

# Expert Systems

## Lecture 5: Fuzzy expert systems

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# Membership Functions

Fuzzy membership functions represent the degree of membership of an element in a fuzzy set. They map elements in the universe of discourse to values between 0 and 1.

Membership functions are fundamental in fuzzy logic systems and come in various shapes to model different types of relationships.

# Triangular Membership Function

**Shape:** Triangle

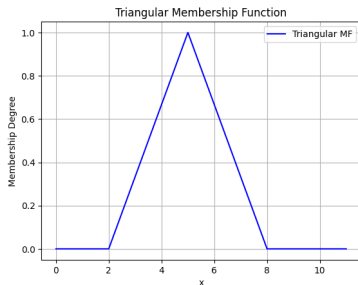
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \text{ or } x \geq c, \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x \leq b, \\ \frac{c-x}{c-b} & b < x < c \end{cases}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a$ : Start of the triangle
- $b$ : Peak of the triangle
- $c$ : End of the triangle

**Application:** Simple and widely used for gradual transitions.



# Trapezoidal Membership Function

**Shape:** Trapezoid

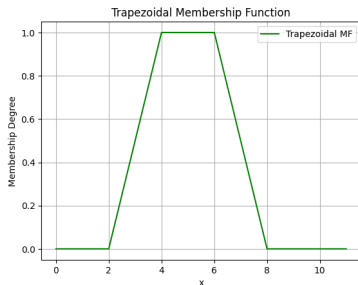
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \text{ or } x \geq d, \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x \leq b, \\ 1 & b < x \leq c, \\ \frac{d-x}{d-c} & c < x < d \end{cases}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a, b$ : Left base
- $c, d$ : Right base

**Application:** Represents situations with a plateau.



# Gaussian Membership Function

**Shape:** Bell Curve

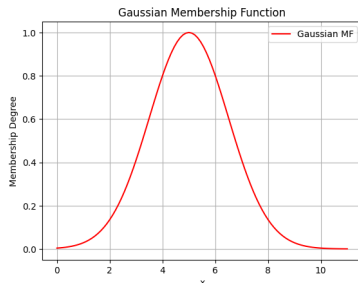
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = e^{-\frac{(x-c)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

**Parameters:**

- $c$ : Mean (center)
- $\sigma$ : Standard deviation (width)

**Application:** Ideal for smooth transitions and normal distributions.



# Generalized Bell Membership Function

**Shape:** Generalized Bell Curve

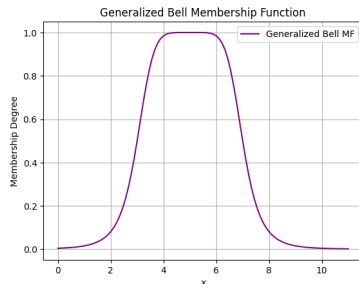
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \left| \frac{x-c}{a} \right|^{2b}}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a$ : Width
- $b$ : Slope
- $c$ : Center

**Application:** Flexible control over width and slope.





# Sigmoidal Membership Function

**Shape:** S-Shaped Curve

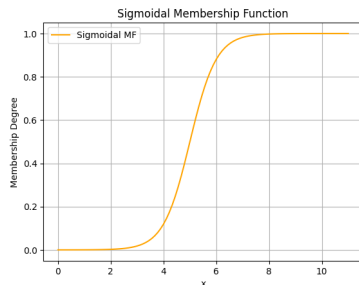
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a(x-c)}}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a$ : Slope
- $c$ : Center

**Application:** Smooth transitions between states.



# Z-Shaped Membership Function

**Shape:** Decreasing S-Shaped Curve

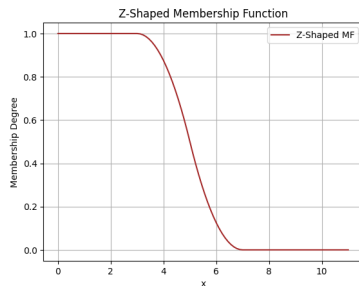
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq a, \\ 1 - 2 \left( \frac{x-a}{b-a} \right)^2 & a < x \leq \frac{a+b}{2}, \\ 2 \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^2 & \frac{a+b}{2} < x \leq b, \\ 0 & x > b \end{cases}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a$ : Start point
- $b$ : End point

**Application:** Smooth decrease.



# S-Shaped Membership Function

**Shape:** Increasing S-Shaped Curve

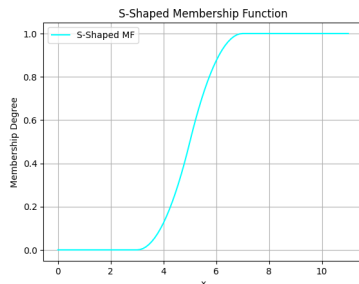
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a, \\ 2 \left( \frac{x-a}{b-a} \right)^2 & a < x \leq \frac{a+b}{2}, \\ 1 - 2 \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^2 & \frac{a+b}{2} < x \leq b, \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$$

**Parameters:**

- $a$ : Start point
- $b$ : End point

**Application:** Smooth increase.



figureS-Shaped Membership Function

# Singleton Membership Function

**Shape:** Vertical Spike

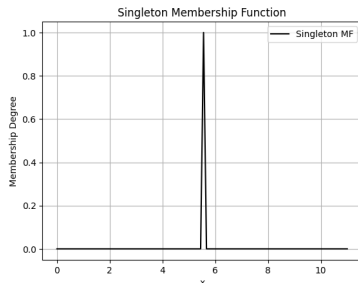
**Mathematical Equation:**

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = c, \\ 0 & x \neq c \end{cases}$$

**Parameters:**

- $c$ : Singleton point

**Application:** Represents crisp values.



# Outlines

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## What is Scikit-Fuzzy?

- An open-source Python library for implementing fuzzy logic systems.
- Built on top of NumPy and SciPy for fast numerical computations.
- Provides tools for creating and simulating fuzzy inference systems.

## Key Features:

- Supports Mamdani and Sugeno fuzzy inference systems.
- Provides membership function generators (e.g., triangular, trapezoidal, Gaussian).
- Includes defuzzification methods (e.g., centroid).
- Offers fuzzy clustering algorithms like c-means.

## Documentation:

<https://scikit-fuzzy.github.io/scikit-fuzzy/index.html>

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# Balancing Staffing, Risk, and Funding

- This example illustrates the use of fuzzy logic to define and evaluate key variables in project management: Project Funding, Project Staffing, and Project Risk.
- **Handles Uncertainty:** Allows partial memberships in multiple categories (e.g., normal and high risk).
- **Improves Decision-Making:** Models relationships between inputs (funding, staffing) and output (risk) using fuzzy rules.
- **Enhanced Clarity:** Converts complex scenarios into understandable terms for stakeholders.
- In the following slides, the procedures to build a fuzzy system will be presented in detail.



## Steps to build fuzzy system:

- 1 Define linguistic variables and terms.
- 2 Construct membership functions.
- 3 Construct Fuzzy rules.
- 4 Fuzzification.
- 5 Rule Evaluation.
- 6 Aggregation of Rule Consequent.
- 7 Defuzzification.

# Step 1: Define linguistic variables and terms

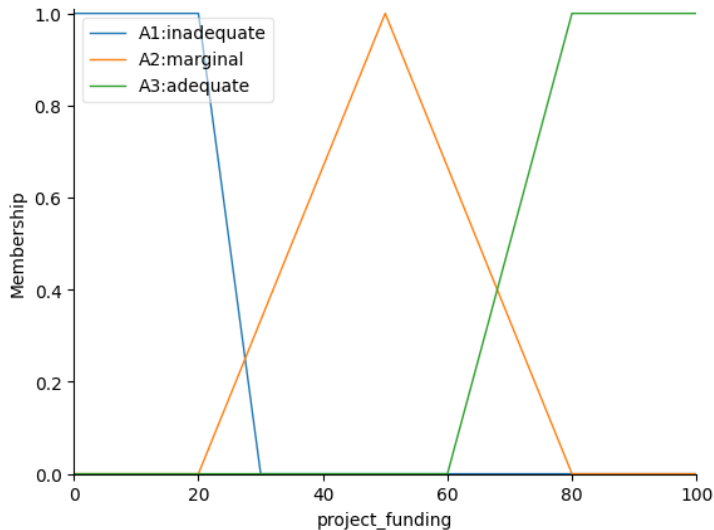
- **For Input:**
  - **Project funding:** Inadequate, Marginal, Adequate
  - **Project staffing:** Small, Large
- **For Output:**
  - **Project risk:** Low, Normal, High

## Expert Domain

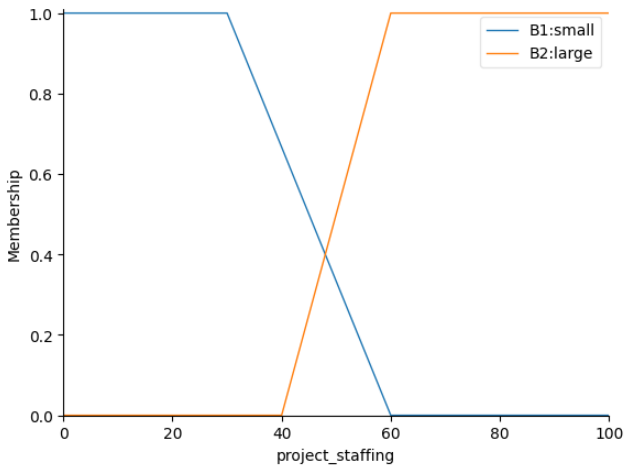
The linguistic variables and terms are defined and determined by **expert domain**.

# Step 2: Construct membership function

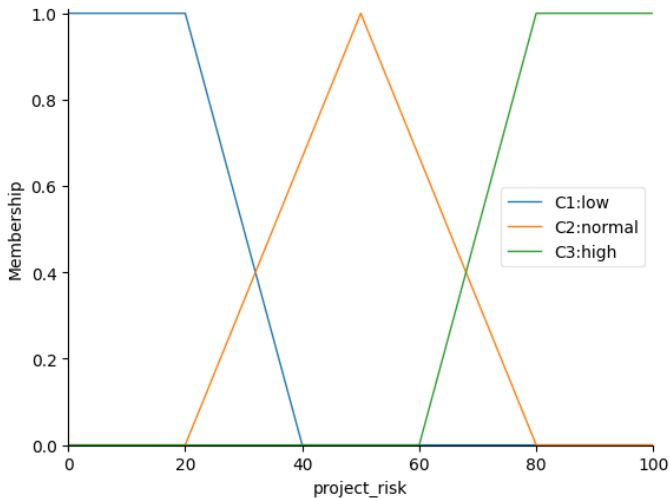
## 1: Project Funding Membership (A)



## 2: Project Staffing Membership (B)



### 3: Project Risk Membership (C)



## Step 3: Construct Rules base

### Rules:

- ① **IF** Project Funding is Adequate **OR** Project Staffing is Small **THEN** Risk is Low.
- ② **IF** Project Funding is Marginal **AND** Project Staffing is Large **THEN** Risk is Normal.
- ③ **IF** Project Funding is Inadequate **THEN** Risk is High.

# Step 4: Fuzzification

## Definition

Fuzzification is the process of mapping crisp inputs into appropriate fuzzy sets based on their degrees of membership.

## Example

- **Crisp Input:** Project funding rated as 26%.
- **Mapped Fuzzy Sets:**
  - $\mu(A1) = 0.4$  (inadequate)
  - $\mu(A2) = 0.2$  (marginal)
- **Crisp Input:** Project staffing rated as 54%.
- **Mapped Fuzzy Sets:**
  - $\mu(B1) = 0.2$  (small)
  - $\mu(B2) = 0.7$  (large)

# Step 5: Rule Evaluation

## Definition

Rule evaluation determines the result of the antecedent evaluation and applies it to the consequent membership function.

## Process

- Fuzzified inputs:  $\mu(A1) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu(A2) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu(B1) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu(B2) = 0.7$ .
- Logical operation for antecedents:
  - Disjunction (OR):  $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = \max[\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)]$
  - Conjunction (AND):  $\mu_{A \cap B}(x) = \min[\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)]$



## Example Rules

- **Rule 1:** IF Project Funding is Adequate **OR** Project Staffing is Small **THEN** Risk is Low.

IF  $A$  is  $A3(0.0)$  OR  $B$  is  $B1(0.2)$  THEN  $C$  is  $C1(0.2)$

$$\mu_C(C1) = \max[\mu_A(A3), \mu_B(B1)] = 0.2$$

- **Rule 2:** IF Project Funding is Marginal **AND** Project Staffing is Large **THEN** Risk is Normal.

IF  $A$  is  $A2(0.2)$  AND  $B$  is  $B2(0.7)$  THEN  $C$  is  $C2(0.2)$

$$\mu_C(C2) = \min[\mu_A(A2), \mu_B(B2)] = 0.2$$

- **Rule 3:** IF Project Funding is Inadequate **THEN** Risk is High.

IF  $A$  is  $A1(0.4)$  THEN  $C$  is  $C3(0.4)$

# Introduction to Clipping and Scaling

## Clipping:

- The membership function is "sliced" at the firing strength (truth value of the rule antecedent).
- Values above the firing strength are set to that level.
- **Advantage:** Simple and computationally efficient.
- **Disadvantage:** Loses the original shape of the membership function.

## Scaling:

- The membership function is scaled proportionally by multiplying all values by the firing strength.
- Preserves the shape of the original membership function.
- **Advantage:** Retains more information.
- **Disadvantage:** Computationally more intensive.

# Numerical Example

Consider a triangular membership function with:

- Base:  $[0, 5, 10]$
- Peak:  $\mu(5) = 1.0$

The rule firing strength is 0.7.

**Original Membership Values:**

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10										
$\mu(x)$	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2
0.0										

# Clipped Membership Function

**Clipping:** The membership values above 0.7 are set to 0.7.

**Resulting Membership Values:**

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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$\mu(x)$	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2
0.0										

**Explanation:** The peak is flattened, and information is lost.

# Scaled Membership Function

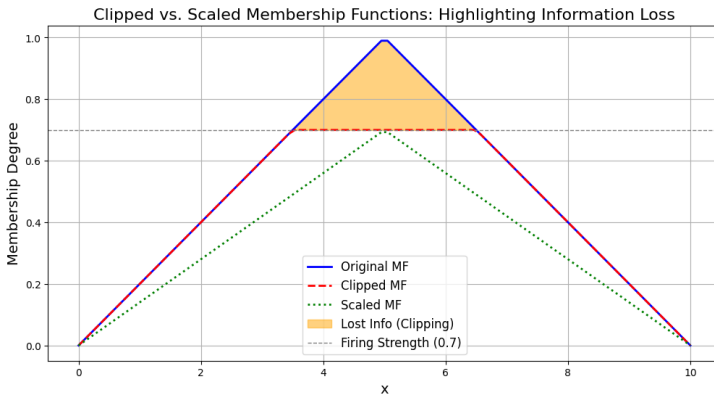
**Scaling:** Each membership value is multiplied by the firing strength 0.7.

**Resulting Membership Values:**

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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$\mu(x)$	0.0	0.14	0.28	0.42	0.56	0.70	0.56	0.42	0.28	0.14
0.0										

**Explanation:** The original shape is preserved but proportionally reduced.

# Visualization of Clipping vs Scaling



# Comparison of Clipping and Scaling

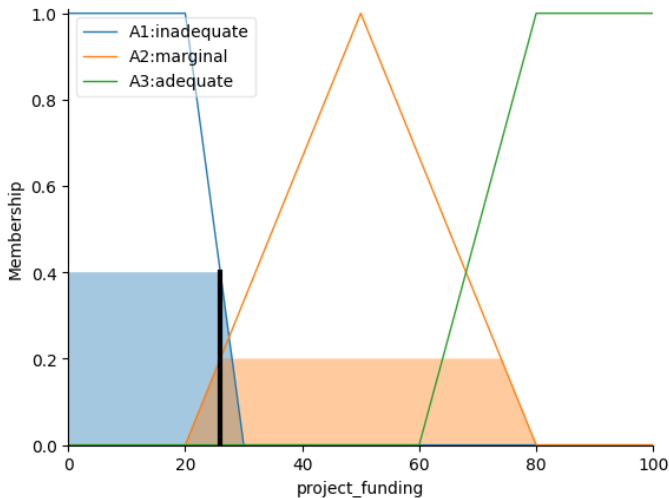
## Clipping:

- Simple and efficient.
- Information loss at the peak of the membership function.

## Scaling:

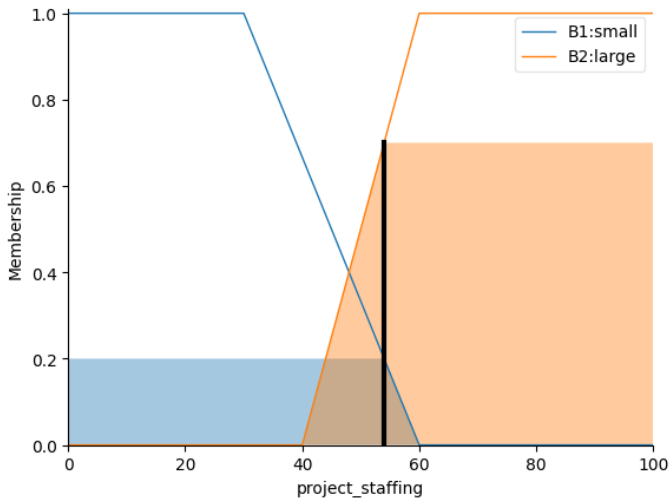
- Retains the original shape.
- Computationally more complex.

# clipping of membership A

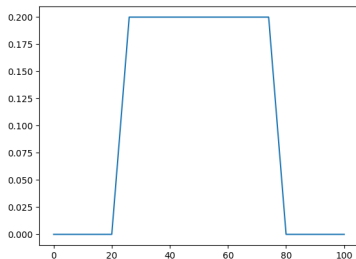
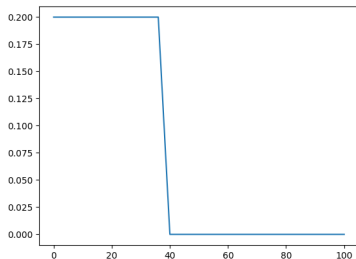




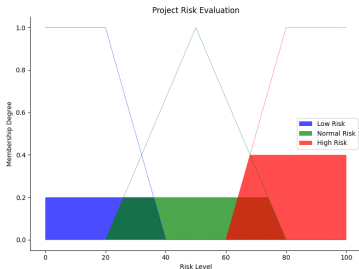
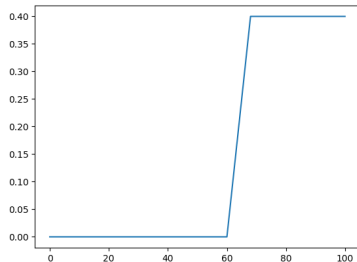
# clipping of membership B



# Step 6: Aggregation of Rule Consequent (Part 1)



## Step 6: Aggregation of Rule Consequent (Part 2)



# Step 7: Defuzzification

## Defuzzification

- The final step in the fuzzy inference process.
- Converts the aggregate fuzzy set into a crisp number.
- Popular method: **Centroid Technique**.

## Centroid Technique

- Finds the **centre of gravity** (COG) of the fuzzy set.
- Mathematically expressed as:

$$COG = \frac{\int_a^b \mu_A(x) x \, dx}{\int_a^b \mu_A(x) \, dx}$$

- For a discrete set:

$$COG = \frac{\sum_{x=a}^b \mu_A(x) x}{\sum_{x=a}^b \mu_A(x)}$$

### Example: Centroid Method Calculation

- Calculation:

$$COG = \frac{60 \times 0.2 \times 30 + 40 \times 0.4 \times 80}{60 \times 0.2 + 40 \times 0.4} = \frac{1640}{28} = 58.36$$

- Result: Risk involved in the fuzzy project is 58.3%.

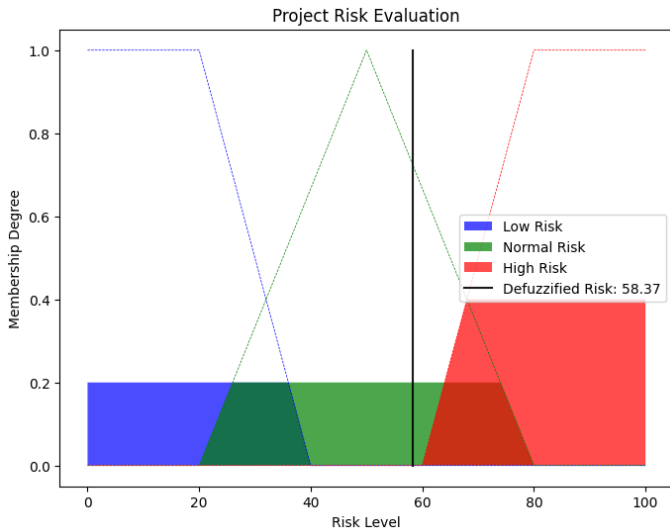


Figure: Defuzzification

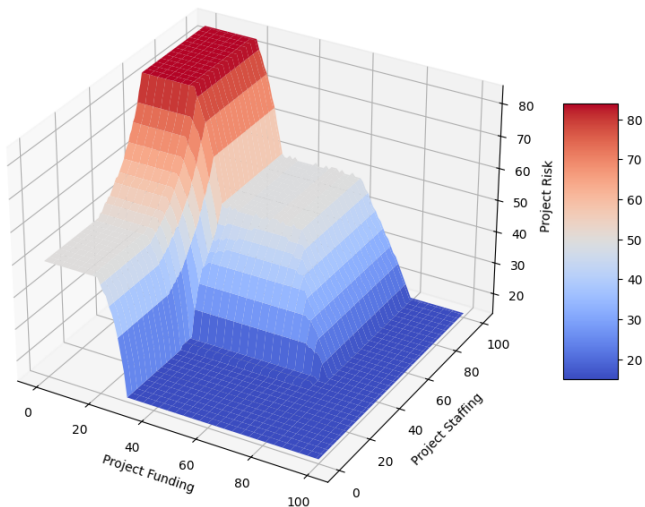
## Weighted Average (WA) Calculation

$$WA = \frac{\mu(k_1) \times k_1 + \mu(k_2) \times k_2 + \mu(k_3) \times k_3}{\mu(k_1) + \mu(k_2) + \mu(k_3)}$$

$$WA = \frac{0.2 \times 10 + 0.2 \times 50 + 0.4 \times 80}{0.2 + 0.2 + 0.4} = 55$$

# 3D plotting

Fuzzy Logic System: Project Risk





## Interested in Learning More?

- Visit our GitHub repository for detailed code and explanations.
- Explore how fuzzy logic is implemented step-by-step using Python and the `scikit-fuzzy` library.

## GitHub Repository:

<https://github.com/mtahrawi/fuzzy-example.git>

## Enhance Your Understanding of Fuzzy Systems!

# THANKS