Fuzzy Sets and Fuzzy Logic

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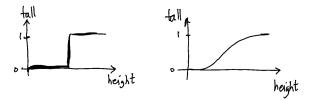
Introduction

- Crisp binary (boolean) logic was proposed by George Boole (1815-1864).
- The truth table of binary logic was proposed by the famous logician-philosopher, Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951).
- Fuzzy logic was proposed by Lotfi Aliasker Zadeh (1921-2017) in 1960's.
- How are you?
 - You can say: I am good or I am bad.
 - But what if you are 70% good, i.e., feeling 30% bad.
- Fuzzy logic extends or generalizes binary logic (crisp logic) from two levels (0 and 1) to a continuous range [0, 1].
- In other words, it generalizes the binary logic to many-valued logic.
- So, in fuzzy logic, we have partial true and partial false rather than merely true and false.
- This imitates the human-like approximate reasoning.
- Many real-world quantities are subjective, approximate, and qualitative.

Fuzzy sets

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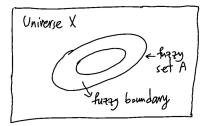
- Fuzzy sets are the building blocks and corner stones of fuzzy logic.
- In a crisp set, an element either is a member of the set or not. In a fuzzy set, an element can have partial membership.
- Example: the set of tall people



 The membership to a fuzzy set is a gray zone. For instance, in this example, there is not a crisp cut-off of height for being tall.

Fuzzy sets

- Let X be a set that contains every set of interest in the context of a given class of problems (e.g., set of all humans). Then, X is called the **universe of discourse** (or simply the universe), whose elements are denoted by x.
- A fuzzy set A in the universe of discourse X can be represented by a Venn diagram.

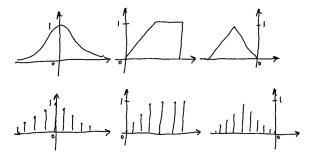


Membership function

- every element has a degree (or grade) of membership in a fuzzy set.
- This membership can be denoted by a membership function whose domain is the domain of values that the element can have and its range is [0, 1].
- Let the membership function of x in the fuzzy set A be denoted by $\mu_A(x)$. Then:

$$\mu_A(x): \mathcal{D}(x) \to [0,1], \quad \mu_A: x \mapsto \mu_A(x). \tag{1}$$

Some example membership functions:



Membership function

• Every element x has some membership in the fuzzy set A. Therefore, the fuzzy set A can be represented as a set of ordered pairs:

$$A = \{ (x, \mu_A(x)) \mid x \in X, \mu_A(x) \in [0, 1] \}.$$
(2)

- Note that the membership shows the grade of **possibility** and **not probability** because it is in range [0, 1] but the summation of possibility of values is not one necessarily.
- A crisp set is a special case of a fuzzy set where the membership function can take only two values 0 and 1.

Symbolic representation

If the universe of discourse is discrete with elements {x_i}ⁿ_{i=1}, the fuzzy set A can be represented symbolically with symbolic summation:

$$A = \frac{\mu_A(x_1)}{x_1} + \dots + \frac{\mu_A(x_n)}{x_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_A(x_i)}{x_i}.$$
 (3)

● If the universe of universe is continuous with elements *x* ∈ *X*, the fuzzy set *A* can be represented symbolically with symbolic integration:

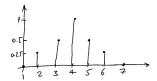
$$A = \int_{x \in \mathbf{X}} \frac{\mu_A(x)}{x}.$$
 (4)

• Note that the notations \sum and \int are not the operators for summation and integration but they are merely symbolic notations.

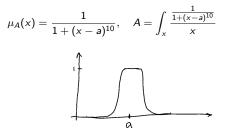
Symbolic representation

- Examples:
 - discrete fuzzy set for representing the digit four:

$$A = 0.25/2 + 0.5/3 + 1/4 + 0.5/5 + 0.25/6$$



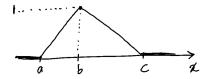
continuous fuzzy set (called fuzzy relation) for representing the value a:



• Triangular membership function:

$$\mu_{A}(x; a, b, c) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{if } a \le x \le b \\ \frac{c-x}{c-b} & \text{if } b \le x \le c \\ 0 & \text{if } x \ge c \end{cases} = \max\left(\min\left(\frac{x-a}{b-a}, \frac{c-x}{c-b}\right), 0\right), \quad (5)$$

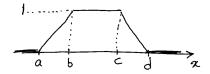
where a < b < c.



• Trapezoidal membership function:

$$\mu_{A}(x; a, b, c, d) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{if } a \le x \le b \\ 1 & \text{if } b \le x \le c \\ \frac{d-x}{d-c} & \text{if } c \le x \le d \\ 0 & \text{if } x \ge d \end{cases} = \max\left(\min\left(\frac{x-a}{b-a}, 1, \frac{d-x}{d-c}\right), 0\right), \quad (6)$$

where $a < b \leq c < d$.

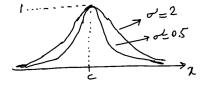


Gaussian membership function:

$$\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(x;c,\sigma^2) := e^{\frac{-(x-c)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$
(7)

where c is the mean and σ^2 is the variance of the Gaussian function.

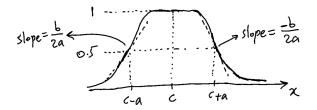
• Note that the integral of this function is not one (it is not a probability density function) which is fine for fuzzy membership function. The important thing is that at x = c, it becomes 1.



• Generalized bell (also called bell) membership function:

$$\mu_A(x; a, b, c) := \frac{1}{1 + |\frac{x - c}{a}|^{2b}}$$
(8)

where c is the mean of the bell and both a and b control the slope of bell and heaviness of its tail. The slope of the bell is $\pm b/2a$. The parameter a also controls how wide the top of the bell is.



• Generalized bell (also called bell) membership function:

chanse & a: change & b: əb=2 29=2 -a=1 6=1 c C chanse & a & b: change of c: q=3C 6=2 6-1

Comparing well-known membership functions

- Each of the membership functions has its own pros and cons.
- The triangular and trapezoidal functions have linear parts so they are inexpensive computationally. However, they are non-smooth and non-differentiable so they are not suitable for gradient-based optimization.
- The Gaussian and bell functions are nonlinear so they are expensive computationally. However, they are smooth and differentiable so they are suitable for gradient-based optimization.

Main fuzzy logic operations

Main fuzzy logic operations

- There exist operations on fuzzy sets similar to the operations on crisp sets.
- A fuzzy logic operation is an operation which is applied to one or multiple membership functions and outputs one membership function:

$$f:[0,1]\times\cdots\times[0,1]\to[0,1].$$
(9)

- Three most important operations are:
 - T-norm (intersection)
 - S-norm (union)
 - Complement

T-norm

• The intersection of two fuzzy sets is performed by the T-norm operator:

$$\mu_{A\cap B}(x) = T(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)) = \mu_A(x)T\mu_B(x).$$
(10)

The properties of the T-norm operator:

- non-decreasing: if $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$, then $aTc \leq bTd$.
- commutativity: aTb = bTa
- associativity: (aTb)Tc = aT(bTc)
- boundary conditions: aT0 = 0 and aT1 = a
- Well-known T-norm operators:
 - min: $T(a, b) = \min(a, b) = a \wedge b$
 - algebraic product: $T(a, b) = a \times b$
 - bounded product: $T(a, b) = 0 \lor (a + b 1)$
 - $\blacktriangleright \text{ basic product: } T(a,b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } b = 1 \\ b & \text{if } a = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } a, b < 1 \end{cases}$
 - ▶ general form 1: $T(a, b) = 1 \min\left(1, \left((1 a)^p + (1 b)^p\right)^{1/p}\right), p \ge 1$
 - ▶ general form 2: $T(a, b) = \max(0, (\lambda + 1)(a + b 1) \lambda ab), \lambda \ge -1$

The most common T-norm is the min operator.

S-norm

The union of two fuzzy sets is performed by the S-norm operator (also called T-conorm) operator):

$$\mu_{A\cup B}(x) = S(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)) = \mu_A(x)S\mu_B(x).$$
(11)

- The properties of the S-norm operator:
 - non-decreasing: if $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$, then $aSc \leq bSd$.
 - commutativity: aSb = bSa
 - associativity: (aSb)Sc = aS(bSc)
 - boundary conditions: aS0 = a and aS1 = 1
- Well-known S-norm operators:
 - $\blacktriangleright \max: S(a, b) = \max(a, b) = a \lor b$
 - algebraic sum: S(a, b) = a + b ab
 - bounded product: $S(a, b) = 1 \land (a + b)$ $\blacktriangleright \text{ basic product: } S(a,b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } b = 0 \\ b & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } a, b < 1 \end{cases}$

 - general form 1: $S(a, b) = \min(1, (a^p + b^p)^{1/p}), p \ge 1$
 - general form 2: $S(a, b) = \min(1, a + b + \lambda ab), \quad \lambda \ge -1$
- The most common S-norm is the max operator.

Complement

The complement of a fuzzy set is performed by the complement operator:

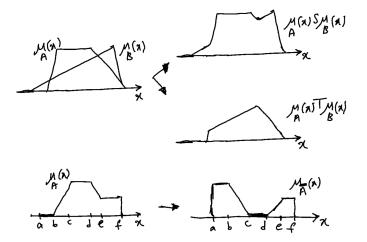
$$\mu_{\bar{A}}(x) = Co(\mu_A(x)), \tag{12}$$

where \bar{A} denotes the complement of the set A.

- The properties of the complement operator:
 - non-increasing: if $a \leq b$, then $Co(a) \geq Co(b)$.
 - involutive: Co(Co(a)) = a
 - boundary conditions: Co(0) = 1 and Co(1) = 0
- Well-known complement operators:
 - regular complement: Co(a) = 1 a
 - ▶ Sugeno's complement: $Co(a) = \frac{1-a}{1+pa}, \quad p \in (-1,\infty)$
 - ▶ Yager's complement: $Co(a) = (1 a^p)^{1/p}, \quad p \in (0, \infty)$
- The most common complement is the regular complement operator.

Main fuzzy logic operations

• Examples for fuzzy logic operations:



Operations on single fuzzy sets

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- There exist some other operations for fuzzy sets:
 - height (modal grade)
 - support set
 - α-cut
 - measures of fuzziness
 - set dilation and contraction

Height (modal grade)

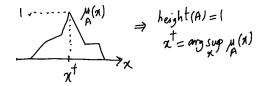
• The height or modal grade of a fuzzy set A is the maximum of its membership function:

$$\operatorname{height}(A) = \sup_{x \in X} \mu_A(x). \tag{13}$$

• The value of x with the maximum membership is defined as the modal point or the modal element value:

$$x^{\dagger} = \arg \sup_{x \in X} \mu_A(x), \tag{14}$$

$$\mu_A(x^{\dagger}) = \operatorname{height}(A). \tag{15}$$



Support set and α -cut

• The support set of a fuzzy set is a crisp set containing all the elements in the universe whose membership grades are strictly greater than zero:

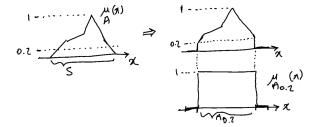
$$S := \{ x \in X \mid \mu_A(x) > 0 \}.$$
(16)

The α-cut of a fuzzy set A is the crisp set denoted by A_α formed by the elements of A whose membership function grades are greater than or equal to a specified threshold value α ∈ [0, 1]:

$$A_{\alpha} := \{ x \in X \mid \mu_A(x) \ge \alpha \}.$$
(17)

Therefore, we define:

$$\mu_{A_{\alpha}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu_{A}(x) \ge \alpha \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(18)



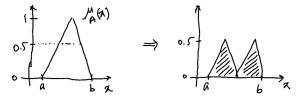
Measures of fuzziness

- Every membership function for a fuzzy set has some fuzziness. There exist various measures for fuzziness of a set [1, 2, 3]. The larger the fuzziness measurement, the more ambiguous (dilated) its membership function is. Some of them are:
 - closeness to grade 0.5:

$$fuzziness = \int_{x \in S} f(x) \, dx, \tag{19}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \mu_A(x) & \text{if } \mu_A(x) \le 0.5\\ 1 - \mu_A(x) & \text{Otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
(20)

where the integral notation is for integrating and not the symbolic representation.



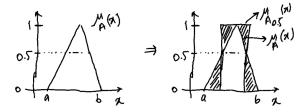
Assuming that $x \in [a, b]$.

Measures of fuzziness

• Some of them are:

distance from 0.5-cut [4]:

$$fuzziness = \int_{x \in X} |\mu_A(x) - \mu_{A_{0.5}}(x)| \, dx.$$
 (21)



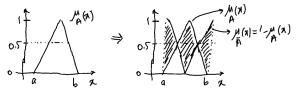
Assuming that $x \in [a, b]$.

Measures of fuzziness

- Some of them are:
 - inverse of distance from the complement:

$$fuzziness = \int_{x \in X} \left| \mu_A(x) - \mu_{\bar{A}}(x) \right| \, dx, \tag{22}$$

where \overline{A} is the complement of A and |.| is the absolute value function.



Assuming that $x \in [a, b]$.

Another variant of inverse of distance from the complement [5]:

$$fuzziness = \int_{x \in X} \mu_A(x) \mu_{\bar{A}}(x) \, dx, \qquad (23)$$

• The *k*-th dilation of a fuzzy set *A* is defined as:

$$\mu_{A'}(x) = \mu_A^{1/k}(x). \tag{24}$$

• The *k*-th contraction of a fuzzy set *A* is defined as:

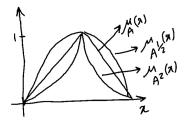
$$\mu_{A'}(x) = \mu_{A}^{k}(x). \tag{25}$$

In notations, the dilation and contraction operators are defined as:

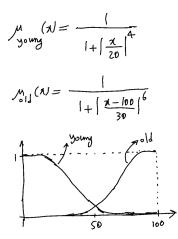
dil(A) =
$$A^{1/k} = \int \frac{\mu_A^{1/k}(x)}{x}$$
, (26)
con(A) = $A^k = \int \frac{\mu_A^k(x)}{x}$. (27)

- As $\mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$, $\mu_A^{1/k}(x)$ and $\mu_A^k(x)$ dilates and contracts the membership function, respectively.
- Let $\mu_A(x)$ be the membership function for a quality. Therefore, on the one hand, dilation refers to "more or less" or "somewhat" of that quality. On the other hand, contraction refers to "very" or "too" for that quality.

• The illustration of dilation and contraction are as follows.



• Example for fuzzy sets of age (credit of this example is for Prof. Karray):



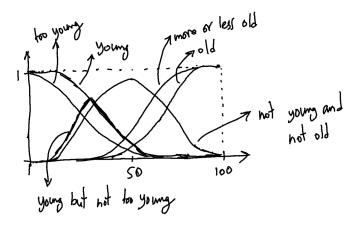
* more or less old = 2nd dilation of old

$$M_{mmre or less old} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{x}{20}\right|^{6}}}$$
* not young and not old = young \wedge old

$$M_{young \wedge old} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{x}{20}\right|^{4}}\right) \wedge \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{x-100}{30}\right|^{6}}\right)$$
* too young = 2nd contraction of young

$$M_{x}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{x}{20}\right|^{4}}\right)^{2}$$
* young but not ho young = young \wedge for young

$$M_{young} = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{x}{20}\right|^{4}}\right)^{2}$$



Operations for relation of fuzzy sets

Operations for relation of fuzzy sets

- There exist several operations for the relation of fuzzy sets similar to the relation of crisp sets.
- Well-known operations for the relation of fuzzy sets are:
 - set inclusion
 - set equality
 - implication (if-then)
 - extension principle
 - projection
 - cylindrical extension

Set inclusion

- In crisp sets, a set either is a subset of another set or not. However, a fuzzy set can be
 partially subset of another fuzzy set.
- The grade of inclusion for the partial set inclusion of a fuzzy set A in another fuzzy set B is defined as:

$$\mu_{A \subset B}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu_A(x) < \mu_B(x) \\ \mu_A(x) T \mu_B(x) & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(28)

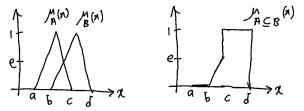
$$\mu_{A\subseteq B}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x) \\ \mu_A(x) \mathcal{T} \mu_B(x) & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(29)

• A fuzzy set A is completely included in another fuzzy set B if:

$$A \subset B \iff \mu_A(x) < \mu_B(x), \quad \forall x \in X,$$
 (30)

$$A \subseteq B \iff \mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x), \quad \forall x \in X.$$
 (31)

• If $A \subset B$, A is said to be the proper subset of B.



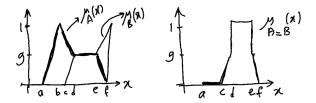
Set equality

- The equality of two fuzzy sets is a special case of set inclusion.
- The grade of equality for the partial set equality of a fuzzy set A to another fuzzy set B is defined as:

$$\mu_{A=B}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x) \\ \mu_A(x) T \mu_B(x) & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(32)

• A fuzzy set A is completely equal to another fuzzy set B if:

$$A = B \iff \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x), \quad \forall x \in X.$$
(33)



Implication (if-then)

- Consider two fuzzy sets which may be in the same universe or in two different universes, i.e., $A \in X$, $B \in Y$.
- The fuzzy implication $A \rightarrow B$ is a fuzzy relation in the Cartesian product $X \times Y$.
- The fuzzy implication $A \rightarrow B$ means "if A is (partially) true, then it implies that B is (partially) true.
- Note that according to logic, $A \rightarrow B$ is equivalent to having $\overline{B} \not\rightarrow \overline{A}$, where \overline{A} is the complement of the set A. It means that "if B is (partially) false, then it implies that A is (partially) false.
- Examples:
 - example for $A \rightarrow B$: if it (partially) rains, then the ground becomes (partially) wet.
 - example for $\overline{B} \not\rightarrow \overline{A}$: the ground is not (partially) wet. Therefore, it must have not (partially) rained.
- The implication *A* → *B* is also referred to as the **rule of inference**. The rule of inference is also called the **modus ponens** in binary logic.
 - The implication A → B in the binary logic means as follows: The rule says if x is A, then y is B. Now, x is A; therefore, y is B.
 - The implication A → B in the fuzzy logic means as follows: The rule says if x is A, then y is B. Now, x is A'; therefore, y is B', where A' and B' can be far from or close to A and B, respectively.

Implication (if-then)

- There exist different implication operators in fuzzy logic:
 - Larsen implication:

$$\mu_{A\to B}(x,y) = \mu_A(x)\mu_B(y), \quad \forall (x,y) \in X \times Y.$$
(34)

Mamdani implication:

$$\mu_{A \to B}(x, y) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)), \quad \forall (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$
(35)

Zadeh implication:

$$\mu_{A\to B}(x,y) = \max\left(\min\left(\mu_A(x),\mu_B(y)\right), 1-\mu_A(x)\right), \quad \forall (x,y) \in X \times Y.$$
(36)

Dienes-Rascher implication:

$$\mu_{A\to B}(x,y) = \max(1 - \mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)), \quad \forall (x,y) \in X \times Y.$$
(37)

Lukasiewicz implication:

$$\mu_{A\to B}(x,y) = \min(1,1-\mu_A(x)+\mu_B(y)), \quad \forall (x,y) \in X \times Y.$$
(38)

• The most common implication operator is Mamdani implication.

Extension principle

- Consider a map from universe X to universe Y, i.e., $f: X \to Y$
- Let A be a set in universe X

$$A = \frac{\mu_A(x_1)}{x_1} + \dots + \frac{\mu_A(x_n)}{x_n}.$$
 (39)

• Let B = f(A) be a set in universe Y:

$$B = f(A) = \frac{\mu_A(x_1)}{y_1} + \dots + \frac{\mu_A(x_n)}{y_n}.$$
 (40)

• If the map f(.) is a one-to-one map, then:

$$y_1 = f(x_1), \dots, y_n = f(x_n) \implies \mu_B(y_i) = \mu_A(x_i).$$

$$(41)$$

If the map f(.) is a many-to-one map, then the S-norm of their membership functions is used:

$$\exists x_1 \neq x_2 : y_1 = y_2 = f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies \mu_B(y_1) = \mu_B(y_2) = \max(\mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(x_2)).$$
(42)

Extension principle

• Numerical example for the extension principle in discrete membership functions:

$$A = \frac{0.2}{-2} + \frac{0.1}{-1} + \frac{0.5}{0} + \frac{0.9}{1} + \frac{0.3}{2}$$

$$f : \pi \mapsto \pi^2 - 1$$

$$B = \frac{0.2}{3} + \frac{0.1}{0} + \frac{0.5}{-1} + \frac{0.9}{0} + \frac{0.3}{3}$$

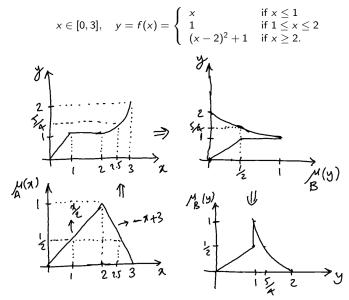
$$= \frac{(0.2 \text{ Vo. } 3)}{3} + \frac{(0.1 \text{ Vo. } 9)}{0} + \frac{0.5}{-1}$$

$$= \frac{0.3}{3} + \frac{0.9}{0} + \frac{0.5}{-1}$$

$$A$$

Extension principle

• Visual example for the extension principle in continuous membership functions:



Projection

• Consider the Cartesian product $X \times Y$ with the set:

$$R = \int_{X \times Y} \frac{\mu_R(x, y)}{(x, y)},$$

where this set can be the implication or relation set between sets X and Y.

• The projection of this relation set onto the set X is:

$$R_{1} = \int_{X} \frac{\mu_{R_{1}}(x)}{x}, \quad \mu_{R_{1}}(x) = \bigvee_{y} \mu_{R}(x, y),$$
(43)

where \bigvee_{v} is the max S-norm over y.

• The projection of this relation set onto the set Y is:

$$R_2 = \int_Y \frac{\mu_{R_2}(y)}{y}, \quad \mu_{R_2}(y) = \bigvee_x \mu_R(x, y), \tag{44}$$

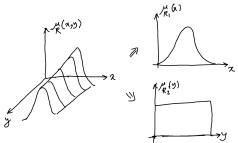
where \bigvee_x is the max S-norm over x.

• The total projection of this relation set onto the sets X and Y is:

$$\mu_{R_T}(x,y) = \bigvee_{x} \bigvee_{y} \mu_R(x,y).$$
(45)

Projection

• Visual example for projection:



• Numerical example for projection: consider the following Cartesian product of X and Y:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.8\\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.9\\ 0.5 & 0.9 & 1.0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8\\ 0.9\\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5\\ 0.9\\ 1.0\\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5, 0.9, 1.0, 0.9 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$
$$R_T = 1$$

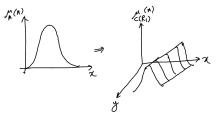
Cylindrical extension

- Consider the Cartesian product of *n* fuzzy sets X_1, \ldots, X_n .
- The cylindrical extension of the fuzzy set A over this Cartesian product is defined as:

$$C(A) := \int_{X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \frac{\mu_A(X_1, \dots, X_n)}{(X_1, \dots, X_n)}.$$
(46)

• Example: consider the following Cartesian product of X and Y:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.9 \\ 0.5 & 0.9 & 1.0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.9 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.9 \\ 1.0 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5, 0.9, 1.0, 0.9 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$
$$C(R_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 1.0 & 1.0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C(R_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.9 & 1.0 & 0.9 \\ 0.5 & 0.9 & 1.0 & 0.9 \\ 0.5 & 0.9 & 1.0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$



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