

## Formal Calculi of Fuzzy Relations

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# Fuzzy sets

Recall:

**Fuzzy set** = a set with weighted membership,  $A: V \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$

Conventions:

- $\mathbf{L}$  usually a (residuated) lattice, often  $[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- Crisp subsets of  $V$  identified with fuzzy sets  $C: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \subseteq \mathbf{L}$

## Fuzzy sets

## Notation:

- Membership degrees:  $A(x)$  or just  $Ax$
- Write  $A = \{x \parallel f(x)\}$  if  $Ax = f(x)$  for all  $x \in V$

## Examples:

$$A \cap B = \{x \parallel Ax \wedge Bx\}$$

$$V = \{x \parallel 1\}$$

$$\ker A = \{x \parallel Ax = 1\}$$

$$(A \cap B)x \equiv \min(Ax, Bx)$$

$$\text{analogously } \emptyset = \{x \parallel 0\}$$

$$\text{analogously } \text{supp } A$$

# Fuzzy relations

## Recall:

- (Binary) **fuzzy relation** = a fuzzy set of **pairs**,  $R: V^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$
- **$n$ -Ary** fuzzy relation = a fuzzy set of  $n$ -tuples,  $S: V^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$
- Fuzzy relation **from  $X$  to  $Y$**  (for  $X, Y \subseteq V$ ) ...  $T: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$   
 (treat as  $V^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$ : add 0's elsewhere, ignore  $V^2 - (X \times Y)$ )

# Fuzzy relations

## Notation:

- Membership degrees:  $Rxy$ ,  $Sxyz$ , ...
- Write  $R = \{xy \parallel f(x, y)\}$  if  $Rxy = f(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$

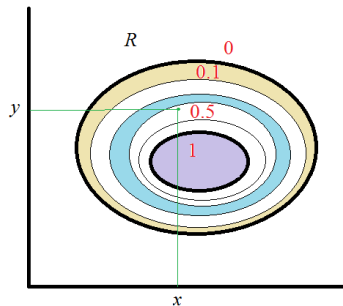
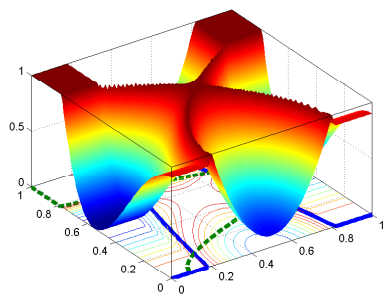
## Examples:

$$\text{supp } R = \{xy \parallel Rxy > 0\}$$

$$\text{Id} = \{xy \parallel x = y\}$$

## Representation of fuzzy relations

- **Graphs** (3D or contours = a system of horizontal cuts)





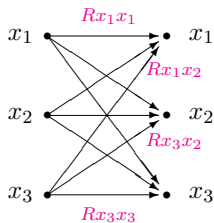
## Representation of fuzzy relations

- **Matrices** (esp. for finite fuzzy relations):

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} Rx_1x_1 & Rx_1x_2 & \cdots & Rx_1x_n \\ Rx_2x_1 & Rx_2x_2 & \cdots & Rx_2x_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Rx_nx_1 & Rx_nx_2 & \cdots & Rx_nx_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{e.g.,} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Representation of fuzzy relations

- Co-graphs (weighted co-graphs of classical relations):



## Representation of fuzzy relations

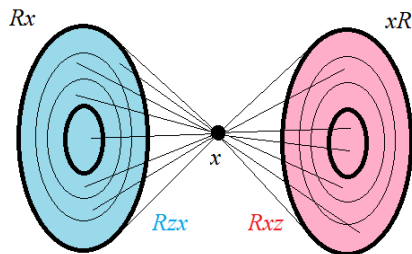
For a binary fuzzy relation  $R$  define:

$$Ry = \{x \mid Rxy\}$$

foreset (of  $x \in V$ )

$$xR = \{y \mid Rxy\}$$

afterset (of  $x \in V$ )



# Formalization of the theory of fuzzy relations

Formalization = specification of:

- A **formal language** (formulae for statements about fuzzy relations)
- An **interpretation** of the formal language  
(translation of formulae into statements about fuzzy relations)
- **Derivation rules** (to derive true statements about fuzzy relations)

# Formalization of the theory of fuzzy relations

## Why formalize?

- We restrict the language in order to enable **formal** (symbolic) **manipulation** with statements about fuzzy relations
- Derivation of **schematic theorems**
- **Automatic** (machine) **deduction**
- **Metamathematical results** (on **expressivity**, **complexity**, ...)

# Predicate fuzzy logic: language

Example of formalization: predicate fuzzy logic

We restrict the mathematical language of fuzzy set theory to:

- Algebraic operations in  $\mathbf{L}$ :  $\wedge, \vee, *, \Rightarrow, \Delta, \dots$  (logical connectives)
- Infima and suprema  $\bigwedge, \bigvee$  (written as the quantifiers  $\forall, \exists$ )

Optionally:

- Crisp equality  $=$  of elements and fuzzy sets ( $=, \leq$  on  $\mathbf{L}$  definable)
- (Eliminable) set-terms  $\{\vec{x} \parallel \varphi\}$
- Variables for fuzzy sets of fuzzy relations  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \dots)$  etc.  
(then add the axioms of equality, comprehension, and extensionality)

# Predicate fuzzy logic: interpretation

The meaning of symbols in predicate fuzzy logic:

## Atomic formulae:

- Unary predicate symbols  $P$ : fuzzy sets
- Unary atomic formulae  $Px$ : membership degree of  $x$  in  $P$
- $n$ -Ary predicate symbols  $R$ : fuzzy relations
- $n$ -Ary atomic formulae  $Rxy, Sxyz, \dots$ :  
membership degree of the  $n$ -tuple in the fuzzy relation

# Predicate fuzzy logic: interpretation

## Connectives:

- Min-conjunction  $\wedge$ : minimum (in the lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  of degrees)
- Max-disjunction  $\vee$ : maximum
- Strong conjunction  $\&$ : a (left-)continuous t-norm  $*$ 
  - T-norm  $= * : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  commutative associative monotone, unit 1
  - E.g.: product, min, the Łukasiewicz t-norm  $\max(\alpha + \beta - 1, 0)$
  - More generally, the monoidal operation  $*$  of the residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$
- Implication  $\rightarrow$ : the residuum  $\Rightarrow_*$  of  $*$ 
  - $(\alpha \Rightarrow_* \beta) = \sup_{\gamma * \alpha \leq \beta} \gamma$
  - $(\alpha \Rightarrow_* \beta) = 1$  iff  $\alpha \leq \beta$
- Negation  $\neg$ : the function  $\alpha \Rightarrow_* 0$  (e.g.,  $1 - \alpha$  for  $*$  Łukasiewicz)
- Equivalence  $\leftrightarrow$ : the biresiduum  $\min(\alpha \Rightarrow_* \beta, \beta \Rightarrow_* \alpha)$
- Delta  $\Delta$ : indicator of  $\alpha = 1$  (in linear  $\mathbf{L}$ )



# Predicate fuzzy logic: interpretation

## Quantifiers:

- Universal quantifier  $\forall$ : infimum (in the complete lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ )
- Existential quantifier  $\exists$ : supremum

## Example:

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)(Px \wedge Qy \rightarrow Rxy)$$

$$\bigwedge_x \bigvee_y (\min(Px, Qy) \Rightarrow_* Rxy)$$

# Predicate fuzzy logic: axiomatic system

**Aim:** generate only (and all?) formulae  $\varphi$  s.t. always  $\varphi = 1$   
 = soundness (and, sometimes, completeness)

- (a) For a given (left-)continuous t-norm  $*$ :
- For the Łukasiewicz  $*$ : Łukasiewicz logic
  - For the minimum: Gödel logic
  - For the product: product logic, etc.
- (b) For a given class of continuous t-norms:
- All continuous t-norms: Hájek's logic BL
  - All left-continuous t-norms: MTL, etc.
- (c) Variations: adding connectives, relaxing conditions, ...

# Predicate fuzzy logic: axiomatic system

## Example: Łukasiewicz fuzzy logic

### Axioms:

$$\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$$

$$(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\psi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$$

$$((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\psi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi)$$

$$(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$$

$$(\forall x)Px \rightarrow Py$$

$$(\forall x)(\varphi \rightarrow Px) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow (\forall x)Px)$$

$$\alpha \leq (\beta \Rightarrow_* \alpha)$$

$$\alpha \Rightarrow_* \beta \leq (\beta \Rightarrow_* \gamma) \Rightarrow_* (\alpha \Rightarrow_* \gamma)$$

$$\max(\alpha, \beta) \leq \max(\beta, \alpha)$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow_* 0) \Rightarrow_* (\beta \Rightarrow_* 0) \leq (\beta \Rightarrow_* \alpha)$$

$$\bigwedge_x Px \leq Py$$

$$\bigwedge_x (\alpha \Rightarrow_* Px) \leq \alpha \Rightarrow_* \bigwedge_x Px$$

### Rules: Uniform substitution and

$$\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \vdash \psi$$

$$Px \vdash (\forall x)Px$$

$$\text{if } \alpha = 1 \text{ and } \alpha \leq \beta \text{ then } \beta = 1$$

$$\text{if } Px = 1 \text{ for all } x, \text{ then } \bigwedge_x Px = 1$$

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## Fuzzy relational operations (formalized)

**Recall:** In formal fuzzy logic, predicates are interpreted by fuzzy relations  
(and unary predicates by fuzzy sets)

⇒ Predicate fuzzy logic is in fact a formal calculus for fuzzy relations!

**Recall:** Restricting the language enables formal manipulation, automatic deduction, schematic theorems, metamathematical results

Large expressive power of predicate fuzzy logic ⇒  
can be used as the language of the theory of fuzzy relations

# Fuzzy relational operations (formalized)

**Notice:** Fuzzy relations are fuzzy sets

⇒ Fuzzy set-theoretical operations apply to fuzzy relations, too

$$R \cap S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (Rxy \wedge Sxy)\}$$

$$(R \cap S)xy = Rxy \wedge Sxy$$

min-intersection

analogously:  $\cap, \cup$

$$\neg R =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid \neg Rxy\}$$

$$(\neg R)xy = (Rxy \Rightarrow_* 0)$$

complement

also written  $\bar{R}, R^c, \setminus R, \dots$

$$\ker R =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid \Delta Rxy\}$$

$$xy \in \ker R \text{ iff } Rxy = 1$$

kernel

analogously:  $\text{supp} (\neg \Delta \neg)$

$$\bigcap \mathcal{A} =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\forall R)(\mathcal{A}R \rightarrow Rxy)\}$$

$$(\bigcap \mathcal{A})xy = \bigwedge_R (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* Rxy)$$

fuzzy set-intersection

analogously:  $\bigcup$

# Properties of fuzzy relations

## Fuzzy set-theoretical properties of fuzzy relations:

$\text{Hgt } R \equiv_{\text{df}} (\exists xy) Rxy$ $\text{Hgt } R = \bigvee_{x,y} Rxy$	height analogously: $\text{Plt } (\forall/\wedge)$
$R \subseteq S \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall xy)(Rxy \rightarrow Sxy)$ $(R \subseteq S) = \bigwedge_{x,y} (Rxy \Rightarrow_* Sxy)$	graded inclusion
$R \wp S \equiv_{\text{df}} (\exists xy)(Rxy \& Sxy)$ $(R \wp S) = \bigvee_{x,y} (Rxy * Sxy)$	graded compatibility $= \text{Hgt}(R \cap S)$

Notice:  $\subseteq$  is *graded*

$$(R \subseteq S) = 1 \text{ iff } Rxy \leq Sxy \text{ for all } xy \quad \dots \Delta(R \subseteq S)$$

## Properties of fuzzy relations

Example (for \* Łukasiewicz):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix} \subseteq \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0.8$$



# Properties of fuzzy relations

Fuzzy set–theoretical laws apply to fuzzy relations, too. Examples:

$$(R \cap S) \cup T = (R \cup T) \cap (S \cup T)$$

$$R \cap S \subseteq R \cup S$$

$$\text{Hgt}(R \cap S) \leq \text{Hgt } R \wedge \text{Hgt } S, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Derivation in fuzzy logic (MTL, using Lemma:  $(\exists x)(\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow (\exists x)\varphi \wedge (\exists x)\psi$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hgt}(R \cap S) &\longleftrightarrow (\exists xy)((R \cap S)xy) \longleftrightarrow (\exists xy)(Rxy \wedge Sxy) \longrightarrow \\ &(\exists xy)Rxy \wedge (\exists xy)Sxy \longleftrightarrow \text{Hgt } R \wedge \text{Hgt } S \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hgt}(R \cap S) &= \bigvee_{xy} ((R \cap S)xy) = \bigvee_{xy} (Rxy \wedge Sxy) \leq \\ &\bigvee_{xy} Rxy \wedge \bigvee_{xy} Sxy = \text{Hgt } R \wedge \text{Hgt } S \end{aligned}$$

## Basic fuzzy relational operations

$$\emptyset^2 =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid 0\}$$

$$\emptyset^2 xy = 0 \text{ for all } xy$$

empty fuzzy relation

$$\text{analogously: } V^2 = \{xy \mid 1\}$$

$$\text{Id} =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid x = y\}$$

$$\text{Id } xy = 1 \text{ if } x = y$$

$$\text{Id } xy = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

crisp identity relation

$$R^{-1} =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid Ryx\}$$

$$R^{-1}xy = Ryx$$

converse relation

## Basic fuzzy relational operations

$$\text{dom } R =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid (\exists y)Rxy\}$$

$$(\text{dom } R)x = \bigvee_y Rxy$$

domain

analogously: **rng**

$$R \rightarrow A =_{\text{df}} \{y \mid (\exists x)(Ax \& Rxy)\}$$

$$(R \rightarrow A)y = \bigvee_x (Ax * Rxy)$$

image

analogously: preimage  $\leftarrow$ 

$$A \times B =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid Ax \& By\}$$

$$(A \times B)xy = Ax * By$$

Cartesian product

analogously:  $n$ -ary, powers

Example:

$$\text{dom} \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.9 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Defined properties of fuzzy relations

**Refl**  $R \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall x) Rxx$  reflexivity

$$\text{Refl } R = \bigwedge_x Rxx$$

**Sym**  $R \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall xy)(Rxy \rightarrow Ryx)$  symmetry

$$\text{Sym } R = \bigwedge_{x,y} (Rxy \Rightarrow_* Ryx)$$

**Trans**  $R \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall xyz)(Rxy \& Ryz \rightarrow Rxz)$  transitivity

$$\text{Trans } R = \bigwedge_{x,y,z} (Rxy * Ryz \Rightarrow_* Rxz)$$

Notice *graded* properties again:

$\text{Trans } R = 1$  iff  $Rxy * Ryz \leq Rxz$  for all  $x, y, z$  (crisp '\*-transitivity')

## Defined properties of fuzzy relations

### Compound properties:

$\Delta \text{Sim } R \equiv_{\text{df}} \Delta(\text{Refl } R \wedge \text{Sym } R \wedge \text{Trans } R)$  ... similarity relation

$\text{Sim } R = 1$  iff  $\text{Refl } R = \text{Sym } R = \text{Trans } R = 1$

(a.k.a. indistinguishability, fuzzy equivalence relation)

Similarly: fuzzy preorders, fuzzy orders, ...

Modifications (Höhle, Bodenhofer): e.g.,

$\text{Refl}_E R \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall xy)(Exy \rightarrow Rxy)$  for an indistinguishability  $E$

# (Sup-T) composition of fuzzy relations

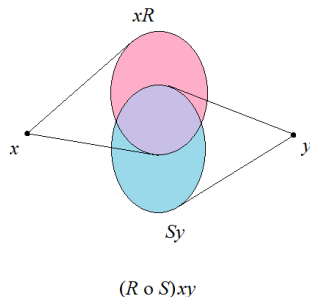
## Fuzzy relational composition

$$R \circ S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\exists z)(Rxz \ \& \ Szy)\}$$

sup-T composition

$$(R \circ S)xy = \bigvee_z (Rxz * Szy)$$

Fore/afterset characterization:  $(R \circ S)xy \equiv xR \ \wp \ Sy \equiv xR \cap Sy \neq \emptyset$  (crisp)



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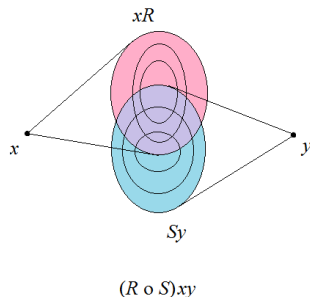
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Fore/afterset characterization:  $(R \circ S)xy = xR \ \wp \ Sy = \text{Hgt}(xR \cap Sy)$  (fuzzy)



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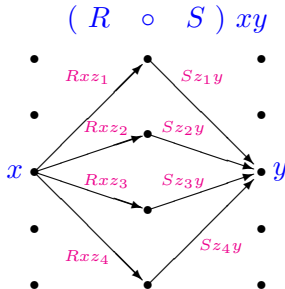
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sup-T composition

Co-graph visualization:





# (Sup-T) composition of fuzzy relations

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sup-T composition

$$(R \circ S)xy = \bigvee_z (Rxz * Szy)$$

Matrix 'multiplication':

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 \circ & \begin{pmatrix} Sx_1x_1 & \cdots & Sx_1x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Sx_nx_1 & \cdots & Sx_nx_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 \hline
 \begin{pmatrix} Rx_1x_1 & \cdots & Rx_1x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Rx_nx_1 & \cdots & Rx_nx_n \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} (R \circ S)x_1x_1 & \cdots & (R \circ S)x_1x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (R \circ S)x_nx_1 & \cdots & (R \circ S)x_nx_n \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

# Properties of sup-T composition

## Theorem

- $(R \circ S) \circ T = R \circ (S \circ T)$  (associativity)
- $R \circ \text{Id} = \text{Id} \circ R = R$  (identity)
- $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$  (transposition)
- $R_1 \subseteq R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \circ S \subseteq R_2 \circ S$  (monotony)
- $(\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \circ S = \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S)$  (union distributivity)
- $(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \circ S \subseteq \bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S)$  (intersection subdistributivity)

## Derivation in predicate fuzzy logic

$$(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1} \quad (\text{transposition})$$

Proof:

$$(R \circ S)^{-1}xy \iff (R \circ S)yx \iff (\exists z)(Ryz \ \& \ Szx) \iff \\ (\exists z)(S^{-1}xz \ \& \ R^{-1}zy) \iff (S^{-1} \circ R^{-1})xy$$

$$(R \circ S)^{-1}xy = (R \circ S)yx = \bigvee_z (Ryz * Szx) = \\ \bigvee_z (S^{-1}xz * R^{-1}zy) = (S^{-1} \circ R^{-1})xy$$

# Derivation in predicate fuzzy logic

$$\left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R\right) \circ S \subseteq \bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S) \quad (\text{intersection subdistributivity})$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_L xy &\equiv_{\text{df}} \left(\left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R\right) \circ S\right) xy \longleftrightarrow \\ &(\exists z)((\forall R)(\mathcal{A}(R) \rightarrow Rxy) \& Szy) \longrightarrow \\ &(\exists z)(\forall R)(\mathcal{A}(R) \rightarrow Rxy \& Szy) \longrightarrow \\ &(\forall R)(\exists z)(\mathcal{A}(R) \rightarrow Rxy \& Szy) \longrightarrow \\ &(\forall R)(\mathcal{A}(R) \rightarrow (\exists z)(Rxy \& Szy)) \longleftrightarrow \\ &(\forall R)(\mathcal{A}(R) \rightarrow (R \circ S)xy) \longleftrightarrow \\ &\left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S)\right) xy \equiv_{\text{df}} Q_R xy \end{aligned}$$

Thus provably,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_L xy &\rightarrow Q_R xy \\ (\forall xy)(Q_L xy &\rightarrow Q_R xy) \\ Q_L &\subseteq Q_R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_L xy &= \left(\left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R\right) \circ S\right) xy = \\ &\bigvee_z \left(\bigwedge_R (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* Rxy) * Szy\right) \leq \\ &\bigvee_z \bigwedge_R (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* (Rxy * Szy)) \leq \\ &\bigwedge_R \bigvee_z (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* (Rxy * Szy)) \leq \\ &\bigwedge_R (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* \bigvee_z (Rxy * Szy)) = \\ &\bigwedge_R (\mathcal{A}(R) \Rightarrow_* (R \circ S)xy) = \\ &\left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S)\right) xy = Q_R xy \\ Q_L xy &\leq Q_R xy \\ (Q_L xy \Rightarrow_* Q_R xy) &= 1 \\ \bigwedge_{x,y} (Q_L xy \Rightarrow_* Q_R xy) &= 1 \\ (Q_L \subseteq Q_R) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Inf-R compositions of fuzzy relations

Compositions of fuzzy relations (a.k.a. fuzzy relational products):

$$R \circ S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\exists z)(Rxz \ \& \ Szy)\} \quad \text{sup-T composition}$$

$$(R \circ S)xy = \bigvee_z (Rxz * Szy)$$

$$R \triangleleft S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\forall z)(Rxz \rightarrow Szy)\} \quad \text{inf-R composition}$$

$$(R \triangleleft S)xy = \bigwedge_z (Rxz \Rightarrow_* Szy) \quad \text{a.k.a. BK-(sub)product}$$

$$R \triangleright S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\forall z)(Szy \rightarrow Rxz)\} \quad \text{BK-superproduct}$$

$$(R \triangleright S)xy = \bigwedge_z (Szy \Rightarrow_* Rxz)$$

$$R \square S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\forall z)(Rxz \leftrightarrow Szy)\} \quad \text{BK-squareproduct}$$

$$(R \square S)xy = \bigwedge_z (Rxz \leftrightarrow_* Szy)$$

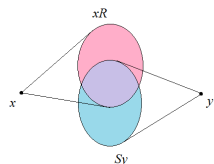
# Inf-R compositions of fuzzy relations

Characterization in terms of foresets and aftersets:

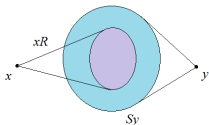
$$(R \circ S)xy = xR \checkmark Sy$$

$$(R \triangleleft S)xy = xR \subseteq Sy$$

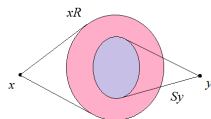
$$(R \triangleright S)xy = Sy \subseteq xR$$



$(R \circ S)xy$



$(R \triangleleft S)xy$



$(R \triangleright S)xy$

## Inf-R compositions of fuzzy relations

Example (crisp/graded):

$Rps$  = patient  $p$  shows symptom  $s$

$Ssd$  =  $s$  is a symptom of disease  $d$

$(R \circ S)pd$  = some symptoms shown by patient  $p$  are symptoms of disease  $d$

$(R \triangleleft S)pd$  = all symptoms shown by patient  $p$  are symptoms of disease  $d$

$(R \triangleright S)pd$  = all symptoms of disease  $d$  are shown by patient  $p$

$(R \square S)pd$  = patient  $p$  shows exactly the symptoms of disease  $d$

## Expressivity of fuzzy relational products

Many relational properties can be characterized by means of fuzzy relational products

Examples:

$$\text{Trans } R \leftrightarrow R \subseteq R \circ R$$

$$\text{Refl } R \rightarrow R \circ R \subseteq R$$

$$\text{Trans } R \leftrightarrow R \subseteq R \triangleright R^{-1}$$

$$\text{Refl } R \leftrightarrow R \triangleright R^{-1} \subseteq R$$



# Properties of BK-products

## Theorem

- $R \triangleright S = (S^{-1} \triangleleft R^{-1})^{-1}$   
 $R \square S = (R \triangleleft S) \cap (R \triangleright S)$ 
(interdefinability)
- $(R \triangleleft S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \triangleright R^{-1}$   
 $(R \triangleright S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \triangleleft R^{-1}$ 
(transposition)
- $R \triangleleft (S \triangleleft T) = (R \circ S) \triangleleft T$   
 $(R \triangleright S) \triangleright T = R \triangleright (S \circ T)$ 
(residuation)
- $(R \triangleleft S) \triangleright T = R \triangleleft (S \triangleright T)$ 
(quasi-associativity)

# Properties of BK-products

## Theorem

- $R_1 \subseteq R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \triangleleft S \subseteq R_1 \triangleleft S$   
 $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \rightarrow R \triangleleft S_1 \subseteq R \triangleleft S_2$ 
(monotony)
- $\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \triangleleft S) = (\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \triangleleft S$   
 $\bigcap_{S \in \mathcal{A}} (R \triangleleft S) = R \triangleleft \bigcap_{S \in \mathcal{A}} S$ 
(union subdistributivity)
- $\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \triangleleft S) \subseteq (\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \triangleleft S$   
 $\bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{A}} (R \triangleleft S) \subseteq R \triangleleft \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{A}} S$ 
(intersection distributivity)

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$$R \triangleleft' S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\forall z)(Rxz \rightarrow Szy) \wedge (\exists z)Rxz\}$$

$$(R \triangleleft' S)xy = \bigwedge_z (Rxz \Rightarrow_* Szy) \wedge \bigvee_z Rxz$$

(analogously for  $\triangleright'$ ,  $\square'$ )

**Motivation:** to avoid the 'useless pairs'

(good for some applications, many BK-properties preserved)

## Modifications of BK-products

### Example:

$Rps$  = patient  $p$  shows symptom  $s$

$Ssd$  =  $s$  is a symptom of disease  $d$

$(R \triangleleft S)pd$  = all symptoms shown by patient  $p$  are symptoms of disease  $d$   
 (trivially true if  $p$  shows no symptoms)

$(R \triangleleft' S)pd$  = patient  $p$  shows some symptoms, all of which are symptoms of  $d$   
 (much more relevant for diagnosis)

Other side-condition modifications of fuzzy relational products possible—  
 e.g., to exclude *incompatible* pairs (Štěpnička, Holčapek, Cao)

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# Tarski's relational calculus

Tarski's relational calculus for crisp relations =  
an equational calculus using  $\cup, -, \circ, ^{-1}, \text{Id}$

Strong expressive power—can express:

- Classical first-order logic with max 3 variables
- Peano arithmetic  $\Rightarrow$  incomplete (Gödel's theorems apply)
- ZFC set theory  $\Rightarrow$  math can be done w/o quantifiers

## Tarski's relational calculus

## Axioms of crisp relational calculus

$$\begin{aligned}
 R \cup S &= S \cup R \\
 R \cup (S \cup T) &= (R \cup S) \cup T \\
 -(-R \cup S) \cup -(-R \cup -S) &= R && \text{= axioms of BA} \\
 R \circ (S \circ T) &= (R \circ S) \circ T \\
 R \circ \text{Id} &= R \\
 (R^{-1})^{-1} &= R \\
 (R \circ S)^{-1} &= S^{-1} \circ R^{-1} \\
 (R \cup S)^{-1} &= R^{-1} \cup S^{-1} \\
 (R \cup S) \circ T &= (R \circ T) \cup (S \circ T) \\
 (R^{-1} \circ -(R \circ S)) \cup -S &= -S
 \end{aligned}$$

Rules: uniform replacement, substitution of equals for equals

# Fuzzy relational calculus

Fuzzy relational calculus = Tarski's calculus adapted for fuzzy relations

A simple way: replace the axioms of BA by the axioms of fuzzy logic

Example for Łukasiewicz logic: add  $\cup, \emptyset^2$ , replace BA-axioms with MV-axioms:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 R \cup S = S \cup R & -(-R) = R \\
 R \cup (S \cup T) = (R \cup S) \cup T & R \cup S = -(-R \cup S) \cup S \\
 R \cup \emptyset^2 = R & R \cup S = S \cup R \\
 R \cup -\emptyset^2 = -\emptyset^2 &
 \end{array}$$

**Theorem:** The 'non-logical' relational axioms carry over to fuzzy relations based on any (left-)continuous t-norm (Kohout 2002)

Only sketched by Kohout, many open problems (expressive power, ...)



## Composition-based calculus for fuzzy sets and relations

Extension to fuzzy set-theoretical notions (Běhounek–Daňková 2009) by including BK-products and identification of fuzzy sets and truth degrees with certain fuzzy relations

Compare:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 R \circ S =_{\text{df}} \{xy \mid (\exists z)(Rxz \ \& \ Szy)\} & (R \circ S)xy = \bigvee_z (Rxz * Szy) \\
 R \leftarrow A =_{\text{df}} \{x \mid (\exists z)(Rxz \ \& \ Az)\} & (R \rightarrow A)x = \bigvee_z (Rxz * Az)
 \end{array}$$

Idea: Add a dummy constant  $\mathbf{o}$  and identify  $Ax$  with  $S_A x\mathbf{o}$

This reduces  $\leftarrow$  to  $\circ$ :

$$R \circ S_A =_{\text{df}} \{x\mathbf{o} \mid (\exists z)(Rxz \ \& \ S_A z\mathbf{o})\} \quad (R \circ S_A)x\mathbf{o} = \bigvee_z (Rxz * S_A z\mathbf{o})$$

## Composition-based calculus for fuzzy sets and relations

Consequently, properties of  $\circ$  transfer to  $\leftarrow$ , e.g.:

$$(R_1 \subseteq R_2) \rightarrow (R_1 \circ S \subseteq R_2 \circ S) \quad \left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R\right) \circ S \subseteq \bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S)$$

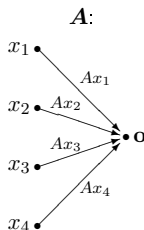
$$(R_1 \subseteq R_2) \rightarrow (R_1 \leftarrow A \subseteq R_2 \leftarrow A) \quad \left(\bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R\right) \leftarrow A \subseteq \bigcap_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \leftarrow A)$$

Similarly for many other fuzzy set- and relation-theoretical notions

## Fuzzy relational representation of fuzzy sets

In general, identify a fuzzy set  $A$  with the fuzzy relation  $\mathbf{A} = A \times \{\mathbf{o}\}$ :  
 (i.e., a  $1 \times N$  fuzzy relation if finite)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} Ax_1 \\ \vdots \\ Ax_n \end{pmatrix}$$



## Fuzzy relational representation of fuzzy sets

$$\text{Then } R \leftarrow A = R \circ \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} Rx_1x_1 & \cdots & Rx_1x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Rx_nx_1 & \cdots & Rx_nx_n \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} Ax_1 \\ \vdots \\ Ax_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (R \leftarrow A)x_1 \\ \vdots \\ (R \leftarrow A)x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly:  $R \rightarrow A = R^{-1} \circ \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\text{dom } R = R \circ \mathbf{V}$ ,  $A \times B = \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}^{-1}$ , etc.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \circ & \begin{pmatrix} Bx_1 & \cdots & Bx_n \end{pmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{pmatrix} Ax_1 \\ \vdots \\ Ax_n \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} (A \times B)x_1x_1 & \cdots & (A \times B)x_1x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (A \times B)x_nx_1 & \cdots & (A \times B)x_nx_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

## Fuzzy relational representation of truth degrees

Furthermore, identify a truth degree  $\alpha$  with the fuzzy set  $\alpha = \{\mathbf{o} \parallel \alpha\}$   
 (i.e., a  $1 \times 1$  fuzzy relation)

$$\alpha = (\alpha) \quad \alpha: \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{o} \\ \bullet \\ \circ \\ \alpha \end{array}$$

## Fuzzy relational representation of truth degrees

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, e.g., } A \subseteq B &= (\forall x)(Ax \rightarrow Bx) = (\forall x)(\mathbf{Axo} \rightarrow \mathbf{Bxo}) = \\ &(\forall x)(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{o}x \rightarrow \mathbf{Bxo}) = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \triangleleft \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \triangleleft & \begin{pmatrix} Bx_1 \\ \vdots \\ Bx_n \end{pmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{pmatrix} Ax_1 & \cdots & Ax_n \end{pmatrix} & (A \subseteq B) \end{array}$$

## Fuzzy relational representation of truth degrees

Similarly:  $\text{Hgt } A = \mathbf{V}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\text{Plt } A = \mathbf{V}^{-1} \triangleleft \mathbf{A}$ ,  $(A \wp B) = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{B}$ ,  
etc.

Moreover, propositional connectives reduce to relational products, too:

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha \& \beta) &= \alpha \circ \beta \\(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) &= \alpha \triangleleft \beta \\(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) &= \alpha \square \beta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \circ & (\alpha) \\ \hline (\beta) & (\alpha \& \beta) \end{array}$$

## Transfer of properties of compositions

Properties of compositions apply to the notions reduced to compositions:

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \circ S &= \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S) & R \circ \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{A}} S &= \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{A}} (R \circ S) \\
 (\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \rightarrow A &= \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \rightarrow A) & R \rightarrow \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (R \rightarrow A) \\
 (\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) \leftarrow A &= \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} (R \leftarrow A) & R \leftarrow \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (R \leftarrow A) \\
 (\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A) \times B &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (A \times B) & A \times \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{A}} B &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{A}} (A \times B)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Dom}(\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) &= \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} \text{Dom } R \\
 \text{Rng}(\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} R) &= \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{A}} \text{Rng } R \\
 \text{Hgt}(\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A) &\leftrightarrow \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (\text{Hgt } A)
 \end{array}$$



## Equational derivations of fuzzy set-theoretic laws

Example:

$$R \rightarrow (\text{rng } S) = \text{rng}(S \circ R)$$

Recall:

$$R \rightarrow A = R^{-1} \circ A$$

$$\text{rng } R = R \rightarrow V = R^{-1} \circ V$$

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} R \rightarrow (\text{rng } S) &= R^{-1} \circ (S^{-1} \circ V) = (R^{-1} \circ S^{-1}) \circ V = \\ &= (S \circ R)^{-1} \circ V = \text{rng}(S \circ R) \end{aligned}$$

## Equational derivations of fuzzy set-theoretic laws

Example:

$$\text{Hgt}(\text{dom } R) = \text{Hgt}(\text{rng } R)$$

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hgt } A &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{A} \\ \text{dom } R &= R \leftarrow \mathbf{V} = R \circ \mathbf{V} \\ \text{rng } R &= R \rightarrow \mathbf{V} = R^{-1} \circ \mathbf{V} \end{aligned}$$

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hgt}(\text{dom } R) &= \mathbf{V}^{-1} \circ (R \circ \mathbf{V}) = (\mathbf{V}^{-1} \circ R) \circ \mathbf{V} = \\ &= (R^{-1} \circ \mathbf{V})^{-1} \circ \mathbf{V} = \text{Hgt}(\text{rng } R) \end{aligned}$$

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