

# **ROUGH SETS**

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MAIN DEFECTS  
OF IMPERFECT  
KNOWLEDGE

VAGUENESS  
AND  
UNCERTAINTY

**ROUGH SET PHILOSOPHY IS  
BASED ON ABILITY TO CLASSIFY**

# MATHEMATICAL MODELS OF VAGUENESS

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- **FREGE'S SET THEORY**
- **LOGIC**
- **LINGUISTICS**
- **ROUGH SETS**

A NEW APPROACH

TO

IMPERFECT

KNOWLEDGE

# **MATHEMATICAL MODELS OF UNCERTAINTY**

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- **PROBABILITY**
- **EVIDENCE THEORY**
- **FUZZY SETS**
- **APPROXIMATE LOGICS**
- **ROUGH SETS**

# MAIN PROBLEMS

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- **DESCRIPTION OF CONCEPTS**
- **DEPENDENCY OF ATTRIBUTES**
- **REDUCTION OF ATTRIBUTES**
- **SIGNIFICANCE OF ATTRIBUTES**
- **DECISION RULE GENERATION**

# INDISCERNIBILITY



# INDISCERNIBILITY RELATION

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EVERY SUBSET OF ATTRIBUTES  $B \subseteq A$   
DETERMINES AN INDISCERNIBILITY  
(EQUIVALENCE) RELATION  $I(B)$  (IN  
SHORT  $I$ ), ON THE UNIVERSE  $U$ :

$$xI(B)y \text{ IFF } a(x) = a(y)$$

FOR EVERY  $a \in B$ ,

WHERE  $a(x)$  DENOTES VALUE OF  
ATTRIBUTE  $a \in B$  FOR OBJECT  $x \in U$

APPROXIMATION  
OF  
SETS

# APPROXIMATIONS

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- LOWER APPROXIMATION OF  $X$

$$B_*(X) = \{x \in U : [x]_B \subseteq X\}$$

- UPPER APPROXIMATION OF  $X$

$$B^*(X) = \{x \in U : [x]_B \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$$

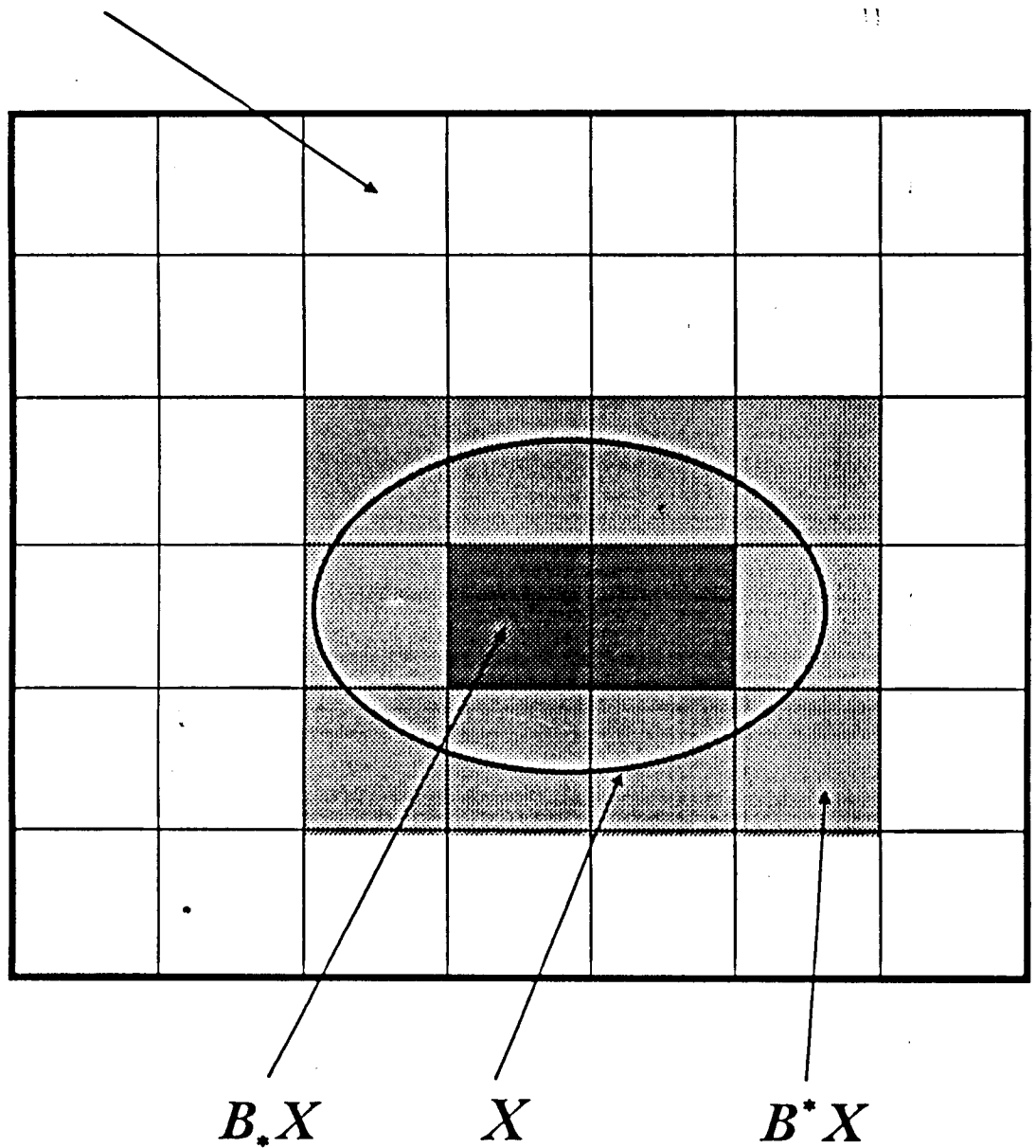
- BOUNDARY REGION OF  $X$

$$BN_B(X) = B^*(X) - B_*(X)$$

# APPROXIMATION OF SETS

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Equivalence classes of  $I(B)$



# ACCURACY OF APPROXIMATION

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$$\alpha_B(X) = \frac{|B_*(X)|}{|B^*(X)|}$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_B(X) \leq 1$$

$\alpha_B(X)$  - VAGUENESS OF  $X$

# ROUGH MEMBERSHIP

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$$\mu_X^B(x) = \frac{|X \cap [x]_B|}{|[x]_B|}$$

$$0 \leq \mu_X^B(x) \leq 1$$

# WHAT ARE ROUGH SETS

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# ROUGH AND CRISP SETS

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- SET  $X$  IS CRISP (EXACT WITH RESPECT TO  $B$ ), IF THE BOUNDARY REGION OF  $X$  IS EMPTY.
- SET  $X$  IS ROUGH (INEXACT WITH RESPECT TO  $B$ ), IF THE BOUNDARY REGION OF  $X$  IS NONEMPTY.



# THE UPPER APPROXIMATION

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THE UPPER APPROXIMATION OF  
 $X$  (WITH RESPECT TO  $B$ ) IS



THE SET OF ALL OBJECTS, WHICH  
CAN BE POSSIBLY CLASSIFIED AS  
 $X$  (ARE POSSIBLY  $X$ ) USING  $B$ .

# THE LOWER APPROXIMATION

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THE LOWER APPROXIMATION OF  $X$   
(WITH RESPECT TO  $B$ ) IS



THE SET OF ALL OBJECTS, WHICH  
CAN BE FOR SURE CLASSIFIED  
AS  $X$ , (ARE SURELY  $X$ ) USING  $B$ .

# THE BOUNDARY REGION

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THE BOUNDARY REGION OF  $X$   
(WITH RESPECT TO  $B$ ) IS



THE SET OF ALL OBJECTS,  
WHICH CANNOT BE CLASSIFIED  
AS  $X$  OR NOT  $X$  USING  $B$ .

# EXAMPLE

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Patient	Headache	Muscle-pain	Temperature	Flu
p1	no	yes	high	yes
p2	yes	no	high	yes
p3	yes	yes	very high	yes
p4	no	yes	normal	no
p5	yes	no	high	no
p6	no	yes	very high	yes

# APPROXIMATIONS

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- THE LOWER APPROXIMATION  
OF  $X_{(flu, yes)}$

$$\{p_1, p_3, p_6\}$$

- THE UPPER APPROXIMATION  
OF  $X_{(flu, yes)}$

$$\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_5, p_6\}$$

- THE BOUNDARY REGION  
OF  $X_{(flu, yes)}$

$$\{p_2, p_5\}$$

DEPENDENCY  
OF  
ATTRIBUTES

# DEPENDENCY OF ATTRIBUTES

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- **$C$  IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON  $B$  IF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSE CAN BE CLASSIFIED TO DECISION CLASSES OF  $C$  USING ATTRIBUTES  $B$**
- **$C$  IS PARTIALLY DEPENDENT ON  $B$  IF SOME ELEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSE CAN BE CLASSIFIED TO DECISION CLASSES OF  $C$  USING ATTRIBUTES  $B$**

REDUCTION  
OF  
ATTRIBUTES



# **REDUCT OF ATTRIBUTES**

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**A REDUCT OF SET ATTRIBUTES  $B$   
IS A MINIMAL INDEPENDENT  
SUBSET OF  $B$  PRESERVING  
CLASSIFICATION OF  $U$  PROVIDED  
BY  $B$ .**

# REDUCED TABLES

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- **REDUCTS**

- **TEMPERATURE, MUSCLE-PAI**

- **TEMPERATURE, HEADACHE**

- **CORE**

- **TEMPERATURE**

# DECISION RULES

# DECISION TABLE AND DECISION ALGORITHM

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- (1) (Headache, no) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, yes)
- (2)\* (Headache, yes) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, yes)
- (3) (Headache, yes) & (Temperature, very high)  
→ (Flu, yes)
- (4) (Headache, no) & (Temperature, normal)  
→ (Flu, no)
- (5)\* (Headache, yes) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, no)
- (6) (Headache, no) & (Temperature, very high)  
→ (Flu, yes)

(1), (3), (4), (6) – Consistent rules

(2), (5) – Inconsistent rules

# SIMPLIFIED DECISION ALGORITHM

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- (1) (Headache ,no) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, yes)
- (2)\* (Headache, yes) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, yes)
- (3,6) (Temperature, very high) → (Flu, yes)
- (4) (Temperature, normal) → (Flu, no)
- (5)\* (Headache yes) & (Temperature, high)  
→ (Flu, no)

# APPLICATIONS

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- **MEDICAL DATA ANALYSIS**
- **MARKET ANALYSIS**
- **IMAGE PROCESSING**
- **VOICE RECOGNITION**
- **HANDWRITTEN CHARACTER RECOGNITION**
- **CONFLICT ANALYSIS**
- **SWITCHING CIRCUITS**
- **CONTROL ALGORITHMS**



# RELATIONSHIP

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- **FUZZY SETS**
- **EVIDENCE THEORY**
- **STATISTICS**
- **NEURAL NETWORKS**
- **GENETIC ALGORITHMS**
- **NON-STANDARD ANALYSIS**
- **MEREOLGY**
- **MATHEMATICAL MORPHOLOGY**
- **BOOLEAN REASONING**
- **PETRI NETS**

# ROUGH SETS AND EVIDENCE THEORY

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- **QUALITY OF THE LOWER APPROXIMATION**

$$\gamma_*(X) = \frac{|B_*(X)|}{|U|}$$

**(BELIEF FUNCTION)**

- **QUALITY OF THE UPPER APPROXIMATION**

$$\gamma^*(X) = \frac{|B^*(X)|}{|U|}$$

**(PLAUSIBILITY FUNCTION)**

# **ROUGH SETS AND FUZZY SETS**

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- **BOTH CONCEPTS REFER TO IMPERFECT KNOWLEDGE**
- **FUZZY SET PHILOSOPHY REFERS TO GRADUALNESS OF KNOWLEDGE**
- **ROUGH SET PHILOSOPHY REFERS TO GRANULARITY OF KNOWLEDGE**
- **BOTH CONCEPTS ARE NOT COMPETITIVE BUT COMPLEMENTARY**

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# FUZZY AND ROUGH MEMBERSHIP

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- **FUZZY MEMBERSHIP**

a)  $\mu_{U-X}^B(x) = 1 - \mu_X^B(x)$  FOR ANY  $x \in U$

b)  $\mu_{X \cup Y}^B(x) = \text{MAX}(\mu_X^B(x), \mu_Y^B(x))$   
FOR ANY  $x \in U$

c)  $\mu_{X \cap Y}^B(x) = \text{MIN}(\mu_X^B(x), \mu_Y^B(x))$   
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b)  $\mu_{X \cup Y}^B(x) \geq \text{MAX}(\mu_X^B(x), \mu_Y^B(x))$   
FOR ANY  $x \in U$

c)  $\mu_{X \cap Y}^B(x) \leq \text{MIN}(\mu_X^B(x), \mu_Y^B(x))$   
FOR ANY  $x \in U$

# CONCLUSION

# **FURTHER RESEARCH**

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- **THEORY**
  - **ROUGH LOGIC, BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF ROUGH TRUTH**
  - **THEORY OF ROUGH RELATIONS AND ROUGH FUNCTIONS**
  - **COMPARISON WITH OTHER THEORIES**
- **PRACTICE**
  - **EFFICIENT AND WIDELY ACCESSIBLE SOFTWARE**
  - **ROUGH SET COMPUTER**
  - **ROUGH CONTROL**

# **ADVANTAGES**

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- **PROVIDES EFFICIENT ALGORITHMS FOR FINDING HIDDEN PATTERNS IN DATA**
- **FINDS MINIMAL SETS OF DATA (DATA REDUCTION)**
- **EVALUATES SIGNIFICANCE OF DATA**
- **GENERATES MINIMAL SETS OF DECISION RULES FROM DATA**
- **IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND**
- **OFFERS STRAIGHTFORWARD INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**
- **IT IS SUITABLE TO PARALLEL PROCESSING**