Fuzzy Inferences with Various Fuzzy Inputs

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1. Introduction

This paper compares inference results for a fuzzy conditional inference of the form:

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

$$A' \qquad A, A', B, B' : \text{Fuzzy sets}$$

$$B'$$

under several translating rules for a fuzzy conditional $A \Rightarrow B$ by Zadeh, Mamdani and Mizumoto when a fuzzy premise A' is a fuzzy set obtained by attaching to the fuzzy set A a linguistic hedge such as slightly, sort of, highly and so on. It is shown that the translating rule Rs proposed by the author can get quite reasonable inference results which fit our intuition.

2. Linguistic Hedges

We shall briefly review some linguistic hedges proposed by Zadeh^[1] and introduce new artificial linguistic hedges.

Let A be a fuzzy set in a universe of discourse U. Linguistic hedges which act on the fuzzy set A are listed as follows (See Fig. 1).

As a special case of $A^a = \int_U \mu_A(u)^a/u$, we can have such linguistic hedges as

$$CON(A) = \text{very } A = A^2$$
 (1)

$$DIL(A) = more or less A = A^{0.5}$$
 (2)

$$minus A = A^{0.75}$$
 (3)

plus
$$A = A^{1,25}$$
 (4)

highly
$$A = \text{plus very } A = A^{2.5}$$
 (5)

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where CON, DIL, and the following INT and NORM stand for "concentration", "dilation", "contrast intensification" and "normalization", respectively.

$$INT(A) = \int_{U} \mu_{INT(A)}(u) / u$$
 (6)

where

$$\mu_{\text{INT}(A)}(u) = \begin{cases} 2\mu_{A}(u)^{2} & \cdots & 0 \leq \mu_{A}(u) \leq 0.5 \\ 1 - 2(1 - \mu_{A}(u))^{2} & \cdots & 0.5 \leq \mu_{A}(u) \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{NORM}(A) = \frac{1}{\mu_{A}^{*}} A \text{ with } \mu_{A}^{*} = \max_{u} \mu_{A}(u)$$

Using the above linguistic hedges, we can obtain the following linguistic hedges slightly $A = NORM(A \cap CON(A))$ (7)

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$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \left(\int_{U} \mu_{A}(u) \wedge (1-\mu_{A}(u))^{2}/u \right).$$

sort of $A = NORM(DIL(A) \cap CON(A)^2)$ (8)

Some or less but not very very A)

$$= 1.234 \left(\int_{U}^{\mu_{A}(u)^{0.5}} \wedge (1 - \mu_{A}(u)^{4}) / u \right).$$

The above are main linguistic hedges proposed by Zadeh. It is found that linguistic hedges can be viewed as operators which act on a fuzzy set. From this point of view, we can introduce new operators on a fuzzy set. Some of these are given by the following.

The effect of "contrast weakening" (WEAK, for short) is the opposite of that of INT.

$$WEAK (A) = \int_{U} \mu_{WEAK(A)}(u) / u$$

$$\mu_{WEAK(A)}(u) = \begin{cases} -2 (\mu_{A}(u)^{2} - \mu_{A}(u)) & \cdots & 0 \leq \mu_{A}(u) \leq 0.5 \\ 2 (\mu_{A}(u) - 0.5)^{2} + 0.5 & \cdots & 0.5 \leq \mu_{A}(u) \leq 1 \end{cases}$$
(9)

The operator of "middle intensification" (MIDI for short) has the effect of intensifing middle grades and is defined as

MIDI(A) = NORM(A
$$\cap \neg A$$
) = 2(A $\cap \neg A$) (10)
= $\int_{U} 2\mu_{A}(u) \wedge 2(1 - \mu_{A}(u))/u$

As the opposite operator to MIDI, we can give MIDW ("middle weakening") as follows.

MIDW
$$(A) = \bigcap MIDI(A) = \bigcap 2(A \cap \bigcap A)$$

$$= \int_{\nabla} (1 - 2\mu_A(u)) \vee (2\mu_A(u) - 1) / u$$
(11)

The operator α CUT obtains the α -level set of a fuzzy set A. The operator α CUT* is the opposite operator to α CUT, that is,

$$\alpha \text{CUT}(A) = \int_{\mathcal{U}} \mu_{\alpha \text{CUT}(A)}(u) / u \tag{12}$$

$$\mu_{\alpha \in IJT(A)}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \cdots & \mu_A(u) \geqslant \alpha \\ 0 & \cdots & \mu_A(u) < \alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha \text{CUT*}(A) = \int_{U} \mu_{\alpha \text{CUT*}(A)}(u) / u$$
 (13)

$$\mu_{\alpha \in \mathrm{UT}^{\bullet}(A)}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) \leq \alpha \\ 0 & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) > \alpha \end{cases}$$

The operator α SCAL which gives the scalor product α A of α and A is defined as

$$\alpha SCAL(A) = \int_{\mathcal{V}} a\mu_A(u) \wedge 1/u \tag{14}$$

Finally, we shall give two operators which have the effects of "slenderizing" and "swelling" a fuzzy set A. The one is named as α SLND and the other as α SWEL. These have the same expression but they are distinguished from the values of their parameter α . That is to say,

$$\alpha \text{SLND}(A) = \int_{U} 0 \bigvee (\alpha \mu_{A}(u) + 1 - \alpha) / u \cdots \alpha \geqslant 1$$
 (15)

$$\alpha \text{SWEL}(A) = \int_{\sigma} \alpha \mu_{A}(u) + 1 - \alpha/u \qquad \cdots \alpha \leq 1$$
 (16)

Fig. 1 shows the effects of the linguistic hedges of (1)—(16) on a fuzzy set A, where A is a fuzzy set $\int_{[0.1]} u/u$ in U = [0, 1].

3. Fuzzy Conditional Inferences

This section discusses a fuzzy conditional inference using the concept of linguistic hedgec. We shall consider the following form of inference in which a fuzzy conditional proposition "If x is A then y is B" is contained.

Prem 1: If x is A then y is B

Prem 2: x is
$$A'$$

Cons: y is B'

(17)

where x and y are the names of objects, and A, A', B and B' are fuzzy concepts which are represented by fuzzy sets in universes of discourse U, V, and V, respectively. The form of this inference may be viewed as fuzzy modus ponens which reduces to the classical modus ponens when A' = A and B' = B. For simplicity, we shall rewrite (17) as

$$\begin{array}{c}
A \Rightarrow B \\
A'
\end{array} \tag{18}$$

The fuzzy conditional $A\Rightarrow B$ may represent a certain relationship between A and B. From this point of view, Zadeh^[2], Mamdani^[3], and Mizumoto et al^[4-9]. proposed several translating rules for translating $A\Rightarrow B$ into a fuzzy relation in $U\times V$.

Let A and B be fuzzy sets in U and V, respectively, and let \times and \oplus be cartesian product and bounded-sum for fuzzy sets, respectively. Then the following fuzzy relations in $U \times V$ can be translated from $A \Rightarrow B$. The fuzzy relations Rm and Ra were proposed by Zadeh, Rc by Mamdani, and the others by Mizumoto by introducing the implications of many valued logic systems.

$$Rm = (A \times B) \cup (A \times V)$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} (\mu_A(u) \wedge \mu_B(v)) \vee (1 - \mu_A(u)) / (u, v).$$
(19)

$$Ra = (A \times V) \oplus (U \times B)$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} 1 \wedge (1 - \mu_A(u) + \mu_B(v)) / (u, v).$$
(20)

$$Rc = A \times B$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} \mu_A(u) / \mu_B(v) / (u, v).$$
(21)

$$Rs = A \times V \rightarrow U \times B$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} [\mu_A(u) \rightarrow \mu_B(v)] / (u, v),$$
(22)

where

$$\mu_{A}(u) \underset{s}{\rightarrow} \mu_{B}(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) \leq \mu_{B}(v), \\ 0 & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) > \mu_{B}(v). \end{cases}$$

$$Rg = A \times V \underset{g}{\rightarrow} U \times B$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} [\mu_{A}(u) \underset{g}{\rightarrow} \mu_{B}(v)] / (u, v), \qquad (23)$$

where

$$\mu_{A}(u) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mu_{B}(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) \leq \mu_{B}(v), \\ \mu_{B}(v) & \cdots & \mu_{A}(u) > \mu_{B}(v). \end{cases}$$

$$Rb = (A \times V) \cup (U \times B)$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} (1 - \mu_{A}(u)) \sqrt{\mu_{B}(v)/(u, v)}.$$
(24)

$$R_{A} = A \times V \xrightarrow{A} U \times B$$

$$= \int_{U \times V} [\mu_{A}(u) \xrightarrow{A} \mu_{B}(v)] / (u, v),$$
(25)

where

$$\mu_A(u) \underset{A}{\rightarrow} \mu_B(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & \mu_A(u) \leq \mu_B(v), \\ \frac{\mu_B(v)}{\mu_A(u)} & \cdots & \mu_A(u) > \mu_B(v) \end{pmatrix}$$

In the fuzzy modus ponens of (17) and (18), the consequence B' can be deduced from prem 1 and 2 by taking the max-min composition "o" of the fuzzy set A' and the fuzzy relation obtained in (19)—(25). For example, we can have

$$Rm' = A' \circ Rm = A' \circ [(A \times B) \cup (A \times V)]$$
 (26)

The membership function of the fuzzy set Bm' in V is given as

$$\mu_{Bm}(v) = V\{\mu_{A}(u) \wedge \mu_{Rm}(u,v)\}$$

$$= V\{\mu_{A}(u) \wedge [(\mu_{A}(u) \wedge \mu_{B}(v)) \vee (1 - \mu_{A}(u))]\}$$
(27)

In the same way, we have

$$Ba' = A' \circ \lceil (\rceil A \times V) \oplus (U \times B) \rceil$$
 (28)

$$Bc' = A' \circ (A \times B) \tag{29}$$

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The fuzzy modus ponens of (18) represents that the consequence B' is deduced when the premise A' is given under the condition $A \Rightarrow B$. If we regard the fuzzy conditional $A \Rightarrow B$ (that is, fuzzy relation) as a fuzzy system, A' and B' correspond to "fuzzy input" and "fuzzy output", respectively (see Fig. 2). It will be of interest to discuss what kinds of fuzzy outputs B' are obtaind when various kinds of fuzzy inputs A' are input to a fuzzy system.

In the following we shall obtain B' under each method in (19)-(25) when A' is a fuzzy set given by applying linguistic hedges of (1)-(16) to A, and discuss which method can get reasonable consequences.

we shall discuss only the case of Rm (19) at $A' = A^a$ (as a general case of (1)-(5)) because of limitations of space. The similar ways are applicable to the other methods and A'. Table 1 summarizes the consequences inferrred by all the methods and A'.

When $A' = A^a$, the consequence Bm' is obtained from (27) as follows.

$$\mu_{BmI}(v) = V\{\mu_A(u)^a \wedge [(\mu_A(u) \wedge \mu_B(v)) \vee (1 - \mu_A(u))]\}$$
(30)

This expression can be rewritten as (32) by letting

$$x = \mu_A(u), \quad b = \mu_B(v), \quad b_{m'} = \mu_{Bm'}(v)$$
 (31)

under the assumption that $\mu_A(u)$ takes all values in [0,1] according to u varying all over U, that is, μ_A is a function onto [0,1], i.e., x is on $[0,1]^*$.

$$b_{m'} = \bigvee \{x^a \land [(x \land b) \lor (1-x)]\}$$
 (32)

$$f(x) = x^{a} \setminus [(x \setminus b) \setminus (1-x)]$$
(33)

Fig. 3 shows the expressions x^a and $(x \land b) \lor (1-x)$ using a parameter b. When x^a is as in this figure and b is equal to, say, 0.2, the expression f(x) is indicated by the broken line and hence $\bigvee_x f(x)$ at b=0.2 is the maximum value of this broken line. The value is equal to the height of the cross point of x^a and 1-x. Thus, let $x_0 \in [0,1]$ be the solution of $x^a=1-x$, then the height (i.e., maximum value) is given by $1-x_0$. Therefore, we have b'_m at $b \le 1-x_0$ as

$$bm' = \bigvee_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - x_0 \cdot \cdot \cdot b \leq 1 - x_0$$

On the other hand, when $b = 0.7(> 1 - x_0)$, f(x) is given by the line "___" and its maximum value is b (±0.7). Thus lead to make out the recommendation of the second of t

Therefore,

$$bm = ' \begin{cases} 1 - x_0 & \cdots & b \leq 1 - x_0 \\ b & \cdots & b \geq 1 - x_0 \end{cases}$$
$$= (1 - x_0) \lor b$$

This result is shown to hold for any α . Therefore, using the notation of (31). the consequence $Bm^{\rho} = A^{\alpha} \circ Rm$ is as follows.

$$\mu_{Bm}$$
, $(u) = (1 - x_0) \bigvee \mu_B(u)$ (34)

where x_0 ($\in [0,1]$) is the solution of $x^a = 1 - x$. Fig. 4 shows the consequence Bm' ($= A^a \circ Rm$) using a parameter α . Fig. 5 also indicates Ba' ($= A^a \circ Ra$) which can be obtained in the same way as Bm'. Table 1 shows the inference results for other methods and A', where the notation μ_R stands for $\mu_B(v)$.

The consequences B'_{A} for the method RA(25) at A' = INT(A) and WEAK(A) are shown in (35) and (36):

Case of $B'_{\mathbf{d}} = INT(A) \circ R_{\mathbf{d}}$:

$$\mu_{BA!} = \begin{cases} \sqrt[3]{2\mu_B^2} & \cdots & 0 \leq \mu_B \leq 0.25 \\ \mu_B & \cdots & 0.25 \leq \mu_B \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(35)$$

where

$$N = \frac{1}{3} \left(2 + \sqrt{10} \cos \frac{\bigcirc + \pi}{3} \right),$$

$$\bigcirc = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{10}}{50} (27\mu_B - 14) \right].$$

Case of $B'_A = WEAK(A) \circ R_A$:

$$\mu_{BA'} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_B}{x} & \cdots & 0 \leq \mu_B \leq 0.25 \\ \frac{\mu_B}{x'} & \cdots & 0.25 \leq \mu_B \leq 1 \end{cases}$$
 (36)

where

The membership functions $\mu_{BA!}$ of (35) and (36) are very complicated and so we shall show in Fig. 6 and 7 the diagrams of μ_{BA} together with the results for other methods

In the form of the fuzzy inference of (18), it is quite natural to expect that B' = B will be obtained when A' = A (the satisfaction of modus ponens). This criterion is satisfied by the methods Rc. Rs and Rg. See the results for A^{α} at $\alpha = 1$ in Table 1. Namely, these methods obtain $A \circ R = B$. Moreover, it is also natural to expect $B' \approx B$ at $A' \approx A$. The method Rs satisfies this criterion and obtains the consequences $B' = B^a$, INT(B), WEAK(B), α CUT(B), α SCAL(B), α SLND(B) and α SWEL(B) at $A' = A^a$, INT(A), WEAK(A), aCUT(A), aSCAL(A), aSLND(A) and aSWEL(A), respectively. The other methods do not obtain such results. Note that Rc gets always B except the case of aSCAU(A), a<1. In [4] we showd that all the methods except Re satisfy the natural criterion that B' = unknown is obtained at A' = not A, where unknown is defined as $\int_{V}^{\infty} \frac{1}{V}$. In this connection, for the criterion that $B' \approx \text{unknown}$ is obtained at $A' \approx \text{not}$, A, we may say that all the methods except Rc satisfy this criterion. In fact, these methods get B' = unknown at A' = MIDW(A) and $\alpha \text{CUT}^*(A)$ which are similar to not A. Finally, it is not yet known what kinds of consequences are good for A' =sort of A, slightly A and MIDI(A) which are between A and not A.

From the above considerations, we can conclude that the method Rs (22) is most suitable for the fuzzy conditional inference, though the given criteria are intuitive and rough.

4. Conclusion

Under the criterion that $B' \approx B$ at $A' \approx A$ and $B' \approx$ unknown at $A' \approx$ not A for the fuzzy reasoning of (18), it will be possible to make a quantitative analysis of the goodness of each method by measuring a similarity of B' and B (or unknown) when A' is given which is similar to A (or not A).

The results of this paper will be useful to the problems such as fuzzy control, fuzzy diagnosis, fuzzy production system and so on which use fuzzy reasoning methods.

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Table 1 Inference results under each method

) $x_0([0,1])$ is the solution (**) $x_0(*[0,1])$ is the solution (***) $x_0 = 1 - x + y_0$ of $x_0 = 1 - x + y_0$ (****)

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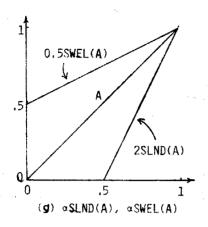


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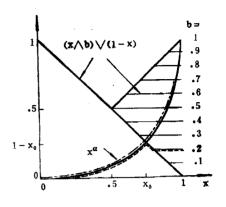


Fig. 3 The way of obtaining (32)

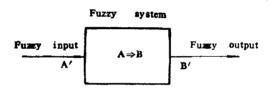
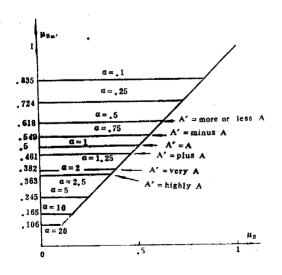


Fig. 2 Fuzzy system (A⇒B) with fuzzy input A'
and fuzzy output B'



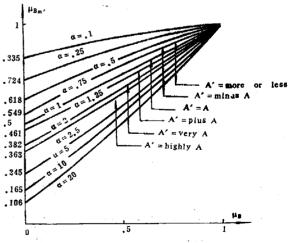
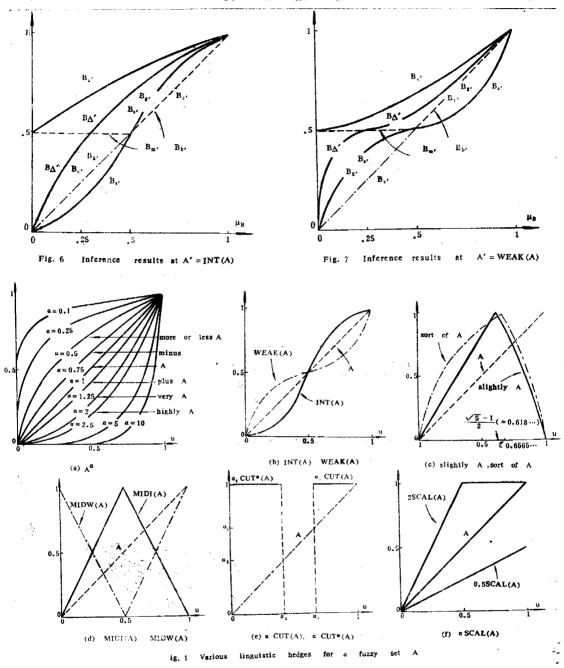


Fig. 5 $B_{a'} = A^a \cdot R$

Fig. 4 $B_m = A^a \cdot R_m$



各种不同 Fuzzy 输入的 Fuzzy推理

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本文比较了几种不同翻译规

则下 Fuzzy 条件推理

$$A\Rightarrow B$$

 A'
 B' (A, A', B, B' : Fuzzy集)

的推理结果,这里前提A'是在A上施加诸如"稍微"、"之类"、"最"等限制词得到的 Fuzzy 集合。本文证明作者提出的翻译规则Rs可以得到与直观相符的相当合理的推理结果。本文的结果对 Fuzzy 控制、Fuzzy 诊断及 Fuzzy 生产过程都是有用的。