## Extensions of fuzzy sets in knowledge representation

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where $\mu_{A}: U \longrightarrow[0,1]$.
$\mu_{A}\left(u_{i}\right)$ represents the degree of membership of the element $u_{i} \in U$ to the set $A$.

## Fuzzy sets

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\begin{gathered}
F S(U) \equiv[0,1]^{U} \quad \mu_{A}\left(u_{i}\right) \equiv A\left(u_{i}\right) \\
A \cup B\left(u_{i}\right)=\max \left(A\left(u_{i}\right), B\left(u_{i}\right)\right) \\
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- R.C. Willmott, Mean measures in fuzzy power-set theory, Report No. FRP-6, Department of Mathematics, University of Essex, Colchester, CO4 3SQ, England (1979)
- W. Bandler, L. Kohout, Fuzzy power sets, fuzzy implication operators, Fuzzy Sets Syst. 4 (1980) 1330


## L-fuzzy sets

- J. Goguen, $L$-fuzzy sets, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 18 (1967) 145-174


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(1) Fuzzy sets arise to handle dicourse objects associated to imperfect information.
(2) There exist situations where experts do not have all the necessary information to build the ideal membership grades.

## The origin of extensions is in the trial of simultaneously representing both levels of imperfect information.

- E.E. Kerre, A first view on the alternatives of fuzzy sets theory, in : B. Reusch, K-H Temme (Eds), Computational intelligence in Theory and Practice, Physica-Verlag, Heidelberg (2001) 55-72


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$$
\int_{u \in U} \int_{t \in J_{u}} A(u, t) /(u, t) \quad J_{u} \subset[0,1]
$$

where $J_{u}$ is the primary membership of $u \in U$ and, for each fixed $u=u_{0}$, the fuzzy set
$\int_{t \in J_{u_{0}}} A\left(u_{0}, t\right) / t$ is the secondary membership of $u_{0}$.

## Type-2 fuzzy sets

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Let $A: U \rightarrow F S([0,1])$ be a type 2 fuzzy set. Then $A$ is denoted as

$$
\left\{\left(u_{i}, A\left(u_{i}, t\right)\right) \mid u_{i} \in U, t \in[0,1]\right\} .
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where $A\left(u_{i}, \cdot\right):[0,1] \rightarrow[0,1]$ is defined as

$$
A\left(u_{i}, t\right)=A\left(u_{i}\right)(t)
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## Type-2 fuzzy sets

(2) Structure

- M. Mizumoto, K. Tanaka, Some properties of fuzzy sets of type 2, Inform. Control, 31, (1976), 312-340
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& A \cap_{T 2} B\left(u_{i}\right)=A\left(u_{i}\right) \cap B\left(u_{i}\right)
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$$

## Proposition

$\left(T 2 F S(U), \cup_{T 2}, \cap_{T 2}\right)$ is a bounded lattice with respect to the order: $A \leq_{T 2 F S(U)} B$ if and only if $A \cup_{T 2} B=B$

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(3) Computational efficiency: regression to infinity
(3) Applications

It does not exist yet an application that shows the advantage of using these sets.
(1) Computing with words:

- J.M. Mendel Type-2 fuzzy sets for computing with words Conference Information: IEEE International Conference on Granular Computing, MAY 10-12, 2006 Atlanta, (2006) GA 8-8.
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(2) Perceptual computing: лм Mendel,
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- H. Hagras, A Hierarchical Type-2 Fuzzy Logic Control Architecture for Autonomous Mobile Robots, IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems 12, (2004) 524-539.


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B.- The expert does not know the exact value of the membership of the element to the fuzzy set. However, the expert knows that this value is bounded by the bounds of the interval-valued membership to the IVFS.


## Interval-valued fuzzy sets and type-2 fuzzy sets



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- $\mathcal{L}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \mid x_{1}+x_{2} \leq 1\right\}$

$$
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## 5.- Order

$\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \leq\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right)$ if and only if $\mu_{A} \leq \mu_{B}$ and $\nu_{A} \geq \nu_{B}$ Partial order. It has been extended to a total order in several ways, as

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\begin{gathered}
\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \leq\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \text { if and only if } \\
\mu_{A}-\nu_{A} \leq \mu_{B}-\nu_{B} \text { or } \\
\mu_{A}-\nu_{A}=\mu_{B}-\nu_{B} \text { and } \mu_{A}+\nu_{A} \leq \mu_{B}+\nu_{B}
\end{gathered}
$$

- The meaning of these total orders is not justified.
- The extensions of usual fuzzy operators to the intuitionistic setting does not preserve in general the monotonicity with respect to this total order.


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## On bipolarity


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## Definition

## A bipolar valued set on $U$ is an object

$$
A=\left\{\left(u_{i}, \varphi^{+}\left(u_{i}\right), \varphi^{-}\left(u_{i}\right)\right) \mid u_{i} \in U\right\}
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \varphi^{+}: U \rightarrow[0,1] \\
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## On bipolarity



## Definition

A symmetric bipolar set on $U$ is an object

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\mu_{A}: U \rightarrow[0,1] \\
\nu_{A}: U \rightarrow[0,1]
\end{gathered}
$$

(1) No restrictions. Paradox of D. Dubois
(2) Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy sets are a particular case.
(3) Widely used in Psychology

## IVIFSs


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## Definition

An Atanassov's interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy set over $U$ is an expression $A$ given by

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A=\left\{\left(u_{i}, M_{A}\left(u_{i}\right), N_{A}\left(u_{i}\right)\right) \mid u_{i} \in U\right\}, \text { where } \\
M_{A}: U \longrightarrow L([0,1]) \\
N_{A}: U \longrightarrow L([0,1])
\end{gathered}
$$

such that $0 \leq \overline{M_{A}}\left(u_{i}\right)+\overline{N_{A}}\left(u_{i}\right) \leq 1$ for every $u_{i} \in U$

- Atanassov's interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets are a particular case of L-fuzzy sets.
- $L([0,1])=\left\{\mathbf{x}=[\underline{x}, \bar{x}] \mid(\underline{x}, \bar{x}) \in[0,1]^{2}\right.$ and $\left.\underline{x} \leq \bar{x}\right\}$


## IVIFSs



## Definition

$$
\begin{gathered}
A \cup B\left(u_{i}\right)= \\
\left(\left[\max \left(\underline{M_{A}}\left(u_{i}\right), \underline{M_{B}}\left(u_{i}\right)\right), \max \left(\overline{M_{A}}\left(u_{i}\right), \overline{M_{B}}\left(u_{i}\right)\right)\right]\right. \\
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## $(\operatorname{IVIAFS}(U), \cup, \cap)$ is a complete lattice

## Other extensions



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## When should we use extensions?

## Rule 1:

We must not impose the use of fuzzy sets or of any extension for problems dealing with imperfect information.

Given a problem, if we decide to use fuzzy sets to solve it, it may happen:
(1) Acceptable results, we keep using fuzzy sets.
(2) Non-acceptable results since experts have problems to build the fuzzy sets; then, we must use, for this specific problem, one extension.
(3) Non-acceptable results since fuzzy techniques are not suitable.

## When should we use extensions?



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## Rule 2:

The choice of the extension depends on the nature of the problem

- Interval-valued fuzzy sets
- Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy sets


## Rule 3:

If an extension is used, results must always be compared with those obtained without using fuzzy sets.

## Construction

## Goal

To improve the results obtained with fuzzy sets

- It will be necessary to find a way to compare to the results obtained with fuzzy sets.
- To do so, we will build the extensions from the fuzzy sets given by the experts:
(1) From a single fuzzy set given by an expert:
- Tizhoosh's method
- Ignorance functions
(2) From several fuzzy sets provided by several experts


## Construction: Tizhoosh's method



- $M_{A_{t}}(q)=\left[\mu_{A_{t}}^{\alpha}(q), \mu_{A_{t}}^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}(q)\right]$, with $\alpha>1$
- length does not a specific meaning


## Construction: Ignorance functions



- $G \equiv$ ignorance (lack of information) associated to the membership grade provided by the expert.
- length is proportional to that ignorance.


## Construction: Ignorance functions

## Definition

An ignorance function is a continuous function $G_{i}:[0,1]^{2} \rightarrow[0,1]$ such that:
$\left.G_{i} 1\right) \quad G_{i}(x, y)=G_{i}(y, x)$ for every $x, y \in[0,1]$;
$\left.G_{i} 2\right) \quad G_{i}(x, y)=0$ if and only if $x=1$ or $y=1$;
$\left.G_{i} 3\right)$ If $x=0,5$ e $y=0,5$, then $G_{i}(x, y)=1$;
$\left.G_{i} 4\right) G_{i}$ is decreasing in $[0,5,1]^{2}$;
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## Construction from several fuzzy sets



- Advantage: $K_{\alpha}$ operators, recovering of fuzzy
- length does not have a specific meaning


## Applications: image

- 1979: Otsu's algorithm
- 1995: Huang-Wang's algorithm


Referential set $\{t=0, \cdots, L-1\} \Longleftrightarrow[0,1]$

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- 2005: H.R. Tizhoosh, Image thresholding using type-2 fuzzy sets, Pattern Recognition 38, 2363-2372
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- $G_{i}(x, y)=2 \min (1-x, 1-y)$
- To minimize ignorance (length)
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## Applications: Classification

- Classification systems based on fuzzy rules with IVFSs.
- We generate the knowledge base (KB) by already known rule generating algorithms.
- From this KB we include the IVFSs.
- We modify the fuzzy reasoning method.
- We carry on a genetic post-processing: length of the support of the upper bound.
- We statistically improve the base models.



## Conclusions

(1) We must never force the use of one extension instead of fuzzy sets or vice-versa.
(2) Most extensions arise to model the imprecision in the building of fuzzy sets.
(3) There are important problems of interpretation, names,...
(3) If we use one extension, we must also use the specific features of that extension.
(3) The use of extensions for a given application is only justified if it improves the results obtained with fuzzy sets.

