

Group decision making: From penalty functions to interval-valued fuzzy sets

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Group Decision Making (GDM) Problem

We have a set of options or alternatives

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_p\} \quad (p \geq 2)$$

and a set of criteria or experts

$$E = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

each of whom provides his/her preferences over the set of alternatives

The problem is to find a solution, which will be an alternative or a set of alternatives, which is (are) the most accepted one(s) by the whole set of experts.

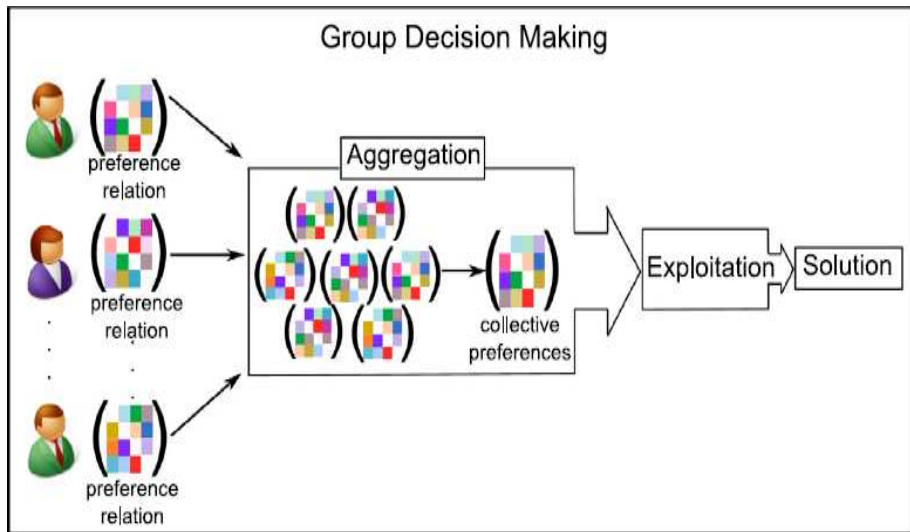
- Most of resolution procedures are based in comparing alternatives pairwise, with each expert providing his/her preferences in a matrix as follows:

$$r_{el} = \begin{pmatrix} - & r_{(el)12} & \cdots & r_{(el)1p} \\ r_{(el)21} & - & \cdots & r_{(el)2p} \\ \cdots & \cdots & - & \cdots \\ r_{(el)p1} & \cdots & \cdots & - \end{pmatrix}$$

- Usually there exists uncertainty \longrightarrow fuzzy sets.
- Vague concepts as, for instance, that of majority \longrightarrow fuzzy sets.

Typically, a selection process for GDM consists:

- (1) Uniform representation of information.
- (2) Application of a selection procedure. This procedure consists of two phases:
 - (2.1) Aggregation phase. A collective preference structure is built from the set of individual homogeneous preference structures.
 - (2.2) Exploitation phase. A given method is applied to the collective preference structure to obtain a selection of alternatives.



Aggregation to be used: penalty functions

Definition

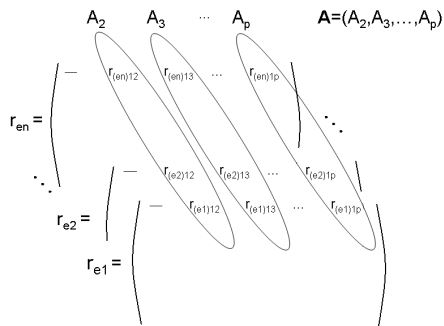
A function $M : [a, b]^n \rightarrow [a, b]$ is an aggregation function if it is monotone increasing in each component and $M(\mathbf{a}) = M(a, \dots, a) = a$ and $M(\mathbf{b}) = M(b, \dots, b) = b$

Definition

An aggregation function M is averaging (or compensative or a mean) if

$$\min(\mathbf{x}) = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq M(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq \max(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \max(\mathbf{x})$$

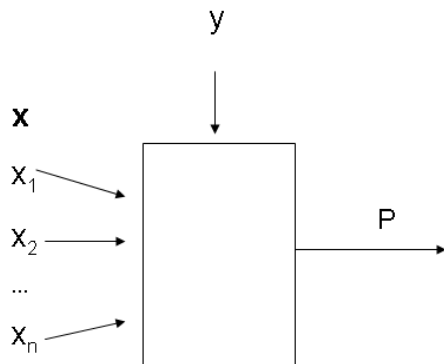
Aggregation phase: Up to now, the aggregation we have used for every A_i has been the same.



Data must impose:

- 1 The aggregation to be used
- 2 The way in which we represent information.

Aggregation to be used: penalty functions



Definition

A penalty function is a function

$$P : [a, b]^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty]$$

such that:

- 1 $P(\mathbf{x}, y) = 0$ if $x_i = y$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$;
- 2 $P(\mathbf{x}, y)$ is quasiconvex in y for every \mathbf{x} ; that is,

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \lambda \cdot y_1 + (1 - \lambda) \cdot y_2) \leq \max(P(\mathbf{x}, y_1), P(\mathbf{x}, y_2))$$

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Aggregation to be used: penalty functions

We call function based on the penalty function P (or penalty-based function) to the function

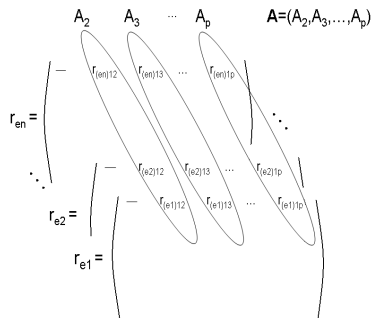
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_y P(\mathbf{x}, y),$$

if y is the unique minimum, and $y = \frac{c+d}{2}$ if the set of minima is the interval $[c, d]$

Theorem

Every averaging aggregation function can be represented as a penalty-based function in the sense of the previous definition.

Penalty functions on a Cartesian product of lattices



$$X: (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

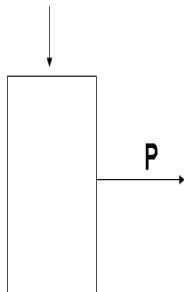
$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_p)$$

$$x_1 = (x_{11}, \dots, x_{1p})$$

$$x_2 = (x_{21}, \dots, x_{2p})$$

...

$$x_n = (x_{n1}, \dots, x_{np})$$



Definition

A poset (P, \leq) is a set P with a relation \leq which is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive. A chain in a poset is a totally ordered set. The length of a finite chain is equal to the number of elements in that chain minus one.

Definition

Let L be a set. A lattice $\mathcal{L} = (L, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$ is a poset with respect to the partial order \leq in L and the operations \wedge and \vee which satisfy the properties of absorption, idempotency, commutativity and associativity. That is, a bounded poset such that every pair of elements has a unique minimal upper bound and a unique maximal lower bound in L .

Proposition

Let $\mathcal{L}_1 = (L_1, \leq_1, \wedge_1, \vee_1)$ and $\mathcal{L}_2 = (L_2, \leq_2, \wedge_2, \vee_2)$ be two lattices. The Cartesian product

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \times \mathcal{L}_2 = (L_1 \times L_2, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$$

with \leq defined by

$$(x_1, x_2) \leq (y_1, y_2) \text{ iff } x_1 \leq y_1 \text{ and } x_2 \leq y_2$$

and

$$\wedge ((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = (\wedge_1(x_1, y_1), \wedge_2(x_2, y_2))$$

$$\vee ((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = (\vee_1(x_1, y_1), \vee_2(x_2, y_2))$$

is a lattice.

Remarks:

- In this work we use the Cartesian product of **finite** chains \mathcal{C} with supremum and infimum.
- All the finite chains of the same length n are isomorphic to each other and isomorphic to the chain $\mathcal{C} = 0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \leq \dots \leq n - 1$
- The Cartesian product of chains needs not be a chain.

Theorem

Let $\mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$. Let a and b be two elements of \mathcal{L}_m such that $a \leq b$. Then all the minimal chains that join a and b have the same length.

Corollary

Let $a, b \in \mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$. Then all the minimal chains which join $\wedge(a, b)$ and $\vee(a, b)$ have the same length.

If \mathcal{L}_m is a Cartesian product of m chains, then the distance between $x, y \in \mathcal{L}_m$ may be defined as the length of the chain \mathcal{C} with minimal element $a = \wedge(x, y)$ and maximal element $b = \vee(x, y)$. That is:

$$d(x, y) = \text{length}(\mathcal{C}) - 1$$

This definition is equivalent to:

$$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^m d_i(x_i, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i - y_i|$$

Natural distance

Restricted lattice dissimilarity functions

Let's consider the lattice $\mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$. Take

$$1_{\mathcal{L}_m} = (\vee(\mathcal{C}_1), \cdots, \vee(\mathcal{C}_m))$$

$$0_{\mathcal{L}_m} = (\wedge(\mathcal{C}_1), \cdots, \wedge(\mathcal{C}_m))$$

Definition

Let $\mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$. A mapping

$$\delta_R : \mathcal{L}_m \times \mathcal{L}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_m$$

is a restricted lattice dissimilarity function if

- 1 $\delta_R(x, y) = \delta_R(y, x)$ for each $x, y \in \mathcal{L}_m$;
- 2 $\delta_R(x, y) = 1_{\mathcal{L}_m}$ iff for every $i = 1, \dots, m$
 $x_i = \text{Sup}(\mathcal{C}_i)$ and $y_i = \text{Inf}(\mathcal{C}_i)$
or
 $x_i = \text{Inf}(\mathcal{C}_i)$ and $y_i = \text{Sup}(\mathcal{C}_i)$
- 3 $\delta_R(x, y) = 0_{\mathcal{L}_m}$ iff $x = y$;
- 4 If $x \leq y \leq z$ then $\delta_R(x, y) \leq \delta_R(x, z)$ and $\delta_R(y, z) \leq \delta_R(x, z)$.

Proposition

Let $x, y \in \mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$ and let $\delta_{R_i} : \mathcal{C}_i \times \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$ be a restricted lattice dissimilarity function for each i . Then the mapping

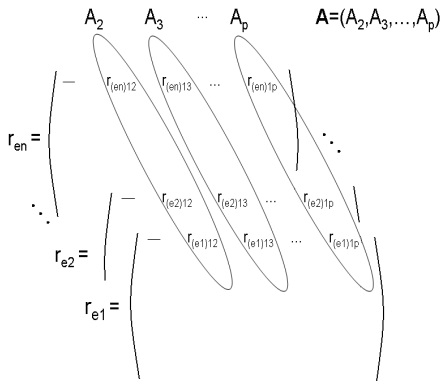
$$\delta_R(x, y) = (\delta_{R_1}(x_1, y_1), \cdots, \delta_{R_m}(x_m, y_m))$$

is a restricted lattice dissimilarity function.

L-Multisets

L-Multisets: $\mathcal{FS}(U)^m$ is the class of sets $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_m)$ with $A_i : U \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$

$\mathbf{A}(u_i) = (A_1(u_i), \dots, A_m(u_i))$ for every $u_i \in U$



Lattice distances

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$$\mathbf{A}(u_i) = (A_1(u_i), \dots, A_m(u_i)) \text{ for every } u_i \in U$$

Definition

Let $\mathcal{L}_m = (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}_m, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$. A mapping

$$\Omega : \mathcal{FS}(U)^m \times \mathcal{FS}(U)^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_m$$

is a lattice distance in $\mathcal{FS}(U)^m$ if

- 1 $\Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \Omega(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A})$ for every $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{FS}(U)^m$;
- 2 $\Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = 0_{\mathcal{L}_m}$ iff $A_i = B_i$ for every $i = 1, \dots, m$;
- 3 $\Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = 1_{\mathcal{L}_m}$ iff A_i y B_i are sets such that u_j
 $A_i(u_j) = \vee(\mathcal{C}_i)$ and $B_i(u_j) = \wedge(\mathcal{C}_i)$ or
 $A_i(u_j) = \wedge(\mathcal{C}_i)$ and $B_i(u_j) = \vee(\mathcal{C}_i)$;
- 4 If $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{A}' \leq \mathbf{B}' \leq \mathbf{B}$, then $\Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) \geq \Omega(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{B}')$ where
 $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_m) \leq (A'_1, \dots, A'_m) = \mathbf{A}'$ if $A_i \leq A'_i$ for each i .

Definition

Let \mathcal{L} be a bounded lattice. An aggregation function over the lattice \mathcal{L} is a mapping:

$$M : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

such that

- i) $M(0_{\mathcal{L}}, 0_{\mathcal{L}}) = 0_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $M(1_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$;
- ii) M is increasing with respect to \leq .

Proposition

Let $\delta_{R_1}, \dots, \delta_{R_m}$ be restricted lattice dissimilarity functions such that $\delta_{R_i} : \mathcal{C}_i \times \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$. Let M_1, \dots, M_m be aggregation functions $M_i : \mathcal{C}_i \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$ such that

(L1) $M_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$ iff $x_i = \vee(\mathcal{C}_i)$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$

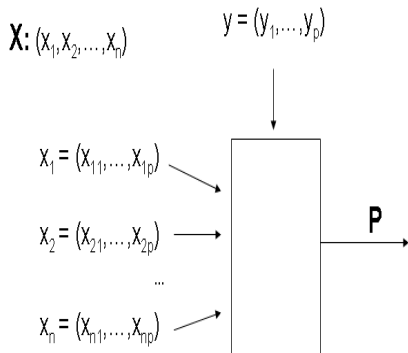
(L2) $M_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0_{\mathcal{L}}$ iff $x_i = \wedge(\mathcal{C}_i)$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$

Then

$$\Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \left(M_1^n(\delta_{R_1}(A_1(u_i), B_1(u_i))), \dots, M_m^n(\delta_{R_m}(A_m(u_i), B_m(u_i))) \right)$$

is a lattice distance in $\mathcal{FS}(U)^m$.

Penalty functions on a Cartesian product of lattices



Construction method of PFCPL

Theorem

Let $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathcal{L}_m$. For each y_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$) let's consider the set

$$B_{y_i}(u_j) = y_i \text{ for every } u_j \in U$$

and let $\mathbf{B}_Y = (B_{y_1}, \dots, B_{y_m}) \in \mathcal{FS}(U)^m$. Consider the aggregation functions M_1, \dots, M_m given by $M_i : \mathcal{C}_i \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$ such that each of them, when it is composed with a convex function, gives back a convex function. Let's consider the restricted lattice dissimilarity functions $\delta_R(x, y) = (\delta_{R_1}(x_1, y_1), \dots, \delta_{R_m}(x_m, y_m))$ such that δ_{R_i} with $i = 1, \dots, m$ is convex in one variable. Then:

$P_\Omega : \mathcal{FS}(U)^m \times \mathcal{FS}(U)^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_m$ given by

$$P_\Omega(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \Omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}_Y) = \left(M_1^n(\delta_{R_1}(A_1(u_i), y_1)), \dots, M_m^n(\delta_{R_m}(A_m(u_i), y_m)) \right)$$

satisfies:

- 1 $P_\Omega(\mathbf{A}, Y) \geq 0_{\mathcal{L}_m}$;
- 2 $P_\Omega(\mathbf{A}, Y) = 0_{\mathcal{L}_m}$ si $A_k(u_j) = y_k$ for each k and each j ;
- 3 Each of the components is convex with respect to the corresponding y_k .

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Faithful restricted lattice dissimilarity functions:

$$\delta_R(x, y) = K(d(x, y)) = K\left(\sum_{i=1}^m |x_i - y_i|\right)$$

with $K : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ a convex function with a unique minimum at $K(0) = 0$.

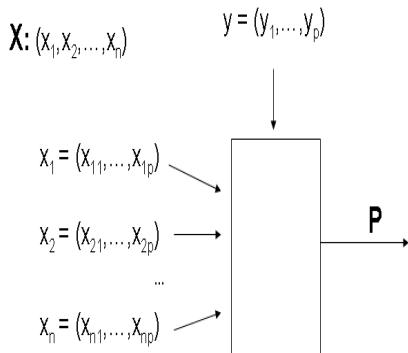
B_{y_q} is the fuzzy set over U such that all memberships are equal to $y_q \in [0, 1]$; that is, $B_{y_q}(u_i) = y_q \in [0, 1]$ for every $u_i \in U$.

Let $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ and $\mathbf{B}_Y = (B_{y_1}, \dots, B_{y_m}) \in \mathcal{FS}(U)^m$.

we denote by \mathcal{C}^* a finite chain of elements in $[0, 1]$ and

$$\mathcal{L}_m^* = \mathcal{C}^* \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}^*$$

Penalty functions on a Cartesian product of lattices



Theorem

Let $K_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be convex functions with a unique minimum at $K_i(0) = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), and consider the distance between fuzzy sets given by:

$$\mathcal{D}(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^n |A(u_i) - B(u_i)|$$

where $A, B \in \mathcal{FS}(U)$ and $\text{Cardinal}(U) = n$. Then the mapping

$P_{\nabla} : \mathcal{FS}(U)^m \times \mathcal{L}_m^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ given by

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}_Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m K_q(\mathcal{D}(A_q, B_{y_q})) = \sum_{q=1}^m K_q\left(\sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q|\right)$$

satisfies

- 1 $P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) \geq 0$;
- 2 $P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = 0$ iff $A_q = y_q$ for every $q = 1, \dots, m$;
- 3 is convex in y_q for each $q = 1, \dots, m$.

Construction method of PFCPL

Note that P_{∇} is a penalty function over the Cartesian product of lattices \mathcal{L}_m^{*n+1} .

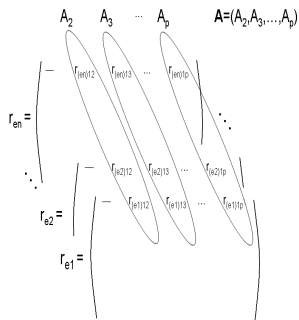
Example

- If we take $K_q(x) = x^2$ for every $q \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, then

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m \left(\sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q| \right)^2$$

- If $K_q(x) = x$ for every $q \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, then

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m \sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q|$$



Take q ($q \leq p - 1$) aggregation functions M_1, \dots, M_q .

Let \mathbb{P}_q be the set of variations with repetition of the q aggregation functions taken in groups of $p - 1$ elements. we denote:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\sigma(i)} = \{M_{(\sigma(i),1)}, \dots, M_{(\sigma(i),p-1)}\}$$

where $M_{(\sigma(i),j)}$ represents the j -th element of $\mathbf{M}_{\sigma(i)}$

(A) Select P_{∇} . For instance:

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m \left(\sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q| \right)^2$$

(B) For the first row take:

$$\left(r_{((e1)12)}, \dots, r_{((en)12)}, \dots, r_{((e1)1p)}, \dots, r_{((en)1p)} \right)$$

where each of these tuples is an element in the Cartesian product of n copies of the considered chain.

(B1) we take the first element of \mathbb{P}_q ,

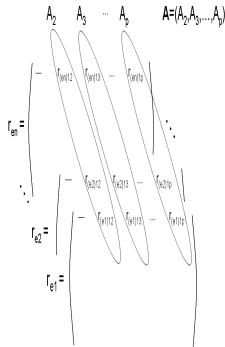
$\mathbf{M}_{\sigma(1)} = \{M_{(\sigma(1),1)}, \dots, M_{(\sigma(1),p-1)}\}$ and calculate:

$$M_{(\sigma(1),1)} \left(r_{((e1)12)}, \dots, r_{((en)12)} \right) = y_{((\sigma(1),1),12)},$$

$$M_{(\sigma(1),2)} \left(r_{((e1)13)}, \dots, r_{((en)13)} \right) = y_{((\sigma(1),2),13)},$$

...

$$M_{(\sigma(1),p-1)} \left(r_{((e1)1p)}, \dots, r_{((en)1p)} \right) = y_{((\sigma(1),p-1),1p)}.$$



(B2) we calculate::

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m \left(\sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q| \right)^2$$

(B3) We repeat step (B2) for the other elements of \mathbb{P}_q .

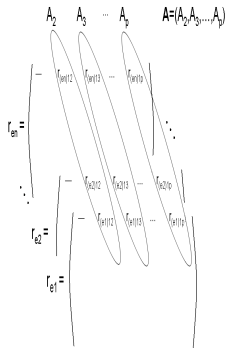
(B4) we take as solution the element of \mathbb{P}_q which minimizes:

$$P_{\nabla}(\mathbf{A}, Y) = \sum_{q=1}^m \left(\sum_{p=1}^n |A_q(u_p) - y_q| \right)^2$$

we denote this element by $M_1 \sigma(\ast)$, where 1 means that we are in the first row.

$$r^c = \begin{pmatrix} - & M_{1(\sigma(\ast),1)}(r_{((e1)12)}, \dots, r_{((e1)1p)}) & \dots & M_{1(\sigma(\ast),p-1)}(r_{((e1)1p)}, \dots, r_{((e1)1n)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{(e2)} = & - & M_{2(\sigma(\ast),1)}(r_{((e2)12)}, \dots, r_{((e2)1p)}) & \dots & M_{2(\sigma(\ast),p-1)}(r_{((e2)1p)}, \dots, r_{((e2)1n)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{(e1)} = & - & M_{e1(\sigma(\ast),1)}(r_{((e1)12)}, \dots, r_{((e1)1p)}) & \dots & M_{e1(\sigma(\ast),p-1)}(r_{((e1)1p)}, \dots, r_{((e1)1n)}) \end{pmatrix}$$

(C) we repeat step (B) for every row.



Example

A diagnosis of hypertension has been confirmed to a 45 years old patient. The corresponding higienic-dietetical indications have been given to him, and eventually the doctors have decided to start a pharmacological treatment.

From the following set of alternatives (pharmacological groups):

{Beta-blockers, calcium antagonists, diuretical, IECA, Ara II, Alfablockers}

four doctors have been asked for providing their corresponding preference matrix of one medicament over another for the considered patient. The proposed normalized preference relations are:

Example

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,8000 & 0,8000 & 0,5000 & 0,5000 & 1 \\ 0,2000 & - & 0,4000 & 0,4167 & 0,4167 & 1 \\ 0,2000 & 0,6000 & - & 0,5000 & 0,5000 & 1 \\ 0,5000 & 0,5833 & 0,5000 & - & 0,5000 & 1 \\ 0,5000 & 0,5833 & 0,5000 & 0,5000 & - & 1 \\ 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & - \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,8000 & 0,3636 & 0,5000 & 0,4000 & 0,7500 \\ 0,2000 & - & 0,5263 & 0,2500 & 0,3333 & 0,8182 \\ 0,6364 & 0,4737 & - & 0,6000 & 0,6000 & 0,5000 \\ 0,5000 & 0,7500 & 0,4000 & - & 0,6923 & 0,5000 \\ 0,6000 & 0,6667 & 0,4000 & 0,3077 & - & 1 \\ 0,2500 & 0,1818 & 0,5000 & 0,5000 & 0,0000 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,3636 & 0,5000 & 0,0000 & 0,2727 & 0,7000 \\ 0,6364 & - & 0,5833 & 0,0000 & 0,2727 & 0,7692 \\ 0,5000 & 0,4167 & - & 0,0000 & 0,2000 & 0,5833 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & - & 1 & 1 \\ 0,7273 & 0,7273 & 0,8000 & 0,0000 & - & 0,7273 \\ 0,3000 & 0,2308 & 0,4167 & 0,0000 & 0,2727 & - \end{pmatrix} \quad e_4 = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,7000 & 0,8000 & 0,5000 & 0,2000 & 1 \\ 0,3000 & - & 0,4000 & 0,3320 & 0,4167 & 1 \\ 0,2000 & 0,6000 & - & 0,4000 & 0,6000 & 1 \\ 0,5000 & 0,6680 & 0,6000 & - & 0,5000 & 1 \\ 0,8000 & 0,5833 & 0,4000 & 0,5000 & - & 1 \\ 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & 0,0000 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Example

We take $K_{kj}(x) = x^2$ for every k, j and for every $x \in [0, 1]$ and

M_1 : arithmetic mean $M_1(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$;

M_2 : OWA operator associated to the quantifier at least one half with the pair $(a = 0, b = 0,5)$ whose weighing vector is: $w = (0,5, 0,5, 0, 0)$;

M_3 : OWA operator associated to the quantifier the largest possible amount with the pair $(a = 0,5, b = 1)$ whose weighing vector is: $w = (0, 0, 0,5, 0,5)$;

M_4 : OWA operator associated to the quantifier most of with the pair $(a = 0,3, b = 0,8)$ whose weighing vector is: $w = (0, 0,4, 0,5, 1)$;

M_5 : minimum;

M_6 : geometric mean.

Example

In this setting, the collective preference relation is:

$$r^c = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,8000 & 0,6159 & 0,5000 & 0,3432 & 0,8625 \\ 0,2000 & - & 0,4774 & 0,2578 & 0,3599 & 0,8969 \\ 0,3841 & 0,5226 & - & 0,4000 & 0,6000 & 0,7708 \\ 0,5000 & 0,6923 & 0,5300 & - & 0,6731 & 1 \\ 0,6568 & 0,6402 & 0,4000 & 0,3269 & - & 1 \\ 0,1375 & 0,0000 & 0,1031 & 0,2292 & 0,0000 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

which corresponds to the following choice of aggregation functions:

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Exploitation phase: voting method

$$x_{best} = \arg \max_{i=1, \dots, p} \sum_{1 \leq j \neq i \leq p} r_{ij}^c$$

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$$x_6 \rightarrow 0,1375 + 0,0000 + 0,1031 + 0,2292 + 0,0000 = 0,4698$$

In our example, the solution alternative is x_4 ; that is, IECA

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GDM. And when it does not work?

If the preference matrices have all their entries close to 0.5, we have that:

- (1) The penalty function selects the same aggregation function in every case.
- (2) Experts find difficulties to select one preference over another. That is, we are working with imperfect information.

In this setting, Zadeh suggests the use of extensions of fuzzy sets.

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & 0,59 & 0,61 & 0,48 & 0,41 & 0,49 \\ 0,41 & - & 0,59 & 0,49 & 0,61 & 0,48 \\ 0,39 & 0,41 & - & 0,40 & 0,55 & 0,50 \\ 0,52 & 0,51 & 0,60 & - & 0,37 & 0,58 \\ 0,59 & 0,39 & 0,45 & 0,63 & - & 0,37 \\ 0,51 & 0,52 & 0,50 & 0,42 & 0,63 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

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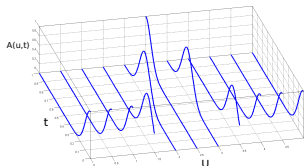
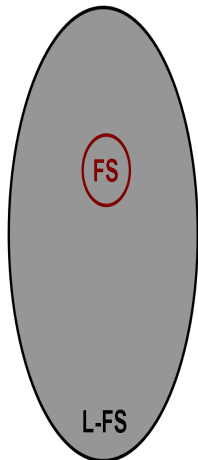
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A type-2 fuzzy set is a mapping:

$$A : U \rightarrow FS([0, 1])$$



- Type-2 fuzzy sets are a particular case of L -fuzzy sets.
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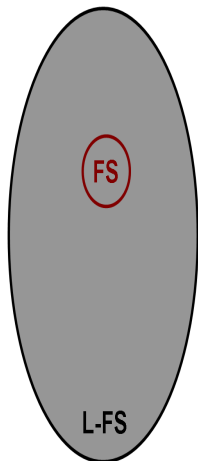
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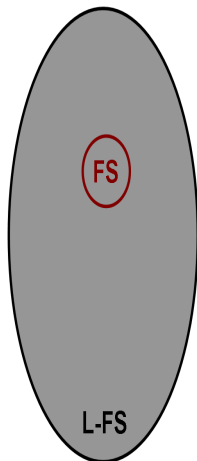


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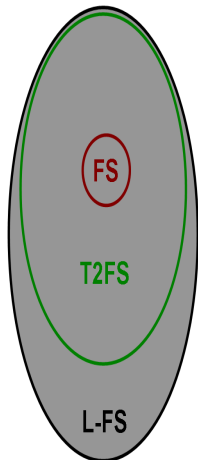
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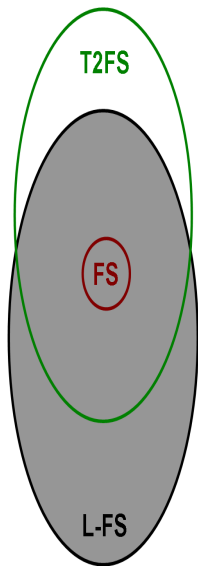
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Proposition

$(T2FS(U), \cup_{T_2}, \cap_{T_2})$ is a bounded lattice with respect to the order: $A \leq_{T2FS(U)} B$ if and only if $A \cup_{T_2} B = B$



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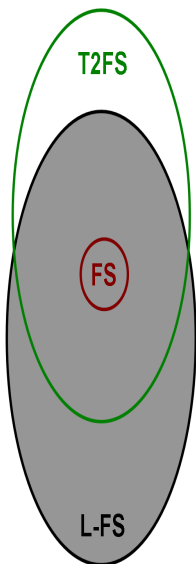
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③ Computational efficiency: regression to infinity

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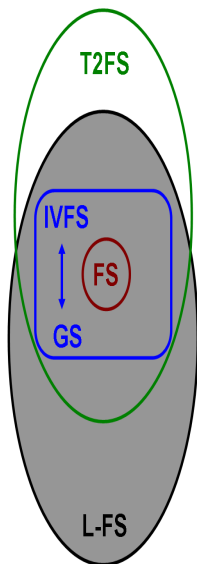
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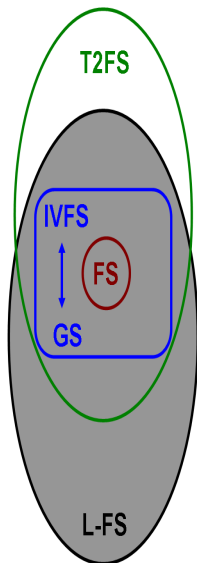
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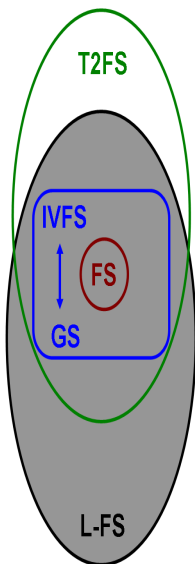
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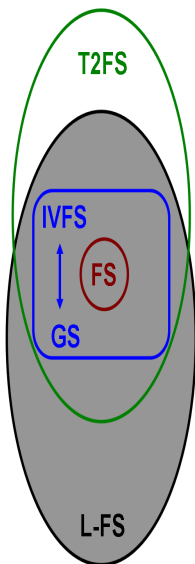
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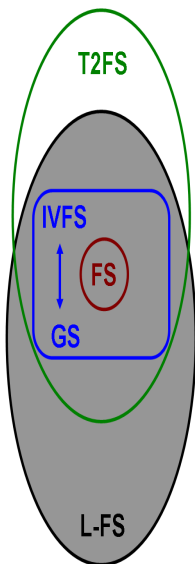
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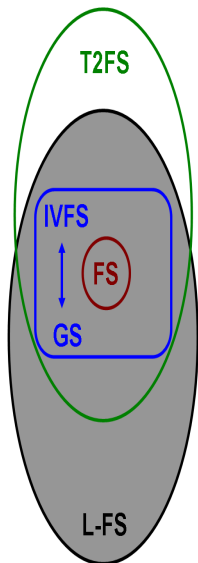
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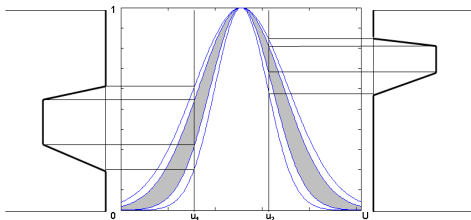
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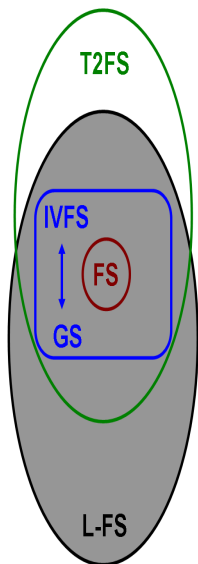


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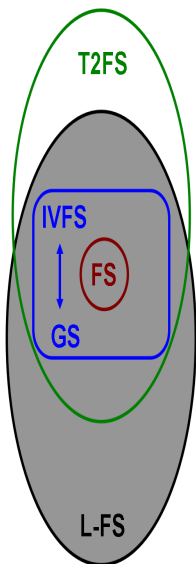


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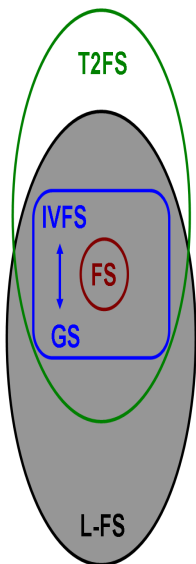


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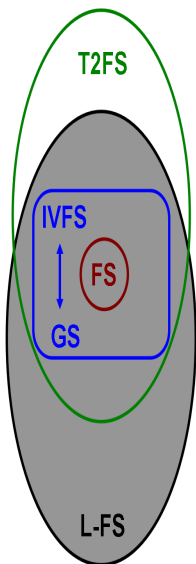


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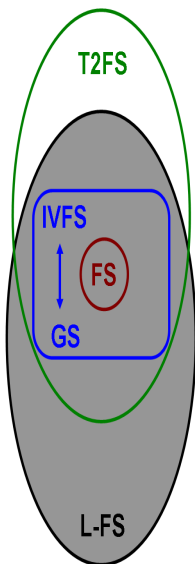
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Proposition

Let $A, B: [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be two aggregation functions, such that for all $(x, y), (u, v) \in K([0, 1])$, the equalities $A(x, y) = A(u, v)$ and $B(x, y) = B(u, v)$ can hold only if $(x, y) = (u, v)$. Define the relation $\preceq_{A,B}$ on $L([0, 1])$ by

$[x, y] \preceq_{A,B} [u, v]$ if and only if

$$A(x, y) < A(u, v)$$

$$\text{or } A(x, y) = A(u, v) \text{ and } B(x, y) \leq B(u, v). \quad (1)$$

Then $\preceq_{A,B}$ is an admissible order on $L([0, 1])$.

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Defining linear orders

The linear order $\preceq_{A,B}$ refines the standard partial order \leq on intervals,

$$[x, y] \leq [u, v] \text{ whenever } x \leq u \text{ and } y \leq v$$

That is, $[x, y] \leq [u, v]$ implies $[x, y] \preceq_{A,B} [u, v]$ whichever A and B are.

And we can also recover some orders...

The lexicographical orders :

$$[x, y] \preceq_{P_1} [u, v] \text{ whenever } x < u \text{ or } x = u \text{ and } y \leq v$$

and

$$[x, y] \preceq_{P_2} [u, v] \text{ whenever } y < v \text{ or } y = v \text{ and } x \leq u$$

can be recovered by taking

- $A(x, y) = x$ and $B(x, y) = y$, in the first case, or
- $A(x, y) = y$ and $B(x, y) = x$ for the second case.

We can also recover the Yager-Xu's order:

$$[x, y] \preceq_{YX} [u, v]$$

whenever

- $x + y - 1 < u + v - 1$ (score) or
- $x + y - 1 = u + v - 1$ and $x - y + 1 \leq u - v + 1$ (accuracy)

since it can be seen as a linear order $\preceq_{M,G}$ on $L([0, 1])$, where

- M is the arithmetic mean and
 - G is the geometric mean.
- Z.Xu and R.Yager, Some geometric aggregation operators based on intuitionistic fuzzy sets, Int. J. General Syst, 35, (2006) 417-433

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Let \preceq be an admissible order on $L([0, 1])$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in [0, 1]^n$, $w_1 + \dots + w_n = 1$, a weighting vector. An interval-valued OWA operator associated with \preceq and \mathbf{w} is a mapping

$IVOWA_{\mathbf{w}}^{\preceq}: (L([0, 1]))^n \rightarrow L([0, 1])$ defined by

$$IVOWA_{\mathbf{w}}^{\preceq}([a_1, b_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n]) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot [a_{(i)}, b_{(i)}],$$

where $[a_{(i)}, b_{(i)}]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, denotes the i th greatest interval of the input intervals with respect to the order \preceq .

The above Definition extends the usual definition of OWA operators, as is shown in the next proposition.

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$$OWA_{\mathbf{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = IVOWA_{\mathbf{w}}^{\preceq}([x_1, x_1], \dots, [x_n, x_n]).$$

Interval-valued OWA operators

However, in general the representability of IVOWA operators in the form

$$IVOWA_{\mathbf{w}}^{\preceq}([a_1, b_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n]) = [OWA_{\mathbf{w}}(a_1, \dots, a_n), OWA_{\mathbf{w}}(b_1, \dots, b_n)]$$

does not hold, as is shown in the following example.

Example

Consider the weighting vector $\mathbf{w} = (1, 0, 0)$ and the lexicographical order \preceq_{Lex1} . For the intervals $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$, $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $[\frac{1}{3}, 1]$ it holds

$$[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}] \preceq_{Lex1} [\frac{1}{3}, 1] \preceq_{Lex1} [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}].$$

Therefore

$$IVOWA_{\mathbf{w}}^{\preceq_{Lex1}} \left(\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4} \right], \left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \right], \left[\frac{1}{3}, 1 \right] \right) = \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4} \right],$$

and on the other hand,

$$\left[OWA_{\mathbf{w}} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right), OWA_{\mathbf{w}} \left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) \right] = \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1 \right].$$

Definition

Let $F : U \rightarrow L([0, 1])$ be an interval-valued fuzzy set, and $m : 2^U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a fuzzy measure. The (A, B) -Choquet integral $\mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}(F)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n F(u_{\sigma_{A,B}(i)}) (m(\{u_{\sigma_{A,B}(i)}, \dots, u_{\sigma_{A,B}(n)}\}) - m(\{u_{\sigma_{A,B}(i+1)}, \dots, u_{\sigma_{A,B}(n)}\})),$$

where $\sigma_{A,B} : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ is a permutation such that $F(u_{\sigma_{A,B}(1)}) \preceq_{A,B} F(u_{\sigma_{A,B}(2)}) \preceq_{A,B} \dots \preceq_{A,B} F(u_{\sigma_{A,B}(n)})$.

Remark

- (i) *The concept of an interval-valued (A, B) -Choquet integral $\mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}$ extends the standard discrete Choquet integral. Indeed if $F : U \rightarrow L([0, 1])$ is singleton-valued, i.e., F is a fuzzy subset of U , then $C_m(F) = \mathbf{C}_m(F) = \mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}(F)$ independently of A, B .*
- (ii) *For a fixed $F : U \rightarrow L([0, 1])$ such that f_* and f^* are comonotone, i.e., $(f_*(u_i) - f_*(u_j)) \cdot (f^*(u_i) - f^*(u_j)) \geq 0$ for all $u_i, u_j \in U$, for any A, B satisfying our constraints, $\mathbf{C}_m(F) = \mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}(F)$.*
- (iii) *In general the integral \mathbf{C}_m cannot be expressed in the form $\mathbf{C}_m^{A,B}$, since representability in terms of the bounds of the considered intervals is not assured.*

Interval-valued Choquet integrals

- For several couples $(A_1, B_1), (A_2, B_2), \dots$, the linear orders $\preceq_{A_1, B_1}, \preceq_{A_2, B_2}, \dots$, may coincide.
- Indeed, then $\mathbf{C}_m^{A_1, B_1} = \mathbf{C}_m^{A_2, B_2}$.
- For instance, we can take $\preceq_{Min, Max} \equiv \preceq_{P_1, P_2} \equiv \preceq_{P_1, B}$, where $P_1, P_2 : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are projections, $P_1(x, y) = x$, $P_2(x, y) = y$ and $B : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an arbitrary cancellative (strictly monotone) aggregation function.

Let us consider the projections P_1 and P_2 . The next relationship holds:

Proposition

Let a fuzzy set $F : U \rightarrow L([0, 1])$ and a fuzzy measure $m : 2^U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be fixed. Denote

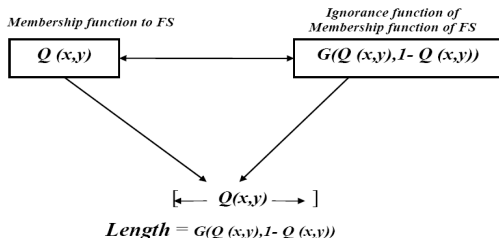
$$\mathbf{C}_m(F) = [\alpha, \beta], \quad \mathbf{C}_m^{P_1, P_2}(F) = [a, b], \quad \mathbf{C}_m^{P_2, P_1}(F) = [c, d]$$

Then $\alpha = a$ and $\beta = d$.

GDM with IVFS. Why?

$$e_i = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0,59 & 0,61 & 0,48 & 0,41 & 0,49 \\ 0,41 & - & 0,59 & 0,49 & 0,61 & 0,48 \\ 0,39 & 0,41 & - & 0,40 & 0,55 & 0,50 \\ 0,52 & 0,51 & 0,60 & - & 0,37 & 0,58 \\ 0,59 & 0,39 & 0,45 & 0,63 & - & 0,37 \\ 0,51 & 0,52 & 0,50 & 0,42 & 0,63 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Construction of intervals: Ignorance functions

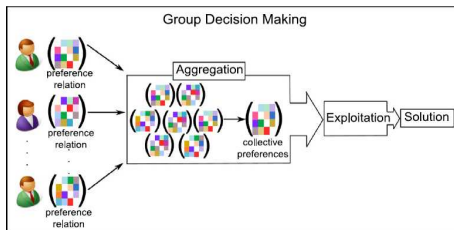


Definition

An ignorance function is a continuous function $G_i : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that:

- $G_i 1)$ $G_i(x, y) = G_i(y, x)$ for every $x, y \in [0, 1]$;
- $G_i 2)$ $G_i(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = 1$ or $y = 1$;
- $G_i 3)$ If $x = 0,5$ and $y = 0,5$, then $G_i(x, y) = 1$;
- $G_i 4)$ G_i is decreasing in $[0,5, 1]^2$;
- $G_i 5)$ G_i is increasing in $[0, 0,5]^2$.

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We have n experts and p alternatives, so we have n interval-valued preference matrices:

$$e_{IV_i} = \begin{pmatrix} & x_1 & x_2 & \dots & \dots & x_p \\ x_1 & - & [e_{i12}, \bar{e}_{i12}] & [e_{i13}, \bar{e}_{i13}] & \dots & [e_{i1p}, \bar{e}_{i1p}] \\ x_2 & [e_{i21}, \bar{e}_{i21}] & - & [e_{i23}, \bar{e}_{i23}] & \dots & [e_{i2p}, \bar{e}_{i2p}] \\ & \dots & \dots & \dots & - & \dots \\ x_p & [e_{ip1}, \bar{e}_{ip1}] & [e_{ip2}, \bar{e}_{ip2}] & \dots & \dots & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Aggregation phase:

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- 1.- Apply the previous algorithm to the lower bounds, using penalty functions;
- 2.- Apply the previous algorithm to the upper bounds, using penalty functions and the same aggregation functions;
 - 2.1- If for some position we don't recover an interval, delete the chosen aggregation and repeat the algorithm until we get an interval.

$$r^c = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots, & \dots, & x_p \\ x_1 & - & [x_{i_{12}}, \bar{r}_{i_{12}}] & [x_{i_{13}}, \bar{r}_{i_{13}}] & \dots, [x_{i_{1p}}, \bar{r}_{i_{1p}}] \\ x_2 & [x_{i_{21}}, \bar{r}_{i_{21}}] & - & [x_{i_{23}}, \bar{r}_{i_{23}}] & \dots, [x_{i_{2p}}, \bar{r}_{i_{2p}}] \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & - & \dots \\ x_p & [x_{i_{p1}}, \bar{r}_{i_{p1}}] & [x_{i_{p2}}, \bar{r}_{i_{p2}}] & \dots & \dots & - \end{pmatrix}$$

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Thanks for your attention