

ON A REPRESENTATION THEOREM OF  
DE MORGAN ALGEBRAS BY FUZZY SETS

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## ABSTRACT

*Once the concept of De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets on a universe  $X$  can be defined, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a De Morgan Algebra to be isomorphic to (represented by) a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets.*

## De Morgan Algebras of Fuzzy Sets.

Let  $X$  be a universe of discourse. We denote by  $L(X) = (\tilde{P}(X), \cap, \cup)$  the lattice of fuzzy subsets of  $X$  with values on  $[0, 1]$  being  $\cup$  and  $\cap$  the usual max and min operations and  $\tilde{P}(X) = [0, 1]^X$ . It is known that  $L(X)$  is a complete, infinitely distributive lattice with maximum  $X(X(x)=1$  for any  $x \in X$ ) and minimum  $\emptyset(\emptyset(x)=0$  for any  $x \in X$ ), and also that boolean elements of  $L(X)$  constitute the Boolean Algebra  $P(X)$  of crisp subsets of  $X$ . We denote by  $\delta_x$  the singleton of  $P(X)$ , i.e.,  $\delta_x: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined by  $\delta_x(a)=0$  if  $a \neq x$ ,  $\delta_x(x)=1$ , and by  $\underline{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the constant function  $\underline{\alpha}(x)=\alpha$  for any  $x \in X$ . Then we have:

$$A = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap \underline{A(x)}) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap A), \text{ for any } A \in \tilde{P}(X).$$

Definition 1. We say that a sublattice  $S$  of  $L(X)$  satisfies the Extension Principle (E.P. from now on) if  $S \supset P(X)$ .

Examples.

Let  $X$  be a univers and  $J = \{J_x \mid \{0,1\} \subset J_x \subset [0,1]\}$ . For any family  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_x \in J \mid x \in X\}$  we define:

$$P_{\mathcal{J}}(X) = \{A \in P(X) \mid A(x) \in J_x \text{ for any } x \in X\},$$

$$P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X) = \{A \in P_{\mathcal{J}}(X) \mid \{A(x) \mid A(x) \notin \{0,1\}\} \text{ is finite}\}.$$

Clearly, both  $P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$  and  $P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X)$  are sublattices of  $L(X)$  such that satisfy the E.P. It is also easy to verify that  $P_{\mathcal{J}}(X) = P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X)$  if and only if  $X$  is finite, and  $P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$  is complete if and only if any  $J_x \in \mathcal{J}$  is a complete subchain of  $[0,1]$ .

Proposition 1. A sublattice  $S$  of  $L(X)$  satisfies the E.P. iff there exists a family  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_x \in J \mid x \in X\}$  such that  $P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X) \subset S \subset P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$ .

Proof: If  $S$  is a sublattice of  $L(X)$  such that satisfies the E.P. we can define, for any  $x \in X$ ,  $J_x = \{\alpha \in [0,1] \mid \text{there exists } B \in S \text{ such that } B(x) = \alpha\}$ , and we have the family  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_x \mid x \in X\}$ . We will prove that  $P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X) \subset S \subset P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$ .

a) If we denote by  $[\emptyset, \delta_x]$  the interval of  $L(X)$  defined by  $[\emptyset, \delta_x] = \{A \in P(X) \mid \emptyset \leq A \leq \delta_x\} = \{A \in P(X) \mid A(a) = 0 \text{ for any } a \neq x\}$ , then  $[\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap P_{\mathcal{J}}(X) = [\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X) = [\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap S = \{A \in [\emptyset, \delta_x] \mid A(x) \in J_x\}$ . Taken into account the definition of  $P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$  and  $P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X)$  it is clear that  $[\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap P_{\mathcal{J}}(X) = [\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap P_{\mathcal{J}}^!(X) = \{A \in [\emptyset, \delta_x] \mid A(x) \in J_x\}$ , and also that  $[\emptyset, \delta_x] \cap S \subset \{A \in [\emptyset, \delta_x] \mid A(x) \in J_x\}$ . We need to prove that if  $A \in [\emptyset, \delta_x]$  and  $A(x) \in J_x$ , then  $A \in S$ . Because of the definition of  $J_x$ , as  $A(x) \in J_x$ , there exists a  $B \in S$  such that  $B(x) = A(x)$ . Then  $A = \delta_x \cap B$  which proves that  $A \in S$  as  $\delta_x \in P(X) \subset S$  and  $B \in S$ .

b) Any  $A \in S$  satisfies  $A(x) \in J_x$  for any  $x \in X$ , so  $A \in P_J(X)$  and  $S \subset P_J(X)$ .

c) If  $A \in P_J^1(X)$  and  $X_1 = \{x \in X \mid A(x) = 1\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{x \in X \mid A(x) \notin \{0, 1\}\}$ , then

$A = (\bigcup_{x \in X_1} \delta_x) \cup (\bigcup_{x \in X_2} (\delta_x \cap A))$ ; but  $\bigcup_{x \in X_2} \delta_x \in P(X) \subset S$ ,  $X_2$  is finite and  $\delta_x \cap A \in S$ , thus we have  $\bigcup_{x \in X_2} (\delta_x \cap A) \in S$ . We conclude that  $A \in S$  for any  $A \in P_J^1(X)$  and  $P_J^1(X) \subset S$ .

Reciprocally, if  $S$  is a sublattice of  $L(X)$  and there exists a family  $J$  such that  $P_J^1(X) \subset S \subset P_J(X)$ , then  $S$  satisfies the E.P. ( $S \supset P_J^1(X) \supset P(X)$ ).

Definition 2. A De Morgan Algebra  $M(X) = (S, \cap, \cup, n)$  is said to be a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets on  $X$  if  $S$  is a sublattice of  $L(X)$  that satisfies the E.P.

Examples.

1) Let  $X = \{x, y\}$ ,  $J_x = \{1/(n+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0, 1\}$ ,  $J_y = \{n/(n+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0, 1\}$  and  $J = \{J_x, J_y\}$ . We consider the sublattice  $P_J(X)$  of  $L(X)$ . From mappings  $n_x: J_x \rightarrow J_y$  defined by  $n_x(0) = 1$ ,  $n_x(1) = 0$ ,  $n_x(1/(n+1)) = n/(n+1)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $n_y: J_y \rightarrow J_x$  being  $n_y$  the inverse of  $n_x$ , a strong negation  $n$  on  $P_J(X)$  can be defined in the following way:

$$(n(A))(x) = n_y(A(y)) \quad , \quad (n(A))(y) = n_x(A(x)) \quad \text{for any } A \in P_J(X).$$

It is easy to verify that  $n$  is a strong negation and  $(P_J(X), \cap, \cup, n)$  is a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets.

2) Let  $X = \{x, y\}$ ,  $J_x = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $J_y = [0, \frac{1}{2}] \cup \{1\}$  and  $J = \{J_x, J_y\}$ . We consider the sublattice  $P_J(X)$  of  $L(X)$ . From  $n_x: J_x \rightarrow J_x$ , defined by  $n_x(0) = 1$ ,  $n_x(1) = 0$ , and  $n_y: J_y \rightarrow J_y$ , defined by  $n_y(0) = 1$ ,  $n_y(1) = 0$ ,  $n_y(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} - \alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , a strong negation  $n$  on  $P_J(X)$  can be defined in the following way:

$$(n(A))(a) = n_a(A(a)) \quad \text{for any } A \in P_J(X) \text{ and any } a \in X.$$

It is easy to verify that  $n$  is an strong negation and  $(P_J(X), \cap, \cup, n)$  is a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets.

Remark. Clearly not every De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets is a subalgebra of a De Morgan Algebra on  $L(X)$  (see [2],[3]). For instance,  $P_J(X)$  in example 1 is clearly a subalgebra of a De Morgan Algebra on  $L(X)$  but this is not the case in example 2 since  $n_x, n_y$  from example 1 are restrictions to  $J_x, J_y$  of negation functions on  $[0,1]$ , whereas  $n_y$  from example 2 could never be a restriction of a negation function on  $[0,1]$ .

#### A representation theorem.

Given a De Morgan Algebra  $A=(A,\wedge,\vee,n)$  with maximum  $u$  and minimum  $o$ , we will find the conditions required so that it is isomorphic to a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets on a  $X$ .

Definition 3. A De Morgan Algebra  $A$  is said to be of Fuzzy type if there exists a set  $X$  and a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets  $S$  on  $X$ , such that  $A$  and  $S$  are isomorphic.

Note that  $f:(A,\wedge,\vee,n) \rightarrow (S,\cap,\cup,\bar{\phantom{a}})$  is a morphism if it satisfies:

- a)  $f(a \vee b) = f(a) \cup f(b)$ ,
- b)  $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \cap f(b)$ ,
- c)  $f(n(a)) = \bar{n}(f(a))$ .

Proposition 2.  $A$  is of Fuzzy Type iff there exist a universe  $X$  and a sublattice  $S$  of  $L(X)$  which contains  $P(X)$  and such that  $(A,\wedge,\vee)$  and  $(S,\cap,\cup)$  are isomorphic when considered as lattices.

Proof: If  $A$  is of Fuzzy type the condition clearly holds. Conversely, if there exists  $X$ , a sublattice  $S$  of  $L(X)$  which contains  $P(X)$  and a isomorphism  $f:(A,\wedge,\vee) \rightarrow (S,\cap,\cup)$ , then  $A$  is of

Fuzzy type since  $\bar{n}:S \rightarrow S$  defined by  $\bar{n}(A)=f(n(f^{-1}(A)))$ , for any  $A \in S$ , is a strong negation on  $S$  and  $f$  is an isomorphism between the De Morgan Algebras  $(A, \wedge, \vee, n)$  and  $(S, \cap, \cup, \bar{n})$ .

Theorem. A De Morgan Algebra  $A=(A, \wedge, \vee, n)$  is of Fuzzy type if and only if  $A$  satisfies the following conditions:

- a) The Boolean Algebra  $B$  of the Boolean elements of the distributive lattices  $(A, \vee, \wedge)$  is complete and atomic;
- b) For every atom  $x$  of  $B$  there exists  $J_x \in \mathcal{J}$  and an isomorphism  $\sigma_x: [0, x] \rightarrow J_x$ ;
- c) For every pair of atoms  $x, y$  of  $B$  such that  $x \neq y$ ,  $[0, x] \cap [0, y] = \{0\}$ ;
- d) For every  $a \in A$ , it is  $a = \bigvee_{x \in X} (a \wedge x)$ , where  $X = \{x \in B \mid x \text{ is an atom of } B\}$ .

Proof: If  $A$  is of Fuzzy type there exists a De Morgan Algebra of Fuzzy Sets  $S$  on a universe  $X$  such that  $(A, \wedge, \vee, n)$  is isomorphic to  $(S, \cap, \cup, \bar{n})$ . It is clear that the Algebra of Boolean elements of  $S$  is  $P(X)$  which is complete and atomic, that the atoms of  $P(X)$  satisfy b) and c) and that for every  $A \in S$  is  $A = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap A)$ , and, therefore, the same conditions must hold for  $A$ .

Conversely, if  $A$  satisfies the conditions of the theorem, then since  $B$  is complete and atomic  $B \cong P(X)$  being  $X = \{x \in B \mid x \text{ is atom of } B\}$ . If we denote by  $\mathcal{J}$  the family  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_x \mid x \in X\}$ , where  $J_x$  are the intervals given in b), we will prove that a one-to-one morphism can be established between  $A$  and  $P_{\mathcal{J}}(X)$ .

We define  $f: (A, \wedge, \vee) \rightarrow (S, \cap, \cup)$  by  $f(a) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap \sigma_x(a \wedge x))$ .

Firstly it is easy to prove that  $f$  is a morphism so it is only necessary to see that  $(f(a))(x) = \sigma_x(a \wedge x)$  for any  $x \in X$  and to take into account that  $\sigma_x$  is an isomorphism.

Secondly  $f$  is a one-to-one morphism since if  $f(a) = f(b)$ , for any  $x \in X$   $(f(a))(x) = (f(b))(x)$  that is  $\sigma_x(a \wedge x) = \sigma_x(b \wedge x)$  that is

$a \wedge x = b \wedge x$  and so  $a = \bigcup_{x \in X} (a \wedge x) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (b \wedge x) = b$ .

Lastly  $f(A) \supset P(X)$  since  $f(B) = P(X)$  because, for every  $y \in X$ , it is  $f(y) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap \sigma_x(y \wedge x)) = \delta_y$ .

Therefore  $f$  is an isomorphism between the lattice  $(A, \wedge, \vee)$  and the sublattice  $(f(A), \cap, \cup)$ , of  $L(X)$ , which contains  $P(X)$ . In accordance with proposition 1 this proves that  $A$  is of Fuzzy type.

Remarks. 1) It is easy to see that, the condition b) can be substituted by: b') "For every atom  $x$  of  $B$  there exists a one-to-one morphism  $\sigma_x [0, x] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ". In that case we take  $J_x = \sigma_x([0, 1])$  and the proof is the same.

2) It is also clear that, in general, condition c) can be replaced by: c') "For every pair of atoms  $x, y$  of  $B$  such that  $x \neq y$ , any  $\alpha, \beta \in A$  such that  $0 \leq \alpha \leq x$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq y$  satisfy  $\alpha \wedge \beta = 0$ ".

3) Besides, it is easy to prove that, for  $A$  to be isomorphic to a De Morgan Algebra on  $\tilde{P}(X)$  or on any complete sublattice containing  $P(X)$  the condition d) should be replaced by: d') "A is complete and infinitely distributive lattice". In such a case d) is deduced from d') as follows:

For every  $a \in A$ , it is  $a = \bigcup_{x \in X} a \wedge x = (\bigvee_{x \in X} x) \wedge a = \bigvee_{x \in X} (x \wedge a)$ .

Besides, it can be proved that  $f$  is a bijection between  $A$  and a complete sublattice  $SCP_{\sim}(X)$  as  $f$  is onto:

for any  $A \in S$  there is  $a = \bigcup_{x \in X} \sigma_x^{-1}(x \wedge a)$  such that  $f(a) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap \sigma_x(a \wedge x)) = \bigcup_{x \in X} (\delta_x \cap A(x)) = A$ .

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