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- **Computation** (needs numerical values):
 - fuzzy sets: membership values
 - values on the range $[0.0, 1.0]$
 - 0.0 represents absolute falseness
 - 1.0 represents absolute truth
- **Fuzzy vs. probability:**
young person, close to wall, hot temperature
- Defined by Lofti Zadeh [Zadeh, 1973]

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- **Instructions:**

- when you are at 10 metres from the junction, start braking at 50% pedal level
- when you are **near** the junction, start braking **slowly**

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- Fuzzy (natural) description of a problem
 - if near the junction, brake slowly
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- **Computing fuzzy solution**, we need to find out how to:
 - **define terms** such as *near*, *right*, *slowly*, *very*, *etc.*
 - **combine terms** using *AND*, *OR* and other connectives
 - **use a single rule**
 - **combine all rules** into one final output

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- $A : S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- Characteristic function:

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is an element of set } A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is not an element of set } A \end{cases}$$

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- Can define: *John is a person*
- What about *John is tall*?
- Example: crisp set `tall`
 - crisp definition of **Tall**:

$$\text{Tall} = \{x | \text{height}(x) > 1.8 \text{ meters}\}$$

- but what about a person with a height = 1.79 meters?
- what about 1.78 meters?
- ...
- what about 1.30 meters?

Linguistic Variables

- **Universe of discourse**: distance, height, temperature, ...
- **Variables** used in fuzzy systems
 - to express qualities such as height
 - can take values: `tall`, `medium` or `short`
 - these values define subsets of the universe of discourse
- They are characterized by the **membership function**

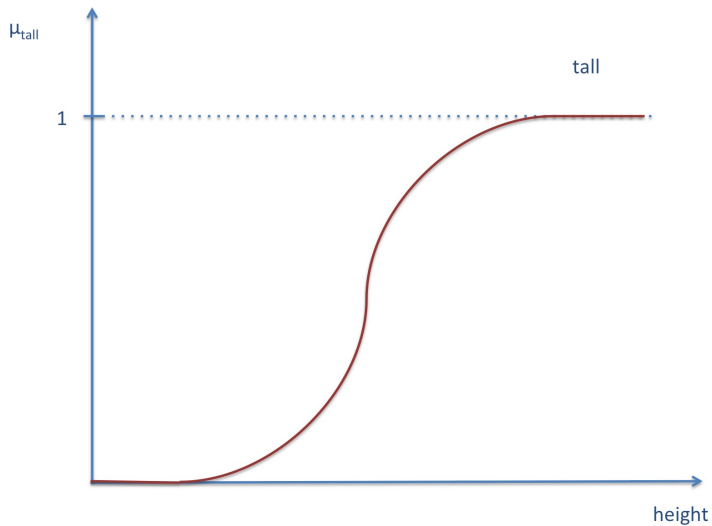
$$\mu_{\text{tall}}(x) : \text{height}(x) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

- $\mu_{\text{tall}}(x)$ is a grade (degree) of membership of x in set `tall`
- characteristic function: $0 \leq \mu_{\text{tall}}(x) \leq 1$
- full membership: 1
- no membership: 0
- graded membership: anything in between

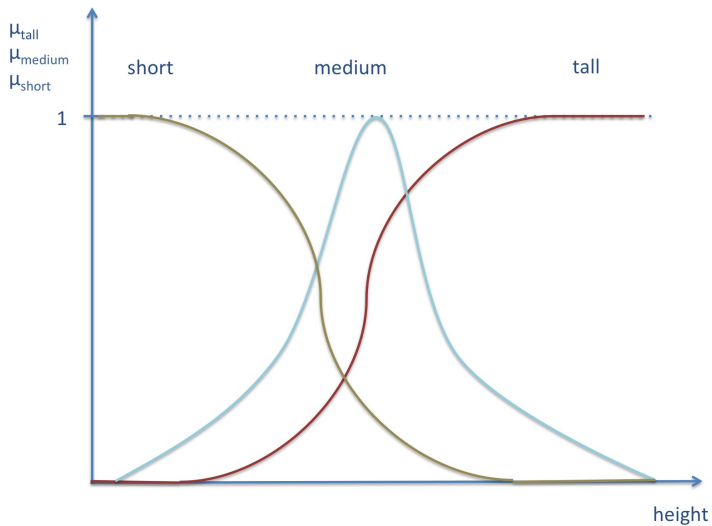
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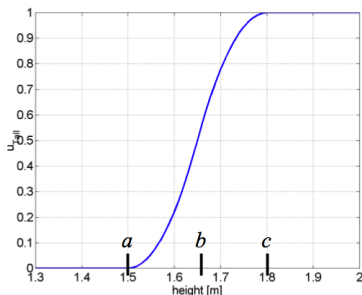
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Membership functions: S-function

- The S-function can be used to define fuzzy sets

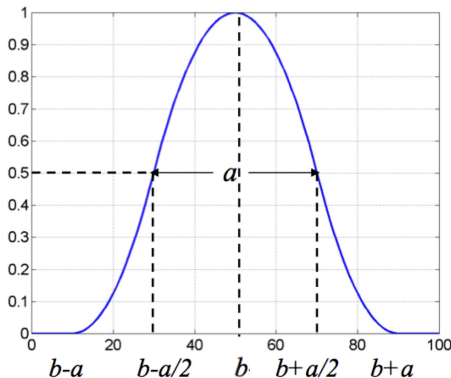
$$S(x, a, b, c) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq a \\ 2(x - a/c - a)^2 & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 - 2(x - a/c - a)^2 & \text{if } b \leq x \leq c \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq c \end{cases}$$



Membership functions: π Function

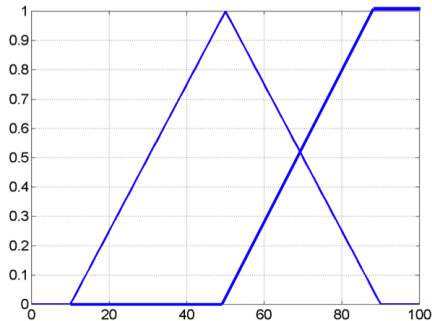
$$\pi(x, a, b) = \begin{cases} S(x, b-a, b-a/2, b) & \text{if } x \leq b \\ 1 - S(x, b, b+a/2, a+b) & \text{if } x \geq b \end{cases}$$

E.g., **close** (to b)



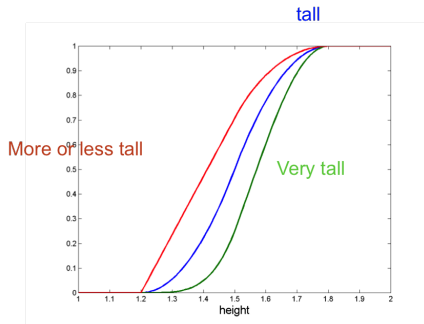
Simple membership functions

- Piecewise linear: triangular etc.
- Easier to represent and compute



Linguistic Hedges

- Hedges modify the meaning of a fuzzy set
 - Very: $\mu(x)^2$
 - More or less: $\mu(x)^{1/2}$
 - Slightly: $\mu(x)^{1/3}$
 - Extremely: $\mu(x)^3$

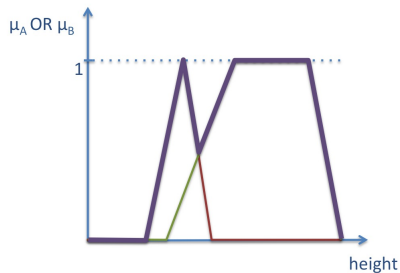
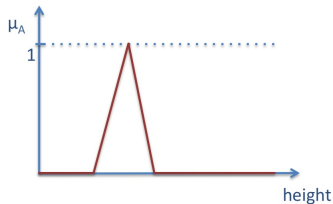
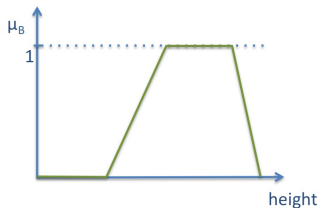


Fuzzy Set Operators

- Fuzzy Set operators:
 - union
 - intersection
 - complement
- Many possible definitions

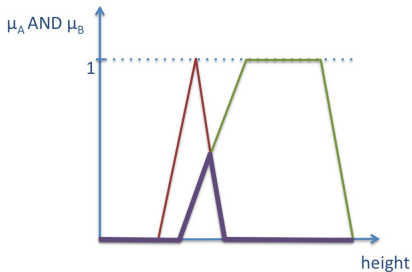
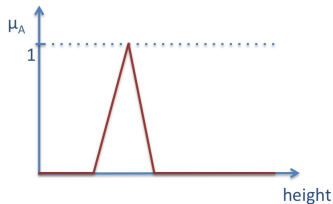
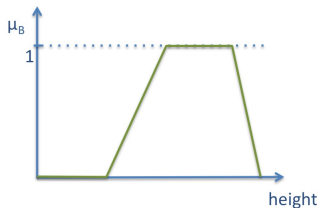
Fuzzy Set Union (OR operator)

$$\mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x) = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))$$



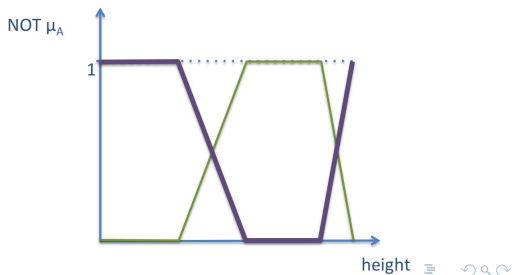
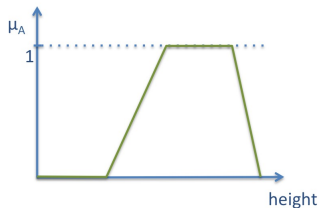
Fuzzy Set Intersection (AND operator)

$$\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))$$



Fuzzy Set Complement (NOT operator)

$$\neg \mu_A(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$$



If-Then Rules

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 - NOT (A) = $1 - A$
 - A AND B = $\min(A, B)$
 - A OR B = $\max(A, B)$

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- Use fuzzy sets and fuzzy operators as the **subjects** and **verbs** of fuzzy logic to form rules

if X is A then Y is B

- A and B are linguistic terms defined by fuzzy sets on the sets X and Y respectively

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if p is true to some degree then q is true to some degree
 - Example:
If street is wet then speed is very slow
The street is damp
Therefore speed is slow

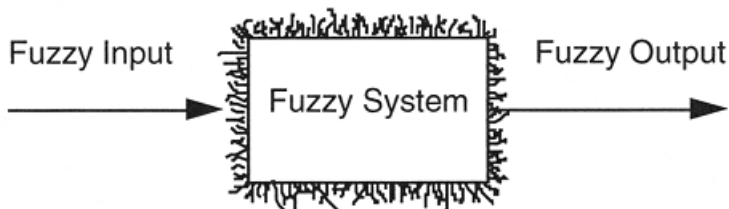
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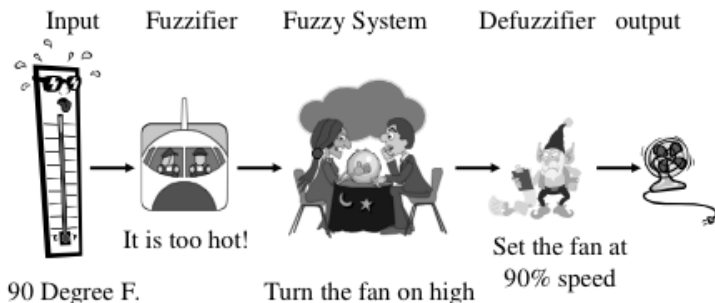
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Fuzzy systems

How can fuzzy systems be used in a world where measurements and actions are expressed as crisp values?



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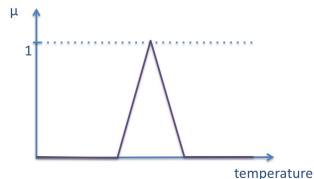
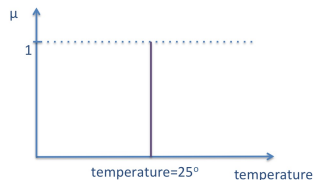


Mamdani fuzzy inference

- **Mamdani** method: most commonly used fuzzy inference technique
 - he built one of the first fuzzy systems to control a steam engine and boiler combination
 - he applied a set of fuzzy rules supplied by experienced human operators
- Four **steps**:
 - **fuzzification** of the input variables
 - **rule evaluation**: single rule inference
 - **composition**: aggregation of inference on single rules
 - **defuzzification** of the output variables

Step 1: Fuzzification

- Transform crisp inputs into **membership degree** of fuzzy sets
- **fuzzy singleton**: if input data do not contain noise nor vagueness
- **fuzzy set**: if data are vague or perturbed by noise



Step 2: Rule Evaluation

Computing the antecedent

- Match fuzzified inputs with antecedents of fuzzy rules
- Computes similarity S between antecedent and fact
 - *if temperature is hot then fan is high*
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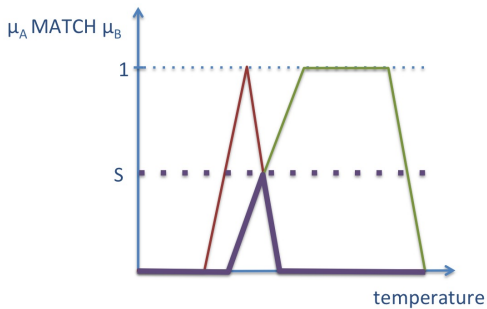
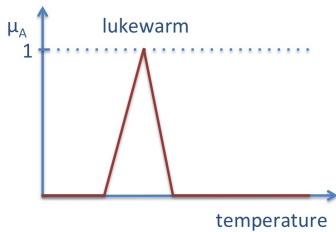
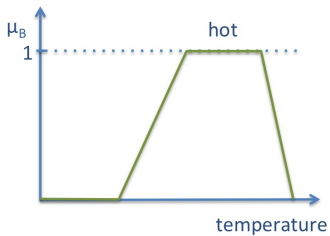
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- Multiple antecedents:
 - **OR**: evaluate the disjunction of the rule antecedents (max)
 - **AND**: evaluate the conjunction of the rule antecedents (min)

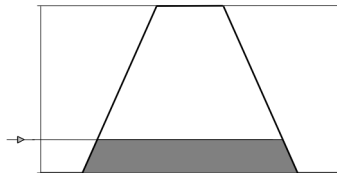
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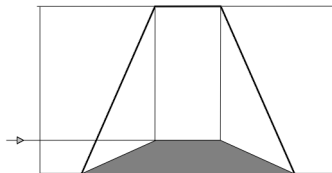
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Computing the consequent

- Apply result of the antecedent evaluation to membership function of the consequent
- Two common methods:
 - clipping
 - scaling



clipping



scaling

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Computing the consequent: Clipping

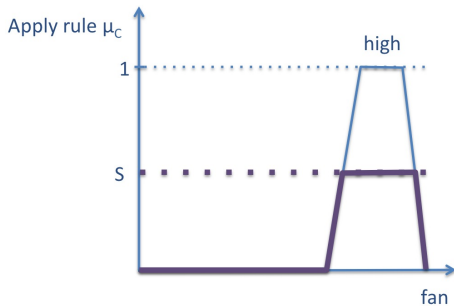
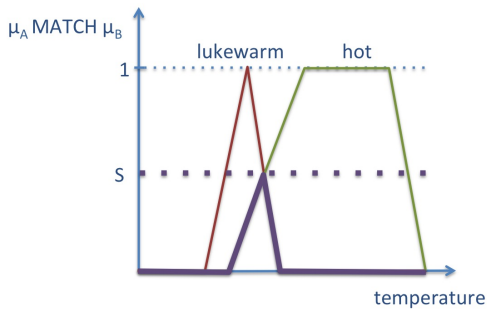
- Most common method: cut the consequent membership function at the level of the antecedent truth (alpha-cut)

$$Q(x) = \min(S, \mu_c(x))$$

where c is the fuzzy set of consequent

- since the top of the membership function is sliced, the clipped fuzzy set loses some information
- involves **less complex and faster** mathematics
- generates an aggregated output surface that is easier to defuzzify

Clipping



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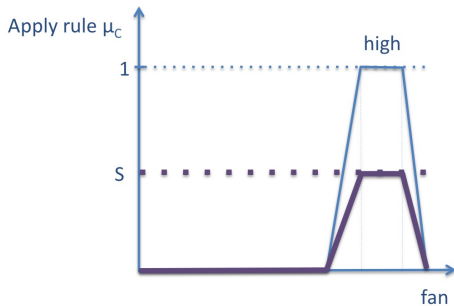
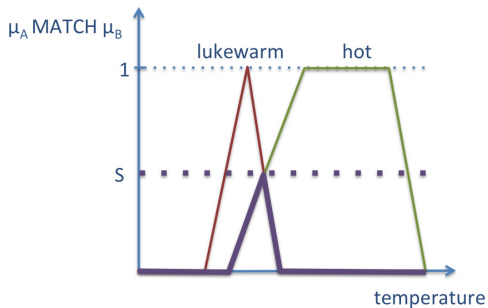
Computing the consequent: Scaling

- offers a better approach for preserving the original shape of the fuzzy set

$$Q(x) = S \cdot \mu_c(x)$$

- the original membership function of the rule consequent is adjusted by multiplying all its membership degrees by the truth value of the rule antecedent
- generally, it **loses less information**
- can be very useful in fuzzy expert systems

Scaling



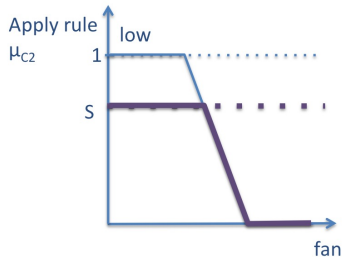
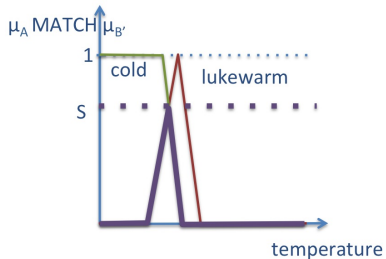
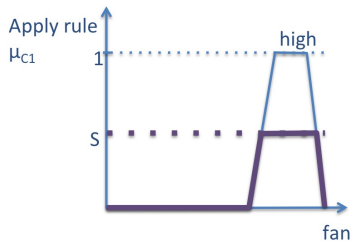
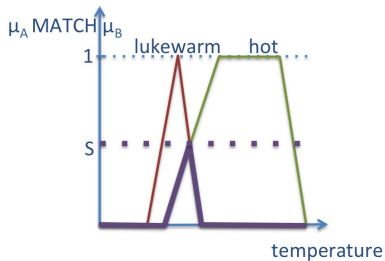
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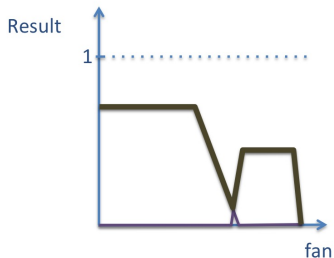
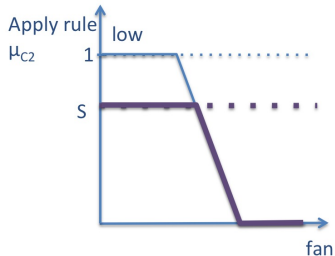
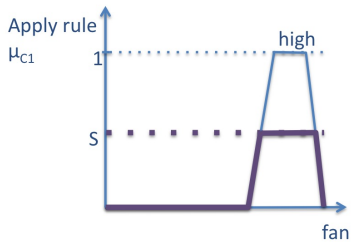
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 - *if temperature is cold then fan is low*
 - *temperature is lukewarm*

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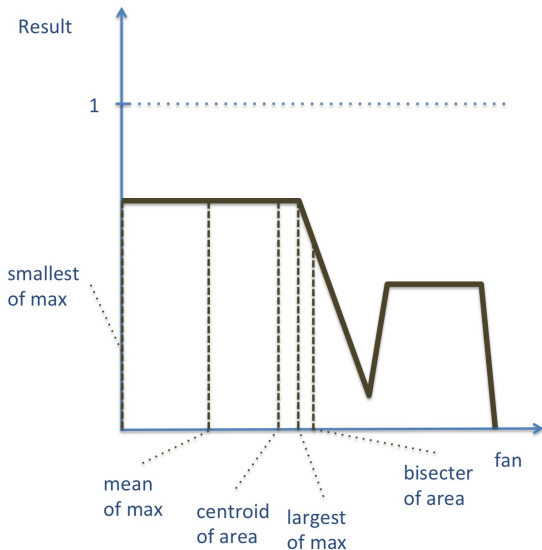
Aggregation



Step 4: Defuzzification

- **Input:** fuzzy set
- **Output:** single crisp number that represents the set
- Practical when making a decision, taking an action, etc.
- **Defuzzifying methods:**
 - Centroid Of Area (COA)
 - Bisector Of Area (BOA)
 - Mean Of Maximum (MOM)
 - Smallest Of Maximum (SOM)
 - Largest Of Maximum (LOM)

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Fuzzy Logic

- **Advantages:**
 - represents vague language naturally
 - enriches (not replaces) crisp sets
 - allows flexible engineering design
 - improves model performance
 - is simple to implement
 - it often works!
- **Limitations:**
 - how to determine the membership functions?
 - usually requires fine-tuning of parameters
 - defuzzification can produce undesired results
- **Fuzzy tools and shells:**
 - Matlab's Fuzzy Toolbox
 - FuzzyClips

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