

## G53FUZ Fuzzy Sets and Systems

### Mamdani Inference and Defuzzification

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## Definition of Logical Implication

- Logical implication can be defined in terms of other primitives
  - $(p \Rightarrow q) \equiv ((\neg p) \vee q)$
- Or as a truth table

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \Rightarrow q$
F	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T

## Logical Inference

- Modus ponens
  - $p \Rightarrow q, p; q$
  - $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p) \perp q$
  - IF  $p$  THEN  $q$ ;  $p$  is TRUE; hence  $q$  is TRUE
  - IF  $p$  THEN  $q$ ;  $p$  is FALSE; hence  $q$  is ???
    - we will return to this question later
- Modus tollens
  - $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q) \perp \neg p$
  - IF  $p$  THEN  $q$ ;  $q$  is FALSE; hence  $p$  is FALSE

## Example

- IF raining THEN cloudy
  - modus ponens
    - it is raining: it must be cloudy
  - modus tollens
    - it is not cloudy: it is not raining
  - incorrect inference
    - it is not raining: it is not cloudy
  - correct inference
    - $((F \Rightarrow F): T) \text{ AND } ((F \Rightarrow T): T)$
    - it is not raining: it may or may not be cloudy

## If-Then Rules

- Inference is performed by utilising a set of rules connecting premises to conclusions
  - premise (if part) is called the *antecedent(s)*
  - conclusion (then part) is called the *consequent(s)*
- These rules are similar to the production rules of expert systems
- Inference is simplified by putting aside formal considerations of logical implication

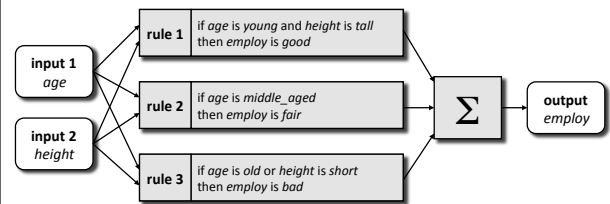
## If-Then Rules

- Essential operation
  - each of the antecedent(s) is evaluated to a number in  $[0, 1]$  and combined into a single number
    - the truth of the rule premise
  - each of the consequent(s) is considered to be true to the same degree as the premise
- IF  $p$  THEN  $q$ 
  - $p$  is **true**, hence  $q$  is **true**
  - $p$  is **half true**, hence  $q$  is **half true**
  - $p$  is **not true**, hence  $q$  is **not true**!

## Does This Make Sense?

- IF  $p$  THEN  $q$ ;  $p$  is FALSE, hence  $q$  is FALSE
  - IF the moon is made of cheese THEN I'm a fool!
  - the moon is NOT made of cheese
  - hence I'm not a fool?
    - NO: logically, you have no evidence to support the conclusion one way or another
- We need to specify alternative antecedents
  - IF moon is NOT made of cheese THEN I'm NOT a fool

## Outline



1. Fuzzify inputs
2. Combine inputs
3. Perform implication
4. Aggregate output
5. (Defuzzify)

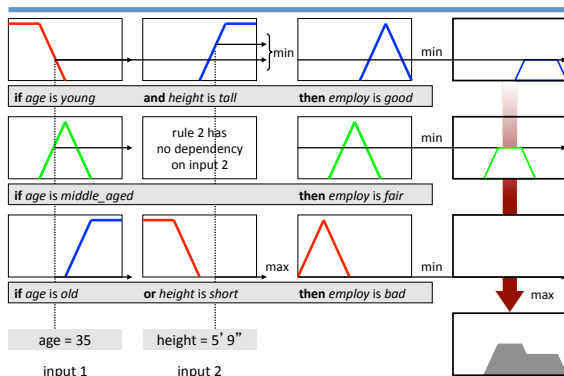
## Background

- Mamdani introduced the first successful form of fuzzy inferencing in 1975
  - E.H. Mamdani and S. Assilian
    - “An experiment in linguistic synthesis with a fuzzy logic controller”; *International Journal of Man-Machine Studies*; Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 1-13, 1975
- The fuzzy system was developed to control kiln temperature in a cement factory
  - it is based on pragmatic considerations rather than any theoretical correctness

## Methodology

- Comprises a set of rules of the form
  - IF  $x$  is  $A$  [AND/OR  $y$  is  $B$  ...] THEN  $z$  is  $C$
  - IF crisp\_input matches fuzzy\_input\_term AND/OR ... THEN add fuzzy\_output\_term to fuzzy\_output
- For each rule
  - for each antecedent
    - evaluate m.f. ( $\mu$ ) of the crisp input value at the fuzzy term
  - combine all  $\mu$  using appropriate fuzzy operator
  - fire the consequence at strength of resultant truth
    - add the output term to a (fuzzy) output set
- Interpret the output set in some way

## Mamdani Example



## Example: Variables

- Age
  - $young = 1/0 + 1/10 + .75/20 + .5/30 + .25/40$
  - $middle\_aged = 0/30 + .5/40 + 1/50 + .5/60 + 0/70$
  - $old = .25/60 + .5/70 + .75/80 + 1/90 + 1/100$
- Height
  - $short = 1/1.4 + .75/1.5 + .5/1.6 + .25/1.7 + 0/1.8$
  - $tall = .25/1.6 + .5/1.7 + .75/1.8 + 1/1.9 + 1/2.0$
- Employ
  - $bad = 0/0 + .5/1 + 1/2 + .5/3 + 0/4$
  - $fair = 0/3 + .5/4 + 1/5 + .5/6 + 0/7$
  - $good = 0/6 + .5/7 + 1/8 + .5/9 + 0/10$

## Example: Rules

- Three rules
  - IF Age is *young* AND Height is *tall* THEN Employ is *good*
  - IF Age is *middle\_aged* THEN Employ is *fair*
  - IF Age is *old* OR Height is *short* THEN Employ is *bad*
- Inputs
  - Age = 40 (years)
  - Height = 1.8 (metres)

## Rule 1

- Antecedent 1
  - Age is *young*:  $\mu_{\text{young}}(40) = 0.25$
- Antecedent 2
  - Height is *tall*:  $\mu_{\text{tall}}(1.8) = 0.75$
- Rule strength = Ante<sub>1</sub> AND Ante<sub>2</sub>
  - $\min(0.25, 0.75) = 0.25$
- Consequent
  - Employ is *good*
    - $\min(0.25, 0/6 + .5/7 + 1/8 + .5/9 + 0/10)$
    - **$0/6 + 0.25/7 + 0.25/8 + 0.25/9 + 0/10$**

## Rule 2

- Antecedent 1
  - Age is *middle\_aged*:  $\mu_{\text{middle_aged}}(40) = 0.5$
- Antecedent 2
  - BLANK
- Rule strength = Ante<sub>1</sub>
  - 0.5
- Consequent
  - Employ is *fair*
    - $\min(0.5, 0/3 + .5/4 + 1/5 + .5/6 + 0/7)$
    - **$0/3 + 0.5/4 + 0.5/5 + 0.5/6 + 0/7$**

## Rule 3

- Antecedent 1
  - Age is *old*:  $\mu_{\text{old}}(40) = 0$
- Antecedent 2
  - Height is *short*:  $\mu_{\text{short}}(1.8) = 0$
- Rule strength = Ante<sub>1</sub> OR Ante<sub>2</sub>
  - $\max(0, 0) = 0$
- Consequent
  - Employ is *bad*
    - $\min(0.0, 0/0 + .5/1 + 1/2 + .5/3 + 0/4)$
    - **$0/0 + 0/1 + 0/2 + 0/3 + 0/4$**

## Rule Combination

- The three rule results
  - R<sub>1</sub>:  $0/6 + 0.25/7 + 0.25/8 + 0.25/9 + 0/10$
  - R<sub>2</sub>:  $0/3 + 0.5/4 + 0.5/5 + 0.5/6 + 0/7$
  - R<sub>3</sub>:  $0/0 + 0/1 + 0/2 + 0/3 + 0/4$
- Rule combination
  - $\max(R_1, R_2, R_3)$
  - $\max(0/6 + 0.25/7 + 0.25/8 + 0.25/9 + 0/10, 0/3 + 0.5/4 + 0.5/5 + 0.5/6 + 0/7, 0/0 + 0/1 + 0/2 + 0/3 + 0/4)$
  - $\max(0/0 + \max(0)/1 + \max(0)/2 + \max(0,0)/3 + \max(.5,0)/4 + \max(.5)/5 + \max(.5)/6 + \max(.25,0)/7 + \max(.25)/8 + \max(.25)/9 + \max(0)/10$
  - **$0/0 + 0/1 + 0/2 + 0/3 + .5/4 + .5/5 + .5/6 + .25/7 + .25/8 + .25/9 + 0/10$**

## Operators

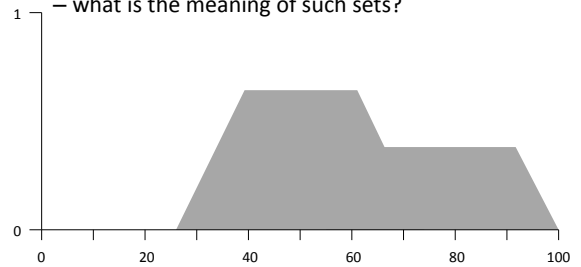
- Mamdani inference features union and intersection operators, both in two places
  - intersection
    - combining antecedents joined by AND
    - implication operator to derive each consequent
  - union
    - combining antecedents joined by OR
    - operator used to combine all consequents overall
- Operator families should be used consistently
  - in practice, often AND-OR pair is varied independently of implication/combination

## Defuzzification

- In general, the result of Mamdani inference is a complex output fuzzy set
  - what does this mean?
- Often, for example in Mamdani's case, a single (crisp) number is required for output
  - the fuzzy output set is converted to a number
  - this process is termed *defuzzification*
- Mamdani chose to use a method whereby the centre of the area under the output set is used
  - this is called the *centroid* or *centre-of-gravity*

## The Problem

- The result of Mamdani inference is one or more arbitrary output fuzzy set(s)
  - what is the meaning of such sets?

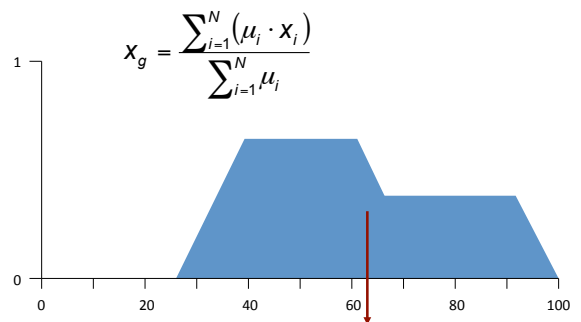


## Defuzzification

- There are two principal forms of defuzzification
  - numeric defuzzification
  - linguistic defuzzification
- Numeric defuzzification
  - often, a single (crisp) number is required as output
    - e.g. fuzzy control
  - there are many different options
    - COG (centroid), mean-of-maxima, centre-of-area
- Linguistic defuzzification
  - a linguistic term representing the output set is found
  - some form of similarity or distance metric used

## Centre of Gravity

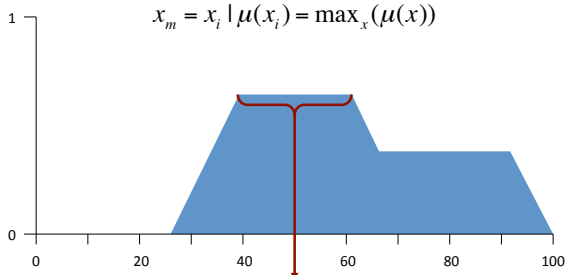
- The imaginary balance point of the shape



## Mean of Maxima

- The mean of the  $x$ 's which attain the maximal membership grade

$$x_m = \overline{x_i \mid \mu(x_i) = \max_x(\mu(x))}$$

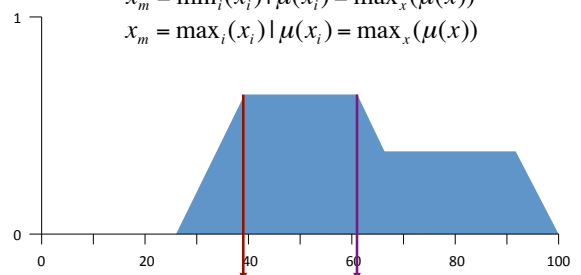


## Smallest/Largest of Maxima

- The smallest or largest of  $x$ 's with the maximal grade

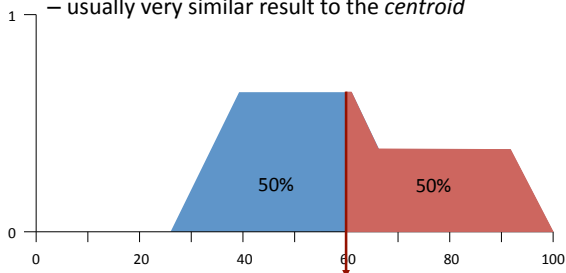
$$x_m = \min_i(x_i) \mid \mu(x_i) = \max_x(\mu(x))$$

$$x_m = \max_i(x_i) \mid \mu(x_i) = \max_x(\mu(x))$$



## Bisector

- The value of  $x$  which splits the total area into two equal subareas
  - usually very similar result to the *centroid*



## Problems

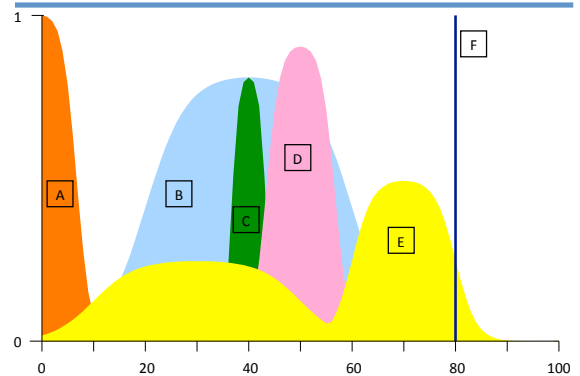
- Information is lost
  - this is inevitable when reducing to a single number

## Other Metrics

- Membership grade at defuzzification point ( $\mu_g$ )
  - provides an indication of confidence in the result
- Maximum membership grade ( $\mu_h$ , height)
  - provides a direct measure of strength of rules fired
- Normalised area
 
$$A = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i}{N}$$
- Fuzzy entropy

$$S = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (-\mu_i \ln(\mu_i) - (1 - \mu_i) \ln(1 - \mu_i))}{N}$$

## Metrics Illustrated



## Metric Values

set	$x_g$	$\mu_g$	$\mu_h$	A	S
A	3	0.95	1.00	0.07	0.06
B	40	0.80	0.80	0.32	0.50
C	40	0.80	0.80	0.05	0.08
D	50	0.90	0.90	0.12	0.15
E	50	0.16	0.50	0.19	0.60
F (singleton)	80	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
unknown 1.0/x	50	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
indeterm. 0.5/x	50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00
undefined 0/x	50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Linguistic Approximation

- A similarity measure is used to compute the distance between
  - the actual output set
  - the set of all terms of the linguistic variable
    - collection of primitive terms, connectives and hedges
- Search to find the best term while limiting the complexity to produce comprehensible output
  - e.g. *medium* or *high* may be preferred to *not extremely low* or *fairly medium* or *fairly high*
- Special level sets may also be included in search

## Similarity Measures

- Euclidean distance

$$\delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mu_i - \eta_i)^2$$

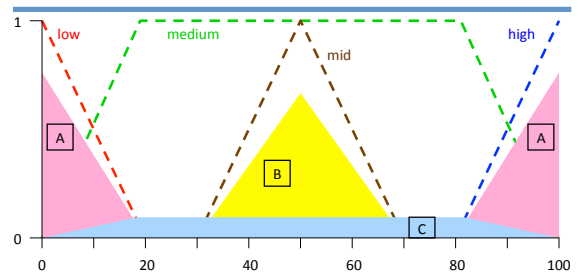
- where  $\eta_i$  is membership grade of linguistic term
- minimum will determine the best match

- Degree of overlap

$$\gamma = \frac{A \cap B}{A \cup B}$$

- maximum will determine the best match

## Examples

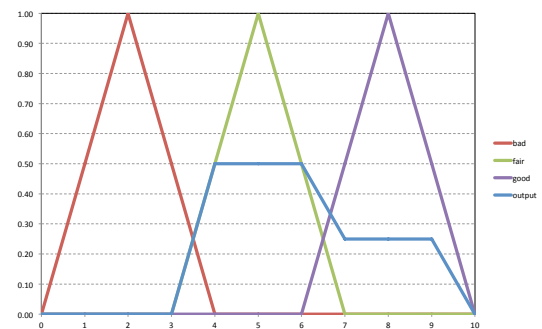


- A is best approximated by *low or high*
- B is best approximated by *mid*
- C is best approximated by *undefined (0/x)*

## Example - Sets

- Recall, our output set
  - $.5/4 + .5/5 + .5/6 + .25/7 + .25/8 + .25/9$
- Recall, the output sets for *Employ*
  - *bad* =  $0/0 + .5/1 + 1/2 + .5/3 + 0/4$
  - *fair* =  $0/3 + .5/4 + 1/5 + .5/6 + 0/7$
  - *good* =  $0/6 + .5/7 + 1/8 + .5/9 + 0/10$
- And, three level sets
  - *undefined* =  $0/0 + 0/1 + 0/2 + \dots + 0/8 + 0/9 + 0/10$
  - *indeterminate* =  $.5/0 + .5/1 + .5/2 + \dots + .5/8 + .5/9 + .5/10$
  - *unknown* =  $1/0 + 1/1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/8 + 1/9 + 1/10$

## Example - Plots



## Example - Similarities

x	output	bad	dist(bad)	fair	dist(fair)	good	dist(good)	undefined	d(undefined)	indet.	d(indet.)	unknown	d(unknown)
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	1.00
1	0.00	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	1.00
2	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	1.00
3	0.00	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	1.00
4	0.50	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.00	1.00	0.25
5	0.50	0.00	0.25	1.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.00	1.00	0.25
6	0.50	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.00	1.00	0.25
7	0.25	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.50	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.50	0.06	1.00	0.56
8	0.25	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	1.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.50	0.06	1.00	0.56
9	0.25	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.50	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.50	0.06	1.00	0.56
10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	1.00
		Σ	2.44		0.44		1.44			0.94		1.44	7.44

- The best linguistic match is '*fair*'

## Summary

- Lecture summary
  - Mamdani inference uses a heuristic approximation of inference, inspired by production rules
  - with reasonable choices of variables, terms and rules, it produces reasonable results
  - defuzzification is required as the output is fuzzy
    - there are alternative numeric and linguistic methods
    - no defuzzification technique is 'correct'
- Next lecture
  - Sugeno inference