

Fuzzy & Annotated Semantic Web Languages

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About Vagueness

On the Existence of Vague Concepts

What are vague concepts and do they exist?

- ▶ Try to answer: What is this picture **about**?



(Registan Square, Samarkand, Uzbekistan)

- ▶ **Vague concept**: no unambiguous definition, e.g.
 - ▶ What is a picture or piece of text **about** ?
 - ▶ What is a **tall** person ?
 - ▶ What is a **high** temperature ?
 - ▶ What is **nice** weather ?
 - ▶ What is an **adventurous** trip ?
- ▶ Vague concepts:
 - ▶ Are abundant in everyday speech and almost inevitable
 - ▶ Their meaning is often **subjective** and **context** dependent

On the Existence of Vague Objects

What are vague objects and do they exist?

- ▶ Are there vague objects in the pictures?



(Erg Chebbi, pre-Sahara dunes, Merzouga, Morocco)



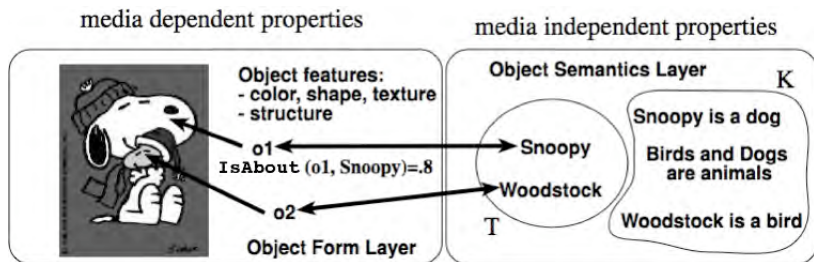
(The Sun)

- ▶ **Vague object**: its identity is lacking in clarity
 - ▶ Cloud
 - ▶ Dunes
 - ▶ Sun
- ▶ Vague objects:
 - ▶ Are not identical to anything, except to themselves (reflexivity)
 - ▶ Are characterised by a **vague identity** relation (e.g. a **similarity** relation)

Vague Statements

- ▶ A **statement is vague** whenever it involves vague concepts or vague objects
- ▶ The **truth** of a vague statement is a matter of **degree**,
 - ▶ it is intrinsically difficult to establish whether the statement is entirely true or false
 - ▶ The weather temperature is 33 °C. Is it **hot**?

Sources of Vagueness: Multimedia information retrieval



<i>IsAbout</i>		
<i>ImageRegion</i>	<i>Object ID</i>	<i>degree</i>
$o1$	<i>snoopy</i>	0.8
$o2$	<i>woodstock</i>	0.7
\vdots	\vdots	
\vdots	\vdots	

“Find top- k image regions about animals”

$Query(x) \leftarrow ImageRegion(x) \wedge isAbout(x, y) \wedge Animal(y)$

Sources of Vagueness: Lifezone mapping

- ▶ To which **degree** do certain areas have a specific bioclimate



Holdridge life zones of USA

Sources of Vagueness: ARPAT, Air quality in the province of Lucca

Sintesi dei dati rilevati dalle ore 0 alle ore 24 del giorno domenica 14/02/2010

Stazione		Tipo stazione	SO ₂ µg/m ³ (media su 24h)	NO ₂ µg/m ³ (max oraria)	CO mg/m ³ (max oraria)	O ₃ µg/m ³ (max oraria)	PM ₁₀ µg/m ³ (media su 24h)	Giudizio di qualità dell'aria
Lucca	P.za San Micheletto (RETE REGIONALE **)	urbana - traffico	1	75	---	---	56	Scadente
Lucca	V.le Carducci	urbana - traffico	2	---	2	---	75	Pessima
Lucca	Carignano (RETE REGIONALE **)	rurale - fondo	---	---	---	87 (h.18*)	---	Buona
Viareggio	Largo Risorgimento	urbana - traffico	---	---	1,7	---	n.d.	Buona
Viareggio	Via Maroncelli (RETE REGIONALE **)	urbana - fondo	1	121	---	60 (h.17*)	45	Accettabile
Capannori	V. di Piaggia (RETE REGIONALE **)	urbana - fondo	---	79	2	---	59	Scadente
Porcari	V. Carrara (RETE REGIONALE **)	periferica - fondo	2	72	---	82 (h.16*)	63	Scadente

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Buona	0-50	0-50	0-2,5	0-120	0-25
Accettabile	51-125	51-200	2,6-15	121-180	26-50
Scadente	126-250	201-400	15,1-30	181-240	51-74
Pessima	>250	>400	>30	>240	>74

<http://www.arpat.toscana.it/>

TripAdvisor: Hotel User Judgments

2,889 Reviews from our TripAdvisor Community



Your overall rating of this property



Traveler rating



See reviews for



Rating summary



Uncertainty vs Vagueness: a clarification

- ▶ Initial difficulty:
 - ▶ Understand the conceptual differences between **uncertainty** and **vagueness**
- ▶ Main problem:
 - ▶ Interpreting a **degree** as a measure of **uncertainty** rather than as a measure of **vagueness**

Uncertain Statements

- ▶ A statement is **true** or **false** in any world/interpretation
 - ▶ We are “**uncertain**” about which world to consider as the actual one
 - ▶ We may have e.g. a probability/possibility distribution over possible worlds
- ▶ E.g., of uncertain statement: “it will rain tomorrow”
 - ▶ We cannot exactly establish whether it will rain tomorrow or not, due to our **incomplete** knowledge about our world
 - ▶ But, we may estimate to which **degree** this is e.g. **probable/possible**

Vague Statements

- ▶ A **statement is vague** if it involves vague concepts
- ▶ A statement is **true** to some **degree**, which is taken from a truth space (usually $[0, 1]$)
- ▶ E.g. of vague statement: “heavy rain”
 - ▶ is graded and the degree depends on the amount of rain is falling

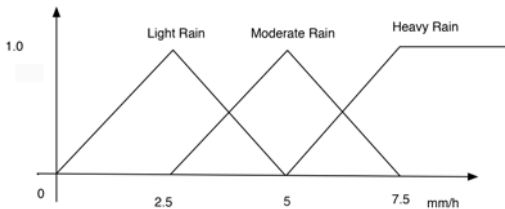
In weather forecasts one may find:

- Rain.** Falling drops of water larger than 0.5 mm in diameter. “Rain” usually implies that the rain will fall steadily over a period of time;
- Light rain.** Rain falls at the rate of 2.6 mm or less an hour;
- Moderate rain.** Rain falls at the rate of 2.7 mm to 7.6 mm an hour;
- Heavy rain.** Rain falls at the rate of 7.7 mm an hour or more.

- ▶ Quite harsh distinction: $R = 7.7\text{mm}/h \rightarrow$ heavy rain
 $R = 7.6\text{mm}/h \rightarrow$ moderate rain

- ▶ Unsatisfactory:
 - ▶ the more rain is falling, the more the sentence “heavy rain” is true
 - ▶ vice-versa, the less rain is falling the more the sentence “heavy rain” is false

- ▶ I.e., the sentence “heavy rain” is **intrinsically graded**
- ▶ More fine grained approach:
 - ▶ Define the various types of rains as



- ▶ Light rain, moderate rain and heavy rain are **vague concepts**

- ▶ Are there sentences combining the two orthogonal concepts of uncertainty and vagueness?
- ▶ Yes, and we use them daily !
 - ▶ E.g. "*There will be heavy rain tomorrow.*"
- ▶ This type of sentences are called **uncertain vague sentences**
- ▶ Essentially, there is
 - ▶ **uncertainty** about the world we will have tomorrow
 - ▶ **vagueness** about the various types of rain

From Fuzzy Sets to Mathematical Fuzzy Logic

Fuzzy Sets Basics

From Crisp Sets to Fuzzy Sets.

- ▶ Let X be a **universal set** of objects
- ▶ The **crisp membership function** of a set $A \subseteq X$:

$$\chi_A: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

where $\chi_A(x) = 1$ iff $x \in A$

- ▶ **Fuzzy set** A :

$$\chi_A: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

or simply $A: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$

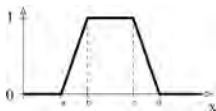
- ▶ Example: the fuzzy set

$$C = \{x \mid x \text{ is a day with } \mathbf{heavy} \text{ precipitation rate } R\}$$

is defined via the membership function

$$\chi_C(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } R \geq 7.5 \\ (x - 5)/2.5 & \text{if } R \in [5, 7.5) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

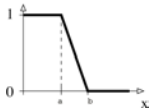
- ▶ Fuzzy membership functions may depend on the **context** and may be **subjective**
- ▶ **Shape** may be quite different
- ▶ Usually, it is sufficient to consider functions



(a)



(b)



(c)

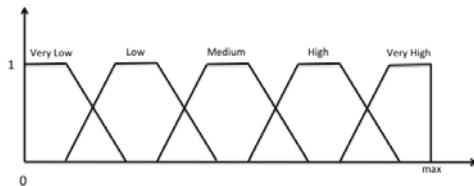


(d)

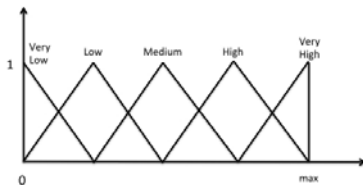
(a) Trapezoidal $trz(a, b, c, d)$; (b) Triangular $tri(a, b, c)$; (c) left-shoulder $ls(a, b)$; (d) right-shoulder $rs(a, b)$

Fuzzy Sets Construction

- ▶ Simple and typically satisfactory method (numerical domain):
 - ▶ uniform partitioning into 5 fuzzy sets

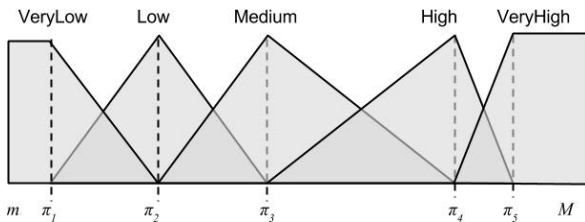


Fuzzy sets construction using trapezoidal functions



Fuzzy sets construction using triangular functions

- ▶ Another popular method is based on **clustering**
- ▶ Use **Fuzzy C-Means** to cluster data into 5 clusters
 - ▶ Fuzzy C-Means extends K-Means to accommodate graded membership
- ▶ From the clusters c_1, \dots, c_5 take the centroids π_1, \dots, π_5
- ▶ Build the fuzzy sets from the centroids



Fuzzy sets construction using clustering

Norm-Based Fuzzy Set Operations

- ▶ Standard fuzzy set operations are not the only ones
- ▶ Most notable ones are **triangular norms**
 - ▶ **t-norm** \otimes for set intersection
 - ▶ **t-conorm** \oplus (also called **s-norm**) for set union
 - ▶ **negation** \ominus for set complementation
 - ▶ **implication** \Rightarrow for set inclusion
- ▶ These functions satisfy some properties that one expects to hold

Łukasiewicz, Gödel, Product logic and Standard Fuzzy logic

- ▶ One distinguishes three different sets of fuzzy set operations (called **fuzzy logics**)
 - ▶ Łukasiewicz, Gödel, and Product logic
 - ▶ Standard Fuzzy Logic (SFL) is a sublogic of Łukasiewicz
 - ▶ $\min(a, b) = a \otimes_I (a \Rightarrow_I b)$, $\max(a, b) = 1 - \min(1 - a, 1 - b)$

	Łukasiewicz Logic	Gödel Logic	Product Logic	SFL
$a \otimes b$	$\max(a + b - 1, 0)$	$\min(a, b)$	$a \cdot b$	$\min(a, b)$
$a \oplus b$	$\min(a + b, 1)$	$\max(a, b)$	$a + b - a \cdot b$	$\max(a, b)$
$a \Rightarrow b$	$\min(1 - a + b, 1)$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \leq b \\ b & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\min(1, b/a)$	$\max(1 - a, b)$
$\ominus a$	$1 - a$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$1 - a$

- ▶ Mostert–Shields theorem: any continuous t-norm can be obtained as an ordinal sum of Ł, G and P.

Mathematical Fuzzy Logics Basics

- ▶ OWL 2 is grounded on Mathematical Logic
- ▶ Fuzzy OWL 2 is grounded on **Mathematical Fuzzy Logic**
- ▶ A statement is graded
- ▶ **Truth space**: set of truth values L
- ▶ Given a statement ϕ
 - ▶ **Fuzzy Interpretation**: a function \mathcal{I} mapping ϕ into L , i.e.

$$\mathcal{I}(\phi) \in L$$

- ▶ Usually

$$L = [0, 1]$$
$$L_n = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-2}{n-1}, \dots, 1 \right\} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

- ▶ **Fuzzy statement:** for formula ϕ and $r \in [0, 1]$

$$\langle \phi, r \rangle$$

The degree of truth of ϕ is equal or greater than r

Fuzzy Semantic Web Languages and Beyond

The Semantic Web Family of Languages

- ▶ Wide variety of languages
 - ▶ **RDFS**: *Triple language*, -*Resource Description Framework*
 - ▶ The logical counterpart is ρ df
 - ▶ **RIF**: *Rule language*, -*Rule Interchange Format*,
 - ▶ Relate to the *Logic Programming* (LP) paradigm
 - ▶ **OWL 2**: *Conceptual language*, -*Ontology Web Language*
 - ▶ Relate to **Description Logics** (DLs)

- ▶ **RDFS**: the triple language

⟨subject, predicate, object⟩

e.g. *⟨umberto, born, zurich⟩*

▶ **OWL 2** family: an object oriented language

```
class PERSON partial
  restriction (hasName someValuesFrom String)
  restriction (hasBirthPlace someValuesFrom GEOPLACE)
  ...
```

OWL 2 Profiles

- ▶ OWL 2 EL
 - ▶ Useful for large size of properties and/or classes
 - ▶ The EL acronym refers to the \mathcal{EL} family of DLs
- ▶ OWL 2 QL
 - ▶ Useful for very large volumes of instance data
 - ▶ Conjunctive query answering via query rewriting and SQL
 - ▶ OWL 2 QL relates to the DL family *DL-Lite*
- ▶ OWL 2 RL
 - ▶ Useful for scalable reasoning without sacrificing too much expressive power
 - ▶ OWL 2 RL maps to Datalog

- ▶ RIF/RuleML family: the rule language

```
forall ?Buyer ?Item ?Seller  
  buy(?Buyer ?Item ?Seller) :- sell(?Seller ?Item ?Buyer)
```

Important point: RDFS, OWL 2 and RIF/RuleML are logical languages

- ▶ RDFS: logic with intensional semantics
- ▶ OWL 2: relates to the *Description Logics* family
- ▶ RIF/RuleML: relates to the *Logic Programming* paradigm (e.g., Datalog, Datalog[±])
- ▶ OWL 2 and RIF/RuleML have extensional semantics

The case of Fuzzy & Annotated RDFS

Fuzzy RDFS

- ▶ Triples may have attached a degree n in L or L_n

$\langle (subject, predicate, object), n \rangle$

- ▶ Meaning: the degree of truth of the statement is at least n
- ▶ Example:

$\langle (o1, IsAbout, snoopy), 0.8 \rangle$

- ▶ How to represent fuzzy triples in RDFS?
 - ▶ Use **reification** method:

$(s1, hasObj, o1), (s1, hasRel, IsAbout), (s1, hasObj, snoopy), (s1, hasDeg, 0.8)$

- ▶ Unfortunately, RDFS is lacking the "annotation property" of triples

Fuzzy RDFS Query Answering

- ▶ **Conjunctive query**: extends a crisp RDF query and is of the form

$$\langle q(\mathbf{x}), s \rangle \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. \langle \tau_1, s_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \tau_n, s_n \rangle, \\ s = f(s_1, \dots, s_n, p_1(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, p_h(\mathbf{z}_h))$$

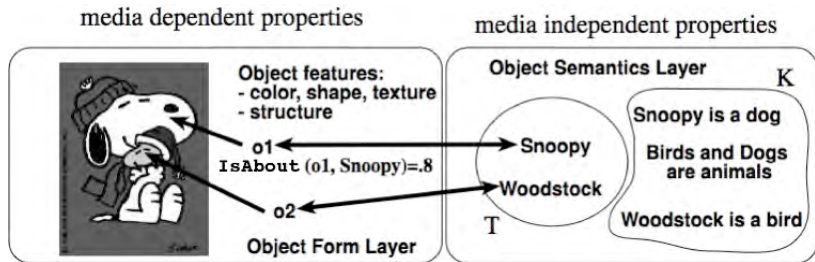
where

- ▶ τ_i triples involving literals and variables in \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}
 - ▶ \mathbf{z}_i are tuples of literals or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y}
 - ▶ $p_j(\mathbf{t}) \in [0, 1]$
 - ▶ f is a *scoring* function $f: ([0, 1])^{n+h} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- ▶ Example:

$$\langle q(x), s \rangle \leftarrow \langle (x, \text{type}, \text{SportCar}), s_1 \rangle, (x, \text{hasPrice}, y), s = s_1 \cdot \text{cheap}(y)$$

where e.g. $\text{cheap}(y) = \text{ls}(0, 10000, 12000)(y)$, has intended meaning to “**retrieve all cheap sports car**”

Example



$$G = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \langle (o1, \text{IsAbout}, \text{snoopy}), 0.8 \rangle & \langle (o2, \text{IsAbout}, \text{woodstock}), 0.9 \rangle \\ (\text{snoopy}, \text{type}, \text{dog}) & (\text{woodstock}, \text{type}, \text{bird}) \\ \langle (\text{Dog}, \text{sc}, \text{SmallAnimal}), 0.4 \rangle & \langle (\text{Bird}, \text{sc}, \text{SmallAnimal}), 0.7 \rangle \\ (\text{SmallAnimal}, \text{sc}, \text{Animal}) & \end{array} \right\}$$

Consider the query

$$\langle q(x), s \rangle \leftarrow \langle (x, \text{IsAbout}, y), s_1 \rangle, \langle (y, \text{type}, \text{Animal}), s_2 \rangle, s = s_1 \cdot s_2$$

Then

$$\text{ans}(G, q) = \{ \langle o1, 0.32 \rangle, \langle o2, 0.63 \rangle \}$$

Annotation domains & RDFS

- ▶ Generalisation of fuzzy RDFS
 - ▶ a triple is annotated with a value taken from a so-called **annotation domain**, rather than with a value in $[0,1]$
 - ▶ allows to deal with several domains (such as, fuzzy, temporal, provenance) and their combination, in a uniform way
- ▶ **Fuzzyness**
 - ▶ $\langle (HolidayInnHotel, closeTo, IEA17Venue), 0.7 \rangle$
 - ▶ true to some degree
- ▶ **Time**
 - ▶ $\langle (umberto, workedFor, IEI), [1992, 2001] \rangle$
 - ▶ true during 1992–2001
- ▶ **Provenance**
 - ▶ $\langle (umberto, knows, salem), \text{http://www.straccia.info/foaf.rdf} \rangle$
 - ▶ **true** in `http://www.straccia.info/foaf.rdf`
- ▶ **Multiple Domains:**

$\langle (CountryXYZ, type, Dangerous), \langle [1975, 1983], 0.8, 0.6 \rangle \rangle$

Time × *Fuzzy* × *Trust*

- ▶ **Annotation Domain**: idempotent, commutative semi-ring

$$D = \langle L, \oplus, \otimes, \perp, \top \rangle$$

where \oplus is \top -annihilating, i.e.

1. \oplus is idempotent, commutative, associative;
 2. \otimes is commutative and associative;
 3. $\perp \oplus \lambda = \lambda$, $\top \otimes \lambda = \lambda$, $\perp \otimes \lambda = \perp$, and $\top \oplus \lambda = \top$;
 4. \otimes is distributive over \oplus ,
i.e. $\lambda_1 \otimes (\lambda_2 \oplus \lambda_3) = (\lambda_1 \otimes \lambda_2) \oplus (\lambda_1 \otimes \lambda_3)$;
- ▶ Induced partial order:

$$\lambda_1 \preceq \lambda_2 \iff \lambda_1 \oplus \lambda_2 = \lambda_2$$

- ▶ Annotated triple: for $\lambda \in L$

$$\langle (s, p, o), \lambda \rangle$$

The case of Fuzzy & Annotated Description Logics

For a degree n in L or L_n

- ▶ $\langle a:C, n \rangle$ states that a is an instance of concept/class C with degree at least n
- ▶ $\langle C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2, n \rangle$ states that class C_1 is subclass of C_2 to degree n

Towards Fuzzy OWL 2 and its Profiles

- ▶ Fuzzy OWL 2 added value:
 - ▶ **fuzzy concrete domains** (e.g., *young*)
 - ▶ **modifiers** (e.g., *very young*)
 - ▶ other extensions:
 - ▶ **aggregation functions**: weighted sum, OWA, fuzzy integrals
 - ▶ **fuzzy rough sets**
 - ▶ **fuzzy spatial relations**
 - ▶ **fuzzy numbers**, ...

Fuzzy Concrete Domains

- ▶ E.g., *Small*, *Young*, *High*, etc. with **explicit** membership function
- ▶ Representation of **Young Person**:



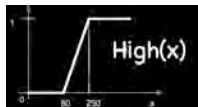
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minor} &= \text{Person} \sqcap \exists \text{hasAge.} \leq 18 \\ \text{YoungPerson} &= \text{Person} \sqcap \exists \text{hasAge.} \text{Is}(10, 30) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Representation of **Heavy Rain**:

$$\text{HeavyRain} = \text{Rain} \sqcap \exists \text{hasPrecipitationRate.} \text{rs}(5, 7.5)$$

Fuzzy Modifiers

- ▶ *Very, moreOrLess, slightly*, etc.
- ▶ Representation of **Sport Car**



$$\text{SportsCar} = \text{Car} \sqcap \exists \text{speed} . \text{very}(\text{rs}(80, 250))$$

- ▶ Representation of **Very Heavy Rain**

$$\text{VeryHeavyRain} = \text{Rain} \sqcap \exists \text{hasPrecipitationRate} . \text{very}(\text{rs}(5, 7.5)) .$$

Aggregation Operators

- ▶ **Aggregation operators**: aggregate concepts, using functions such as the mean, median, weighted sum operators, etc.
- ▶ Allows to express the concept

$$0.3 \cdot \textit{ExpensiveHotel} + 0.7 \cdot \textit{LuxuriousHotel} \sqsubseteq \textit{GoodHotel}$$

- ▶ a good hotel is the weighted sum of being an expensive and luxurious hotel
- ▶ Aggregated concepts are popular in robotics:
 - ▶ to recognise complex objects from atomic ones

Fuzzy DLs Query Answering

- ▶ **Conjunctive query**: similar to fuzzy RDFS CQs:

$$\langle q(\mathbf{x}), s \rangle \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. \langle \tau_1, s_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \tau_n, s_n \rangle, \\ s = f(s_1, \dots, s_n, \rho_1(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, \rho_h(\mathbf{z}_h))$$

where

- ▶ τ_1, \dots, τ_n are expressions $A(z)$ or $R(z, z')$, where A is a concept name, R is a role name, z, z' are individuals or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y}
- ▶ Example:

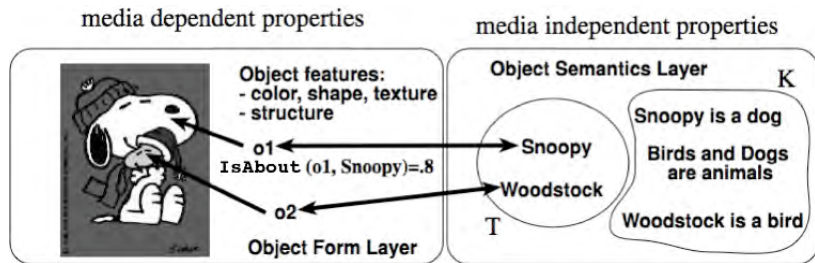
$$\langle q(x), s \rangle \leftarrow \langle \text{SportCar}(x), s_1 \rangle, \text{hasPrice}(x, y), s = s_1 \cdot \text{cheap}(y)$$

where e.g. $\text{cheap}(y) = \text{Is}(10000, 12000)(y)$, has intended meaning to retrieve all cheap sports car.

Some Applications

- ▶ (Multimedia) Information retrieval
- ▶ Recommendation systems
- ▶ Image interpretation
- ▶ Ambient intelligence
- ▶ Ontology merging
- ▶ Matchmaking
- ▶ Decision making
- ▶ Summarization
- ▶ Robotics perception
- ▶ Software design
- ▶ Machine learning

Example



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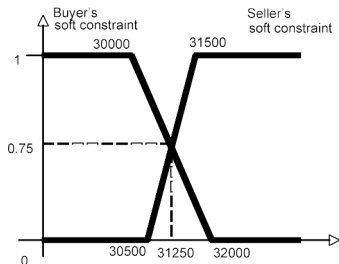
Consider the query

$$\langle q(x), s \rangle \leftarrow \langle IsAbout(x, y), s_1 \rangle, \langle Animal(y), s_2 \rangle, s = s_1 \cdot s_2$$

Then

$$ans(G, q) = \{ \langle o1, 0.32 \rangle, \langle o2, 0.63 \rangle \}, \quad ans_1(G, q) = \{ \langle o2, 0.63 \rangle \}$$

Example (Simplified Matchmaking)



- ▶ A car seller sells an Audi TT for 31500€, as from the catalog price.
- ▶ A buyer is looking for a sports-car, but wants to to pay not more than around 30000€
- ▶ Classical sets: the problem relies on the crisp conditions on price
- ▶ More fine grained approach: to consider prices as fuzzy sets (as usual in negotiation)
 - ▶ Seller may consider optimal to sell above 31500€, but can go down to 30500€
 - ▶ The buyer prefers to spend less than 30000€, but can go up to 32000€
 - $AudiTT = SportsCar \sqcap \exists hasPrice.rs(30500, 31500)$
 - $Query = SportsCar \sqcap \exists hasPrice.ls(30000, 32000)$
 - ▶ Highest degree to which the concept
 $C = AudiTT \sqcap Query$
is satisfiable is 0.75 (the degree to which the Audi TT and the query **matches** is 0.75)
 - ▶ The car may be sold at 31250€

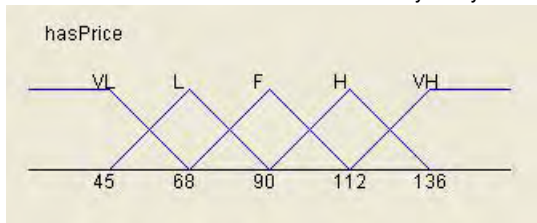
Example: Learning fuzzy GCIs from OWL data

- ▶ Learning of fuzzy GCIs from crisp OWL data
- ▶ Use Case: What are **Good hotels**, using TripAdvisor data?
 - ▶ Given
 - ▶ OWL 2 Ontology about meaningful city entities and their descriptions
 - ▶ TripAdvisor data about hotels and user judgments
 - ▶ We have learnt that in e.g., Pisa, Italy

$\langle \exists \text{hasAmenity.Babysitting} \sqcap \exists \text{hasPrice.fair} \sqsubseteq \text{Good_Hotel}, 0.782 \rangle$

“A hotel having babysitting as amenity and a fair price is a good hotel (to degree 0.782)”

- ▶ Real valued price attribute *hasPrice* has been automatically fuzzyfied



Representing Fuzzy OWL Ontologies in OWL

- ▶ OWL 2 is W3C standard, with classical logic semantics
 - ▶ Hence, cannot support natively Fuzzy Logic
- ▶ However, **Fuzzy OWL 2**, has been defined using OWL 2
 - ▶ Uses the axiom annotation feature of OWL 2
- ▶ Any Fuzzy OWL 2 ontology is a legal OWL 2 ontology

- ▶ A java parser for Fuzzy OWL 2 exists
- ▶ Protégé plug-in exists to encode Fuzzy OWL ontologies

The screenshot shows the Protege software interface with the Fuzzy OWL plugin. The main workspace is titled "Step 2" and displays a graph of a fuzzy membership function for the concept "rightshoulder". The graph shows a trapezoidal shape with parameters A=200.0, B=100.0, K1=0.0, and K2=1000.0. The right sidebar shows an "Annotations" tab with a code editor containing XML for a fuzzy datatype.

Menu:

- Fuzzy Datatype
- Fuzzy Modified Concept
- Weighted Concept
- Weighted Sum Concept
- Fuzzy Nominal
- Fuzzy Modifier
- Fuzzy Modified Role
- Fuzzy Axiom
- Ontology
- Fuzzy Modified Datatype
- All new classes
- HighPower
- HighSpeed
- VeryCold
- Cold
- Expensive

Step 2
 Shows the type and all given parameters

Type
 rightshoulder

Parameters:

- A: 200.0
- B: 100.0
- K1: 0.0
- K2: 1000.0

Annotations:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:fuzzyowl2="http://www.semanticweb.org/ontologies/2010/8/fuzzyowl2#"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#" >
  <fuzzyowl2:fuzzyType datatype="xsd:string"
    <datatype type="xsd:string" >
      <fuzzyowl2:rightshoulder A="200"
        B="100" />
    </fuzzyowl2:rightshoulder />
  </fuzzyowl2:rightshoulder />
</rdf:RDF>
  
```

To use the reasoner click Reasoner->Start Reasoner Show references

Annotation domains & OWL

- ▶ For OWL 2, it is like for RDFS, but annotation domain has to be a **complete lattice**
- ▶ Exception for OWL profiles OWL EL, OWL QL and OWL RL: annotation domains may be as for RDFS

The case of Fuzzy & Annotated Logic Programs

Fuzzy LPs Basics

- ▶ **Truth space** is $[0, 1]$ or $\{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-2}{n-1}, \dots, 1\}$ ($n \geq 1$)
- ▶ **Generalized LP rules** are of the form

$$\langle R(\mathbf{x}), s \rangle \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. \langle R_1(\mathbf{z}_1), s_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle R_k(\mathbf{z}_k), s_k \rangle, \\ s = f(s_1, \dots, s_k, p_1(\mathbf{z}'_1), \dots, p_h(\mathbf{z}'_h))$$

- ▶ **Meaning of rules:** “take the truth-values of all $R_i(\mathbf{z}_i)$, $p_j(\mathbf{z}'_j)$, combine them using the truth combination function f , and assign the result to $R(\mathbf{x})$ ”
- ▶ **Facts:** ground expressions of the form $\langle R(\mathbf{c}), n \rangle$
 - ▶ **Meaning of facts:** “the degree of truth of $R(\mathbf{c})$ is at least n ”
- ▶ **Fuzzy LP:** a set of facts (extensional database) and a set of rules (intentional database). No extensional relation may occur in the head of a rule

Example: Soft shopping agent

- ▶ User preferences:

$$\langle \text{Pref}_1(x, p), s \rangle \leftarrow \text{HasPrice}(x, p), s = \text{Is}(10000, 14000)(p)$$

$$\langle \text{Pref}_2(x), s \rangle \leftarrow \text{HasKM}(x, k), s = \text{Is}(13000, 17000)(k)$$

$$\langle \text{Buy}(x, p), s \rangle \leftarrow \langle \text{Pref}_1(x, p), s_p \rangle, \langle \text{Pref}_2(x_k), s_k \rangle, s = 0.7 \cdot s_p + 0.3 \cdot s_k$$

ID	MODEL	PRICE	KM
455	MAZDA 3	12500	10000
34	ALFA 156	12000	15000
1812	FORD FOCUS	11000	16000
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

- ▶ **Problem:** All tuples of the database have a score:
 - ▶ We cannot compute the score of all tuples, then rank them.
Brute force approach not feasible for very large databases
- ▶ **Top-*k* fuzzy LP problem:** Determine **efficiently** just the **top-*k* ranked** tuples, without evaluating the score of all tuples. E.g. top-3 tuples

ID	PRICE	SCORE
1812	11000	0.6
455	12500	0.56
34	12000	0.50

Rule Languages and Semantic Web

- ▶ There are quite many LP/ASP systems (monotone/non-monotone)
 - ▶ each with its own feature set
 - ▶ some with SW interface
 - ▶ SWIProlog, DLV, ...
- ▶ More SW related: various frameworks exist ...
 - ▶ SWRL: rules with concept and role expressions as atoms
 - ▶ Datalog[±]: Datalog with existential restriction on rule head
 - ▶ RuleML: quite large range of features
- ▶ The development of fuzzy LPs is essentially in parallel with that of classical LPs (since early '80s)
- ▶ A common problem with LP frameworks (incl. fuzzy)
 - ▶ Lack of standardised language and semantics
 - ▶ SWRL, RuleML are exceptions

Annotation domains & Datalog

- ▶ For Datalog, it is like for RDFS
- ▶ The reasoning decision problems' complexity is inherited from their fuzzy variants. Decidable if lattice and truth space are finite, else undecidable in general

Conclusions

Conclusions & Future work

- ▶ We've overviewed basic concepts related to Fuzzyness in Semantic Web Languages, such as
 - ▶ RDFS, OWL 2, Datalog
- ▶ Semantic Web Applications:
 - ▶ Robotics, Ontology Mappings, Multimedia Object annotation, Matchmaking, (Multimedia/Distributed) Information Retrieval, Recommender Systems, User Profiling, ...

Summary within Fuzzy Semantic Web Framework (IMHO)

Language	Mature Systems	Inference Algorithms	Query Answering
RDFS			
OWL 2			
OWL QL			
OWL EL			
OWL RL			
Rule Languages			

Emerging Field for SWLs: Enhanced Fuzzy Queries

- ▶ Fuzzy Quantified queries may provide many opportunities to improve CQ query features for any SWL: e.g.
 - ▶ *Visualise roads in which many of the recent car incidents involved severely injured people*
 - ▶ Fuzzy quantified query schema:
$$Q \text{ of } B X \text{ are } A$$
 - ▶ Q is a fuzzy quantifier, e.g. *many*
 - ▶ $B X$ is a reference fuzzy set over which Q quantifies, e.g. *recent (B) car incidents (X)*
 - ▶ A is a fuzzy set imposing a condition to be satisfied, e.g. *severely injured people*
- ▶ Fuzzy Queries may be applied both to crisp ontologies as well as to fuzzy ontologies

That's it !

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