

Demonic fuzzy operators

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Abstract: We deal with a relational algebra model to define a refinement fuzzy ordering (*demonic fuzzy inclusion*) and also the associated fuzzy operations which are fuzzy demonic join (\sqcup_{fuz}), fuzzy demonic meet (\sqcap_{fuz}) and fuzzy demonic composition (\square_{fuz}). We give also some properties of these operations and illustrate them with simple examples. Our formalism is the relational algebra.

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1 Relation Algebras

Our mathematical tool is abstract relation algebra [8, 31, 33], which we now introduce.

Definition 1 A (*homogeneous*) *relation algebra* is a structure $(\mathcal{R}, \cup, \cap, \bar{}, \smile, \vdash)$ over a non-empty set \mathcal{R} of elements, called *relations*, such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- $(\mathcal{R}, \cup, \cap, \bar{})$ is a complete Boolean algebra, with zero element \emptyset , universal element L and ordering \subseteq .
- *Composition*, denoted by (\vdash) , is associative and has an identity element, denoted by I .
- The Schröder rule is satisfied: $P:Q \subseteq R \Leftrightarrow P\smile;\bar{R} \subseteq \bar{Q} \Leftrightarrow \bar{R}:Q\smile \subseteq \bar{P}$.
- $L:R:L = L \Leftrightarrow R \neq \emptyset$ (Tarski rule).

The relation $R\smile$ is called the *converse* of R . The standard model of the above axioms is the set $\mathcal{O}(S \times S)$ of all subsets of $S \times S$. In this model, $\cup, \cap, \bar{}$ are the usual *union*, *intersection* and *complement*, respectively; the relation \emptyset is the empty relation, the universal relation is $L = S \times S$ and the identity relation is $I = \{(s, s') \mid s' = s\}$. Converse and composition are defined by

$$R\smile = \{(s, s') \mid (s', s) \in R\} \quad \text{and} \quad Q:R = \{(s, s') \mid \exists s'' : (s, s'') \in Q \wedge (s'', s') \in R\}.$$

Definition 2 A relation $R \subseteq X \times X$ is :

- (a) *reflexive* iff $I \subseteq R$, i.e. $(\forall x : (x, x) \in R)$,
- (b) *transitive* iff $R:R \subseteq R$, i.e. $(\forall x, y, z : (x, z) \in R \text{ and } (z, y) \in R \Rightarrow (x, y) \in R)$,

(c) *symmetric* iff $R \subseteq R\smile$, i.e. $(\forall x, y : (x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in R)$,

(d) *antisymmetric* iff $R \cap R\smile \subseteq I$, i.e.. $(\forall x, y : (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (x, y) \in R\smile \Rightarrow x = y)$,

(e) *equivalence* iff R verifies properties (a), (b) and (c),

(f) *order* iff R verifies properties (a), (b) and (d)

The precedence of the relational operators from highest to lowest is the following: $\bar{}$ and \smile bind equally, followed by \vdash , then by \cap , and finally by \cup . From now on, the composition operator symbol \vdash will be omitted (that is, we write QR for $Q:R$). From Definition 1, the usual rules of the calculus of relations can be derived (see, e.g., [6, 8, 31]). We assume these rules to be known and simply recall a few of them.

Theorem 3 Let P, Q, R be relations. Then,

1. $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in X} R_i} = \bigcap_{i \in X} \bar{R}_i$,
2. $\overline{\bigcap_{i \in X} R_i} = \bigcup_{i \in X} \bar{R}_i$,
3. $\overline{Q \cup R} = \bar{Q} \cap \bar{R}$,
4. $\overline{Q \cap R} = \bar{Q} \cup \bar{R}$,
5. $(Q \cap R) \cup \bar{R} = Q \cup \bar{R}$,
6. $P \cap Q \subseteq R \Leftrightarrow P \subseteq \bar{Q} \cup R$,
7. $Q \subseteq R \Leftrightarrow \bar{R} \subseteq \bar{Q}$,
8. $Q(\bigcup_{i \in X} R_i) = \bigcup_{i \in X} QR_i$,
9. $(\bigcup_{i \in X} Q_i)R = \bigcup_{i \in X} Q_iR$,

10. $(P \cup Q)R = PR \cup QR$,
11. $P(Q \cup R) = PQ \cup PR$,
12. $Q(\bigcap_{i \in X} R_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in X} QR_i$,
13. $(\bigcap_{i \in X} Q_i)R \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in X} Q_iR$,
14. $P(Q \cap R) \subseteq PQ \cap PR$,
15. $(P \cap Q)R \subseteq PR \cap QR$,
16. $(\bigcup_{i \in X} R_i)^\sim = \bigcup_{i \in X} R_i^\sim$,
17. $(Q \cup R)^\sim = Q^\sim \cup R^\sim$,
18. $(\bigcap_{i \in X} R_i)^\sim = \bigcap_{i \in X} R_i^\sim$,
19. $(Q \cap R)^\sim = Q^\sim \cap R^\sim$,
20. $(QR)^\sim = R^\sim Q^\sim$,
21. $R^\sim = R$,
22. $I^\sim = I$,
23. $\overline{R^\sim} = \overline{R}$,
24. $Q \subseteq R \Rightarrow PQ \subseteq PR$,
25. $Q \subseteq R \Rightarrow QP \subseteq RP$.
26. $R\emptyset = \emptyset R = \emptyset$,
27. $RI = IR = R$
28. $\overline{RL} = \overline{RL}$,
29. $PQ \cap R \subseteq (P \cap RQ^\sim)(Q \cap P^\sim R)$,
30. $PQ \cap R \subseteq P(Q \cap P^\sim R)$,
31. $PQ \cap R \subseteq (P \cap RQ^\sim)Q$,
32. $(P \cap QL)R = PR \cap QL$,
33. $LL = L$,
34. $(\bigcap_{i \in X} R_iL)L = \bigcap_{i \in X} R_iL$,
35. $(QL \cap RL)L = QL \cap RL$,
36. $(\bigcup_{i \in X} R_iL)L = \bigcup_{i \in X} R_iL$,
37. $(QL \cup RL)L = QL \cup RL$,
38. $(P \cap QL)R = PR \cap QL$,
39. $(P \cap LQ^\sim)R = P(R \cap QL)$,
40. $QLR = QL \cap LR$.
41. $R = (I \cap RR^\sim)R$.

Definition 4 A relation R is :

- (a) deterministic iff $R^\sim R \subseteq I$,
- (b) total iff $L = RL$ (equivalent to $I \subseteq RR^\sim$),
- (c) an application iff it is total and deterministic,
- (d) injective iff R^\sim is deterministic (i.e. $RR^\sim \subseteq I$),
- (e) surjective iff R^\sim is total (i.e. $LR = L$, or also $I \subseteq R^\sim R$),
- (f) a partial identity iff $R \subseteq I$ (sub-identity),
- (g) a vector iff $R = RL$ (the vectors are usually denoted by the letter v),
- (h) a point iff $R \neq \emptyset$, $R = RL$ and $RR^\sim \subseteq I$. ■

A function is a deterministic relation.

Theorem 5 Let P , Q and R be relations.

- (a) Q deterministic $\Rightarrow Q(\bigcap_{i \in X} R_i) = \bigcap_{i \in X} QR_i$,
- (b) Q injective $\Rightarrow (\bigcap_{i \in X} R_i)Q = \bigcap_{i \in X} R_iQ$,
- (c) P deterministic $\Rightarrow (Q \cap RP^\sim)P = QP \cap R$,
- (d) P injective $\Rightarrow P(P^\sim Q \cap R) = Q \cap PR$,
- (e) Q total $\Leftrightarrow \overline{QR} \subseteq \overline{QR}$,
- (f) Q deterministic $\Rightarrow \overline{QR} = QL \cap \overline{QR}$,
- (g) Q application $\Rightarrow \overline{QR} = \overline{QR}$,
- (h) Q surjective $\Leftrightarrow \overline{RQ} \subseteq \overline{RQ}$,
- (i) Q injective $\Rightarrow \overline{RQ} = LQ \cap \overline{RQ}$,
- (j) Q deterministic $\Rightarrow \overline{QR} \cup \overline{QL} = \overline{QR}$,
- (k) Q injective $\Rightarrow \overline{RQ} \cup \overline{LQ} = \overline{RQ}$,
- (l) Q, R deterministic $\Rightarrow QR$ deterministic,
- (m) Q, R injectives $\Rightarrow QR$ injective,
- (n) Q, R total $\Rightarrow QR$ total,
- (o) Q, R surjective $\Rightarrow QR$ surjective,
- (p) $Q \subseteq R$, R deterministic and $RL \subseteq QL \Rightarrow Q = R$,
- (q) $Q \subseteq R$, R injective and $LR \subseteq LQ \Rightarrow Q = R$,
- (r) R deterministic $\Rightarrow Q \cap R$ deterministic,

- (s) R injective $\Rightarrow Q \cap R$ injective,
- (t) R total $\Rightarrow Q \cup R$ total,
- (u) R surjective $\Rightarrow Q \cup R$ surjective. ■

2 Fuzzy Relation

Fuzzy relations are fuzzy subsets of $A \times B$, that is, mapping from $A \rightarrow B$. They have been studied by a number of authors, in particular by Zadeh [41],[42], Kaufmann [21] and Rosenfeld [29]. Applications of fuzzy relations are widespread and important.

Definition 6 Let $A, B \in U$ be universal sets, a fuzzy relation \tilde{R} on $A \times B$ is defined by:

$\tilde{R} = \{(x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in A \times B, \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \in [0, 1]\}$ is called a fuzzy relation on $A \times B$.

Example 7

$\tilde{R} =$ "x considerably larger than y", we have: ,

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 1 & 0.1 & 0.7 \\ 0 & 0.8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.7 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $\tilde{S} =$ "y very close to x"

$$\tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0 & 0.9 & 0.6 \\ 0.9 & 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0.8 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2.1 Basic Operations On Fuzzy Relations

Definition 8 Let \tilde{R} and \tilde{S} be two fuzzy relations on $A \times B$. Then the following operations are defined:

- **Union:** $\mu_{\tilde{R} \cup \tilde{S}}(x, y) = \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \vee \mu_{\tilde{S}}(x, y),$
- **Intersection:** $\mu_{\tilde{R} \cap \tilde{S}}(x, y) = \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{\tilde{S}}(x, y),$
- **Max-min composition:**
 $\tilde{R} \circ \tilde{S} = \{[(x, z), \vee_y \{\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{\tilde{S}}(y, z)\}]\}.$

Example 9

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 1 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0 & 0.9 \\ 0.9 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then:

- $\tilde{R} \cup \tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 1 & 0.9 \\ 0.9 & 0.8 & 0.5 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix},$
- $\tilde{R} \cap \tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix},$
- $\tilde{R} \circ \tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.9 & 0.4 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}.$

Definition 10 Let \tilde{R} be a fuzzy relation on $A \times A$.

- \tilde{R} is reflexive [42] iff $\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, x) = 1 \forall x \in A,$
- \tilde{R} is transitive iff $\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, z) \geq \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{\tilde{R}}(y, z), \forall x, y, z \in A,$
- \tilde{R} is symmetric iff $\tilde{R}(x, y) = \tilde{R}(y, x),$
- \tilde{R} is antisymmetric [21] iff for $x \neq y$ either $\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \neq \mu_{\tilde{R}}(y, x)$ or $\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) = \mu_{\tilde{R}}(y, x) = 0, \forall x, y \in A,$
- \tilde{R} is equivalence iff \tilde{R} is reflexive, transitive, and symmetric,
- \tilde{R} is order iff \tilde{R} is reflexive, transitive, and anti-symmetric.

Example 11

- (\tilde{R} is reflexive):

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.1 & 1 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 & 1 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- (\tilde{R} is transitive):

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 1 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0.1 & 1 & 1 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- (\tilde{R} is symmetric):

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.1 & 0 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.8 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- (\tilde{R} is antisymmetric):

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0 & 0.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.9 & 0.6 \\ 0.8 & 0.4 & 0.7 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- (\tilde{R} is equivalence):

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 & y_5 & y_6 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 1 & 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.6 \\ 0.2 & 1 & 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 1 & 0.2 & 1 & 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.6 \\ 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.6 & 1 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.2 & 0.2 & 1 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.8 & 0.2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The following properties have been proved to hold for fuzzy relations (see [22, 23]);

Theorem 12 Let \tilde{R} , \tilde{S} and \tilde{T} be fuzzy relations. Then:

- (a) $\tilde{R}(\tilde{S}\tilde{T}) = (\tilde{R}\tilde{S})\tilde{T}$,
- (b) $\tilde{R}(\tilde{S} \cup \tilde{T}) = (\tilde{R}\tilde{S}) \cup (\tilde{R}\tilde{T})$,
- (c) $\tilde{R}(\tilde{S} \cap \tilde{T}) \subseteq (\tilde{R}\tilde{S}) \cap (\tilde{R}\tilde{T})$,
- (d) $\tilde{S} \subseteq \tilde{T} \implies \tilde{R}\tilde{S} \subseteq \tilde{R}\tilde{T}$,
- (e) $\tilde{S} \subseteq \tilde{T} \implies \tilde{S}\tilde{R} \subseteq \tilde{T}\tilde{R}$,
- (f) $\tilde{R}\tilde{I} = \tilde{I}\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}$ for all fuzzy relation \tilde{R} ,
- (g) $(\tilde{R}\tilde{S})^\sim = \tilde{S}^\sim \tilde{R}^\sim$,
- (h) $\tilde{R}^\sim = \tilde{R}$,
- (i) $(\tilde{R} \cup \tilde{S})^\sim = \tilde{R}^\sim \cup \tilde{S}^\sim$,
- (j) $(\tilde{R} \cap \tilde{S})^\sim = \tilde{R}^\sim \cap \tilde{S}^\sim$,
- (k) $\tilde{R} \subseteq \tilde{S} \implies \tilde{R}^\sim \subseteq \tilde{S}^\sim$.

3 A demonic order refinement

We will give the definition of our ordering.

Definition 13 We say that a relation Q refines a relation R [25], denoted by $Q \sqsubseteq R$, iff

$$RL \subseteq QL \text{ and } Q \cap RL \subseteq R,$$

or equivalently, iff

$$Q \cup \overline{QL} \subseteq R \cup \overline{RL} \text{ and } \overline{QL} \subseteq \overline{RL}.$$

Example 14

- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sqsubseteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$,
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \not\sqsubseteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Theorem 15 The relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order.

Proof. From Definition(13), it easily follows that the refinement relation is antisymmetric:

$$\begin{aligned} & Q \sqsubseteq R \text{ and } R \sqsubseteq Q \\ \iff & \{ \text{Definition (13)} \} \\ & Q \cup \overline{QL} = R \cup \overline{RL} \text{ and } \overline{QL} = \overline{RL} \\ \implies & \{ \overline{QL} = \overline{RL} \iff QL = RL \} \\ & (Q \cup \overline{QL}) \cap QL = (R \cup \overline{RL}) \cap RL \\ \implies & \{ \text{Boolean law.} \} \\ & Q = R \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, \sqsubseteq is reflexive and transitive (due to the fact that the inclusion \subseteq has these properties); since it is also antisymmetric, it is partial order.

3.1 Demonic operators

In this subsection, we will present demonic operators and also some of their properties. For more details see [4, 5, 7, 13]. To clarify the ideas, take two relations Q and R :

- Their supremum is

$$Q \sqcup R = (Q \cup R) \cap QL \cap RL,$$

and satisfies

$$(Q \sqcup R)L = QL \cap RL.$$

Then, $Q \sqcup R$ is exactly the relational expression of the *demonic union* as defined by [4, 5] (which explains the word *demonic* of \sqcup -semilattice $(\mathcal{B}_R, \sqsubseteq)$).

- Their infimum, if it exists, is

$$\begin{aligned} Q \sqcap R &= (Q \cup \overline{QL}) \cap (R \cup \overline{RL}) \cap (QL \cup RL) \\ &= Q \cap R \cup Q \cap \overline{RL} \cup R \cap \overline{QL}, \end{aligned}$$

and it satisfies

$$(Q \sqcap R)L = QL \cup RL.$$

The operator \sqcap is called *demonic intersection*. For $Q \sqcap R$ to exist, we have to verify $L \subseteq ((Q \cup \overline{QL}) \cap (R \cup \overline{RL}))L$. This condition is equivalent to $QL \cap RL \subseteq (Q \cap R)L$, which can be interpreted as follows: the existence condition simply means on the intersection of their domains, Q and R have to agree for at least one value.

Example 16

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sqcup \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sqcap \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In what follows, we will give the definition of demonic composition [4, 5, 6].

Definition 17 The binary operator \triangleright , called *relative implication*, is defined as follows :

$$Q \triangleright R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{QR}.$$

Definition 18 The demonic composition of relations Q and R is

$$Q \square R = QR \cap Q \triangleright RL.$$

Example 19

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \square \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3.2 Properties of demonic operators

The demonic operators \sqcap, \sqcup and \square have the same properties as \cap, \cup and $(:)$, but the demonic intersections have to be defined. Let us give some of them.

Theorem 20 Let P, Q and R be relations. Then,

- (a) $P \sqcap (Q \sqcup R) = (P \sqcap Q) \sqcup (P \sqcap R)$,
- (b) $P \sqcup (Q \sqcap R) = (P \sqcup Q) \sqcap (P \sqcup R)$,
- (c) $R \square I = I \square R = R$,
- (d) $Q \sqsubseteq R \Rightarrow P \square Q \sqsubseteq P \square R$,
- (e) $P \sqsubseteq Q \Rightarrow P \square R \sqsubseteq Q \square R$,
- (f) $P \square (Q \sqcup R) = P \square Q \sqcup P \square R$,

- (g) $(P \sqcup Q) \square R = P \square R \sqcup Q \square R$,
- (h) $P \square (Q \sqcap R) \sqsubseteq P \square Q \sqcap P \square R$,
- (i) $P \square (Q \square R) = (P \square Q) \square R$,
- (j) $(P \sqcap Q) \square R \sqsubseteq P \square R \sqcap Q \square R$. ■

Proposition 21

- (a) Q deterministic $\Rightarrow Q \square R = QR$,
- (b) P deterministic $\Rightarrow P \square (Q \sqcap R) = PQ \sqcap PR$,
- (c) R total $\Rightarrow Q \square R = QR$,
- (d) $PL \cap QL = \emptyset \Rightarrow (P \cup Q) \square R = P \square R \cup Q \square R$,
- (e) $PL \cap QL = \emptyset \Rightarrow P \sqcap Q = P \cup Q$.

4 A demonic fuzzy order refinement

We will give the definition of domain of fuzzy relations \tilde{R} .

Definition 22 The domain of \tilde{R} is supremum of value in first row of the matrix, and the image of \tilde{R} is supremum of value in first column of the matrix. Formally,

$$\text{dom}(\tilde{R}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{sup}_{y \in B} \{((x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y)) \mid \forall x \in A\},$$

$$\text{img}(\tilde{R}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{sup}_{x \in A} \{((x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y)) \mid \forall y \in B\}.$$

- The vectors $\tilde{R}\tilde{L}$ and $\tilde{R} \sim \tilde{L}$ are particular vectors characterizing respectively the domain and codomain of \tilde{R} .

Now, we will give the definition of fuzzy ordering.

Definition 23 We say that a fuzzy relation \tilde{Q} fuzzy refines a fuzzy relation \tilde{R} , denoted by $\tilde{Q} \sqsubseteq_{\text{fuz}} \tilde{R}$, iff

$$\tilde{R}\tilde{L} \subseteq \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \text{ and } \tilde{Q} \cap \tilde{R}\tilde{L} \subseteq \tilde{R}$$

i.e $(\forall y \in B \{ \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \} \leq \forall y \in B \{ \mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y) \})$ and $(\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y) \wedge (\forall y \in B \{ \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y) \}) \leq \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y))$.

In other words, \tilde{Q} refines \tilde{R} if and only if the prerestriction of \tilde{Q} to the domain of \tilde{R} is included in \tilde{R} . This means that \tilde{Q} must not produce results not allowed by \tilde{R} for those states that are in the domain of \tilde{R} .

Example 24

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.7 & 0.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \sqsubseteq_{\text{fuz}} \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.5 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.9 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.7 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix} \not\sqsubseteq_{\text{fuz}} \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 25 The relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order.

4.1 Fuzzy Demonic operators

In this subsection, we will present fuzzy demonic operators and also some of their properties.

To clarify the ideas, take two relations \tilde{Q} and \tilde{R} :

- Their supremum is

$$\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R} = (\tilde{Q} \vee \tilde{R}) \wedge \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \wedge \tilde{R}\tilde{L},$$

\iff

$$\mu_{(\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R})}(x, y) = \min\{\max\{\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y)\}, \max_y(\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y)), \max_y(\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y))\}$$

and satisfies

$$(\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R})\tilde{L} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \cap \tilde{R}\tilde{L}.$$

Then, $\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}$ is exactly the relational expression of the *fuzzy demonic union*.

- Their infimum, if it exists, is

$$\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R} = (\tilde{Q} \wedge \tilde{R}) \vee (\tilde{Q} \wedge 1 - \tilde{R}\tilde{L}) \vee (\tilde{R} \wedge 1 - \tilde{Q}\tilde{L})$$

\iff

$$\mu_{(\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R})}(x, y) = \max\{\min\{\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y)\}, \min\{\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y), 1 - \max_y(\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y))\}, \min\{\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y), 1 - \max_y(\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y))\}\}$$

and it satisfies

$$(\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R})\tilde{L} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \cup \tilde{R}\tilde{L}.$$

The operator \sqcap_{fuz} is called *fuzzy demonic intersection*. For $\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}$ to exist, we have to verify $\tilde{L} \subseteq (\tilde{Q} \cup \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \cap \tilde{R} \cup \tilde{R}\tilde{L})$. This condition is equivalent to $\tilde{Q}\tilde{L} \cap \tilde{R}\tilde{L} \subseteq (\tilde{Q} \cap \tilde{R})\tilde{L}$, which can be interpreted as follows: the existence condition simply means that on the intersection of their domains, \tilde{Q} and \tilde{R} have to agree for at least one value.

In what follows, we will give the definition of the fuzzy demonic composition.

Definition 26 The fuzzy demonic composition of relations \tilde{Q} and \tilde{R} is

$$\tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R} \wedge 1 - \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}\tilde{L}$$

\iff

$$\mu_{(\tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R})}(x, y) = \min[\max_y\{\min\{\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y), \mu_{\tilde{R}}(y, z)\}\}, 1 - \max_y\{\min\{\mu_{\tilde{Q}}(x, y), 1 - \max_y(\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x, y))\}\}]$$

Example 27

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.8 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.4 \\ 0.9 & 0.7 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then:

- $\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$

- $\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0.7 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$

- $\tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$

4.2 Properties of fuzzy demonic operators

The fuzzy demonic operators \sqcap_{fuz} , \sqcup_{fuz} and \square_{fuz} , have the same properties as \sqcap , \sqcup and \square , but the fuzzy demonic intersections have to be defined. Let us give some of them.

Theorem 28 Let \tilde{P} , \tilde{Q} and \tilde{R} be fuzzy relations. Then,

- $\tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}) = (\tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \sqcup_{fuz} (\tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R})$,
- $\tilde{P} \sqcup_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}) = (\tilde{P} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \sqcap_{fuz} (\tilde{P} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R})$,
- $\tilde{R} \square_{fuz} \tilde{I} = \tilde{I} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{Q} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{R} \Rightarrow \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \Rightarrow \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P} \square_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}) = \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $(\tilde{P} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P} \square_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}) \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P} \square_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}) = (\tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $(\tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R}$.

Proposition 29

- \tilde{Q} deterministic $\Rightarrow \tilde{Q} \square_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$,
- \tilde{P} deterministic $\Rightarrow \tilde{P} \square_{fuz} (\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}) = \tilde{P}\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{P}\tilde{R}$,

- $\tilde{R} \text{ total} \Rightarrow \tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P}\tilde{L} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} = \emptyset \Rightarrow (\tilde{P} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{Q}) \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R} \cup \tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- $\tilde{P}\tilde{L} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q}\tilde{L} = \emptyset \Rightarrow \tilde{P} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{Q} = \tilde{P} \cup \tilde{Q}$.

There are many properties achieved for relations, but not fulfilled for fuzzy relations. For instance, if \tilde{Q} and \tilde{R} are fuzzy relations, then:

- (a) $\overline{\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}} \neq \overline{\tilde{Q}} \sqcap_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{R}}$,
- (b) $\overline{\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}} \neq \overline{\tilde{Q}} \sqcup_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{R}}$,
- (c) $(\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}) \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R} \neq \tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}$,
- (d) $\tilde{Q} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{R} \not\Rightarrow \overline{\tilde{R}} \not\sqsubseteq_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{Q}}$.

Example 30

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $\overline{\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$ but $\overline{\tilde{Q}} \sqcap_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.7 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$,
- $\overline{\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$ but $\overline{\tilde{Q}} \sqcup_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$,
- $(\tilde{Q} \sqcap_{fuz} \tilde{R}) \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$ but $\tilde{Q} \sqcup_{fuz} \tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$,
- $\tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$ then $\tilde{Q} \sqsubseteq_{fuz} \tilde{R}$ but $\overline{\tilde{R}} \not\sqsubseteq_{fuz} \overline{\tilde{Q}}$. because $\overline{\tilde{Q}\tilde{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \not\sqsubseteq \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.6 \end{pmatrix} = \overline{\tilde{R}\tilde{L}}$.

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