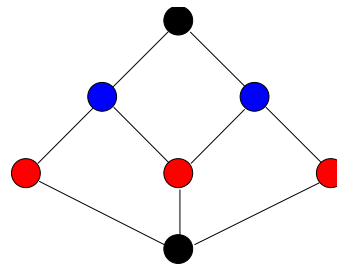


Conceptual Granularity, Fuzzy and Rough Sets



Karl Erich Wolff

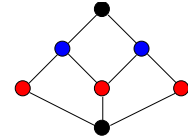
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Outline



1. Introduction: Frames and Granularity
2. Conceptual Scaling Theory
3. Conceptual Interpretation of Fuzzy Theory
4. Conceptual Interpretation of Rough Set Theory

Frames

- in art: frame of a painting
- in geometry: coordinate system
- in knowledge processing:



context for the embedding of information

- refinement of frames leads to a finer granularity

Precision and Granularity

Aristotle

(Physics, book VI, 239a, 23):

During the time when a system is moving, not only moving in some of its parts,



Aristotle

it is impossible that the moving system is **precisely** at a certain place.

Einstein's Granularity Remark



Albert Einstein:

„Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper“

Annalen der Physik **17** (1905): 891-921

Footnote on page 893:

„**Die Ungenauigkeit**, welche in dem Begriff der Gleichzeitigkeit zweier Ereignisse an (annähernd) demselben Orte steckt und gleichfalls durch eine Abstraktion überbrückt werden muß, **soll hier nicht erörtert werden.**“

Granularity in Knowledge Representations

- Statistics
- Clusteranalysis
- Interval Mathematics
- Spatio-Temporal Granularity (Robotics)
- Granularity Reasoning

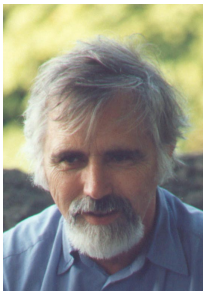
Recent Granularity Theories and their Founders



Lotfi Zadeh: Fuzzy Theory (1965)



Zdzislaw Pawlak: Rough Set Theory (1982)



Rudolf Wille: Conceptual Scaling Theory (1982)

Second International Conference on Rough Sets and
Current Trends in Computing,
Banff /Kanada, 16.-19.10.2000.

Ziarko

Pawlak

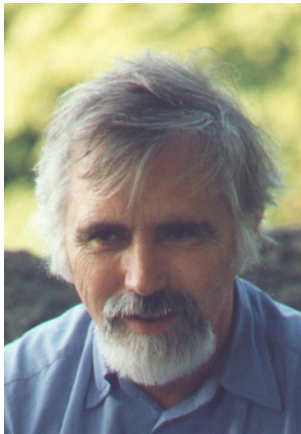
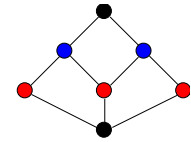
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Conceptual Knowledge Processing



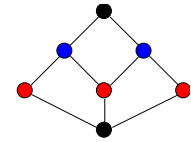
Rudolf Wille

- Formal Concept Analysis 1982
- Mathematizing the concept of „concept“:
- Visualization of conceptual hierarchies

- Data Analysis
- **Conceptual Scaling Theory**
- Conceptual Knowledge Acquisition

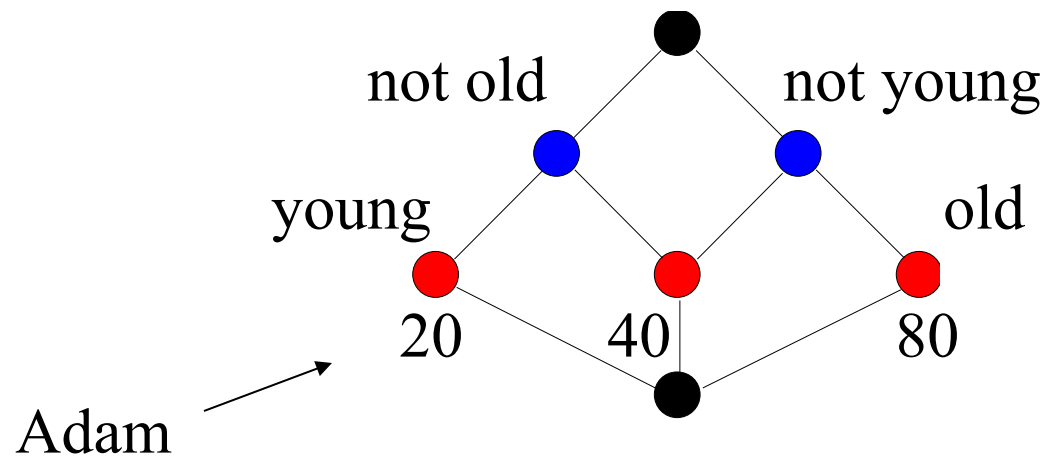
- Contextual Logic
- Conceptual Relational Structures
- Temporal Concept Analysis

Conceptual Scaling



- Main application: Data Analysis
- Main idea: Embed objects into conceptual frames
- Conceptual frames: Formal contexts describing the values

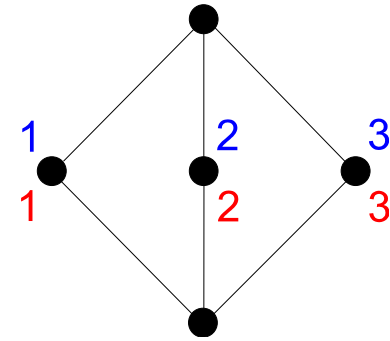
	age
Adam	20
Bill	40
Chris	80



Examples of Scales (1)

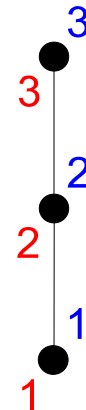
- Nominal scales:

=	1	2	3
1	×		
2		×	
3			×



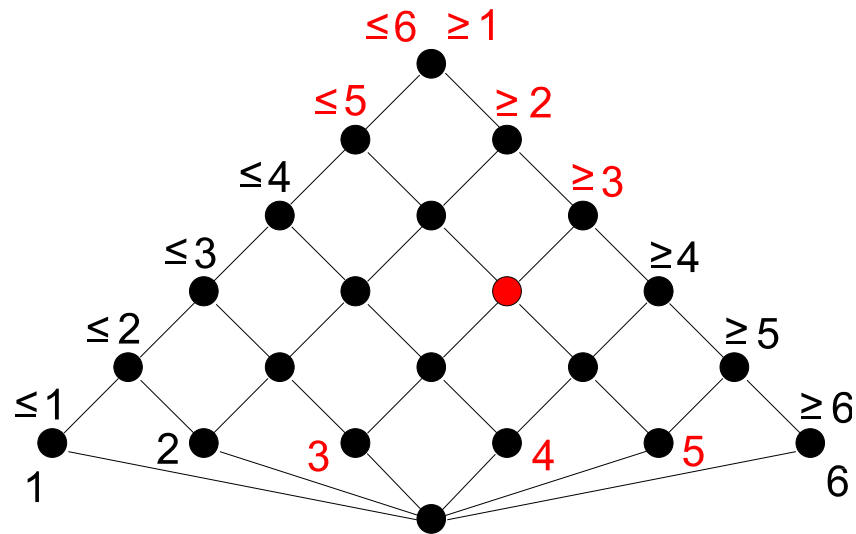
- Ordinal scales:

≤	1	2	3
1	×	×	×
2		×	×
3			×



Examples of Scales (2)

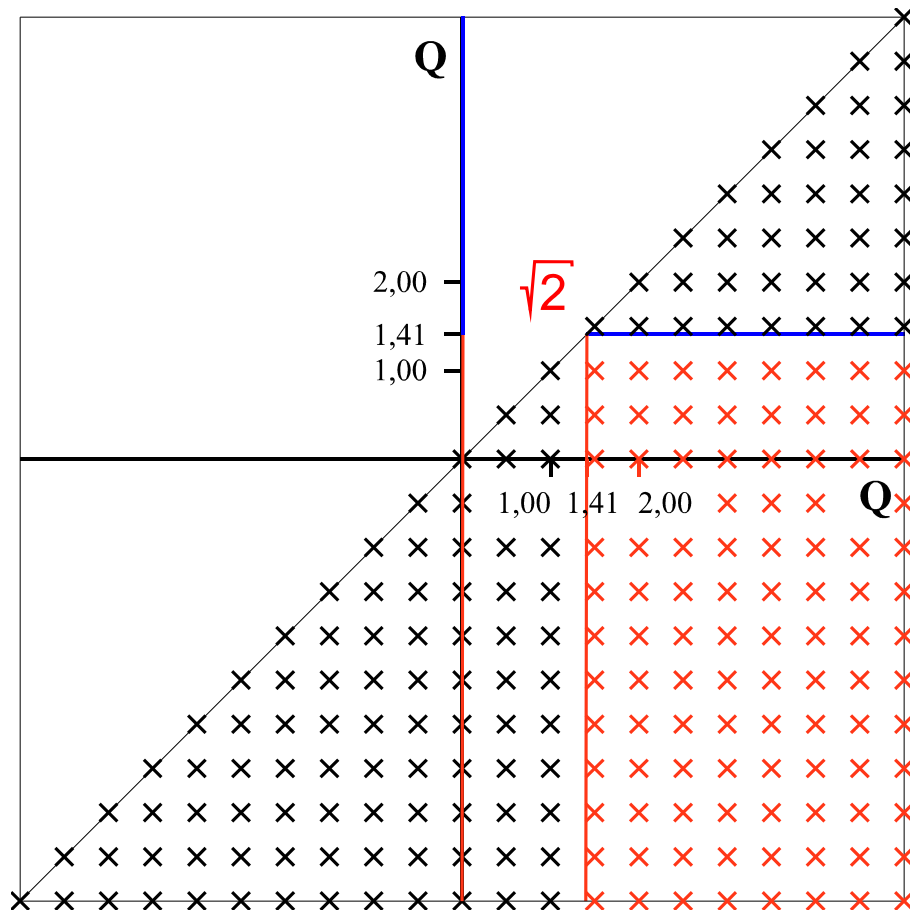
Interordinal scales:



$$[3,5] = \{x \mid 3 \leq x \leq 5\}$$

Examples of Scales (3)

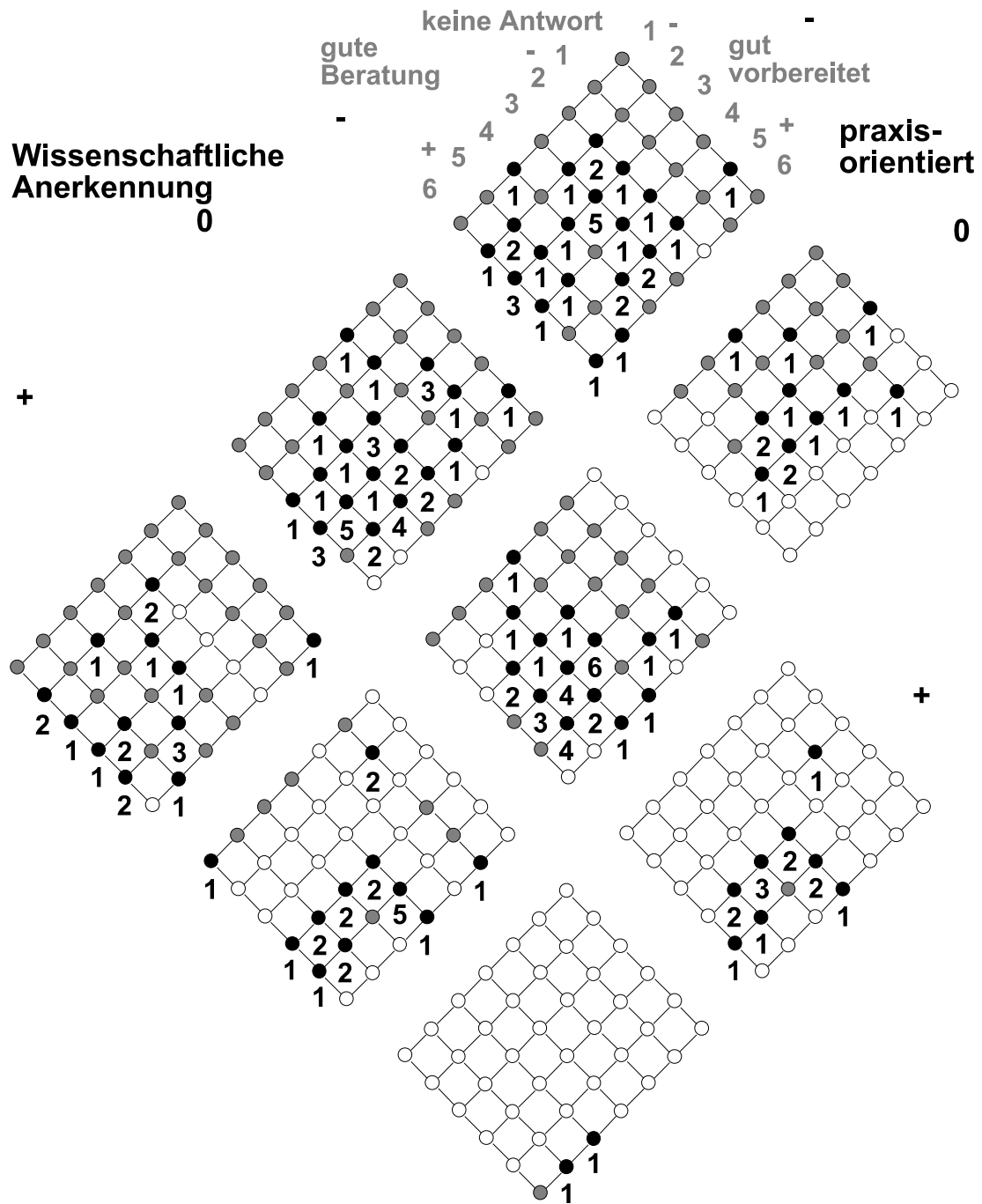
The definition of real numbers as concepts of a formal context:



$$\mathbf{R} := \mathbf{B}(Q, Q, \leq) \setminus \{ \boxed{\mathbb{N}}, -\boxed{\mathbb{N}} \}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{N}} := (Q, \emptyset)$$

$$-\boxed{\mathbb{N}} := (\emptyset, Q)$$

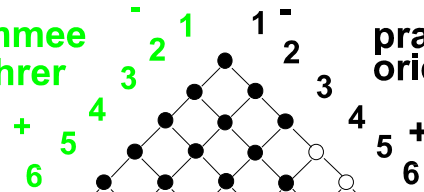


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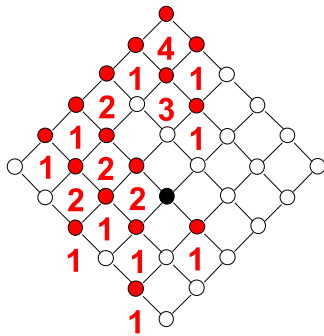
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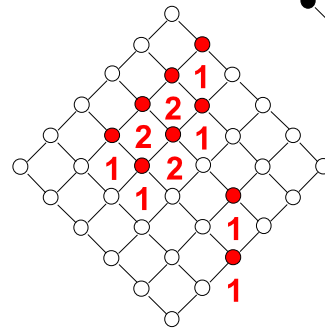
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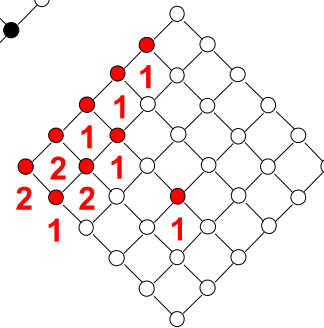
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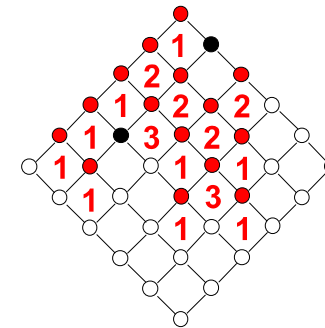
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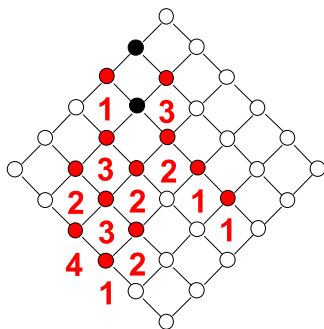
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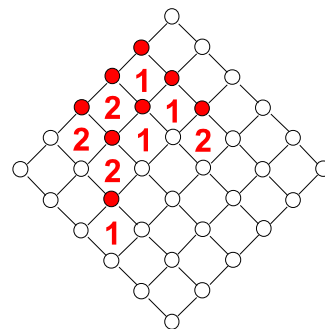
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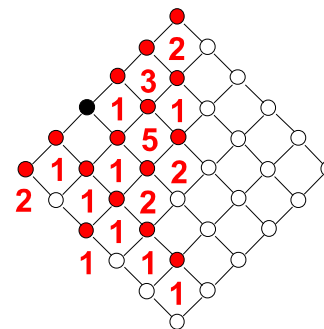
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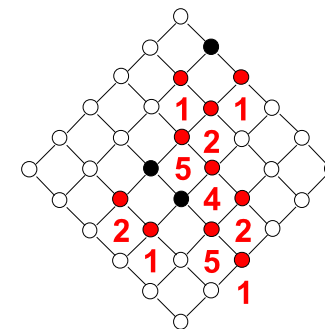
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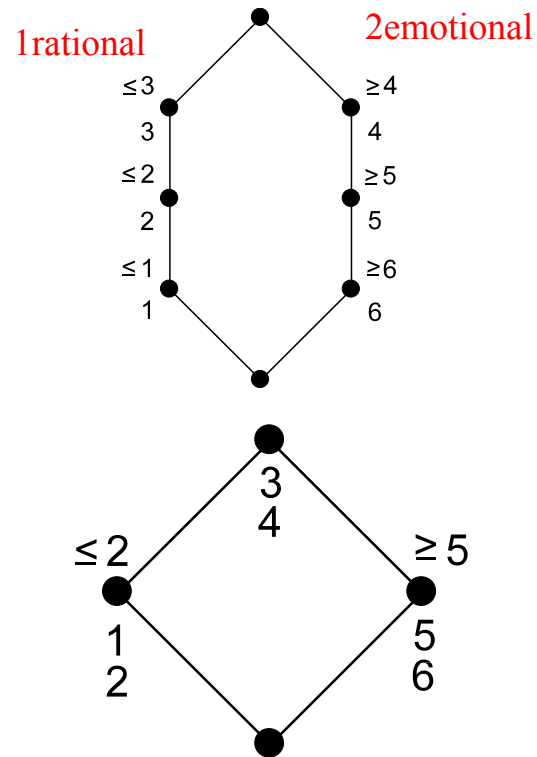


Applications of Scales (1)

Data of an Anorectic Young Woman:

1rat 2emot
1 2 3 4 5 6

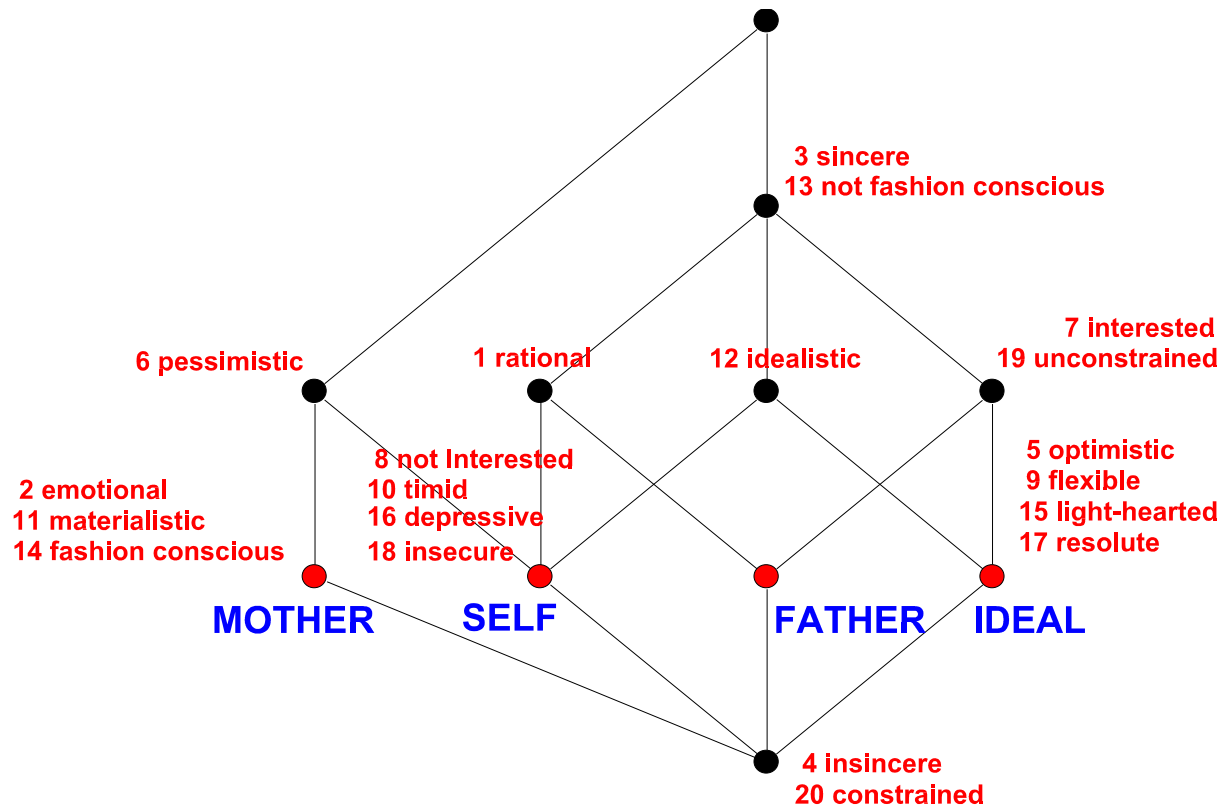
many-valued	1rat-2emot
SELF	2
MOTHER	5
...	



derived	1rat	2emot
SELF	x	
MOTHER		x
...		

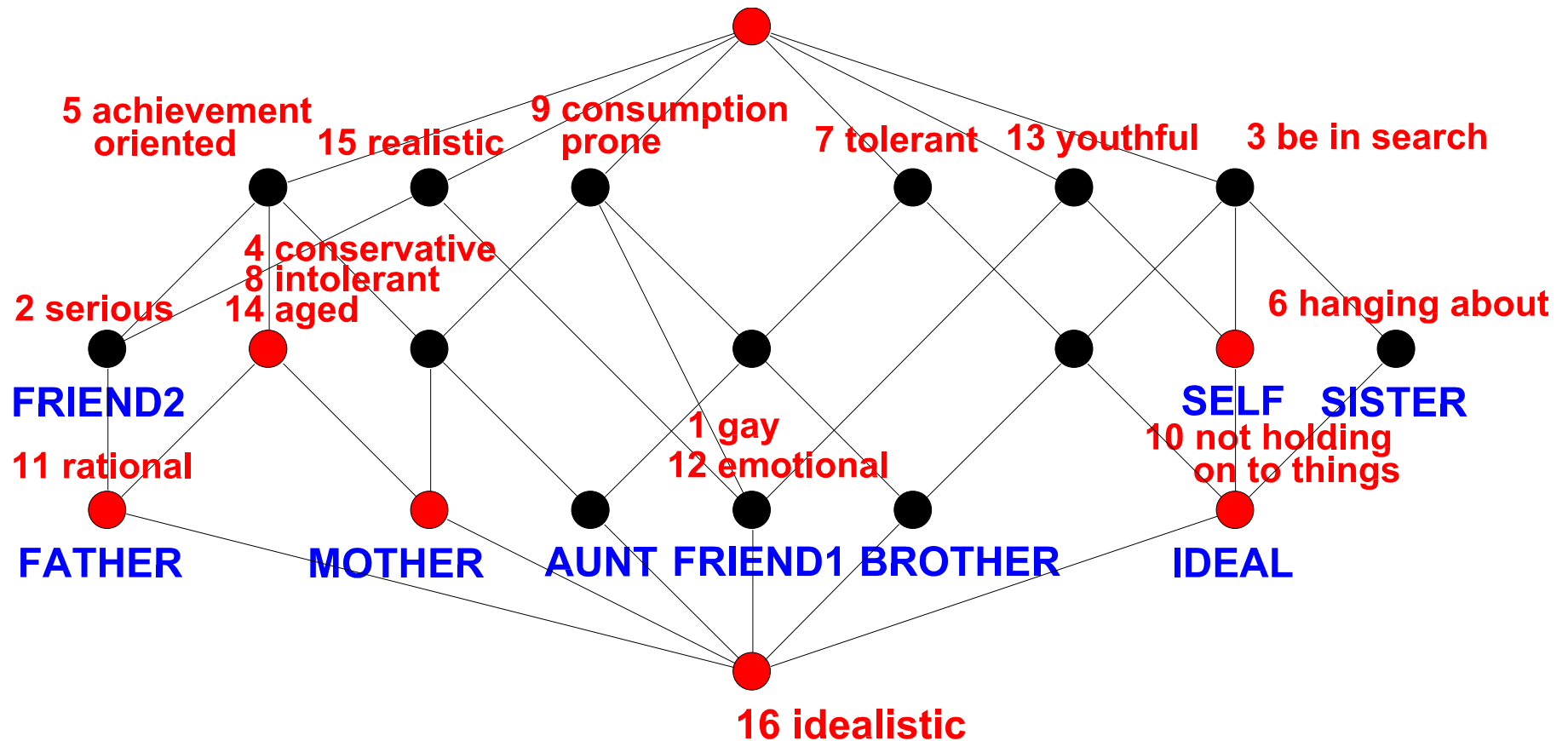
Applications of Scales (2)

Data of an Anorectic Young Woman:
Beginning of treatment



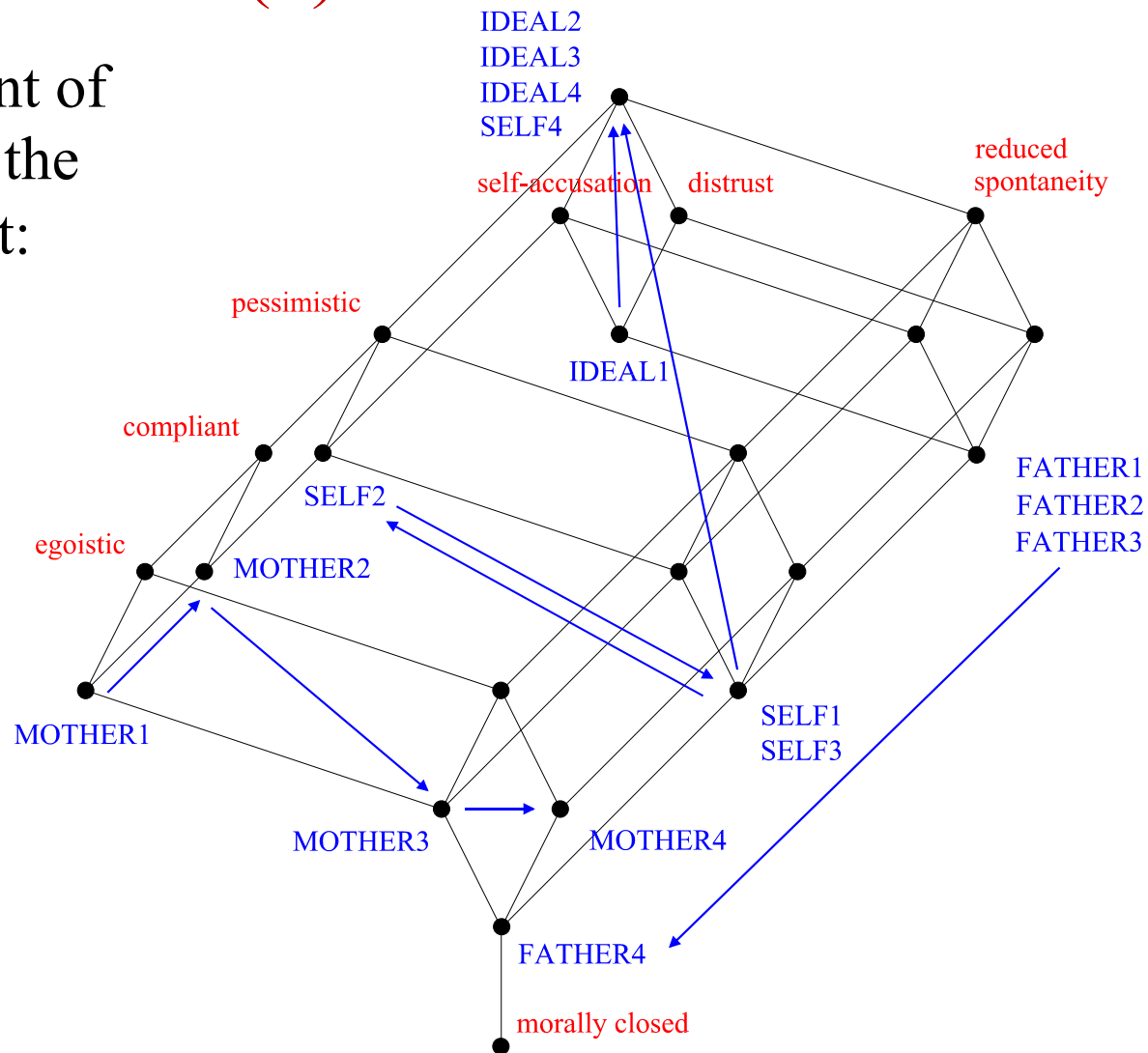
Applications (3)

Data of an Anorectic Young Woman: End of treatment

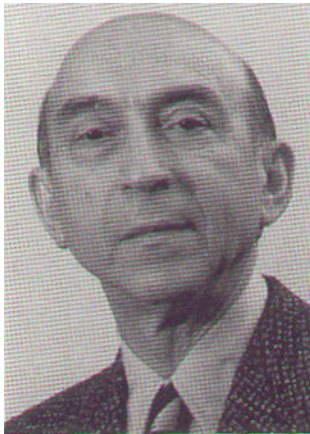


Applications (4)

The point of view of the therapist:



Conceptual Interpretation of Fuzzy Theory



Lotfi A. Zadeh

Lotfi A. Zadeh (1965):

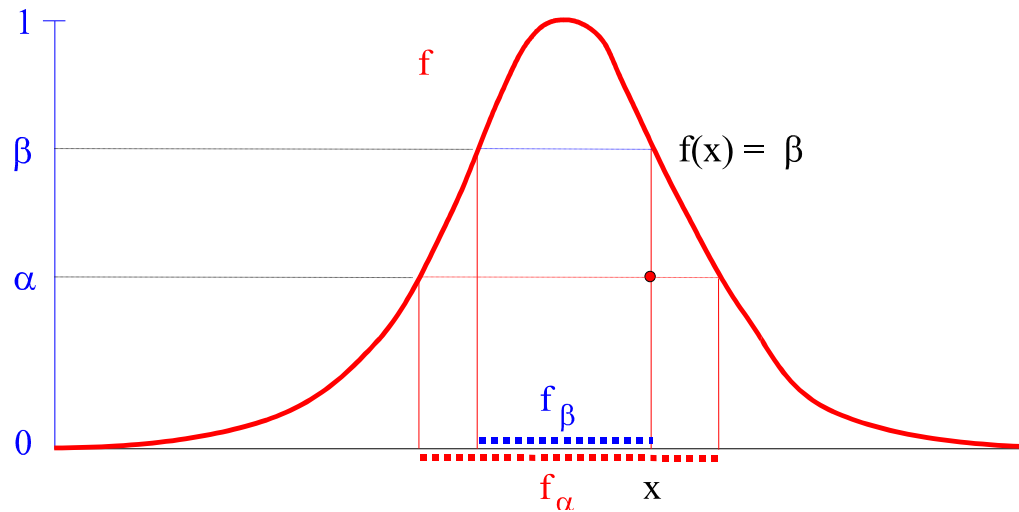
Fuzzy Theory:

„theory of graded concepts“

„in which everything is a matter of degree
or to put it figuratively,
everything has elasticity.“

1995 IEEE Medal of Honor

Membership Function (Fuzzy Set)

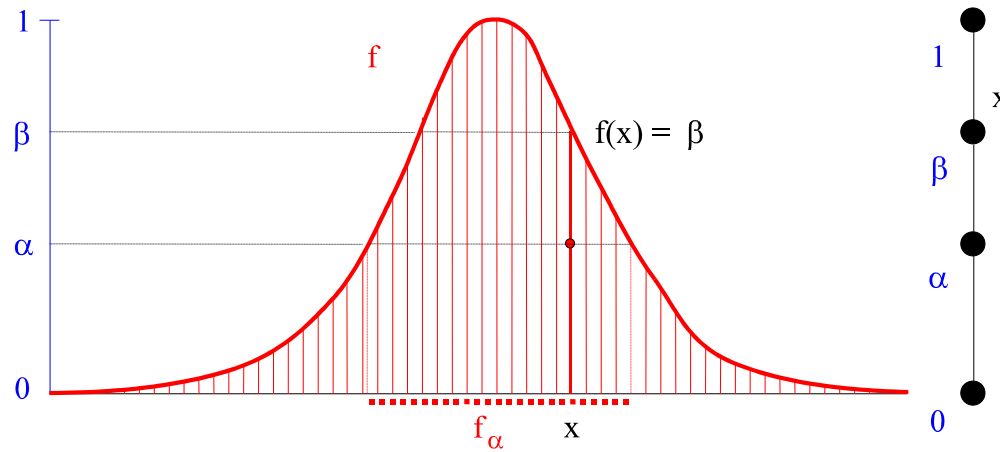


Def.: Let X be a set and $f: X \rightarrow [0,1]$. Then f is called a membership function (or a fuzzy set) on X .

„graded concepts“ are described by the linear order on $[0,1]$

There is no formal object representation in Fuzzy Theory!

The cut-context of a Fuzzy set



Def.: The cut-context of a membership function $f: X \rightarrow L$

$$K_f := (L, X, I_f)$$

where $\alpha I_f x \Leftrightarrow f(x) \geq \alpha$.

Lemma: The concept lattice of the cut-context is a chain which determines f uniquely.

Linguistic Variables:

Zadeh (1975):

“By a *linguistic variable* we mean a variable whose values are words or sentences in a natural or artificial language.

For example, *Age* is a linguistic variable if its values are linguistic rather than numerical, i.e., *young, not young, very young, quite young, old, not very old and not very young, etc.*, rather than 20, 21, 22, 23,....”

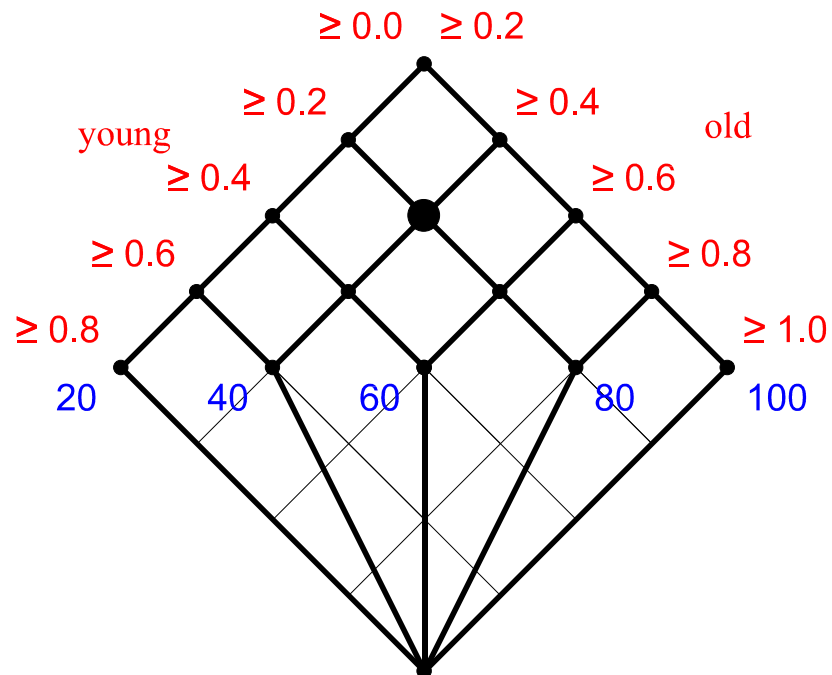
Linguistic Variables: Example

X	young	old
20	0.8	0.2
40	0.6	0.4
60	0.4	0.6
80	0.2	0.8
100	0	1.0

Scaling the membership values!

The Context of a Linguistic Variable:

X	young					old				
	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1
20	×	×	×	×	×	×				
40	×	×	×	×		×	×			
60	×	×	×			×	×	×		
80	×	×				×	×	×	×	
100	×					×	×	×	×	×

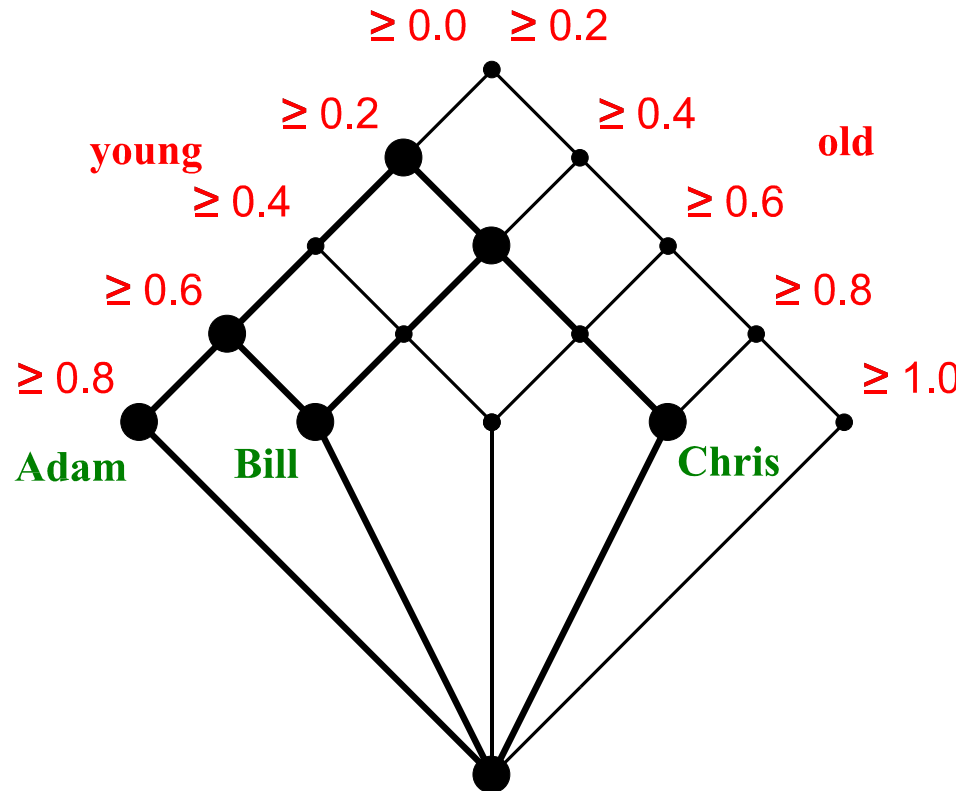


The Realized Scale: „If an object comes in...”

	age
Adam	20
Bill	40
Chris	80

Scaling the age values!

Second scaling!



L-Fuzzy Sets for an ordered set (L, \leq)

Definition:

Let X be a set and (L, \leq) an ordered set.

$$F(X, L) := \{ f \mid f: X \rightarrow L \}$$

is called the set of all *L-Fuzzy sets*
(or *L-membership functions*) on X .

The **cut-context** of an L-Fuzzy set is defined in the same way as for classical Fuzzy sets.

Definition: The product of two L-Fuzzy sets

Let $f \in F(X, L)$, $f' \in F(X', L')$

$$(f \times f')(x, x') := (f(x), f'(x')) \in L \times L'$$

$f \times f' \in F(X \times X', L \times L')$.

$(L \times L', \leq_x)$

is the usual product order.

Linguistic Variables over an Order Set (L, \leq)

Definition:

A **linguistic variable** (over an ordered set (L, \leq))

is a quintupel (X, V, μ, L, \leq) ,

where X is a set (called the domain),

V is a set (of **linguistic values**),

(L, \leq) is an ordered set and

$\mu: V \rightarrow F(X, L)$ is a mapping

which represents each linguistic value v by an **L-Fuzzy set** $\mu_v := \mu(v)$ on X .

X	young	old
20	0.8	0.2
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100	0	1.0

Now with values in L !

Realized Linguistic Variables over an Ordered Set (L, \leq)

Definition:

Let $\lambda = (X, V, \mu, L, \leq)$ be a linguistic variable,
G a set (of "objects") and
 $m: G \rightarrow X$ (a "measurement").

Then

(G, m, λ) := **$(G, m, X, V, \mu, L, \leq)$**

is called **a realized linguistic variable**.

Products of Realized Linguistic Variables over an Ordered Set (L, \leq)

Let $\rho := (G, m, X, V, \mu, L, \leq)$ and $\rho' := (G, m', X', V', \mu', L', \leq')$ be two realized linguistic variables on the **same set G of objects**.

The mapping $m \times m' : G \rightarrow X \times X'$ which is defined by $(m \times m')(g) := (m(g), m'(g))$ is called the *product of the two measurement functions m and m'* .

The mapping $\mu \times \mu' : V \times V' \rightarrow F(X \times X', L \times L')$ is defined by $(\mu \times \mu')(v, v') := \mu_v \times \mu'_{v'}$, where $(\mu_v \times \mu'_{v'})(x, x') := (\mu_v(x), \mu'_{v'}(x'))$.

Then the following tuple

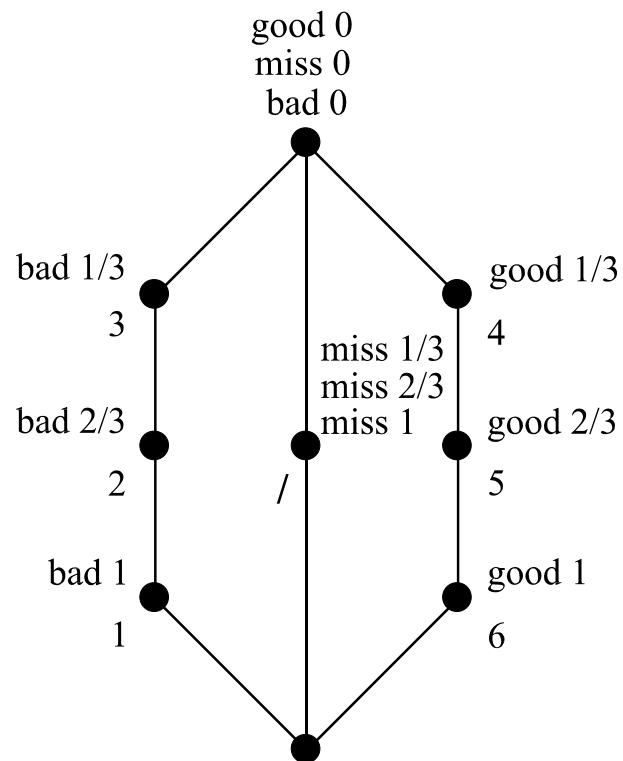
$\rho \times \rho' := (G, m \times m', X \times X', V \times V', \mu \times \mu', L \times L', \leq_x)$

is a **realized linguistic variable** on the product $(L \times L', \leq_x)$, called the *product of ρ and ρ'* .

$\lambda \times \lambda' := (X \times X', V \times V', \mu \times \mu', L \times L', \leq_x)$ is called the *product of the corresponding linguistic variables λ and λ'* .

An L-Fuzzy Linguistic Variable

with two membership functions: good, bad, and a missing value



Problems in classical Fuzzy Theory

For two classical linguistic variables over $[0,1]$
their product is no longer a classical linguistic variable
since the direct product

- $[0,1] \times [0,1]$ is not a chain!

Hence in **classical** Fuzzy Theory
the direct product of linguistic variables

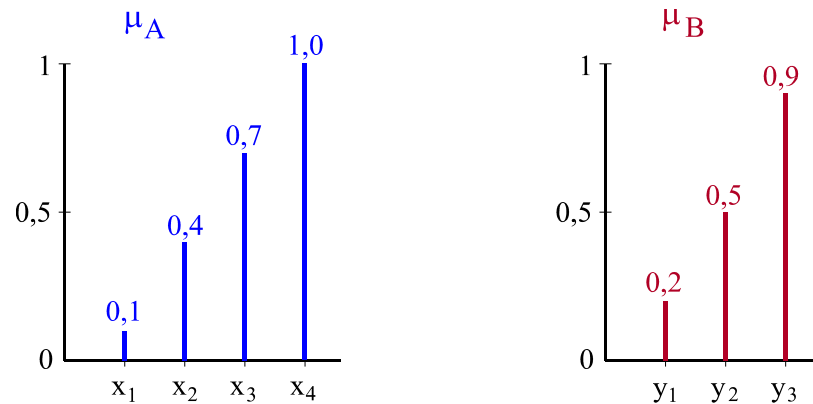
- **can not be defined!**

That and the

- **missing object representation**

is the reason why so many people
did not succeed in defining object based **Fuzzy implications**
(Gaines-Rescher, Goguen, Gödel, Larsen, Lukasiewicz,
Kleene-Dienes, Mamdani, Reichenbach, Zadeh).

The Mamdani Implication



Min(blue, red)

		y_1	y_2	y_3
		0,2	0,5	0,9
x_1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
x_2	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,4
x_3	0,7	0,2	0,5	0,7
x_4	1,0	0,2	0,5	0,9

$\mu_A(x)$

If blue is big and Min(blue, red) is big, then red is big.

Conceptual Interpretation of Rough Set Theory (RST)



Z. Pawlak:

Rough Sets: Theoretical Aspects of Reasoning About Data.
Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991.

page 3:

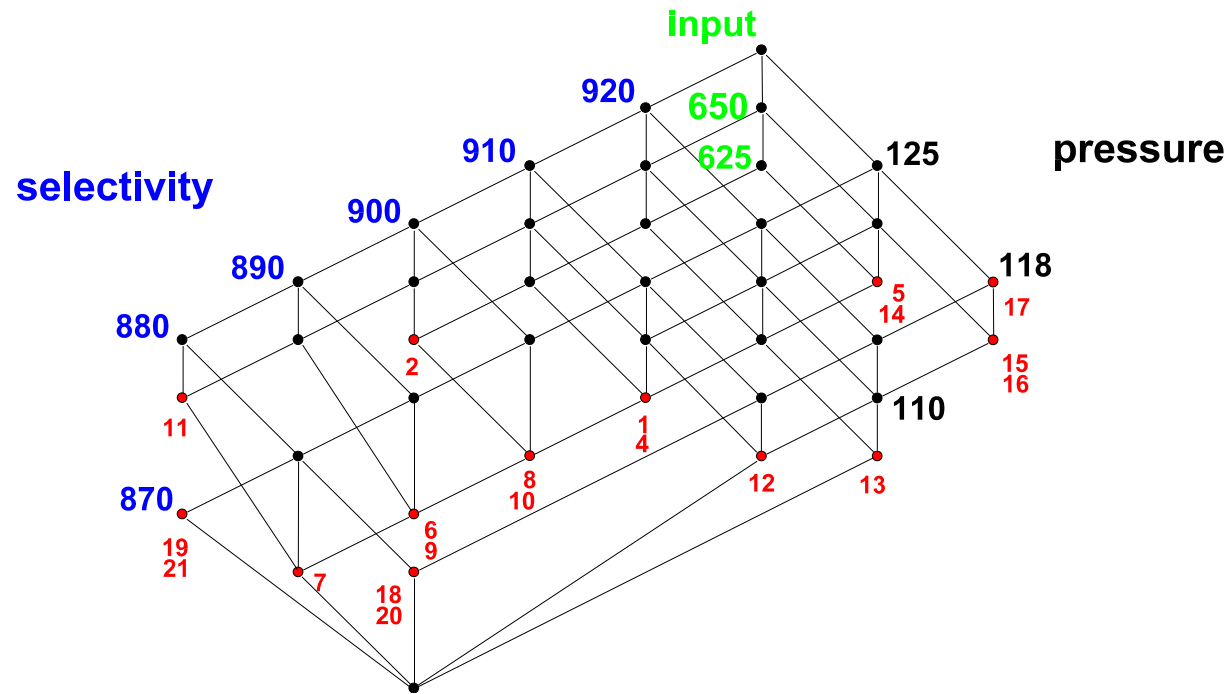
“We will be mainly interested in this book with concepts which form a partition (classification) of a certain universe U ...”.

Each **partition** yields a **nominal scale** and vice versa.

The notion of “concept” in RST is mainly used extensionally, namely as a subset of the universe U .

Indiscernibility and Contingents

Two objects are indiscernible in the sense of Rough Set Theory
iff they have the same object concept.



Knowledge Bases in Rough Set Theory

Definition: (Pawlak, Rough Sets, p.3)

A family of classifications over U will be called a **knowledge base** over U .

We describe a knowledge base by a scaled many-valued context

$((G, M, W, I), (S_m \mid m \in M))$ using nominal scales.

Theorem 1:

Let (U, \mathbf{R}) be a knowledge base. Then the scaled many-valued context $\mathbf{sc}(U, \mathbf{R}) := ((U, \mathbf{R}, W, I), (S_R \mid R \in \mathbf{R}))$ is defined by: $W := \{ [x]_R \mid x \in U, R \in \mathbf{R} \}$ and $(x, R, w) \in I : \Leftrightarrow w = [x]_R$ and the nominal scale $S_R := (U/R, U/R, =)$ for each many-valued attribute $R \in \mathbf{R}$. Then the **indiscernibility classes** of (U, \mathbf{R}) are **exactly the contingents** of the derived context \mathbf{K} of $\mathbf{sc}(U, \mathbf{R})$.

Knowledge Bases and Scaled Many-Valued Contexts

Theorem 2:

Let $\mathbf{SC} := ((G, M, W, I), (\mathbf{S}_m \mid m \in M))$ be a scaled many-valued context, and $\mathbf{K} := (G, \{(m, n) \mid m \in M, n \in M_m\}, J)$ its derived context. Then the knowledge base $\mathbf{kb}(\mathbf{SC})$ is defined by $\mathbf{kb}(\mathbf{SC}) := (G, \mathbf{R})$, where $\mathbf{R} := \{\mathbf{R}_m \mid m \in M\}$ and for $m \in M$ $\mathbf{R}_m := \{(g, h) \in G \times G \mid \gamma_m(g) = \gamma_m(h)\}$ and γ_m is the object-concept mapping of the m -part of \mathbf{K} ; clearly, the m -part of \mathbf{K} is the formal context $(G, \{(m, n) \mid n \in M_m\}, J_m)$ where $J_m := \{(g, (m, n)) \in J \mid n \in M_m\}$. Then the indiscernibility classes of $\mathbf{kb}(\mathbf{SC})$ are exactly the contingents of the derived context \mathbf{K} of \mathbf{SC} .

Theorem 3:

For any knowledge base (U, \mathbf{R}) : $\mathbf{kb}(\mathbf{sc}(U, \mathbf{R})) = (U, \mathbf{R})$.

Thank you!

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