

# Basic Fuzzy Set Operations

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Given  $X$  to be the universe of discourse and,  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  to be the fuzzy sets with  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$  and  $\mu_{\tilde{B}}(x)$  as their respective membership functions, the basic fuzzy set operations that can be performed.

- 1) Union
- 2) Intersection
- 3) Complement
- 4) Product
- 5) Difference
- 6) Disjunctive Sum
- 7) Power of a fuzzy set
- 8) Equality

1) Union  $\Rightarrow$  The union of two fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$  also on  $X$  with a membership function defined as:

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}}(x) = \max(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x))$$

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$$A = \{(x_1, 0.5), (x_2, 0.7), (x_3, 0), (x_4, 0.6)\}$$

$$B = \{(x_1, 0.8), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.1), (x_4, 0.3)\}$$

$$\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}}(x_1) &= \max(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_1)) \\ &= \max(0.5, 0.8) = 0.8\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}}(x_2) &= \max(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_2)) \\ &= \max(0.7, 0.5) = 0.7\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}}(x_3) = \max(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_3), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_3)) = \max(0, 0.1) = 0.1$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}}(x_4) = \max(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_4), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_4)) = \max(0.6, 0.3) = 0.6$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B} = \{(x_1, 0.8), (x_2, 0.7), (x_3, 0.1), (x_4, 0.6)\}}$$

2.) Intersection  $\Rightarrow$  The intersection of fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$  with a membership function defined as

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x) = \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x))$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} = ?}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x_1) &= \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_1)) \\ &= \min(0.5, 0.8) \\ &= 0.5\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x_2) &= \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_2)) \\ &= \min(0.7, 0.5) \\ &= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x_3) &= \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_3), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_3)) \\ &= \min(0, 0.1) \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x_4) &= \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_4), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_4)) \\ &= \min(0.6, 0.3) \\ &= 0.3\end{aligned}$$

$|A, B \rightarrow \text{crisp set}$   
 $|\underline{\tilde{A}}, \underline{\tilde{B}} \rightarrow \text{fuzzy set}$

$$\underline{\tilde{A}} \cap \underline{\tilde{B}} = \{(x_1, 0.5), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0), (x_4, 0.3)\}.$$

3.) Complement  $\Rightarrow$  The complement of a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}^c$  with a membership function

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^c}(x) = 1 - \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$$

$\tilde{A}^c = \{ \}$

$$\tilde{A}^c = \{ (x_1, 0.5), (x_2, 0.3), (x_3, 1), (x_4, 0.4) \}$$

a  $\tilde{B}^c = \{ (x_1, 0.2), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.9), (x_4, 0.7) \}$

- 4.) Product: case 1: product of two fuzzy sets.  
case 2: product of a fuzzy set with a crisp number.

case 1: Product of two fuzzy set

The product of two fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a new fuzzy set  $(\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B})$  whose membership function is defined as

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B}}(x) = \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \cdot \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B}}(x_1) &= \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1) \cdot \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_1) \\ &= 0.5 \times 0.8 = 0.40 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B}}(x_2) &= \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2) \cdot \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_2) \\ &= 0.7 \times 0.5 = 0.35 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B}}(x_3) &= \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_3) \cdot \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_3) \\ &= 0 \times 0.1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B}}(x_4) = \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_4) \cdot \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_4) = 0.6 \times 0.3 = 0.18$$

$$\tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{B} = \{(x_1, 0.40), (x_2, 0.35), (x_3, 0), (x_4, 0.15)\}$$

case 2: product of a fuzzy set with a crisp no.

Multiplying a fuzzy set  $\tilde{X}$  by a crisp number 'a' gives a new fuzzy set  $a \cdot \tilde{X}$  with the membership function

$$\mu_{a \cdot \tilde{X}} = a \cdot \mu_{\tilde{X}}(x)$$

Given

$$a = 0.3$$

$$a \cdot \tilde{A} = \{(x_1, 0.15), (x_2, 0.21), (x_3, 0), (x_4, 0.07)\}$$

$$a \cdot \tilde{B} = \{(x_1, 0.24), (x_2, 0.15), (x_3, 0.08), (x_4, 0.04)\}$$

## 5.) Equality

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Two fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  are said to be equal ( $\tilde{A} = \tilde{B}$ ) when  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x)$

example:

$$\tilde{A} = \{(x_1, 0.4), (x_2, 0.8), (x_3, 0.6)\}$$

$$\tilde{B} = \{(x_1, 0.4), (x_2, 0.8), (x_3, 0.59)\}$$

$$\tilde{C} = \{(x_1, 0.4), (x_2, 0.8), (x_3, 0.6)\}$$

$$\tilde{A} = \tilde{B}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1) = 0.4 \\ \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_1) = 0.4 \end{array} \right\} \checkmark$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2) = 0.8 = \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_2) \checkmark$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_3) = 0.6 \\ \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x_3) = 0.59 \end{array} \right\} \neq$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{A} \neq \tilde{B}}$$

$$\tilde{A} = \tilde{C}$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1) = 0.4 = \mu_{\tilde{C}}(x_1)$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2) = 0.8 = \mu_{\tilde{C}}(x_2)$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_3) = 0.6 = \mu_{\tilde{C}}(x_3)$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{A} = \tilde{C}}$$

## 6.) Power of a fuzzy set

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The  $\alpha$  power of a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}^\alpha$  whose membership function is given by

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^\alpha}(x) = (\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x))^\alpha$$

Concentration of fuzzy Set (CON) = Raising a fuzzy set to its second power.

Dilation of fuzzy Set (DIL) = Taking the square root of a fuzzy set.

eg:  $\tilde{A} = \{(x_1, 0.4), (x_2, 0.2), (x_3, 0.7)\}$   
 $\alpha = 3$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^3}(x) = [\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)]^3$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^3}(x_1) = (0.4)^3 = 0.064$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^3}(x_2) = (0.2)^3 = 0.008$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^3}(x_3) = (0.7)^3 = 0.343$$

$$\tilde{A}^3 = \{(x_1, 0.064), (x_2, 0.008), (x_3, 0.343)\}$$

## 7) Difference

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The difference of two fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} - \tilde{B}$ , is defined as

$$\tilde{A} - \tilde{B} = (\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}^c)$$

Que:  $\tilde{A} = \{(x_1, 0.2), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.6)\}$

$\tilde{B} = \{(x_1, 0.1), (x_2, 0.4), (x_3, 0.5)\}$

$$\tilde{B}^c = 1 - \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x)$$

$\tilde{B}^c = \{(x_1, 0.9), (x_2, 0.6), (x_3, 0.5)\}$

$\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}^c = \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}^c}(x))$

$$= \{(x_1, 0.2), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.5)\}$$

## 8) Disjunctive Sum

The disjunctive sum of two fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a new fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}$  defined as

$$\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = (\underbrace{\tilde{A}^c \cap \tilde{B}}_{\textcircled{1}}) \cup (\underbrace{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}^c}_{\textcircled{2}})$$

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$$\tilde{A}^c = \{ (x_1, 0.8), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.4) \} \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{A}^c \cap \tilde{B} = \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}^c}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x))$$

$$\tilde{A}^c \cap \tilde{B} = \{ (x_1, 0.1), (x_2, 0.4), (x_3, 0.4) \}$$

$$\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = \max(\mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}^c}(x))$$

$$\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = \{ (x_1, 0.2), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.5) \}$$

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$\alpha$ -cut:

The  $\alpha$ -cut of a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is denoted by  $A_\alpha$  is a set consisting of those elements of  $X$  whose membership values exceed the threshold value  $\alpha$ .

$$A_\alpha = \{ x \mid \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \geq \alpha \}$$

eg:  $\tilde{A} = \{ (q_1, 0.4), (q_2, 0.5), (q_3 = \frac{0.8}{2}, 0.9), (q_4 = 0.9), (q_5 = 0.6) \}$

$$A_{0.5} = \{ q_2, q_4, q_5 \}$$

$$A_{0.2} = \{ q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5 \}$$