

# Distributive Law on Soft Set Theory

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**Abstract** In this paper, the authors prove that the distributive law of intersection over union is true in soft set theory.

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## 1. Introduction

After the introduction of the concept of soft set theory by Molodstov[2], many researchers developed the concepts and applied in various fields. One such paper on soft set theory is by P.K. Maji, R. Biswas and A.R. Roy[1]. In [1], the proposition 2.5 result (iii) is one of the distributive law which is stated to be true without proof. Already we disproved the result (iii) i.e., the distributive law of union over intersection over soft sets. In this paper we prove the result (iv) i.e., the distributive law of intersection over union is true.

## 2. Soft Set Theory

**Definition 2.1** Let  $U$  be an universal set and  $E$  be a set of parameters.  $P(U)$  be the power set of  $U$  and  $A \subset E$ . Let  $F : A \rightarrow P(U)$  be a mapping, then the pair  $(F, A)$  is called a soft set over  $U$ .

In other words, a soft set over  $U$  is a parametrized family of subsets of  $U$ . For  $e \in A$ , the set  $F(e)$  may be considered as the set of  $e$ -elements of the soft set  $(F, A)$  or the set of  $e$ -approximate elements of the soft set  $(F, A)$ .

So, a soft set  $(F, A)$  can be written as  $(F, A) = \{F(e) : e \in A\}$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $(F, A)$ ,  $(G, B)$  be two soft sets over  $U$ . We say that  $(F, A)$  is a soft subset of  $(G, B)$  if

(i)  $A \subset B$  and

(ii)  $\forall e \in A$ ,  $F(e)$  and  $G(e)$  are identical approximations.

We then write  $(F, A) \overline{\subset} (G, B)$ .

**Definition 2.3** Two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over  $U$  are said to be soft equal if  $(F, A) \overline{\subset} (G, B)$  and  $(G, B) \overline{\subset} (F, A)$  and it is written as  $(F, A) = (G, B)$ .

**Definition 2.4** The union of two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over  $U$  is the soft set  $(H, C)$  where  $C = A \cup B$  and  $\forall e \in C$ ,

$$H(e) = \begin{cases} F(e) & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ G(e) & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ F(e) \cup G(e) & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

We write  $(F, A) \overline{\cup} (G, B) = (H, A \cup B)$ .

**Definition 2.5** The intersection of two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over  $U$  is the soft set  $(H, C)$  where  $C = A \cap B$  and  $\forall e \in C$ ,  $H(e) = F(e) \cap G(e)$ . We write  $(F, A) \overline{\cap} (G, B) = (K, A \cap B)$ .

Consider the example. Let  $X = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_6\}$  be the universal set, where  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_6$  are houses of different nature which a person is planning to purchase and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$  be the parameter set, where  $e_1$  is the parameter expensive,  $e_2$  is the parameter beautiful,  $e_3$  is the parameter wooden,  $e_4$  is the parameter cheap,  $e_5$  is the parameter in the green surroundings.

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Let  $E_1 = \{e_1, e_3, e_5\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $E_3 = \{e_1, e_4\}$ .

Let  $(F, E_1) = \{F(e_1), F(e_3), F(e_5)\} = \{\{h_2, h_4\}, \{h_1\}, \{h_3, h_4, h_5\}\}$ ,

$(G, E_2) = \{G(e_1), G(e_2), G(e_3)\} = \{\{h_1, h_3\}, \{h_3\}, \{h_1, h_4\}\}$  and  $(H, E_3) = \{H(e_1), H(e_4)\} = \{\{h_2, h_5\}, \{h_1, h_4\}\}$  be the soft subsets.

The distributive law of intersection over union is

$$(F, E_1) \cap ((G, E_2) \cup (H, E_3)) = ((F, E_1) \cap (G, E_2)) \cup ((F, E_1) \cap (H, E_3)).$$

LHS =  $(F, E_1) \cap ((G, E_2) \cup (H, E_3))$

Let  $(G, E_2) \cup (H, E_3) = (K, E_2 \cup E_3)$ , where  $\forall e \in E_2 \cup E_3$ ,

$$K(e) = \begin{cases} G(e) & \text{if } e \in E_2 - E_3 \\ H(e) & \text{if } e \in E_3 - E_2 \\ G(e) \cup H(e) & \text{if } e \in E_2 \cap E_3 \end{cases}$$

But  $E_2 \cup E_3 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ ,  $E_2 - E_3 = \{e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $E_3 - E_2 = \{e_4\}$ ,  $E_2 \cap E_3 = \{e_1\}$ .

Therefore,  $K(e_2) = G(e_2) = \{h_3\}$ ,  $K(e_3) = G(e_3) = \{h_1, h_4\}$ ,  $K(e_4) = H(e_4) = \{h_1, h_4\}$ ,  $K(e_1) = G(e_1) \cup H(e_1) = \{h_1, h_3\} \cup \{h_2, h_5\} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_5\}$

Therefore LHS =  $(F, E_1) \cap (K, E_2 \cup E_3) = (L, E_1 \cap (E_2 \cup E_3))$ , where  $\forall e \in E_1 \cap (E_2 \cup E_3)$ ,  $L(e) = F(e) \cup K(e) \forall e \in E_1 \cap (E_2 \cup E_3)$ .

But  $E_1 \cap (E_2 \cup E_3) = \{e_1, e_3, e_5\} \cap \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\} = \{e_1, e_3\}$ ,

$L(e_1) = F(e_1) \cup K(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\} \cup \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_5\} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$

$L(e_3) = F(e_3) \cup K(e_3) = \{h_1\} \cup \{h_1, h_4\} = \{h_1, h_4\}$

RHS =  $((F, E_1) \cap (G, E_2)) \cup ((F, E_1) \cap (H, E_3))$ .

Let  $(F, E_1) \cap (G, E_2) = (M, E_1 \cap E_2)$  where  $\forall e \in E_1 \cap E_2$ ,  $M(e) = F(e) \cup G(e)$

But  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \{e_1, e_3\}$

Therefore  $M(e_1) = F(e_1) \cup G(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\} \cup \{h_1, h_3\} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}$

$M(e_3) = F(e_3) \cup G(e_3) = \{h_1\} \cup \{h_1, h_4\} = \{h_1, h_4\}$

Let  $((F, E_1) \cap (H, E_3)) = (N, E_1 \cap E_3)$ , where  $\forall e \in E_1 \cap E_3$ ,  $N(e) = F(e) \cup H(e)$ .

But  $E_1 \cap E_3 = \{e_1\}$ ,

Therefore,  $N(e_1) = F(e_1) \cup H(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\} \cup \{h_2, h_5\} = \{h_2, h_4, h_5\}$ .

Therefore, RHS =  $(M, E_1 \cap E_2) \cup (N, E_1 \cap E_3) = (P, (E_1 \cap E_2) \cup (E_1 \cap E_3))$ , where  $\forall e \in (E_1 \cap E_2) \cup (E_1 \cap E_3)$ ,

$$P(e) = \begin{cases} M(e) & \text{if } e \in E_1 \cap E_2 - E_1 \cap E_3 \\ N(e) & \text{if } e \in E_1 \cap E_3 - E_1 \cap E_2 \\ M(e) \cup N(e) & \text{if } e \in (E_1 \cap E_2) \cap (E_1 \cap E_3) \end{cases}$$

But  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \{e_1, e_3\}$ ,  $E_1 \cap E_3 = \{e_1\}$

Therefore  $E_1 \cap E_2 - E_1 \cap E_3 = \{e_3\}$ ,  $E_1 \cap E_3 - E_1 \cap E_2 = \phi$

$(E_1 \cap E_2) \cap (E_1 \cap E_3) = \{e_1\}$ .

Therefore  $P(e_3) = M(e_3) = \{h_1, h_4\}$

$P(e_1) = M(e_1) \cup N(e_1) = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\} \cup \{h_2, h_4, h_5\} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$

Therefore,  $L(e_1) = P(e_1)$ ,  $L(e_3) = P(e_3)$  Therefore,  $L = P$ . Hence  $LHS = RHS$ . So the distributive law of intersection over union for soft sets is true.

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