

Some new results on fuzzy generalized ‘useful’ mean lengths and its bounds

Abstract

In this paper, we propose a fuzzy generalized ‘useful’ parametric mean length and bounds are obtained in terms of useful fuzzy measure. The bounds obtained are new and some known results are the particular cases of the proposed measure and bounds.

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Introduction

Fuzzy sets play a significant role in many deployed system because of their capability to model non-statistical imprecision. Consequently, characterization and quantification of fuzziness are important issues that affect the management of uncertainty in many system models and designs. The notion of fuzzy sets was proposed by Zahed¹ with a view to tackling problems in which indefinites arising from a sort intrinsic ambiguity plays a fundamental role. Fuzziness, a texture of uncertainty, results from the lack of sharp distinction of the boundary of set. The concept of fuzzy sets in which imprecise knowledge can be used to define an event. The concept of entropy has been widely used in different areas, e.g. communication theory, statistical mechanics, pattern recognition, diagnostic and neural network etc.

A fuzzy set is represented as

$$A = \{x_i / \mu_A(x_i) : i=1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

where $\mu_A(x_i)$ gives the degree of belongingness of the element ‘ x_i ’ to the set ‘ A ’. If every element of the set ‘ A ’ is ‘0’ or ‘1’, there is no uncertainty about it and a set is said to be a crisp set. On the other hand, a fuzzy set ‘ A ’ is defined by a characteristic function

$$\mu_A(x_i) = \begin{cases} x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \end{cases} \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

The function $\mu_A(x_i)$ associates with each $x_i \in R^n$ grade of membership function.

A fuzzy set A^* is called a sharpened version of fuzzy set A if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\mu_{A^*}(x_i) \leq \mu_A(x_i), \text{ if } \mu_A(x_i) \leq 0.5 \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \\ \mu_{A^*}(x_i) \geq \mu_A(x_i), \text{ if } \mu_A(x_i) \geq 0.5 \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

De Luca and Termini² formulated a set of properties and these properties are widely accepted as criterion for defining any fuzzy entropy. In fuzzy set theory, the entropy is a measure of fuzziness which expresses the amount of average ambiguity in making a decision whether an element belong to a set or not. So, a measure of average fuzziness is fuzzy set $H(A)$ should have the following

properties to be a valid entropy.

- (Sharpness): $H(A)$ is minimum if and only if A is a crisp set i.e., $\mu_A(x_i) = 0 \text{ or } 1; \forall_i$
- (Maximality): $H(A)$ is maximum if and only if A is most fuzzy set i.e., $\mu_A(x_i) = \frac{1}{2} \forall_i$
- (Resolution): $H(A^*) \leq H(A)$ where A^* is sharpened version of A .
- (Symmetry): $H(A) = H(\bar{A})$, where \bar{A} is the complement of set A i.e. $\bar{\mu}_A(x_i) = 1 - \mu_A(x_i)$

The importance of fuzzy set comes from the fact that it can deal with imprecise and inexact information. Its application areas span from design of fuzzy controller to robotics and artificial intelligence.

Basic concepts

Let X be discrete random variable taking on a finite number of possible values $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ with respective membership function $A = \{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(x_2), \dots, \mu_A(x_n)\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mu_A(x_i)$ gives the elements the degree of belongingness x_i to the set A . The function $\mu_A(x_i)$ associates with each $x_i \in R^n$ a grade of membership to the set A and is known as membership function.

Denote

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ \mu_A(x_1) & \mu_A(x_2) & \dots & \mu_A(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

We call the scheme (2.1) as a finite fuzzy information scheme. Every finite scheme describes a state of uncertainty. De Luca and Termini² introduced a quantity which, in a reasonable way to measures the amount of uncertainty (fuzzy entropy) associated with a given finite scheme. This measure is given by

$$H(A) = -\sum_i^n [\mu_A(x_i) \log \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \log (1 - \mu_A(x_i))] \quad (2.2)$$

The measure (2.2) serve as a very suitable measure of fuzzy entropy of the finite information scheme (2.1).

Let a finite source of n source symbols $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be encoded using alphabet of D symbols, then it has been shown by Feinstein³ that there is a uniquely decipherable instantaneous code with lengths l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n iff the following Kraft⁴ inequality is satisfied

$$\sum_i^n D^{-l_i} \leq 1 \quad (2.3)$$

Belis and Guiasu⁵ observed that a source is not completely specified by the probability distribution P over the source alphabet X in the absence of qualitative character. So it can be assumed (Belis and Guiasu⁵) that the source alphabet letters are assigned weights according to their importance or utilities in view of the experimenter.

Let $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ be the set of positive real numbers, u_i is the utility or importance of X_i . The utility, in general, is independent of probability of encoding of source symbol X_i i.e. p_i . The information source is thus given by

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \dots & p_n \\ u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix}, u_i > 0, p_i \geq 0, \sum_i^n p_i = 1 \quad (2.4)$$

Belis and Guiasu³ introduced the following quantitative- qualitative measure of information

$$H(P, U) = - \sum_i^n u_i p_i \log p_i \quad (2.5)$$

which is a measure for the average of quantity of 'variable' or 'useful' information provided by the information source (2.4).

Guiasu and Picard⁶ considered the problem of encoding the letter output by the source (2.4) by means of a single letter prefix code whose codeword's c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are of lengths l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n respectively and satisfy the Kraft's inequality (2.3), they included the following 'useful' mean length of the code

$$L(U) = \frac{\sum_i^n u_i p_i l_i}{\sum_i^n u_i p_i} \quad (2.6)$$

Further they derived a lower bound for (2.6).

Now, corresponding to (2.5) and (2.6), we have the following fuzzy measures

$$H(A, U) = - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} \log \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$L(U) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} l_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \}} \quad (2.8)$$

respectively.

In the next section, fuzzy coding theorem have been obtained by considering a new parametric fuzzy entropy function involving utilities and generalized useful fuzzy code word mean length. The result obtained here are not only new, but also generalized some well-known results available in the literature of information theory.

Information scheme

Consider the following model for a random experiment S ,

$$S = [E; P; U]$$

Where $E = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n)$ is a finite system of events happening with respective probabilities $P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$, $p_i \geq 0$ and $\sum p_i = 1$ and credited with utilities $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$, $u_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Denote the model by E , where

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & E_2 & \dots & E_n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \dots & p_n \\ u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

We call (3.1) a Utility Information Scheme (UIS). Bilis and Guiasu (3) proposed a measure of information called 'useful information' for this scheme, given by

$$H(U; P) = - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i \quad (3.2)$$

Where $H(U; P)$ reduces to Shannon's⁷ entropy when the utility aspect of the scheme is ignored i.e., when $u_i = 1$ for each i .

Guiasu and Picard⁶ considered the problem of encoding the outcomes in (3.1) by means of a prefix code with codewords w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n having lengths l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n and satisfying Kraft's inequality⁴

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D^{-l_i} \leq 1 \quad (3.3)$$

Where D is the size of the code alphabet. The useful mean length $L(U)$ of code was defined as

$$L(U) = \frac{\sum_i^n u_i p_i l_i}{\sum_i^n u_i p_i} \quad (3.4)$$

and the authors obtained bounds for it in terms of $H(U; P)$.

Now, corresponding to (3.2) and (3.4), we have the following fuzzy measures

$$H(A, U) = - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} \log \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$L(U) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \} l_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \{ \mu_A(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i)) \}} \quad (3.6)$$

Longo,⁸ Gurdial and Pessoa,⁹ Khan and Autar,¹⁰ Autar and Khan¹¹ have studied generalized coding theorems by considering different generalized measures of (3.2) and (3.4) under condition (3.3) of unique decipherability.

In this paper, we study some coding theorems by considering a new function depending on the parameters α and β and a utility function. The motivation for studying this new function is that it generalizes some entropy functions already existing in the literature. The function under study is closely related to Tsallis entropy which is used in physics.

Coding theorems

Consider a function

$$H_{\alpha,\beta}(A;U) = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\sum_1^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_1^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right], \quad (4.1)$$

Where $\alpha > 0 (\neq 1)$, $\beta > 0$, $p_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\sum_i^n p_i \leq 1$.

$$L_{\alpha,\beta}(U) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} \left[1 - \sum_1^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{-l_i \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right)} \right], \quad (4.2)$$

Where $\alpha > 0 (\neq 1)$, $\sum_i^n p_i \leq 1$.

1. For $\beta=1, u_i=1$ for each i and $\alpha \rightarrow 1, L_{\alpha,\beta}(U)$ in (4.2) reduces to the useful mean length $L(U)$ of the code given in (3.6).
2. For $\beta=1, u_i=1$ for each i and $\alpha \rightarrow 1, L_{\alpha,\beta}(U)$ becomes the optimal code length defined by Shannon.^{7,13,14}

Theorem 4.1. For all integers $D > 1$

$$L_{\alpha,\beta}(U) \geq H_{\alpha,\beta}(A;U)$$

Under the condition (3.3). Equality holds if and only if

$$l_i = -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) \quad (4.4)$$

Proof. We use Holder's Inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

For all $x_i \geq 0, y_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ when $p < 1 (\neq 1)$ and $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$, with equality if and only if there exists a positive number c such that

i. When $\beta=1$ and $\alpha \rightarrow 1$, (4.1) reduces to a measure of useful information for the incomplete distribution due to Belis and Guiasu.⁵

ii. When $u_i=1$ for each i , i.e., when the utility aspect is ignored, $\sum_i^n p_i=1, \beta=1$ and $\alpha \rightarrow 1$, the measure (4.1) reduces to Shannon's entropy.⁷

iii. When $u_i=1$ for each i , the measure (4.1) becomes entropy for β -power distribution derived from P studied by Roy.¹² We call $H_{\alpha,\beta}(A;U)$ in (4.1) the generalized useful measure of information for the incomplete power distribution P^β .

Further consider,

$$x_i^p = c y_i^p. \quad (4.6)$$

Setting

$$x_i = \left(\mu_A^{\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha-1}}(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^{\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha-1}} \right) \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) u_i + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^\beta u_i \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} D^{-l_i}$$

$$y_i = \left(\mu_A^{\frac{\alpha\beta}{1-\alpha}}(x_i) + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^{\frac{\alpha\beta}{1-\alpha}} \right) \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) u_i + (1-\mu_A(x_i))^\beta u_i \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

$p = 1 - 1/\alpha$ and $q = 1 - \alpha$ in (4.5) and using (3.3) we obtain the

result (4.3) after simplification for $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} > 0$ as $\alpha > 1$.

Theorem 4.2. For every code with lengths $\{l_i\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, L_{\alpha,\beta}(U)$ can be made to satisfy,

$$L_{\alpha,\beta}(U) \geq H_{\alpha,\beta}(A;U) D^{\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \right)} + \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \left[1 - D^{\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \right)} \right]. \quad (4.7)$$

Proof. Let l_i be the positive integer satisfying, the inequality

$$-\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) \leq I_i < -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) + 1 \quad (4.8)$$

Consider the intervals

$$\delta_i = \left[-\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right), -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) + 1 \right] \quad (4.9)$$

of length 1. In every δ_i there lies exactly one positive number I_i such that

$$0 < -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) \leq I_i$$

$$< -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) + 1 \quad (4.10)$$

$$\bar{I}_i = -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) \quad (4.13)$$

Clearly \bar{I}_i and $\bar{I}_i + 1$ satisfy 'equality' in Holder's inequality (4.5). Moreover, \bar{I}_i satisfies Kraft's inequality (3.3).

It can be shown that the sequence $\{I_i\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, thus defined, satisfies (3.3). From (4.10) we have

$$I_i < -\log \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) + 1 \quad (4.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow D^{-I_i} < \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right) D$$

$$\Rightarrow D^{-I_i \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right)} < \left(\frac{\left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} D^{\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right)}$$

Multiplying both sides of (4.11) by

$$\left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

summing over $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and simplifying, gives (4.7).

Theorem 4.3. For every code with lengths $\{I_i\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, of Theorem 4.1, $L_{\alpha,\beta}(U)$ can be made to satisfy,

$$H_{\alpha,\beta}(A; U) \leq L_{\alpha,\beta}(U) < H_{\alpha,\beta}(A; U) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} (1-D) \quad (4.12)$$

Since $\alpha > 0 (\neq 1)$, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{\bar{I}_i(\alpha-1)/\alpha} \quad (4.14)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{I_i(\alpha-1)/\alpha}$$

$$< D \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{\bar{I}_i(\alpha-1)/\alpha} \right)$$

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{\bar{I}_i(\alpha-1)/\alpha}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\beta} \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

Hence, (4.14) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) \left(\frac{u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} D^{-\frac{T_f(\alpha-1)}{\alpha}} \\ & < D \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^{\alpha\beta}(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^{\alpha\beta} \right) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_A^\beta(x_i) + (1 - \mu_A(x_i))^\beta \right) u_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

Which gives the result (4.12).

Error correcting codes constitute one of the key ingredients in achieving the high degree of reliability required in transmission of information. Therefore, we find the minimum value of useful mean lengths subject to a given constraint on code-word lengths. It may be seen that the "useful" mean lengths had been generalized parametrically and their bounds had been studied in terms of generalized measures of entropies.

We establish a result, that in a sense, provides a characterization of $H_{\alpha,\beta}(A;U)$ under the condition of unique decipherability. The main objective of information is to remove uncertainty and fuzziness. The measured information supplied by the amount of probabilistic uncertainty removed in an experiment and the measure of uncertainty removed is also called as a measure of information, while measure of fuzziness is the measure of vagueness and ambiguity of uncertainties. The results with the proofs obtained in the theorem 4.1 – 4.3, not only generalize the existing fuzzy mean lengths and its bounds but all the known results of the particular cases of the proposed length. Some new fuzzy coding theorems have also been proved.

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