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In Mathematics, the **set** is a rudimentary concept. From sets, or **collections of objects**, we can make statements about the objects within them, connections between sets, and even create mappings from one set to another.

Objects are related to classical sets by a clear, crisp sense of membership. For some object x, there are only two possibilities:

 $x \in A$ 

or

When dealing with the abstract, classical sets serve their purpose. But in the real-world (as we all know too well) there is uncertainty and ambiguity.

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Fuzzy sets are actually generalizations of classical sets, which are defined by the characteristic function  $\chi_A(x)$ 

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

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A fuzzy set is a class (collection of sets or objects) with a continuum of membership grades.

Definition

A fuzzy set A (subset of X) is defined as a mapping

 $A:X\to [0,1]$ 

where A(x) is the membership degree of x to the fuzzy set A. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the collection of all fuzzy subsets of X

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Fuzzy sets allow for a robust definition of sets or categories that can handle the obscurity that comes with language and physical systems.

Ex: To what extent are certain car speeds "slow", "average", "fast", etc.?

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### **Fuzzy Sets**





### Connectives

### Definition (Intersection)

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . The **intersection** of A and B is the fuzzy set C with

$$C(x) = \min \{A(x), B(x)\} = A(x) \land B(x), \forall x \in X.$$

We denote  $C = A \wedge B$ .

#### Definition (Union)

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . The **union** of A and B is the fuzzy set C with

$$C(x) = max \{A(x), B(x)\} = A(x) \lor B(x), \forall x \in X.$$

We denote  $C = A \lor B$ .

#### Definition (Complementation)

Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  be a fuzzy set. The **complement** of A is the fuzzy set where

$$B(x) = 1 - A(x), \forall x \in X$$

### Definition (Classical Relation)

A subset  $R \subseteq X \times Y$  where X and Y are classical sets, is a classical relation.

Similar to classical sets, a classical relation can be characterized by a function  $R: X \times Y \to \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$R(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x,y) \in R \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) \notin R \end{cases}$$

#### Definition (Fuzzy Relation)

Let X,Y be two classical sets. A mapping  $R : X \times Y \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a **fuzzy relation**. The number  $R(x,y) \in [0,1]$  can be interpreted as the degree of relationship between x and y.

If X and Y are finite sets such that  $X = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, ..., y_n\}$  a fuzzy relation between the two sets can be represented as the following matrix:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R(x_1, y_1) & R(x_1, y_2) & \dots & R(x_1, y_n) \\ R(x_2, y_1) & R(x_2, y_2) & \dots & R(x_2, y_n) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ R(x_m, y_1) & R(x_m, y_2) & \dots & R(x_m, y_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Definition

Let  $R \in \mathcal{F}(X \times Y)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{F}(Y \times Z)$  be fuzzy relations. Then  $R \circ S(x, z) \in \mathcal{F}(X \times Z)$ , defined as

$$R \circ S(x,z) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} R(x,y) \wedge S(y,z),$$

is the max-min composition of the fuzzy relations R and S.

### Max-Min Compositions

#### Max-Min Compositions for Finite Sets

Let  $X = \{x_1, ..., x_n\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, ..., y_m\}$ ,  $Z = \{z_1, ..., z_p\}$  be finite sets. If  $R = (r_{ij})_{i=1,...,n,j=1,...,m} \in \mathcal{F}(X \times Y)$  and  $S = (s_{jk})_{j=1,...,n,k=1,...,p} \in \mathcal{F}(X \times Y)$  are discrete fuzzy relations then the composition  $T = (t_{ik})_{j=1,...,n,k=1,...,p} = R \circ S \in \mathcal{F}(X \times Z)$  is given by

$$t_{ik} = \bigvee_{j=1}^m r_{ij} \wedge s_{jk},$$

$$i = 1, ..., n, k = 1, ..., p$$

Example: If 
$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$  then  
 $R \circ S = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.8 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Fuzzy logic systems have been used for modelling diagnosis in medicine.

The max-min composition allows for a mapping from a set of patients to a set of symptoms, then from symptoms to a set of diagnoses.[Samuel and Balamurugan, 2012]

#### Definition

A function  $N : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a negation if N(0) = 1, N(1) = 0and N is non-increasing  $(x < y \implies N(x) > N(y))$ . A negation is called a **strict negation** if it is strictly decreasing  $(x < y \implies N(x) > N(y))$ and continuous. A strict negation is said to be a **strong negation** if N(N(x)) = x.

### **Triangular Norms and Conorms**

Triangular norms and conorms are generalizations of the basic connectives of fuzzy sets.

#### Definition

Let  $T, S : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Consider the following properties:  $T_1 : T(x,1) = x$  (identity)  $S_1 : S(x,0) = x$   $T_2 : T(x,y) = T(y,x)$  (commutativity)  $S_2 : S(x,y) = S(y,x)$   $T_3 : T(x,T(y,z))=T(T(x,y),z)$  (associativity)  $S_3 : S(x,S(y,z))=S(S(x,y),z)$   $T_4 : If x \le u$  and  $y \le v$  then  $T(x,y) \le T(u,v)$  (monotonicity)  $S_4 : If x \le u$  and  $y \le v$  then  $S(x,y) \le S(u,v)$ 

A triangular norm (t-norm) is a function  $\mathcal{T}:[0,1]^2\to [0,1]$  that satisfies  $\mathcal{T}_1-\mathcal{T}_4$ 

A triangular conorm (t-conorm) is a function  $S:[0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$  that satisfies  $S_1 - S_4$ 

### Ex: Gödel, Gougen t-norm and t-conorm

## Gödel t-norm, t-conorm, standard negation

 $x \wedge y = \min \{x, y\}$  $x \vee y = \max \{x, y\}$ N(x) = 1 - x

 $T_1:\min\{x,1\} = x$  $S_1 : \max\{x, 0\} = x$  $T_2:\min\{x, y\} = \min\{y, x\}$  $S_2 : \max\{x, y\} = \max\{y, x\}$  $T_3:\min\{x, \min\{y, z\}\} =$  $min\{min\{x, y\}, z\}$  $S_3 : \max\{x, \max\{y, z\}\} =$  $max \{max \{x, y\}, z\}$  $T_4$ : *If*  $x \le u$  and  $y \le v$  then  $min\{x, y\} < min\{u, v\}$  $S_{4}$ : *If* x < *u* and *y* < *v* then  $max \{x, y\} < max \{u, v\}$ 

### Gödel, Gougen t-norm and t-conorm

## Gougen t-norm, t-conorm, standard negation

$$xT_G y = x \cdot y$$
  

$$xS_G y = x + y - xy$$
  

$$N(x) = 1 - x$$

$$T_1 : x \cdot 1 = x$$

$$S_1 : x + 0 - 0 = x$$

$$T_2 : x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$S_2 : x + y - xy = y + x - yx$$

$$T_3 : x \cdot (yz) = (xy) \cdot z$$

$$S_3 : x + (y + z - yz) - x(y + z - yz) = (x + y - xy) + z - z(x + y - xy)$$

$$T_4 : If x \le u \text{ and } y \le v \text{ then}$$

$$x \cdot y \le u \cdot v$$

$$S_4 : If x \le u \text{ and } y \le v \text{ then}$$

$$x + y - xy \le u + v - uv$$

### **DeMorgan Triplets**

A triplet (S, T, N) is called a **De Morgan triplet** if T is a t-norm, S is a t-conorm, N is a strong negation, and if they fulfill De Morgan's law

$$S(x, y) = N(T(N(x), N(y)))$$

Example 2.15. The minimum, maximum, and standard negation

$$x \wedge y = \min \{x, y\}$$
$$x \vee y = \max \{x, y\}$$
$$N(x) = 1 - x$$

form a De Morgan triplet

Lukasiewicz t-norm, t-conorm, standard negation

 $(x + y - 1) \lor 0$  $(x + y) \land 1$ N(x) = 1 - x

$$N(T(N(x), N(y))) = S(x, y) \leftrightarrow (x + y) \land 1 =$$
$$((1 - x) + (1 - y) - 1) \lor 0 \leftrightarrow \min\{x + y, 1\} = \max\{1 - x - y, 0\}$$

Case 1: 
$$1 - x - y < 0 \implies 1 < x + y$$

Case 2:  $1 - x - y > 0 \implies 1 > x + y$ 



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