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The Likelihood Interpretation as the Foundation of Fuzzy Set Theory

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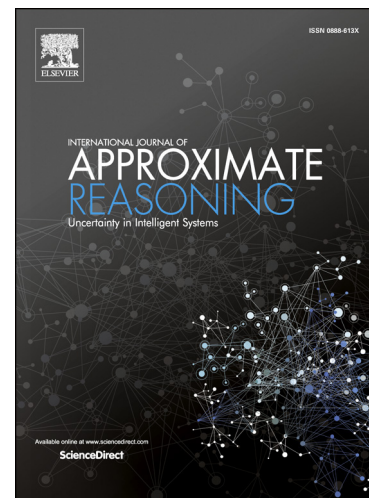
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Highlights

- The interpretation of fuzzy sets in terms of statistical likelihood is reviewed.
- A sound justification for the basic rules of fuzzy set theory is provided.
- The meaning of independence between epistemic fuzzy sets is clarified.
- The direct inclusion of fuzzy data in standard statistical analyses is made possible.
- The agreement between fuzzy inference and likelihood theory is emphasized.

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