



Systematic Literature Review of the Role of Fuzzy Logic in the Development of Cryptographic and Steganographic Techniques

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ABSTRACT

The rapid technological revolution had an impact on a variety of information security techniques. This will be important because information can be confidential to some entities that communicate with each other. Internet in intelligent technology will be a loophole for cryptanalysts to look for information vulnerabilities. Cryptography is a method of securing data and information which is currently still supported by the development of the method. However, the data and information that are secured will still have vulnerabilities in their delivery. The combination of fuzzy logic techniques with cryptographic techniques has been applied to support the improvement of information security. This study applies a systematic literature review method, to find articles that combine the two fields. The purpose of this study is to see the development of information security techniques with a fuzzy logic approach. As a result, it is found that the development of cryptographic and steganographic techniques that utilize fuzzy logic to help improve information security. In addition, the use of fuzzy logic is also not limited to increasing security. Fuzzy logic also plays a role in selecting the best key and password and issuing random numbers from a Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG).

Keywords: Fuzzy; information; cryptography; information system.

1. INTRODUCTION

Internet technology has revolutionized rapidly. The World Wide Web, which was famous in its time, has now turned into handheld devices such as mobile phones, smartphones, and sensors. The current platform supports connections between devices for communication and data exchange. Data communication through an open network will face various security threats and will be vulnerable to fraud. Every device that is connected to the internet, of course, already has its standard security mechanism that is tailored to the capabilities of each device. This mechanism is an information security technique.

Cryptography is a scientific field that aims to become information by making the information difficult to see with the help of a password or key [1]. Techniques in cryptography are done by changing the shape of the data so that it cannot be interpreted directly [2]. Although the cryptographic results can still be viewed freely, the information is still safe because the information is random [3]. Many cryptographic algorithms have been developed to date with their advantages and disadvantages. This aims to make it difficult for a cryptanalyst to decipher the secured information. The more difficult and increasingly random information is a challenge for developers of cryptographic methods. One technique that can help improve information security is to combine several methods into cryptographic techniques, one of which is fuzzy logic.

Fuzzy logic is an approach to problem-solving that gives the degree of truth of a common true or false binary solution [1] [4]. Decision-making systems based on fuzzy logic resemble the way humans make decisions, by having a level of truth. This can be very useful in analyzing and improving the performance of cryptographic approaches on different platforms. This article will review the role of fuzzy logic methods in the field of cryptography by adopting a systematic literature review process

2. METHODOLOGY

Empirical studies in the field of computer science are currently more often used to see existing phenomena. The search in this article adopts the Systematic Literature Review technique as in [5] [6]. The review process is shown in Fig. 1. The

Systematic Literature Review aims to provide a comprehensive review of the current literature relevant to several problem formulations. Several articles in the field of computer science engineering adopted [5] to conduct a systematic literature review.

The Literature Review process consists of three phases with nine activities. In the first phase, as research question (RQ) is what is the role of fuzzy logic in cryptography? This research question is determined in the initial phase before carrying out further stages.

The literature review protocol includes the sources to be used, the period for the articles to be reviewed, the keywords to be used. The literature review protocol is shown in Table 1. The sources used are research articles indexed on Google Scholar published from 2017 to 2021. This is seen because the form of further development will find the latest development of the articles obtained. Articles to be reviewed are articles published in the Journal and Proceedings.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Results of a Literature Systematic Review

The literature review conducted with search keywords resulted in 13,300 articles displayed by the source. With the limitation of the year of publication of the article, 25 articles were obtained that were relevant to the research question. Table 2 shows the distribution of articles per year obtained in the literature review. Table 3 shows the types of journal articles and proceedings articles. With the articles that are still being obtained in the literature search process, the fuzzy logic method plays a role in the development of cryptographic techniques.

From the article extraction process, the results obtained are two clusters of fuzzy logic used in information security. The first cluster is that 21 articles discuss the use of fuzzy logic in cryptography and in the second cluster 4 articles use fuzzy logic in the field of steganography. In the first cluster, the use of fuzzy in cryptography is grouped into three groups of fuzzy logic roles. The first is the use of fuzzy logic in improving information security, the second is the use of fuzzy in the issuance of keys in cryptographic

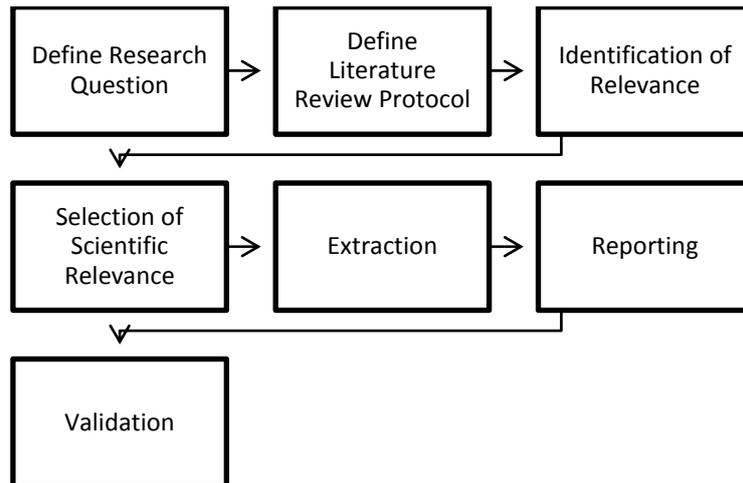


Fig. 1. Systematic literature review process flow, adopted from [5]

Table 1. Systematic literature review protocol

| Article Published | Source | Key Word | Article Type |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2017 – 2021 | Google Scholar | Cryptography Fuzzy Logic | Journal and Conference |

techniques and the third is the use of fuzzy logic to issue random numbers in cryptography. Table 4 shows the results of grouping articles based on the extraction process.

Group 1 discusses the use of fuzzy logic in the field of steganography, group 2 discusses the use of fuzzy logic in improving information security, group 3 discusses the use of fuzzy logic in issuing keys and passwords and group 4 discusses the use of fuzzy logic in issuing random numbers. Fig. 2 shows the form of visualization of the role of fuzzy logic in the development of cryptography and steganography.

Table 2. Article publication year

| Publication Year | Number of Articles |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 | 7 |
| 2018 | 8 |
| 2019 | 4 |
| 2020 | 6 |

3.2 The Role of Fuzzy in Cryptography

Cryptography is an information security technique that has a unique process in each stage. However, the information that is secured will still have vulnerabilities to be cracked during transmission. For this reason, fuzzy logic is presented to close these gaps so that it will be

difficult for cryptanalysts to decipher the encoded information code.

Table 3. Types of articles

| Articles Type | Number of Articles |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Journal | 10 |
| Conference Proceeding | 15 |

In the field of cryptography, fuzzy logic has three important roles, first is to help improve information security, second is to help issue keys and third is to help determine random numbers in pseudo-random number generators (PRNG).

In the systematic search of the literature, the use of fuzzy logic contributes to the improvement of information security in the field of cryptography. In terms of dealing with privacy and identity breaches, the use of the proposed fuzzy logic fusion strategy can enable efficient and accurate identification procedures for critical applications with high security [7]. Fuzzy is also used in the development of new techniques in Privacy-Preserving Data Mining (PPDM) related to data privacy issues in the mining process, in this case, fuzzy logic contributes to improving data security in cryptographic techniques [12]. Security of messages through transmission media also utilizes fuzzy logic as additional security [9]. The use of fuzzy logic is proposed to assist accuracy in biometric recognition in the realm of

information security, fuzzy logic can provide a better level of accuracy [29].

Table 4. Article extraction results

| Index | Discussion Group | | | |
|-------|------------------|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| [7] | - | Y | - | - |
| [8] | - | - | - | Y |
| [9] | - | Y | - | - |
| [10] | Y | - | - | - |
| [11] | - | Y | - | - |
| [12] | - | Y | - | - |
| [13] | - | - | Y | - |
| [14] | - | - | Y | - |
| [15] | - | Y | - | - |
| [16] | - | - | Y | Y |
| [17] | - | - | - | Y |
| [18] | Y | - | - | - |
| [19] | Y | - | - | - |
| [20] | - | - | Y | - |
| [21] | - | - | Y | - |
| [22] | - | - | Y | - |
| [23] | - | Y | - | - |
| [24] | - | - | - | Y |
| [25] | - | - | Y | - |
| [26] | - | - | Y | - |
| [27] | - | Y | - | - |
| [28] | - | Y | - | - |
| [29] | - | Y | - | - |
| [30] | Y | - | - | - |

In terms of algorithm hybridization, fuzzy logic is used to optimize information security in the RSA algorithm [11]. Fuzzy logic is also used to see the optimization of information security in the AES algorithm and lightweight AES [15]. Information security enhancement using fuzzy logic is also combined with an artificial neural network autoencoder [23]. The use of Boolean XOR gates is also integrated [27] and the use of

elliptic curves [28] to improve the security of the encoded information.

Keys and Passwords in cryptography have an important role in securing information. This key selection thing is hard to do. In this case, fuzzy logic has a role to assist in selecting the best key to improve information security. Euclid's and fuzzy logic theorems are combined to perform key publications which ultimately show better evaluation results [14]. In terms of key delivery, fuzzy logic is also used to secure keys that are transmitted through wireless sensor network devices [21]. Fuzzy logic is also combined with the Diffie Helman technique to secure the key sent to the recipient [22].

Symmetric cryptographic algorithms will use the same key to encrypt and decrypt information. A vulnerability will occur if the use of the same key is used to secure information in multiple sessions. The use of fuzzy logic helps increase convenience for users through the issuance of stream-based key ciphers [20]. The key quality is also assisted using fuzzy logic combined with the process of combining session keys and random keys [26] [25].

Improving the performance of cryptographic techniques is also supported using a random number generated from a pseudo-random number generator (PRNG). Fuzzy logic is used to increase the strength of random numbers by changing the member function [24]. The fuzzy logic approach in PRNG was also developed in the modeling [17]. To generate better random values, PRNG is proposed to adopt a fuzzy coquet integral [16]. The addition of the LSFR process in the PRNG also uses fuzzy as a number regulator, this also improves the quality of the generated random numbers [24].

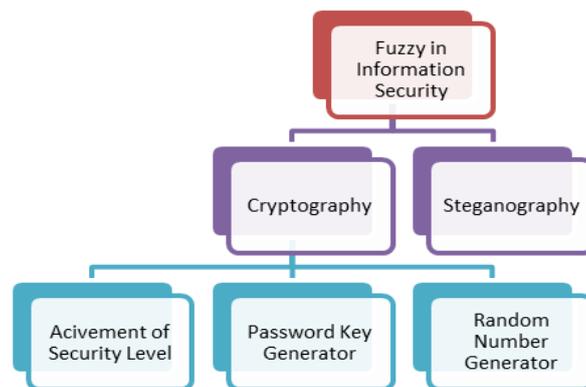


Fig. 2. The role of fuzzy logic in information security

3.3 The Role of Fuzzy in Steganography

Information security does not only use cryptographic techniques, but steganography techniques also help secure information by inserting it into a digital object known as the insertion media. Fuzzy logic has several roles in helping secure information using steganography techniques.

To increase the number of messages that can be hidden, fuzzy logic is used to help detect image edges with the chaotic method [10]. Medical image security also utilizes fuzzy logic to insert proprietary information by utilizing image edges [18]. The approach with fuzzy logic in image edge detection is proposed to be combined with the LSB technique to increase the number of messages that can be inserted [19]. In addition to image objects, objects in the form of audio files are also used as storage media. The use of fuzzy logic in the insertion of audio files is also used to detect free space and help better spread [30]. The fuzzy logic approach can increase up to 48% of the PSNR quality of the audio file that has been filled with messages.

4. CONCLUSION

Information security is a unique and difficult thing, although many algorithms are built, weaknesses and loopholes will always remain. The use of fuzzy logic in information security helps improve performance in information security. Fuzzy logic has another role in the world of cryptography, which is to function as an approach that can help in key issuance and improve the quality of random numbers in PRNGs. In addition, fuzzy logic also plays a role in securing information using steganography techniques. Thus, the systematic search of this literature contributes to designing the use of fuzzy logic in other techniques for information security.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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