

# On measuring $\mu$ -T-conditionality of fuzzy relations (Part II)

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## Abstract

This paper continues and finishes other works toward proposing a method to measure the  $\mu$ -T-conditionality character of any fuzzy relation for any continuous t-norm T.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The  $\mu$ -T-conditionality property of fuzzy relation seems to be very interesting in order to make fuzzy inference that generalises the Modus Ponens property.

Let  $E_1, E_2$  be two sets, let  $E$  be the set  $E_1 \cup E_2$ , and let  $\mu: E \rightarrow [0,1]$  be a fuzzy set and let  $T$  be a continuous t-norm. A fuzzy relation  $R: E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow [0,1]$  holds the  $\mu$ -T-conditionality property if and only if  $T(\mu(a), R(a,b)) \leq \mu(b)$  for all  $(a, b)$  in  $E_1 \times E_2$ .

There were proposed [1] two ways for measuring  $\mu$ -T-conditionality of fuzzy relations. A first way calculates a generalised distance between a fuzzy relation  $R$  and the greatest  $\mu$ -T-conditional relation that is contained in  $R$ . The other way measures the difference between  $T(\mu(a), R(a,b))$  and  $\mu(b)$  in all  $(a,b)$  in which  $R$  is not  $\mu$ -T-conditional.

This paper completes a partial result obtained in [2] which proves that when  $T$  is the t-norm minimum or any archimedean t-norm, and when a generalised distance defined from a residuated operator of the T-norm is used, both methods proposed in [1] give the same measure values of  $\mu$ -T-conditionality of fuzzy relations. This paper proves such result also for ordinal sums, so the result is finally held for all continuous t-norms.

## 2 PRELIMINARIES

1. Let  $T_R^\mu$  be the fuzzy relation defined by  $T_R^\mu(a,b) = T(\mu(a), R(a,b))$ .
2. From the well known operation in  $[0,1]$ ,

$J_\mu^T(x, y) = \text{Sup} \{z / T(x, z) \leq y\}$ , lets define  $J_\mu^T$  as the fuzzy relation  $J_\mu^T(a, b) = J_\mu^T(\mu(a), \mu(b))$ .

3. The  $\mu$ -T-conditionalized relation of  $R$  is defined as:

$$\text{RC}^{\mu-T}(a,b) = \text{Min}(R(a,b), J_\mu^T(a,b)) \\ = \begin{cases} R(a, b) & \text{if } T_R^\mu(a, b) \leq \mu(b) \\ J_\mu^T(a, b) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4. A Generalised Metric Space is a triplet  $(E, \wp, m)$  where  $E$  is a set,  $\wp = (A, S, \leq, e)$  is a commutative semigroup with neutral element  $e$ , and  $m$  is a **S-distance**, which is an application  $m: E \times E \rightarrow A$  such that:

- 1)  $m(a, a) = e$ , for all  $a$  in  $E$
- 2)  $m(a, c) \leq S(m(a, b), m(b, c))$ , for all  $a, b, c$  in  $E$  (S-triangular inequality)

Let  $T^*$  be the dual t-conorm of a t-norm  $T$ , defined by  $T^*(x,y) = 1 - T(1-x, 1-y)$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{S}^* = ([0, 1], T^*, \leq, 0)$  be a commutative ordered semigroup with neutral element 0.

Given a relational structure  $(E, J)$ , if  $J$  is a T-preorder then the function  $d(a, b) = 1 - J^T(a, b)$  is a  $T^*$ -distance in the generalised metric space  $([0,1], \mathfrak{S}^*, d)$ .

5. It is defined the  $\mu$ -T-unconditionality region of a fuzzy relation,  $\text{INCT}^\mu(\mathbf{R})$ , as the subset of  $E_1 \times E_2$  in which  $R$  is not  $\mu$ -T-conditional, that is:

$$\text{INCT}^\mu(\mathbf{R}) = \{(a, b) \in E_1 \times E_2 \text{ such that } T(\mu(a), R(a, b)) > \mu(b)\} \\ = \{(a, b) \text{ such that } T_R^\mu(a, b) > \mu(b)\} \\ = \{(a, b) \in E_1 \times E_2 \text{ such that } R(a, b) > J_\mu^T(a, b)\}$$

6. The family of t-norms of a triangular t-norm  $T$  is the set of t-norms defined as

$T_\varphi(x, y) = \varphi^{-1}(T(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)))$ , given any continuous, strictly increasing function  $\varphi: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\varphi(0)=0$  and  $\varphi(1)=1$ .

Let  $\varphi\mu: E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be the fuzzy set defined by  $\varphi\mu(a) = \varphi(\mu(a))$ . Let  $\varphi R: E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be the fuzzy relation defined by  $\varphi R(a, b) = \varphi(R(a, b))$ .

7. A t-norm  $T$  is an ordinal sum if there exist a finite or numerable collection of archimedean t-norms  $\{T_i / i \in J\}$  and a collection of disjoint intervals  $\{(a_i, b_i) / i \in J\}$  in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $T(x, y) =$

$$\begin{cases} a_i + (b_i - a_i) T_i\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{y - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a_i, b_i] \\ \text{Min}(x, y) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The proofs of both following theorems can be found in [2].

**Theorem 1.**

Given a fuzzy relation  $R$ , a fuzzy set  $\mu$ , a function  $\phi$  and a t-norm  $T$ , it holds that

$$(a, b) \in \text{INCT}_T^\mu(R) \text{ if and only if } (a, b) \in \text{INCT}^{\phi\mu}(\phi R).$$

Given a fuzzy set  $\mu: E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , it is defined the fuzzy relation  $\mu_2: E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $\mu_2(a, b) = \mu(b)$ .

**Theorem 2**

Given the t-norm minimum or any archimedean t-norm  $T$ , for all  $(a, b) \in E_1 \times E_2$ , the distance  $1 - J^T$  between a fuzzy relation  $R$  in the point  $(a, b)$  and its  $\mu$ - $T$ -conditionalized relation in  $(a, b)$  is the same that the distance  $1 - J^T$  between  $T R^\mu(a, b)$  and  $\mu_2(a, b)$ . This is, it holds that

$$J^T(R(a, b), J_\mu^T(a, b)) = J^T(T R^\mu(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)).$$

**3 THE CASE OF ORDINAL SUMS**

**Lemma 1**

Let  $T$  be an ordinal sum. If  $x, y \in [a_i, b_i]$ , then  $T(x, y) \in [a_i, b_i]$ .

Proof

$T$  is monotonous,  $T(a_i, a_i) = a_i$ ,  $T(b_i, b_i) = b_i$ , so  $a_i \leq T(x, y) \leq b_i$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2**

Let  $T$  be an ordinal sum defined through a collection of archimedean t-norms  $\{T_i / i \in J\}$  and a collection of disjoint intervals  $\{(a_i, b_i) / i \in J\}$ . The residuated operation of  $T$  is  $J^T(x, y) = \sup\{z / T(x, z) \leq y\} =$

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq y \\ y & \text{if } x > y \text{ and } (x, y) \notin [a_i, b_i] \text{ for all } i \in J \\ a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{T_i}\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{y - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right) & \text{if } x > y \text{ and } (x, y) \in [a_i, b_i] \end{cases}$$

Proof

1) If  $x \leq y$ , any residuated operation of a t-norm takes the value 1.

2) If  $x > y$  and  $(x, y) \notin [a_i, b_i]$ , then  $J^T(x, y) = y$ . This is because

$$2.1) \text{ if } x \notin [a_i, b_i], \text{ then } J^T(x, y) = \sup\{z / T(x, z) \leq y\} = \sup\{z / \text{Min}(x, z) \leq y\} = y.$$

$$2.2) \text{ if } x \in [a_i, b_i] \text{ and } y \notin [a_i, b_i], \text{ then } z = J^T(x, y) \text{ is not in } [a_i, b_i], \text{ because } y < x, \text{ so } y < a_i \text{ and if } z = J^T(x, y) \text{ would be in } [a_i, b_i], \text{ then, by lemma 1, } T(x, z) \text{ would also be in } [a_i, b_i] \text{ which contradicts } T(x, z) \leq y. \text{ As } z \notin [a_i, b_i] \text{ the t-norm must be the minimum and } J^T(x, y) = \sup\{z / T(x, z) \leq y\} = \sup\{z / \text{Min}(x, z) \leq y\} = y.$$

3) If  $x > y$  and  $(x, y) \in [a_i, b_i]$ , then  $J^T(x, y) \in [a_i, b_i]$ .

This holds because if  $z = J^T(x, y)$  would not be in  $[a_i, b_i]$ , then:

$$J^T(x, y) = \sup\{z / T(x, z) \leq y\} = \sup\{z / \text{Min}(x, z) \leq y\} = y, \text{ which contradicts with } y \in [a_i, b_i]. \text{ So, in this case:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^T(x, y) &= \sup\{z / T(x, z) \leq y\} \\ &= \sup\{z / a_i + (b_i - a_i) T_i\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{z - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right) \leq y\} \\ &= \sup\{z / T_i\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{z - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right) \leq \frac{y - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\} \\ &= \{z / \frac{z - a_i}{b_i - a_i} = J^{T_i}\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{y - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right)\} \\ &= a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{T_i}\left(\frac{x - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{y - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right). \square \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.**

Let  $R$  be a fuzzy relation. The fuzzy relation  $R_{I_i}$  restricted from  $R$  to the interval  $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$ , is defined by

$$R_{I_i}(a, b) = \frac{R(a, b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}.$$

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set. The fuzzy set  $\mu_{I_i}$  restricted from  $\mu$  to the interval  $[a_i, b_i]$ , is defined by

$$\mu_{I_i}(a) = \frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}.$$

**Theorem 3.**

Let  $R$  be a fuzzy relation, let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set, and let  $T$  be an ordinal sum, then

$$J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) = J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)) \text{ for all } (a, b) \text{ in } E_1 \times E_2.$$

Proof

1) If  $R(a, b) \leq J_{\mu}^T(a, b)$ , it is, if  $(T)_R^{\mu}(a, b) \leq \mu_2(a, b)$ , then  $J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) = J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)) = 1$ .

It includes the case  $\mu(a) \leq \mu(b)$ .

On the other cases, it is supposed that

$R(a, b) > J_{\mu}^T(a, b)$ , it is,  $T_R^{\mu}(a, b) > \mu_2(a, b)$  and  $\mu(a) > \mu(b)$ .

2) If  $\mu(b) \notin [a_i, b_i]$ , then, by lemma 2, case 2.2 it holds that:

$$\begin{aligned} & J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), J^T(\mu(a), \mu(b))) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), \mu(b)) \\ &= \mu(b) \\ &= J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T((T)_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)). \end{aligned}$$

3) If  $\mu(a), \mu(b) \in [a_i, b_i]$  and  $R(a, b) \notin [a_i, b_i]$ , then, by lemma 2 it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) \\ &= J_{\mu}^T(a, b) \\ &= J^T(\mu(a), \mu(b)) \quad (*) \\ &= J^T(\text{Min}(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)). \end{aligned}$$

(\*)  $T(\mu(a), R(a, b)) > \mu(b)$ , so  $R(a, b) > \mu(b)$ , but  $R(a, b) \notin [a_i, b_i]$ , so  $a_i \leq \mu(b) < \mu(a) \leq b_i < R(a, b)$ , and  $\text{Min}(\mu(a), R(a, b)) = \mu(a)$ .

4) If  $R(a, b), \mu(b)$  are in  $[a_i, b_i]$  and  $\mu(a) \notin [a_i, b_i]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), J^T(\mu(a), \mu(b))) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), \mu(b)) \quad (*) \\ &= J^T(\text{Min}(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)) \end{aligned}$$

(\*)  $T(\mu(a), R(a, b)) > \mu(b)$ , so  $R(a, b) > \mu(b)$ , and  $a_i \leq \mu(b) < R(a, b) \leq b_i < \mu(a)$ , so  $\text{Min}(\mu(a), R(a, b)) = R(a, b)$ .

5) If  $\mu(b) \in [a_i, b_i]$  and  $\mu(a), R(a, b)$  are not in  $[a_i, b_i]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), J^T(\mu(a), \mu(b))) \\ &= \mu(b) \quad (*) \\ &= J^T(T(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)) \end{aligned}$$

(\*) By lemma 1, as  $\mu(a), R(a, b)$  are not in  $[a_i, b_i]$ , then  $T(\mu(a), R(a, b))$  is not in  $[a_i, b_i]$ .

6) If  $\mu(a), \mu(b), R(a, b) \in [a_i, b_i]$ , then by lemma 2, case 3, it holds that:

$$\begin{aligned} & J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) \\ &= J^T(R(a, b), a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{Ti} \left( \frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{\mu(b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i} \right)) \\ &= a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{Ti} \left( \frac{R(a, b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, J^{Ti} \left( \frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{\mu(b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i} \right) \right) \\ &= a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{Ti} \left( R_{I_i}(a, b), J_{\mu_{I_i}}^{Ti}(a, b) \right) \quad (*) \\ &= a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{Ti} \left( (T_i)_{R_{I_i}}^{\mu_{I_i}}(a, b), \mu_{I_i}(b) \right) \\ &= a_i + (b_i - a_i) J^{Ti} \left( T_i \left( \frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{R(a, b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i} \right), \frac{\mu(b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i} \right) \\ &= J^T(a_i + (b_i - a_i) T_i \left( \frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{R(a, b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i} \right), \mu(b)) \quad (**) \\ &= J^T(T(\mu(a), R(a, b)), \mu(b)) \\ &= J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)). \end{aligned}$$

(\*) For archimedean t-norms it holds that  $J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) = J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b))$ , so, for any

t-norm  $T_i$ , the fuzzy relation  $R_{I_i}$  restricted to interval  $[a_i, b_i]$  and the fuzzy set  $\mu_{I_i}$  restricted to  $[a_i, b_i]$  holds that  $J^{T_i}(R_{I_i}(a, b), J_{\mu_{I_i}}^T(a, b)) = J^{T_i}((T_i)_{R_{I_i}}^{\mu_{I_i}}(a, b), \mu_{I_i}(b))$ .

(\*\*) By lemma 1,  $T(\mu(a), R(a, b)) = a_i + (b_i - a_i) T_i\left(\frac{\mu(a) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}, \frac{R(a, b) - a_i}{b_i - a_i}\right) \in [a_i, b_i]$ . z

**Theorem 4.**

Let R be a fuzzy relation, let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set, and let T be any continuous t-norm, then  $J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)) = J^T(T_R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b))$  for all  $(a, b)$  in  $E_1 \times E_2$

Proof

It follows from theorems 2 and 3.

**Theorem 5**

Given any continuous t-norm T, for all  $(a, b)$  in  $E_1 \times E_2$ , the distance  $1 - J^T$  between a fuzzy relation R in the point  $(a, b)$  and its  $\mu$ -T-conditionalized relation in  $(a, b)$  is the same that the distance  $1 - J^T$  between  $T_R^{\mu}(a, b)$  and  $\mu_2(a, b)$ .

Proof

It follows from theorem 4

**4 EXAMPLES**

Similarly to the examples in [2], it is given the following examples:

1. When using the fuzzy T\*-distance between two fuzzy relation R and R' defined by

$$d_T(R, R') = \text{Sup}_{(a,b) \in E_1 \times E_2} \{1 - J^T(R(a, b), R'(a, b))\}, \text{ for any}$$

continuous t-norm, the distance  $d_T$  between a fuzzy relation R and its  $\mu$ -T-conditionalized fuzzy relation is equal to the distance  $d_T$  between  $T(\mu(a), R(a, b))$  and  $\mu_2(a, b) = \mu(b)$ .

That is, for any continuous t-norm, a  $\mu$ -T-unconditionality measure of fuzzy relation might be calculated as

$$\text{Sup}_{(a,b) \in E_1 \times E_2} \{1 - J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b))\} \text{ or as}$$

$$\text{Sup}_{(a,b) \in E_1 \times E_2} \{1 - J^T((T)R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b))\}.$$

2. For any continuous t-norm T, the order k moment of  $\mu$ -T-unconditionality of a fuzzy relation might be calculated as

$$\iint_{(a,b) \in E_1 \times E_2} (1 - J^T(R(a, b), J_{\mu}^T(a, b)))^k \text{ or as}$$

$$\iint_{(a,b) \in E_1 \times E_2} (1 - J^T((T)R^{\mu}(a, b), \mu_2(a, b)))^k.$$

**5 CONCLUSION**

It is proved in [2] that given an archimedean t-norm T or the t-norm minimum, both ways described in [1] to measure the  $\mu$ -T-conditional property of fuzzy relations, give the same results when using a distance between fuzzy relations defined from the distance  $1 - J^T$ . This paper extends the result for ordinal sums, and so, the result is proven for all continuous t-norms.

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