

Conditional entropy for the union of fuzzy and crisp partitions

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce the conditional entropy without a fuzzy measure for the union of fuzzy partitions. We recall its properties and we solve the system of functional equations which derives from these conditions, taking into account the *locality principle* and the *independence axiom*.

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1 Introduction

In [4] B.Forte has introduced the so called *locality property* in the crisp setting; later, in [2] Divari and Pandolfi have given some compositive laws for crisp partitions. Later, the authors have used the locality property in the fuzzy setting in [8].

The aim of this paper is to find a class of conditional entropy for the union of fuzzy partitions, by using the locality property and the independence axiom.

Finally, we present the crisp case: the system is analogous.

2 Preliminaires

From algebraic point of view, similar concepts have been introduced in the setting of MV-algebras by Mundici in [5].

Let X be an abstract space and \mathcal{F} a family of fuzzy sets F [9] with membership function $F(x)$, $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$ for all $x \in X$. Now we recall some definitions which we will use later.

Let F_1 and F_2 be two fuzzy sets, with membership functions $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(x)$. We recall that $(F_1 \cap^+ F_2)(x) = F_1(x) \wedge F_2(x), \forall x \in X$ is the membership function of the intersection set $F_1 \cap^+ F_2$ and

$(F_1 \cup^+ F_2)(x) = F_1(x) \vee F_2(x), \forall x \in X$ is the membership function of the union set $F_1 \cup^+ F_2$.

Moreover, we say that two fuzzy sets F_1 and F_2 are disjoint if $F_1 \cap^+ F_2 = \emptyset$. A family $\{F_1, \dots, F_n\}$ is a finite partition of a set F , called support, if $F_i \neq \emptyset, F_i$ are disjoint sets and $\sum_{i=1}^n F_i(x) = F(x) \forall x \in X$. We shall indicate with $\mathcal{P}(F)$ the fuzzy partition with support F , with $\{F\}$ the fuzzy set thought as a partition and with \mathcal{K} the family of all partitions of X .

We consider the whole space X as a fuzzy partition, which shall be indicated by $\{X\}$.

In [1] we have recognized that for every $\mathcal{P}(F)$ an algebra $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}(F)}$ of crisp sets is associated, whose elements are the inverse images of Borel sets of $[0, 1]^n$ through the map $F \rightarrow [0, 1]^n$.

Given two partitions $\mathcal{P}(F)$ and $\mathcal{P}'(F)$ of the same set F :

$$\mathcal{P}(F) = \{F_1, \dots, F_i, \dots, F_n / F_i \cap^+ F_h = \emptyset, i \neq h, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n F_i(x) = F(x) \forall x \in X\},$$

$$\mathcal{P}'(F) = \{F'_1, \dots, F'_j, \dots, F'_m / F'_j \cap^+ F'_k = \emptyset, j \neq k,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m F'_j(x) = F(x) \forall x \in X\}$$

we say that $\mathcal{P}'(F)$ is a less fine than $\mathcal{P}(F)$ ($\mathcal{P}'(\mathcal{F}) \preceq \mathcal{P}(F)$) if $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}'(F)} \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}(F)}$.

Later, as in [3], we shall use the operation algebraic joint between two partitions of X . Now, we consider two partitions $\mathcal{P}(F)$ as in (1) and $\mathcal{P}(G)$ in \mathcal{K} :

$$\mathcal{P}(G) = \{G_1, \dots, G_j, \dots, G_m / G_j \cap^+ G_k = \emptyset, j \neq k,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m G_j(x) = G(x) \forall x \in X\}.$$

The algebraic joint $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}) \nabla \mathcal{P}(G)$ is

$$\mathcal{P}(F) \nabla \mathcal{P}(G) = \{F_i \cdot G_j / 1 \leq i \leq n, i \leq j \leq m\}$$

with lexicographic order, where $(F_i \cdot G_j)(x) = F_i(x) \cdot G_j(x), \forall x \in X$. We say that two fuzzy partitions \mathcal{P} and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ are algebraically independent if

$$(F_i \cdot G_j)(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in X. \quad (2)$$

Now, we recall the definition of the union of two partitions, given in [6, 8].

Given two partitions $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \in \mathcal{K}$, the union $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) = \{F_1, \dots, F_i, \dots, F_n, G_1, \dots, G_j, \dots, G_m /$$

$$\forall x \in X, F_i(x) \wedge G_j(x) = 0 \ (i \neq j),$$

$$\{\sum_{i=1}^n F_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^m G_j(x) \leq 1\}. \quad (3)$$

In this case, we call $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})$ compositive partitions. Let $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{K}$ be the family of compositive partitions.

As in [7], we introduce the entropy without a fuzzy measure for a fuzzy partition $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \in \mathcal{K}$ conditioned by $\mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{K}$ with $H(\mathcal{Q}) \neq +\infty$ as a function

$$H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\cdot) : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$$

with the following properties:

$$(I) \ \mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}) \preceq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \Rightarrow H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F})) \leq H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})),$$

$$\mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}) \in \mathcal{K}.$$

$$(II) \ H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})) = H^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})),$$

if $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ is not conditioned by \mathcal{Q} .

It follows that : $H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*({X}) = 0$ and $H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*({\emptyset}) = +\infty$.

$$(III) \ H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \nabla \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})) = H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})) + H_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})),$$

if $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})$ are algebraically independent and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \in \mathcal{K}$.

3 Conditional entropy for the union of the partitions

If $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}), \mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \in \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{K}$ and $H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \neq +\infty$, the conditional entropy $H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right)$ for the union of the fuzzy partitions satisfies the following conditions:

$$(a) \ 0 \leq H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) \leq +\infty$$

$$\text{as } \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) = \{X\} \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) = 0$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) = \{\emptyset\} \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) = +\infty;$$

$$(\beta) \ H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) = H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \right);$$

$$(\gamma) \ \mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}) \preceq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \Rightarrow$$

$$H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) \leq H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right),$$

$$(\delta) \ H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left((\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})) \nabla \mathcal{R} \right) =$$

$$H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) + H^*(\mathcal{R}),$$

if \mathcal{R} is algebraically independent from $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})$ and it is not conditioned by \mathcal{Q} ; the (δ) is a consequence of (II) and (III) seen above.

4 Statement of the problem

Taking into account the locality principle fuzzy partitions [7]:

$$H^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) - H^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \{G\} \right) =$$

$$H^* \left(\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) - H^* \left(\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\} \right). \quad (4)$$

we put

$$H_{\mathcal{Q}}^* \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \right) = \Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right.$$

$$\left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] \quad (5)$$

where $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}), \mathcal{P}'(\mathbf{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G}) \in \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{K}$, with $H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \neq +\infty$ and $\Psi(\cdot) = [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$.

From $[(\alpha) - (\delta)]$, we have:

$$(A) \ \Psi \left[H^* \left(\{X\} \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^* \left(\{X\} \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right.$$

$$\left. H^* \left(\{X\} \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] = 0;$$

$$(B) \ \Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right.$$

$$\left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] =$$

$$\Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(G) \cup^+ \{F\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^* \left((\{G\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(F)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{G\} \cup^+ \{F\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right];$$

$$(C) \Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}'(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(G)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] \\ \leq \Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(G)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right]$$

if $\mathcal{P}'(F) \preceq \mathcal{P}(F)$;

$$(D) \Psi \left[H^* \left(((\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q}) \nabla \mathcal{R} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left(((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(G)) \nabla \mathcal{Q}) \nabla \mathcal{R} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left(((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q}) \nabla \mathcal{R} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] = \\ \Psi \left[H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(G)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), \right. \\ \left. H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right), H^*(\mathcal{Q}) \right] + H^*(\mathcal{R}),$$

if $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{K}$ is algebraically independent from $\mathcal{P}(F)$ and $\mathcal{P}(G)$ and it is not conditioned by \mathcal{Q} .

Setting:

$$H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(F)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) = x, \\ H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) = y, \\ H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) = z, \\ H^* \left((\mathcal{P}'(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) = y', \\ H^*(\mathcal{R}) = s, H^*(\mathcal{Q}) = t,$$

with $x, y, z, y' \in [0, +\infty]$, $x \leq z, y \leq z$ and $s, t \in (0, +\infty)$. From (A) – (D), we get the following system of functional equations:

$$\begin{cases} (a) \Psi(t, t, t, t) = 0, \\ (b) \Psi(x, y, z, t) = \Psi(y, x, z, t), \\ (c) \Psi(x, y', z, t) \leq \Psi(x, y, z, t) \text{ if } y' \leq y, \\ (d) \Psi(x + s, y + s, z + s, t) = \Psi(x, y, z, t) + s. \end{cases}$$

5 Solution of the problem

In this paragraph we shall solve the system of functional equations seen above.

We look for a function Ψ continuous as a universal law, in the sense that the equations and the inequality about Ψ must be satisfied for all values of the variables in their proper spaces.

Proposition 5.1 *Let h be any bijective and strictly increasing function, differentiable with its inverse, and with $h(0) = 0$; then every function Ψ of the type*

$$\Psi(x, y, z, t) = \frac{1}{3} \left[h^{-1} \left(h(x) - h(t) \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. h^{-1} \left(h(y) - h(t) \right) + h^{-1} \left(h(z) - h(t) \right) \right], \quad (6)$$

enjoys the equations (a), (b) and (c); it satisfies also (d) if and only if

$$\Psi(x, y, z, t) = \frac{x + y + z}{3} - t. \quad (7)$$

Proof

The conditions (a), (b), (c) are clearly satisfied by any function satisfying (6).

Moreover, it is obvious that the function (7) satisfies all the conditions (a) – (d), and is of the form (6), for $h = \text{identity map}$.

So, it remains to prove that every function Ψ of the form (6), satisfying (d), must be of the type (7).

By (6) the condition (d) becomes

$$\frac{1}{3} \left[h^{-1} \left(h(x + s) - h(t) \right) + h^{-1} \left(h(y + s) - h(t) \right) \right. \\ \left. + h^{-1} \left(h(z + s) - h(t) \right) \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[h^{-1} \left(h(x) - h(t) \right) + \right. \\ \left. h^{-1} \left(h(y) - h(t) \right) + h^{-1} \left(h(z) - h(t) \right) \right] + s. \quad (8)$$

Putting

$$h^{-1} \left(h(x) - h(t) \right) = \varphi_t(x), \quad (9)$$

then (8) becomes

$$\frac{1}{3} \left[\varphi_t(x + s) + \varphi_t(y + s) + \varphi_t(z + s) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[\varphi_t(x) + \varphi_t(y) + \varphi_t(z) \right] + s, \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi_t(x+s) + \varphi_t(y+s) + \varphi_t(z+s) \\ &= \varphi_t(x) + \varphi_t(y) + \varphi_t(z) + 3s. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Choosing $y = x + s$, $z = y + s$, (10) gives rise to $\varphi_t(z + s) = \varphi_t(x) + 3s$, i.e.

$$\varphi_t(x + 3s) = \varphi_t(x) + 3s. \quad (11)$$

Now, we calculate the derivative of (11) with respect to s :

$$3 \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial s}(x + 3s) = 3, \quad \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial s} = 1$$

i.e., by arbitrariness of x and s ,

$$\varphi_t(s) = s + c(t), \quad (12)$$

where $c(t)$ is an arbitrary function, which we can calculate by the derivative of the function (11) with respect to t . We get

$$\frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial t}(x + 3s) = \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial t}(x), \quad \forall x, s \text{ so } \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial t} = c_1$$

and from (12) $c'(t) = c_1$. The last equality implies $c(t) = c_1 t + c_2$, where c_2 is another constant. So, from (12), we have obtained the function

$$\varphi_t(x) = x + c_1 t + c_2. \quad (13)$$

By substituting (13) in (9), we get:

$$h(x) - h(t) = h(x + c_1 t + c_2), \quad \forall x; \quad (14)$$

in particular for $x = t$ we obtain

$$0 = h((1 + c_1)t + c_2) \quad \forall t. \quad (15)$$

Now (15) implies two possibilities: 1) $h(t) = 0, \forall t$ which we eliminate, 2) $c_1 = -1$ and $c_2 = 0$. From (14) we deduce $h(x) - h(t) = h(x - t)$, so the function h is linear: $h(x) = \alpha x$. In conclusion, from (6) it follows (7):

$$\Psi(x, y, z, t) = \frac{x + y + z}{3} - t.$$

6 Conditional entropy for crisp partitions

For crisp partitions [2], we can use the following locality property:

$$H(\pi_A \cup \pi_B) - H(\pi_A \cup \{B\}) =$$

$$H(\{A\} \cup \pi_B) - H(\{A\} \cup \{B\}), \quad (16)$$

and we put

$$H_{\pi'}(\pi_A \cup \pi_B) = \Phi \left[H(\pi_A \cup \{B\}) \cap \pi' \right],$$

$$H \left((\{A\} \cup \pi_B) \cap \pi' \right), H \left((\{A\} \cup \{B\}) \cap \pi' \right), H(\pi') \right] \quad (17)$$

$\pi_A, \pi_B, \pi' \in \mathcal{E}$, \mathcal{E} is the family of all partitions of $A, B \subset X$, π' is the partition which conditions $\pi_A \cup \pi_B$ and $H(\pi') \neq +\infty$, and $\Phi(\cdot) = [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$.

The system of functional equations are the same, so, also in the crisp setting, we get the same solution (7).

7 Conclusion

Taking into account the locality principle and the independence axiom, the measures of conditional entropy are:

- from (5) and (7), for fuzzy partitions:

$$H_{\mathcal{Q}}(\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(G)) = \frac{1}{3} \left[H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \mathcal{P}(F)) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) +$$

$$H^* \left((\mathcal{P}(F) \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) + H^* \left((\{F\} \cup^+ \{G\}) \nabla \mathcal{Q} \right) \right] - H(\mathcal{Q})$$

- from (17) and (7), for crisp partitions:

$$H_{\pi'}(\pi_A \cup \pi_B) = \frac{1}{3} \left[H \left((\{A\} \cup \pi_B) \cap \pi' \right) + H \left((\pi_A \cup \{B\}) \cap \pi' \right) +$$

$$H \left((\{A\} \cup \{B\}) \cap \pi' \right) \right] - H(\pi').$$

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