

Total Causal Effect Calculation for Fuzzy Cognitive Maps (TCEC-FCM) - Pseudocodes

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In this document, we present the pseudocode for two variants of the TCEC-FCM algorithm, as proposed in our recent research: 'Tyrovolas, M., Kallimanis, N. D., & Stylios, C. (2024). Causal Effect Analysis in Large-Scale Fuzzy Cognitive Maps for Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI).' Specifically, we detail the implementation of the TCEC-FCM algorithm employing a linear search approach (TCEC-FCM-LS) and a binary search strategy (TCEC-FCM-BS).

Algorithm 1: "Total Causal Effect Calculation for Fuzzy Cognitive Maps" Algorithm with Linear Search (TCEC-FCM-LS)

Input: n , number of concepts; $\mathbf{W}_{n \times n}$, weight matrix.
Output: \mathbf{T}_{eff} , vector of total causal effects.

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/* Extract and sort non-zero weights and their indices */
1  $\mathcal{W}_{nz} \leftarrow \{(i, j, w_{ij}) \mid w_{ij} \in W, w_{ij} \neq 0\}$ 
2  $\mathcal{W}_{sorted} \leftarrow \text{sortDescending}(\{w_{ij} \mid (i, j, w_{ij}) \in \mathcal{W}_{nz}\})$  //  $\mathcal{W}_{sorted} \in \mathbb{R}^{e \times 1}$ 
   where  $e$  is the number of non-zero weights

/* Initialize  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}$  */
3  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}} \leftarrow [0]_{n \times 1}$ 

4 for  $C_i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
    /* Initialize a copy of the FCM with isolated concepts */
    5  $\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}} \leftarrow [0]_{n \times n}$ 
    6 foreach  $(i, j, w_{ij}) \in \mathcal{W}_{sorted}$  do
        /* Update  $\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}}$  for the current weight */
        7  $\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}}[i][j] \leftarrow w_{ij}$ 
        /* BFS for reachability to  $C_n$  */
        8  $\text{reachableConcepts} \leftarrow \text{BFS}(\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}}, C_i, C_n)$ 
        9 if  $C_n \in \text{reachableConcepts}$  then
            10  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}[C_i] \leftarrow w_{ij}$ 
            11 break
    12 if  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}[C_i] = 0$  then
        13  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}[C_i] \leftarrow 0$  // No path found

14 return  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}$ 

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Algorithm 2: "Total Causal Effect Calculation for Fuzzy Cognitive Maps" Algorithm with Binary Search (TCEC-FCM-BS)

Input: n , number of concepts; $\mathbf{W}_{n \times n}$, weight matrix.
Output: \mathbf{T}_{eff} , vector of total causal effects.

// Extract and sort non-zero weights and their indices

- 1 $\mathcal{W}_{nz} \leftarrow \{(i, j, w_{ij}) \mid w_{ij} \in W, w_{ij} \neq 0\}$
- 2 $\mathcal{W}_{\text{sorted}} \leftarrow \text{sortDescending}(\{w_{ij} \mid (i, j, w_{ij}) \in \mathcal{W}_{nz}\})$ // $\mathcal{W}_{\text{sorted}} \in \mathbb{R}^{e \times 1}$
 where e is the number of non-zero weights

// Initialize \mathbf{T}_{eff}

- 3 $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}} \leftarrow [0]_{n \times 1}$
- 4 **for** $C_i \leftarrow 1$ **to** $n - 1$ **do**
 - 5 /* Init binary search vars */
 - 6 $\text{exIdxs} \leftarrow \emptyset, \text{pathFound} \leftarrow \text{false}$
 - 7 $\text{upperIndex} \leftarrow 1, \text{midIndex} \leftarrow 1$
 - 8 $\text{lowerIndex} \leftarrow \text{length}(\mathcal{W}_{\text{sorted}})$
 - 9 **while** $\text{upperIndex} - \text{lowerIndex} \geq 1$ **do**
 - 10 $\text{exIdxs} \leftarrow \text{exIdxs} \cup \{\text{midIndex}\}$
 - 11 /* FCM copy for weights subset */
 - 12 $\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}} \leftarrow [0]_{n \times n}$
 - 13 **for** $\text{idx} \leftarrow 1$ **to** midIndex **do**
 - 14 $(i, j, w_{ij}) \leftarrow \mathcal{W}_{\text{sorted}}[\text{idx}]$
 - 15 $\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}}[i][j] \leftarrow w_{ij}$
 - 16 /* BFS for reachability to C_n */
 - 17 $\text{reachableConcepts} \leftarrow \text{BFS}(\mathbf{W}_{\text{copy}}, C_i, C_n)$
 - 18 **if** $C_n \in \text{reachableConcepts}$ **then**
 - 19 $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}[C_i] \leftarrow \mathcal{W}_{\text{sorted}}[\text{midIndex}]$
 - 20 $\text{lowerIndex} \leftarrow \text{midIndex}$
 - 21 $\text{pathFound} \leftarrow \text{true}$
 - 22 **else**
 - 23 $\text{upperIndex} \leftarrow \text{midIndex}$
 - 24 $\text{midIndex} \leftarrow \text{Round}(\frac{\text{upperIndex} + \text{lowerIndex}}{2})$
 - 25 /* Check for convergence */
 - 26 **if** $(\text{upperIndex} - \text{lowerIndex}) = 1$ **and** $\text{midIndex} \in \text{examinedIndices}$ **then**
 - 27 **break**
 - 28 **if not** pathFound **then**
 - 29 $\mathbf{T}_{\text{eff}}[C_i] \leftarrow 0$ // No path found
- 30 **return** \mathbf{T}_{eff}
