### **Decision Making using Fuzzy Set**

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Decision making
- Fuzzy Set and Crisp Set
- Characteristics of Fuzzy Set
- Basic Operations on Fuzzy Set
- Fuzzy Relation

# **Decision Making**

- A decision is described as a conclusion arrived at after careful consideration
- By a decision we transfer internal action to external
- Decision making is the study of identifying and choosing alternatives based on the values and preferences of the decision maker(s)
- Decision making can be performed by a single decision maker or a group of decision makers/experts
- In group decision making (GDM), each decision maker might have their own thought but goal is common

# Uncertainty in Decision Making

- Impreciseness of available data results in loss of information, leads to uncertainty
- Simplification of complex problems also results in loss of information
- Uncertainties may appear in the problem parameters or in decision situations
- In order to deal with the real life uncertain problems, a number of tools/techniques have been developed such as fuzzy set, rough set, vague set, soft set, etc.

# History of Development Fuzzy Sets/Logic

- 1937, Max Black
   "Vagueness: an exercise in logical analysis", Philosophy and Science,
   4,427-455.
- 1962, Lotfi A. Zadeh"From circuit theory to system theory", IRE Proc. 50, pp.856-865.
- 1965, L. A. Zadeh
   "Fuzzy Sets", Information and Control, 8, pp. 338-353.
   "Fuzzy Sets and Systems", in System Theory (ed. J. Fox.), Polytechnic Press, pp.29-37.
- > 1974, Mamdani and Assilian : Used fuzzy logic to regulate a steam engine.
- In 1985 researchers at Bell laboratories developed the first fuzzy logic chip.
- **2011**, 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

### Information & Complexity

simplification of complex problems (decision, management, prediction etc.)

Loss of information

allow some degree of uncertainty in its description

The information loss for reducing the complexity of the system to a manageable level is expressed in uncertainty

Fuzzy
Why? & When?

for
UNCERTAINTY Mgmt.
In the Problem

#### Uncertainty:

- In the parameters which define the problem or
- In the <u>situation</u> in which the problem occurs

#### **Linguistic Imprecision**

tall man

hot day

long street

large number

sharp corner

very young

Fuzzy logic works with *linguistic terms*, which are inherently imprecise and subject specific

When did you come to the seminar?

How is weather today?

How do you teach driving to your friend?

- •Fuzzy logic models the uncertainty and impreciseness observed in real world unavoidable
- Handles the concept of partial truth

- Many decision-making and problem-solving tasks are too complex to be defined precisely
- •However, people succeed by using imprecise knowledge
- •Fuzzy logic resembles human reasoning in its use of approximate information and uncertainty to generate decisions.

#### **Examples:**

- Decision regarding purchasing a car

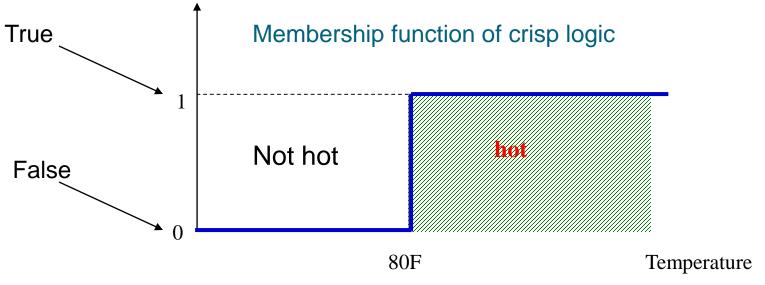
#### Fuzzy logic enables us to

- model human reasoning process at a higher level.
- model real life situations
- use it as a tool for finding solutions to AI problems.

# Fuzzy vs. Crisp fuzzy logic

"traditional / classical / boolean logic": {true, false}

# Crisp logic is concerned with absolutes-true or false, there is no in-between.



If temperature >= 80F, it is hot (1 or true);
If temperature < 80F, it is not hot (0 or false).

### Drawbacks of crisp logic

#### The membership function of crisp logic fails

- to distinguish between the members of the same set and also
- To detect the little difference among the members of different sets

Temperature = 100F hot

Temperature = 80.1F hot

Temperature = 79.9F not hot

Temperature = 50F not hot

# **Fuzzy versus Probability**

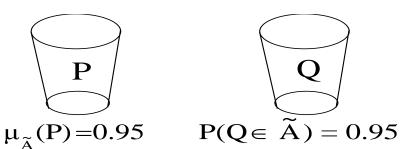
- ✓ Both lies in [0, 1]
- ✓ Fuzzy membership ≠ probability
- Probability theory based on frequency
- Fuzzy set theory based on similarity

#### **Example:**

X = Set of all liquids

 $\tilde{A} = Drinkable liquids$ 

From which glass should we drink?

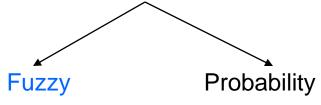


# Fuzzy versus Probability (contd.)

- ✓ Fuzzy systems and probability operate over the same numeric range
- ✓ Probabilistic approach yields there is an 95% chance that liquid is drinkable
- ✓ Fuzzy terminology corresponds to drinkability's degree of membership within the set of all liquid is 0.95
- ✓ The probability view assumes that liquid is or is not drinkable
- ✓ Fuzzy supposes that liquid is "more or less" drinkable

#### Fuzzy vs. Probability

Two Mathematical **tools** to handle uncertainty



#### Fuzzy:

- partial or imprecise information
- Information is not fully reliable
- Imprecision in the language

#### Example problem:

- understanding human speech
- recognizing handwritten characters etc.

**Probability:** random process, i.e., where occurrence of events are determined by chance

# Examples of Crisp Set & Fuzzy Set

#### **Crisp Sets**

- Boys passed in first div.
- All roses
- Girls reading in IIT
- Men with height  $\geq 6$  ft.
- Persons with age ≤ 10 yrs
- Persons with age ≥ 18 yrs
- $\diamond$  Persons with age  $\geq$  65 yrs
- Cars with price more than 6 lakhs

#### **Fuzzy Sets**

Good boys

Red flowers

Intelligent girls

Tall men

Young men

Adults

Olds

Expansive cars

# **Real Life Applications**

#### **Household Products**

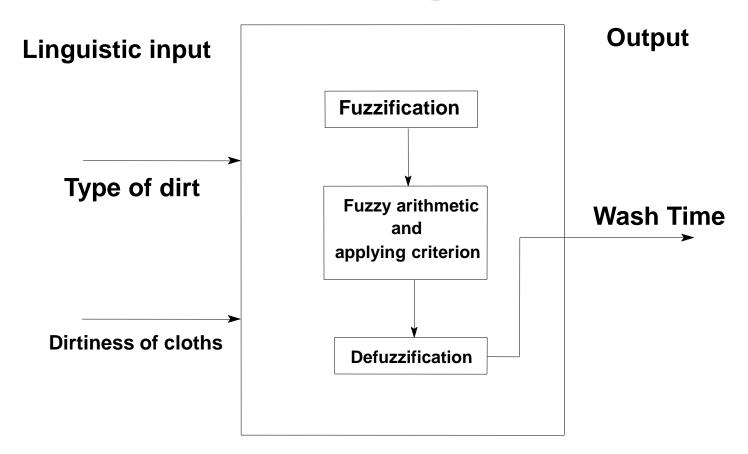
- Washing Machines
- Air-conditioners
- Microwave Ovens
- Rice Cookers
- Digital Cameras
- Toys

#### **Commercial Systems**

- Intelligent Vehicles
- Transport Systems
- Banking Systems
- Fuzzy Washing Machines

# **Fuzzy Controller**

#### **For Washing Machine**



# **Example of Rule Base**

#### **Used for Washing Machine**

- If dirtiness of clothes is *large* and type of dirt is *greasy* then wash time is *very long*
- If dirtiness of clothes is *medium* and type of dirt is greasy then wash time is *long*
- If dirtiness of clothes is *small* and type of dirt is greasy then wash time is *long*
- If dirtiness of clothes is *medium* and type of dirt is *medium* then wash time is *medium*

### Fundamentals of "Set"

- \* A set is a group of entities which satisfy one or more criteria
- Sets are a mathematical way of defining concepts
- A set draws a boundary (in some universe) to distinguish between objects which belong to the set from those which do not belong to the set.
- Traditionally, the only type of boundary that could be drawn was a clear line demarcating membership versus non-membership in a set.

# **Crisp (traditional set)**

Crisp Sets are sets defined with clear (or crisp) boundaries.

For example, a set A of real numbers greater than 180 will be defined as:

$$\chi_{A}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & if \ x > 180 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Elements are either in or out of the set.

**Definition1**: For a crisp set  $A \subseteq X$ , a characteristic function of X is a mapping from X to  $\{0, 1\}$  defined by

$$\chi_{A}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

and is denoted by  $\chi_A(x): X \to \{0, 1\}$  with  $A = \{x: x \in A\}$ .

#### **FUZZY SET**

Classical set 
$$\mu \in \{0,1\}$$
 Hard

Fuzzy set 
$$\mu \in [0,1]$$

Soft



$$A = \{ (\mu_A(x), x) : \text{for all } x \in X \}$$

 $\mu_A(x)$ : degree of belonging of x to A or degree of possessing some imprecise property represented by A

**Example:** tall man, A = tall and x = a man

Similar Examples: long street, large number, sharp corner, very young - *Gradual transition* 

Fuzzy set is a *Generalization* of classical set

#### Example

• A = Good football team (20 members)  $\mu(x)$ : degree goodness of a player x.

If  $\mu(x) = 0$  or 1, no ambiguity in asserting that x is good or not.

If  $\mu(x) = 0.5$ , maximum ambiguity in asserting that x is good or not.

• Uncertainty  $\uparrow$  in [0, 0.5] and  $\downarrow$  in [0.5, 1] with maximum at  $\mu = 0.5$ .

# **Fuzzy Sets**

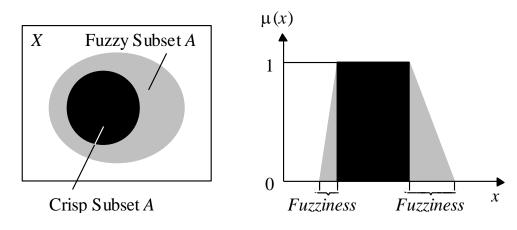
Fuzzy sets are a generalization of crisp sets. In fuzzy sets the boundaries are not crisp but vague.

For example, a set  $\tilde{A}$ , of tall people could be defined as:

$$\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \le 170 \\ \frac{x-170}{10}, & \text{if } 170 < x \le 180 \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 180 \end{cases}$$

Fuzzy sets help define concepts which are not (or cannot be) clearly defined. For example, congestion, spatial patterns, linguistic descriptors, etc.

# **Fuzzy Set Representation**



**Definition:** A fuzzy set denoted by  $\widetilde{A}$  on the universe X is a set of order pairs:  $\widetilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)): x \in X\}$ 

where  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$  is termed as the grade of membership of x in  $\widetilde{A}$ , and the function  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}} \colon X \to M$  is called the membership function from X to the membership space M. It is assumed that M is the closed interval [0, 1].

# Fuzzy set with discrete order

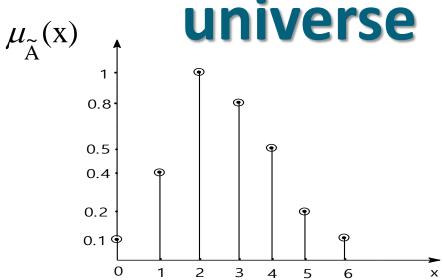


Fig.1:  $\widetilde{A}$  = Number of children in a family

Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  be the set of expected number of children in a family. Then the fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  "desirable number of children in a family" may be described as follows:

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

The membership function of  $\tilde{B}$  is shown in figure-1 by dots; it is a discrete function.

# Characteristic of a Fuzzy Set

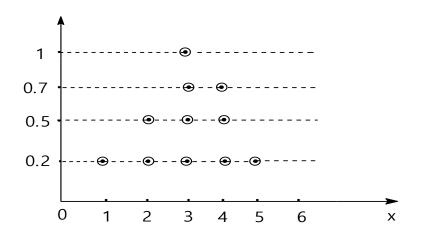
#### α -cuts of a fuzzy sets

The  $\alpha$  - level set (or interval of confidence at level  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha$ -cut) of the fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  of X is a crisp set  $A_{\alpha}$  that contains all the elements of X that have membership values in  $\widetilde{A}$  greater than or equal to  $\alpha$  i.e.,

$$A_{\alpha} = \{x: \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) \ge \alpha, x \in X, \alpha \in [0, 1]\}.$$

for any fuzzy set and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [0, 1]$  of distinct values such that  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ , we have  $A_{\alpha_1} \supseteq A_{\alpha_2}$  and  $A'_{\alpha_1} \supseteq A'_{\alpha_2}$ 

# Example of $\alpha$ -cuts



Consider the fuzzy sets

$$\tilde{A} = \{(1, 0.2), (2, 0.5), (3, 1), (4, 0.7), (5, 0.2), (6, 0)\}.$$

The support  $\tilde{A}$  is  $S(\tilde{A}) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\},\$ 

Since  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(6)=0$ , the number 6 is not an element of  $S(\tilde{A})$ .

The  $\alpha$  - level set of  $\widetilde{A}$  are (c.f. figure-):

$$\widetilde{A}_{0.2} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \ \widetilde{A}_{0.5} = \{2, 3, 4\}, \ \widetilde{A}_{0.7} = \{3, 4\}, \ \widetilde{A}_{1} = \{3\}.$$

The strong  $\alpha$  - level set for  $\alpha = 0.5$  is  $\widetilde{A}'_{0.5} = \{3, 4\}$ .

# Support, Core and Height of a Fuzzy Set

The *support* of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  on X, denoted by  $S(\widetilde{A})$  or supp $(\widetilde{A})$ , is the set of points in X at which  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$  is positive, i.e.,  $S(\widetilde{A})$  or supp $(\widetilde{A}) = \{x \in X : \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) > 0\}$ .

It should be pointed out that the support of a fuzzy set is a crisp (classical) set

The *core* of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  on X, denoted by  $core(\widetilde{A})$ , is the set of points in X at which  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = 1$ , i.e.,  $core(\widetilde{A}) = \{x \in X : \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = 1\}$ .

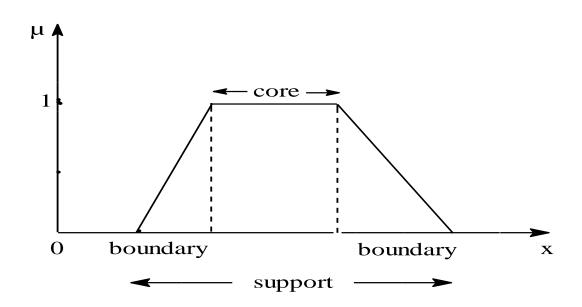
The *boundary* of a fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  on X, denoted by boundary  $(\tilde{A})$ , is the set of points in X at which  $0 < \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) < 1$ , i.e.,

boundary(
$$\widetilde{A}$$
) = {x \in X : 0 <  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}$ (x)<1}

### Contd..

The *height* of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  is the largest membership grade, i.e.  $h(\widetilde{A}) = \sup_{x \in X} \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$ 

A fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is *normal* when its height is 1, i.e.  $\sup_{x \in X} \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = 1$ 



# **Basic Operations on Fuzzy Set Standard Fuzzy Complement**

Let  $\widetilde{A}$  be a fuzzy set defined over X. Then its  $\emph{complement},\,\widetilde{A}^c$  , is defined in terms of membership function as

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}^c}(x) = 1 - \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$$
 for each  $x \in X$ .

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{c}} = \left\{ \left[ \mathbf{x}, \mu_{\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{c}}}(\mathbf{x}) \right] : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}, \mu_{\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{c}}}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \mu_{\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}}(\mathbf{x}) \right\} \text{ or } = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} (1 - \mu_{\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}}(\mathbf{x})) / \mathbf{x}$$

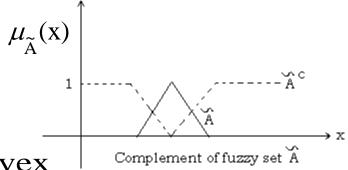
**Note:** The membership function  $\mu_{\tilde{A}c}(x)$  is symmetrical to  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$  with respect to the line  $\mu = 0.5$ .

#### **Properties:**

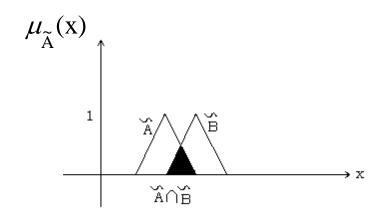
(i) 
$$\left(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{c}}\right)^{\mathbf{c}} = \widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$$

(ii) If  $\tilde{A}^c = \tilde{B}$  then  $\tilde{B}^c = \tilde{A}$ 

 $\tilde{A}$  is concave if and only if  $\tilde{A}^c$  is convex



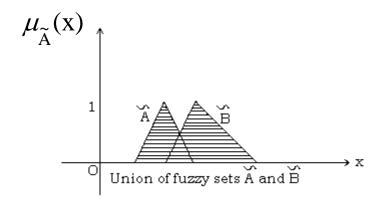
# Intersection of Fuzzy Sets



The *intersection* of  $\widetilde{A}$  and  $\widetilde{B}$  is a fuzzy set in X, denoted by  $\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B}$ , whose membership function is  $\mu_{\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B}}(x) = \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) \wedge \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(x) = \min \left\{ \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(x) \right\}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

So  $\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B} = \left\{ (x, \mu_{\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B}}(x)) :, \mu_{\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B}}(x) = \min \left( \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(x) \right), \forall x \in X \right\}$   $\lim_{x \in X} \min (\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(x)) / x$ 

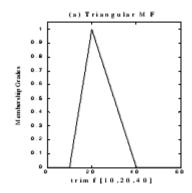
# **Union of Fuzzy Sets**



The *union* of  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a fuzzy set in X, denoted by  $\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$ , whose membership function is

$$\begin{split} &\mu_{\widetilde{A} \cup \widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \vee \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Max} \Big\{ \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \,, \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) \Big\} \text{for each } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}. \\ &\text{So } \widetilde{A} \cup \widetilde{B} = \Big\{ \Big[ \mathbf{x}, \mu_{\widetilde{A} \cup \widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) \Big] :, \mu_{\widetilde{A} \cup \widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) = \max \Big[ \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\mathbf{x}), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x}) \Big], \, \forall \, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X} \Big\} \\ &\text{or } \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} \max(\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\mathbf{x}), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(\mathbf{x})) / \mathbf{x} \end{split}$$

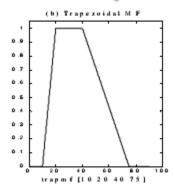
### Triangular Fuzzy Number(TFN)



A "triangular MF" is specified by three parameters {a, b, c} as follows:

$$y = triangle(x; a, b, c) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \le a \ . \\ (x-a) / (b-a), & a \le x \le b \ . \\ (c-x) / (c-b), & b \le x \le c \ . \\ 0, & c \le x \ . \end{cases}$$

# Special Case: Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number(TrFN)

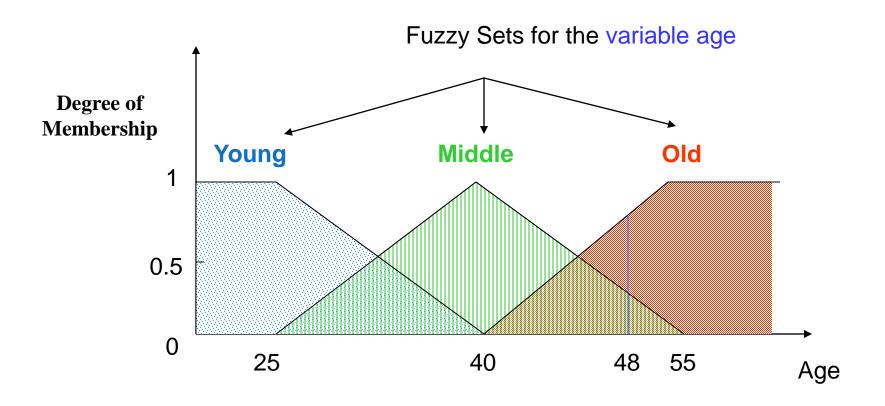


A "trapezoidal MF" is specified by four parameters {a, b, c, d} as follows:

$$\text{trapezoid } (x; a, b, c, d) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq a \ . \\ (x \text{-}a) \, / \, (b \text{-}a), & a \leq x \leq b \ . \end{cases}$$
 
$$1, & b \leq x \leq c \ . \\ (d \text{-}x) \, / \, (d \text{-}c), & c \leq x \leq d \ . \\ 0, & d \leq x \ . \end{cases}$$

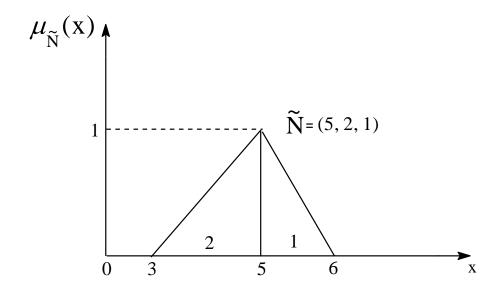
#### Fuzzy Variable

We want the value to switch gradually as *Young* becomes *Middle* and *Middle* becomes *Old* as it becomes really.



A person of age 48 is more compatible with old than middle

## Triangular Fuzzy Number(TFN)

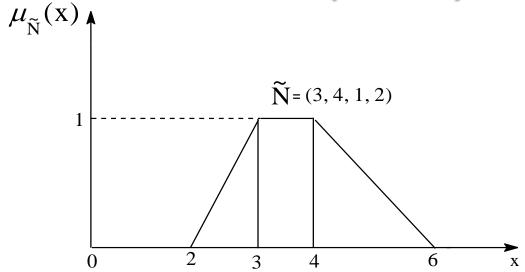


If both L and R are linear and  $n_1 = n_2$ , we have a triangular fuzzy number (TFN) denoted by

$$\tilde{N} = (x, \alpha, \beta)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the left spread from x and  $\beta$  is the right spread from x.

# Special Case: Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number(TrFN)



If a linear fuzzy number has  $n_1 < x < n_2$ , we have a trapezoidal fuzzy number (TrFN) denoted by

$$\tilde{N} = (m_1, m_2, \alpha, \beta)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the left spread from  $m_1$  and  $\beta$  is the right spread from  $m_2$ .

# **Fuzzy Relation**

- Fuzzy relation generalizes classical relation into one that allows partial membership and describes a relationship that holds between two or more objects.
- Example: a fuzzy relation "Friend" describe the degree of friendship between two persons (in contrast to either being friend or not being friend in classical relation!)
- Lets consider properties of crisp relations first and then extend the mechanism to fuzzy sets.

#### **Crisp Relations**

Ordered pairs showing connection between two sets:

(a, b): a is related to b

(2, 3) are related with the relation "<"

Relations are set themselves:
 {(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)}

<	1	2
1	×	(3)
2	×	×

Relations can be expressed as matrices.

## **Cartesian Product & Relation**

#### **Cartesian Product**

Let X and Y are two arbitrary classical (non-fuzzy or crisp) sets. The Cartesian product of X and Y denoted by  $X \times Y$  is a classical set of order pairs (x, y) such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ , i.e.,

$$X \times Y = \{ (x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y \}$$

In general, the Cartesian product of arbitrary n classical sets  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , ....,  $X_n$ , denoted by  $X_1 \times X_2 \times .... \times X_n$ , is the classical set of n-tuples  $(x_1, x_2, ...., x_n)$  such that  $x_i \in X_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, ...., n\}$ , i.e.,

 $X_1 \times X_2 \times \ ..... \times X_n, \ = \{(x_1, \ x_2, \ ...., \ x_n) \ : \ x_1 \ \in \ X_1, \ x_2 \ \in \ X_2, \ ....., \ x_n \ \in \ X_n\}.$ 

#### Relation

A (classical) binary relation between two sets (crisp) X and Y, denoted by R(x, y) is a subset of the cartesian product  $X \times Y$ , i.e.

$$R(x, y) \subseteq X \times Y$$
.

# **Fuzzy Relation**

#### **Fuzzy Cartesian Product**

Let  $\tilde{A}$  be a fuzzy set on a universe X and  $\tilde{B}$  be a fuzzy set on the universe Y. The Cartesian product of two fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  is a fuzzy set, denoted by  $\tilde{A} \times \tilde{B}$  defined as

$$\widetilde{A} \times \widetilde{B} = \left\{ (a,b), \mu_{\widetilde{A} \times \widetilde{B}}(a,b) \right\} \left\{ (a,\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(a)) \in \widetilde{A}, \left( b, \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(b) \right) \in \widetilde{B}, \mu_{\widetilde{A} \times \widetilde{B}}(a,b) = \min \left( \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(a), \mu_{\widetilde{B}}(b) \right) \right\}$$

Example : Let  $\tilde{A} = \{(3, 0.4), (5, 1), (7, 0.6)\}$  and  $\tilde{B} = \{(5, 1), (6, 0.6)\}$  then

$$\tilde{A} \times \tilde{B} = \{((3, 5) \ 0.4), \ ((3, 6), 0.4), \ ((5, 5), 1), \ ((5, 6), 0.6), \ ((7, 5), 0.6), \ ((7, 6), 0.6)\}$$

The concept of relations on classical sets may be extended to fuzzy set

## Fuzzy Cartesian Product: Example

Let

 $\tilde{A}$  defined on a universe of three discrete temperatures,  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , and

 $\tilde{R}$  defined on a universe of two discrete pressures, Y = {y<sub>1</sub>,y<sub>2</sub>}

Fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  represents the "ambient" temperature and

Fuzzy set  $\tilde{B}$  the "near optimum" pressure for a certain heat exchanger, and the Cartesian product might represent the conditions (temperature-pressure pairs) of the exchanger that are associated with "efficient" operations. For example, let

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{0.2}{x_1} + \frac{0.5}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3}$$
and
$$\tilde{B} = \frac{0.3}{y_1} + \frac{0.9}{y_2}$$

$$\tilde{A} \times \tilde{B} = \tilde{R} = x_2 \begin{vmatrix} 0.3 & 0.5 \\ x_3 \begin{vmatrix} 0.3 & 0.9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# **Fuzzy Relation (Contd..)**

#### **Fuzzy Relation**

A fuzzy relation, defined by  $\tilde{R}(x_1, x_2, ....., x_n)$  is a fuzzy subset of the universal product set  $X_1 \times X_2 \times .... \times X_n$ . The n-tuple  $(x_1, x_2, ....., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 \times .... \times X_n$  may have varying degrees of membership  $\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ....., x_n) \in [0, 1]$ , i.e. the fuzzy relation is of the form

$$\widetilde{R} = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n), \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \right\} : (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n \times X_n = X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_1 \times X_2 ... \times X_n = X_1 \times X$$

A fuzzy binary relation,  $\tilde{R}$  from the universe X to the universe Y is a fuzzy set defined on the Cartesian product of crisp sets X and Y denoted by  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)$  where  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  may have varying degrees of membership function  $\mu_{\tilde{p}}(x, y) \in [0, 1]$ , i.e.,

$$\widetilde{R}(X, Y) = \{(x, y), \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x, y) | (x, y) \in X \times Y, \mu_{\widetilde{R}}(x, y) \in [0, 1] \}$$

## **Example**

Let  $A = \{3, 8, 25, 30\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$  be two sets and  $\tilde{R}$  denote a fuzzy relation on A×B defined by  $\tilde{R}(x,y)$  = 'x is very much greater than y'. A possible realization of the fuzzy relation is concisely represented by the matrix with values of the membership functions  $\mu_{g}(x,y)$  as entries is shown in the following table with crisp relation R for comparison.

$$\mathbf{M}_{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 30 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Operations on fuzzy relations

Union relation

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B$$

$$\mu_{R \cup S}(x, y) = \max(\mu_R(x, y), \mu_S(x, y))$$

$$= \mu_R(x, y) \vee \mu_S(x, y)$$

• For *n* relations

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B$$

$$\mu_{R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \dots \cup R_n}(x, y) = \bigvee_{R_i} \mu_{R_i}(x, y)$$

## Union relation

#### Example

$M_R$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.2	1.0
2	0.8	1.0	1.0
3	0.0	1.0	0.0

$M_{\rm S}$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.0	0.1
2	0.1	0.8	1.0
3	0.1 0.6	0.9	0.3

$M_{R \cup S}$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.2	1.0
2	0.3 0.8	1.0	1.0
3	0.6	1.0	0.3

# Operations on fuzzy relations

Intersection relation

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B$$

$$\mu_{R \cap S}(x, y) = \min(\mu_R(x, y), \mu_S(x, y))$$

$$= \mu_R(x, y) \wedge \mu_S(x, y)$$

• For *n* relations

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B$$

$$\mu_{R_1 \cap R_2 \cap \dots \cap R_n}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{R_i} \mu_{R_i}(x, y)$$

## Intersection relation

#### Example

$M_R$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.2	1.0
2	0.8	1.0	1.0
3	0.0	1.0	0.0

$M_{\mathrm{S}}$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.0	0.1
2	0.1	0.8	1.0
3	0.6	0.9	0.3

$M_{R \cap S}$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.0	0.1
2	0.1	0.8	1.0
3	0.0	0.9	0.0

# Operations on fuzzy relations

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B$$
$$\mu_{\overline{R}}(x, y) = 1 - \mu_{R}(x, y)$$

$M_R$	a	b	c
1	0.3	0.2	1.0
2	0.8	1.0	1.0
3	0.0	1.0	0.0

$M  \overline{\scriptscriptstyle R}$	a	b	c
1	0.7	0.8	0.0
2	0.2	0.0	0.0
3	1.0	0.0	1.0

## Fuzzy Cartesian Product: Example

Let

 $\tilde{A}$  defined on a universe of three discrete temperatures,  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , and

 $\tilde{R}$  defined on a universe of two discrete pressures, Y = {y<sub>1</sub>,y<sub>2</sub>}

Fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  represents the "ambient" temperature and

Fuzzy set  $\tilde{B}$  the "near optimum" pressure for a certain heat exchanger, and the Cartesian product might represent the conditions (temperature-pressure pairs) of the exchanger that are associated with "efficient" operations. For example, let

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{0.2}{x_1} + \frac{0.5}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3}$$
and
$$\tilde{B} = \frac{0.3}{y_1} + \frac{0.9}{y_2}$$

$$\tilde{A} \times \tilde{B} = \tilde{R} = x_2 \begin{vmatrix} 0.3 & 0.5 \\ x_3 \begin{vmatrix} 0.3 & 0.9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Fuzzy Composition**

#### Suppose

- $\hat{R}$  is a fuzzy relation on the Cartesian space X x Y,
- S is a fuzzy relation on the Cartesian space Y x Z, and
- T is a fuzzy relation on the Cartesian space X x Z; then fuzzy max-min and fuzzy max-product composition are defined as

$$\begin{split} \tilde{T} &= \tilde{R} \circ \tilde{S} \\ \max - \min \\ \mu_{\tilde{T}}(x,z) &= \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x,y) \wedge \mu_{\tilde{S}}(y,z)) \\ \max - product \\ \mu_{\tilde{T}}(x,z) &= \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x,y) \bullet \mu_{\tilde{S}}(y,z)) \end{split}$$

#### Fuzzy Composition: Example (max-min)

$$X = \{x_1, x_2\}, \quad Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, \text{ and } \quad Z = \{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$$

Consider the following fuzzy relations:

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ 0.7 & 0.5 \\ 0.8 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{S} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \\ 0.9 & 0.6 & 0.5 \\ y_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.6 & 0.5 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using max-min composition,

$$\mu_{\tilde{T}}(x_1, z_1) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\mu_{\tilde{R}}(x_1, y) \wedge \mu_{\tilde{S}}(y, z_1))$$

$$= \max[\min(0.7, 0.9), \min(0.5, 0.1)]$$

$$= 0.7$$

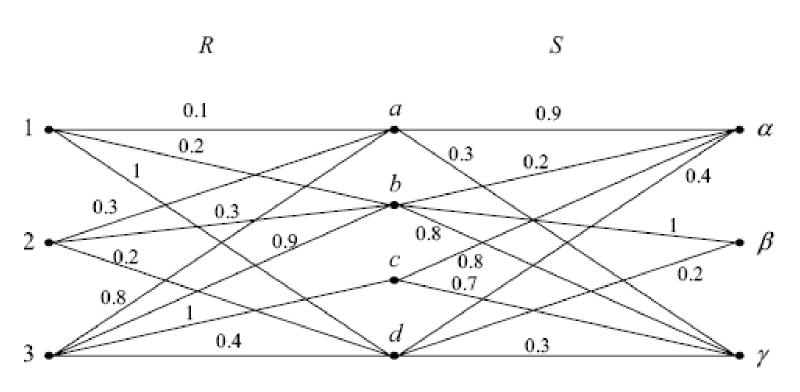
$$\tilde{T} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \\ 0.7 & 0.6 & 0.5 \\ x_2 & 0.8 & 0.6 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Max-min composition

$$\forall (x, y) \in A \times B, \ \forall (y, z) \in B \times C$$
$$\mu_{S \cdot R}(x, z) = \max_{y} [\min(\mu_{R}(x, y), \ \mu_{S}(y, z))]$$

• Example  $= \bigvee_{y} [\mu_{R}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{S}(y, z)]$ 

				d		S	α	β	γ
1 2 3	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.0	-	a	0.9	0.0 1.0 0.0 0.2	0.3
2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2		b	0.2	1.0	0.8
3	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.4		c	0.8	0.0	0.7
						d	0.4	0.2	0.3



Example

R	a	b	c	d
1	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.0
2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
3	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.4

$$\mu_{S \bullet R}(1, \alpha) = \max[\min(0.1, 0.9), \min(0.2, 0.2), \min(0.0, 0.8), \min(1.0, 0.4)]$$

$$= \max[0.1, 0.2, 0.0, 0.4] = 0.4$$

Example

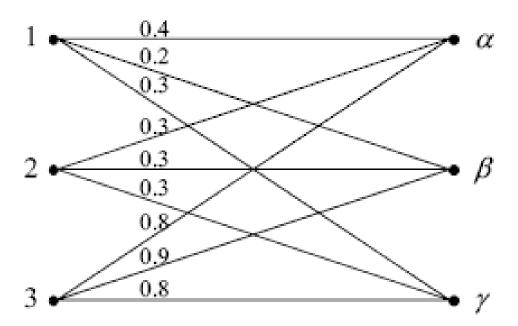
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$$\mu_{S \bullet R}(1, \beta) = \max[\min(0.1, 0.0), \min(0.2, 1.0), \min(0.0, 0.0), \min(1.0, 0.2)]$$

$$= \max[0.0, 0.2, 0.0, 0.2] = 0.2$$

S∙R	α	β	γ
1	0.4	0.2	0.3
2	0.3	0.3	0.3
3	0.8	0.9	0.8

 $S \bullet R$ 



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# Thanks!