




# Hidden Pattern: Toward Decision Support Fuzzy Systems

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a method for computing with words to find linguistic hidden pattern (LHP) as well as decision support system (DSS) based on hedge algebra (HA) using linguistic cognitive map (LCM). Our model consists of a set of vertices and edges whose values are linguistic variables that are constrained by a linguistic lattice. The algorithm for the system studied will convert to hidden pattern.

**Keywords:** Fuzzy logic · Hedge algebra · Hidden pattern · Decision support system

## 1 Introduction

Fuzzy set and fuzzy logic have been applied in neural network as well as machine learning. Fuzzy set or “computing with words” (CWW) was made in the 1990s by Zadeh’s idea [1] which was just a tool to realize an intelligent system [2]. As Zadeh points out, human cognition is nothing more than CWW. In everyday life, we see the real world through words. Many intelligent systems that based on CWW such as fuzzy neural network, fuzzy machine learning, fuzzy classifying and so on have been studied [3–6].

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Sect. 2 reviews some of the main concepts of modeling with words based on HA [9, 10, 14]. Section 3 proposes a computational method for computing hidden pattern and decision support system. Section 4 outlines the conclusion and future work.

## 2 Preliminary: Linguistic Fuzzy Cognitive Map

### Linguistic Fuzzy Cognitive Maps

Fuzzy cognitive map (FCM) [7] is a combination of fuzzy logic and neural network, in which learning process depends on numerical domain in unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Paper stands on LCM which is extended from fuzzy cognitive map FCM [7]. The LCM model, based on linguistic variables, is constructed from linguistic hedge of HA in [11–13,15].

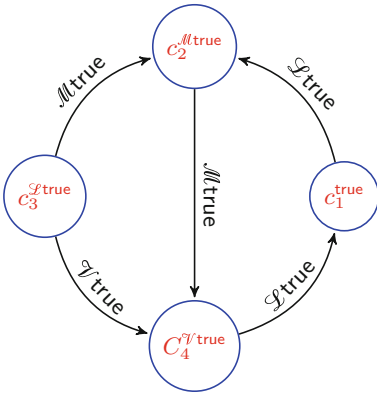
**Definition 1.** A linguistic cognitive map (LCM) is a 4- Tuple:

$$\text{LCM} = \{C, E, \mathbb{C}, f\} \tag{1}$$

In which:

1.  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$  is the set of  $N$  concepts forming the nodes of a graph.
2.  $E : (C_i, C_j) \rightarrow e_{ij} \in \mathbb{L}; e_{ij} = \text{weight of edge directed from } C_i \text{ to } C_j$ . The connection matrix  $E(N \times N) = \{e_{ij}\}_{N \times N} \in \mathbb{L}^{N \times N}$
3. The map:  $\mathbb{C} : C_i \rightarrow C_i^t \in \mathbb{L}, t \in N$
4.  $\mathbb{C}^0 = [C_1^0, C_2^0, \dots, C_n^0] \in \mathbb{L}^N$  is the initial vector, recurring transformation function  $f$  is defined as:

$$C_j^{t+1} = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^N e_{ij} C_i^t\right) \in \mathbb{L} \tag{2}$$



Example 1. Figure 1 shows a simple LCM. Let

$$\text{HA} = \langle \mathcal{X} = \text{truth}; c^+ = \text{true}; \mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{V}\} \rangle \tag{3}$$

be an HA with order as  $\mathcal{L} < \mathcal{M} < \mathcal{V}$  ( $\mathcal{L}$  for less,  $\mathcal{M}$  for more and  $\mathcal{V}$  for very are hedges).  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4\}$  is the set of 4 concepts with corresponding values  $\mathcal{C} = \{\text{true}, \mathcal{M}\text{true}, \mathcal{L}\text{true}, \mathcal{V}\text{true}\}$

Fig. 1. A simple LCM

## 3 Computational Fuzzy DSS

Hidden Patterns (HP) in combined and adaptive knowledge networks, that was introduced by B. Kosko in [8] have been applied in both fuzzy logic and neural network as a foundation for development in artificial intelligence. Applications

from HP in pattern classification as well as pattern recognition were presented in [3,4] in which patterns were studied numerical values.

This paper researches on a special HP that called LHP which uses linguistic variable for three computational phases: modeling, reasoning and verifying. DSS is the fuzzy KB which inferred from LHP, the special state in state space  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbb{C}^0, \mathbb{C}^1, \dots, \mathbb{C}^N\}$  when system reaches stable state.

### 3.1 Computational Algorithm to Compute DSS

#### Pseudo Algorithm for Computing Processes

With notation  $\delta_{ij} \in \text{Adj} \subset \mathbb{L}^N$  being strength of directed edge  $(C_i, C_j)$  or  $\delta_{ij} \leftarrow \|(C_i, C_j)\|$  and  $\text{Adj}$  is the LCM's connection matrix. Algorithm 1 points out that the processes of computation to find DSS and LHP are implemented in some simple steps:

- Initial system to first state  $\mathbb{C}^0$  in state space  $\mathcal{C}$  that uses linguistic variables.
- Recursive computation until system reaches final state.
- The final stable state  $C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime+1} = C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime}$  and LHP  $\leftarrow C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime}$
- Finally, linguistic DSS is derived from LHP:  $\text{DSS} \leftarrow \text{LHP}$

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#### Algorithm 1. Computational DSS algorithm

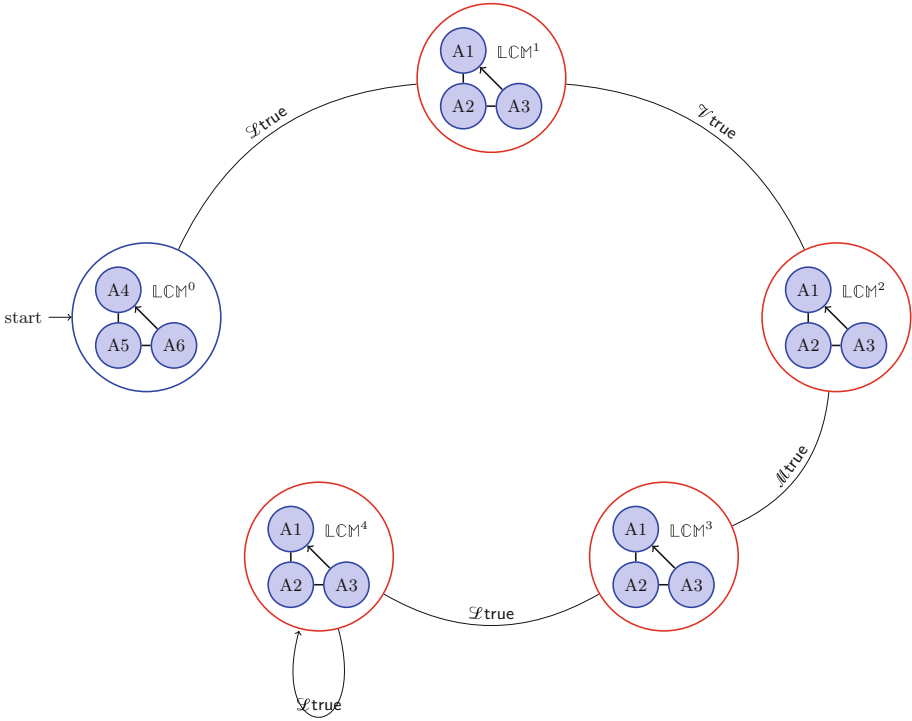
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- 1: for  $\mathcal{T}ime \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do ▷ firstly, initialize first state vector  $\mathbb{C}^0 \subset \mathcal{C}$
  - 2:  $\|C_i^0\| \leftarrow \text{Linguistic value} \in \mathbb{L}$  ▷ Iterate on  $\mathcal{C}$  space by discrete-time  $\mathcal{T}ime$
  - 3: while  $\|C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime+1}\| \neq \|C_i^{\mathcal{T}ime}\|$  do
  - 4:  $\|C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime+1}\| \leftarrow \bigvee_{i=0}^N \|C_i^{\mathcal{T}ime}\| \wedge \delta_{ij}$
  - 5:  $\text{DSS} \leftarrow \text{LHP} \leftarrow C_j^{\mathcal{T}ime}$
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#### An Example for Implementing Processes

Figure 2 is an example to illustrate the processes of the Algorithm 1, in which:

- System  $\mathcal{C}$  consists five states:  $\text{LCM}^0, \text{LCM}^1, \text{LCM}^2, \text{LCM}^3, \text{LCM}^4$
- The initial state is  $\text{LCM}^0$  and final stable state is  $\text{LCM}^4$
- Edges's linguistic values present *What-If* relation between LCM's
- System reaches stable state  $\text{LCM}^4$  after looping four times.
- And, finally:  $\text{DSS} \leftarrow \text{LHP} \leftarrow \text{LCM}^4$



**Fig. 2.** State space  $\mathcal{C} : \text{LCM}^0, \text{LCM}^1, \text{LCM}^2, \text{LCM}^3, \text{LCM}^4$  for finding DSS

### 3.2 Applying Algorithm in Medical Decision Problem

Chondromalacia patellae problem (CPP) is modelled by FCM in [6]. By using domain transformation method as in [15], see Table 1. Concepts space is denoted in Table 2.

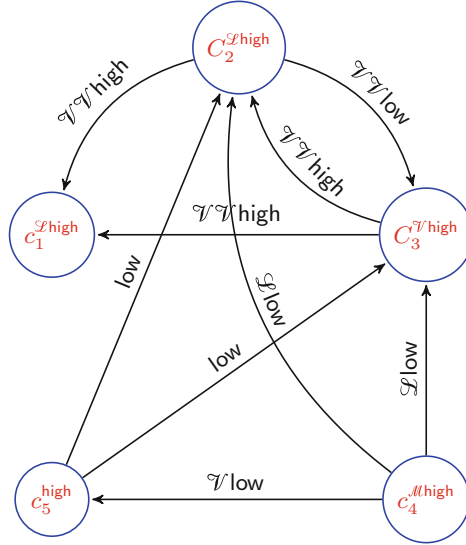
With converting as in Table 1, negative linguistic values are converted to linguistic variable in  $\mathbb{L}$  of HA and CPP is remodeled in LCM form. This allows to use HA as tool for computing with word. From Table 2, CPP now is modeled by linguistic values in LCM form as Fig. 3.

**Table 1.** Domains conversion

Range $[-1, 1]$	Positive range $[0, 1]$	Domain of $\mathbb{L}$	Meaning
$[-1, -0.7)$	$[0, 0.15)$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}\text{low}$	Very very low
$[-0.7, -0.4)$	$[0.15, 0.3)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}\text{low}$	Less more low
$[-0.4, -0.1)$	$[0.3, 0.45)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}\text{low}$	Less less low
$[-0.1, 0.1)$	$[0.45, 0.55)$	$\mathcal{W}$	Trung hòa
$[0.1, 0.4)$	$[0.55, 0.7)$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{L}\text{high}$	Very less high
$[0.4, 0.7)$	$[0.7, 0.85)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}\text{high}$	Less more high
$[0.7, 1]$	$[0.85, 1]$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}\text{high}$	More more high

**Table 2.** Table concept space.

Concepts $C \in \mathbb{C}$	Meaning	Linguistic domain
$C_1$	Extracellular matrix	Linguistic value in $\mathbb{L}$
$C_2$	Chondromalacia	Linguistic value in $\mathbb{L}$
$C_3$	Cells	Linguistic value in $\mathbb{L}$
$C_4$	Physical exercises	Linguistic value in $\mathbb{L}$
$C_5$	Weight	Linguistic value in $\mathbb{L}$



**Fig. 3.** LCM models Chondromalacia

*Property 1.* Following the Algorithm 1, CPP always converges to hidden pattern  $\mathbb{LHP}$

*Proof.* This property is immediately inferred from convergence in Theorem 2 [15].

## 4 Conclusion and Future Work

We have introduced a method to computational linguistic fuzzy  $\mathbb{DSS}$  as well as making  $\mathbb{DSS}$  In the future, two studies will be:

- Considering a complete algorithm to construct  $\mathbb{DSS}$ .
- Verifying soundness and completeness for the algorithms.

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