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A general point of view to inclusion - exclusion property

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Abstrakt

Two binary operations on the real line are given satisfying some conditions. The IE - property is proved with regard to the operations and with respect to a state on IF-sets. The main instrument for the proof are IE-property theorem from [9, 10] and IF-state representation theorem from [5, 6].

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1 Introduction

The classical inclusion exclusion property says that

$$m(A \cup B) = m(A) + m(B) - m(A \cap B),$$

whenever the domain of M is closed under the union $A \cup B$, the intersection $A \cap B$, and the difference $A \setminus B$ of any two sets A, B , and m is additive on this domain. Of course, the property can be extended to any three sets A, B, C , (+)

$$m(A \cup B \cup C) = m(A) + m(B) + m(C) - m(A \cap B) -$$

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$$-m(A \cap C) - m(B \cap C) + m(A \cap B \cap C),$$

to any four sets A, B, C, D

(++)

$$\begin{aligned} m(A \cup B \cup C \cup D) = & m(A) + m(B) + m(C) + m(D) - m(A \cap B) - \\ & -m(A \cap C) - m(A \cap D) - m(B \cap C) - m(B \cap D) - m(C \cap D) + m(A \cap B \cap C) + \\ & + m(A \cap B \cap D) + m(A \cap C \cap D) + m(B \cap C \cap D) - m(A \cap B \cap C \cap D), \end{aligned}$$

etc. This property was generalized for fuzzy sets, first probably in [8]. It was realized actually for *IF*-sets, i.e. such pairs

$$A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$$

of functions $\mu_A, \nu_A : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

$$\mu_A + \nu_A \leq 1.$$

The function $\mu_A : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called the membership function of A , the function $\nu_A : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called the non - membership function of A . The fuzzy set is a special case of *IF*-set, where $\nu_A = 1 - \mu_A$.

The paper consists of three parts. In the first part we present the Kelemenová *IE* - theorem. The theorem works with a mapping $m : F \rightarrow H$, where $(H, +)$ is a semigroup. There are given two operations \sqcup, \sqcap on H satisfying the following properties:

$$(1) m(a \sqcup b) + m(\sqcap b) = m(a) + m(b),$$

$$(2) m((a \sqcup b) \sqcap c) + m(a \sqcap b \sqcap c) = m(a \sqcap c) + m(b \sqcap c).$$

As a consequence of the Kelemenová theorem a special case is considered where $(H, +)$ is a commutative group.

The second part is dedicated to the states on *IF* - sets. Using the Cignoli representation theorem the assumptions (10) and (2) stated above are proved.

Finally in the third part the interval valued states are considered and the *IE*-property is obtained for them.

2 The Kelemenová inclusion - exclusion theorem

In [9, 10] a simple but original idea is used. E. g. instead of (+) to use the equality

$$\begin{aligned} m(A \cup B \cup C) + m(A \cap B) + m(A \cap C) + m(B \cap C) &= \\ &= m(A) + m(B) + m(C) + m(A \cap B \cap C), \end{aligned}$$

instead of (++) the equality

$$\begin{aligned} m(A \cup B \cup C \cup D) + m(A \cap B) + m(A \cap C) + m(A \cap D) + \\ + m(B \cap C) + m(B \cap D) + m(C \cap D) + m(A \cap B \cap C \cap D) &= \\ = m(A) + m(B) + m(C) + m(D) + m(A \cap B \cap C) + \\ + m(A \cap B \cap D) + m(A \cap C \cap D) + m(B \cap C \cap D). \end{aligned}$$

Let us to present the Kelemenová theorem.

Theorem 1. Let (G, \sqcup, \sqcap) be an algebraic system, where \sqcup, \sqcap are binary operations, \sqcup being commutative and associative \sqcap being associative. Let $(H, +)$ be a commutative subgroup. Let $m : G \rightarrow H$ be a mapping satisfying the following two conditions:

$$(1) m(a \sqcup b) + m(\sqcap b) = m(a) + m(b),$$

$$(2) m((a \sqcup b) \sqcap c) + m(a \sqcap b \sqcap c) = m(a \sqcap c) + m(b \sqcap c).$$

Then for every n there holds

$$\begin{aligned} (3) m\left(\prod_{k=1}^n a_k\right) + \sum_{k \leq n, k \text{-even}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} m(a_{i_1} \sqcap a_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_{i_k}) &= \\ = \sum_{k \leq n, k \text{-odd}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} m(a_{i_1} \sqcap a_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_{i_k}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. See [10], Theorem 2.3.

Of course, if $(H, +)$ is a group, we can return again to the natural operation \oplus and to present (3) in the usual form. as a corollary of Theorem 1 we obtain the following assertion.

Theorem 2. Let (G, \sqcup, \sqcap) be an algebraic system, where \sqcup, \sqcap are binary operations, \sqcup being commutative and associative \sqcap being associative. Let $(H, +)$ be a commutative group. Let $m : G \rightarrow H$ be a mapping satisfying the following two conditions:

$$(1) m(a \sqcup b) + m(\sqcap b) = m(a) + m(b),$$

$$(2) m((a \sqcup b) \sqcap c) + m(a \sqcap b \sqcap c) = m(a \sqcap c) + m(b \sqcap c).$$

Then for every n there holds

$$(4) m\left(\bigsqcup_{k=1}^n a_k\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n m(a_i) - \sum_{i<j} m(a_i \sqcap a_j) + \sum_{i<j<k} m(a_i \sqcap a_j \sqcap a_k) + \dots + \\ + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k m(a_{i_1} \sqcap a_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_{i_k}) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} m(a_1 \sqcap a_2 \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_n).$$

Proof. Using the group operations we can express the element

$$m(a_1 \sqcup a_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup a_n)$$

as the sum of all sums

$$\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} m(a_{i_1} \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_{i_k})$$

with k odd minus the sum

$$\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} m(a_{i_1} \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_{i_k})$$

with k even. So at the end of the sequence of the sums we obtain

$$m(a_1 \sqcap a_2 \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_n)$$

with the sign $+$ if n is odd, or sign $-$, if n is even. Therefore the last element in the sequence is

$$(-1)^{n+1} m(a_1 \sqcap a_2 \sqcap \dots \sqcap a_n).$$

3 Cignoli representation

Let X be a non-empty set, \mathcal{A} be the σ -algebra of subsets of X . An *IF*-vent is a pair

$$A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$$

of Borel measurable functions

$$\mu_A, \nu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

such that

$$\mu_A + \nu_A \leq 1.$$

Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all *IF*-events. We shall use the Lukasiewicz operations on \mathcal{F} :

$$A \oplus B = ((\mu_A + \mu_B) \wedge 1, (\nu_A + \nu_B - 1) \vee 0),$$

$$A \odot B = ((\mu_A + \mu_B - 1) \vee 0, ((\nu_A + \nu_B) \wedge 1)).$$

Definition 1. A mapping $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an *IF*-state if the following properties are satisfied:

- (i) $m((1_X, 0_X)) = 1, m((0_X, 1_X)) = 0,$
- (ii) $m(A \oplus B) = m(A) + m(B) - m(A \odot B),$
- (iii) $A_n \nearrow A \implies m(A_n) \nearrow m(A).$

The main instrument in our investigations is the following representation theorem.

Theorem 3. Let $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an *IF*-state. Then there exist probability measures $P, Q : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\alpha \in R$ such that

$$m(A) = \int_X \mu_A dP + \alpha(1 - \int_X (\mu_A + \nu_A) dQ)$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. See [5, 6, 16].

Now let us return to our general binary operations \sqcup, \sqcap on R . We shall say that \sqcup, \sqcap forms an *IF*-pair, if the following identities are satisfied:

$$a \sqcup b = a + b - a \sqcap b,$$

$$(a \sqcup b) \sqcap c = a \sqcap c + b \sqcap c - a \sqcap b \sqcap c.$$

We define the corresponding operations on \mathcal{F} :

$$A \sqcup B = (\mu_A \sqcup \mu_B, 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B)),$$

$$A \sqcap B = (\mu_A \sqcap \mu_B, 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcap (1 - \nu_B)).$$

Of course, we assume that $A \sqcup B \in \mathcal{F}, A \sqcap B \in \mathcal{F}$ whenever $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. It is satisfied if \sqcup, \sqcap are monotone, i.e.

$$a \leq b \implies a \sqcup b \leq a \sqcup c, a \sqcap b \leq a \sqcap c.$$

Indeed, since $\mu_A + \nu_A \leq 1, \mu_B + \nu_B \leq 1,$ and

$$A \sqcup B = (\mu_A \sqcup \mu_B, 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B)),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_A \sqcup \mu_B + 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B) \leq \\ & \leq (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B) + 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B) = 1, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$A, B \in \mathcal{F} \implies A \sqcup B \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Similarly it can be proved that

$$A, B \in \mathcal{F} \implies A \sqcap B \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Theorem 4. Let (\sqcup, \sqcap) be an *IF*-pair of operations on \mathbb{R} , $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an *IF*-state. Then

$$(*)m(A \sqcup B) + m(A \sqcap B) = m(A) + m(B),$$

$$(**)m((A \sqcup B) \sqcap C) + m(A \sqcap B \sqcap C) = m(A \sqcap B) + m(A \sqcap C).$$

Proof. The main instrument is Theorem 3:

$$m(A) = \int \mu_A dP + \alpha(1 - \int (\mu_A + \nu_A) dQ),$$

$$m(B) = \int \mu_B dP + \alpha(1 - \int (\mu_B + \nu_B) dQ),$$

$$m(A \sqcup B) = \int \mu_{A \sqcup B} dP + \alpha(1 - \int (\mu_{A \sqcup B} + \nu_{A \sqcup B}) dQ),$$

$$m(A \sqcap B) = \int \mu_{A \sqcap B} dP + \alpha(1 - \int (\mu_{A \sqcap B} + \nu_{A \sqcap B}) dQ),$$

Of course,

$$\mu_{A \sqcup B} = \mu_A \sqcup \mu_B, \mu_{A \sqcap B} = \mu_A \sqcap \mu_B,$$

and therefore

$$\mu_A + \mu_B = \mu_A \sqcup \mu_B + \mu_A \sqcap \mu_B = \mu_{A \sqcup B} + \mu_{A \sqcap B},$$

hence

$$\int \mu_A dP + \int \mu_B dP = \int \mu_{A \sqcup B} dP + \int \mu_{A \sqcap B} dP,$$

$$\int \mu_A dQ + \int \mu_B dQ = \int \mu_{A \sqcup B} dQ + \int \mu_{A \sqcap B} dQ.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{A \sqcup B} + \nu_{A \sqcap B} &= 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcup (1 - \nu_B) + 1 - (1 - \nu_A) \sqcap (1 - \nu_B) = \\ &= 2 - (1 - \nu_A + 1 - \nu_B) = \nu_A + \nu_B, \end{aligned}$$

hence also

$$\int \nu_A dQ + \int \nu_B dQ = \int \nu_{A \sqcup B} dQ + \int \nu_{A \sqcap B} dQ.$$

Summarizing all the equalities we obtain

$$m(A) + m(B) = m(A \sqcup B) + m(A \sqcap B).$$

Similarly the identity (***) can be proved.

As a consequence of Theorem 2 and Theorem 4 we obtain the following result.

Theorem 5. Let (\sqcup, \sqcap) be an *IE*-pair of binary operations on R , $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an *IF*-state. Then for any $n \in N$ and any $A_i \in \mathcal{F} (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

$$m\left(\bigsqcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k m(A_{i_k} \sqcap A_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap A_{i_1})$$

Of course, one can choose some special *IE* - operations on R .

Theorem 6. Put $a \vee b = \max(a, b)$, $a \wedge b = \min(a, b)$ for any $a, b \in R$. Let $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an *IF*-state. Then

$$m\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k m(A_{i_k} \wedge A_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge A_{i_1})$$

for any $n \in N$ and any $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. Evidently

$$a \vee b + a \wedge b = a + b$$

and

$$(a \vee b) \wedge c + a \wedge b \wedge c = a \wedge c + b \wedge c,$$

hence (\vee, \wedge) is an *IE*-pair.

Theorem 7. Put $a \sigma b = a + b - a.b$, $a \pi b = a.b$ for any $a, b \in R$. Let $m : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an *IF*-state. Then

$$m(\sigma_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k m(A_{i_k} \pi A_{i_2} \pi \dots \pi A_{i_1}).$$

for any $n \in N$ and any $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. Evidently

$$a \sigma b + a \pi b = a + b - a.b + a.b = a + b,$$

and

$$(a \sigma b) \pi c + a \pi b \pi c = (a + b - a.b).c + a.b.c = a.c + b.c = a \pi c + b \pi c,$$

hence (σ, π) is an *IE*-pair.

4 Grzegorzewski's concept of IF - probability

P. Grzegorzewski defined ([7]) the probability of an IF-event $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$ as a compact interval

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \left[\int_X \mu_A dP, 1 - \int_X \nu_A dP \right].$$

Axiomatically the probability was defined in [13] by the following way:

Definition 2. A mapping $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$, where $\mathcal{J} = \{[a, b]; a, b \in R, a \leq b\}$ is IF-probability, if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $\mathcal{P}((1, 0)) = [1, 1], \mathcal{P}((0, 1)) = [0, 0]$,
2. $A \odot B = (0, 1) \implies \mathcal{P}(A \oplus B) = \mathcal{P}(A) + \mathcal{P}(B)$,
3. $A_n \nearrow A \implies \mathcal{P}(A_n) \nearrow \mathcal{P}(A)$.

Recall that $[a, b] + [c, d] = [a + c, b + d]$, and $[a_n, b_n] \nearrow [a, b]$ means $a_n \nearrow a, b_n \nearrow b$. On the other hand $A_n = (a_n, b_n) \nearrow A = (a, b)$ means $\mu_{A_n} \nearrow \mu_A, \nu_{A_n} \searrow \nu_A$.

Theorem 8. Let $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$ be a probability. Denote $\mathcal{P}(A) = [\mathcal{P}_1(A), \mathcal{P}_2(A)]$. Then \mathcal{P} is an IF-probability if and only if $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2$ are states.

The proof is straightforward.

Theorem 9. Let (\sqcup, \sqcap) be an IE-pair of binary operations on R. Let $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$ be an IF-probability. Then

$$\mathcal{P}\left(\bigsqcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k \mathcal{P}(A_{i_1} \sqcap A_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap A_{i_k}).$$

Proof. It follows by Theorem 8 and Theorem 5 if we use the formula $[a, b] - [c, d] = [a - c, b - d]$.

5 Conclusion

In the paper the Kelemenová inclusion exclusion theorem ([10]) is applied to the Atanassov intuitionistic fuzzy system ([1]). Similarly as in [4] two binary operations \sqcup, \sqcap on the family of all IF-events are considered satisfying the identity

$$(**) m((A \sqcup B) \sqcap C) + m(A \sqcap B \sqcap C) = m(A \sqcap B) + m(A \sqcap C).$$

Recently in [13] it was proved that the identity

$$(A \sqcup B) \sqcap C = A \sqcap B \sqcap C + A \sqcap B + A \sqcap C - A \sqcap B \sqcap C$$

implies

$$\bigsqcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (-1)^k A_{i_1} \sqcap A_{i_2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap A_{i_k}.$$

for every t-norm \sqcap and every t-conorm \sqcup . Therefore using Butnariu - Klement representation theorem ([2, 3]) the inclusion - exclusion principle is proved for fuzzy events. It would be interesting to use the Cignoli representation theorem for proving the principle for IF-events. Moreover, recall that the assumption of the Kelemenová theorem ((1) and (2) in Theorem 1) are weaker than in [13].

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