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## Estimating The Intravenous Fluid Resuscitation In Patients In The Intensive Care Units (A Fuzzy Logic Based Expert Advisory System)

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**ABSTRACT**

The work in this paper addresses the medical diagnosis of how a fuzzy logic works by illustrating its application on a simplified model of fluid resuscitation of ICU patients. It introduces a formal view of diagnosis in clinical settings and shows the relevance and possible uses of fuzzy cognitive maps and fuzzy logic. It enhances the control strategies in the medical field to diagnose a disease. This system uses fuzzy logic design: fuzzifier, rule base, and defuzzification. The entries for diagnosis are two inputs: Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) and Hourly Urine Output (HUO) and taking one output: Intravenous Fluid Resuscitation (IFR). The medical diagnosis fuzzy rules are formulated and applied for the system. The results are found in agreement with the design based calculated results. This research work proposes to develop a control system to enhance the efficiency to diagnose a disease in a patient in the Intensive Care Unit.

**Keywords : Expert System, Medical diagnosis, Fuzzy logic medical system and medical diagnosis fuzzy rules**

**1. Introduction:**

Fuzzy logic possesses the ability to mimic the human mind to effectively employ modes of reasoning that are approximate rather than exact. In traditional hard computing, decisions or actions are based on precision, certainty, and vigor. In soft computing, tolerance and impression are explored in decision making. The exploration of the tolerance for imprecision and uncertainty underlies the remarkable human ability to understand distorted speech, decipher sloppy handwriting, comprehend nuances of natural language, summarize text, and recognize and classify images. Computing with the words explores imprecision and tolerance. Soft computing includes fuzzy logic, neural networks, probabilistic reasoning, and genetic algorithms. Today, techniques or a combination of techniques from all these areas are used to design an intelligence system. Fuzzy logic deals with issues such as forming impressions and reasoning on a semantic or linguistic level. In this paper, we will describe how fuzzy logic works by illustrating its application in a simplified model of fluid resuscitation of ICU patients. After clinicians appreciate the kinship of fuzzy logic with expert clinical thinking, we anticipate that fuzzy logic may become widely embraced for use in some aspects of clinical decision making.

**1.1. Fuzzy Inference System:**

A fuzzy inference system (FIS) essentially defines a nonlinear mapping of the input data vector into a scalar output, using fuzzy rules. The mapping process involves input/output membership functions, FL operators, fuzzy if-then rules, aggregation of output sets, and defuzzification. A general model of a fuzzy inference system (FIS) is shown in Figure 1. The Fuzzy Logic System maps crisp inputs into crisp outputs.

into a crisp number. Given a fuzzy set that encompasses a range of output values

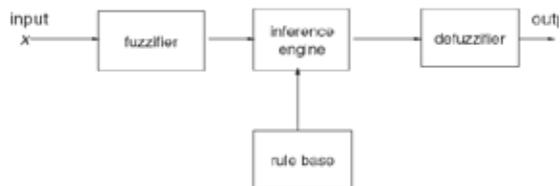


Figure. 1

Block diagram of a Fuzzy Inference System

It can be seen from the figure that the FIS contains four components: the fuzzifier, inference engine, rule base, and defuzzifier. The rule base contains linguistic rules that are provided by experts. It is also possible to extract rules from numeric data. Once the rules have been established, the FIS can be viewed as a system that maps an input vector to an output vector. The fuzzifier maps input numbers into corresponding fuzzy memberships. This is required in order to activate rules that are in terms of linguistic variables. The fuzzifier takes input values and determines the degree to which they belong to each of the fuzzy sets via membership functions. The inference engine defines mapping from input fuzzy sets into output fuzzy sets. It determines the degree to which the antecedent is satisfied for each rule. If the antecedent of a given rule has more than one clause, fuzzy operators are applied to obtain one number that represents the result of the antecedent for that rule. It is possible that one or more rules may fire at the same time. Outputs for all rules are then aggregated. During aggregation, fuzzy sets that represent the output of each rule are combined into a single fuzzy set. Fuzzy rules are fired in parallel, which is one of the important aspects of an FIS. In an FIS, the order in which rules are fired does not affect the output. The defuzzifier maps output fuzzy sets into a crisp number. Given a fuzzy set that encompasses a range of output values, the defuzzifier returns one number, hereby moving from a fuzzy set to a crisp number. Several methods for defuzzification are used in practice, including the centroid, maximum, mean of maxima, height, and modified height defuzzifier. The most popular defuzzification method is the centroid, which calculates and returns the center of gravity of the aggregated fuzzy set. FISs employ rules. Also, in an FIS, multiple regions are combined in the output space to produce a composite region. A general schematic of a Fuzzy Inference System is shown in Figure 2.

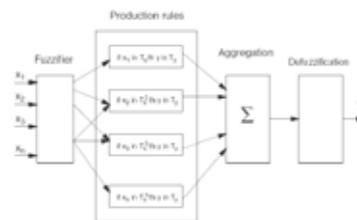


Figure. 2

Schematic Diagram of a Fuzzy Inference System

**1.2. Determining Fuzzy Sets and Membership Functions:**

The first step in implementing a fuzzy logic control algorithm is to “fuzzify” the measured variables. This can be done for MAP and HUO as follows. Considering MAP first, we note that this quantity may be either too high, high, normal or low, so we will divide its range of possible values into four corresponding fuzzy sets. Starting with the set corresponding to acceptable values for MAP, we first ask what range of values for MAP would be designed unquestionably normal. Let this be 75 to 100 mm Hg (not everyone might agree with this, so this choice merely captures the experience of one particular “expert”). We thus create a fuzzy set labeled  $NORMAL_{MAP}$  and assign values of MAP between 75 and 100 mm Hg to a membership level of 1.0 in this set.

A key aspect of the fuzzy sets is that they overlap. In this example, although there are some ranges of MAP for which the classification of very high, high, normal or low is unequivocal, there are also two regions where classification is uncertain. A value of MAP in one of these regions thus has membership in two sets simultaneously, with the respective levels of membership reflecting the likelihood of belonging to either set. For example, a MAP of 110 mm Hg has a membership in  $NORMAL_{MAP}$  of 0.5 and a membership in  $HIGH_{MAP}$  of 0.5, with the two membership levels always adding to 1.0. The definitions of these sets are thus related to the probability of a certain value of MAP receiving a certain classification. If these probabilities are known then the sets can be defined accordingly. The fuzzification process of defining sets for MAP described previously can also be applied to the other variable of interest, namely HUO. Here again, we define four overlapping fuzzy sets labeled  $LOW_{HUO}$ ,  $NORMAL_{HUO}$ ,  $HIGH_{HUO}$  and  $VERYHIGH_{HUO}$ , each characterized by their respective regions of certainty (membership level 1.0) and uncertainty (membership level between 0 and 1.0). The ranges of HUO over which the  $LOW_{HUO}$ ,  $NORMAL_{HUO}$ ,  $HIGH_{HUO}$  and  $VERYHIGH_{HUO}$  sets have membership of unity are, respectively, 0 to30, 35 to70, 75 to120and 125 to 200 ml/hour.

**1.3. Rule firing and fuzzy reasoning**

All premises with membership exceeding the alpha values (membershipant) triggered the fuzzy system to fire their corresponding rules in the inference engine. Following the example used in the fuzzification sessions, the rules:  
IF the respiratory rate is medium, THEN Fluid resuscitation is moderate

IF the respiratory rate is moderate, THEN Fluid resuscitation is high

When several rules with the same conclusion were fired, the conclusions and their memberships were stored in the inference engine.

**1.4. Defuzzification**

‘Defuzzification’ refers to the reduction of a range of conclusions being reached with different memberships to a single point output. The conclusions stored in the inference engine were defuzzified based on the output fuzzy sets. Defuzzification was based on the centroid weighted-average method, i.e., the output Fluid resuscitation factor was calculated from the average of the supremums of each output fuzzy membership function, weighted by the membership associated with each conclusion. In a triangular fuzzy membership function, the supremum is equivalent to the Fluid resuscitation factor with the highest membership. For trapezoid membership functions, the supremum was assumed to be the mid-point between the two ends of the plateau. Confidence limits were estimated by using the smallest and largest Fluid resuscitation factors that fall within the particularly fuzzy membership function at the specified membership level, instead of using the supremums. Therefore,

$$Find\ Resuscitation = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^4 Membership_i} \times \left( \sum_{i=1}^4 Membership_i \times Sup_i \right)$$

$$Conf\ Limits = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^4 Membership_i} \times \left( \sum_{i=1}^4 Membership_i \times f_i(\phi) \right)$$

where  $Sup_i$  is the supremums of conclusion fuzzy membership functions  $i$ , and  $f(\phi)$  is the estimated upper or lower limit of the conclusion fuzzy membership functions at the specified membership ( $\phi$ ).

**2. Proposed Fuzzy Control Algorithm:**

The Fuzzy logic algorithm may be stated as a metaheuristic algorithm for numerical optimization. Metaheuristics are high-level strategies for exploring search spaces. The Control algorithm is an algorithm good at solving unimodal and multimodal numerical optimization problems. It is very simple and flexible when compared to other algorithms. It does not require external parameters like mutation and crossover rates, which are hard to determine in prior. The algorithm combines local search methods with global search methods and tries to attain a balance between exploration and exploitation.

**2.1. Rule Tables**

With the sets suitably fuzzified, we are now in a position to define the clinical status of a patient each time a pair of new measurements of MAP and HUO arrives. Each pair of measurements leads to one or more pairs of set memberships. For example, with MAP 110 mm Hg and HUO 120 ml/hour there is finite membership in the set combinations  $NORMALMAP$  and  $NORMALHUO$ ,  $NORMALMAP$  and  $HIGHHUO$ ,  $HIGHMAP$  and  $NORMALHUO$ , and  $HIGHMAP$

The next step is to decide what action should be taken for each combination of set memberships. This question is again addressed in general terms using intuitive notions.

The various membership combinations for MAP and HUO are assigned to these categories as shown in the following table.

**Table 1**  
**Rule table for deciding what action should be taken**

	Body Temperature	Pulse Rate	Blood Pressure	Oxygen Saturation	Central Venous Pressure
Low	1	1	1	1	1
Normal	0	0	0	0	0
High	1	1	1	1	1
Very High	1	1	1	1	1

**2.2. Calculating the Action to Be Taken**

The rules specified in Table 1 might make intuitive sense, but for them to be implemented in any given patient it is necessary to have some way of transforming terms like HIGH and LOW into precise changes in IFR in terms of ml/hour. This is achieved with the use of fuzzy sets but now applied to IFR.

The final action is clearly going to be some weighted sum of these four actions.

We thus have an algorithm for translating precise measurements of MAP and HUO into a precise change in IFR that could, in principle, be implemented completely automatically without human intervention.

**3. Structure of the Fuzzy Expert System:**

A fuzzy expert system is developed to evaluate the patients’ initial state on a series of entered values. Four linguistic cat-

egories are determined, referring to the levels of the patient's state: (1) very high , (2) high, (3) normal and (4) low. The domain for these fuzzy sets is an arbitrary scale that ranges from 70mmHg to 120mmHg.

Without prior knowledge on the best type of function to be used, the simplest form of fuzzy membership functions is assumed. Thus, 'Very high' and 'Very low' categories, and symmetric triangles for the other two categories are formed. Thus, a value with MAP of 20 is 'low' with full membership, while a value with 70 would be both 'high' and 'very high,' with partial membership to each set.

Hence known relationships are collated. The published relationships were transformed into expert system (heuristic) rules. The rules are all in the IF-THEN format. The rules used for the rule based system are as follows:

Rule 1: If the mean arterial pressure is very high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is very critical

Rule 2: If the mean arterial pressure is high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule 3: If the mean arterial pressure is very low

Then Fluid Resuscitation is normal

Rule 4: If the mean arterial pressure is low

Then Fluid Resuscitation is moderate

Rule 5: If Hourly Urine Output is 0.5 ml/hr

Then Fluid Resuscitation is very critical

Rule 6: If Hourly Urine Output is 0.9 ml/hr

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule 7: If Hourly Urine Output is 1.5 ml/hr

Then Fluid Resuscitation is normal

Rule 8: If Hourly Urine Output is 3.0 ml/hr

Then Fluid Resuscitation is moderate

Rule 9: If the mean arterial pressure is very high and the body temperature is very high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is very critical

Rule 10: If Oxygen saturation is very low

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule 11: If the Electro cardiac monitoring result is too high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule 12: If Central Vines pressure is high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is very critical

Rule 13: if Arterial Blood Gas analysis is high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule 14: if Weight of the patient is high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Rule15: if the respiratory rate is high

Then Fluid Resuscitation is critical

Fuzzy logic thus has the ability to capture the experience-based expertise of a particular individual and code it as an algorithm. A computer program implementing the previous example of fuzzy logic is available for downloading from the online supplement. Of course, the aforementioned algorithm is too simplistic for clinical use.

4. Results

Test Results:



Figure 3: Expert Advisory System

Description: In this screenshot, user enters data



Figure 4: Result from the Algorithm with Optimization Values

Description: In this screenshot, the user can see the result.

5. Performance Evaluation:

In this section, the performance of the rule based algorithm in conjunction with fuzzy logic control algorithm is presented. A graph, Figure 5 is drawn for the values tabulated in Table:2

No of iterations	Accuracy Rate	
	Fuzzy Logic Control Algorithm	Rule Based Algorithm
2	75%	78.59%
3	76%	77%
4	79%	83%
5	80%	87%
6	81.94%	84.46%

Table 2: Accuracy Values

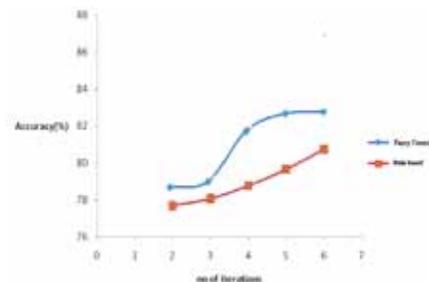


Figure 5. Comparison of performance

The graph determines that the accuracy level obtained with the fuzzy logic control algorithm is high when compared with the results generated merely with rule based algorithm.

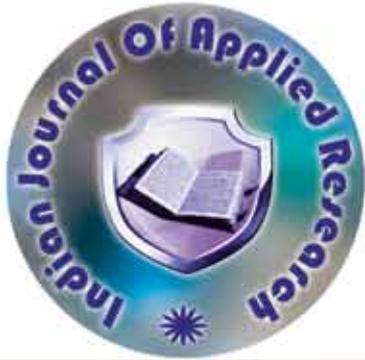
#### 6. Conclusions:

By the thorough interaction with the users and beneficiaries the functionality of the system can be extended further to many more areas in the field and around the world. More research is needed before we can even begin to understand the

potential applications of fuzzy logic in medicine. This research will have to be undertaken in a series of steps, beginning with development of a fuzzy logic algorithm for a given application, followed by testing of the algorithm on hypothetical test cases, and eventually leading to validation in patients. This can be complicated and time consuming but may eventually result in procedures for formalizing medical decision making that will reduce unwanted variation in clinical practice. In addition, fuzzy logic may support the automation of some types of devices used in the delivery of health care services.

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