

# Agile Software Quality of Adaptability Risk Measurement using Fuzzy Inference System

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**Abstract**— Quality of agile software is one of the major issues in software vigorous systems, and it is important to examine methodically it as early as possible. An increasingly important quality attribute of complicated software systems is adaptability. Agile software development methodologies are very useful since their beginning to improve the quality of the software product. In this paper an innovative practice has been presented for evaluating agile software quality of adaptation using the Fuzzy Inference System in order to determine the developed software quality acceptance degree.

**Keywords**— Agile Software Quality of Adaptation, Risk Indicators, Fuzzy Rule Base, Fuzzy Inference System

## I. INTRODUCTION

Software quality assurance is a supervision method that objectives to improve and attain the quality of software to make guaranteed the product fulfills the user requirement. The software quality management goals are to make definite the product ends guidelines and achieve the quality values expected by the customer. Before releasing the software product the software quality administrators have to experiment. They expose and fix it by an order of phases called the software phases. Their work is not only to make sure that their software is appropriate and satisfactory as per the customer needs, but it has to inspire the quality values with an appropriate improvement. This is important to measure software quality but it is very difficult to identify meaningful metrics. Even though no bugs have been identified, does that mean the software is of the highest quality? On the other hand, when a large number of bugs have been created does that mean the quality assurance team is doing a great job and the software is poor in quality? [1],[2],[3],[9]. In this study agile software quality of adaptation risk indicators identified and fuzzy rule base is created by literature review and interview with the help of agile experts. Agile software quality of adaptation risk evaluated by Fuzzy Inference System MATLAB simulators.

The present study structured as follows, Section II presents an overview of research on agile software quality of adaptability, and we examined journal publications and citations related to agile software quality to trace the outline

of the structure of the field. Section III, describe the new methodology to identify the agile software risk indicators which works behind quality of adaptability of agile software. This section also describes the fuzzification and defuzzification of risk indicators on the basis of fuzzy rule base which was created with the help of allied literature review. Section IV, contains study discussion and result. Section V, describes the research conclusion and future work.

## II. BACKGROUND

Software development became a very tiresome work due to growing technology and there is constantly a need to develop high quality product, therefore agile methodologies were introduced which minimizes development life cycle. Agile methodologies have several benefits and are easy to adopt and apply. Its greatest advantage is its light weight characteristic which mainly emphasizes on the of high quality product delivery. Extreme Programming (XP), one of the thorough going suitable and largely used agile methodologies, it supports the association of small team to change requirements, tight schedules and come across high quality demands.

Agile methodology has three important dimensions consequences in the greatest promising practices. The three dimensions are people, process and product which are not completely self-governing from each other and therefore require identification of all metrics combined in entirely three dimensions. Agile methodology basically emphasizes on

the quick repetitions and small issues so that customers can notice the change of requirement to more rapidly. XP (extreme programming) which emphasize on the development feature of software life cycle relatively than managerial aspect and scrum, which has its emphasis on both managerial and development features [11], [12]. Agile software development has abundant future scope. There is always conflict between the formal methods and agile software developments methods because of lack of communication and understanding, therefore interaction is

**Table 1 Agile Software Quality of Adaptation Risk Indicators**

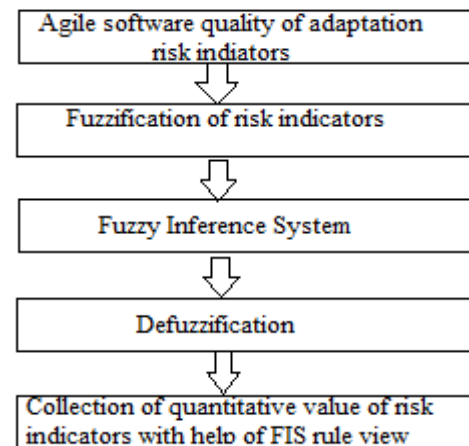
RISK INDICATORS	ABBREVIATION	DESCRIPTION
Expandability Risk	EXP	The risk of effort required to increase software capabilities and/or performance by improving existing functions or by adding new functionality
Flexibility Risk	FLX	The risk of effort for changing the software goal, functions or data to meet changing needs and requirements
Portability Risk	PRT	The Risk of effort to transport software to another environment and/or platform
Reusability Risk	RUS	The Risk of effort to use the software and its components in another software applications
Interoperability Risk	INO	The risk of effort needed to join the software on one platform to another software and/or another platform
Intra-operability Risk	ITO	The risk of required communications between components in the same software system

needed to extract the best practices from both methods [4],[5], [6],[8]. Agile software quality defined in relations of, timeliness, efficiency, ease of use, cost effectiveness, integrity, maintainability, robustness, extendibility, and reusability. In this study risk factors are considered and evaluated before software adaptation [10].

### III. AGILE SOFTWARE QUALITY OF RISK INDICATORS IDENTIFICATION AND RULE BASE CREATION

Figure 1, shows the process of study, the study carried out in five steps.

- (i) Identification of quality of adaptation risk indicators.
- (ii) Fuzzification of risk indicators.
- (iii) Fuzzy rule base creation and applied in FIS.
- (iv) Defuzzification.
- (v) Collection of risk indicators crisp values and quality of adaptation crisp values with the help of MATLAB simulators rule view. Agile Software Quality of adaptation Risk Indicators are identified by allied literature review and interview/discussion with agile project expert [8],[9],[10].



**Figure 1. Risk evaluation of agile software quality of adaptation process**

### IV. DISCUSSION & RESULT

Table1, describes about the identified risk indicators which are always clamps in qualitative values low, medium and high. In this study these qualitative values are represented and evaluated with the help of fuzzification and defuzzification process. "Fuzzification is the process of converting crisp values into grades of membership equivalent to fuzzy sets conveying linguistic terms" [7],[13]. The qualitative value low lies between 0-0.4, medium lies between 0.1-0.9 and high lies between 0.6-1.0, with its membership values between 0 to 1, the fuzzification process

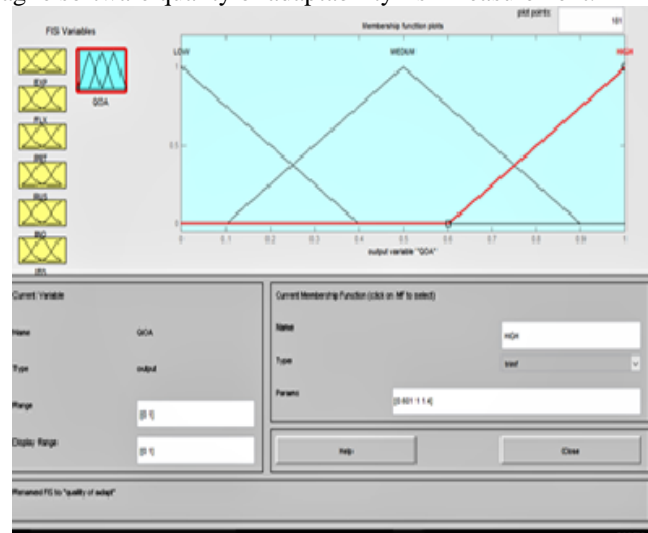
is shown In Figure 2. Created fuzzy rule shown in Table 2, these rules are based on the some successful case study and literature reviews. The created fuzzy rule base has been applied in Fuzzy Inference System (FIS). Figure 3 shows the relationship between inputs (Risk indicators), FIS and output Quality of Adaptation (QOA). Figure 4 shows FIS rule base where the created rule base applied. On the basis of these rules the quantitative values of input (risk indicators) and output QOA risk quantitative values are produced.

The data set shown in Table 3 has been collected through the fuzzy rule view of the matlab simulator. Figure 5 shows that the vertical lines have been formed with the triangle, the value of the risk indicators are determined by sliding these lines forward or backward and based on the values of these indicators the quality of adaptability risk is calculated by the aggregation of the rule base, thus, the values of the risk indicators and the values of the QOA risks are read. Hence the set of 10 input/output quantitative values have been collected for analysis purpose. The quantitative outputs are very helpful in taking precise decision

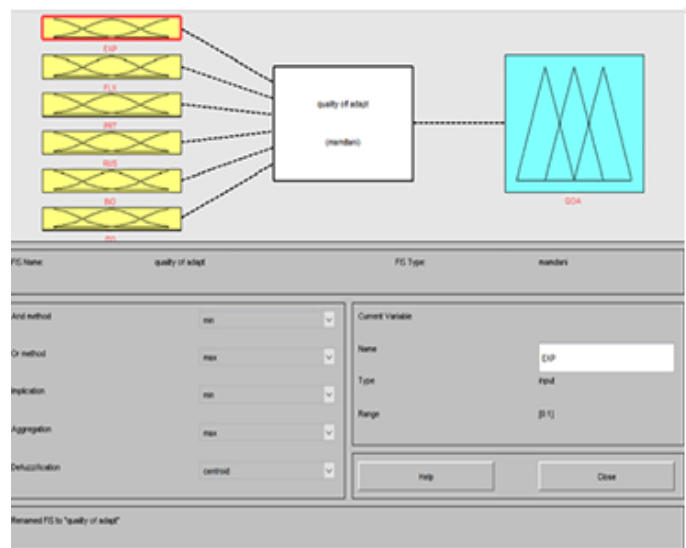
**Table 2 Software Quality of Adaptation Rule Base**

RULE	EXP	FLX	PRN	RS	INT	IT	QOA Risk
1	L	L	M	L	H	H	M
2	H	M	M	H	H	H	H
3	M	M	L	L	L	L	L
4	H	H	H	H	M	M	H
5	L	L	H	H	H	H	H
6	H	M	L	H	M	L	M
7	L	H	M	L	H	M	M
8	H	L	L	L	H	H	L
9	H	H	M	M	M	M	M
10	M	M	H	H	H	L	H
11	H	H	H	M	M	L	H
12	L	L	L	M	L	L	L
13	M	L	M	M	H	H	M
14	H	L	L	M	L	L	L

Table 3 shows the result, in which Expandability risk high (0.948), Flexibility risk low (0.366), Portability risk medium (0.657), Reusability risk high (0.924), Interoperability risk high (0.866) and Intra-operability risk high (0.841) therefore QOA risk is high (0.855), wherever Expandability risk low(0.215), Flexibility risk low (0.355), Portability risk low(0.320), Reusability risk low (0.273), Interoperability risk low (0.331) and Intra-operability risk low (0.276) therefore QOA risk is low (0.181). Figure 6, shows graphical representation of Table 3 quantitative data set of the QOA risk based on the risk indicators quantitative value. In this study, it was found that the Expandability, Reusability and Interoperability risks are the sensitive risk indicators for the agile software quality of adaptability risk measurement.



**Figure 2. Agile software quality of adaptation analysis**



**Figure 3 Agile software quality of adaptation factors and FIS to evaluate quality of adaptation**

**Table 3. Agile software quality of adaptation quantitative value**

Rule	EXP	FLX	PRT	RUS	INO	ITO	QOA
1	.215	.355	.320	.273	.331	.276	.181
2	.343	.436	.413	.355	.424	.406	.500
3	.669	.297	.448	.692	.680	.688	.562
4	.738	.366	.517	.692	.727	.688	.666
5	.738	.424	.506	.610	.645	.665	.806
6	.750	.715	.273	.273	.297	.324	.447
7	.750	.762	.657	.273	.762	.253	.534
8	.599	.762	.657	.634	.680	.288	.812
9	.564	.831	.692	.890	.820	.241	.820
10	.948	.366	.657	.924	.866	.841	.855

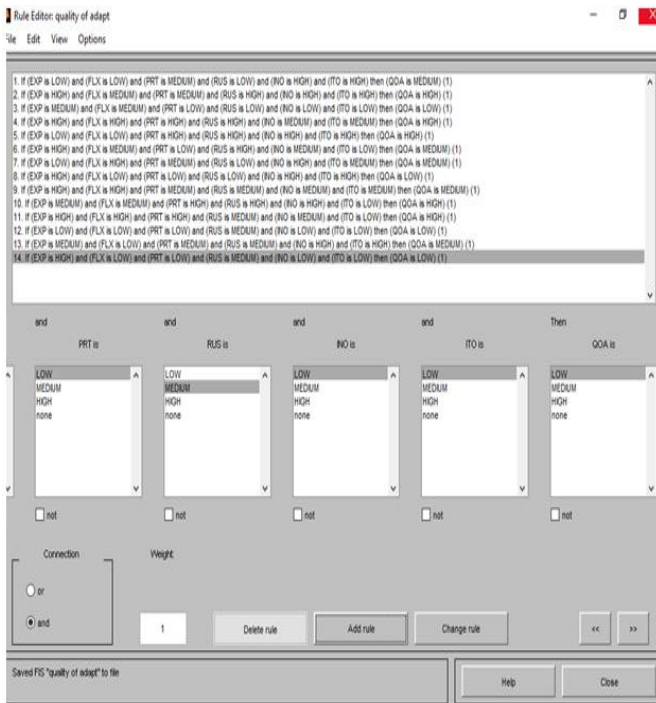


Figure 4. Fuzzy Inference Rules to evaluate quality of adaptation

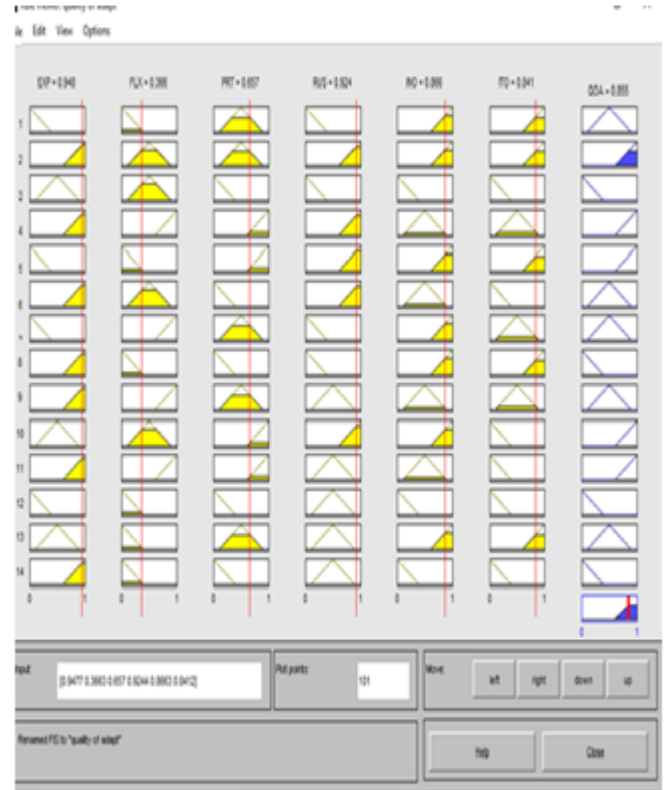


Figure 5. Agile software quality of adaptation rule view

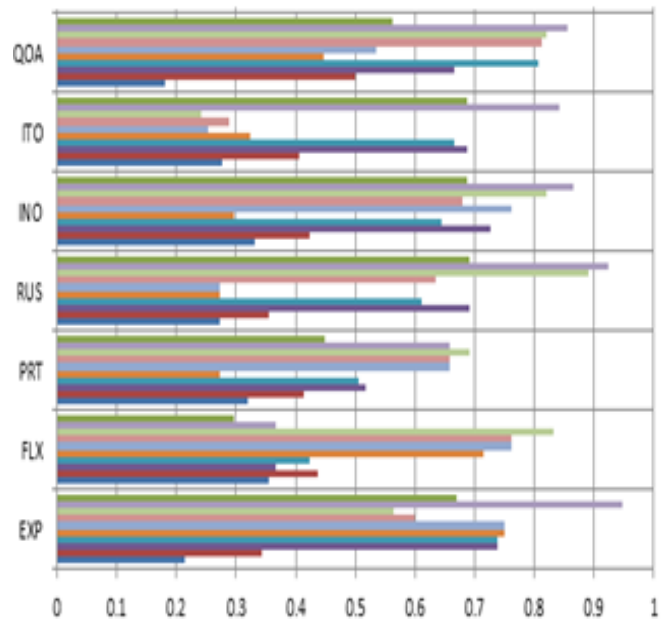


Figure 6. Agile software quality of adaptation rule view

## V. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

Agile software customers need full satisfaction and quality assurance before adaptation of software project, so there is need to describe the agile software adaptation criteria. In this study, rule base has been made on the basis of agile literature reviews and discussion with agile project expert's previous experiences. Risk indicators qualitative value converted into quantitative value with the help of FIS. In this study three sensitive risk indicators have been identified out of six for the measurement of quality of agile software adaptation. In future few more risk indicators can be identified and few more rule base can be created for more precise risk prediction of agile software quality of adaptation. Using AI machine learning approach, accuracy of this research can be enhanced in future.

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