

# Products of Fuzzy Finite State Machines

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## ABSTRACT

We introduce the concepts of coverings, direct products, cascade products and wreath products of fuzzy finite state machines and investigate their algebraic structures.

## 1. Introduction

Since Wee[7] in 1967 introduced the concept of fuzzy automata following Zadeh[8], fuzzy automata theory has been developed by many researchers. Recently Malik *et al.*[4-6] introduced the concepts of fuzzy finite state machines and fuzzy transformation semigroups based on Wee's concept[7] of fuzzy automata and related concepts and applied algebraic technique. Cho *et al.*[2,3] introduced the notion of a  $T$ -fuzzy finite state machine that is an extension of a fuzzy finite state machine. Even if  $T=\wedge$ , our notion is different from the notion of Malik *et al.*[5]. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of coverings, restricted direct products, full direct products, cascade products and wreath products of fuzzy finite state machines (in the sense of Malik *et al.*[5]) that are generalizations of crisp concepts in algebraic automata theory and investigate their algebraic structures.

For the terminology in (crisp) algebraic automata theory, we refer to [1].

## 2. Coverings

**Definition 2.1** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. If  $\xi: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  is a function and  $\eta: Q_2 \rightarrow Q_1$  is a surjective partial function such that  $\tau_1^+(\eta(p), x, \eta(q)) \leq \tau_2^+(p, \xi(x), q)$  for all  $p, q$  in the domain of  $\eta$  and  $x \in X_1^+$ , then we say that  $(\eta, \xi)$  is a covering of  $M_1$  by  $M_2$  and that  $M_2$  covers  $M_1$  and denote by  $M_1 \leq M_2$ . Moreover, if the inequality turns out equality whenever the left hand side of the

inequality is not zero [resp. the inequality always turns out equality], then we say that  $(\eta, \xi)$  is a strong covering [resp. a complete covering] of  $M_1$  by  $M_2$  and that  $M_2$  strongly covers [resp. completely covers]  $M_1$  and denote by  $M_1 \leq_s M_2$  [resp.  $M_1 \leq_c M_2$ ].

In Definition 2.1, we abused the function  $\xi$ . We will write the natural semigroup homomorphism from  $X_1^+$  to  $X_2^+$  induced by  $\xi$  by  $\xi$  also for convenience sake. We give an example that is elementary and important.

**Example 2.2** Let  $M=(Q, X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy finite state machine. Define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $X$  by  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $\tau(p, a, q) = \tau(p, b, q)$  for all  $p, q \in Q$ . Construct a fuzzy finite state machine  $M_1=(Q, X/\sim, \tau)$  by defining  $\tau(p, [a], q) = \tau(p, a, q)$ . Now define  $\xi: X \rightarrow X/\sim$  by  $\xi(a)=[a]$  and  $\eta=1_Q$ . Then  $(\eta, \xi)$  is a complete covering of  $M$  by  $M_1$  clearly.

**Proposition 2.3** Let  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M_3$  be fuzzy finite state machines. If  $M_1 \leq M_2$  [resp.  $M_1 \leq_s M_2, M_1 \leq_c M_2$ ] and  $M_2 \leq M_3$  [resp.  $M_2 \leq_s M_3, M_2 \leq_c M_3$ ], then  $M_1 \leq M_3$  [resp.  $M_1 \leq_s M_3, M_1 \leq_c M_3$ ].

*Proof.* It is straightforward.

## 3. Direct Products

In this section, we consider restricted direct products and full direct products of fuzzy finite state machines.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. The restricted

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direct product  $M_1 \wedge M_2$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is the fuzzy finite state machine  $(Q_1 \times Q_2, X, \tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)$  with

$$(\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), a, (q_1, q_2)) = \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a, q_1), \tau_2(p_2, a, q_2)).$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. Then  $(\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)^+((p_1, p_2), x, (q_1, q_2)) = \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, x, q_1), \tau_2^+(p_2, x, q_2))$  for all  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1, p_2, q_2 \in Q_2$  and  $x \in X^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in X$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)^+((p_1, p_2), a_1 \dots a_n, (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge ((\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), a_1, (r_{11}, r_{12})), \\ & \quad (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)((r_{11}, r_{12}), a_2, (r_{21}, r_{22})), \\ & \quad \dots, (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2)((r_{(n-1)1}, r_{(n-1)2}), \\ & \quad a_n, (q_1, q_2)) \mid (r_{i1}, r_{i2}) \in Q_1 \times Q_2 \} \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge (\wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a_1, r_{11}), \tau_2(p_2, a_1, r_{12})), \\ & \quad \wedge (\tau_1(r_{11}, a_2, r_{21}), \tau_2(r_{12}, a_2, r_{22})), \\ & \quad \dots, \wedge (\tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, a_n, q_1), \\ & \quad \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, a_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1, r_{i2} \in Q_2 \} \\ &= \wedge (\vee \{ \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a_1, r_{11}), \tau_1(r_{11}, a_2, r_{21}), \\ & \quad \dots, \tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, a_n, q_1)) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1 \}, \\ & \quad \vee \{ \wedge (\tau_2(p_2, a_1, r_{12}), \tau_1(r_{12}, a_2, r_{22}), \\ & \quad \dots, \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, a_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i2} \in Q_2 \}) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, a_1 \dots a_n, q_1), \tau_2^+(p_2, a_1 \dots a_n, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1$  and  $p_2, q_2 \in Q_2$ .

**Definition 3.3** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. The full direct product  $M_1 \times M_2$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is the fuzzy finite state machine  $(Q_1 \times Q_2, X_1 \times X_2, \tau_1 \times \tau_2)$  with  $(\tau_1 \times \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), (a, b), (q_1, q_2)) = \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a, q_1), \tau_2(p_2, b, q_2))$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \times \tau_2)^+((p_1, p_2), (a_1 \dots a_n, b_1 \dots b_n), (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, a_1 \dots a_n, q_1), \tau_2^+(p_2, b_1 \dots b_n, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in X_1, b_1, \dots, b_n \in X_2, p_1, q_1 \in Q_1$  and

**Proof.** Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in X_1$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in X_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \times \tau_2)^+((p_1, p_2), (a_1 \dots a_n, b_1 \dots b_n), (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge ((\tau_1 \times \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), (a_1, b_1), (r_{11}, r_{12})), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \times \tau_2)((r_{11}, r_{12}), (a_2, b_2), (r_{21}, r_{22})), \\ & \dots, (\tau_1 \times \tau_2)((r_{(n-1)1}, r_{(n-1)2}), (a_n, b_n), \\ & (q_1, q_2)) \mid (r_{i1}, r_{i2}) \in Q_1 \times Q_2 \} \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge (\wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a_1, r_{11}), \tau_2(p_2, b_1, r_{12})), \\ & \quad \wedge (\tau_1(r_{11}, a_2, r_{21}), \tau_2(r_{12}, b_2, r_{22})), \\ & \quad \dots, \wedge (\tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, a_n, q_1), \\ & \quad \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1, r_{i2} \in Q_2 \} \\ &= \wedge (\vee \{ \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, a_1, r_{11}), \tau_1(r_{11}, a_2, r_{21}), \\ & \quad \dots, \tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, a_n, q_1)) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1 \}, \\ & \quad \vee \{ \wedge (\tau_2(p_2, b_1, r_{12}), \tau_2(r_{12}, b_2, r_{22}), \\ & \quad \dots, \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i2} \in Q_2 \}) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, a_1 \dots a_n, q_1), \tau_2^+(p_2, b_1 \dots b_n, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1$  and  $p_2, q_2 \in Q_2$ .

**Proposition 3.5** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. Then  $M_1 \wedge M_2 \leq_c M_1 \times M_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\eta = 1_{Q_1 \times Q_2}$  and define  $\xi: X \rightarrow X \times X$  by  $\xi(a) = (a, a)$ . Then  $(\eta, \xi)$  is a complete covering of  $M_1 \wedge M_2$  by  $M_1 \times M_2$  clearly.

The following proposition is a direct consequence of the associativity of  $\wedge$ .

**Proposition 3.6** Let  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M_3$  be fuzzy finite state machines. Then the following are hold:

- (i)  $(M_1 \wedge M_2) \wedge M_3 = M_1 \wedge (M_2 \wedge M_3)$ .
- (ii)  $(M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3 = M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3)$ .

## 4. Cascade Products and Wreath Products

In this section, we consider cascade products and wreath products of fuzzy finite state machines.

**Definition 4.1** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. The cascade product  $M_1 \omega M_2$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with respect to  $\omega: Q_2 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  is the fuzzy finite state machine  $(Q_1 \times Q_2, X_2, \tau_1 \omega \tau_2)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), b, (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, \omega(p_2, b), q_1), \tau_2(p_2, b, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines and  $\omega: Q_2 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ . Define  $\omega^+$ :

$Q_2 \times X_2^+ \rightarrow X_1^+$  by

$$\omega^*(p_2, b_1 b_2 \cdots b_n) = \omega(p_2, b_1) \omega(u_1, b_2) \cdots \omega(u_{n-1}, b_n),$$

where  $p_2, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} \in Q_2$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in X_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_1^+(p_1, \omega(p_2, b_1) \omega(u_1, b_2) \cdots \omega(u_{n-1}, b_n), q_1) \\ &= \vee \{ \tau_1^+(p_1, \omega(p_2, b_1) \omega(r_1, b_2) \cdots \\ & \quad \omega(r_{n-1}, b_n), q_1) \mid r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n-1} \in Q_2 \} \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1$  and  $b \in X_2$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)^*((p_1, p_2), x, (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, \omega^*(p_2, x), q_1), \tau_2^+(p_2, x, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1, p_2, q_2 \in Q_2$  and  $x \in X_2^+$ .

**Proof.** Let  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in X_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)^*((p_1, p_2), b_1 \cdots b_n, (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge ((\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), b_1, (r_{11}, r_{12})), \\ & \quad (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)((r_{11}, r_{12}), b_2, (r_{21}, r_{22})), \\ & \quad \dots, (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)((r_{(n-1)1}, r_{(n-1)2}), \\ & \quad b_n, (q_1, q_2)) \mid (r_{i1}, r_{i2}) \in Q_1 \times Q_2 \} \\ &= \vee \{ \wedge (\wedge (\tau_1(p_1, \omega(p_2, b_1), r_{11}), \tau_2(p_2, b_1, r_{12})), \\ & \quad \wedge (\tau_1(r_{11}, \omega(r_{12}, b_2), r_{21}), \tau_2(r_{12}, b_2, r_{22})), \\ & \quad \dots, \wedge (\tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, \omega(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n), q_1), \\ & \quad \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1, r_{i2} \in Q_2 \} \\ &= \wedge (\vee \{ \vee \{ \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, \omega(p_2, b_1), r_{11}), \\ & \quad \tau_1(r_{11}, \omega(r_{12}, b_2), r_{21}), \dots, \\ & \quad \tau_1(r_{(n-1)1}, \omega(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n), q_1) \mid r_{i1} \in Q_1 \} \mid r_{i2} \in Q_2 \}, \\ & \quad \vee \{ \wedge (\tau_2(p_2, b_1, r_{12}), \tau_2(r_{12}, b_2, r_{22}), \\ & \quad \dots, \tau_2(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n, q_2)) \mid r_{i2} \in Q_2 \} ) \\ &= \wedge (\vee \{ \tau_1^+(p_1, \omega(p_2, b_1) \omega(r_{12}, b_2) \\ & \quad \cdots \omega(r_{(n-1)2}, b_n), q_1) \mid r_{i2} \in Q_2 \}, \\ & \quad \tau_2^+(p_2, b_1 \cdots b_n, q_2) ) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1^+(p_1, \omega^*(p_2, b_1 \cdots b_n), q_1), \\ & \quad \tau_2^+(p_2, b_1 \cdots b_n, q_2) ) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p_1, q_1 \in Q_1$  and  $p_2, q_2 \in Q_2$ .

**Definition 4.3** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  be fuzzy finite state machines. The wreath product  $M_1 \circ M_2$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is the fuzzy finite state

machin  $(Q_1 \times Q_2, X_1^{Q_2} \times X_2, \tau_1 \circ \tau_2)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \circ \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), (f, b), (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, f(p_2), q_1), \tau_2(p_2, b, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  are fuzzy finite state machines. Then

$$M_1 \omega M_2 \leq_c M_1 \circ M_2$$

**Proof.** Let  $\xi: X_2 \rightarrow X_1^{Q_2} \times X_2$  be a function such that  $\xi(x_2)=(\xi_1(x_2), \xi_2(x_2))$  where  $x_2 \in X_2, \xi_1(x_2): Q_2 \rightarrow X_1$  is a function defined by  $\xi_1(x_2)(p_2)=\omega(p_2, \xi_2(x_2))$  and  $\xi_2=I_{X_2}$ . And let  $\eta=1_{Q_1 \times Q_2}$ . Then for each  $(p_1, p_2), (q_1, q_2) \in Q_1 \times Q_2$  and  $x_2 \in X_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)(\eta((p_1, p_2)), x_2, \eta((q_1, q_2)) \\ &= (\tau_1 \omega \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), \xi_2(x_2), (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, \omega(p_2, \xi_2(x_2)), q_1), \tau_2(p_2, \xi_2(x_2), q_2)) \\ &= \wedge (\tau_1(p_1, \xi_1(x_2)(p_2), q_1), \tau_2(p_2, \xi_2(x_2), q_2)) \\ &= (\tau_1 \circ \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), (\xi_1(x_2), \xi_2(x_2)), (q_1, q_2)) \\ &= (\tau_1 \circ \tau_2)((p_1, p_2), \xi(x_2), (q_1, q_2)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$M_1 \omega M_2 \leq M_1 \circ M_2$$

**Corollary 4.5** Let  $M_1=(Q_1, X_1, \tau_1), M_2=(Q_2, X_2, \tau_2)$  and  $M=(Q, X, \tau)$  are fuzzy finite state machines. If  $M \leq M_1 \omega M_2$ , then  $M \leq M_1 \circ M_2$ .

**Proof.** It is clear from Theorem 4.4 and Proposition 2.3.

**Remark.** Corollary 4.5 can be proved directly.

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduce the concepts of coverings, restricted direct products, full directed products, cascade products and wreath products of fuzzy finite state machines that are generalizations of crisp concepts in algebraic automata theory and investigate their algebraic structures.

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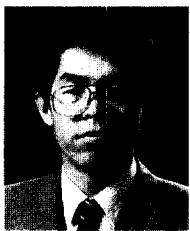
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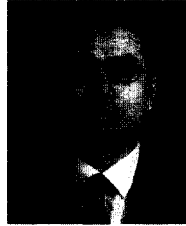
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