

General conditioned and aimed information on fuzzy setting

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Abstract: In this paper our investigation on aimed information, started in 2011, will be completed on fuzzy setting. Here will be given a form of information for fuzzy sets, when it is conditioned and aimed. This information is called *general*, because it is defined without using probability or fuzzy measure.

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1 Introduction

By using the concept of general information (i.e. information without probability or fuzzy measure [7, 8, 5]), the definition of conditional information [10, 11] and aimed information [12] have been introduced for crisp sets.

It is possible to move to fuzzy setting. In fact the goal of this paper is to introduce a form of general information J conditioned and aimed by two different sets, independent of each other with respect to J (J -independence).

This measure can be useful when we want to measure information of a set of people with different levels of the same illness, treated with different dose of a medicament.

The paper is organized in the following way. Sect.2 contains some preliminaries. In Sect.3 in fuzzy setting will be introduced the definition of general conditional information with a given aim, by means of axioms. The properties of this information are translated in a system of functional equations [1, 2]. In Sect.4 the problem is solved, finding a class of solutions and a particular solution in J -independent case. Sect.5 is devoted to the conclusion.

2 Preliminaires

Let X be an abstract space and \mathcal{F} the σ -algebra of all fuzzy sets of X , such that (X, \mathcal{F}) is measurable. Basic notions, notations and operation on fuzzy sets can be found in [14, 9]. Now, the definition of measure of general information for fuzzy sets is recalled [6].

Definition 1 Measure of general information $J(\cdot)$ is

a mapping $J(\cdot) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ such that $\forall F, F' \in \mathcal{F}$:

- (i) $F \supset F' \rightarrow J(F) \leq J(F')$,
- (ii) $J(\emptyset) = +\infty, J(X) = 0$.

Given a measure of general information J and $K, K' \in \mathcal{F}$ with $K \neq K', K \cap K' \neq \emptyset$, K and K' are said J -independent (i.e. independent of each other with respect to J) if

$$(iii) J(K \cap K') = J(K) + J(K').$$

3 Statement of the problem

In this paragraph will be introduced measure of general information when it is conditioned by a given event H and it is aimed by a different event S . From now on, the following assumption is considered:

$$\text{let } H, S \in \mathcal{F}, H \neq S, \quad (1)$$

$$J(H) \neq +\infty, J(S) \neq +\infty,$$

H and S are calling *conditioning* and *aiming* events, respectively. Now, given a conditioning and aiming sets as in (1), it is introduced the definition of general information of the set $F \in \mathcal{F}$ conditioned by H with the aim S : this information will be denoted by $J_H(F \rightarrow S)$.

Definition 2 Given H and S as in (1), measure of general information conditioned by H with the aim S is a mapping

$$J_H(\cdot \rightarrow S) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$$

such that $\forall F, F' \in \mathcal{F}$:

- (l) $F \supset F' \rightarrow J_H(F \rightarrow S) \leq J_H(F' \rightarrow S)$,
 (ll) $J_H(\emptyset \rightarrow S) = +\infty$, $J_H(X \rightarrow S) = 0$.

Given a measure $J_H(\cdot \rightarrow S)$ as in Def.3, $K, K' \in \mathcal{F}$ with $K \neq K', K \cap K' \neq \emptyset$, K and K' are said *J–conditional independent with the aim S* (i.e. independent of each other with respect to J conditioned by H with the aim S) if

$$(lll) J_H((K \cap K') \rightarrow S) = J_H(K \rightarrow S) + J_H(K' \rightarrow S).$$

3.1 The function Φ

With the assumption (1), our study considers that measure $J_H(\cdot \rightarrow S)$ of $F \in \mathcal{F}$ depends on $J(F), J(H), J(S), J(F \cap H), J(F \cap S)$. So, one will find a function Φ such that:

$$J_H(F \rightarrow S) = \quad (2)$$

$$\Phi \left(J(F), J(H), J(S), J(F \cap H), J(F \cap S) \right),$$

with $\Phi : T \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ and T will be specified later. Putting: $x = J(F), y = J(H), z = J(S), u = J(F \cap H), v = J(F \cap S)$, with $x, u, v \in [0, +\infty], y, z \in [0, +\infty), x \leq u, y \leq u, x \leq v, z \leq v$, from (2) it is

$$J_H(F \rightarrow S) = \Phi \left(x, y, z, u, v \right) \quad (3)$$

and $T = \{(x, y, z, u, v) / x, u, v \in [0, +\infty], y, z \in [0, +\infty), x \leq u, y \leq u, x \leq v, z \leq v\}$.

Moreover, setting $x' = J(F'), u' = J(F' \cap H), v' = J(F' \cap S)$, with $x', u', v' \in [0, +\infty], x' \leq u', x' \leq v'$, the properties [(l)–(ll)] of $J_H(\cdot \rightarrow S)$ are translated in the following system of functional equations:

$$\begin{cases} (e_1) \Phi(x, y, z, u, v) \leq \Phi(x', y, z, u', v') \\ \text{if } x \leq x', u \leq u', v \leq v', \\ (e_2) \Phi(+\infty, y, z, +\infty, +\infty) = +\infty, \\ (e_3) \Phi(0, y, z, y, z) = 0. \end{cases}$$

4 Solution of the problem

4.1 General case

For the system [(e₁) – (e₃)] it is

Proposition 3 A class of solution of the system [(e₁) – (e₃)] is

$$\Phi_h(x, y, z, u, v) = \quad (4)$$

$$h^{-1} \left(h(x) - h(y) - h(z) + h(u) + h(v) \right)$$

where h is any continuous, strictly increasing function $h : [0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ with $h(0) = 0, h(+\infty) = +\infty$.

Proof: The proof follows easily from the properties of the function h .

From (3) and (4), given H and S as in (1), measure of general information of any fuzzy set F conditioned by H with the aim S is

$$J_H(F \rightarrow S) = h^{-1} \left(h(J(F)) - h(J(H)) - h(J(S)) + h(J(F \cap H)) + h(J(F \cap S)) \right) \quad (5)$$

where h is any continuous, strictly increasing function $h : [0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ with $h(0) = 0, h(+\infty) = +\infty$.

4.2 J–independence

In the case of J –independence the system [(e₁) – (e₃)] must be completed with an extra equation deduced by the property (lll) :

$$(e_4) \Phi \left(t + t', y, z, t + t' + y, t + t' + z \right) = \Phi \left(t, y, z, t + y, t + z \right) + \Phi \left(t', y, z, t' + y, t' + z \right),$$

where $t = J(K), t' = J(K'), t, t' \in [0, +\infty]$.

Among all h of the Proposition 3, only differentiable functions are considered. Here it is used the same procedure of [13].

The equation [(e₄)] is

$$h^{-1} \left(h(t+t') - h(y) - h(z) + h(t+t'+y) + h(t+t'+z) \right) = h^{-1} \left(h(t) - h(y) - h(z) + h(t+y) + h(t+z) \right) + h^{-1} \left(h(t') - h(y) - h(z) + h(t'+y) + h(t'+z) \right).$$

Now, the function h will be characterized.

Putting $y = z$,

$$h \left(h(t+t') - h(y) - h(y) + h(t+t'+y) + h(t+t'+y) \right) = h^{-1} \left(h(t) - h(y) - h(y) + h(t+y) + h(t+y) \right) + h^{-1} \left(h(t') - h(y) - h(y) + h(t'+y) + h(t'+y) \right),$$

i.e. it is

$$h^{-1} \left(2 h(t+t'+y) + h(t+t) - 2 h(y) \right) = \quad (6)$$

$$h^{-1} \left(2 h(t+y) + h(t) - 2 h(y) \right) +$$

$$h^{-1} \left(2 h(t'+y) + h(t') - 2 h(y) \right).$$

Setting

$$\varphi(t, y) = h^{-1} \left(2 h(t+y) + h(t) - 2 h(y) \right) \quad (7)$$

the equation (6) becomes

$$\varphi(t+t', y) = \varphi(t, y) + \varphi(t', y). \quad (8)$$

Fixed $y = y^*$, the (8) is the classical Cauchy equation [1], whose solution is the continuous function φ :

$$\varphi(t, y^*) = \lambda(y^*)t. \quad (9)$$

So, from (7),

$$\lambda(y^*)t = h^{-1} \left(2 h(t + y^*) + h(t) - 2 h(y^*) \right) \quad i.e.$$

$$h \left(\lambda(y^*)t \right) = 2 h(t + y^*) + h(t) - 2 h(y^*). \quad (10)$$

If $y^* = 0$, as $h(0) = 0$, from (10), one has

$$h \left(\lambda(0)t \right) = 2 h(t) + h(t), \quad i.e.$$

$$h \left(\lambda(0)t \right) = 3 h(t). \quad (11)$$

Taking inspiration by [1, 2, 3, 4] one will prove that

$$h \left(\lambda(0)t \right) = 3 h(t) \implies \lambda(0) = 3. \quad (12)$$

Set $\lambda(0) = c$, from (11), one will solve the equation

$$h(ct) = 3 h(t); \quad (13)$$

by differentiating $ch'(ct) = 3 h'(t)$ from which

$$\frac{c h'(ct)}{h(ct)} = \frac{h'(t)}{h(t)}. \quad (14)$$

Setting

$$v(t) = \frac{h'(t)}{h(t)}, \quad (15)$$

the (14) is

$$v(ct) = \frac{v(t)}{c}, \quad \forall t. \quad (16)$$

The function $v(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ is the unique solution admitting a Laurent expansion about 0. By substituting in (15), one obtain the equation

$$\frac{h'(t)}{h(t)} = \frac{1}{t} \quad (17)$$

whose solution is

$$h(t) = k t, t \in [0, +\infty], k > 0. \quad (18)$$

By substituing (18) in (13), it is $c = \lambda(0) = 3$. So, the function h satisfies the following condition:

$$h(3t) = 3 h(t). \quad (19)$$

From (10),

$$\varphi(x, t) = 3t = h^{-1} \left(2 h(t + y) + h(t) - 2 h(y) \right)$$

$$i.e. \quad h(3t) = 2 h(t + y) + h(t) - 2 h(y),$$

taking into account (19), it is

$$3 h(t) = 2 h(t + y) - 2 h(y) + h(t)$$

$$i.e. \quad h(t) + h(y) = h(t + y),$$

which is the classical Cauchy equation [1], whose solution is

$$h(x) = c x, c > 0. \quad (20)$$

Now, it is possible to give the following

Proposition 4 *The solution of the system $[(e_1) - (e_4)]$ is*

$$\Phi(x, y, z, u, v) = x - y - z + u + v. \quad (21)$$

Proof: It is easy to check that (21) holds, by applying (20) in the (4).

In the independent case, given H and S as in (1), from (21), information of any set $A \in \mathcal{A}$ conditioned by H with the aim S is

$$J_H(A \rightarrow S) = J(A) - J(H) - J(S) + \quad (22)$$

$$J(A \cap H) + J(A \cap S).$$

5 Conclusion

First, by axiomatic way, it has been defined general conditional information with an aim, on fuzzy setting. By using its properties, it has been possible to find a class of this measure (5).

Then, taking into account the J -independence property, it has been obtained a particular measure (22).

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