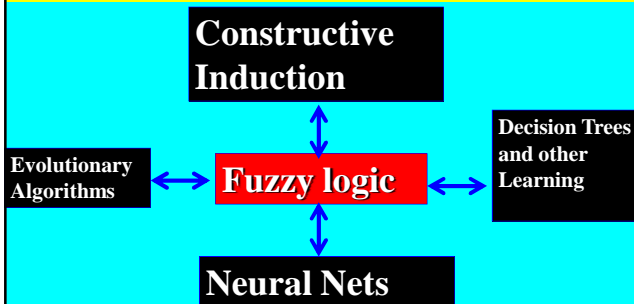
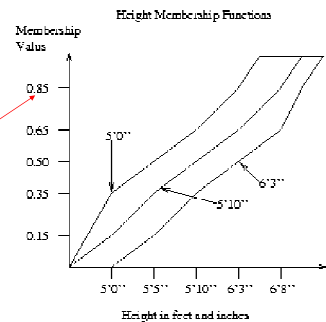


# Fuzzy Logic and Functions

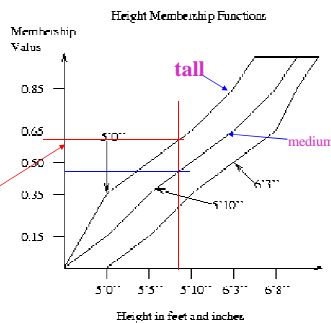


## The Definition of Fuzzy Logic Membership Function

- A person's height membership function graph is shown next with linguistic values of the degree of membership as **very tall, tall, average, short and very short** being replaced by 0.85, 0.65, 0.50, 0.45 and 0.15.



- In traditional logic, statements can be either true or false, and sets can either contain an element or not.
- These logic values and set memberships are typically represented with number 1 and 0.
- Fuzzy logic generalizes traditional logic by allowing statements to be somewhat true, partially true, etc.
- Likewise, sets can have full members, partial members, and so on.
- For example, a person whose height is 5'9" might be assigned a membership of 0.6 in the fuzzy set "tall people".
- The statement "Joe is tall" is 60% true of Joe is 5'9".
- Fuzzy logic is a set of "if-then" statements based on combining fuzzy sets. (Beale & Demuth..Fuzzy Systems Toolbox.)



## Fuzzy Sets, Statements, and Rules

- A **crisp set** is simply a collection of objects taken from the universe of objects.
- Fuzzy refers to linguistic uncertainty, like the word "tall".
- Fuzzy sets allow objects to have membership in more than one set:
  - e.g. 6' 0" has grade 70% in the set "tall" and grade 40% in the set "medium".
- A fuzzy statement describes the **grade of a fuzzy variable** with an expression:
  - e.g. Pick a real number greater than 3 and less than 8.

## The Definition of Fuzzy Logic Rules

- A fuzzy logic system uses fuzzy logic rules, as in an expert system where there are many *if-then* rules.
  - A fuzzy logic rule uses membership functions as variables.
- A **fuzzy logic rule** is defined as an *if* variable(s) and *then* output fuzzy variable(s).
- Fuzzy logic variables are **connected together** like binary equations with the variables separated with operators of AND, OR, and NOT.

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- Review of classical logic and reasoning systems
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# Outline

- be introduced to the topics of:
  - fuzzy sets,
  - fuzzy operators,
  - fuzzy logic
  - and come to terms with the technology
- learn how to represent concepts using fuzzy logic
- understand how fuzzy logic is used to make deductions
- familiarise yourself with the 'fuzzy' terminology

# Review of Traditional Propositional Logic and why it is not sufficient

# Traditional Logic

- One of the main aims of logic is to provide rules which can be employed to determine whether a particular argument is correct or not.
- The language of logic is based on mathematics and the reasoning process is precise and unambiguous.

# Logical arguments

- Any logical argument consists of statements.
- A statement is a sentence which unambiguously either holds true or holds false.
  - **Example:** Today is Sunday

# Predicates

- **Example:** Seven is an even number
  - This example can be written in a mathematical form as follows:
    - $7 \in \{x \mid x \text{ is an even number}\}$
  - or in a more concise way:
    - $7 \in \{x \mid P(x)\}$
  - where  $\mid$  is read as such that and  $P(x)$  stands for ' $x$  has property  $P$ ' and it is known as the predicate.
  - Note that a predicate is not a statement until some particular  **$x$ -value** is specified.
  - Once a  $x$  value is specified then the predicate becomes a statement whose truth or falsity can be worked out.

# For All Quantifier

- For all  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $x^2 - y^2$  is the same as  $(x+y)(x-y)$ 
  - This example can be written in a mathematical form as well:
    - $\forall x, y ((x, y \in \mathbb{R}) \wedge (x^2 - y^2) = (x+y)(x-y))$
- where the  $\forall$  is interpreted as 'for all',  $\wedge$  is the logical operator AND, and  $\mathbb{R}$  represents what is termed as the universe of discourse.

## Universe of Discourse

- Using the universe of discourse one assures that a statement is evaluated for relevant values.
  - The above predicate is then true only for *real numbers*.
- Similarly for the first example the universe of discourse is most likely to be the set of *natural* numbers rather than buildings, rivers, or anything else.
  - Hence, using the concept of the universe of discourse any logical paradoxes can not arise.

## Existential Quantifier

- Another type of quantifier is the **existential quantifier** ( $\exists$ ).
- The existential quantifier is interpreted as 'there exists' or 'for some' and describes a statement as being true for at least one element of the set.
- For example,  $(\exists x)$   
 $((\text{river}(x) \wedge \text{name}(\text{Amazon}))$

## Connectives and their truth tables

- A number of **connectives** exist.
  - Their sole purpose is to allow us to join together predicates or statements in order to form more complicated ones.
- Such connectives are **NOT** ( $\neg$ ), **AND** ( $\wedge$ ), **OR** ( $\vee$ ).
  - Strictly speaking NOT is not a connective since it only applies to a single predicate or statement.
- In traditional logic the main tools of reasoning are **tautologies**, such as the **modus ponens**  $(A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$  ( $\Rightarrow$  means implies).

## Truth Tables

		And	Or	Not
A	B			
True	True	True	True	False
True	False	False	True	False
False	True	False	True	True
False	False	False	False	True

This everything will hold true, we will just do a small modification to the material on logic from the last quarter

## Identities of Fuzzy Logic

OR

how fuzzy logic differs from classical

## Identities of Fuzzy Logic

- The form of identities used in fuzzy variables are the same as elements in fuzzy sets.
- The definition of an element in a fuzzy set,  $\{(x, u(x))\}$ , is the same as a fuzzy variable  $x$  and this form will be used in the remainder of the paper.
- Fuzzy functions are made up of fuzzy variables.

The identities for fuzzy algebra are:

Idempotency:  $X + X = X, \quad X * X = X$

Commutativity:  $X + Y = Y + X, \quad X * Y = Y * X$

Associativity:  $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z),$   
 $(X * Y) * Z = X * (Y * Z)$

Absorption:  $X + (X * Y) = X, \quad X * (X + Y) = X$

Distributivity:  $X + (Y * Z) = (X + Y) * (X + Z),$   
 $X * (Y + Z) = (X * Y) + (X * Z)$

Complement:  $X'' = X$

DeMorgan's Laws:  $(X + Y)' = X' * Y', \quad (X * Y)' = X' + Y'$

## Transformations of Fuzzy Logic Formulas

Some transformations of fuzzy sets with examples follow:

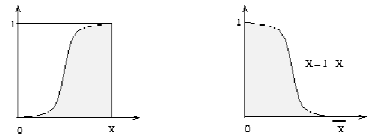
$$\begin{aligned} x'b + xb &= (x + x')b \neq b \\ xb + xx'b &= xb(1 + x') = xb \\ x'b + xx'b &= x'b(1 + x) = x'b \\ a + xa &= a(1 + x) = a \\ a + x'a &= a(1 + x') = a \\ a + xx'a &= a \\ a + 0 &= a \\ x + 0 &= x \\ x * 0 &= 0 \\ x + 1 &= 1 \\ x * 1 &= x \end{aligned}$$

**Examples:**

$$\begin{aligned} a + xa + x'b + xx'b &= a(1 + x) + x'b(1 + x) = a + x'b \\ a + xa + x'a + xx'a &= a(1 + x + x' + xx') = a \end{aligned}$$

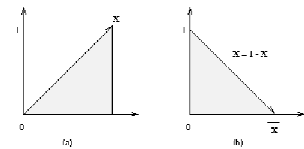
## Differences Between Boolean Logic and Fuzzy Logic

- In Boolean logic the value of a variable and its inverse are **always disjoint** ( $X * X' = 0$ ) and ( $X + X' = 1$ ) because the values are either zero or one.



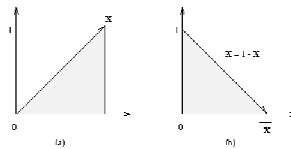
- Fuzzy logic membership functions can be either **disjoint** or **non-disjoint**.

- Example of a fuzzy **non-linear** and **linear** membership function X is shown (a) with its inverse membership function shown in (b).

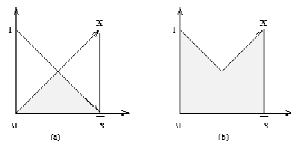


## Fuzzy Intersection and Union

- From the membership functions shown in the top in (a), and complement X' (b) the intersection of fuzzy variable X and its complement X' is shown bottom in (a).



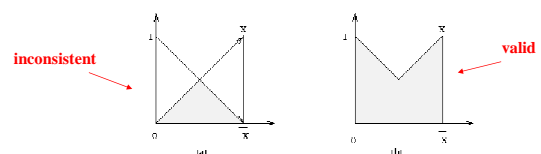
- From the membership functions shown in the top in (a), and complement X' (b) the union of fuzzy variable X and its complement X' is shown bottom in (b).



**Fuzzy intersection**

**Fuzzy union**

## Validation of Fuzzy Functions



- Two fuzzy functions are **valid** iff the function outputs are  $\geq 0.5$  under all possible assignments.
- This is like doing EXOR of two binary functions shown in (b) which is the same as union.
- Two fuzzy functions are **inconsistent** iff the function output is  $\leq 0.5$  under all possible assignments. Thus, if the output of the two fuzzy functions is  $< 0.5$  then the two fuzzy functions are inconsistent.
- This is like exnor of two binary functions of shown in (a) which is the same as intersection.

**Fuzzy Logic**  
as an answer to  
problems with  
traditional logic

## Fuzzy Logic

- The concept of fuzzy logic was introduced by L.A Zadeh in a 1965 paper.
- Aristotelian concepts have been useful and applicable for many years.
- But these traditional approaches present us with certain problems:
  - Cannot express **ambiguity**
  - Lack of **quantifiers**
  - Cannot handle **exceptions**



## Traditional Logic Problems

### – Cannot express ambiguity:

- Consider the predicate 'X is tall'.
- Providing a specific person we can turn the predicate into a statement.
- But what is the exact meaning of the word 'tall'?
- What is 'tall' to some people is not tall to others.

### – Lack of quantifiers:

- Another problem is the lack of being able to express statements such as 'Most of the goals came in the first half'.
- The 'most' quantifier cannot be expressed in terms of the universal and/or existential quantifiers.

## Traditional Logic Problems

### – Cannot handle exceptions:

- Another limitation of traditional predicate logic is expressing things that are sometimes, but not always true.

## Traditional sets

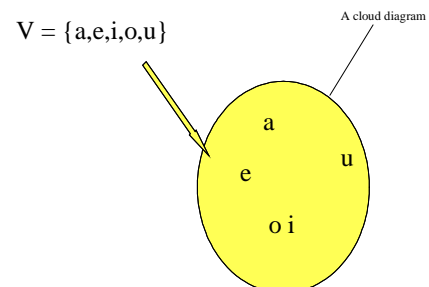
## Traditional sets

- In order to represent a set we use **curly brackets** {}.
- Within the curly brackets we enclose the **names of the items**, separating them from each other by commas.
- The items within the curly brackets are referred to as **the elements of the set**.
  - Example: Set of vowels in the English alphabet = {a,e,i,o,u}
- When dealing with numerical elements we may replace any number of elements using **3 dots**.
  - Example: Set of numbers from 1 to 100 = {1,2,3,...,100}
  - Set of numbers from 23 to infinity = {23,24,25,...}

## Traditional sets

- Rather than writing the description of a set all the time we can **give names to the set**.
- The general convention is to give sets names in capital letters.
  - Example:
    - V = set of vowels in the English alphabet.
    - Hence any time we encounter V implies the set {a, e, i, o, u}.
  - For finite size sets a **diagrammatic representation** can be employed which can be used to assist in their understanding.
    - These are called the **cloud diagrams**

## Cloud Diagrams



## Set order

- The order in which the elements are written down is not important.
  - **Example:**  $V = \{a,e,i,o,u\} = \{u,o,i,e,a\} = \{a,o,e,u,i\}$
- The names of the elements in a set must be unique.
  - **Example:**
    - $V = \{a,a,e,i,o,u\}$
    - If two elements are the same then there is no point writing them down twice (waste of effort)
    - but if different then we must introduce a way to tell them apart.

## Set membership

- Given any set, we can test if a certain thing is an **element of the set** or **not**.
- The Greek symbol,  $\in$ , indicates an element is a **member of a set**.
- For example,  $x \in A$  means that  $x$  is an element of the set  $A$ .
- If an element is not a member of a set, the symbol  $\notin$  is used, as in  $\notin A$ .

## Set equality & subsets

- Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **equal**, ( $A = B$ ) if every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$  and every element of  $B$  is an element of  $A$ .
- A set  $A$  is a **subset** of set  $B$ , ( $A \subseteq B$ ) if every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ .
- A set  $A$  is a **proper subset** of set  $B$ , ( $A \subset B$ ) if  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  and the two sets are not equal.

## Set equality & subsets

- Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint**, ( $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ) if and only if their intersection is the empty set.
- There are a number of **special sets**. For instance:
  - Boolean  $B = \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$
  - Natural numbers  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
  - Integer numbers  $Z = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
  - Real numbers  $R$
  - Characters  $\text{Char}$
  - Empty set  $\emptyset$  or  $\{\}$
  - The empty set is not to be confused with  $\{0\}$  which is a set which contains the number zero as its only element.

## Set operations

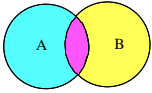
- We have a number of possible operators acting on sets.
- The intersection ( $\cap$ ), the union ( $\cup$ ), the difference ( $/$ ), the complement ( $'$ ).
  - **Intersection** results in a set with the common elements of two sets.
  - **Union** results in a set which contains the elements of both sets.
  - The **difference** results in a set which contains all the elements of the first set which do not appear in the second set.
  - The **complement** of a set is the set of all element not in that set.

## Set operations example

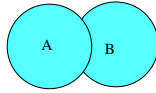
- Using as an example the two following sets  $A$  and  $B$  the mathematical representation of the operations will be given.
  - $A = \{\text{cat}, \text{dog}, \text{ferret}, \text{monkey}, \text{stoat}\}$
  - $B = \{\text{dog}, \text{elephant}, \text{weasel}, \text{monkey}\}$
- $C = A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\} = \{\text{dog}, \text{monkey}\}$
- $C = A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\} = \{\text{cat}, \text{ferret}, \text{stoat}, \text{dog}, \text{elephant}, \text{weasel}, \text{monkey}\}$
- $C = A / B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)\} = \{\text{cat}, \text{ferret}, \text{stoat}\}$
- $C = A' = \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\}$  –  $U$  is a **Universe**

## Set operations example using Venn diagrams

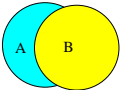
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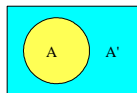
Union



Difference



Complement



# Soft Computing and Fuzzy Theory

## What is fuzziness

- The concept of fuzzy logic was introduced in a 1965 paper by **Lotfi Zadeh**.
- Professor Zadeh was motivated by his realization of the fact that **people base their decisions on imprecise**, non-numerical information.
- Fuzzification should not be regarded as a single theory **but as a methodology**
  - It generalizes any specific theory from a discrete to a continuous form.
- For instance:
  - from Boolean logic to fuzzy logic,
  - from calculus to fuzzy calculus,
  - from differential equations to fuzzy differential equations,
  - and so on.

## What is fuzziness

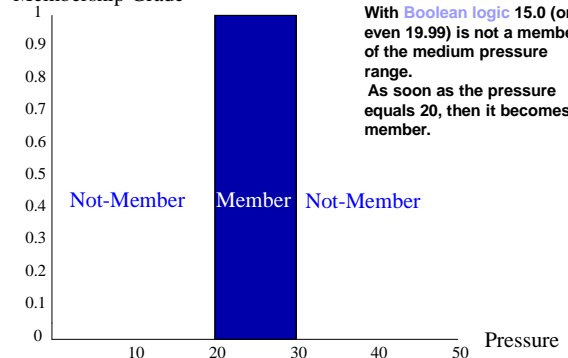
- Fuzzy logic is then a **superset** of conventional Boolean logic.
- In **Boolean logic** propositions take a value of either completely true or completely false
- Fuzzy logic handles the concept of partial truth, i.e., values **between** the two extremes.

## What is fuzziness: linguistic variables or fuzzy literals

- For example, if pressure takes values between 0 and 50 (**the universe of discourse**) one might label the range 20 to 30 as medium pressure (**the subset**).
- Medium is known as a **linguistic variable**.

## Boolean Literal “Medium Pressure”

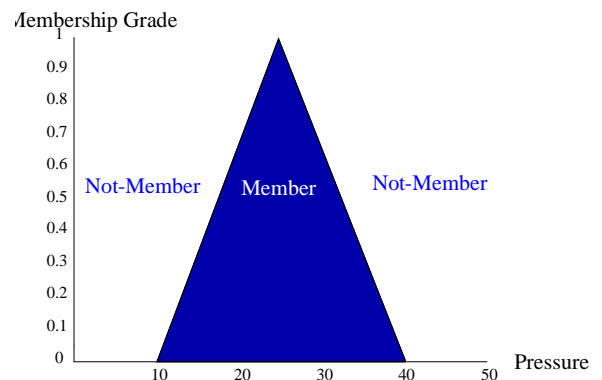
Membership Grade



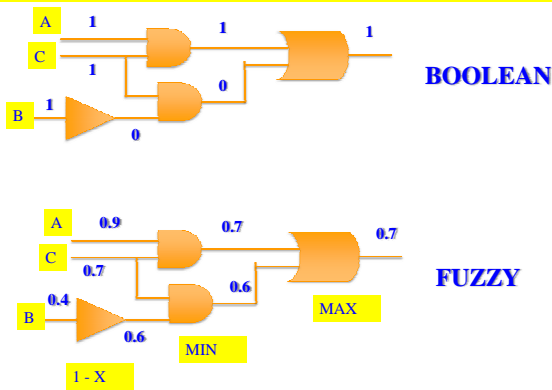
## Example: contrast boolean and fuzzy literals

- Contrast with the Figure of the next page which shows the membership function using fuzzy logic.
- Here, a value of 15 is a member of the medium pressure range with a membership grade of about 0.3.
- Measurements of 20, 25, 30, 40 have grade of memberships of 0.5, 1.0, 0.8, and 0.0 respectively.
- Therefore, a membership grade progresses from **non-membership** to **full membership** and again to **non-membership**.

## Fuzzy Literal "Medium Pressure"



## Evaluation of fuzzy functions is similar to evaluation of binary Boolean Functions

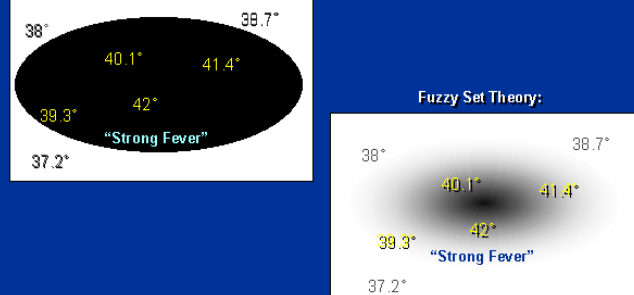


# Fuzzy Sets

## Fuzzy Sets

- Fuzzy logic is based upon the notion of fuzzy sets.
  - Recall from the previous section that an item is an element of a set or not.
  - With traditional sets the boundaries are clear cut.
  - With fuzzy sets partial membership is allowed.
  - Fuzzy logic involves 3 primary processes :
    - Fuzzification
    - Rule evaluation
    - Defuzzification
  - With fuzzy logic the *generalised modus ponens* is employed which allows A and B to be characterised by fuzzy sets.

## Fuzzy Set Theory



## Fuzzy Sets

- Definition
- Operations
- Identities
- Transformations

## TRADITIONAL vs. FUZZY SETS

- Traditional sets, influenced from the **Aristotelian view** of two-valued logic, have only two possible truth values, namely TRUE or FALSE, 1 or 0, yes or no etc.
- Something **either belongs** to a particular set or does not.
- The **characteristic function** or alternatively referred to as the **discrimination function** is defined below in terms of a functional mapping.

## TRADITIONAL vs. FUZZY SETS

- In fuzzy sets, something may belong **partially** to a set.
- Therefore it might be very true or somewhat true, 0.2 or 0.9 in numerical terms.
- The **membership function** using fuzzy sets defined in terms of a functional mapping is as shown below.

## TRADITIONAL vs. FUZZY SETS

- Fuzzy logic allows you to violate the **laws of noncontradiction** since an element can be a member of more than one set, like **children** and **adults**
- More set operations are available
- The **excluded middle** is not applicable, i.e., the intersection of a set with its complement does not necessarily result to an empty set.
- Rule based systems using fuzzy logic in some cases might **increase the amount of computation** required in comparison with systems using classical binary logic.

## TRADITIONAL vs. FUZZY SETS

- If fuzzy membership grades are **restricted to {0,1}** then Boolean sets are recovered.
- For instance, consider the **Set Union operator** which states that the truth value of two arguments x and y is their maximum:
  - $\text{truth}(x \text{ or } y) = \max(\text{truth}(x), \text{truth}(y))$ .

## Every Crisp set is Fuzzy, but not conversely

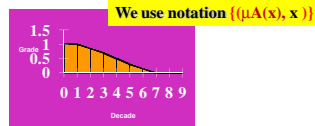
- If truth grades are either 0 or 1 then following table is found:
  - x y truth
  - 0 0 0
  - 0 1 1
  - 1 0 1
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  - which is **the same truth table** as in the Boolean logic.
- So, **every crisp set is fuzzy, but not conversely**.

## Example of Fuzzy set

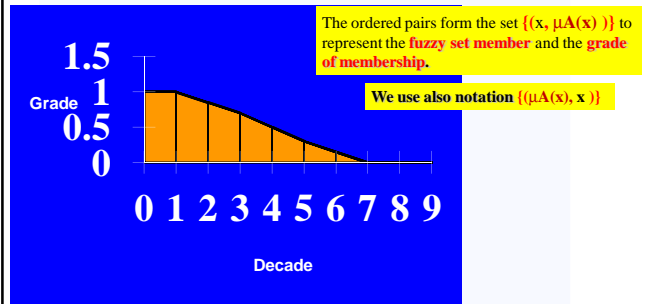
- As an example consider:
  - the **universe of discourse**  $U = \{0,1,2,\dots,9\}$
  - and a fuzzy set  $X_1$ , 'young generation decade'.
- A possible presentation now follows:
  - $X_1 = \{1.0/0 + 1.0/1 + 0.85/2 + 0.7/3 + 0.5/4 + 0.3/5 + 0.15/6 + 0.0/7 + 0.0/8 + 0.0/9\}$ .
  - The set is also shown in a graphical form below.

newborn

1 year old



## Fuzzy set example



This is subjective, language related. What does it mean "young boy" when you live in a retirement facility?

## Definition of Fuzzy Set

- A **fuzzy set**, defined as  $A$ , is a subset of a **universe of discourse**  $U$ , where  $A$  is characterized by a **membership function**  $\mu_A(x)$ .
- The membership function  $\mu_A(x)$  is associated with each point in  $U$  and is the "grade of membership" in  $A$ .
- The membership function  $\mu_A(x)$  is assumed to range in the interval  $[0,1]$ , with value of 0 corresponding to the non-membership, and 1 corresponding to the full membership.
- The ordered pairs form the set  $\{(x, \mu_A(x))\}$  to represent the **fuzzy set member** and the **grade of membership**.
- We use also notation  $\{(\mu_A(x), x)\}$

## Fuzzy operators

- What follows is a summary of some fuzzy set operators in a **domain X**.
- For illustration purposes we shall use the following membership sets:
  - $\mu_A = 0.8/2 + 0.6/3 + 0.2/4$ , and  $\mu_B = 0.8/3 + 0.2/5$
  - as well as  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  from above.
- Set equality:**
  - $A=B$  if  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$
- Set complement:**
  - $A'$   $\mu_{A'}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
  - This corresponds to the logic 'NOT' function.
  - $\mu_{A'}(x) = 0.2/2 + 0.4/3 + 0.8/4$

## Fuzzy operators

- Subset:**  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$
- Proper Subset:**
  - $A \subset B$  if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\mu_A(x) < \mu_B(x)$  for at least one  $x \in X$
- Set Union:**
  - $A \cup B$   $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$  where  $\max$  is the **join operator** and means the maximum of the arguments.
    - This corresponds to the logic 'OR' function.
  - $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = 0.8/2 + 0.8/3 + 0.2/4 + 0.2/5$

## Operations on Fuzzy Sets

- The fuzzy set operations are defined as follows.
  - Intersection operation of two fuzzy sets uses the symbols:  $\cap$ ,  $*$ ,  $\wedge$ , AND, or min.
  - Union operation of two fuzzy sets uses the symbols:  $\cup$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $+$ , OR, or max.
- Equality** of two sets is defined as  $A = B \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- Containment** of two sets is defined as  $A$  subset  $B$ ,  $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- Complement** of a set  $A$  is defined as  $A'$ , where  $\mu_{A'}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- Intersection** of two sets is defined as  $A \cap B$  where  $\mu_{A \cap B}(x) = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Where  $C \subseteq A$ ,  $C \subseteq B$  then  $C \subseteq A \cap B$ .
- Union** of two sets is defined as  $A \cup B$  where  $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$  where  $D \supseteq A$ ,  $D \supseteq B$  then  $D \supseteq A \cup B$ .

## Fuzzy sets, logic, inference, control

- This is the appropriate place to clarify not what the terms mean but their relationship.
- This is necessary because different authors and researchers use the same term either for the same thing or for different things.
- The following have become widely accepted:
  - **Fuzzy logic system**
    - anything that uses fuzzy set theory
  - **Fuzzy control**
    - any control system that employs fuzzy logic
  - **Fuzzy associative memory**
    - any system that evaluates a set of fuzzy *if-then* rules uses fuzzy inference. Also known as **fuzzy rule base** or **fuzzy expert system**
  - **Fuzzy inference control**
    - a system that uses fuzzy control and fuzzy inference

## Fuzzy sets

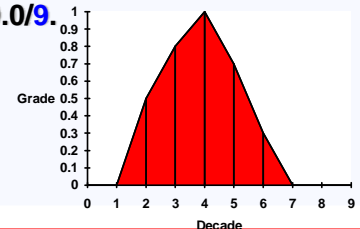
- A traditional set can be considered as a special case of fuzzy sets.
- A **fuzzy set** has 3 principal properties:
  - the range of values over which the set is mapped
  - the degree of membership axis that measures a domain value's membership in the set
  - the surface of the fuzzy set - the points that connect the degree of membership with the underlying domain

## Fuzzy set and its membership function $\mu_x$

- Therefore, a fuzzy set in a universe of discourse U is characterised by the membership function  $\mu_x$ , which takes values in the interval  $[0,1]$  namely  $\mu_x:U \rightarrow [0,1]$ .
- A fuzzy set  $X$  in  $U$  may be represented as a set of ordered pairs of a generic element  $u$  and its grade of membership  $\mu_x$  as
  - $X = \{u, \mu_x(u) / u \in U\}$ ,
  - i.e., the fuzzy variables  $u$  take on fuzzy values  $\mu_x(u)$ .
- When a fuzzy set, say  $X$ , is discrete and finite it may be expressed as
  - $X = \mu_x(u_1) / u_1 + \dots + \mu_x(u_n) / u_n$
  - where '+' is not the summation symbol but the union operator, the '/' does not denote division but a particular membership function to a value on the universe of discourse.

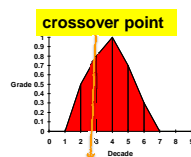
## Another example of a Fuzzy set

- Another set,  $X_2$  might be 'mid-age generation decade. In discrete form this can be depicted as
 
$$X_2 = \{0.0/0 + 0.0/1 + 0.5/2 + 0.8/3 + 1.0/4 + 0.7/5 + 0.3/6 + 0.0/7 + 0.0/8 + 0.0/9\}$$



## We introduce concepts: Support, Crossover, Singleton

- **Support** of a fuzzy set:
  - The support of a fuzzy set is the set of all elements of the universe of discourse that their grade of membership is greater than zero.
  - For  $X_2$  the support is  $\{2,3,4,5,6\}$ .
  - Additionally, a fuzzy set has **compact support** if its support is finite.
- **Crossover point**:
  - The element of a fuzzy set that has a grade of membership equal to 0.5 is known as the crossover point.
  - For  $X_2$  the crossover point is 2.



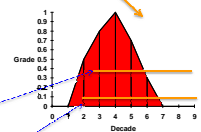
## - Fuzzy singleton:

- The fuzzy set whose support is a **single point** in the universe of discourse with grade of membership equal to one is known as the **fuzzy singleton**.

## - k-Level sets:

- The fuzzy set that contains the elements which have a grade of membership greater than the **k-level set** is known as the **k-level set**.
- For  $X_2$  the **k-Level set** when  $k=0.6$  is  $\{3,4,5\}$ .
- Whereas for  $X_2$  the **k-Level set** when  $k=0.4$  is  $\{2,3,4,5\}$ .

## Support, Crossover, Singleton





# Popular Membership Functions

## How to create or select Membership Functions

- Membership Functions are used in order to return the **degree of membership** of a numerical value for a particular set.
  - Fuzzy membership functions can have **different shapes**, depending on someone's **experience** or even **preference**.
  - Here we review some of the membership functions used in order to capture the **modeler's sense** of fuzzy numbers.
  - Membership functions can be drawn using:
    - **Subjective evaluation and elicitation**
      - (Experts specify at the end of an elicitation phase the appropriate membership functions) or
    - **Ad-hoc forms**
      - One can draw from a set of given different curves.

## Popular Membership Functions

- Using **library of curves** simplifies the problem, for example to
  - 1. choosing just the central value and the slope on either side)
  - 2. Converted frequencies (Information from a frequency histogram can be used as the basis to construct a membership function
  - 3. Learning and adaptation.
- For **example**, let us consider the fuzzy membership function of the linguistic variable **Tall**.



## Membership Function for Tall

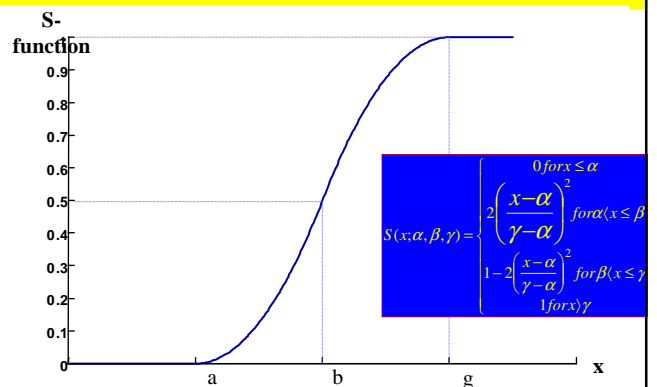
$$\text{Tall}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if height}(x) < 5 \text{ feet} \\ \frac{\text{height}(x) - 5}{2} & \text{if } 5 \text{ feet} \leq \text{height}(x) \leq 7 \text{ feet} \\ 1 & \text{if height}(x) > 7 \text{ feet} \end{cases}$$

- Given the above definition the membership grade for an expression like **'John is Tall'** can be evaluated. Assuming a height of 6' 11" the membership grade is 0.54
- Other popular shapes used are **triangles** and **trapezoidals**.

## Another example of popular function: The S-Function

$$S(x; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq \alpha \\ 2 \left( \frac{x - \alpha}{\gamma - \alpha} \right)^2 & \text{for } \alpha < x \leq \beta \\ 1 - 2 \left( \frac{x - \alpha}{\gamma - \alpha} \right)^2 & \text{for } \beta < x \leq \gamma \\ 1 & \text{for } x > \gamma \end{cases}$$

## The S-Function



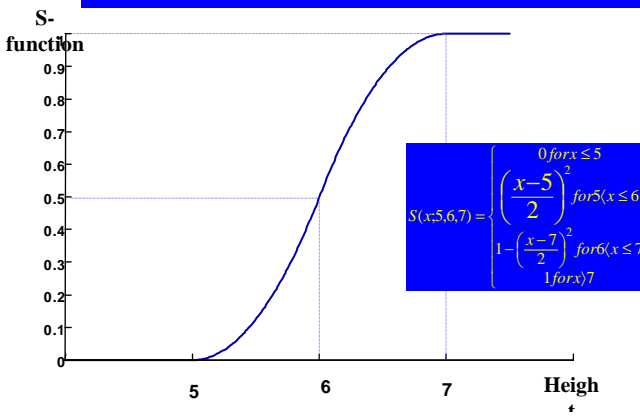
## The S-Function for "John is Tall"

- As one can see the S-function is flat at a value of 0 for  $x \leq a$  and at 1 for  $x \geq g$ .
- In between  $a$  and  $g$  the S-function is a **quadratic function** of  $x$ .
  - To illustrate the S-function we shall use the fuzzy proposition *John is tall*.
  - We assume that:
    - John is an adult
    - The universe of discourse are normal people (i.e., excluding the extremes of basketball players etc.)
  - then we may assume that anyone less than 5 feet is not tall (i.e.,  $a=5$ ) and anyone more than 7 feet is tall (i.e.,  $g=7$ ).
    - Hence,  $b=6$ .
    - Anyone between 5 and 7 feet has a membership function which increases monotonically with his height.

## S-Function for "Tall"

$$S(x;5,6,7) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 5 \\ \left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)^2 & \text{for } 5 < x \leq 6 \\ 1 - \left(\frac{x-7}{2}\right)^2 & \text{for } 6 < x \leq 7 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 7 \end{cases}$$

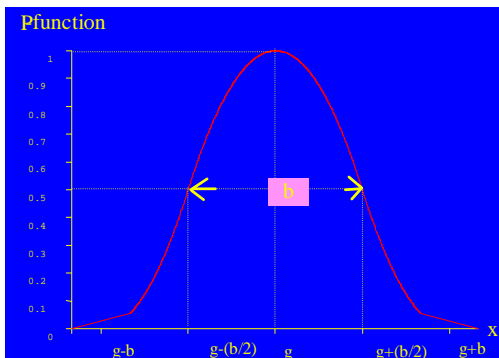
Hence the membership of 6 feet tall people is 0.5, whereas for 6.5 feet tall people increases to 0.9.



## Another example of useful function: P-Function

$$\Pi(x; \beta, \gamma) = \begin{cases} S(x; \gamma - \beta, \gamma - \frac{\beta}{2}, \gamma) & \text{for } x \leq \gamma \\ 1 - S(x; \gamma, \gamma + \frac{\beta}{2}, \gamma + \beta) & \text{for } x \geq \gamma \end{cases}$$

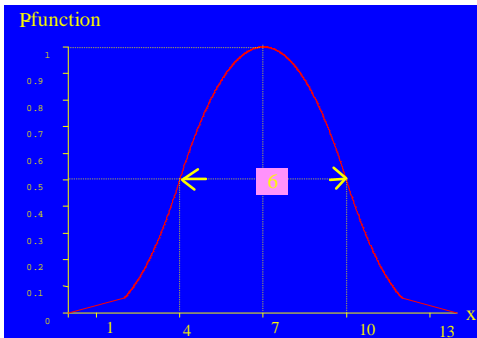
## P-Function



## P-Function

- The P-function goes to zero at  $\gamma < \beta$ , and the 0.5 point is at  $\gamma = (\beta/2)$ .
- Notice that the  $\beta$  parameter represents the bandwidth of the 0.5 points.

## P-Function

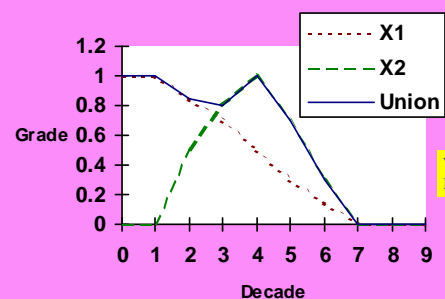


## Fuzzy Operations for Many arguments

## Operations

- An example of fuzzy operations:  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$  and fuzzy sets A and B.
- $A = \{(3,0.8), (5,1), (2,0.6)\}$  and  $B = \{(3,0.7), (4,1), (2,0.5)\}$  then
- $A \cap B = \{(3, 0.7), (2, 0.5)\}$
- $A \cup B = \{(3, 0.8), (4, 1), (5, 1), (2, 0.6)\}$
- $A' = \{(1, 1), (2, 0.4), (3, 0.2), (4, 1), (5, 0)\}$

## Fuzzy Union Diagram

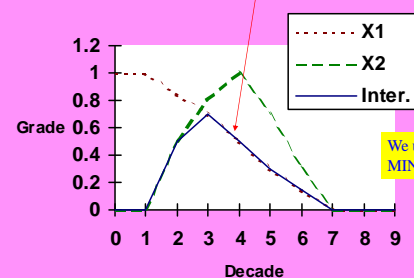


$$-\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = 0.8/2 + 0.8/3 + 0.2/4 + 0.2/5$$

## More of Fuzzy operators

- **Set Intersection:**
  - $A \cap B \quad \mu_{A \cap B}(x) = \wedge(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))$  for all  $x \in X$  where  $\wedge$  is the **meet operator** and means the minimum of the arguments.
    - This corresponds to the logic 'AND' function.
  - $\mu_{A \cap B}(x) = 0.6/3$
- **Set product:**
  - $AB \quad \mu_{AB}(x) = \mu_A(x)\mu_B(x)$
- **Power of a set:**
  - $A^N \quad \mu_{A^N}(x) = (\mu_A(x))^N$

## Fuzzy Intersection diagram



## Even More of Fuzzy operators

- **Bounded sum or bold union:**  $A \oplus B$ 
  - $\mu_{A \oplus B}(x) = \wedge(1, (\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)))$  where  $\wedge$  is minimum and  $+$  is the arithmetic add operator.
- **Bounded product or bold intersection:**  $A \otimes B$ 
  - $\mu_{A \otimes B}(x) = \vee(0, (\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - 1))$  where  $\vee$  is maximum and  $+$  is the arithmetic add operator.
- **Bounded difference:**  $A | - B$ 
  - $\mu_{A | - B}(x) = \vee(0, (\mu_A(x) - \mu_B(x)))$ 
    - where  $\vee$  is maximum and  $-$  is the arithmetic minus operator.
  - This operation represents those elements that are more in A than B.

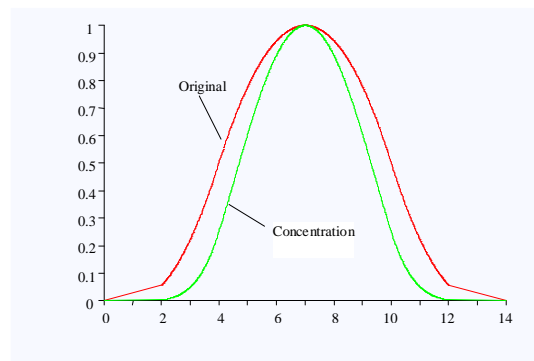
## Single argument Fuzzy Operations

Operations on operators

## Concentration set operator

- **CON(A)**  $\mu_{CON(A)} = (\mu_A(x))^2$ 
  - This operation reduces the membership grade of elements that have small membership grades.
- If TALL =  $-0.125/5 + 0.5/6 + 0.875/6.5 + 1/7 + 1/7.5 + 1/8$  then
- **VERY TALL** =  $0.0165/5 + 0.25/6 + 0.76/6.5 + 1/7 + 1/7.5 + 1/8$  since **VERY TALL** = TALL<sup>2</sup>.

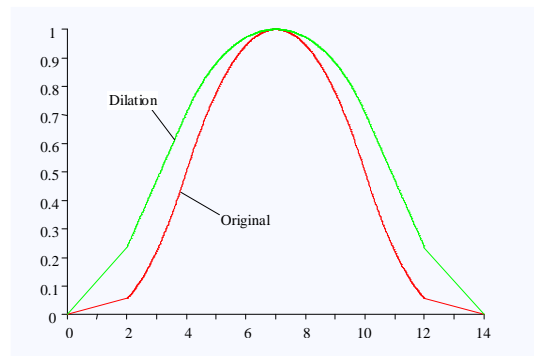
## Concentration set operator



## Dilation set operator

- **DIL(A)**  $\mu_{DIL(A)} = (\mu_A(x))^{0.5}$ 
  - This operation increases the membership grade of elements that have small membership grades.
  - It is the inverse of the concentration operation.
- If TALL =  $-0.125/5 + 0.5/6 + 0.875/6.5 + 1/7 + 1/7.5 + 1/8$  then
- **MORE or LESS TALL** =  $0.354/5 + 0.707/6 + 0.935/6.5 + 1/7 + 1/7.5 + 1/8$  since **MORE or LESS TALL** = TALL<sup>0.5</sup>.

## Dilation set operator

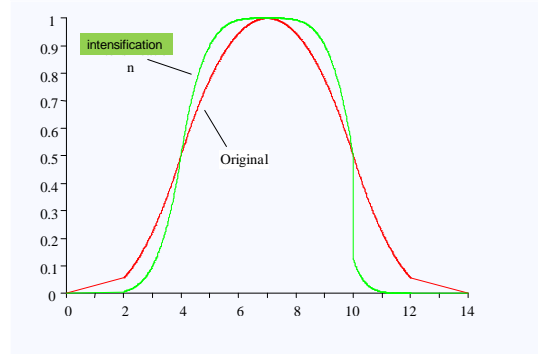


## Intensification set operator

- This operation **raises the membership** grade of those elements within the 0.5 points and
- This operation **reduces the membership** grade of those elements outside the crossover (0.5) point.
- Hence, **intensification amplifies the signal** within the bandwidth while reducing the 'noise'.
  - If TALL = -.125/5+0.5/6+0.875/6.5+1/7+1/7.5+1/8 then
  - INT(TALL) = 0.031/5+0.5/6+0.969/6.5+1/7+1/7.5+1/8.

$$\mu_{INT(A)}(x) = \begin{cases} 2(\mu_A(x))^2 & \text{for } 0 \leq \mu_A(x) \leq 0.5 \\ 1 - 2(1 - \mu_A(x))^2 & \text{for } 0.5 < \mu_A(x) \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

## Intensification set operator

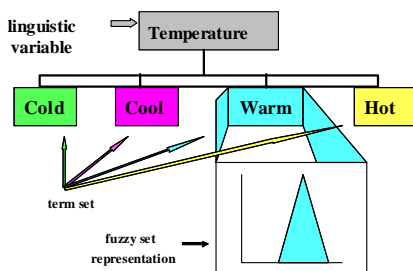


## Normalization set operator

- $\mu_{NORM(A)}(x) = \mu_A(x) / \max\{\mu_A(x)\}$  where the **max** function returns the maximum membership grade for all elements of  $x$ .
  - If the maximum grade is  $< 1$ , then all membership grades will be increased.
  - If the maximum is 1, then the membership grades **remain unchanged**.
- **NORM(TALL) = TALL because the maximum is 1**

# Hedges – language related operators

- The above diagram shows the relationship between linguistic variables, **term sets** and fuzzy representations.
  - **Cold, cool, warm and hot** are the linguistic values of the linguistic variable temperature.
  - In general a value of a linguistic variable is a composite term  $u = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  where each  $u_n$  is an *atomic* term.



# Hedges

- From one atomic term by employing **hedges** we can create more terms.
  - Hedges such as **very, most, rather, slightly, more or less** etc.
  - Therefore, the purpose of the hedge is to **create a larger set of values** for a linguistic variable **from a small collection of primary atomic terms**.

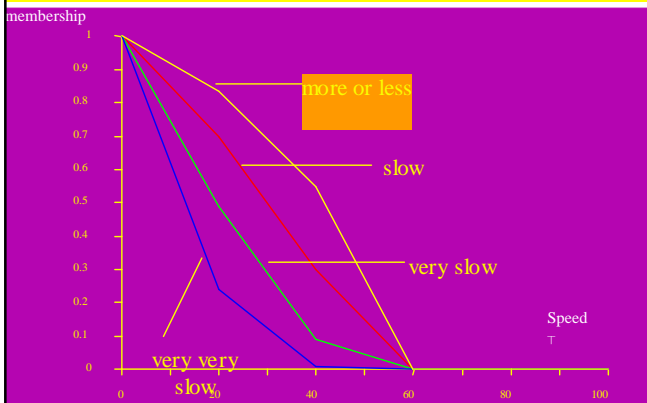
# Using Hedges

- This is achieved using the processes of:
  - normalisation,
  - intensifier,
  - concentration, and
  - dilation.
- For example, using concentration **very**  $u$  is defined by :  
 very  $u = u^2$  and  
 very very  $u = u^4$ .

# Example of Hedges

- Let us assume the following definition for linguistic variable **slow** (first is membership function, second speed):  
 $U = 1.0/0 + 0.7/20 + 0.3/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$ .
- Then,
  - **Very slow** =  $u^2 = 1.0/0 + 0.49/20 + 0.09/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - **Very Very slow** =  $u^4 = 1.0/0 + 0.24/0 + 0.008/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - **More or less slow** =  $u^{0.5} = 1.0/0 + 0.837/20 + 0.548/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$

# Visual representation of Hedges



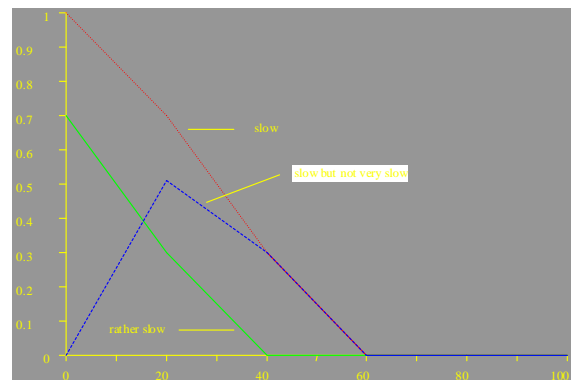
# Hedge rather

- The hedge **rather** is a linguistic modifier that moves each membership by an appropriate amount  $C$ .
- Setting  $C$  to unity we get.  
 • **Rather slow** =  $0.7/0 + 0.3/20 + 0.0/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80$
- slow**  
 $U = 1.0/0 + 0.7/20 + 0.3/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$ .

# Hedge examples related to slow

- The **slow but not very slow** is a modification which is using the connective **but**, which in turn is an intersection operator.
- The membership function in its discrete form was found as follows:
  - **slow** =  $1.0/0 + 0.7/20 + 0.3/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - **very slow** =  $1.0/0 + 0.49/20 + 0.09/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - **not very slow** =  $0.0/0 + 0.51/20 + 0.91/40 + 1.0/60 + 1.0/80 + 1.0/100$
  - **slow but not very slow** =  $\min(\text{slow}, \text{not very slow}) = 0.0/0 + 0.51/20 + 0.3/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$

# Hedges slow but not very slow and rather slow



## Hedge slightly

- The *slightly* hedge is the fuzzy set operator for intersection acting on the fuzzy sets *Plus slow* and *Not (Very slow)*.
- Slightly slow = INT(NORM(PLUS slow and NOT VERY slow) where Plus slow is slow to the power of 1.25, and is the intersection operator.
  - slow =  $1.0/0 + 0.7/20 + 0.3/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - plus slow =  $1.0/0 + 0.64/20 + 0.222/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
  - not very slow =  $0.0/0 + 0.51/20 + 0.91/40 + 1.0/60 + 1.0/80 + 1.0/100$
  - plus slow and not very slow =  $\min(\text{plus slow}, \text{not very slow}) = 0.0/0 + 0.51/20 + 0.222/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$

## Hedges

- norm (plus slow and not very slow) = (plus slow and not very slow/max) =  $0.0/0 + 1.0/20 + 0.435/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$
- slightly slow = int (norm) =  $0.0/0 + 1.0/20 + 0.87/40 + 0.0/60 + 0.0/80 + 0.0/100$ .

## Hedges



## Hedges

- Now we are in a better position to understand the meaning of the syntactic and semantic rule.
  - A **syntactic rule** defines, in a recursive fashion, more term sets by using a hedge.
  - For instance  $T(\text{slow}) = \{\text{slow}, \text{very slow}, \text{very very slow}, \dots\}$ .
  - The **semantic rule** defines the meaning of terms such as *very slow* which can be defined as  $\text{very slow} = (\text{slow})^2$ .
  - One is obviously allowed either to **generate new hedges** or to **modify the meaning of existing ones**