

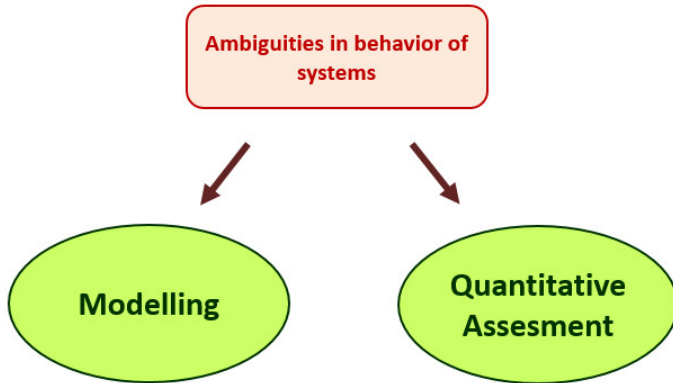
Zbiory przybliżone i systemy tranzycyjne (Rough Sets and Transition Systems)

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The main goal of the reserach:



Transition systems

are used to describe behavior of systems with distinguished states and transitions between states.

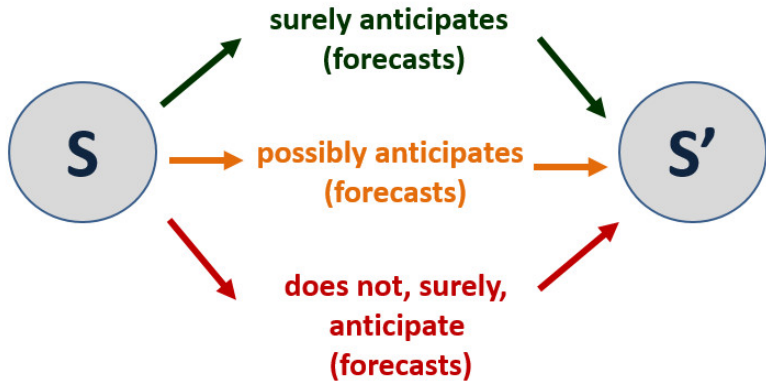
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Rough sets

are an appropriate tool to deal with rough (ambiguous, imprecise) concepts in the universe of discourse.

There are cases in which behavior of systems is characterized by some ambiguities of transition between states.

Approaches, based on rough sets, to model and assess ambiguities of transition between states, have been proposed



Rough Set

- $U \neq \emptyset$ - a finite set of objects we are interested in.
- R - any equivalence relation over U .
- $[u]_R$ - an equivalence class of any $u \in U$.

With each $X \subseteq U$ and R , we associate two subsets:

- the R -lower approximation of X : $\underline{R}(X) = \{u \in U : [u]_R \subseteq X\}$,
- the R -upper approximation of X :
 $\overline{R}(X) = \{u \in U : [u]_R \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$.

Pawlak 1991

Pawlak, Z.: Rough Sets. Theoretical Aspects of Reasoning about Data. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht (1991).

Standard Set Inclusion

Let U be the universe and $A, B \subseteq U$. The standard set inclusion is defined as

$$A \subseteq B \text{ if and only if } \forall_{u \in A} u \in B.$$

Majority Set Inclusion

Let U be the universe, $A, B \subseteq U$, and $0 \leq \beta < 0.5$. The majority set inclusion is defined as

$$A \overset{\beta}{\subseteq} B \text{ if and only if } 1 - \frac{\text{card}(A \cap B)}{\text{card}(A)} \leq \beta,$$

Variable Precision Rough Set Model (VPRSM)

By replacing the standard set inclusion with the majority set inclusion in definitions of approximations, we obtain the following two subsets:

- the R_β -lower approximation of X :

$$\underline{R}^\beta(X) = \{u \in U : [u]_R \stackrel{\beta}{\subseteq} X\},$$

- the R_β -upper approximation of X :

$$\overline{R}^\beta(X) = \{u \in U : 1 - \frac{\text{card}([u]_R \cap X)}{\text{card}([u]_R)} < 1 - \beta\}.$$

Ziarko 1993

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Transition system

A transition system is a quadruple $TS = (S, E, T, S_{init})$, where:

- S is the non-empty set of states,
- E is the set of events,
- $T \subseteq S \times E \times S$ is the transition relation,
- $S_{init} \subseteq S$ is the set of initial states.

Timed Transition System

Timed Transition Systems $TTS = (S, E, T, S_{init}, d_{min}, d_{max})$ consists of:

- the underlying transition system $TS = (S, E, T, S_{init})$,
- the minimal delay function (a lower bound) $d_{min} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ assigning a nonnegative integer to each event,
- the maximal delay function (an upper bound) $d_{max} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ assigning a nonnegative integer or infinity to each event.

We assume, for timed transition systems, that the events may occur only at discrete time instants. Therefore, whenever time instant t is used, it means that $t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}$.

Direct Successors and Predecessors for States in Timed Transition Systems

For each state $s \in S$ in the timed transition system TTS , we can determine its direct successors and predecessors. Let

- $Post_t(s, e) = \{s' \in S : (s, e, s') \in T \wedge d_{min}(e) \leq t \leq d_{max}(e)\},$
- $Pre_t(s, e) = \{s' \in S : (s', e, s) \in T \wedge d_{min}(e) \leq t \leq d_{max}(e)\},$

then the set $Post_t(s)$ of all direct successors of the state $s \in S$ at t is given by

$$Post_t(s) = \bigcup_{e \in E} Post_t(s, e)$$

and the set $Pre_t(s)$ of all direct predecessors of the state $s \in S$ at t is given by

$$Pre_t(s) = \bigcup_{e \in E} Pre_t(s, e).$$

Lower Predecessor Anticipation in Timed Transition Systems

Let $TTS = (S, E, T, S_{init}, d_{min}, d_{max})$ be a timed transition system and $X \subseteq S$. The lower predecessor anticipation $\underline{Pre}_t(X)$ of X at the time instant t is given by

$$\underline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s \in S : Post_t(s) \neq \emptyset \wedge Post_t(s) \subseteq X\}.$$

The lower predecessor anticipation $\underline{Pre}_t(X)$ consists of all states from which TTS surely goes to the states in X as results of any events occurring at these states at the time instant t .

Upper Predecessor Anticipation in Timed Transition Systems

Let $TTS = (S, E, T, S_{init}, d_{min}, d_{max})$ be a timed transition system and $X \subseteq S$. The upper predecessor anticipation $\overline{Pre}_t(X)$ of X at the time instant t is given by

$$\overline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s \in S : Post_t(s) \cap X \neq \emptyset\}.$$

The upper predecessor anticipation $\overline{Pre}_t(X)$ consists of all states from which TTS possibly goes to the states in X as results of some events occurring at these states at the time instant t . It means that TTS can also go at t to the states from outside X .

β -Lower Predecessor Anticipation in Timed Transition Systems

The β -lower predecessor anticipation $\underline{Pre}_t^\beta(X)$ of X at the time instant t is given by

$$\underline{Pre}_t^\beta(X) = \{s \in S : Post_t(s) \neq \emptyset \wedge Post_t(s) \stackrel{\beta}{\subseteq} X\}.$$

The β -lower predecessor anticipation of X at t consists of each state from which TTS goes, in most cases (i.e., in terms of the majority set inclusion) to the states in X as results of events occurring at these states at the time instant t .

Continuous Strict Anticipator

If

$$\forall t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\} \quad s \in \underline{Pre}_t(X),$$

then s is said to be a continuous strict anticipator of states from X . It means that s always anticipates (i.e., at each time instant) states from X .

Interim Strict Anticipator

If s is not a continuous strict anticipator of states from X , but

$$\exists t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\} \quad s \in \underline{Pre}_t(X),$$

then s is said to be an interim strict anticipator of states from X . It means that s sometimes (not always) anticipates states from X .

Continuous Quasi-Anticipator

If s is not a continuous and interim strict anticipator of states from X , but

$$\forall_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}} s \in \underline{Pre}_t^\beta(X),$$

then s is said to be a continuous quasi-anticipator of states from X .

Interim Quasi-Anticipator

If s is not a continuous and interim strict anticipator and continuous quasi-anticipator of states from X , but

$$\exists_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}} s \in \underline{Pre}_t^\beta(X),$$

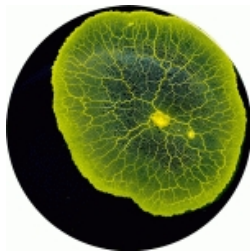
then s is said to be an interim quasi-anticipator of states from X .



- PhyChip was a collaborative project funded by the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).
- The main goal of the project was to implement programmable amorphous biological computers in plasmodium of *Physarum polycephalum*.

<http://www.phychip.eu/>

Physarum Polycephalum



- *Physarum polycephalum* is a one-cell organism.
- In the phase of plasmodium, it looks like an amorphous giant amoeba with networks of protoplasmic tubes.
- A *Physarum* machine is a biological computing device implemented in the plasmodium of *Physarum polycephalum*.

Modeling Propagation of Plasmodium

A structure of the *Physarum* machine

$$\mathcal{PM} = (P, A, R),$$

where:

- $P = \{ph_1, ph_2, \dots, ph_k\}$ is a set of original points of plasmodium.
- $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ is a set of attractants.
- $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$ is a set of repellents.

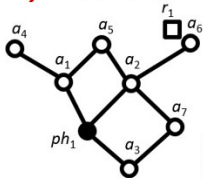
A dynamics (behavior) of \mathcal{PM} over time

The family $V = \{V^t\}_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}}$ of the sets of protoplasmic veins propagated by the plasmodium, where $V^t = \{v_1^t, v_2^t, \dots, v_{\text{card}(V^t)}^t\}$ is the set of all protoplasmic veins of the plasmodium present at time instant t in \mathcal{PM} . Each vein $v_i^t \in V^t$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, \text{card}(V^t)$, is the unordered pair $\{\pi_j^t, \pi_k^t\}$ such that $\pi_j^t \in P \cup A$ and $\pi_k^t \in P \cup A$.

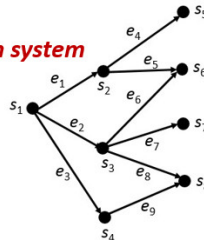
Establishing or annihilating the protoplasmic veins can be controlled by means of attractants or repellents (their activation or deactivation)!

Modeling Propagation of Plasmodium

Physarum machine



Transition system



Rough set model

Pre(s), $\overline{\text{Pre}(s)}$

Physarum machine \longrightarrow Transition system

INPUT $\mathcal{PM} = (P, A, R)$ - the *Physarum* machine with the family $V = \{V^t\}_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}}$ of the sets of protoplasmic veins describing behavior of \mathcal{PM} .

OUTPUT $TTS(\mathcal{PM}) = (S, E, T, S_{init}, d_{min}, d_{max})$ - a timed transition system modeling behavior of \mathcal{PM} .

- $\sigma : P \cup A \rightarrow S$ assigning a state to each original point of plasmodium as well as to each attractant,
- $\tau : \left(\bigcup_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}} V_t \right) \rightarrow T$ assigning a transition to each protoplasmic vein,
- $\epsilon : \left(\bigcup_{t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}} V_t \right) \rightarrow E$ assigning an event to each protoplasmic vein,
- $\iota : P \rightarrow S_{init}$ assigning an initial state to each original point of plasmodium.
- d_{min} and d_{max} are determined on the basis of V .

Transition system \longrightarrow Rough set model

INPUT $TTS(\mathcal{PM}) = (S, E, T, S_{init}, d_{min}, d_{max})$ - a timed transition system modeling behavior of the *Physarum* machine \mathcal{PM} .

OUTPUT $RSM(\mathcal{PM}) = (S, S_{init}, \{(\underline{Pre}_t(s), \overline{Pre}_t(s))\}_{s \in (S-I), t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}})$ - a rough set model of behavior of \mathcal{PM} .

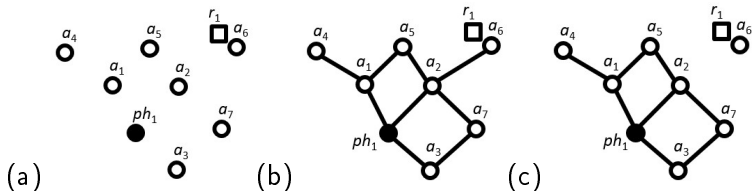
- S - the set of states defined in $TTS(\mathcal{PM})$,
- S_{init} - the set of initial states defined in $TTS(\mathcal{PM})$,
- $\{(\underline{Pre}_t(s), \overline{Pre}_t(s))\}_{s \in (S-I), t \in \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots\}}$ - the family of lower and upper predecessor anticipations of states, excluding initial ones.

Modeling Propagation of Plasmodium

Let us consider an exemplary *Physarum* machine $\mathcal{PM} = \{P, A, R\}$, where:

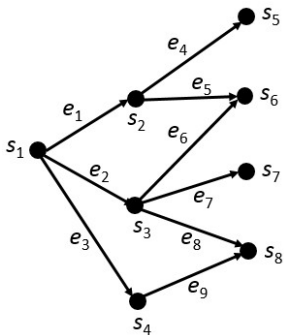
- $P = \{ph_1\}$,
- $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7\}$,
- $R = \{r_1\}$,

at three time instants t_0 , t_1 , and t_2 .



Modeling Propagation of Plasmodium

- A timed transition system model of \mathcal{PM} :



$$\begin{aligned}d_{\min}(e_1) &= d_{\min}(e_2) = d_{\min}(e_3) = d_{\min}(e_4) = d_{\min}(e_5) = \\d_{\min}(e_6) &= d_{\min}(e_7) = d_{\min}(e_8) = d_{\min}(e_9) = 0, \\d_{\max}(e_1) &= d_{\max}(e_2) = d_{\max}(e_3) = d_{\max}(e_4) = d_{\max}(e_5) = \\d_{\max}(e_6) &= d_{\max}(e_8) = d_{\max}(e_9) = \infty, \text{ and } d_{\max}(e_7) = 4.\end{aligned}$$

Modeling Propagation of Plasmodium

Let us assume that we are interested in the set $X = \{s_5, s_6, s_8\}$ of goal states and $\beta = 0.5$. For X and $t < 5$, we obtain:

- $\underline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s_2, s_4\}$,
- $\overline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s_2, s_3, s_4\}$,
- but $\underline{Pre}_t^{0.5}(X) = \{s_2, s_3, s_4\}$.

For X and $t \geq 5$, we obtain:

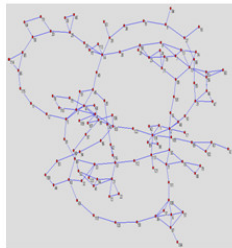
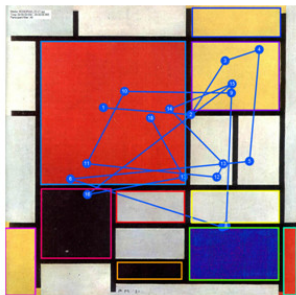
- $\underline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s_2, s_3, s_4\}$,
- $\overline{Pre}_t(X) = \{s_2, s_3, s_4\}$.

It means that:

- s_2 and s_4 are **continuous strict anticipators** of states from X ,
- s_3 is an **interim strict anticipator** of states from X ,
- but also s_3 is a **continuous quasi-anticipator** of states from X .

Eye-tracking Sequences

Eye-tracking sequences can be considered in terms of complex networks/transitions systems.



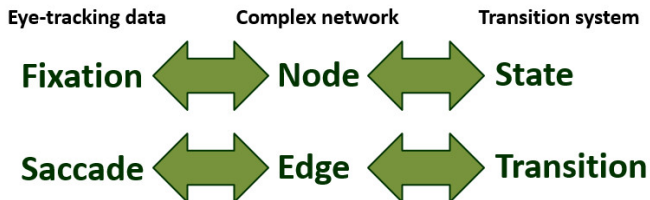
Eye-tracking Sequences

Fixation


- when the eye gaze pauses in a certain position.

Saccade


- when the eye gaze moves to another position.



Transformation of a sequence of eye-tracking data (a sequence of points in two-dimensional space) into an undirected graph representing a complex network.



Identification of object components in a visual stimulus and assignment of nodes of the complex network to each identified component.



Assessment of the cohesion of saccade connections between object components identified in a visual stimulus.

In the set of nodes of the complex network, we can distinguish:

- Nodes corresponding to object components.
- Nodes corresponding to eye-tracking points not covered by any object component. Such nodes are called insignificant nodes.

Let $O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_v\}$ be a set of all object components identified in the visual stimulus. We use the following notation:

- $\mathcal{N} = \{N_{o_1}, N_{o_2}, \dots, N_{o_v}\}$ denotes a family of sets of nodes corresponding to object components.
- N^\ominus denotes a set of insignificant nodes.

Inter-component saccade neighborhood

For each node $n \in N_{o_1} \cup N_{o_2} \cup \dots \cup N_{o_v}$, we define its inter-component saccade neighborhood:

$$ICSN(n) = \{n' : (n, n') \in E \wedge \exists_{o \in O} (n' \in N_o \wedge n \notin N_o)\}.$$

Lower approximation

The lower approximation $\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood, from o_i to o_j , is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j) &= \\ &= \{n \in N_{o_i} : ICSN(n) \neq \emptyset \wedge ICSN(n) \subseteq N_{o_j}\}.\end{aligned}$$

The lower approximation $\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood consists of all nodes N_{o_i} which are connected by inter-component edges with nodes from N_{o_j} only.

Upper approximation

The upper approximation $\overline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood, from o_i to o_j , is given by:

$$\overline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j) = \{n \in N_{o_i} : ICSN(n) \cap N_{o_j} \neq \emptyset\}.$$

The upper approximation $\overline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood consists of all nodes N_{o_i} , which are connected at least by one inter-component edge with nodes from N_{o_j} .

Accuracy of approximation

The accuracy of approximation of the inter-component saccade neighborhood can be defined analogously to the accuracy of approximation in rough set theory, i.e.:

$$\alpha_{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j) = \frac{\text{card}(\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j))}{\text{card}(\overline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j))}.$$

- We treat $\alpha_{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ as a measure of the cohesion of saccade connections from the object component o_i to the object component o_j .
- If $\alpha_{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j) = 1$, then the connections are the most coherent ones.

β -lower approximation

Let $0 \leq \beta < 0.5$. The β -lower approximation $\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood, from o_i to o_j , is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{ICSN}^\beta(o_i \rightarrow o_j) &= \\ &= \{n \in N_{o_i} : ICSN(n) \neq \emptyset \wedge ICSN(n) \stackrel{\beta}{\subseteq} N_{o_j}\}.\end{aligned}$$

The β -lower approximation of the inter-component saccade neighborhood $\underline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ consists of all nodes N_{o_i} which are connected by inter-component edges, in most cases (i.e., in terms of the majority set inclusion), with nodes from N_{o_j} .

β -upper approximation

The β -upper approximation $\overline{ICSN}(o_i \rightarrow o_j)$ of the inter-component saccade neighborhood, from o_i to o_j , is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{ICSN}^\beta(o_i \rightarrow o_j) &= \\ &= \left\{ n \in N_{o_i} : \frac{\text{card}(ICSN(n) \cap N_{o_j})}{\text{card}(ICSN(n))} > \beta \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

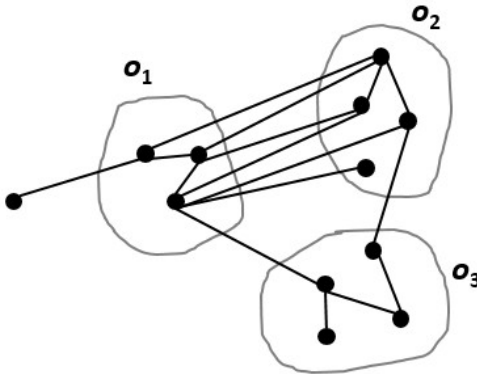
Relaxed measure of the cohesion

A relaxed measure of the cohesion of saccade connections from the object component o_i to the object component o_j has the form:

$$\alpha_{ICSN}^{\beta}(o_i \rightarrow o_j) = \frac{\text{card}(\underline{ICSN}^{\beta}(o_i \rightarrow o_j))}{\text{card}(\overline{ICSN}^{\beta}(o_i \rightarrow o_j))}.$$

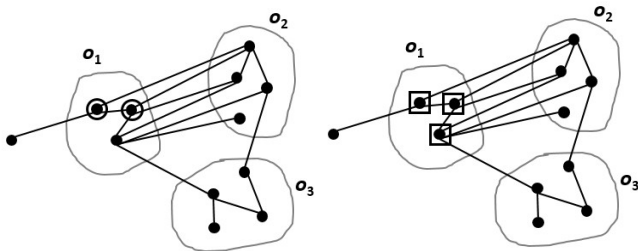
Rough Sets and Complex Networks

An example of the the fragment of a complex network over the visual stimulus:



Rough Sets and Complex Networks

The cohesion of saccade connections, from o_1 to o_2 :

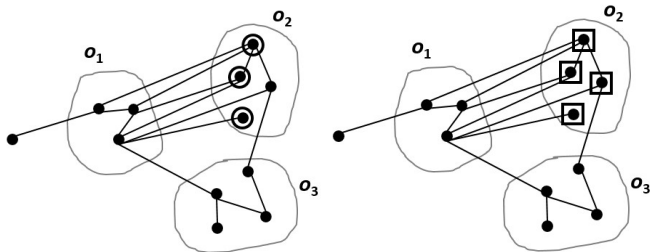


$$\alpha_{ICSN}(o_1 \rightarrow o_2) = \frac{2}{3}.$$

- Nodes belonging to the lower approximation are marked with circles.
- Nodes belonging to the upper approximation are marked with rectangles.

Rough Sets and Complex Networks

The cohesion of saccade connections, from o_2 to o_1 :

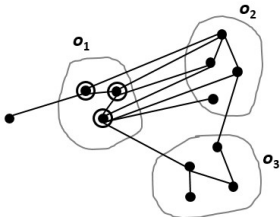


$$\alpha_{ICSN}(o_2 \rightarrow o_1) = \frac{3}{4}.$$

- Nodes belonging to the lower approximation are marked with circles.
- Nodes belonging to the upper approximation are marked with rectangles.

Rough Sets and Complex Networks

In case of the VPRSM approach (i.e., more relaxed case), for $\beta = 0.25$, the cohesion of saccade connections, from o_1 to o_2 :



$$\alpha_{ICSN}^{0.25}(o_1 \rightarrow o_2) = 1.$$

because:

$$\overline{ICSN}^{0.25}(o_1 \rightarrow o_2) = \underline{ICSN}^{0.25}(o_1 \rightarrow o_2).$$

- Nodes belonging to the β -lower approximation are marked with circles.

- We have shown that rough set theory can be used to describe some ambiguities in behavior of systems described by transition systems.
- We will extend the spectrum of measures by applying various rough set approaches.

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