fuzzy boolean is the boolean  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega) = \{A \mid A \subseteq \Omega\}$  (totality of the parts of  $\Omega$ ).

Here, we consider the lattice  $\Lambda = [0, 1] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ .

### 3. Triangular norms [5].

Def. A binary operation  $*$  in the real unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , i.e. a function  $T: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , is called triangular norm (shortly, t-norm) iff it satisfy the following conditions:

- i)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$  ,
- ii)  $a * b = b * a$  ,
- iii)  $a * b \leq c * d$  if  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  ,
- iv)  $a * 0 = 0$  and  $a * 1 = a$  .

The dual binary operation  $\odot$ , i.e. a function  $S: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , defined by:  $a \odot b = 1 - (1 - a) * (1 - b)$ , is called t-conorm: it fulfills the conditions i)ii)iii) and iv')  $a \odot 1 = 1$ ,  $a \odot 0 = a$  .

Moreover, if  $*$  is distributive, then:  $a \odot b = a + b - a * b$ .

Examples. Important examples of t-norms,  $T$  and their t-conorms  $S$  are:

$$E1) \begin{cases} T_w(a,b) = \begin{cases} a \wedge b & \text{if } a \vee b = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } a \vee b < 1 \end{cases} \\ S_w(a,b) = \begin{cases} a \vee b & \text{if } a \wedge b = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } a \wedge b > 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$E2) \begin{cases} T_z(a,b) = a \wedge b \\ S_z(a,b) = a \vee b \end{cases}$$

$$E3) \begin{cases} T_b(a,b) = 0 \vee (a + b - 1) & \left[ \text{bounded difference } \ominus \right] \\ S_b(a,b) = 1 \wedge (a + b) & \left[ \text{bounded sum } \oplus \right] \end{cases}$$

$$E4) \begin{cases} T_p(a,b) = a \cdot b & \left[ \text{algebraic product} \right] \\ S_p(a,b) = a + b - a \cdot b & \left[ \text{alg. (or probabilistic) sum} \right] \end{cases}$$

Remarks. We can define a partial ordering  $\preceq$  on t-norms, with:  $T \preceq T'$  if  $T(a,b) \leq T'(a,b) \quad \forall (a,b) \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$ .

If  $\mathcal{T}$  is the family of all t-norms, results:

$$T_w \preceq T \preceq T_z \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T};$$

and for the dual family  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$S_w \succ S \succ S_z \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}.$$

In particular:  $T_w \preceq T_b \preceq T_p \preceq T_z \preceq S_z \preceq S_p \preceq S_b \preceq S_w$ .

### 3. Fuzzy set-theoretic operations.

Let be  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \tilde{\mathcal{X}}_A(\Omega)$  the zadhean of  $\Omega$ .

If  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ , we define:

$\tilde{A}'$  complement of  $\tilde{A}$ ,

$\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$  intersection of  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$ ,

$\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$  union of  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$

in the following way:

$\tilde{A}' = \tilde{C}$  where  $\tilde{C}(x) = 1 - \tilde{A}(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ ,  
 $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} = \tilde{D}$  where  $\tilde{D}(x) = \tilde{A}(x) * \tilde{B}(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ ,  
 $\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B} = \tilde{E}$  where  $\tilde{E}(x) = \tilde{A}(x) \odot \tilde{B}(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ ,  
 with  $*$  and  $\odot$  t-norm and dual t-conorm, respectively.

In particular, we have:

by	set-th. operator	expressed by	with algeb. operator
E2	$\cap$	t-norm $T_z$	$\wedge$
"	$\cup$	t-conorm $S_z$	$\vee$
E3	$\cap$	t-norm $T_b$	$\ominus$
"	$\cup$	t-conorm $S_b$	$\oplus$
E4	$\hat{\cdot}$	t-norm $T_p$	$\cdot$
"	$\hat{+}$	t-conorm $S_p$	$+$

Results:  $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A} \hat{\cdot} \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A} \hat{+} \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$ .  
 Zadeh in [3] use the t-norm  $T_z$  and t-conorm  $S_z$ .

#### 4. Fuzzy [sub]spaces.

The algebraic system  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{X}}, \cup, \cap, ')$  is called fuzzy space, while  $(\tilde{\mathcal{X}}^0, \cup, \cap, ')$  is called fuzzy subspace when  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}^0 \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}^0$  is closed for  $\cup, \cap$  and  $'$ . The fuzzy [sub]space  $(\tilde{\mathcal{X}}, \hat{+}, \hat{\cdot}, ')$  is called probabilistic fuzzy [sub]space.

#### B. ROUGH SETS.

Let  $\Omega$  be a universe of discourse,  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  its boolean and  $\Pi = \Pi(\Omega)$  the totality of its partitions.

It is know that if  $\pi \in \Pi$  then is  $\pi \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , i.e.  $\exists$  the immersion map  $i_\pi: \pi \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that  $i_\pi(\alpha) = \alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in \pi$ .

Let  $\pi \in \Pi$  be ( $\mathcal{R}_\pi$  is the equivalence relation associated to  $\pi$  and, in this section,  $\mathcal{R}_\pi$  is called indiscernibility relation).

Let  $[\ ]_{\mathcal{N}}$  be the map  $x \rightarrow [x]_{\mathcal{N}}$  so defined:  
 if  $x \in \Omega \exists 1, \mathcal{N}_x \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $x \in \mathcal{N}_x \subseteq \Omega$ ;  $[x]_{\mathcal{N}}$  is  
 called equivalence class of  $x$  in the sense of  $\mathcal{N}$ .

### 1. Pawlak's rough sets.

Def. If  $\underline{P} \subseteq \overline{P}$  and  $\underline{P}, \overline{P} \in \mathcal{N}$ , the couple  $\ddot{P} = (\underline{P}, \overline{P})$  is called  
 Pawlak's abstract rough set (in  $\Omega$  in the sense of  $\mathcal{N}$ );  
 while if  $P \subseteq \Omega$ , the subsets of  $\Omega$ :

$$\underline{P} = \bigcup_{[x]_{\mathcal{N}} \subseteq P} i_{\mathcal{N}}([x]_{\mathcal{N}}), \quad \overline{P} = \bigcup_{x \in P} i_{\mathcal{N}}([x]_{\mathcal{N}})$$

define the triple  $\ddot{\ddot{P}} = (P, \underline{P}, \overline{P})$  called Pawlak's concrete  
 rough set and the set  $P$  is called its support.

The set  $\check{P} = \overline{P} - \underline{P}$  is called the rough boundary.

The couple  $\Theta = (\Omega, \mathcal{N})$  is called approximation space of  
 $\Omega$  in the sense of  $\mathcal{N}$ .

The collections  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $\ddot{\mathcal{P}}$  of all  $\ddot{P}$  and  $\ddot{\ddot{P}}$  are called the  
abstract and concrete pawlakean of  $\Omega$ , respectively.

### 2. Rough set-theoretic operators.

From here we only deal the concrete pawlakean  $\ddot{\mathcal{P}}$ .

If  $\ddot{A}, \ddot{B} \in \ddot{\mathcal{P}}$ , results:

$$\ddot{A} \cup \ddot{B} \subseteq \underline{A \cup B} \subseteq A \cup B \subseteq \overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\underline{A \cap B} = \underline{A} \cap \underline{B} \subseteq A \cap B \subseteq \overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}.$$

From this inclusions it is clear that if we want to define  
 in  $\ddot{\mathcal{P}}$  the set-theoretic operators "union", "intersection"  
 and "complementation", we don't meet a natural formulation,  
 because  $\underline{A \cup B} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$  and  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$  not hold in  
 general case. But if we privilege the support set and its  
 set-theoretic operators, we can define in natural manner  
 the rough operators  $\sqcup, \sqcap, \neg$ . We pose:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg \overset{\dots}{A} &= \overset{\dots}{C} & \text{where } \overset{\dots}{C} &= (\Omega - A, \Omega - \bar{A}, \Omega - \underline{A}), \\ \overset{\dots}{A} \sqcup \overset{\dots}{B} &= \overset{\dots}{D} & \text{" } \overset{\dots}{D} &= (A \cup B, \underline{A \cup B}, \overline{A \cup B}), \\ \overset{\dots}{A} \sqcap \overset{\dots}{B} &= \overset{\dots}{E} & \text{" } \overset{\dots}{E} &= (A \cap B, \underline{A \cap B}, \overline{A \cap B}). \end{aligned}$$

The algebraic system  $(\overset{\dots}{\mathcal{P}}, \sqcup, \sqcap, \neg)$  is called rough space.

### C. ROUGH SETS AS FUZZY SETS.

In the rough and fuzzy set theory the main idea is the membership predicate. In this theories one can say that  $x$  surely or possibly belongs or surely not belongs: the difference between Pawlak's and Zadeh's theoris consiste in the various meanings of the word "possibly". For Pawlak the possible-membership values are ill-know, for Zadeh this values are know, gradual and notequals. If we give a constant value for the rough-possible, the rough set-theoretic operators can modifier this value; on the contrary the max and min operators dont modifie the corresponding fuzzy-possible value. Consequently it is necessary to find a good link between rough-membership value and **fuzzy**-membership value.

#### 1. Representation problem.

Let  $\Omega$  be a universe of discourse and  $\mathcal{A}, \overset{\dots}{\mathcal{P}}, \overset{\sim}{\mathcal{F}}$  its boolean, pawlakean and zadehan, respectively. Moreover,  $\overset{\dots}{\mathcal{E}} = (\overset{\dots}{\mathcal{P}}, \overset{\dots}{\cup}, \overset{\dots}{\cap}, \overset{\dots}{\neg})$  and  $\overset{\sim}{\mathcal{F}} = (\overset{\sim}{\mathcal{F}}, \overset{\sim}{\cup}, \overset{\sim}{\cap}, \overset{\sim}{\neg})$  are any associated algebraic systems.

If we want to find a connection between rough and fuzzy sets, we meet the classical representation

Problem: is it possible to find a map  $\omega : \overset{\dots}{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \overset{\sim}{\mathcal{F}}$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} - \omega(\overset{\dots}{A} \overset{\dots}{\cup} \overset{\dots}{B}) &= \omega(\overset{\dots}{A}) \omega(\overset{\dots}{\cup}) \omega(\overset{\dots}{B}) = \overset{\sim}{A} \overset{\sim}{\cup} \overset{\sim}{B} \\ - \omega(\overset{\dots}{A} \overset{\dots}{\cap} \overset{\dots}{B}) &= \omega(\overset{\dots}{A}) \omega(\overset{\dots}{\cap}) \omega(\overset{\dots}{B}) = \overset{\sim}{A} \overset{\sim}{\cap} \overset{\sim}{B} \\ - \omega(\overset{\dots}{\neg} \overset{\dots}{A}) &= \omega(\overset{\dots}{\neg}) \omega(\overset{\dots}{A}) = \overset{\sim}{\neg} \overset{\sim}{A} ? \end{aligned}$$

Naturally the starting point stand in the association between  $\ddot{A}$  and  $\tilde{A} = \omega(\ddot{A})$ , whence it is necessary to find a good membership value in  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ , when  $x \in \underline{A}$ ,  $x \in \check{A}$ ,  $x \in \Omega - \bar{A}$ .

Now we go to examine this problem through the Pawlak's and Wygralak's approaches.

A natural way consist in  $\ddot{A} \xrightarrow{\omega} \tilde{A}$  where:

$$\tilde{A}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x \in \underline{A} \\ 0 & \text{" } x \notin \bar{A} \\ 1/2 & \text{" } x \in \check{A}. \end{cases}$$

In this manner, Pawlak [2] examine the present problem in the case  $(\ddot{\rho}, \sqcup, \sqcap, \supset)$  and  $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \cup, \cap, ')$ , where the answer is negative: he remarks that

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega(A \sqcup B))(x) &\neq \max(\tilde{A}(x), \tilde{B}(x)) \quad \text{and} \\ (\omega(A \sqcap B))(x) &\neq \min(\tilde{A}(x), \tilde{B}(x)) \quad \text{in the general case.} \end{aligned}$$

Against this handicap, Wygralak [3] instead propose heterogeneously defined operators.

## 2. Wygralak's rough operators.

Here we repeat the Wygralak's ~~notations~~ propositions and their notations, where U is the universe of discourse.

Proposition 1. - For any rough sets Y, Z and for every  $x \in U$ :

$$(Y \sqcap Z)(x) = \begin{cases} \max(0, Y(x) + Z(x) - 1) & \text{if } Y(x) = Z(x) = 1/2 \text{ and} \\ & [x]_R \cap (Y \cap Z) = \emptyset \\ \min(Y(x), Z(x)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2. - For any rough sets Y, Z and for every  $x \in U$ :

$$(Y \sqcup Z)(x) = \begin{cases} \min(1, Y(x) + Z(x)) & \text{if } Y(x) = Z(x) = 1/2 \text{ and} \\ & [x]_R \subset Y \cup Z \\ \max(Y(x), Z(x)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Because in 1Top and 2Top is always  $Y(x)+Z(x)=1$ , we can give a simplified formulation of Wygralak's propositions.

$\forall \bar{A}, \bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\forall x \in \Omega$ , if  $\omega(\bar{A}) = \bar{A}$ , results:

$$(\omega(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})) (x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin \overline{A \cap B} \\ \bar{A}(x) \wedge \bar{B}(x) & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$(\omega(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})) (x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \underline{A \cup B} \\ \bar{A}(x) \vee \bar{B}(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This formulation avoids the expression "heterogeneously defined operations".

### 3. Finite probabilisticlike fuzzy space.

Let  $\Omega$  be a finite universe of discourse,  $\mathcal{B}$  its boolean,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  its zadehan and  $\pi \in \Pi$  a partition of  $\Omega$ .

$\forall F \in \mathcal{B}$  we pose this map:  $\Omega \xrightarrow{\mu_F} \Lambda$  so defined:

$$\mu_F(x) = \frac{\#([x]_{\pi} \cap F)}{\#[x]_{\pi}} \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

Results:  $\tilde{F} = (\Omega, \Lambda, \mu_F) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\tilde{F}' = (\Omega, \Lambda, \mu_{\Omega-F})$ .

Moreover, if  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$  we can define a t-norm  $\top$ :

$$\mu_A(x) \top \mu_B(x) = \frac{\#([x]_{\pi} \cap (A \cap B))}{\#[x]_{\pi}}$$

and its t-conorm  $\perp$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x) \perp \mu_B(x) &= \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - (\mu_A(x) \top \mu_B(x)) = \\ &= \frac{\#([x]_{\pi} \cap A) + \#([x]_{\pi} \cap B) - \#([x]_{\pi} \cap (A \cap B))}{\#[x]_{\pi}} \end{aligned}$$



The corresponding algebraic system  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \hat{\cdot}, \hat{\cdot}, \cdot)$  is a finite probabilisticlike fuzzy space, where in particular results:  $\tilde{F} \hat{\cdot} \tilde{F}' = \tilde{\Omega}$  and  $\tilde{F} \hat{\cdot} \tilde{F}' = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . In this space the fuzzy sets are expressed by 3-valued membership functions.

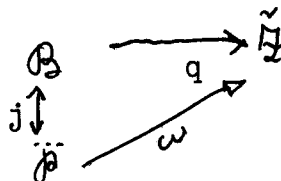
#### 4. Rough sets as probabilisticlike fuzzy sets.

Let  $\Omega$  be a finite universe of discourse and  $\mathcal{B}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  its boolean, pawlakean and zadehan, respectively; and moreover given the algebraic systems:  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{B}}, \sqcup, \sqcap, \neg)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \hat{\cdot}, \hat{\cdot}, \cdot)$ .

Proposition. There is a map  $\omega: \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  such that:

- 1)  $\omega(\tilde{A} \sqcup \tilde{B}) = \omega(\tilde{A}) \omega(\sqcup) \omega(\tilde{B}) = \tilde{A} \hat{\cdot} \tilde{B}$
- 2)  $\omega(\tilde{A} \sqcap \tilde{B}) = \omega(\tilde{A}) \omega(\sqcap) \omega(\tilde{B}) = \tilde{A} \hat{\cdot} \tilde{B}$
- 3)  $\omega(\neg \tilde{A}) = \omega(\neg) \omega(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}'$ .

If we write the diagram:



between  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  there is a 1-1 correspondance (trivially  $\mathcal{B} \ni A \xrightarrow{j} (A, \underline{A}, \bar{A}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ ). Moreover, let  $q$  be the correspondance defined by  $q(A) = \tilde{A}$ , where its membership function is the map  $\mu_A$  defined in 3 of this section:

$$x \xrightarrow{\mu_A} \frac{\#([x]_{\mathcal{R}} \cap A)}{\# [x]_{\mathcal{R}}} \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

Results:  $\omega(\tilde{A}) = q(j(\tilde{A})) = q(A) = \tilde{A}$  and 1), 2), 3) are satisfied.

#### 5. Conclusions.

For Pawlak and Wygralak, when  $x$  stand in the rough boundary, its value is allways constant and equal to 1/2; in this paper it is constant but only into the equivalence class. Practically if we have, into the indiscernibility class, for every element, a non-principal know information (a measure), we can try an approach to the discernibility.

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