

# Fuzzy Set Theory

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If  $X$  is a collection of objects denoted generically by  $x$ , then a **fuzzy set**  $\tilde{A}$  in  $X$  is a set of ordered pairs

$$\tilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)) | x \in X\}$$

$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$  is called the **membership function** or **grade of membership** of  $x$  in  $\tilde{A}$  that maps  $X$  to the membership space  $M$

The **support** of a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $S(\tilde{A})$  is the crisp set of all  $x \in X$  s.t.  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) > 0$

The (crisp) set of elements that belong to the fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  at least to the degree  $\alpha$  is called the  **$\alpha$ -level set**

$$A_{\alpha} = \{x \in X | \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \geq \alpha\}$$