

Sensitivity Analysis of Fuzzy Signatures

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Abstract: We briefly summarize our results on the sensitivity of the weighted generalized mean (power mean) aggregation operator and their application on the sensitivity analysis of fuzzy signatures.

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1. Introduction

Fuzzy signatures are hierarchical representations of data structuring into vectors of fuzzy values [1]. A fuzzy signature is defined as a special multidimensional fuzzy data structure, which is a generalization of vector valued fuzzy sets [2], [3], [4]. Vector valued fuzzy sets are special cases of L -fuzzy sets which were introduced in [5]. A fuzzy signature is denoted by

$$A: X \rightarrow S^{(n)},$$

where $1 \leq n$ and

$$S^{(n)} = \times_{i=1}^n S_i \quad S_i = \begin{cases} [0,1] \\ S^{(m)} \end{cases}$$

We can represent a fuzzy signature by nested vector value fuzzy sets and also by a tree graph (see Figure 1), which is much more understandable [6].

The goal of this article is to discuss how the membership value of the whole fuzzy set changes if the membership values in the nested vectors change. In other words, if we think of the tree graph representation, how the membership value of the root changes if the membership values of leaves change. To answer this question we have to know how to compute a membership value of a subgraph from the leaves [7].

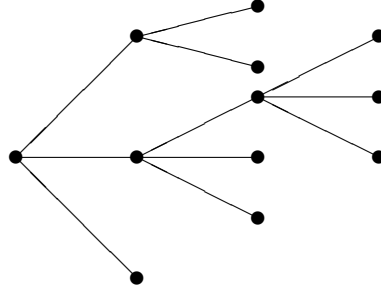


Figure 1. A fuzzy signature graph.

2. Sensitivity of the WGM aggregation operator

The generalized mean and its generalization, the weighted generalized mean (WGM) form a very large class of aggregation operators. Their various special cases often arise also in theoretical and practical problems. In the following we assume that all the operators applied on the membership values in the signature are from the class of the weighted generalized mean aggregation operators.

Definition. Let x_1, \dots, x_n and w_1, \dots, w_n be nonnegative real numbers, $w_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ and $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ($p \neq 0$). Then the weighted generalized mean (WGM) of x_1, \dots, x_n with weights w_1, \dots, w_n and with parameter p :

$$M_p^w(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n w_k x_k^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

The limits at $\pm\infty$ regardless to the weights:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n w_k x_k^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \max(x_i) \quad \lim_{p \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n w_k x_k^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \min(x_i)$$

The limit if $p \rightarrow 0$ is the weighted geometric mean:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n w_k x_k^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{w_i}$$

What can be said about the change of M ($|\Delta M|$) if we know the change of the input? We give upper bound on $|\Delta M|$ if we know the norm of the change of the input vector ($\|\Delta \underline{x}\|$). Now we restrict the results to the most widely used norms: sum of absolute values ($\|\cdot\|_1$), euclidean ($\|\cdot\|_2$) and maximum ($\|\cdot\|_\infty$) norms (the general case for arbitrary p' -norm is also solved).

Table 1. Values of the coefficient K_1 for $|\Delta M| \leq K_1 \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_1$.

value of p	K_1	if $w_i = 1/n$
$p < 0$	$\max \{w_i^{1/p}\} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/p}$
$0 \leq p < 1$	-	-
$p \geq 1$	$\max \{w_i^{1/p}\} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/p}$

Table 2. Values of the coefficient K_2 for $|\Delta M| \leq K_2 \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_2$.

value of p	K_2	if $w_i = 1/n$
$p < 0$	$\max \{w_i^{1/p}\} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/p}$
$0 \leq p < 1$	-	-
$p = 1$	$\ \underline{w}\ _2$	$n^{-1/2}$
$1 < p < 1.5$	$\max \{w_i\}^{1/2} = \ \underline{w}^{1/2}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/2}$
$1.5 \leq p < 2$	$\max \{w_i^{1/p}\} \cdot n^{1/p-1/2}$	$n^{-1/2}$
$2 \leq p$	$\max \{w_i^{1/p}\} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/p}$

Table 3. Values of the coefficient K_∞ for $|\Delta M| \leq K_\infty \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_\infty$.

value of p	K_∞	if $w_i = 1/n$
$p < 0$	$\max \left\{ w_i^{1/p} \right\} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty$	$n^{-1/p}$
$0 \leq p < 1$	-	-
$1 \leq p < 2$	1	1
$2 \leq p$	$\max \left\{ w_i^{1/p} \right\} \cdot n^{1/p} = \ \underline{w}^{1/p}\ _\infty \cdot n^{1/p}$	1

3. Sensitivity of fuzzy signatures

Based on the results above we analyse the sensitivity of fuzzy signatures in which the values are determined by a WGM operators in every nodes. The sensitivity bound of the whole fuzzy signature is derived from the bounds of the WGM-s, according to the graph structure of the signature. The output (the membership value of the signature) is denoted by f .

- In $\|\cdot\|_1$ norm of the input vector:
Let us denote by K_{11} the bound for the WGM applied in the root of the signature and by $\Delta \underline{x}_{11}$ of the change of its input vector; the bounds for their WGM operators are K_{21}, \dots, K_{2n_2} (n_2 is the number of vertices to the root), the change of their inputs are $\Delta \underline{x}_{21}, \dots, \Delta \underline{x}_{2n_2}$ etc., up to the end of the graph. Then change of the output value can be estimated by the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta f| &\leq K_{11} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{11}\|_1 \leq K_{11} \cdot (K_{21} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{21}\|_1 + \dots + K_{2n_2} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{2n_2}\|_1) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N K_i \cdot |\Delta x_i| \leq \max(K_i) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N |\Delta x_i| = \max(K_i) \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_1
 \end{aligned}$$

where K_i is the product of the bounds from the root to the i -th leaf.

- In $\|\cdot\|_2$ norm of the input vector:
Now it is more convenient to deal with $|\Delta f|^2$ instead of $|\Delta f|$. The estimation works quite similar as in the previous case. The C_{**} -s denote the squares of the bounds for

the WGM operators. The estimation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta f|^2 &\leq C_{11}^2 \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{11}\|_2^2 \leq C_{11}^2 \cdot (C_{21}^2 \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{21}\|_2^2 + \dots + C_{2n_2}^2 \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{2n_2}\|_2^2) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N C_i^2 \cdot |\Delta x_i|^2 \leq \max(C_i^2) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N |\Delta x_i|^2 = \max(C_i^2) \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_2^2
 \end{aligned}$$

where C_i^2 is the product of the squares of the bounds from the root to the i -th leaf.

- In $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ norm of the input vector:

This case differs a bit from the others because of the max operator. The D_{**} -s are the bounds for the WGM operators.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta f| &\leq D_{11} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{11}\|_\infty \leq D_{11} \cdot \max(D_{21} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{21}\|_\infty, \dots, D_{2n_2} \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}_{2n_2}\|_\infty) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\leq \max(D_i) \cdot \|\Delta \underline{x}\|_\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

where D_i is the product of the greatest bounds at every level.

The sensitivity analysis of a fuzzy signature becomes much more simple if the fuzzy signature is homogeneous, i.e. if all of the aggregation operators in the nodes are weighted generalized mean operators with the same value of p . If this condition holds, the output value of the signature is the weighted generalized mean of the input values with parameter p , where the weights are the product of the weights from the root to the leaves.

As a practical example, the sensitivity analysis of a fuzzy signature which was applied for status-determining and ranking buildings was also discussed in [7].

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