# On n-reverse of implicators

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Abstract. For given implicator I we can construct the binary operation  $I^*:[0;1]^2 \to [0;1]$  such that  $I^*(x,y) = \max \Big[0,\min \Big(1,n(x)-n(y)+I\Big(n(x),n(y)\Big)\Big]$ , where n is an negator. The binary operation  $I^*$  is called the reverse of implicator I. Generally,  $I^*$  cann't be an implicator. The implicator I is reversible if  $I^*$  is an implicator too. The condition of reversibility of implicators are studied.

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### **Preliminaries**

**Definition 1.** The unary operator  $n:[0;1] \rightarrow [0;1]$  is called *negator* iff

- (n1)  $a \le b \Rightarrow n(a) \ge n(b)$
- (n2) n(0) = 1, n(1) = 0

The negator I is called **involutive** if n(n(a)) = a for any  $a \in [0,1]$ 

**Definition 2.** The binary operation I:  $[0;1]^2 \rightarrow [0;1]$  is called *implicator* if for any a,b,c  $\in [0;1]$  hold

- (i1)  $b \le c \Rightarrow I(a, b) \le I(a, c)$ ,  $I(b, a) \ge I(c, a)$  (hybrid monotonicity)
- (i2) I(0,0) = I(1,1) = 1, I(1,0) = 0

(bondary conditions)

**Corollary 1.** Using (i1), (i2) we have: 1 = I(0,y) = I(x,1) for all  $x,y \in [0,1]$ 

**Definition 3.** The implicator I is contrapositive with respect to negator n if

$$I(x,y) = I((n(y), n(x)) \text{ for all } x, y \in [0,1]$$

**Definition 4.** The implicator I is border if I(1,y) = y for all  $y \in [0,1]$ .

There exist many ways how to construct implicators. One of them use t-norms and t-conorms.

**Definition 5.** The binary operation  $T: [0;1]^2 \rightarrow [0;1]$  is called **t-norm** if for any  $a,b,c \in [0;1]$  hold

- (t1) T(1,a) = a
- (boundary condition)
- (t2)  $a \le b \implies T(a,c) \le T(b,c)$  (monotonicity)
- (t3) T(a,b) = T(b,a)
- (commutativity)
- (t4) T(T(a,b),c) = T(a,T(b,c)) (associativity)

The binary operation  $S: [0;1]^2 \rightarrow [0;1]$  defined by

$$S(x,y) = n(T(n(x),n(y)))$$

where T is a t-norm and n is an involutive negator, is called **t-conorm** dual to the t-norm T with respect to the negator n. Evidently then S(x,y) = n(T(n(x),n(y))). If n(x) = 1-x we shall simly say that S is dual to T.

**Example 1.** The family of Frank t-norms  $\{T_s^F, s \in [0, \infty]\}$  is defined by

$$T_0^F(x,y) = T_M(x,y) = \min(x,y)$$
  $T_1^F(x,y) = T_P(x,y) = xy$ 

$$T_{\infty}^{F}(x,y) = T_{L}(x,y) = \max(0,x+y-1)$$

$$T_s^F(x,y) = \log_s(1 + (s^x - 1)(s^y - 1)/(s - 1)), s > 0, s \ne 1$$

The family of Frank t-conorms is given by  $S_s^F(x,y) = 1 - T_s^F(1-x,1-y)$ 

Let T be a t-norm S be a dual t-conorm, n be a negator then the binary operation

$$I(x,y) = n(T(x,n(y)) = S(n(x),y)$$

is implicator. If n is an involutive negator then such implicator I is so-called model implicator i.e. contrapositive border and fullfils the exchange principle:

$$I(a,I(b,c)) = I(b,I(a,c))$$

**Example 2.** Let  $T(x,y) = T_p(x,y) = xy$  and n(x) = 1 - x. We obtain the Reichenbach implicator:  $I_p(x,y) = 1 - x(1-y) = 1 - x - xy$ 

**Example 3.** Let  $T(x,y) = T_L(x,y) = Max(0, x+y-1)$ , n(x) = 1 - x. We obtain the Lukasiewicz implicator  $I_L(x,y) = Min(1,1-x+y)$ 

**Example 4.**  $T(x,y) = T_M(x,y) = Min(x,y)$  and n(x) = 1 - x. We obtain the Kleene-Dienes implicator  $I_M(x,y) = Max(1-x,y)$ 

Now we shall show some way how to generate implicators from given ones.

## The reverse of implicators

**Definition 6.** Let I be an implicator, n be a negator. The binary operation  $I_n^*: [0,1]^2 \to [0,1]$  defined by

$$I_n^*(x,y) = /n(x) - n(y) + I(n(x),n(y))/$$

where a = min(1, max(0,a)), is called the n-reverse of implicator I.

Evidently, 
$$I_n^*(0,0) = I_n^*(1,1) = I_n^*(0,1) = 1$$
,  $I_n^*(1,0) = 0$ ,  $I_n^*(x,0) = n(x)$ ,  $I_n^*(1,y) = 1 - n(y)$ ,

but  $I^*$  need not be an implicator . If  $I_n^*$  is an implicator then we shall say that I is n-reversible.

**Example 5.** Let  $I(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=0 \text{ or } y=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherw.} \end{cases}$ , n be a continuous negator. Take  $y \in (0,1)$  such

that  $n(y) \in (0,1)$ . Then  $I_n^*(0,y) = /1 - n(y) + I(1,n(y))/ = 1 - n(y) \neq 1$  which contradicts (i1).

Thus In isn't implicator.

**Theorem 1.** If n is continuous negator and  $I_n^*$  is an implicator then  $I(1,y) \ge y$ .

Proof. If  $I_n^*$  is an implicator then  $1=I_n^*(0,y)=/1-n(y)+I(1,n(y))/$ . It follows that

 $1-n(y)+I(1,n(y)) \ge 1$  or  $I(1,n(y)) \ge n(y)$ . The continuity of n gives the required inequality.

Let  $n_1$  be another negator. Then we define Lukasiewics  $n_1$ -implicator as follows:

$$I_{n_1,L}(x,y) = \min(1,n_1(x)+y)$$

**Theorem 2.** Let n be a continuous negator. Then  $I_{n_1,L}$  is n-reversible iff  $n_1(y) \ge 1-y$  for all  $y \in [0,1]$ .

Proof.  $(I_{n_1,L})_n^* = /n(x) - n(y) + \min(1, n_1(n(x)) + n(y)) / (n(x)) + \min(1, n_1(n(x)) + n(y)) / (n(x)) + n(y) / (n(x)) +$ 

If  $\left(I_{n_1,L}\right)_n^*$  is an implicator then  $1 = \left(I_{n_1,L}\right)_n^*(x,1) = /n(x) + n_1(n(x))/$ 

Thus  $n(x) + n_1(n(x)) \ge 1$ . The continuity of n gives  $y + n_1(y) \ge 1$  Conversly, let  $y + n_1(y) \ge 1$ 

Then  $(I_{n_1,L})_n^*(y,y) = /\min(1,n_1(n(y)) + n(y)) / = 1$ . It can be easily shown that

$$\left(I_{n_1,L}\right)_n^* = 1$$
 for  $y > x$ 

and

$$(I_{n_1,L})_n^*(x,y) = /n(x) - n(y) + 1/$$
 for  $y \ge x$ 

Such binary operation is the implicator.

**Example 6.** Let n(x) = 1 - x,  $n_1(x) = 1 - \sqrt{2x - x^2}$ . Then

$$(I_{n_1,L})_n^* = /y - x + \min(1,2 - y - \sqrt{1 - x^2}) /$$

isn't implicator. E.g.  $(I_{n_1,L})_n^*(0.5;1) = 0.63$ 

In the following we shall be using the negator n(x) = 1-x only. For such negator we shall denote  $I^* = I_n^*$ . It means

$$I^*(x,y) = /y - x + I(1-x,1-y)/$$

If  $I^*$  is the negator then we say that I is reversible.

**Theorem 3.** If I is reversible implicator then I\* is an border implicator.

Proof. 
$$I^*(1,y) = /y - 1 + I(0,1-y)/ = y$$
.

Then Theorem 3 allows to generate border implicators from another ones.

**Theorem 4.** If I is a contrapositive (with respect to n(x)=1-x) reversible negator. The  $I^*$  is contrapositive negator.

Proof. 
$$I^*(1-y,1-x) = /y - x + I(y,x)/ = /y - x + I(1-x,1-y)/ = I^*(x,y)$$

**Example 7.** Let  $I(x,y) = I_L(x,y) = \min(1,1-x+y)$  (Lukasiewics implicator) Then  $I^* = I_L$ .

**Theorem 5.** If  $I \ge I_L$  then I is reversible and  $I^* = I_L$ 

Proof. If  $x \le y$  then  $1-x \ge 1-y$  and

$$I^*(x,y) = /y - x + I(1-x,1-y)/ \ge /y - x + I_1(1-x,1-y)/ = 1 = I_1(x,y)$$

If x > y then 1 - x < 1 - y and

$$I^*(x,y) = /y - x + I(1-x,1-y)/ \ge /y - x + 1/ = I_1(x,y)$$

**Theorem 6.** If I is a reversible implicator then  $I(x,y) \ge I_M(x,y) = Max(1-x,y)$ .

Proof. If I is reversible then  $1 = I^*(x,1) = /1 - x + I(1-x,0)/$ . Thus

$$I(1-x,0) \ge x$$
 or  $I(x,0) \ge 1-x$ . Similarly,  $1 = I^*(0,y) = /y + I(1,1-y)/$ . Therefore  $I(1,1-y) \ge 1-y$  or  $I(1,y) \ge y$ 

The next theorem gives some necessary and sufficient condition for the reversibility of implicators (without proof)..

Theorem 7. Let I be an implicator. Denote

$$Q(x,y) = \min(I(x,y),I_L(x,y)) = \min(1,I(x,y),1-x+y)$$

Then I is reversible iff  $|Q(x,y) - Q(x,z)| \le |z-y|$  and  $|Q(x,y) - Q(z,y)| \le |x-z|$  and  $I(x,y) \ge I_M(x,y) = Max(1-x,y)$ 

#### Selfreversibility

If  $I = I^*$  then the implicator I is called selfreversible. Example 6 implies that Lukasiewics implicator  $I_L$  is selfreversibe. For given t-norm T we can define a binary operation

$$T^*:[0,1]^2 \to [0,1]$$
 such that

$$T^* = /x + y - 1 + T(1 - x, 1 - y) / = max(0, x + y - 1 + T(1 - x, 1 - y))$$

If  $T^*$  is t-norm too then T is called the t-reversible t-norm. If  $T = T^*$  then T is called selfreversible. The selfreversible implicator.

Theorem 8. Let T be a selfreversible t-norm, S is dual t-norm then the implicator

$$I(x,y) = 1 - T(x,1-y) = S(1-x,y)$$

is the selfreversible implicator.

Proof.

**Remark.** In [] was proved that t-norm T is selfreversible iff T is a Frank norm or a symmetrical ordinal sum of Frank t-norm. Recall that the ordinal sum of t-norm is the t-norm defined as follows:

Let  $\{(a_k,b_k),k\in K\}$  be a family of pairwise disjoint subintervals of [0,1] and  $\{T_k,k\in K\}$  be a family of t-norms different from  $T_M$ . Then The ordinal sum  $\{a_k,b_k,T_k\}$  is the t-norm defined by

$$T(x,y) = a_k + (b_k - a_k)T\left(\frac{x - a_k}{b_k - a_k}, \frac{y - a_k}{b_k - a_k}\right) \text{ if } x, y \in [a_k, b_k]$$

T(x,y) = min(x,y) otherwise

The ordinal sum  $\{a_k, b_k, T_k\}$  is symmetrical if for any  $i \in K$  there exists  $j \in K$  such that  $a_i + b_j = 1$ ,  $a_j + b_i = 1$  and  $T_i = T_j$ 

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