

AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO LOWER AND UPPER APPROXIMATION OPERATORS

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Let R be a reflexive transitive relation on a set X , and A be an L -subset of X , that is a mapping $A : X \rightarrow L$ where $L = (L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, *, \mapsto)$ is a cl-monoid [1]. Following the works of many authors (see e.g. [2], [3], [4]) by a lower and upper approximations of an L -set A we call respectively

$$l(A)(x) = \inf_{x' \in X} (R(x, x') \mapsto_A (x')) \quad \forall A \in L^X, \quad u(A)(x) = \sup_{x' \in X} (R(x, x') * A(x')) \quad \forall A \in L^X.$$

An important property of this approximation is that $l(A)(x) \leq A(x) \leq u(A)(x) \quad \forall A \in L^X$. In case L is an MV -algebra [5], residuation \mapsto satisfies a double negation property $(a \mapsto 0) \mapsto 0 = a \quad \forall a \in L$ and hence $a \mapsto 0$ could be viewed as a complement of element a [5]. This allows to get a "good" relation between lower and upper approximation operators: $l(A)(x) \mapsto 0 = u(A \mapsto 0)(x)$. This property has a clear counterpart in case of topology, where l and u approximation operators could be realized as interior and closure operators respectively. This inspires us to define now operators l_u and u_l starting with l and u and setting

$$l_u(A)(x) = (u(A \mapsto 0)(x)) \mapsto 0, \quad u_l(A)(x) = (l(A \mapsto 0)(x)) \mapsto 0,$$

which we view as alternative approaches of lower and upper approximations. In case of MV -algebra they obviously coincide with l and u respectively.

We study properties of operators l_u and u_l , and their relations with "classical" operators l and u . In particular we show that the inequalities $l \leq l_u$ and $u \leq u_l$ are always true.

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