

Steps Towards Modeling and Querying Based on Linguistic Fuzzy Graph Database

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a method for computing with words on linguistic fuzzy graph database (LFGD). Computation consists of two processes: Modeling and Querying. The former models LFGD as a fuzzy graph whose nodes contain linguistic data table and the later queries linguistic data from node's data tables.

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1 Introduction

In everyday life, people use natural language (NL) for analyzing, reasoning, and finally, make their decisions. Computing with words (CWW) [2, 6, 8–11, 17] is a mathematical solution of computational problems stated in an NL. CWW based on fuzzy set and fuzzy logic, introduced by L. A. Zadeh is an approximate method on interval [0,1]. In linguistic domain, linguistic hedges play an important role for generating set of linguistic variables. A well known application of fuzzy set is fuzzy graph [3, 7, 14, 16], combined fuzzy set with graph theory. Fuzzy graph (FG) has a lots of applications in both modeling and reasoning fuzzy knowledge such as Human trafficking, in ternet routing, illegal immigration [13] on interval [0,1] but not in linguistic values, However, many applications cannot model in numerical domain, for example, linguistic summarization problems [10]. To solve this problem, in the paper, we use an abstract algebra, called hedge algebra (HA) as a tool for computing with words. The remainder of paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews some main concepts of computing with words based on HA. Important section 3 studies a graph database to model with words using HA and its properties. Section 4 outlines conclusions and future work.

2 Preliminaries

This section presents basic concepts of HA and some important knowledge used in the paper.

2.1 Hedge algebra

In this section, we review some HA knowledges related to our research paper and give basic definitions. First definition of a n HA is specified by 3-Tuple $\mathbb{H}A = (X, H, \leq)$ in [6]. In [5], to easily simulate fuzzy knowledge, two terms G and C are inserted to 3-Tuple so $\mathbb{H}A = (X, G, C, H, \leq)$ where $H \neq \emptyset$, $G = \{c^+, c^-\}$, $C = \{0, W, 1\}$. Domain of X is $\mathbb{L} = Dom(X) = \{\delta c \mid c \in G, \delta \in H^*(\text{hedge string over } H)\}$, $\{\mathbb{L}, \leq\}$ is a POSET (partial order set) and $x = h_n h_{n-1} \dots h_1 c$ is said to be a canonical string of linguistic variable x .

Example 1. Fuzzy subset X is Age, $G = \{c^+ = \text{young}; c^- = \text{old}\}$, $H = \{\text{less}; \text{more}; \text{very}\}$ so term-set of linguistic variable Age X is $\mathbb{L}(X)$ or \mathbb{L} for short:
 $\mathbb{L} = \{\text{very less young}; \text{less young}; \text{young}; \text{more young}; \text{very young}; \text{very very young} \dots\}$

Fuzziness properties of elements in HA, specified by fm (fuzziness measure) [5] as follows:

Definition 2 .1. A mapping $fm : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is said to be the fuzziness measure of \mathbb{L} if:

1. $\sum_{c \in \{c^+, c^-\}} fm(c) = 1$, $fm(0) = fm(w) = fm(1) = 0$.
2. $\sum_{h_i \in H} fm(h_i x) = fm(x)$, $x = h_n h_{n-1} \dots h_1 c$, the canonical form.

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$$3. fm(h_n h_{n-1} \dots h_1 c) = \prod_{i=1}^n fm(h_i) \times \mu(x).$$

The truth and meaning are fundamental important concepts in fuzzy logic, artificial intelligence and machine learning. In RCT (restriction-centered theory) [10], truth values are organized as a hierarchy with ground level or first-order and second-order. First order truth values are numerical values whereas second order ones are linguistic truth values. A linguistic truth value, say ℓ , is a fuzzy set. We study linguistic truth values on POSET \mathbb{L} whose elements are comparable [5, 6].

Definition 2.2. A \mathbb{L} STRUCT $[\rho]$ on relational signature ρ is a tuple:

$$\mathbb{L} = \langle \mathbb{L}, f_{a_i}^{\mathbb{L}}, c_j^{\mathbb{L}} \rangle \quad (1)$$

Consists of a universe $\mathbb{L} \neq \emptyset$ together with an interpretation of:

- each constant symbol c_j from ρ as an element $c_j^{\mathbb{L}} \in \mathbb{L}$
- each a_i -ary function symbol f_{a_i} from ρ as a function:

$$f_i^{\mathbb{L}} : \mathbb{L}^{a_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{L} \quad (2)$$

In HA, $\ell \in \mathbb{L}$ and there are order properties:

Theorem 2.1. In [6], let $\ell_1 = h_n \dots h_1 u$ and $\ell_2 = k_m \dots k_1 u$ be two arbitrary canonical representations of ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , then there exists an index $j \leq \wedge\{m, n\} + 1$ such that $h_i = k_j$, for $\forall i < j$, and:

1. $\ell_1 < \ell_2$ iff $h_j x_j < k_j x_j$ where $x_j = h_{j-1} \dots h_1 u$;
2. $\ell_1 = \ell_2$ iff $m = n = j$ and $h_j x_j = k_j x_j$;
3. ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 are incomparable iff $h_j x_j$ and $k_j x_j$ are incomparable;

Example 2. Consider linguistic variables: $\{\mathcal{V} \text{ true}, \mathcal{P} \text{ true}, \mathcal{L} \text{ true}\} \in H$, in which $\{\mathcal{V} \text{ true}, \mathcal{P} \text{ true}, \mathcal{L} \text{ true}\}$ stand for : very true, possible true and less true are linguistic truth values generated from variable truth. Assume propositions $p =$ "Lucie is young is $\mathcal{V} \text{ true}$ " and $q =$ "Lucie is smart is $\mathcal{P} \text{ true}$ ", interpretations on H are:

- $\text{truth}(p) = \mathcal{V} \text{ true} \in H$, truth is a unary function.
- $p \wedge q = \mathcal{V} \text{ true} \wedge \mathcal{P} \text{ true} = \mathcal{P} \text{ true} \in H$. \wedge is a binary function.
- $p \vee q = \mathcal{V} \text{ true} \vee \mathcal{P} \text{ true} = \mathcal{V} \text{ true} \in H$. \vee is a binary function.

2.2 Linguistic fuzzy graph

The first FG (fuzzy graph) was introduced in [16], which vertices and edges's values are in unit interval $[0, 1]$. Many FG's theories were developed in [12, 13] in which computational phases have a bit complex due to converting from linguistic to number value to compute. To reduce complexity, in [4] by applying computing with word method [10] on FG to produce LG, in which \mathbb{L} is domain of both vertices \mathbb{V} and \mathbb{E} as in Fig. 1

Definition 2.3. In [4], a linguistic graph $\mathbb{LG} = (\mathbb{V}, \rho, \delta)$ consists of set \mathbb{V} , a fuzzy vertex set ρ on \mathbb{V} and a fuzzy edge set δ on \mathbb{V} so that $\delta(u, v) \leq \rho(u) \wedge \rho(v)$ for every $u, v \in \mathbb{V}$.

$$\mathbb{LG} = \{(\mathbb{V}, \rho, \delta) : \rho \subseteq \mathbb{V}; \delta \subseteq \mathbb{E}\} \quad (3)$$

Example 3. Fig. 1 shows a simple LG. Let

$$\mathbb{HA} = \langle \mathcal{X} = \text{truth}; c^+ = \text{true}; \mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{V}\} \rangle \quad (4)$$

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).

$$\mathbb{V} = \frac{\mathcal{V} \text{ true}}{c_1} + \frac{\mathcal{L} \text{ true}}{c_c} + \frac{\mathcal{V} \mathcal{V} \text{ true}}{c_3} + \frac{\mathcal{V} \mathcal{M} \text{ true}}{c_4}$$

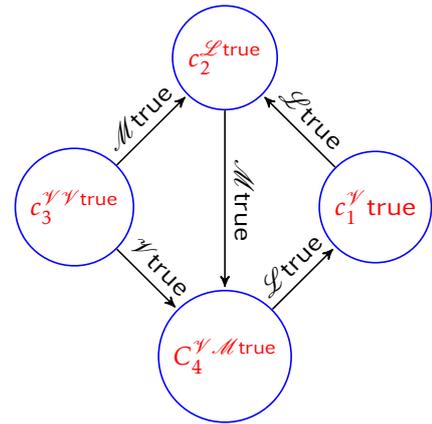


Fig. 1. a simple LG

3 Linguistic fuzzy graph database

Fuzzy graph database (FGD) is a main trend in French research and not yet finished [1, 15]. As advance in computing with words on LG [4], this paper studies the LGD on linguistic domain \mathbb{L} .

Let $\mathbb{A} \text{tr}$, Key , Val be in order to represent for attributes, keys and values in an LGD

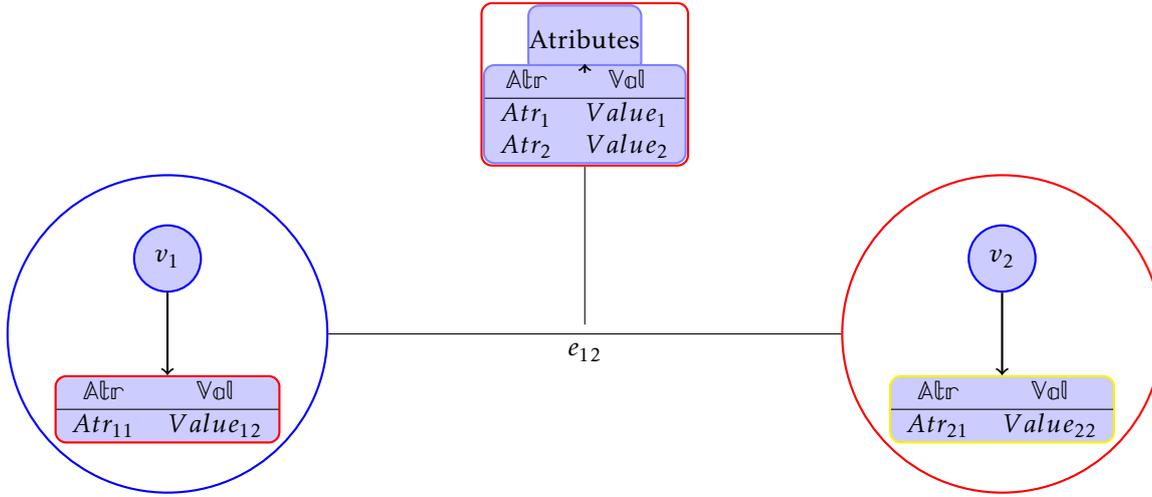


Fig. 2. a simple model for LGD with two nodes and one edge

Definition 3.1. A linguistic graph database $\mathbb{LGD} = (\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{E}, \rho, \delta, \text{Atr})$, in which:

1. \mathbb{V} represents for a set of vertices whose attributes are Atr
2. \mathbb{E} represents for a set of edges whose attributes are Atr
3. ρ stands for a fuzzy set on Atr for vertex's attributes.
4. δ stands for a fuzzy set on Atr for edge's attributes.

$$\mathbb{LG} = \{(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{E}, \rho, \delta, \text{Atr}) : \rho \tilde{\subset} \text{Atr}; \delta \tilde{\subset} \mathbb{E}\} \quad (5)$$

Fig.2 shows a LGD with tow nodes $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{V}$; $e_{12} \in \mathbb{E}$ is a relation between v_1 and v_2 . Attributes for \mathbb{V} and \mathbb{E} are presented in three tables.

Property 3.1. Always modeling a linguistic graph database \mathbb{LGD} from a \mathbb{FGD} to apply advance properties from computing with word methods.

Proof. It is straightforward to prove the property 3.1 by applying domain convergent method [5, 6] \square

Table 1 presents a domain convergent from $[0, 1]$ to linguistic value in \mathbb{L} with hedges meaning as:

<i>Hedge :</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
\mathcal{V}	<i>very</i>
\mathcal{W}	<i>neutral element</i>
\mathcal{L}	<i>less</i>
\mathcal{M}	<i>more</i>

Example 4. By using linguistic domain for fuzzy sets ρ and δ , a simple LGD is illustrated as in Fig. 3.

Range $[-1, 1]$	Positive range $[0, 1]$	Domain of \mathbb{L}
$[-1, -0.7)$	$[0, 0.15)$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}\text{low}$
$[-0.7, -0.4)$	$[0.15, 0.3)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}\text{low}$
$[-0.4, -0.1)$	$[0.3, 0.45)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}\text{low}$
$[-0.1, 0.1)$	$[0.45, 0.55)$	\mathcal{W}
$[0.1, 0.4)$	$[0.55, 0.7)$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{L}\text{high}$
$[0.4, 0.7)$	$[0.7, 0.85)$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}\text{high}$
$[0.7, 1]$	$[0.85, 1]$	$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}\text{high}$

Table 1. Domains conversion

4 Conclusions and future work

We have introduced a fuzzy graph model so-called \mathbb{FG} with the following two advantages

1. Modeling fuzzy graph uses linguistic variable by applying hedge algebra
2. Computing with words on linguistic variable is not converting to numeric values therefore reducing number of operators for computation phases.

Our next study will investigate algorithms to construct and compute $\mathbb{LG} = (\mathbb{V}, \rho, \delta)$

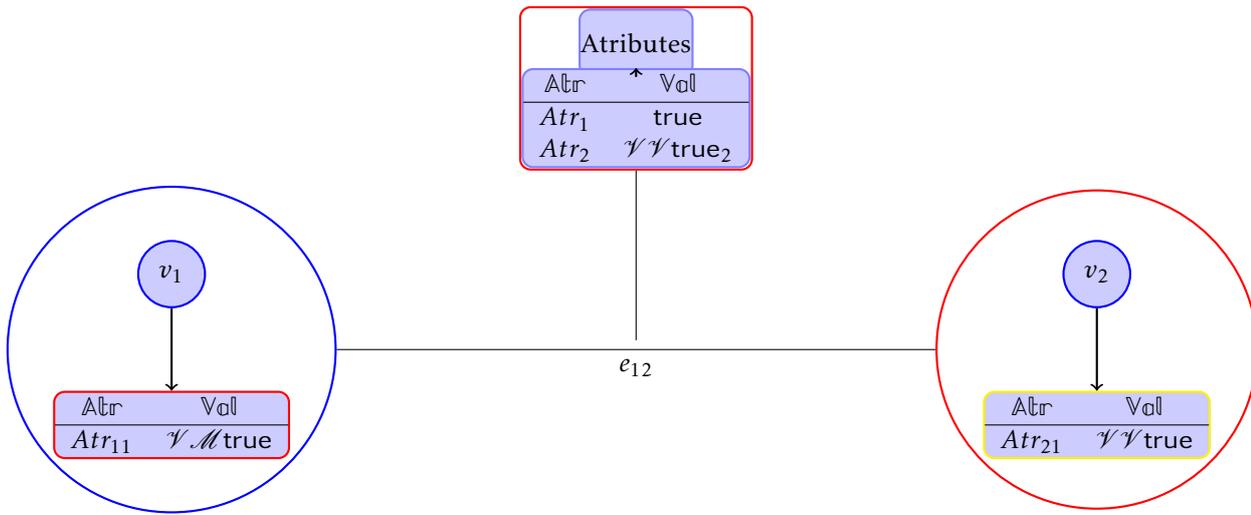


Fig. 3. a simple LGD with fuzzy *Atr*

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