

Hájek's Fuzzy Probability Logic Revisited

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Fuzzy Probability Logic $FP(\mathbf{L})$ over infinite-valued Łukasiewicz logic \mathbf{L} was introduced and studied by Hájek in [2, Chapter 8.4]. The purpose of $FP(\mathbf{L})$ is to formalize reasoning about properties of finitely-additive probability measures on (possibly infinite) Kripke-style models. Probability assessments are syntactically represented in the language by a unary modality P , which applies to Boolean formulas φ only. The intended meaning of the modal formula $P\varphi$ is: “ φ is probable”. The logic $FP(\mathbf{L})$ was substantially generalized by Cintula and Noguera. Their work [1] applies to uncertainty measures more general than probabilities, and includes completeness theorems for the corresponding logics.

Following Hájek, let us say that the triple (W, e, μ) is a *probability Kripke frame* if W is a set of possible worlds, $e: W \times Form \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is a Boolean evaluation of Boolean formulas $\varphi \in Form$ for each possible world $w \in W$, and μ is a finitely-additive probability measure on a Boolean algebra of subsets of W containing every set $\{w \in W \mid e(w, p) = 1\}$, for each of the finitely-many propositional variables p . Probability Kripke frames provide a complete semantics for $FP(\mathbf{L})$. In our contribution we show how to interpret $FP(\mathbf{L})$ using a different class of structures. We consider triples (B, e, μ) , where B is a Boolean algebra, $e: Form \rightarrow B$ is an evaluation of Boolean formulas in $Form$ into B , and μ is a finitely-additive probability measure — alias a *state*, following Mundici and others — on B . For each Boolean formula φ we define the truth value of the modal formula $P\varphi$ to be $\mu(e(\varphi))$. We show that $FP(\mathbf{L})$ is complete with respect to the class of all models (B, e, μ) , where B is a Boolean σ -algebra, and μ is a (σ -additive) probability measure on B . This follows from a much stronger statement that seems to have escaped attention so far: $FP(\mathbf{L})$ has the finite model property, that is, it is complete with respect to the class of models (B, e, μ) with B a finite Boolean algebra. If time allows we indicate how these results may be extended to the broader setting of many-valued events, and discuss directions for further research.

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