

## Defuzzification Methods

Defuzzification is the process of conversion of a fuzzy quantity into a precise quantity.

The output of a fuzzy process may be union of two or more fuzzy membership functions defined on the universe of discourse of the o/p variables.

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We have

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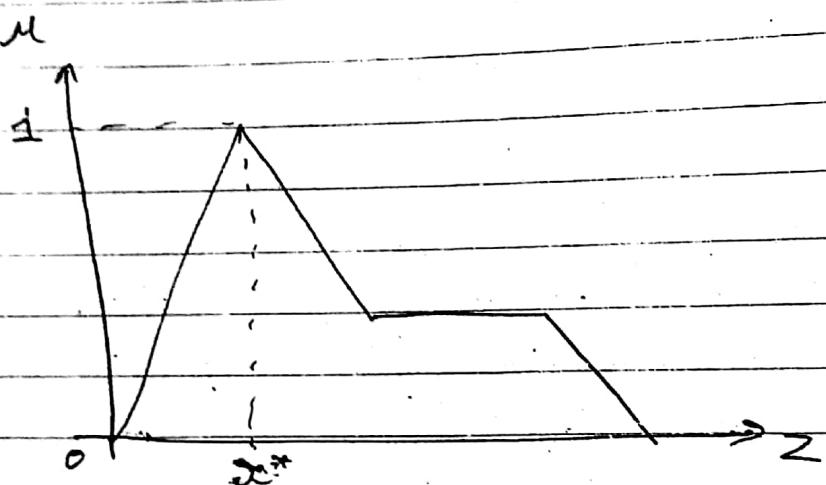
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- 1.) Max-membership principle.
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- 3.) Weighted average method.
- 4.) Mean-max membership.
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## 1.) Max-Membership Principle

This method is also known as height method & is limited to peak output functions.

$$M_c(x^*) \geq M_c(x) \text{ for } x \in X.$$



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## 2.) Centroid Method.

This method is also known as center of mass, center of area or center of gravity method. It is the most commonly used defuzzification method. The defuzzified output  $x^*$  is defined as:

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where  $\int$  denotes an algebraic integration.

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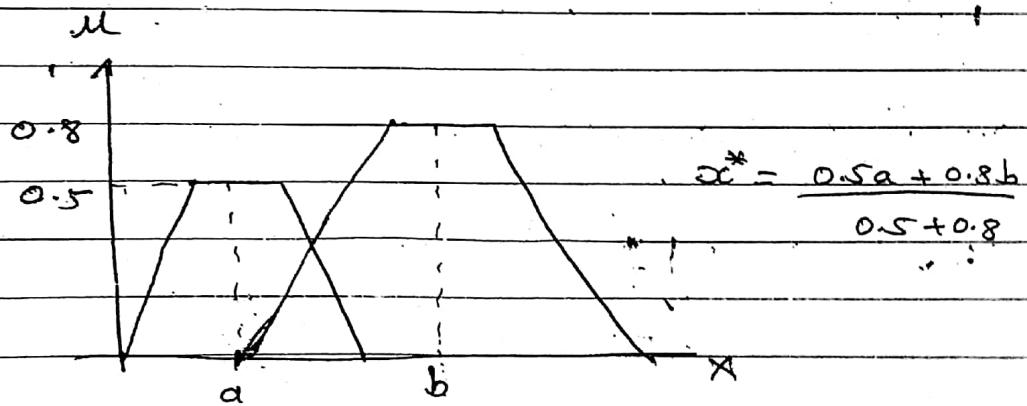
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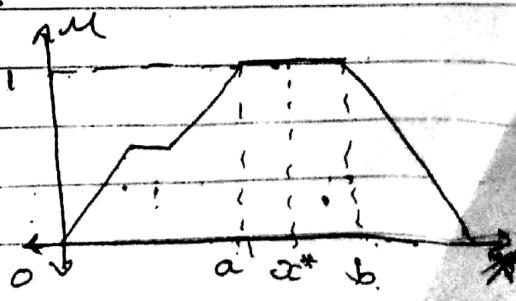


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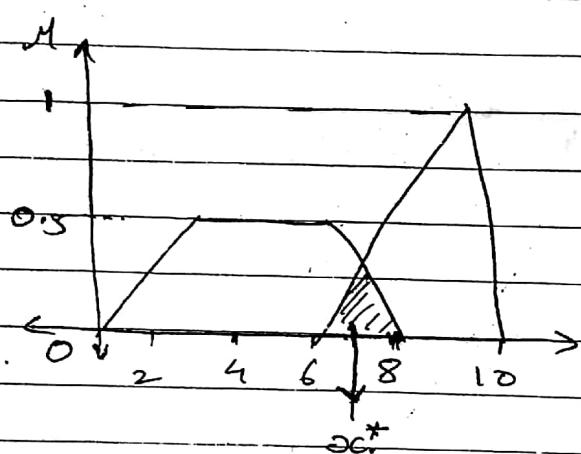
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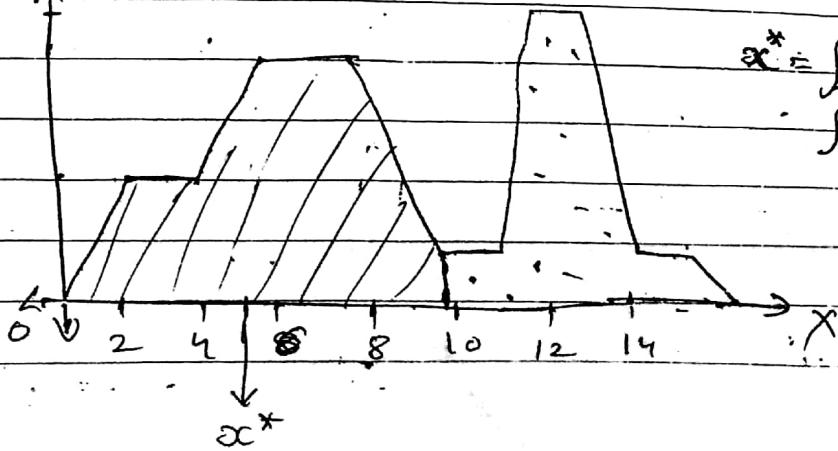
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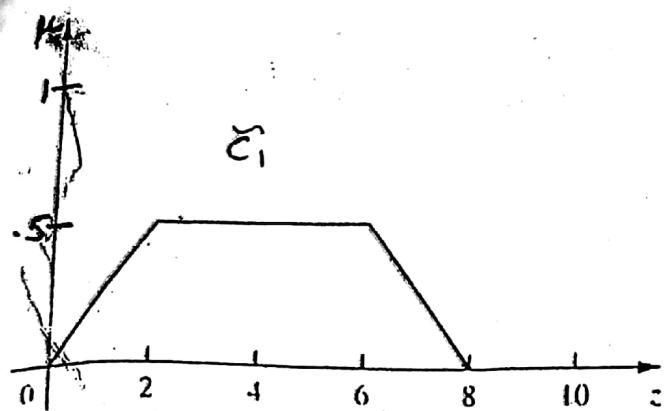


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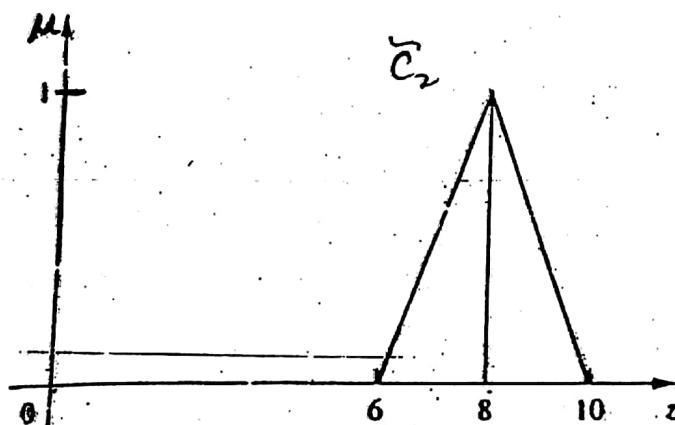
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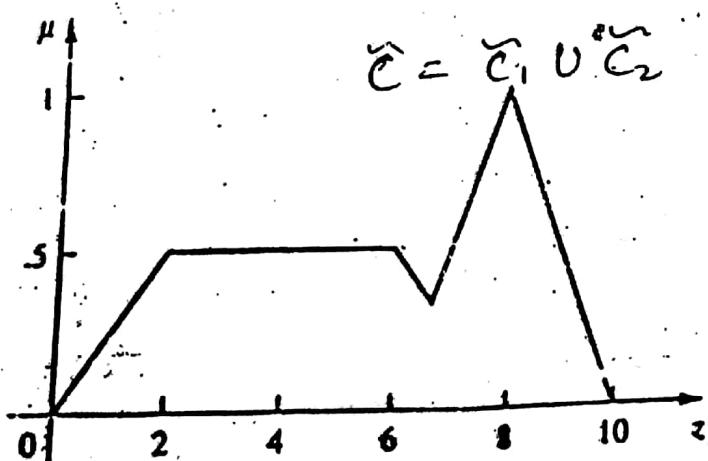
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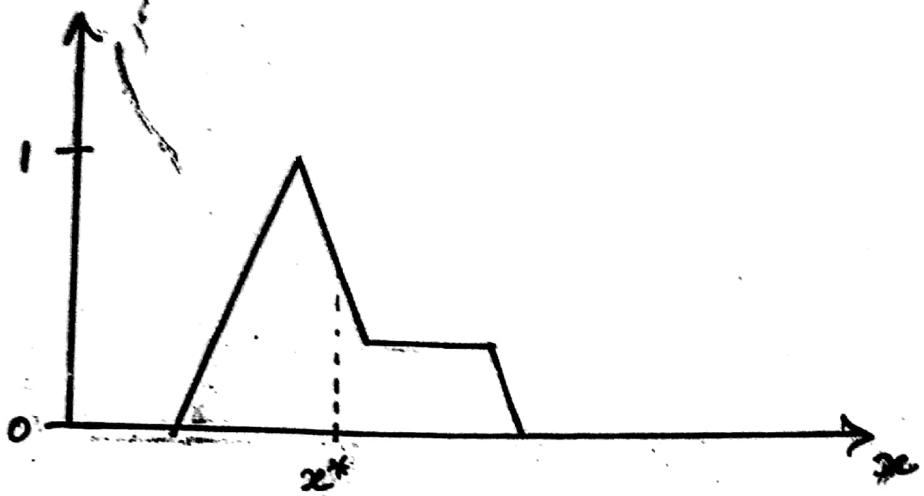
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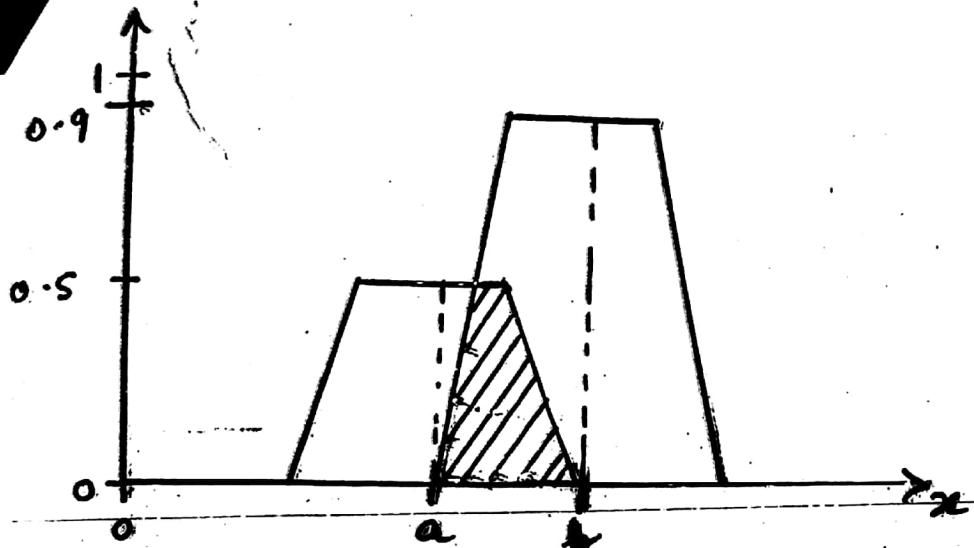
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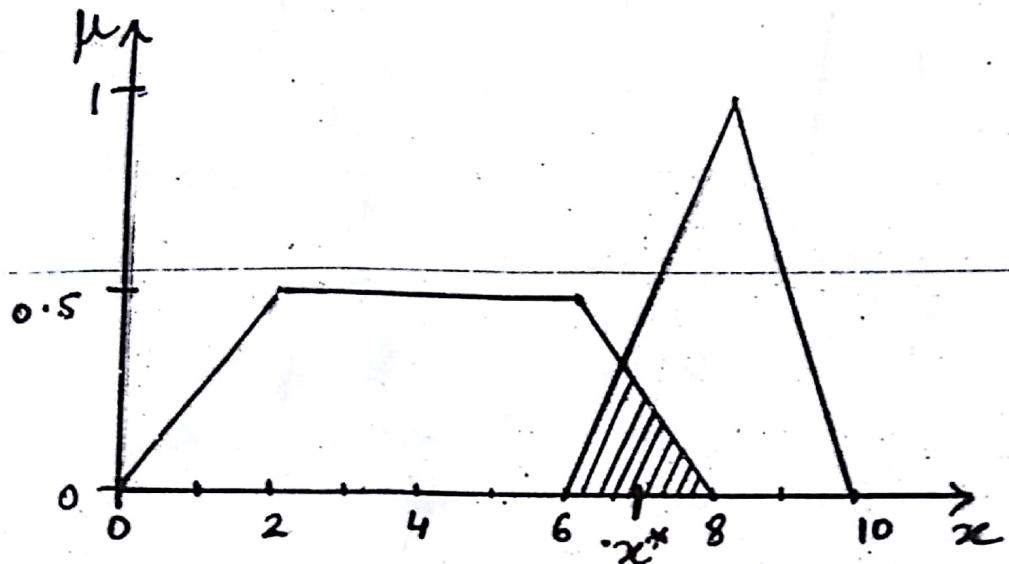
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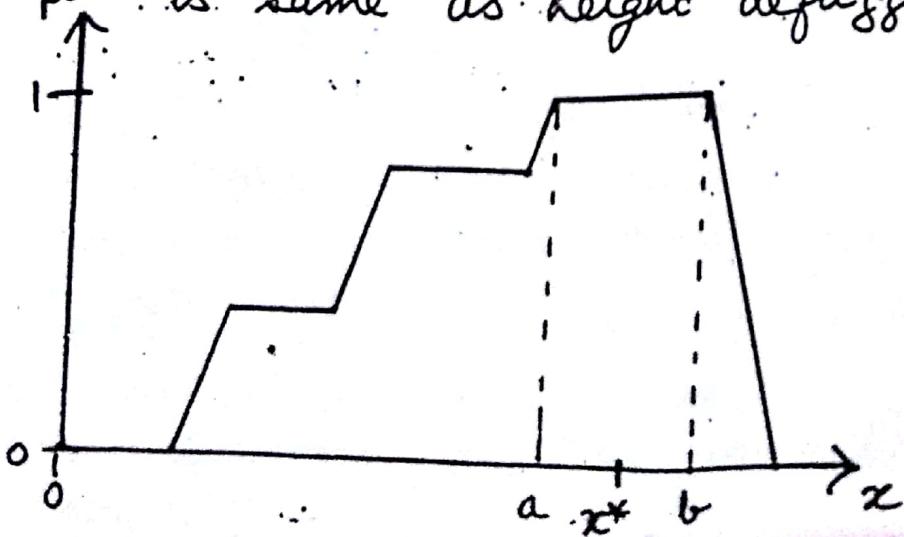
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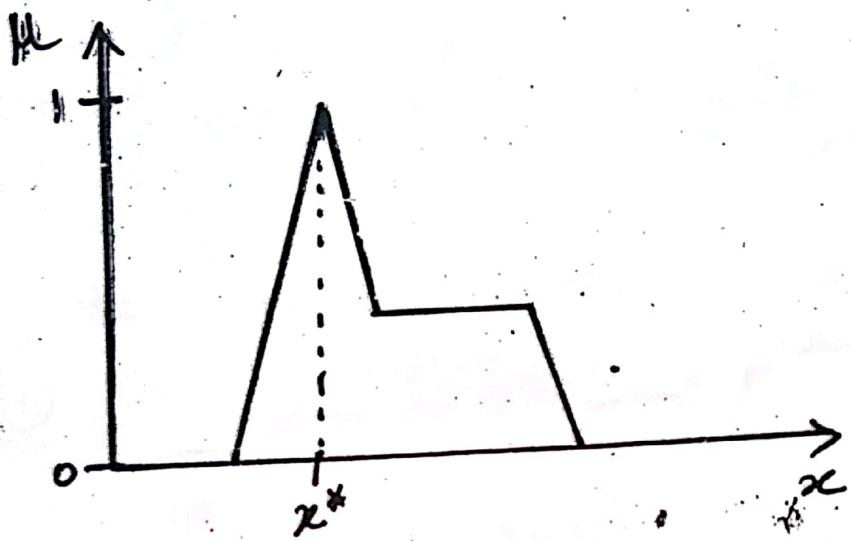


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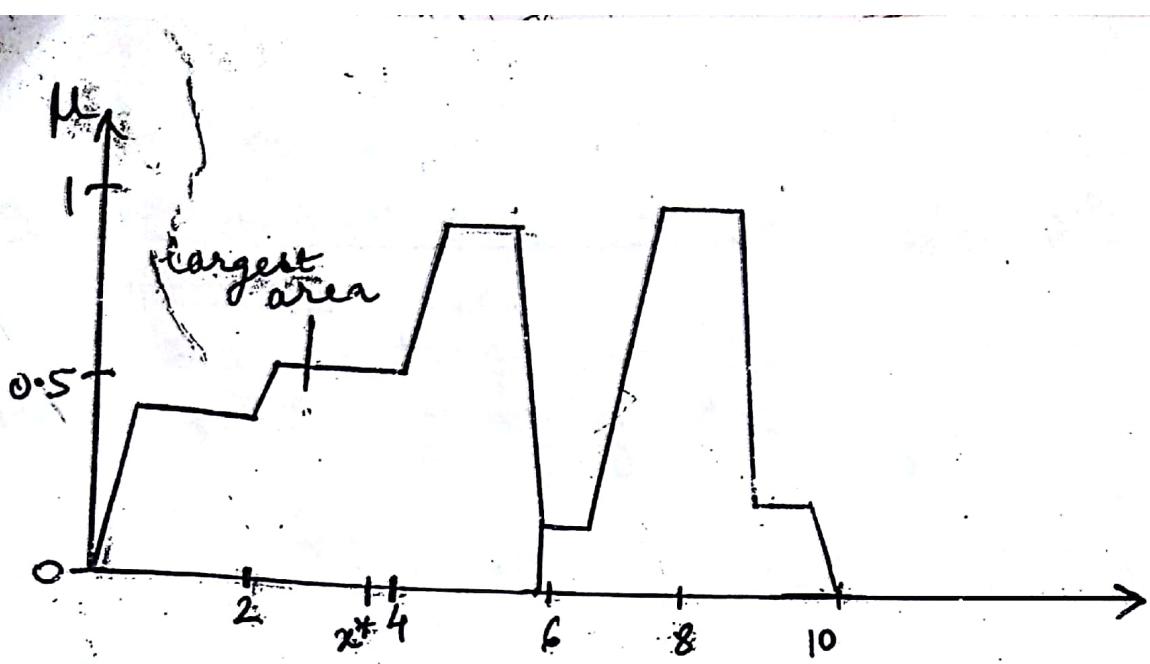
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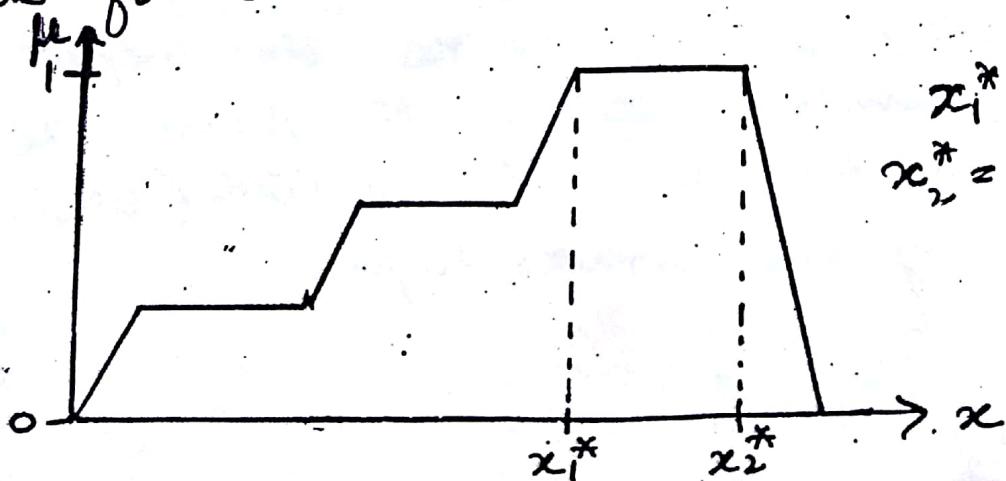


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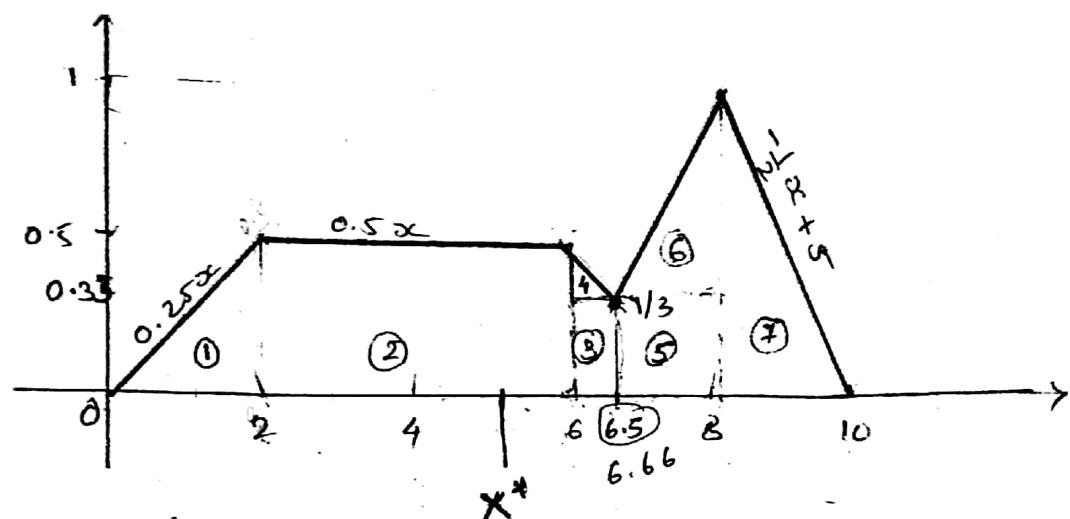
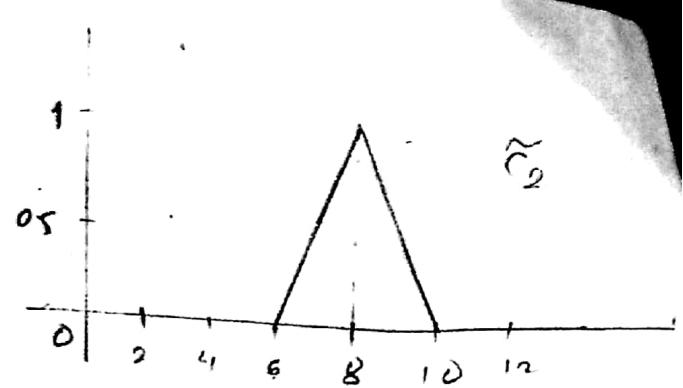
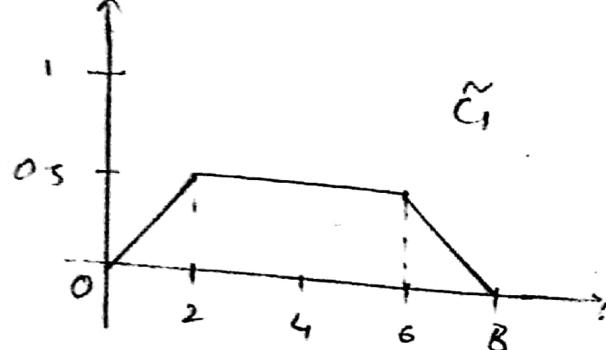
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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{0+2+2}{3} = 1.33$$

$$\bar{x}^* = \frac{\sum A\bar{x}}{\sum A}$$

$$x^* = \frac{25.769}{4.675} = 5.512$$

② Weighted average method:

Find the center of each fuzzy set.

$$\text{Center of } \tilde{G} = 4, \text{ center of } \tilde{C} = 8$$

$$\text{Membership of } \tilde{G} \text{ at } 4 = 0.5$$

$$\text{ " } \tilde{C} \text{ at } 8 = 1$$

$$x^* = \frac{(4 \times 0.5) + (8 \times 1)}{1 + 0.5} = \underline{\underline{6.66}}$$

③ Center of sum:

Find area of individual curve.

$$\text{Area of } \tilde{G} = (8+4) \times 0.5 / 2 = 3$$

$$\text{Area of } \tilde{C} = (4 \times 1) \times 1 / 2 = 2$$

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④ Highest de fuzzification:

$$x^* = \underline{\underline{8}}$$

⑤ Mean of Maxima:

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Q. Design a fuzzy logic controller for a train approaching or leaving a station. The inputs are distance from the station and speed of the train. The output is the amount of brake power used. Use four descriptors for each variable and appropriate defuzzification method.

Solution

The rule base is summarized as follows.

Distance	Speed			
	Very Slow	Slow	Fast	Very Fast
Very Close	Very light <sub>1</sub>	Heavy <sub>2</sub>	Heavy <sub>3</sub>	Very heavy <sub>4</sub>
Close	Light <sub>5</sub>	Light <sub>6</sub>	Heavy <sub>7</sub>	Heavy <sub>8</sub>
Far	Light <sub>9</sub>	Very light <sub>10</sub>	Light <sub>11</sub>	Heavy <sub>12</sub>
Very Far	Very light <sub>13</sub>	Very light <sub>14</sub>	Light <sub>15</sub>	Light <sub>16</sub>

Now let us consider the control action if the distance is 100 m and the speed is 24.6 km/hr.

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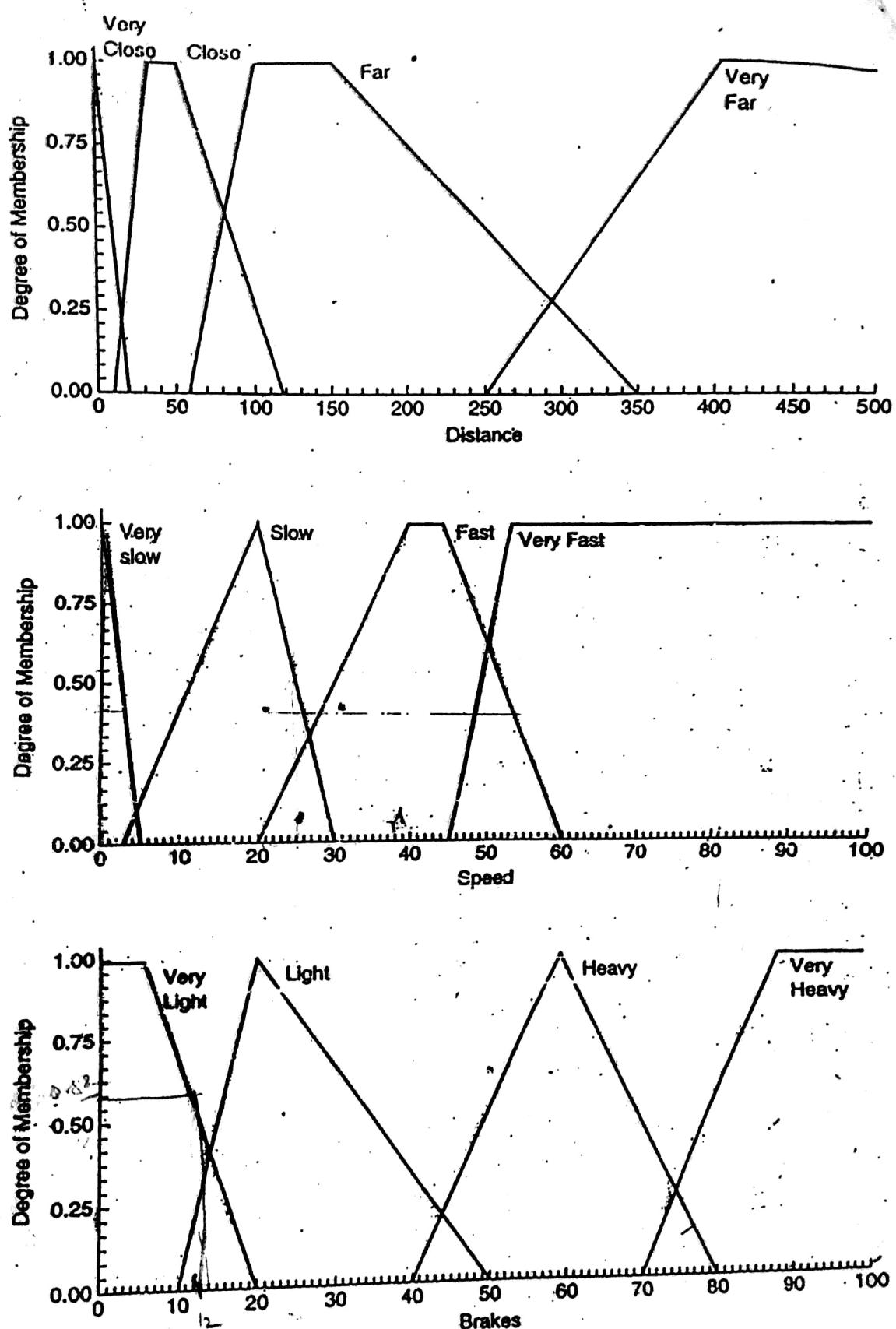


Figure 5.6 Definition of membership functions for a) distance, b) speed, c) brakes.

Defuzzification (min - max) The min operation

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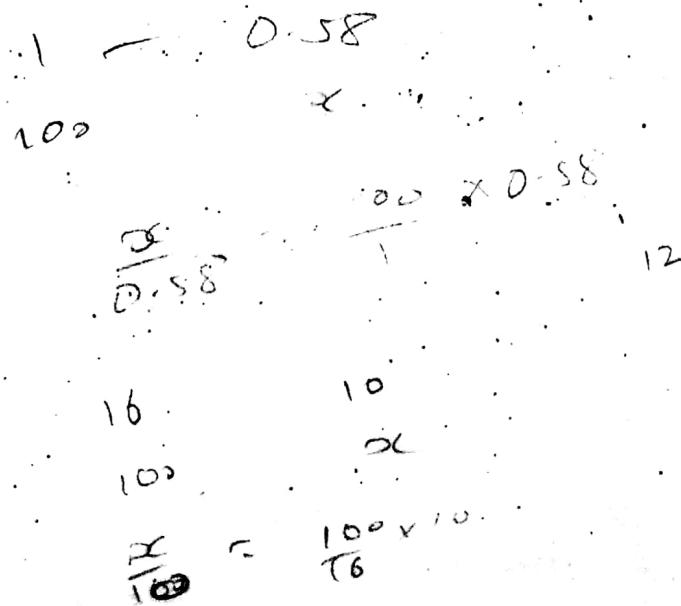
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The rules that fire are 6, 7, 10 and 11.  
The max. operation gives :-

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0.58 corresponds to rule 10 or very light break power.

Hence we get Brake power = 12% from the membership function of brake power.



Q-1

Design a fuzzy controller to regulate the temperature of a domestic shower. Assume that:-

- (a) Temperature is adjusted by a single mixer tap.
- (b) Flow of water is constant.
- (c) Control variable is the ratio of hot water to cold water input.

Design should clearly mention the descriptors used and the control variable, set of rules to generate control action and defuzzification.

Q-2

Design a fuzzy controller for maintaining the temperature of water in a tank at a fixed level. Input variables are cold water flow into the tank and steam flow into the tank. For cooling cold water flow is regulated and for raising the temperature steam flow is regulated. Design a fuzzification scheme for input variables. Formulate the control problem in terms of fuzzy inference rules incorporating the degree of relevance of each rule. Design a scheme which shall regulate water and steam flows properly.

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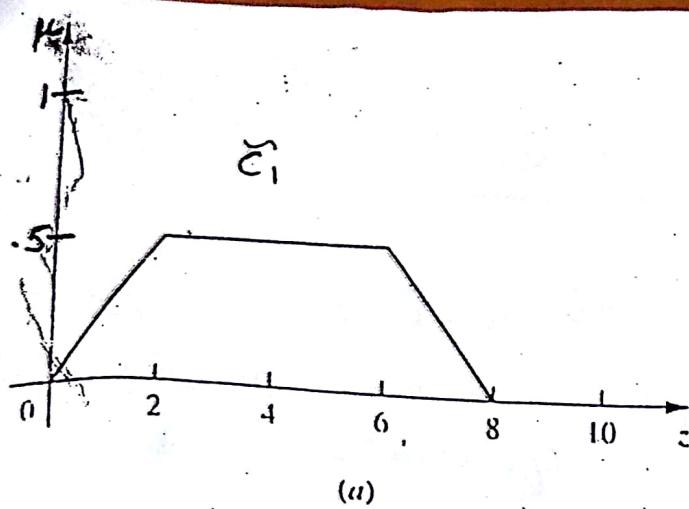
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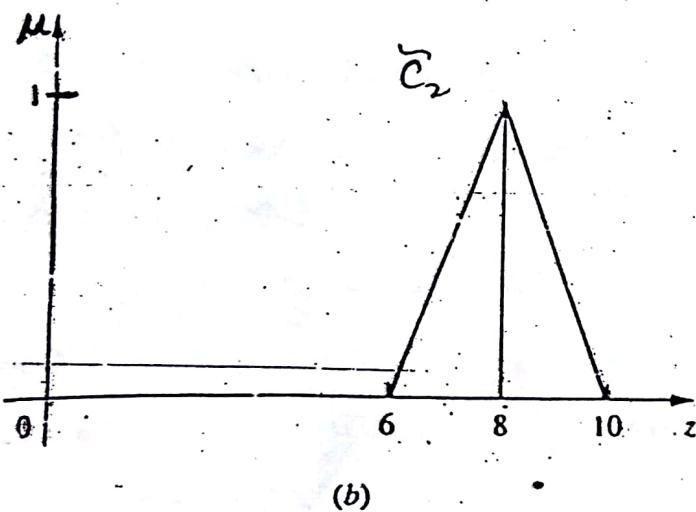
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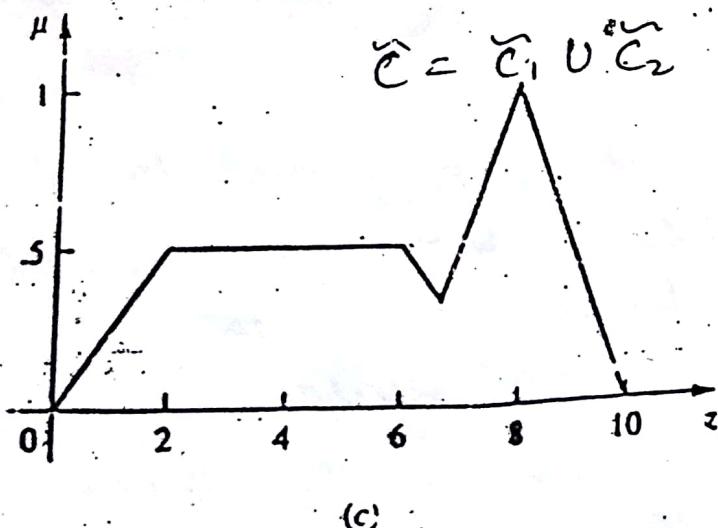
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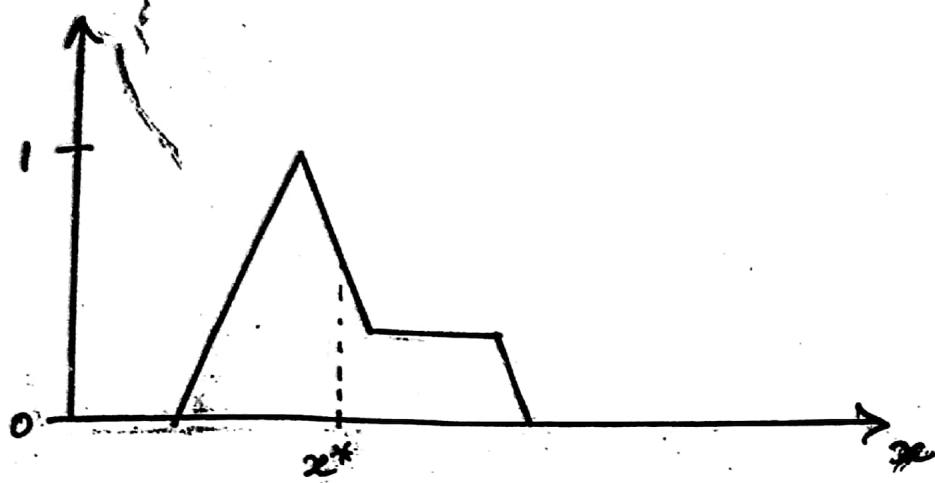
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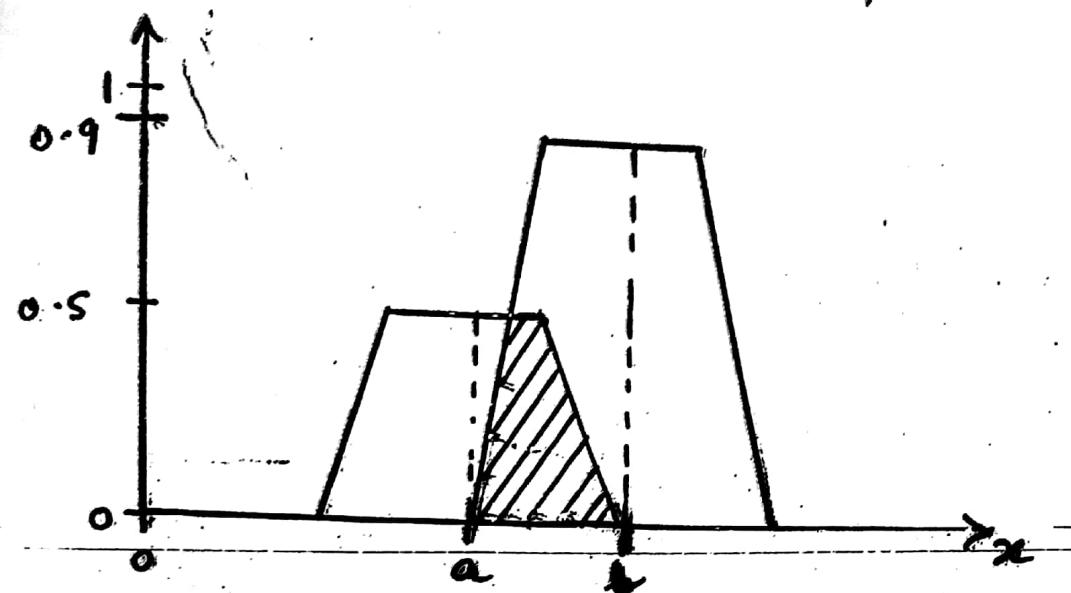
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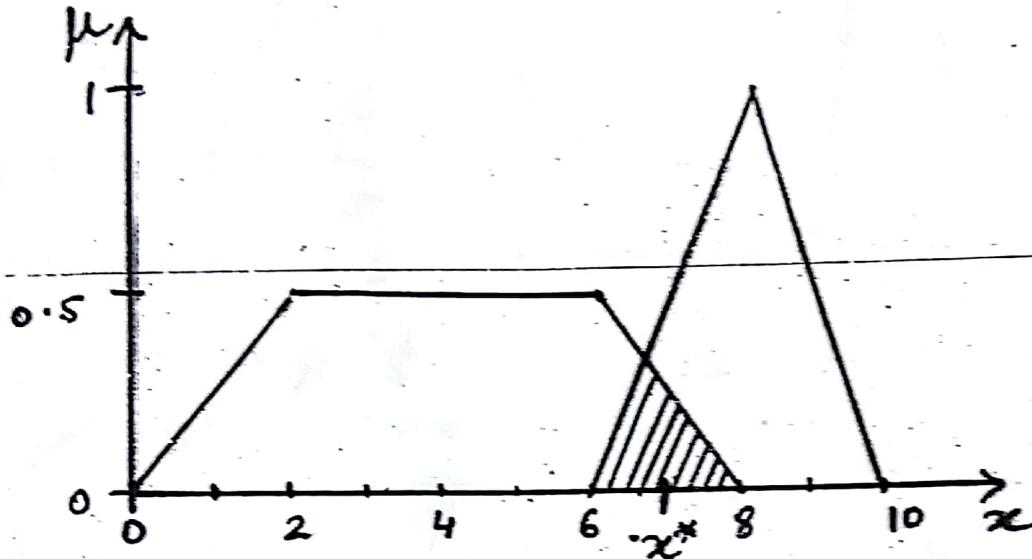
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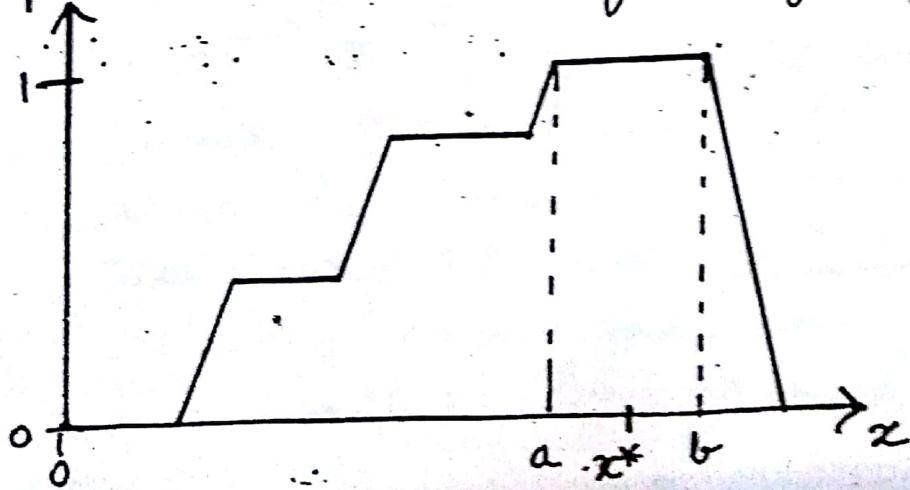
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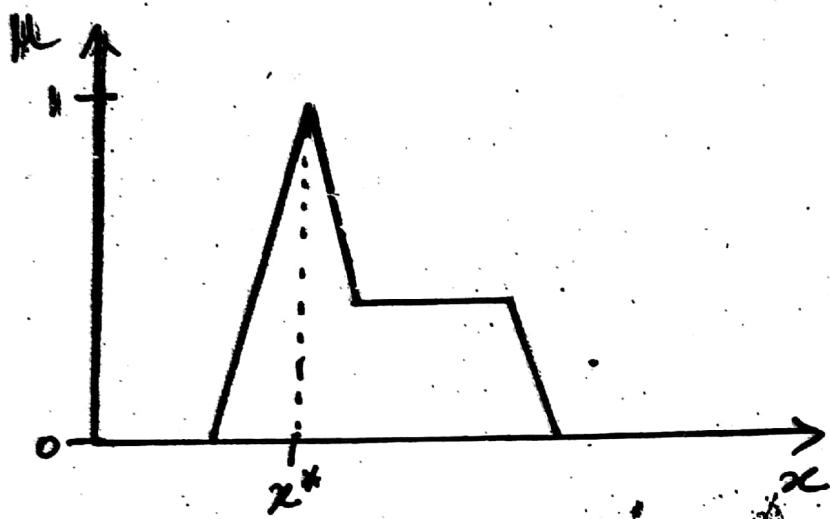


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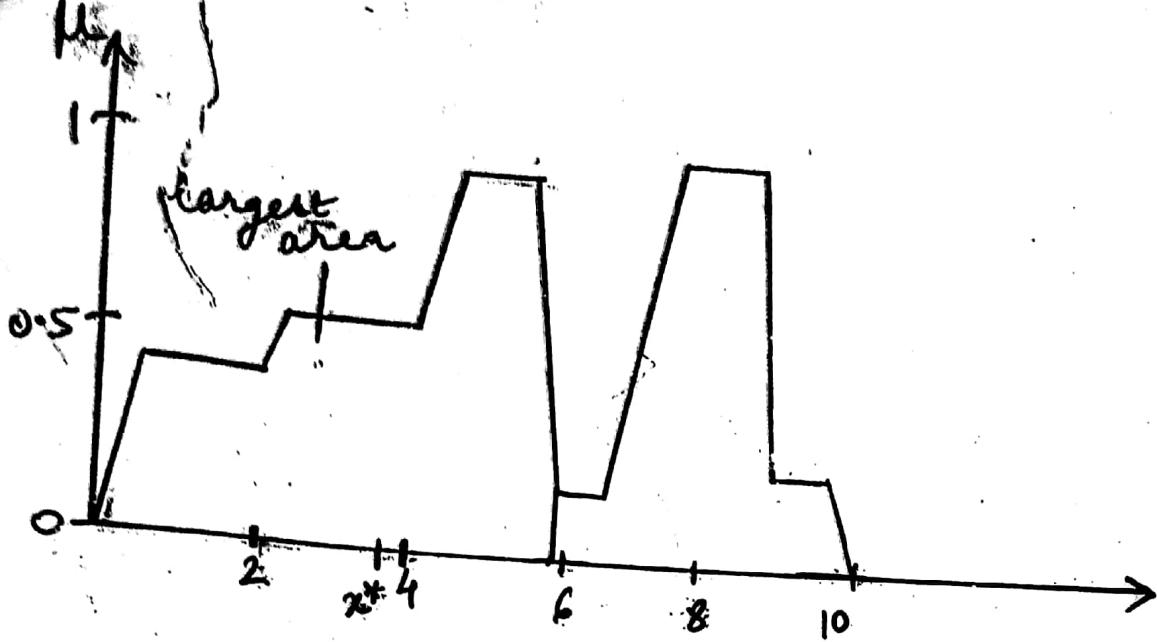
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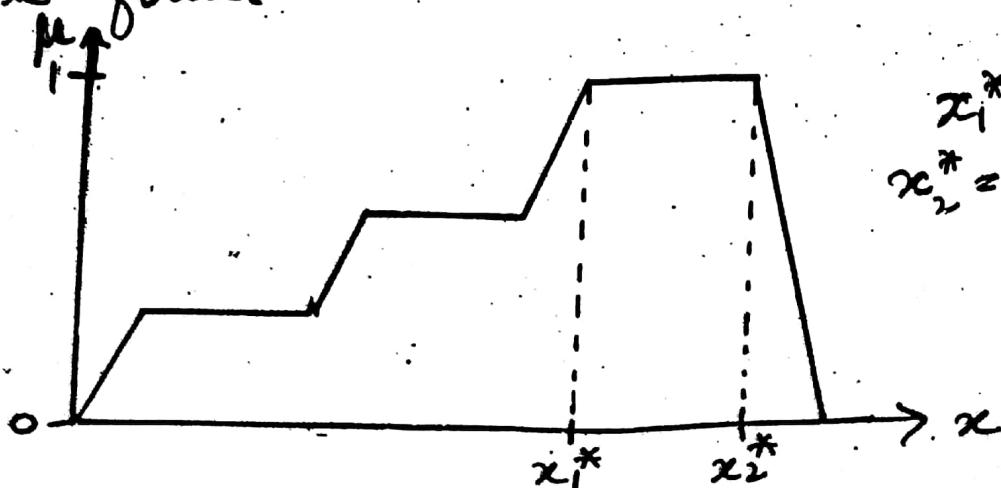
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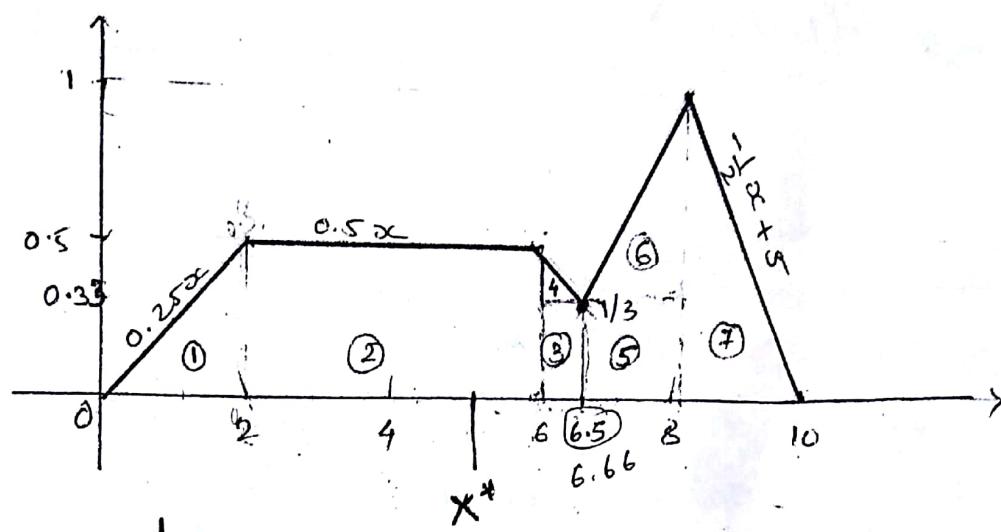
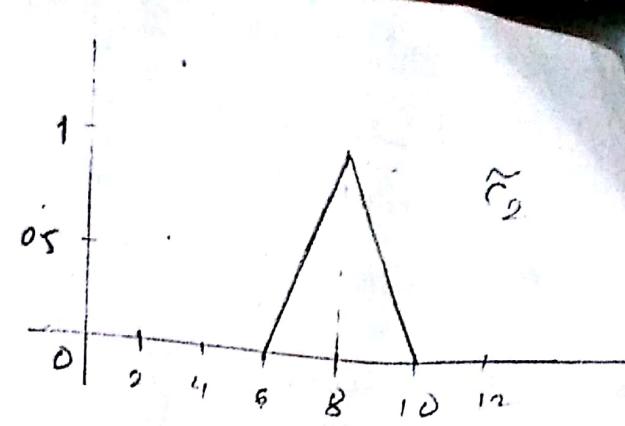
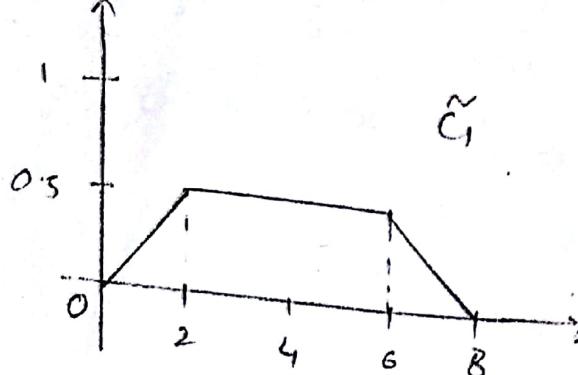
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7	$1$	$8.66 \frac{8+8+10}{3}$	$8.66$
<b>Total</b>			<b><math>25.769</math></b>
<b><math>4.675</math></b>			

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{0+2+2}{3} = 1.33$$

$$\bar{x}^* = \frac{\sum A\bar{x}}{\sum A}$$

$$\bar{x}^* = \frac{25.769}{4.675} = 5.512$$

② Weighted average method:

Find the center of each fuzzy set.

$$\text{Center of } \tilde{c}_1 = 4, \text{ center of } \tilde{c}_2 = 8$$

$$\text{membership of } \tilde{c}_1 \text{ at } 4 = 0.5$$

$$\text{ " " } \tilde{c}_2 \text{ at } 8 = 1$$

$$x^* = \frac{(4 \times 0.5) + (8 \times 1)}{1 + 0.5} = \underline{\underline{6.66}}$$

③ Center of sum:

Find area of individual curve.

$$\text{Area of } \tilde{c}_1 = (8+4) \times 0.5 / 2 = 3$$

$$\text{Area of } \tilde{c}_2 = (4 \times 1) / 2 = 2$$

$$\text{Center of } \tilde{c}_1 = 4,$$

$$\text{center of } \tilde{c}_2 = 8$$

$$x^* = \frac{(4 \times 3) + (8 \times 2)}{3+2} = \underline{\underline{5.6}}$$

④ Merge de fuzzification:

$$x^* = \underline{\underline{8}}$$

⑤ Mean of Maxima:

$$x^* = 8$$