On a natural fuzzification of Boolean logic

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The set E of all *well formulated finite expressions* will be generated inductively from the following grammar:

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The sign exchange thus implements an antitone bijection on the rational interval [-1, 1] where the *zero* value appears as contradiction fix-point.

Split Truth/Falseness Semantics



positive (truth oriented) view point

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Truthfulness of a given expression x is thus only defined in case the expression's credibility r_x exceeds the credibility $r_{\neg x}$ of its contradiction $\neg x$, otherwise the logical point of view is switched to $\neg x$, i.e the contradicted version of the expression.

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The operator triple $< -, \min, \max >$ implements on the rational interval [-1, 1] an ordinal credibility calculus, denoted for short \mathcal{L}_o that gives a first example of what we shall call a *natural fuzzification* of propositional calculus.

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a credibility calculus \mathcal{L} with operator triple $\langle \neg^{\mathcal{L}}, \wedge^{\mathcal{L}}, \vee^{\mathcal{L}} \rangle$ verifying the categorical equation above is called *natural*.

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