

# Lecture on Fuzzy and Crisp Relation Properties(Unit 3 Lecture 5)



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# Outline of Presentation

- Introduction.
- The Relation Properties.
- References.

- In real world, there exist much fuzzy knowledge (i.e. vague, uncertain inexact etc).
- Human thinking and reasoning (analysis, logic, interpretation) frequently involved fuzzy information.
- Human can give satisfactory answers, which are probably true.
- Our systems are unable to answer many question because the systems are designed based upon classical set theory (Unreliable and incomplete).
- We want, our system should be able to cope with unreliable and incomplete information.
- Fuzzy system have been provide solution.

## Classical set theory

- Classes of objects with sharp boundaries.
- A classical set is defined by crisp(exact) boundaries, i.e., there is no uncertainty about the location of the set boundaries.
- Widely used in digital system design

## Fuzzy set theory

- Classes of objects with unsharp boundaries.
- A fuzzy set is defined by its ambiguous boundaries, i.e., there exists uncertainty about the location of the set boundaries.
- Used in fuzzy controllers.

- ▶ Given an *universe of discourse* (*crisp*)  $X$
- ▶ For a classic (crisp) set  $A \subset X$ , for each element  $x \in X$ , either  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ .
- ▶ For the set  $A$  it can be defined a characteristic function  $\nu_A : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , with  $\nu_A(x) = 1$  iff (if and only if)  $x \in A$  and  $\nu_A(x) = 0$  iff  $x \notin A$
- ▶ For a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$ , an element  $x \in X$  belongs to the fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} \subset X$  **in a certain degree**
- ▶ The characteristic function of a crisp set will be extended to the *membership function* of a fuzzy set, which can take values in the real numbers interval  $[0, 1]$

## Definition

“If  $X$  is a collection of objects” (named the *universe of discourse*)  
“denoted generically by  $x$ , then a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} \subset X$  is a set of ordered pairs

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

where  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called *membership function* or *degree of membership* (also, degree of compatibility or degree of truth) of  $x$  in  $A$ ” (Zimmermann [Zim91])

If the interval of real numbers  $[0, 1]$  is replaced with the discrete set  $\{0, 1\}$ , then the fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  becomes a classic (crisp) set.

- ▶ Fuzzy sets can be discrete or continuous
- ▶ The interval  $[0, 1]$  can be extended to  $[0, k]$ , where  $k > 0$
- ▶ It is possible to define fuzzy sets on more complex structures than intervals or real numbers, e.g.  $\mathbb{L}$ -fuzzy sets, where  $\mathbb{L}$  is a partially ordered set (see chapter 3, Extensions of fuzzy sets)
- ▶ Example of discrete fuzzy set (Zimmermann [Zim91]):
  - ▶ MF: comfortable house for a 4 person family as a function of the number of bedrooms:
  - ▶ The universe discourse:  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$
  - ▶  $\tilde{A} \subset X$  will be  
 $\tilde{A} = \{(1, 0.1), (2, 0.5), (3, 0.8), (4, 1.0), (5, 0.7), (6, 0.2)\}$

1. Determine the union and intersection of the fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  = "comfortable house for a 4 persons - family" and  $\tilde{B}$  = "small house", where

$$\tilde{A} = \{(1, 0.1), (2, 0.5), (3, 0.8), (4, 1.0), (5, 0.7), (6, 0.2)\} \text{ and}$$

$$\tilde{B} = \{(1, 1), (2, 0.8), (3, 0.4), (4, 0.1)\}:$$

$$\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B} = \{(1, \max(0.1, 1)), (2, \max(0.5, 0.8)), (3, \max(0.8, 0.4)), (4, \max(1, 0.1)), (5, \max(0.7, 0)), (6, \max(0.2, 0))\} =$$

$$\{(1, 1), (2, 0.8), (3, 0.8), (4, 1), (5, 0.7), (6, 0.2)\}$$

$$\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} = \{(1, \min(0.1, 1)), (2, \min(0.5, 0.8)), (3, \min(0.8, 0.4)), (4, \min(1, 0.1)), (5, \min(0.7, 0)), (6, \min(0.2, 0))\} =$$

$$\{(1, 0.1), (2, 0.5), (3, 0.4), (4, 0.1), (5, 0), (6, 0)\}$$

$\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$  can be read as "comfortable house for a 4 persons - family or small", and  $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$  as "comfortable house for a 4 persons - family and small"



### 3.4. Composition of Fuzzy Relations:

■ A fuzzy relation  $R$  is defined on sets  $A, B$  and another fuzzy relations  $S$  is defined on sets  $B, C$ .

That is,  $R \subseteq A \times B, \quad S \subseteq B \times C$ .

The composition  $S \bullet R = SR$  of the two relations  $R$  and  $S$  expresses the relation from  $A$  to  $C$ .

■ This composition is defined by an inner product. The inner product is similar to an ordinary matrix (dot) product, except *Multiplication* is replaced by **Minimum** and *Summation* by **Maximum**. Thus this composition is defined by the following

$$\mu_{S \bullet R}(a, c) = \max [ \min (\mu_R(a, b), \mu_S(b, c)) ]$$

example:

Consider the fuzzy sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  to represent sets of events.

The relation  $R \subseteq A \times B$ , gives the possibility of occurrence of  $B$  after  $A$ , and the relation  $S \subseteq B \times C$  gives the possibility of occurrence of  $C$  after  $B$ .

<b>R</b>	<b><math>b_1</math></b>	<b><math>b_2</math></b>	<b><math>b_3</math></b>	<b><math>b_4</math></b>
<b><math>a_1</math></b>	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.0
<b><math>a_2</math></b>	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
<b><math>a_3</math></b>	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.4

<b>S</b>	<b><math>c_1</math></b>	<b><math>c_2</math></b>	<b><math>c_3</math></b>
<b><math>b_1</math></b>	0.9	0.0	0.3
<b><math>b_2</math></b>	0.2	1.0	0.8
<b><math>b_3</math></b>	0.8	0.0	0.7
<b><math>b_4</math></b>	0.4	0.2	0.3

For example, by the relation  $R$ , the possibility of  $b_1$  to occur after  $a_1$  is 0.1. And by the relation  $S$ , the possibility of occurrence of  $c_1$  after  $b_1$  is 0.9.

### 3.5. Properties of Fuzzy Relations:

the properties of commutativity, associativity, distributivity, involution, idempotency and De Morgan's principles all hold for fuzzy relations. But since there is overlap between a relation and its complement:

$$R \cup \bar{R} \neq E$$

$$R \cap \bar{R} \neq O$$

Where **O**= the null relation, and **E**=the complete relation e.g.

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 3.2. Crisp Relation

■ A *Crisp Relation*  $R$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  assigns to each ordered pair exactly one of the following statements:

(i) "a is related to b" or (ii) "a is not related to b"

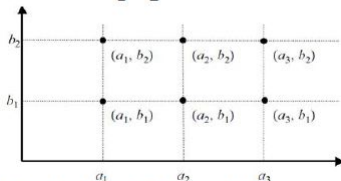
■ The **Cartesian Product**  $A \times B$  is the set of all possible combinations of the items of  $A$  and  $B$ . For example when:

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$$

and

$$B = \{b_1, b_2\}$$

The Cartesian product yields the shown figure.



Which means:

$$A \times B = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_1), (a_3, b_2)\}$$

## 1.2.1 Example

Let  $X = \{1, 4, 5\}$  and  $Y = \{3, 6, 7\}$

Classical matrix for the crisp relation when  $R = x < y$  is

$$R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## 1.2.2 Example

Let  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

Classical matrix for the crisp relation  $R = x = y$

$$R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

### 3.5. Fuzzy Tolerance and Equivalence Relations:

Let  $R$  be the fuzzy relation defined on the set of cities and representing the concept very near. We may assume that a city is certainly (i.e., to a degree of 1) very near to itself. The relation is therefore **reflexive**. Furthermore, if city  $A$  is very near to city  $B$ , then  $B$  is certainly very near to  $A$ . Therefore, the relation is also **symmetric**. Finally, if city  $A$  is very near to city  $B$  to some degree, say .7, and city  $B$  is very near to city  $C$  to some degree, say .8, it is possible (although not necessary) that city  $A$  is very near to city  $C$  to a smaller degree, say 0.5. Therefore, the relation is **nontransitive**.

A fuzzy relation is a fuzzy equivalence relation if all three of the following properties for matrix relations define it:

*Reflexivity*       $\mu R(x_i, y_i) = 1$

*Symmetry*       $\mu R(x_i, y_j) = \mu R(x_j, y_i)$

*Transitivity*       $\mu R(x_i, y_j) = \lambda_1$     and     $\mu R(x_j, y_k) = \lambda_2$   
                           $\rightarrow \mu R(x_i, y_k) = \lambda$     where  $\lambda \geq \min[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ .

## 2.3 Reflexive Relation

Let  $R$  be a fuzzy relation in  $X \times X$  then  $R$  is called reflexive, if

$$\mu_R(x, x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in X$$

### 2.3.1 Example

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.9 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.7 & 1 & 0.9 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

is reflexive relation

## 2.4 Antireflexive relations

Fuzzy relation  $R \subset X \times X$  is antireflexive if

$$\mu_R(x, x) = 0, x \in X$$

### 2.4.1 Example

$$R_1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.6 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ is antireflexive relation}$$



## 2.5 Symmetric Relation

A fuzzy relation  $R$  is called symmetric if,

$$\mu_R(x, y) = \mu_R(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

### 2.5.1 Example

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$

$$R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.7 \\ 0.1 & 1 & 0.6 \\ 0.7 & 0.6 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ is a symmetric relation.}$$

## 2.6 Antisymmetric Relation

Fuzzy relation  $R \subset X \times X$  is antisymmetric iff

$$\text{if } \mu_R(x, y) > 0 \text{ then } \mu_R(y, x) = 0, x, y \in X, x \neq y$$

### 2.6.1 Example

$$R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.7 \\ 0.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ is antisymmetric relation.}$$

## 2.7 Transitive Relation

Fuzzy relation  $R \subset X \times X$  is transitive in the sense of max-min iff

$$\mu_R(x, z) \geq \max_{y \in X} (\min(\mu_R(x, y), \mu_R(y, z))) \quad x, z \in X$$

since  $R^2 = R \circ R$  if

$$\mu_{R^2}(x, z) = \max_{y \in X} (\mu_R(x, y), \mu_R(y, z))$$

then  $R$  is transitive if  $R \circ R = R$  ( $R \circ R \subseteq R$ )

and  $R^2 \subset R$  means that  $\mu_{R^2}(x, y) \leq \mu_R(x, y)$

### 2.7.1 Example

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$

$$\text{is } R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.9 & 0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.5 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ a transitive relation?}$$

**Solution**

$$R \circ R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.9 & 0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.5 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.9 & 0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.5 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.7 & 0.5 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $\mu_{R^2}(x_i, x_j)$  is not always less than or equal to  $\mu_R(x_i, x_j)$ , hence  $R$  is not transitive.

## 2.7.2 Example

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$

is  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$  a transitive relation?

Solution

$$R \circ R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

using max-min composition

$$R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \max(\min(0.4, 0.4), \min(0.2, 0.7)) & \max(\min(0.4, 0.2), \min(0.2, 0.3)) \\ \max(\min(0.7, 0.4), \min(0.3, 0.7)) & \max(\min(0.7, 0.2), \min(0.3, 0.3)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \max(0.4, 0.2) & \max(0.2, 0.2) \\ \max(0.4, 0.3) & \max(0.2, 0.3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mu_{R^2}(x_i, x_j)$  is less than or equal to  $\mu_R(x_i, x_j)$ , so  $R$  is transitive.



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