

# Investigation of Order among Some Known T-norms

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**Abstract:** In this paper, order among some known T-norms is investigated. Firstly, the T-norm which is the strongest or greatest and the T-norm which is the weakest is observed. Comparing two T-norms we establish the relation which is strong or weak. In addition, for parametric T-norms after changing the interval of their parameter a relation has established which is strong or weak. Finally, compared has done among three or more T-norms.

**Keywords:** T-norm Algebraic Product  $T_P$ , T-norm Min  $T_M$ , T-norm Drastic Product  $T_D$ , T-norm Franks Product  $T_F$ , T-norm Einstein Product  $T_E$ , T-norm Hamacher Product  $T_H$ , T-norm Dubois & Prade Product  $T_{DP}$

## 1. Introduction

T-norms or triangular norms are generalization of the classical triangular inequality according to K. Menger in 1942. In 1960, B. Schweizer and A. Sklar after revision of this work redefined the concept of triangular norm as an associative and commutative binary operation. They play a fundamental role in probabilistic metric spaces, probabilistic norms and scalar products, multiple-valued logic, fuzzy sets theory.

**Definition:**

A T-norm is a function  $T: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which satisfies the following properties:

[ $T_1$ ]: Monotonicity:  $T(a, b) \leq T(c, d)$  if  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$

[ $T_2$ ]: Commutativity:  $T(a, b) = T(b, a)$

[ $T_3$ ]: Associativity:  $T(a, T(b, c)) = T(T(a, b), c)$

[ $T_4$ ]: Boundary condition:  $T(a, 1) = a$

## 2. Ordering of T-norms

**2.1. Proposition: Among all T-norm “Min” is the Strongest**

**Proof:** Suppose T is any T-norm.

$\forall x, y \in I;$

$T(x, y) \leq T(x, 1)$  [by boundary condition]

$= x$  [by boundary condition]

So  $T(x, y) \leq x$ .

Again  $T(x, y) \leq T(y, x)$  [by commutativity]

$\leq T(y, 1)$  [by monotonicity]

$= y$ .

So  $T(x, y) \leq y$ .

Consequently,  $T(x, y)$  is a lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$ .

Again  $\min(x, y)$  is the greatest lower bound (glb) of  $\{x, y\}$ .

But I is in chain, so  $T_M(x, y) \geq T(x, y)$ .

Hence “min” is the strongest or greatest t-norm.

**2.2. Proposition: Among all T-norm “Drastic Product” is the Weakest**

**Proof:** Suppose T is any T-norm.

$\forall x, y \in I;$  there are two cases:

**Case1:** Without loss of generality suppose  $x=1$ , then

$T_D(x, y) = T_D(1, y) = y$

and  $T(x, y) = T(1, y) = y$  [by boundary condition].

Consequently  $T_D=1$ .

**Case2:** When  $x \neq 1$  and  $y \neq 1$ , then

$T_D(x, y) = 0$ .

But in I; clearly,  $0 \leq T(x, y)$

Therefore  $T_D(x, y) \leq T(x, y)$ .

Hence among all T-norm  $T_D$  is the weakest.

**2.3. Proposition: Let  $k \in ]0, 1[$ , Frank's Product**

$$T_F(x, y)_k = \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right)$$

And Algebraic Product  $T_P(x, y) = xy, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

Then  $T_F(x, y)_k \geq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in ]0, 1[$  and  $R_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; R_x(v) = xv^{x-1}, \forall v \in [0, 1]$ .

Then  $R_x(v) \geq 0$ , and  $\frac{\delta}{\delta x}(R_x) = x(x-1)v^{x-2} \leq 0$ , which means that  $R_x(v)$  is monotonically decreasing.

If we have  $U_x(v) = v^x$ , then by mean value theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{U_x(1) - U_x(v)}{1 - v} &= \frac{\delta}{\delta x} U_x(\xi_0) \\ &= R_x(\xi_0), \text{ because } \frac{\delta}{\delta x} U_x(v) = xv^{x-1} \\ &\leq R_x(v), \xi_0 \in ]v, 1[. \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{1 - v^x}{1 - v} \leq xv^{x-1}, \forall x, v \in ]0, 1[.$$

Now let  $H_x: ]0, 1[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$H_x(v) = \frac{1 - v^x}{1 - v}, v \in ]0, 1[.$$

Here

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x} H_x(v) = \frac{-xv^{x-1}(1-v) + 1 - v^x}{(1-v)^2} \leq 0, \forall x, v \in ]0, 1[.$$

Which means that  $H_x(v)$  is monotonically decreasing and,

Furthermore,

$$H_x(k) \leq H_x(k^y), \forall k, y \in ]0, 1[.$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - k^x}{1 - k} &\geq \frac{1 - k^{xy}}{1 - k^y} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{k^x - 1}{k - 1} &\geq \frac{k^{xy} - 1}{k^y - 1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{k - 1}{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)} &\leq k^{sy} - 1 [\because k^y - 1 \leq 0] \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{k - 1}{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)} &\leq k^{sy} \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{k - 1}{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)} &\leq k^{sy} \\ \Rightarrow \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{k - 1}{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)} \right) &\geq \log_k(k^{sy}) = xy. \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $T_F(x, y)_k \geq T_P(x, y), \forall k, x, y \in ]0, 1[.$

Again, we claim that

$$T_F(0, x)_k = T_F(x, 0)_k = T_P(0, x) = T_P(x, 0) = 0.$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} T_F(x, 1)_k &= T_F(1, x)_k = T_P(x, 1) = T_P(1, x) \\ &= x, \forall k, x, \epsilon \in ]0, 1[. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } T_F(x, y)_k \geq T_A(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$$

**2.4. Proposition: Let  $k \in ]1, \infty[$ , Frank's Product**

$$(x, y)_k = \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right)$$

and Algebraic Product  $T_P(x, y) = xy, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$

Then  $T_F(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$

**Proof:** Let  $x \in ]0, 1[$  and  $R_x: ]1, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: R_x(v) = xv^{x-1}, \forall v \in ]0, 1[.$

Then  $R_x(v) \geq 0$ , and  $\frac{\delta}{\delta x}(R_x) = x(x-1)v^{x-2} \leq 0$ , which means that  $R_x(v)$  is monotonically decreasing.

Now we have,

$$U_x: ]1, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, U_x(v) = v^x, \forall x \in ]0, 1[ \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{U_x(v) - U_x(1)}{v - 1} = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} U_x(\xi_0)$$

$$= R_x(\xi_0), \forall \xi_0 \in ]0, 1[ \forall$$

$\geq R_x(v)$  because  $R_x(v)$  is monotonically decreasing and  $\xi_0 \leq v.$

i.e.

$$\frac{v^x - 1}{v - 1} = x \xi_0^{x-1}, \forall x \in ]0, 1[, v \in ]1, \infty[ \quad (1)$$

Now let  $H_x(v): ]1, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$H_x(v) = \frac{v^x - 1}{v - 1}, \forall v \in ]1, \infty[, x \in ]0, 1[$$

We see that

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x} H_x(v) = \frac{xv^{x-1}(v-1) - v^x + 1}{(v-1)^2} \leq 0$$

According to (1) and  $H_x(v)$  is monotonically decreasing.

Then,

$$H_x(k) \leq H_x(k^y), \forall y \in ]0, 1[, k \in ]1, \infty[.$$

i.e.

$$\frac{k^x - 1}{k - 1} \geq \frac{k^{xy} - 1}{k^y - 1} \quad (2)$$

From (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} &\leq k^{sy} \\ \Rightarrow \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right) &\leq \log_k(k^{sy}) \\ \Rightarrow \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right) &\leq xy. \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $T_F(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I, \forall k \in ]1, \infty[.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moreover } T_F(0, x)_k &= T_F(x, 0)_k = T_P(0, x) \\ &= T_P(x, 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} T_F(x, 1)_k &= T_F(1, x)_k = T_P(x, 1) = T_P(1, x) \\ &= x, \forall x \in ]0, 1[, \forall k, \epsilon \in ]1, \infty[. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } T_F(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I, \forall k \in ]1, \infty[.$$

**2.5. Proposition: Let  $k \in ]1, \infty[$ , Frank's Product**

$$T_F(x, y)_k = \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right)$$

And Boundary Product

$$T_B(x, y) = (0 \wedge x + y - 1), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$$

Then  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_F(x, y)_k, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$

**Proof:** We will distinguish two cases:

**Case1:** If  $x + y \geq 1$  then  $T_B(x, y) = x + y - 1$

Now for  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_F(x, y)_k$  we get

$$x + y - 1 \leq \log_k \left( 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^{x+y-1} \leq 1 + \frac{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}{k - 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^{x+y-1} - 1 \leq \frac{k - 1}{(k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (k^{x+y-1} - 1)(k - 1) \leq (k^x - 1)(k^y - 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^{x+y} - k - k^{x+y-1} + 1 \leq k^{x+y} - k^x - k^y + 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^x + k^y \leq k + k^{x+y-1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k \cdot k^{x-1} + k \cdot k^{y-1} \leq k + k \cdot k^{(x-1)(y-1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^{x-1} + k^{y-1} \leq 1 + k^{(x-1)(y-1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - k^{x-1} - k^{y-1} + k^{(x-1)(y-1)} \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1(1 - k^{x-1}) - k^{y-1}(1 - k^{x-1}) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 - k^{x-1})(1 - k^{y-1}) \geq 0$$

Which is true, because  $k > 1, x - 1 \leq 0, y - 1 \leq 0$  and

$$k^{x-1} \leq k^0 = 1$$

$$k^{y-1} \leq k^0 = 1.$$

Case2: If  $x + y < 1$  then

$$T_B(x, y) = 0$$

$$\text{For } T_B(x, y) \leq T_F(x, y)_k \implies 0 \leq T_F(x, y)_k$$

This is obvious.

$$\text{Hence } T_B(x, y) \leq T_F(x, y)_k, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I, k \in [1, \infty[.$$

**2.6. Proposition: Let  $k \in [0, 1]$ , Duboi's & Prade Product**

$$T_{DP}(x, y)_k = \frac{xy}{x \vee y \vee k}$$

and Algebraic Product  $T_P(x, y) = xy, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

Then  $T_P(x, y) \leq T_{DP}(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

**Proof:** We will distinguish three cases, according to the maximum value of  $x, y$  and  $k$ .

Caes1: If  $x \vee y \vee k = x$ , then

$$T_{DP}(x, y)_k = \frac{xy}{x}$$

$$= y$$

$$\geq xy, [\because x, y \in I]$$

$$= T_P(x, y).$$

$$\therefore T_P(x, y) \leq T_{DP}(x, y)_k.$$

Case2: If  $x \vee y \vee k = y$ , then

$$T_{DP}(x, y)_k = \frac{xy}{y}$$

$$= x$$

$$\geq xy, [\because x, y \in I]$$

$$= T_P(x, y).$$

$$\therefore T_P(x, y) \leq T_{DP}(x, y)_k.$$

Case3: If  $x \vee y \vee k = k$ , then

$$T_{DP}(x, y)_k = \frac{xy}{k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}(xy)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}T_P(x, y)$$

$$\geq T_a(x, y).$$

$$\therefore T_P(x, y) \leq T_{DP}(x, y)_k, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I, \forall k \in [0, 1].$$

Hence we can say from three cases  $T_P(x, y) \leq T_{DP}(x, y)_k$ .

**2.7. Proposition: Let Einstein Product  $T_E: I \times I \rightarrow I$**

$$T_E(x, y) = \frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)}$$

Boundary Product  $T_B(x, y) = 0 \vee x + y - 1$ ,

Algebraic Product  $T_P(x, y) = xy, \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

Then  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_E(x, y) \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

**Proof:** Now we will split the proof into two cases:

**Case1:** If  $T_E(x, y) \leq T_P(x, y)$ , then

$$\frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)} \leq xy$$

$$\iff \frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)} \leq 1$$

$$\iff 1 + (1-x)(1-y) \geq 1$$

$$\iff (1-x)(1-y) \geq 0$$

Which is true, because  $\forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

Case2: If  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_E(x, y)$ , then

$$0 \vee (x + y - 1) \leq \frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)}$$

(i) If  $x + y \leq 1$ , then  $0 \vee (x + y - 1) = 0$ .

In this case we get,

$$0 \leq \frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)}$$

Since  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ , so  $xy \geq 0$  and  $\frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)} \geq 0$

$$\therefore T_B(x, y) \leq T_E(x, y)$$

(i) Otherwise  $x + y \geq 1$ , then  $0 \vee (x + y - 1) = x + y - 1$ .

$$(x + y - 1) \leq \frac{xy}{1 + (1-x)(1-y)}$$

$$\iff (x + y - 1)(1-x)(1-y) \leq xy$$

$$\iff xy - (x + y - 1)(1-x)(1-y) \geq 0$$

$$\iff xy - (x + y - 1)(2 - x - y + xy) \geq 0$$

$$\iff xy - (2x - x^2 - xy + x^2y + 2y - xy - y^2 + xy^2 - 2 + x + y - xy) \geq 0$$

$$\iff xy - (3x - x^2 + x^2y - 3xy + 3y - y^2 + xy^2 - 2) \geq 0$$

$$\iff xy - 3x + x^2 - x^2y + 3xy - 3y + y^2 - xy^2 + 2 \geq 0$$

$$\iff x^2(1-y) - 3x + 4xy - xy^2 + 2 - 3y + y^2 \geq 0$$

$$\iff x^2(1-y) - x(3 - 4y + y^2) + (2-y)(1-y) \geq 0$$

$$\iff x^2(1-y) - x(3-y)(1-y) + (1-y)(2-y) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-y)(x^2 - x(3-y) + 2-y) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-y)(x^2 - 3x + xy + 2-y) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-y)(2 - 2x - x + x^2 - y + xy) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-y)(1-x)(2-x-y) \geq 0.$$

This is true  $\forall x, y \in [0, 1]$ .

From above we may conclude that

$$T_B(x, y) \leq T_E(x, y) \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$$

**2.8. Proposition: Let Hamacher Product  $T_H: I \times I \rightarrow I$**

$$T_H(x, y)_k = \frac{xy}{k + (1-k)(x + y - xy)}, k \in [1, 2].$$

Then  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_H(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I$ .

**Proof:** As above we will distinguish two cases:

**Case1:** In this case, it will prove that  $T_H(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y)$ , then

$$\frac{xy}{k + (1-k)(x + y - xy)} \leq xy$$

$$\iff \frac{1}{k + (1-k)(x + y - xy)} \leq 1$$

$$\iff k + (1-k)(x + y - xy) \geq 1$$

$$\iff -1 + k + (1-k)(x + y - xy) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-k)(x + y - 1 - xy) \geq 0$$

$$\iff (1-k)(1-x)(1-y) \geq 0.$$

This is obvious, since  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  and  $k \in [1, 2]$ .

**Case2:** Now we prove the relation between  $T_H(x, y)_k$  and  $T_B(x, y)$ .

We may see that if  $x + y \leq 1$ , then

$$T_B(x, y) = 0 \leq T_P(x, y).$$

Otherwise, if  $x + y \geq 1$ , and consider  $T_B(x, y) \leq T_H(x, y)_k$ , then

$$x + y - 1 \leq \frac{xy}{k + (1-k)(x + y - xy)}$$

$$\iff (x + y - 1)(k + (1-k)(x + y - xy)) \leq xy$$

$$\iff (x + y - 1)(k + x + y - xy - kx - ky + kxy) - xy \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow kx + x^2 + xy - x^2y - kx^2 - kxy + kx^2y + ky + xy \\ &\quad + y^2 - xy^2 - kxy - ky^2 + kxy^2 - k \\ &\quad - x - y + xy + kx + ky - kxy - xy \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &-k + kx - x + x^2 + kx - kx^2 - y + xy + 2ky - 2kx \\ &\quad + xy - x^2 - kxy + kx^2y + y^2 - xy^2 \\ &\quad - ky^2 + kxy^2 \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &-k(1-x) - x(1-x) + kx(1-x) - y(1-x) \\ &\quad + 2ky(1-x) + xy(1-x) - kxy(1-x) \\ &\quad + y^2(1-x) - ky^2(1-x) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(-k-x+kx-y+2ky+xy-kxy+y^2 \\ &\quad -ky^2) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(-k+ky+ky-ky^2-x+xy+kx-kxy \\ &\quad -y+y^2) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(-k(1-y)+ky(1-y)-x(1-y) \\ &\quad +kx(1-y)-y(1-y)) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(1-y)(-k+ky-x+kx-y) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(1-y)(k(x+y-1)-x-y) \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(1-x)(1-y)(x+y-1)(k-1) - 1 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is true because

$$1-x \leq 0, 1-y \leq 0 \text{ and } (x+y-1)(k-1) - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+y-1)(k-1) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow x+y-1 \leq \frac{1}{k-1}$$

Since  $x+y-1 \leq 1 \leq \frac{1}{k-1}, \forall k \in [1,2]$ .

Hence we may conclude that

$$T_D(x, y) \leq T_B(x, y) \leq T_H(x, y)_k \leq T_P(x, y) \leq T_M(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in I \times I.$$

### 3. Conclusion

From above discussions, it conclude that T-norm Min is the strongest and T-norm Drastic product is the weakest T-norms. Also, T-norm Algebraic product is stronger than T-norm Hamacher product and Boundary Product. Similarly, T-norm Dubois & Prade product  $T_{DP}$  is stronger than T-norm Algebraic product. Since, T-norms are using for taking suitable decision from multi-valued logic. So, the ordering of T-norms, that's means, this paper will help to take correct decision using sufficient T-norms according to their order.

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