

# MPI - Lecture 8

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## Fuzzy logic

### Motivation

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Introduction

Consider having a pot of water having temperature of  $x$  degrees Celsius.

Is the water **hot**? Is the water **cold**?

Sometimes we want to describe systems by properties which are not evaluated as **true** or **false** (and we do not have the exact value of  $x$ ).

**Fuzzy logic / fuzzy control systems** allow such description: truth and falsehood notions are graded and allow to state, for instance, that the water is “**tepid**”.

## Basic definitions

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Universe and  
crisp sets

Let  $U$  denote the **universe**, that is, our playground containing every set that we may consider.

A set  $A \subset U$  can be given by its **characteristic function**:

$$\chi_A : U \rightarrow \{0, 1\}, \quad \chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

There is a bijection between sets and characteristic functions, so we identify each set with its characteristic function.

$A$  is a set in the ordinary sense, sometimes called a **crisp** set.

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Fuzzy sets

Fuzzy sets generalize this concept and allow elements to belong to a given set with a certain *degree*.

We replace the characteristic function by a **membership function**

$$\mu_A : U \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

A **fuzzy subset**  $A$  of a set  $X$  is a function  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

For every element  $x \in X$ , the **degree of membership** of  $x$  to  $A$  is given by  $\mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$ .

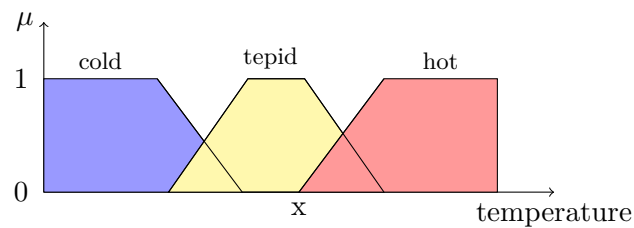
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Example

Let  $X = [0, 100]$  be the set of temperatures of water in our pot.

We consider three fuzzy subsets of  $X$  to describe **cold**, **tepid** and **hot** temperatures.

The membership functions may be given as follows:



Given a set  $X$  and its power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  (the set of all subsets of  $X$ ), the operations of **union**, **intersection**, and **complement** are given as follows (for usual sets):

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}, \\ A \cap B &= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}, \\ A^c &= X \setminus A = \{x \in X : x \notin A\}. \end{aligned}$$

How do these operations translate to characteristic functions?

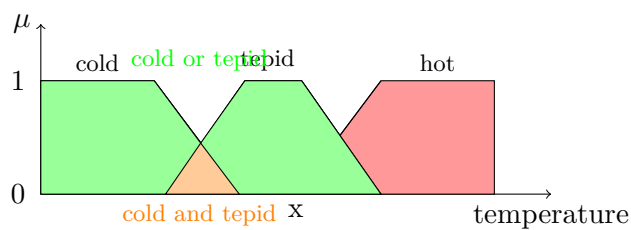
$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{A \cup B} &= \max\{\chi_A, \chi_B\}, \\ \chi_{A \cap B} &= \min\{\chi_A, \chi_B\}, \\ \chi_{A^c} &= 1 - \chi_A. \end{aligned}$$

For fuzzy sets, we can define the membership function of a union, intersection, or a complement in the same way.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two *fuzzy* subsets of  $X$ .

We set

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Our choice for fuzzy set operation was fast.  
Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two subsets of  $X$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{A \cap B} &= \min\{\chi_A, \chi_B\} \\ &= \chi_A \chi_B \\ &= \max\{0, \chi_A(x) + \chi_B(x) - 1\}.\end{aligned}$$

We can extend the second definition to membership functions and obtain another definition of union and intersection of fuzzy sets.

We shall do this in a more general fashion.

We have the following requirements of a mapping

$$\star : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

that would interpret intersection of two fuzzy sets.

1.  $1 \star x = x$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,
2.  $0 \star x = 0$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,
3.  $x \star y = y \star x$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  (*commutativity*),
4.  $(x \star y) \star z = x \star (y \star z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$  (*associativity*),
5.  $x \leq y$  and  $w \leq z$  implies  $x \star w \leq y \star z$  (*monotonicity*).

The following t-norms are usually considered.

Let  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ .

- (i) **Gödel** t-norm:  $x \star y = \min\{x, y\}$ ,
- (ii) **product** t-norm:  $x \star y = x \cdot y$ ,
- (iii) **Lukasiewicz** t-norm:  $x \star y = \max\{0, x + y - 1\}$ ,

- (iv) **Hamacher product** t-norm:  $x \star y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = 0 \\ \frac{xy}{x + y - xy} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ ,
- (v) ...

The distinct t-norms give us distinct strategies on how to interpret intersection of fuzzy sets.

If we have intersection and complement, we define union by  $A \cup B = (A^c \cap B^c)^c$  (De Morgan's laws).

## Fuzzy control systems

In classical logic we can have the following statements:

If “the water is cold” is true, then “my shower is bad” is true.

An implication is in fact a mapping

$$\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}.$$

In fuzzy logic, to interpret such implications, we consider “the water is cold” and “my shower is bad” as fuzzy sets and we decide using an **implication** function

$$[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

This is sometimes called **approximate reasoning**.

An **implication** is a function  $I : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ :

1. If  $x \leq z$ , then  $I(x, y) \geq I(z, y)$ ;
2. if  $y \leq z$ , then  $I(x, y) \leq I(x, z)$ ;
3.  $I(0, y) = 1$ ;
4.  $I(x, 1) = x$ ;
5.  $I(1, 0) = 0$ .

### Examples:

- (i) **Mamdani**:  $I(x, y) = \min\{x, y\}$  (this fails item 3, but usually in knowledge systems we are not interested in rules where the antecedent part is false),
- (ii) **Willmott**:  $I(x, y) = \max\{1 - x, \min\{x, y\}\}$ ,
- (iii) ...

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A **controller** measures some inputs and gives an output following some rules.

For instance, we have the following set of rules:

- r1. If “water is cold”, then “shower is bad”.
- r2. If “water is tepid”, then “shower is good”.
- r3. If “water is hot”, then “shower is bad”.

The fuzzy sets “shower is bad” and “shower is good” are subsets of  $Y = [0, 100]$ , measuring how good a shower is.

1. Measure the input variables, i.e., the temperature  $x_0 \in X$ .
2. Transform the measured values into fuzzy sets: we have fuzzy sets with constant membership functions  $\mu_{cold}(x_0)$ ,  $\mu_{tepid}(x_0)$ , and  $\mu_{hot}(x_0)$ .
3. Apply all the rules: we obtain **3 control** fuzzy sets
  - $\mu_{r_1}(y) = I(\mu_{cold}(x_0), \mu_{bad}(y))$ ,
  - $\mu_{r_2}(y) = I(\mu_{tepid}(x_0), \mu_{good}(y))$ ,
  - $\mu_{r_3}(y) = I(\mu_{hot}(x_0), \mu_{bad}(y))$ .
4. Aggregate the control fuzzy sets into one fuzzy set  $C$ .
5. Defuzzify  $C$  to obtain the output value  $c \in Y$ .

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For each step, there are many possible choices:

- transformation to fuzzy sets (and application of operators to construct the antecedent of all implications in the rules);
- implication itself;
- aggregation;
- defuzzification.

A usual choice is Gödel t-norm and Mamdani for implication, union for aggregation, and a defuzzification by center of gravity:

$$y_0 = \frac{\int_Y y \mu_C(y) dy}{\int_Y \mu_C(y) dy}$$

(or replace by sums if  $Y$  is discrete).