

Fuzzy equivalence relations and transformations

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Abstract

We investigate the properties of A-transformations, P-transformations and L-transformations in metric spaces, t-norms and T-fuzzy equivalence relations.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of fuzzy equality [1-4], which is also called the equality relation, the fuzzy equivalence relation, the similarity relation[5,12], the indistinguishability operator[7,11], has a significant concern in various fields[6,10]. It is a graded equality being generalization of the classical equality. We understand two objects to be approximately equal if they are similar. The degree 0 means that objects are completely different and the degree 1 means that objects are indistinguishable.

In this paper, we investigate the properties of A-transformations, P-transformations and L-transformations in metric spaces, t-norms and T-fuzzy equivalence relations. We construct metrics by A-transformations. From A-(resp. P-, L-transformations, we compare t-norms generated by A-(resp. P-, L-) generators. In particular, we investigate the relationship between T-fuzzy quasi-equivalence relations and A-(resp. P-, L-) transformations.

A binary operation $T: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a t-norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

for each $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$,

(T1) $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$,

(T2) $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$

(T3) $T(x, 1) = x$,

(T4) if $y \leq z$, then $T(x, y) \leq T(x, z)$.

We denote $T(x, y) = x \odot y$. A t-norm T_1 is called weaker than a t-norm T_2 (T_2 is called stronger than a t-norm T_1 , denoted by $T_1 \leq T_2$, if $T_1(x, y) \leq T_2(x, y)$).

An increasing function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a P-generator if $T_f(x, y) = f^{-1}(f(x)f(y) \vee f(0))$ is a t-norm.

A strictly decreasing $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called an A-generator if $T_g(x, y) = g^{-1}((g(x) + g(y)) \wedge g(0))$ is a t-norm.

A bijective increasing $h: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called an

L-generator if $T_h(x, y) = h^{-1}((h(x) + h(y) - 1) \wedge 0)$ is a t-norm.

Theorem 1.1 [9] If T is an Archimedean t-norm, then there is an increasing continuous $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [f(0), 1]$ such that $x \odot y = f^{-1}(f(x)f(y) \vee f(0))$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$. If $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [g(0), 1]$ is an order isomorphism, then $x \odot y = g^{-1}(g(x)g(y) \vee g(0))$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$ iff $f(x) = g(x)^r$ for some $r > 0$.

Theorem 1.2 [8] If T is an Archimedean t-norm, then there is a strictly decreasing continuous function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that $x \odot y = f^{-1}((f(x) + f(y)) \wedge f(0))$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$. If $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is an order reversing continuous function, then $x \odot y = g^{-1}((g(x) + g(y)) \wedge g(0))$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$ iff $f(x) = ag(x)$ for some $a > 0$.

Theorem 1.3 [9] If T is an Archimedean nilpotent t-norm, then there is a bijective continuous function $h: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with $x \odot y = h^{-1}((h(x) + h(y) - 1) \vee 0)$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 1.4 A mapping $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a quasi-metric if it satisfies the following conditions: for each $x, y, z \in X$,

(M1) $d(x, x) = 0$,

(M2) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$.

A quasi-metric d on X is called a pseudo-metric on X if it satisfies:

(M3) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$, for each $x, y \in X$.

A pseudo-metric d on X is called a metric on X if it satisfies:

(M) if $d(x, y) = 0$ for each $x, y \in X$, then $x = y$.

2. Metrics, t-norms and transformations

Definition 2.1 An increasing map $s: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called an A-transformation if it is sub-additive, i.e. $s(x) + s(y) \geq s(x + y)$ and $s(0) = 0$.

Lemma 2.2 A map $s: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $s(0) = 0$ is an A -transformation iff for all $x, y, z \in [0, b]$ with $x + y \geq z$, we have $s(x) + s(y) \geq s(z)$

Proof. Let s be an A -transformation. Then for all $x, y, z \in [0, b]$ with $x + y \geq z$, $s(x) + s(y) \geq s(x + y) \geq s(z)$. Put $z = x + y$. Then $s(x) + s(y) \geq s(z) = s(x + y)$. If $x + 0 \geq y$, then $s(x) = s(x) + s(0) \geq s(y)$. Thus, s is an increasing map.

Theorem 2.3 (1) If $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a quasi-metric (resp. pseudo-metric) and $s: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is A -transformation, then $e = s \circ d$ is a quasi-metric (resp. pseudo-metric).

(2) If $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a metric and $s: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is A -transformation such that $s(x) > 0$ for all $0 < x \leq 1$, then $e = s \circ d$ is a metric.

Proof. (1) Since $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$,
 $e(x, z) = s(d(x, z)) \leq s(d(x, y)) + s(d(y, z)) = e(x, y) + e(y, z)$.
 (2) $e(x, y) = 0$ iff $s(d(x, y)) = 0$ iff $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$.

Example 2.4 Let $s: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a map defined as $s(x) = a \wedge x$ for $a > 0$. s is A -transformation because $s(x + y) = a \wedge (x + y) \leq (a \wedge x) + (a \wedge y) = s(x) + s(y)$. Let d be a metric. Then $e(x, y) = s(d(x, y)) = a \wedge d(x, y)$ is a metric.

Example 2.5 Let $s: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a map defined as $s(x) = x^p$, $0 < p \leq 1$. Put $h(t) = (t + 1)^p - t^p - 1$. Since $h'(t) = p(t + 1)^{p-1} - pt^{p-1} \leq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $h(0) = 0$, then $h(t) = (t + 1)^p - t^p - 1 \leq 0$. Put $t = \frac{y}{x}$. It follows $(x + y)^p \leq x^p + y^p$. Thus s is A -transformation. Let d be a metric. Then $e(x, y) = s(d(x, y)) = d^p(x, y)$ for all $0 < p \leq 1$ is a metric.

Example 2.6 Let $s: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a map defined as $s(x) = \frac{px}{x+1}$, $p > 0$. Since $\frac{p(x+y)}{x+y+1} \leq \frac{px}{x+1} + \frac{py}{y+1}$. Thus s is A -transformation. Let d is a metric. Then $e(x, y) = s(d(x, y)) = \frac{pd(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$ for all $p > 0$ is a metric.

Example 2.7 Let $s: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a map defined as $s(x) = \ln(x + 1)$. Since $\ln(x + y + 1) \leq \ln(x + 1) + \ln(y + 1)$ then s is A -transformation. Let d is a metric. Then $e(x, y) = s(d(x, y)) = \ln(1 + d(x, y))$ is a metric.

Theorem 2.8 Let $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be an A -generators. Then gf^{-1} is A -transformation iff $T_f \geq T_g$.

Proof. Let $gf^{-1}(a + b) \leq gf^{-1}(a) + gf^{-1}(b)$ be given. Put $f^{-1}(a) = x$ and $f^{-1}(b) = y$.
 $gf^{-1}(f(x) + f(y)) \leq g(x) + g(y)$.
 Since g^{-1} is decreasing and $f(x) + f(y) > f(0)$ implies
 $T_f(x, y) = f^{-1}((f(x) + f(y)) \wedge f(0))$
 $\geq g^{-1}((g(x) + g(y)) \wedge g(0)) = T_g(x, y)$.

Conversely, it is similarly proved.

Example 2.9 (1) Let $s(x) = x^p$, $0 < p \leq 1$ be A -transformation. Put $gf^{-1}(x) = s(x) = x^p$ and $f(x) = 1 - x$. Then $T_f(x, y) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ and $g(x) = (1 - x)^p$. We obtain

$$T_g(x, y) = \{1 - ((1 - x)^p + (1 - y)^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}\} \vee 0.$$

(2) Let $s(x) = \frac{px}{x+1}$, $p > 0$ be A -transformation. Put

$$gf^{-1}(x) = \frac{px}{x+1} \text{ and } f(x) = 1 - x. \text{ Then}$$

$$T_f = (x + y - 1) \vee 0 \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{p(1-x)}{2-x}. \text{ We obtain}$$

$$T_g(x, y) = \frac{xy}{2-x-y+xy}.$$

(3) Let $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be mappings defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 1, \quad g(x) = -\ln x. \text{ Then we obtain } A\text{-transformation } g(f^{-1}(x)) = \ln(x + 1). \text{ Then}$$

$$T_f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x+y-xy} \geq xy = T_g(x, y).$$

Definition 2.10 A non-decreasing map $h: [a, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ for some $a \in [0, 1]$ is called P -transformation if it satisfies $h(xy) \geq h(x)h(y)$ and $h(1) = 1$.

Lemma 2.11 A map $h: [a, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ for some $a \in [0, 1]$ with $h(1) = 1$ is P -transformation iff for all $x, y, z \in [a, 1]$ with $xy \leq z$, we have $h(x)h(y) \leq h(z)$.

Proof. Let h be P -transformation. Then for all $x, y, z \in [a, 1]$ with $xy \leq z$, $h(x)h(y) \leq h(xy) \leq h(z)$. Put $z = xy$. Then $h(x)h(y) \leq h(z) = h(xy)$. If $x1 \leq y$, then $h(x) = h(x)h(1) \leq h(y)$. Thus, h is a non-decreasing map.

Theorem 2.12 Let T_f and T_g be a t -norm with P -generators f and g . Then gf^{-1} is P -transformation iff $T_f \geq T_g$.

Proof. Let $gf^{-1}(ab) \geq gf^{-1}(a)gf^{-1}(b)$ be given. Put $f^{-1}(a) = x$ and $f^{-1}(b) = y$. $gf^{-1}(f(x)f(y)) \geq g(x)g(y)$. Since g is strictly increasing and $f(x)f(y) \leq f(0)$ implies $g(0) \geq gf^{-1}(f(x)f(y)) \geq g(x)g(y)$.
 $T_f(x, y) = f^{-1}(f(x)f(y) \vee f(0))$
 $\geq g^{-1}((g(x)g(y) \vee g(0))) = T_g(x, y)$.

Example 2.13 Let $gf^{-1}: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a map defined as $gf^{-1} = a^{x-1}$, $a > 1$. Then $gf^{-1}(x)gf^{-1}(y) \leq gf^{-1}(xy)$. Put $f(x) = x$. Then $g(x) = a^{x-1}$ and $g^{-1}(x) = (\log_a x) - 1$. We obtain

$$T_g(x, y) = g^{-1}(g(x)g(y) \vee g(0)) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0.$$

$$T_f(x, y) = xy \geq T_g(x, y).$$

Definition 2.14 A nondecreasing map $h: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called an L -transformation if it satisfies $h(x + y - 1) \geq h(x) + h(y) - 1$ with $h(0) = 1$ and $h(0) = 0$.

Lemma 2.15 A map $h: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with $h(0) = 1$ and

$h(0)=0$ is an L -transformation iff for all $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ with $x + y - 1 \leq z$, we have $h(x) + h(y) - 1 \leq h(z)$.

Proof. Let h be an L -transformation. Then for all $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ with $x + y - 1 \leq z$,

$$h(x) + h(y) - 1 \leq h(x + y - 1) \leq h(z)$$

Put $z = x + y - 1$. Then

$$h(x) + h(y) - 1 \leq h(z) = h(x + y - 1).$$

If $x + 1 - 1 \leq y$, then $h(x) = h(x) + h(1) - 1 \leq h(y)$. Thus, h is a non-decreasing map.

Theorem 2.15. Let T_f and T_g be a nilpotent t-norm with L -generators f and g .

Then gf^{-1} is L -transformation iff $T_f \geq T_g$.

Proof. It is similarly proved as in Theorem 2.12.

Example 2.16 Let $gf^{-1}: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a map defined as $gf^{-1}(x) = x^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Put $h(x, y) = (x + y - 1)^n - x^n - y^n + 1$. Then (1, 1) is a saddle point because

$$h_x(1, 1) = h_y(1, 1) = 0, \quad h_{xx} = h_{yy} = 0, \quad h_{xy} = n(n-1)$$

If $n = 2m$, since $h(x, 0)$ and $h(0, y)$ are decreasing with $h(1, 0) = h(0, 1) = 0$ and $h(1, x) = h(y, 1) = 0$. Hence $h(x, y) \geq 0$.

If $n = 2m + 1$, since $h'(-\frac{1}{2}, 0) = h'(0, \frac{1}{2}) = 0$ with $h(0, 0) = h(1, 0) = h(0, 1) = 0$ and

$$h(\frac{1}{2}, 0) = h(0, \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - 2(\frac{1}{2})^{2m+1} \geq 0.$$

Hence $h(x, y) \geq 0$.

So, $gf^{-1}(f(x) + f(y) - 1) \leq g(x) + g(y) - 1$.

Put $f(x) = x$. Then $g(x) = x^n$. We obtain

$$T_g(x, y) = (x^n + y^n - 1) \vee 0)^{\frac{1}{n}}. \text{ Furthermore,}$$

$$T_g(x, y) = 0 \vee (x + y - 1) \geq T_g(x, y).$$

3. T-fuzzy equivalence relations

Definition 3.1[1-4] A map $E: X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relation on X if the following properties hold:

(E1) $E(x, x) = 1$, for each $x \in X$.

(E2) $T(E(x, y), E(y, z)) \leq E(x, z)$, for each $x, y, z \in X$

A T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relation is called a T -fuzzy equivalence relation on X if it satisfies:

(E3) $E(x, y) = E(y, x)$, for each $x, y \in X$.

A T -fuzzy equivalence relation is called a T -fuzzy equality on X if it satisfies:

(E) if $E(x, y) = 1$ for each $x, y \in X$, then $x = y$.

Let E_1, E_2 be T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relations on X .

Then E_1 is called coarser than E_2

if $E_1(x, y) \leq E_2(x, y)$ for each $x, y \in X$.

Remark 3.2 (1) If a t-norm T_1 is weaker than a t-norm

T_2 , then a T_2 -fuzzy (quasi-)equivalence E on X is a T_1 -fuzzy (quasi-)equivalence E on X . Thus, \wedge -fuzzy (quasi-)equivalence E on X is a T -fuzzy (quasi-)equivalence E on X because $T(x, y) \leq x \wedge y$ for every t-norm T .

(2) The condition (E2) is equivalent to the following condition: for each distinct $x, y, z \in X$,

$$(E2-1) \quad T(E(x, y), E(y, z)) \leq E(x, z).$$

Theorem 3.3 Let E be a T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relation on X . Then:

(1) if $a \in (0, 1)$, then $G(x, y) = E(x, y) \vee a$ for all $x, y \in X$, then G is a T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relation on X .

(2) If $E^{-1}(x, y) = E(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$, then

$F(x, y) = T(E(x, y), E^{-1}(x, y))$ is G -fuzzy equivalence relation on X , for any t-norm G such that $G \leq T$.

(3) $F(x, y) = E(x, y) \wedge E^{-1}(x, y)$ is the finest T -fuzzy equivalence relation on X which is coarser than E and E^{-1} .

Proof. (1)

$$\begin{aligned} & T(G(x, y), G(y, z)) \\ &= T(E(x, y) \vee a, E(y, z) \vee a) \\ &= T(E(x, y), E(y, z)) \vee T(E(x, y), a) \vee T(a, E(y, z)) \vee T(a, a) \\ &\leq T(E(x, y), E(y, z)) \vee a \\ &\leq E(x, z) \vee a = G(x, z). \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} & G(F(x, y), F(y, z)) \\ &\leq G(T(E(x, y), E(y, x)), T(E(y, z), E(z, y))) \\ &\leq T(T(E(x, y), E(y, x)), T(E(y, z), E(z, y))) \\ &= T(T(E(x, y), E(y, z)), T(E(z, y), E(y, x))) \\ &= T(T(E(x, y), E(y, z)), T(E(z, y), E(y, x))) \\ &= T(E(x, z), E(z, x)) = F(x, z). \end{aligned}$$

(3) For $T = \wedge$ in (2), it is easy. If $H \leq E$ and $H \leq E^{-1}$, then $H \leq F = E \wedge E^{-1}$.

In above theorem, $E_1 \vee E_2$ cannot be T -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relation on X , in general.

Example 3.4 Let $X = \{x, y, z\}$ be a set. and Define E_1, E_2 as

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(x, x) &= E_1(y, y) = E_1(z, z) = 1 \\ E_1(x, y) &= E_1(y, x) = 0.4, \quad E_1(x, z) = E_1(z, x) = 0.8 \\ E_1(y, z) &= E_1(z, y) = 0.4 \\ E_2(x, x) &= E_2(y, y) = E_2(z, z) = 1 \\ E_2(x, y) &= E_2(y, x) = 0.6, \quad E_2(x, z) = E_2(z, x) = 0.3 \\ E_2(y, z) &= E_2(z, y) = 0.3. \end{aligned}$$

Then E_1 and E_2 are \wedge -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relations on X . We can obtain $E_1 \vee E_2$ on X as follows

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 \vee E_2(x, x) &= E_1 \vee E_2(y, y) = E_1 \vee E_2(z, z) = 1 \\ E_1 \vee E_2(x, y) &= E_1 \vee E_2(y, x) = 0.4, \\ E_1 \vee E_2(x, z) &= E_1 \vee E_2(z, x) = 0.8 \\ E_1 \vee E_2(y, z) &= E_1 \vee E_2(z, y) = 0.4. \end{aligned}$$

But $E_1 \vee E_2$ is not a \wedge -fuzzy quasi-equivalence relations on X because

$$0.4 = (E_1 \vee E_2)(y, z) \not\geq (E_1 \vee E_2)(y, x) \wedge (E_1 \vee E_2)(x, z) = 0.6.$$

Theorem 3.5 Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X where T_f is a Archimedean t-norm with A -generator f and $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an increasing function with $\phi(1) = 1$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\phi \circ E$ is a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .
- (2) $T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \leq \phi(c)$ for $T_f(a, b) \leq c$.
- (3) $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \geq f(\phi(c))$ for each $f(a) + f(b) \geq f(c)$
- (4) There exists an A -transformation s such that $s = f \circ \phi \circ f^{-1}$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $E(x, y) = a, E(y, z) = b, E(x, z) = c$. Since E is a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation, $T_f(a, b) \leq c$. We have $T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \leq \phi(c)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Let $f(a) + f(b) \geq f(c)$ be given.

If $f(a) + f(b) > f(0) \geq f(c)$, then $T_f(a, b) \leq c$.

If $f(0) \geq f(a) + f(b) \geq f(c)$, then $T_f(a, b) \leq c$

Thus $T_f(a, b) \leq c$. By (2),

$$T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) = f^{-1}(f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \wedge f(0)) \leq \phi(c).$$

If $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) > f(0)$, since $f(0) \geq f(\phi(c))$, $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \geq f(\phi(c))$

If $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \leq f(0)$, $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \geq f(\phi(c))$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). By (3), put $f(a) = x, f(b) = y, f(c) = z$,

and $s = f \circ \phi \circ f^{-1}$. For each $x + y \geq z$, we have

$s(x) + s(y) \geq s(z), s(0) = 0$ and s is increasing. Hence

s is an A -transformation.

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Let $\phi = f^{-1} \circ s \circ f$ with an A -transformation s , then ϕ is an increasing map with $\phi(1) = 1$. We will show $\phi \circ E$ is T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X . So $\phi(E(x, x)) = \phi(1) = 1$. Since

$T_f(a, b) = f^{-1}(f(a) + f(b) \wedge f(0)) \leq c$, we can prove two cases (A) $f(a) + f(b) \leq f(0)$ (B) $f(a) + f(b) > f(0)$.

(Case A) If $f(a) + f(b) \leq f(0)$, then $f(a) + f(b) \geq f(c)$

(I) If $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \leq f(0)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) \wedge f(0)) \\ &= f^{-1}(f(f^{-1} \circ s \circ f(a)) + f(f^{-1} \circ s \circ f(b))) \\ &= f^{-1}(s \circ f(a) + s \circ f(b)) \\ &\leq f^{-1}(s(f(a) + f(b))) \\ &\leq f^{-1}(s \circ f(c)) = \phi(c). \end{aligned}$$

(II) If $f(\phi(a)) + f(\phi(b)) > f(0)$, then $T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) = 0$

(Case B) If $f(a) + f(b) > f(0)$, then

(I) If $s(f(a)) > f(0)$ or $s(f(b)) > f(0)$, then $f^{-1} \circ s \circ f(a) = 0$ or $f^{-1} \circ s \circ f(b) = 0$. Thus,

$$0 = T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \leq \phi(c)$$

(II) If $s(f(a)) \leq f(0)$ and $s(f(b)) \leq f(0)$, we prove similarly as (I) in (Case A).

Theorem 3.6 Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on

X where T_f is a Archimedean t-norm with A -generator f and $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an increasing function with $\phi(1) = 1$. For all $x, y \in [0, 1]$,

$\phi(T_f(x, y)) \geq T_f(\phi(x), \phi(y))$ iff $\phi \circ E$ is a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .

Proof. (\Rightarrow). For each $T_f(a, b) \leq c$,

$$\phi(c) \geq \phi(T_f(a, b)) \geq T_f(\phi(a), \phi(b)).$$

By Theorem 3.5(2), $\phi \circ E$ is a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose there exists $x, y \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\phi(T_f(x, y)) \not\geq T_f(\phi(x), \phi(y))$$

There exists $c \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\phi(T_f(x, y)) \leq c < T_f(\phi(x), \phi(y))$$

It follows $T_f(x, y) \leq \phi^{-1}(c)$. So,

$$T_f(\phi(x), \phi(y)) \leq \phi(\phi^{-1}(c)) = c. \text{ It is a contradiction.}$$

Example 3.7 Let $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a map defined as

$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2-x}$. Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation

on X such that $T_f(x, y) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ and

$f(x) = 1 - x$. Then $s(x) = f^{-1}(\phi(f(x))) = \frac{x}{1+x}$.

So, s is an A -transformation from Example 2.9(2).

Hence, $\phi(E(x, y)) = \frac{1}{2-E(x, y)}$ is T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .

Example 3.8 Let $s(x) = x^p, 0 < p \leq 1$ be an A -transformation. Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .

(1) $T_f(x, y) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ with $f(x) = k - kx$ for $k > 0$

We obtain

$$\phi E(x, y) = (f^{-1} \circ s \circ f)(E(x, y)) = 1 - \frac{1}{k}(k - kE(x, y))^p.$$

(2) $T_f(x, y) = xy$ with $f(x) = -\ln x$. We obtain

$$\phi E(x, y) = (f^{-1} \circ s \circ f)(E(x, y)) = e^{-(-\ln E(x, y))^p}.$$

Example 3.9 Let $s(x) = \frac{px}{x+1}$ be an A -transformation.

Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .

(1) $T_f(x, y) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ with $f(x) = 1 - x$. Then

$$\phi(E(x, y)) = (f^{-1} \circ s \circ f)(E(x, y)) = 1 - \frac{\phi(1 - E(x, y))}{2 - E(x, y)}.$$

(2) $T_f(x, y) = xy$ with $f(x) = -\ln x$. We obtain

$$\phi E(x, y) = (f^{-1} \circ s \circ f)(E(x, y)) = e^{p \ln E(x, y) / (1 - \ln E(x, y))}.$$

Example 3.10 Let $s(x) = \ln(x + 1)$ be an A -transformation Let E be a T_f -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .

(1) $T_f(x, y) = (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ with $f(x) = 1 - x$. Then

$$\phi(E(x, y)) = (f^{-1} \circ s \circ f)(E(x, y)) = 1 - \ln(2 - E(x, y)).$$

(2) $T_f(x, y) = xy$ with $f(x) = -\ln x$.

We obtain $\phi E(x, y) = e^{-\ln(1 - \ln E(x, y))}$.

Theorem 3.11 Let E be a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X where T_g is a Archimedean t-norm with P -generator g and $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an increasing function with

$\phi(1) = 1$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\phi \circ E$ is a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .
- (2) $T_g(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \leq \phi(c)$ for $T_g(a, b) \leq c$.
- (3) $g(\phi(a))g(\phi(b)) \leq g(\phi(c))$ for each $g(a)g(b) \leq g(c)$
- (4) There exists a P -transformation h such that $h = f \circ \phi \circ f^{-1}$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.11, it is similarly proved as in Theorem 3.5

Example 3.12 Let $h(x) = a^x - 1 (a > 1)$ be a P -transformation. Let E be a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X with a P -generator $g(x) = x$.

We obtain $\phi \circ E$ a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation $\phi \circ E$ as follows:

$$\phi(E(x, y)) = (g^{-1} \circ h \circ g)(E(x, y)) = a^{E(x, y)} - 1.$$

Theorem 3.13 Let E be a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X where T_g is a Archimedean t-norm with L -generator g and $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an increasing function with $\phi(1) = 1$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\phi \circ E$ is a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X .
- (2) $T_g(\phi(a), \phi(b)) \leq \phi(c)$ for $T_g(a, b) \leq c$.
- (3) $g(\phi(a)) + g(\phi(b)) - 1 \leq g(\phi(c))$ for each $g(a) + g(b) - 1 \leq g(c)$
- (4) There exists an L -transformation h such that $h = f \circ \phi \circ f^{-1}$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.15, it is similarly proved as in Theorem 3.5

Example 3.14 Let $h(x) = x^n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ be an L -transformation. Let E be a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation on X with an L -generator $g(x) = x^2$.

We obtain $\phi \circ E$ a T_g -fuzzy equivalence relation $\phi \circ E$ as follows:

$$\phi(E(x, y)) = (g^{-1} \circ h \circ g)(E(x, y)) = E(x, y)^n.$$

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