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Abstract

We present a theory for the representation and manipulation of uncertainties that might be supplied by an expert (or team thereof) about object-pair relationships in some knowledge domain. We propose a theory based on the representation of relational knowledge by semantic term sets and trapezoidal fuzzy numbers. The extended max - (≥) linguistic transitive closure (LTC) is offered as a means for consistency enforcement and completion of partial knowledge in the relational network. Theorems are given that provide conditions for the existence and uniqueness of the LTC under three (extended) T-norms. We present an algorithm for computing each LTC and exhibit a number of features of this method through numerical examples.