Mat-2.4136 Special Topics in Decision Making: Fuzzy Sets Matteo Brunelli

Exercise 2: Extended operations on fuzzy sets

- 1. Consider two t-norms  $\top_1$  and  $\top_2$ . Is their convex linear combination, i.e.  $\lambda \top_1(x, y) + (1 \lambda) \top_2(x, y) \lambda \in [0, 1]$ , in general, a t-norm?
- 2. Given two t-norms  $\top_1$  and  $\top_2$ , is it always possible to say  $\top_1 > \top_2$  or  $\top_1 < \top_2$  for all  $(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2$ ? Prove it or find a counterexample.
- 3. Consider the function  $\perp_E(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{1+xy}$ . Is it associative? What is its natural extension for three arguments? Namely, what is  $\perp_E(x, y, z)$ ? Considering again,  $\perp_E(x, y)$ , what is its 'associated' t-norm  $\top_E(x, y)$ ? Note that  $\perp_E$  is a t-conorm.
- 4. You are going to have an informal dinner with friends *and* you are going to cook chicken *or* beef. So, first you choose the wine and then you decide whether to cook chicken or beef. Now you are in Alko and you want to buy a suitable wine. Suppose that there is a set of 3 wines  $W = \{a, b, c\}$  and Table 1 describes some fuzzy subsets (FS) of W.

|  | a   | b   | c   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| FS of wines for candle light dinners   | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| FS of wines for formal and job dinners | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| FS of wines for informal dinners       | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| FS of wines suitable for fish          | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| FS of wines suitable for chicken       | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| FS of wines suitable for beef          | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 |

Table 1: In the table there are the membership values of the wines in the different subsets.

Use the t-norm  $\top_E$  and its associated t-conorm  $\perp_E$  (see exercise above) to solve the problem and find the most suitable wine.

5. Consider the following three candidates evaluated by four judges

|       | J1  | J2  | J3  | J4  |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $C_1$ | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| $C_2$ | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| $C_3$ | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |

Evaluate them by means of OWA functions with weight vectors  $\mathbf{w}_1 = (0, 1/2, 1/2, 0)$ and  $\mathbf{w}_2 = (1/8, 1/8, 2/8, 1/2)$ .

Calculate the orness and the dispersion (entropy) for both  $\mathbf{w}_1$  and  $\mathbf{w}_2$ .

Remember

$$disp(\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \log w_i.$$