

8 Generalizations and Extensions of Fuzzy Sets

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8.1 Fuzzy sets of higher order

Fuzzy sets: a retrospective view

- So far we distinguished between
 - *implicit*, and
 - *explicit*description of phenomena when dealing with fuzzy sets
- Typically explicit fuzzy sets we discussed so far were defined in some universe of discourse:
 - each element of the universe is associated with a membership degree

Fuzzy sets of order 2

Defining fuzzy set over a finite family of fuzzy sets

Example

Describe comfortable temperature given a collection of generic terms (reference fuzzy sets) such as

warm,

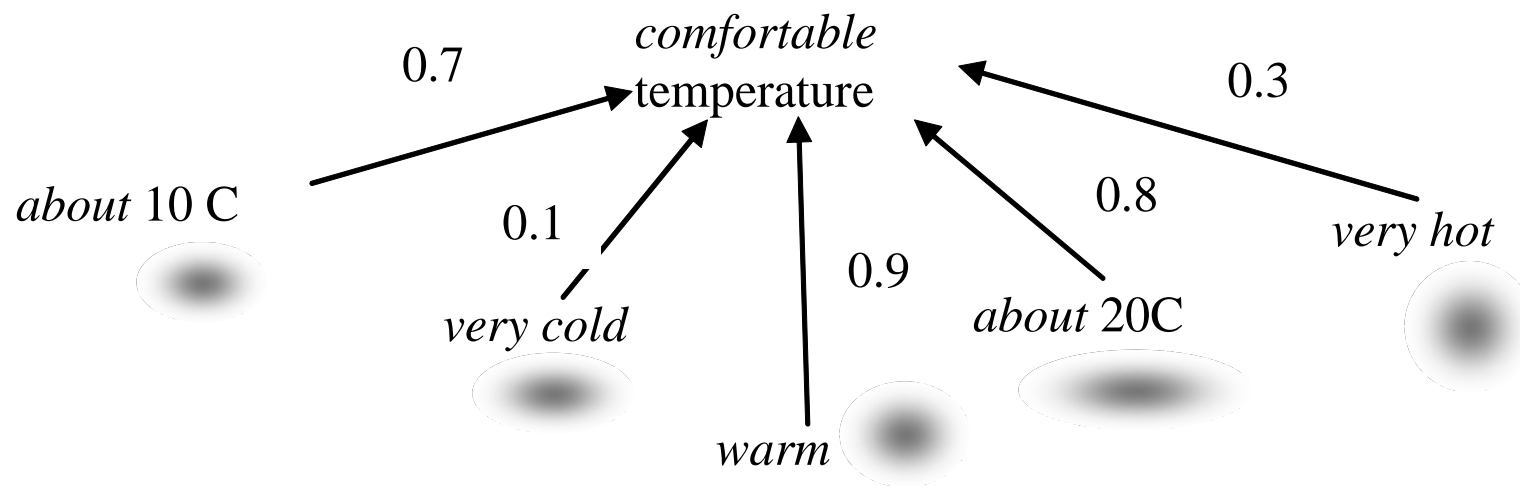
hot,

cold,

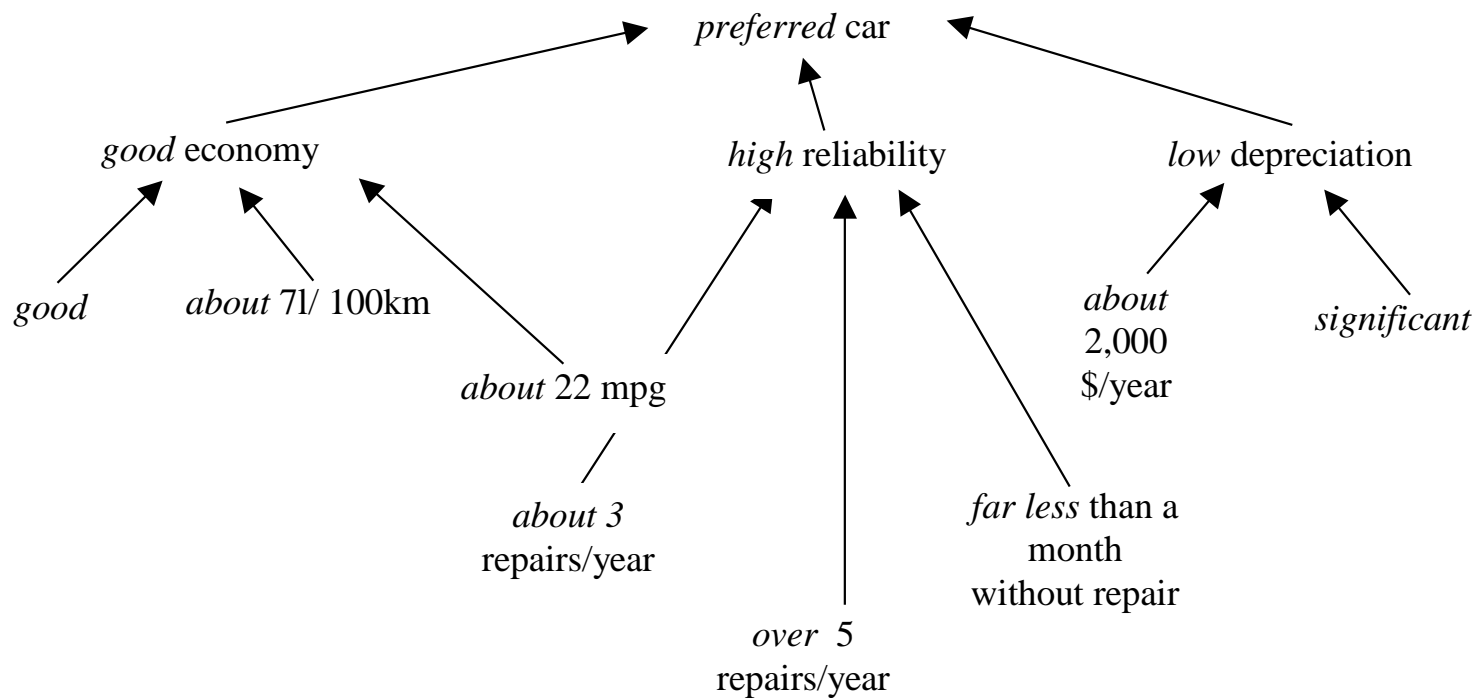
around 15C,

...

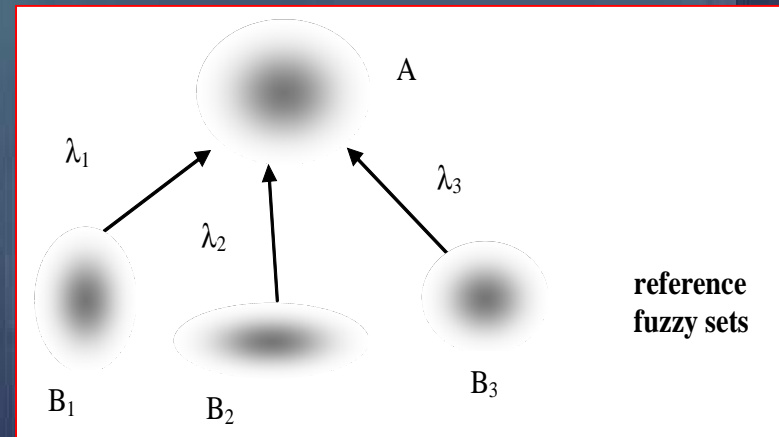
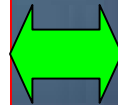
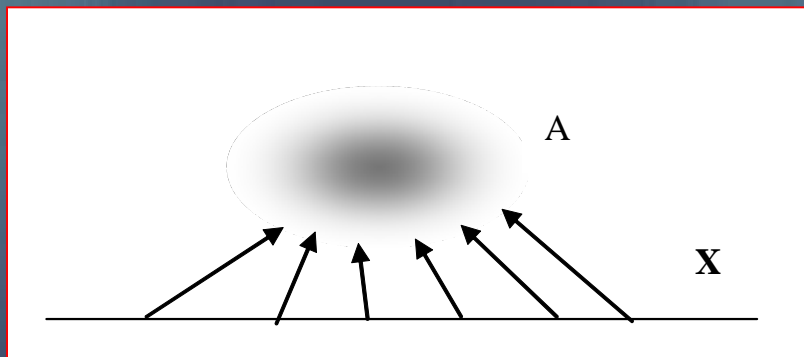
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Fuzzy sets of order 2 vs. fuzzy sets: a comparative view

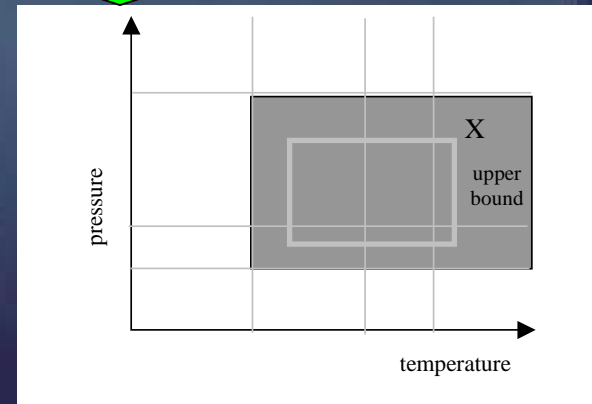
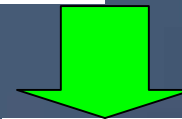
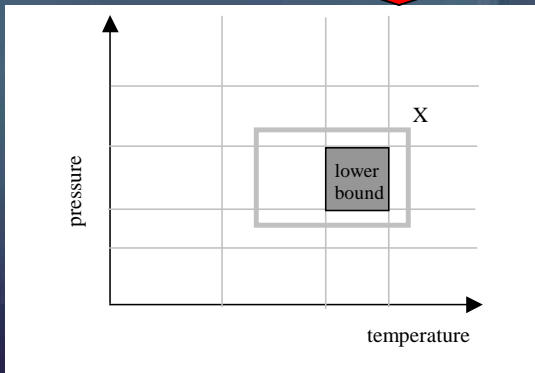
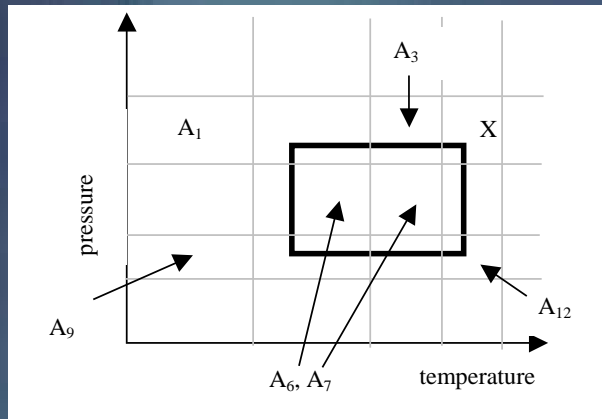


note the fundamental difference in terms of the universes of discourse for fuzzy sets and fuzzy sets of 2nd order

Fuzzy sets and rough sets

Recall that in rough sets we start with a finite collection of information granules using which we express any given granule in terms of so-called lower and upper bound

Rough sets – an example



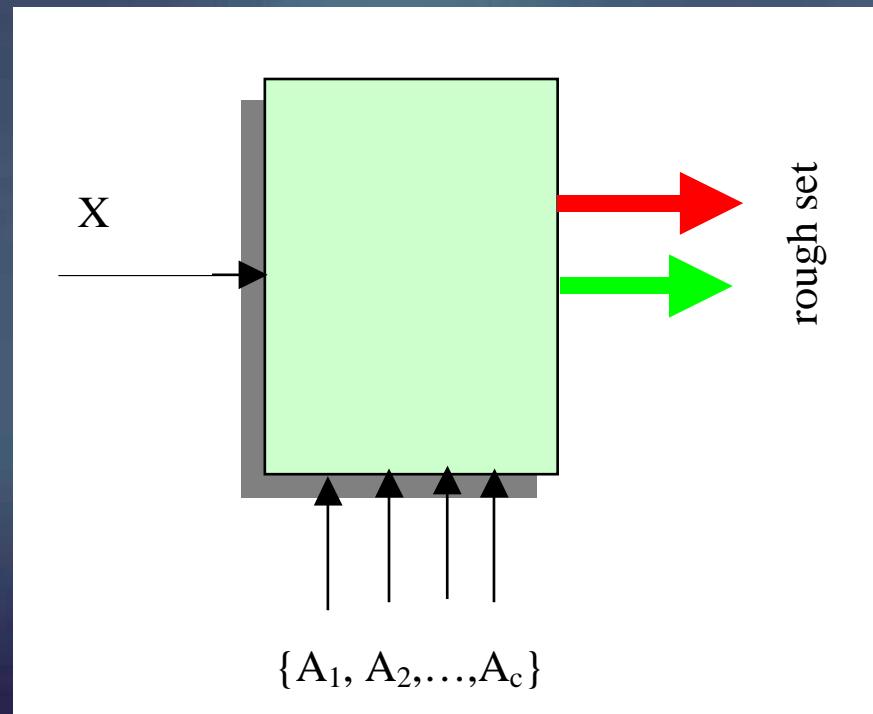
Upper bound

Lower bound

$$X_+ = \{A_i \mid A_i \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$X_- = \{A_i \mid A_i \subset X\}$$

Rough sets – schematic representation



Fuzzy rough sets and rough fuzzy sets

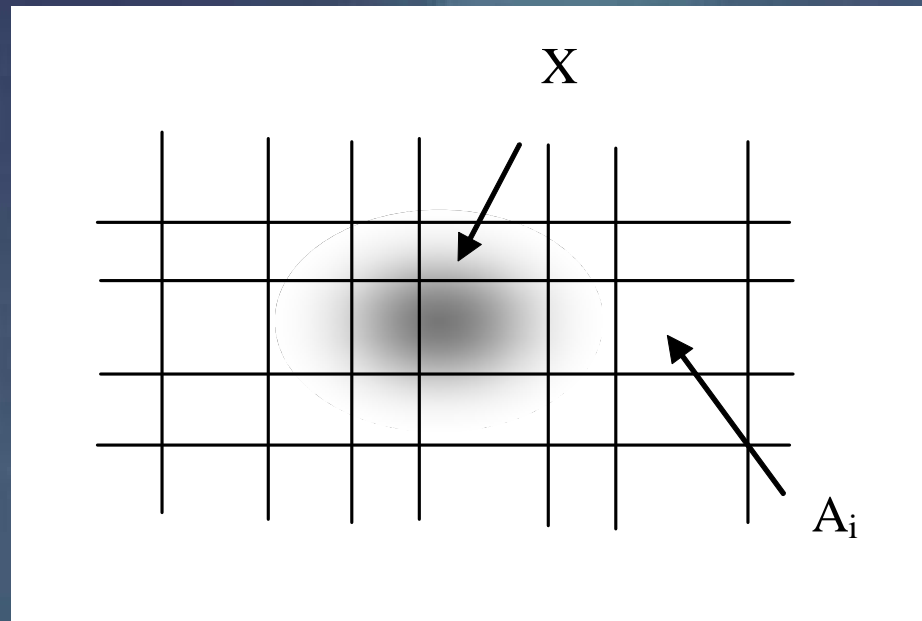
In rough sets the vocabulary and incoming object were information granules represented as sets.

Two useful alternatives could be considered:

Reference information granules == sets **Fuzzy rough sets**
Object to be described == fuzzy set

Reference information granules == fuzzy sets **Rough fuzzy sets**
Object to be described == set

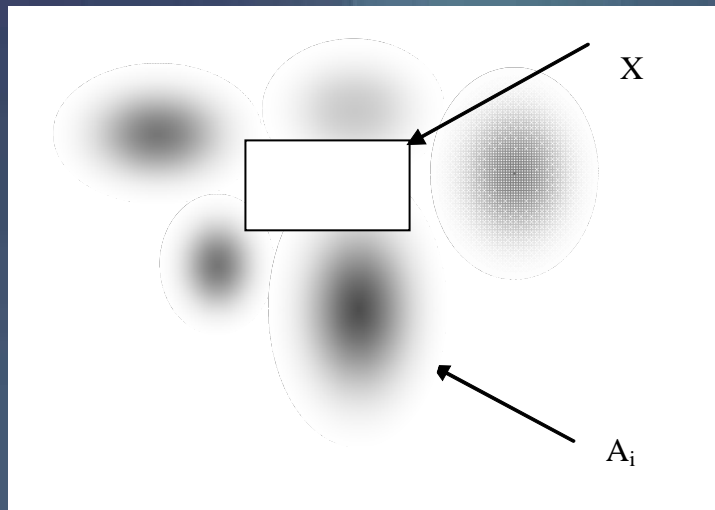
Fuzzy rough sets



$$X_+(A_i) = \sup_x [\min(A_i(x), X(x))] = \sup_{x \in \text{supp}(A_i)} X(x)$$

$$X_-(A_i) = \inf_x [\max(1 - X(x), A_i(x))]$$

Rough fuzzy sets



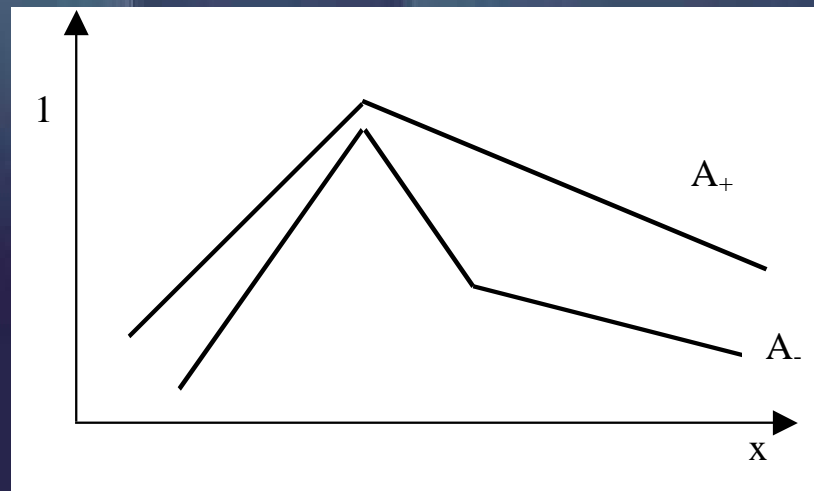
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Interval-valued fuzzy sets

We consider that instead of single membership grades, there are intervals of feasible membership values

This brings a concept of interval-valued fuzzy sets where the concept of membership is represented in the form of interval



Interval-valued fuzzy sets: operations

Given are two interval-valued fuzzy sets $A = (A_-, A_+)$ and $B = (B_-, B_+)$

union (\cup) $((\min(A^+(x), B^+(x)), \max(A^-(x), B^-(x))))$

intersection (\cap) $((\max(A^+(x), B^+(x)), \min(A^-(x), B^-(x))))$

complement $(A^-(x), A^+(x))$

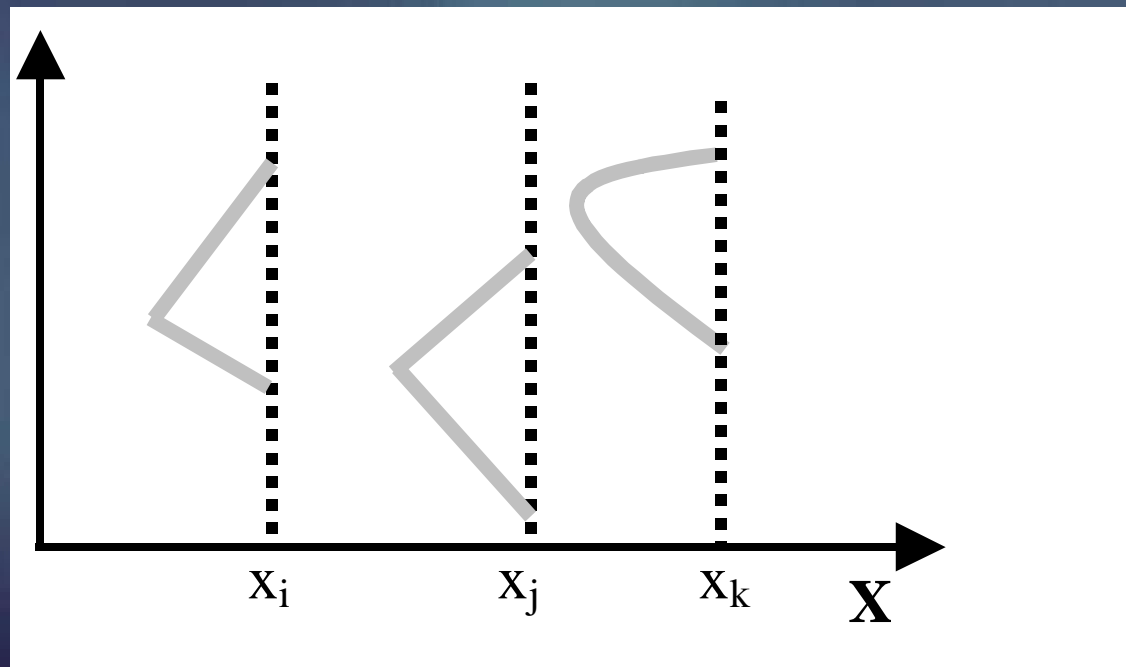
Type-2 fuzzy sets

Membership degree treated as a single number in $[0,1]$

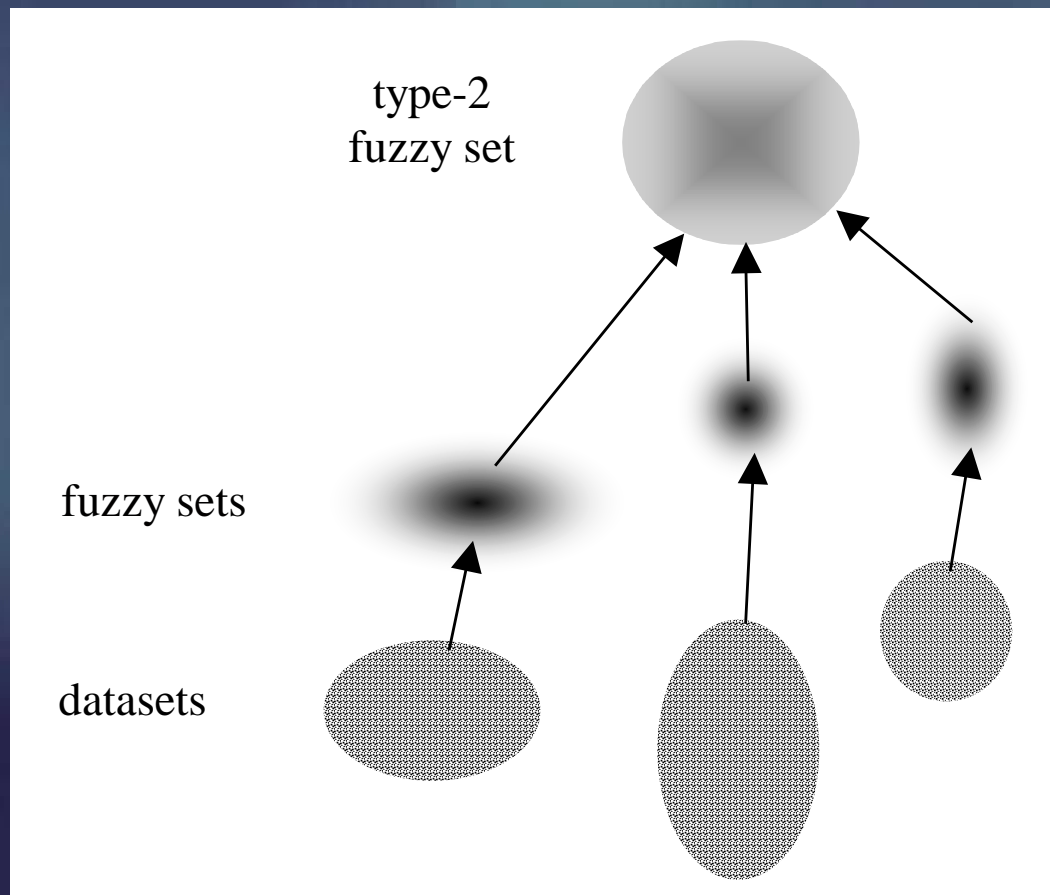
Could the membership itself be a fuzzy set?

Type-2 fuzzy set: admit membership modeled as fuzzy sets defined in $[0,1]$

Type-2 fuzzy set: an example



Type-2 fuzzy sets as results of aggregation



Intuitionistic fuzzy set

Information granule A in which we consider:

- degree of membership A^+
- degree of non-membership A^-

where

$$A^+(x) + A^-(x) \leq 1$$

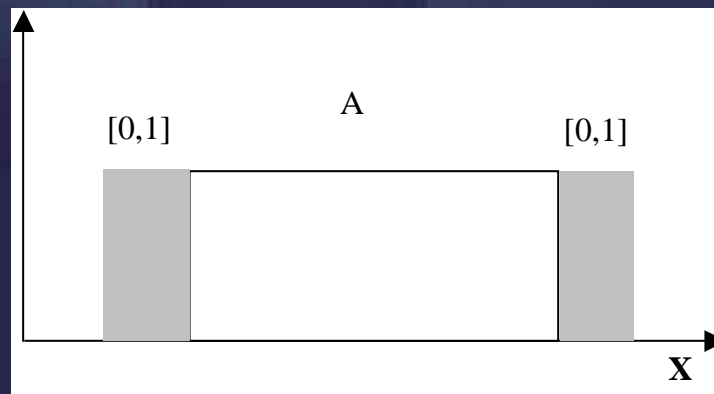
Shadowed sets

Information granule A in which we admit:

Full membership

Full exclusion, and

Shadow – range of $[0,1]$



Shadowed sets: operations

$$A: X \rightarrow \{0, 1, [0,1]\}$$

$$S = [0,1]$$

A \ B	0	S	1
0	0	0	0
S	0	S	S
1	0	S	1

intersection

A \ B	0	S	1
0	0	S	1
S	S	S	1
1	1	1	1

union

A	
0	1
S	S
1	0

complement

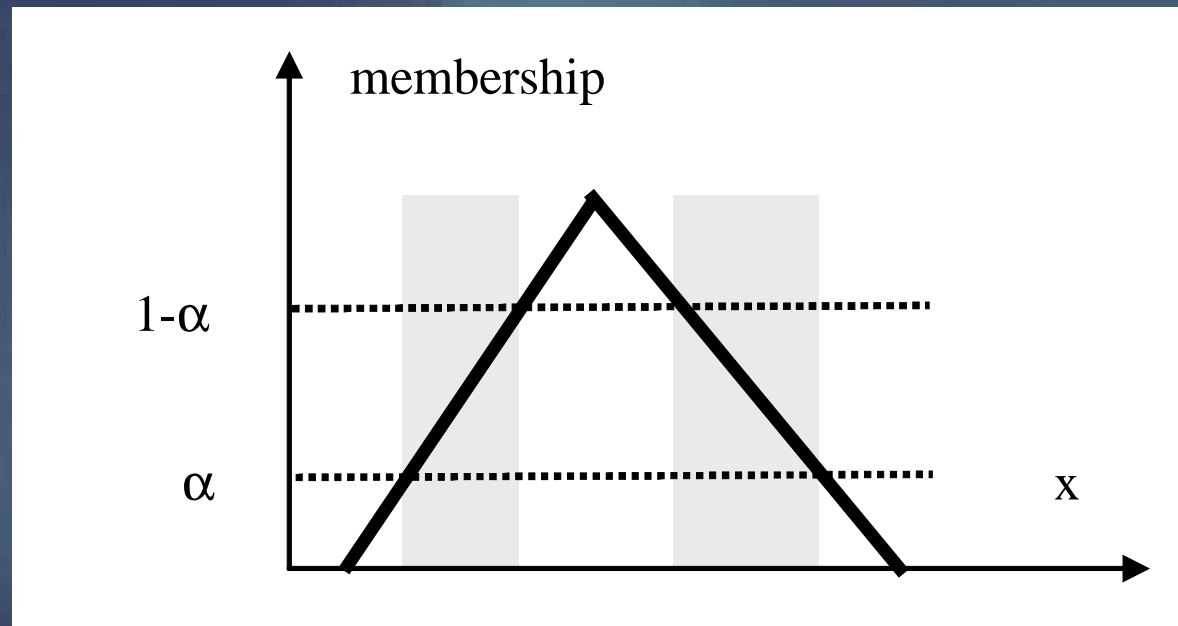
Design of shadowed sets

Shadowed sets are viewed as constructs implied by fuzzy sets:

“localization” of membership values by forming Shadows and using only 0 -1 degrees of membership

Shadowed sets support simpler computing by operating on three logic values

From fuzzy set to shadowed set



reduction of membership + elevation of membership =
= shadow

From fuzzy set to shadowed set

Reduction of membership $\int_{x:A(x)\leq\alpha} A(x)dx$

Elevation of membership $\int_{x:A(x)\geq 1-\alpha} (1 - A(x))dx$

Shadow $\int_{x:\alpha < A(x) < 1-\alpha} dx$

Performance index $V(\alpha) = \left| \int_{x:A(x)\leq\alpha} A(x)dx + \int_{x:A(x)\geq 1-\alpha} (1 - A(x))dx - \int_{x:\alpha < A(x) < 1-\alpha} dx \right|$

$$\alpha_{\text{opt}} = \arg \min_{\alpha} V(\alpha)$$

From fuzzy set to shadowed set

triangular membership function:

$$\alpha = \sqrt{2} - 1 \approx 0.4142$$

parabolic membership function:

$$\alpha = 0.405.$$

From fuzzy set to shadowed set: discrete case

$$V(\alpha) = \left| \sum_{k \in \Omega} u_k + \sum_{k \in \Phi} (1 - u_k) - \text{card}(\Omega) \right|$$

Minimize $V(\alpha)$ with respect to α

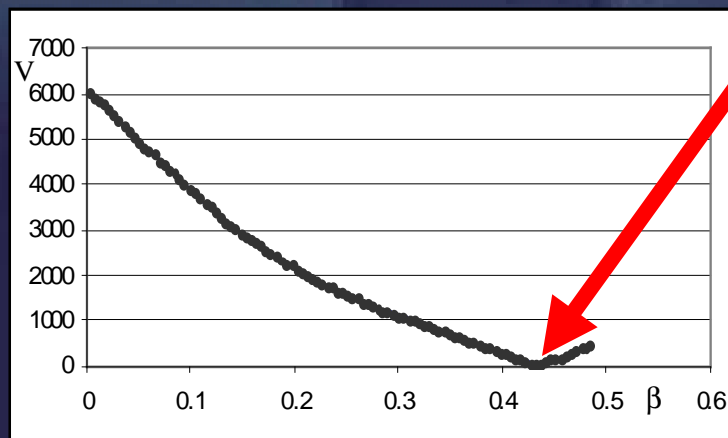
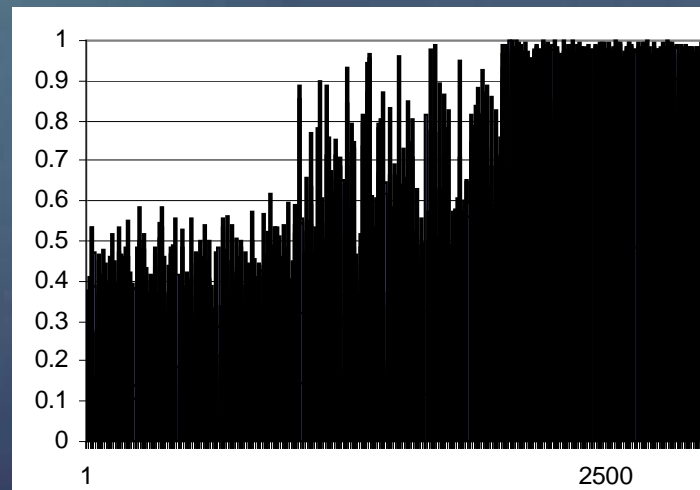
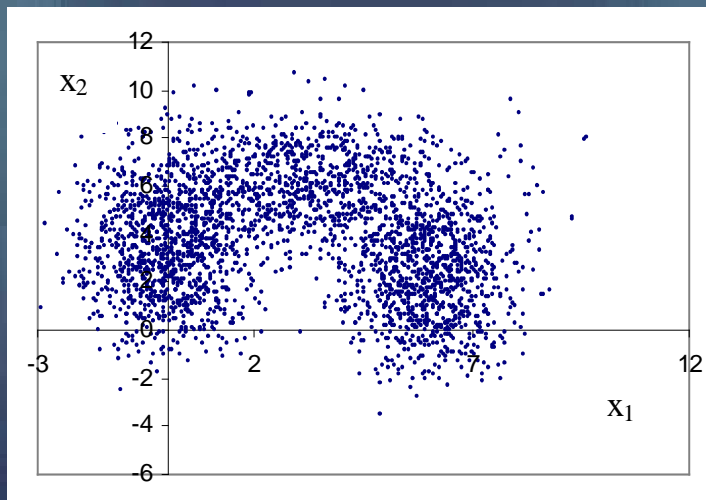
range of feasible values of α : $\left[u_{\min}, \frac{u_{\min} + u_{\max}}{2} \right]$.

Shadowed sets in fuzzy clustering

Results of fuzzy clustering could be conveniently interpreted using shadowed sets

- Elements completely belonging to the cluster
- Elements completely excluded from the cluster
- Elements with uncertainty (*shadow* of the cluster) that are “flagged” in this way and may require further attention

Shadowed sets in fuzzy clustering: example



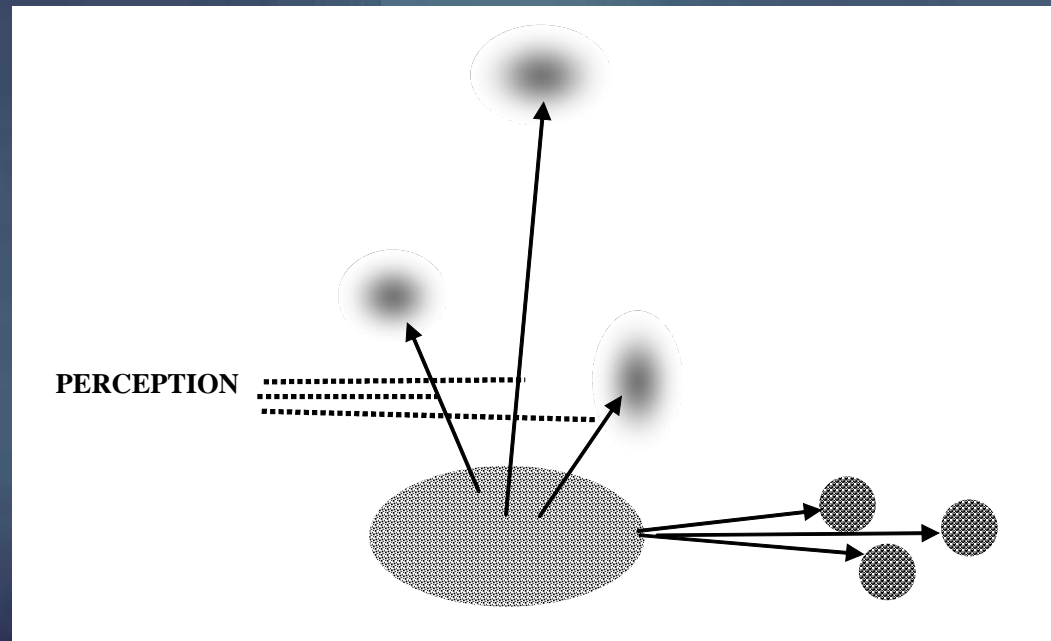
Probability and fuzzy sets

Fuzzy sets and probability are orthogonal concepts:

probability is concerned with occurrence of Boolean phenomena

fuzzy sets are concerned with perception of concepts

Probability and fuzzy sets



Probability of fuzzy events

- what is the probability of *low* temperature tomorrow
-
- what is the probability of *high* inflation in a *short* term
-
- what is the probability of *small* steady state error in control of pressure of steam boiler

Probability of fuzzy events

underlying probability density function (pdf) defined in \mathbf{X} - $p(x)$.

fuzzy event (fuzzy set) - A

probability of the fuzzy event

$$\int_{\mathbf{X}} A(x) dP(x) = \int_{\mathbf{X}} A(x) p(x) dx$$

(it is assumed that this integral does exist)

Note that this probability is the expected value of the membership function $E(A)$

$$E(A) = \int_{\mathbf{X}} A(x) p(x) dx$$

Probability of fuzzy events

variance

$$E^2(A) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} [A(\mathbf{x}) - E(A)]^2 p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

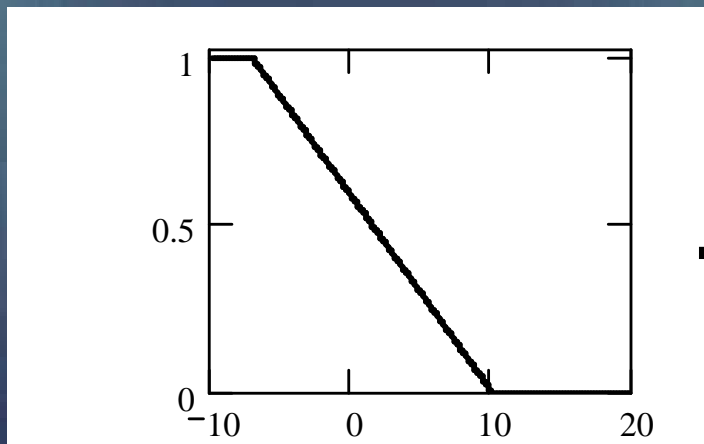
standard deviation

$$\sigma(A) = \sqrt{E^2(A)}$$

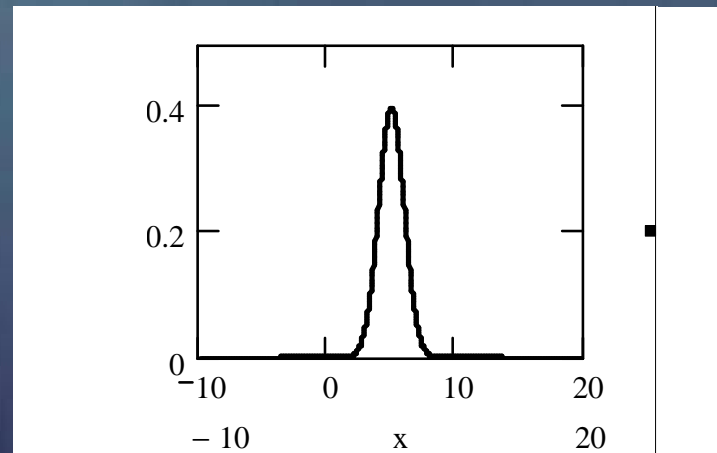
higher order moments

$$\int_{\mathbf{x}} [A(\mathbf{x}) - E(A)]^r p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{where } r > 2$$

Probability of fuzzy events: example



$A = \text{low temperature}$

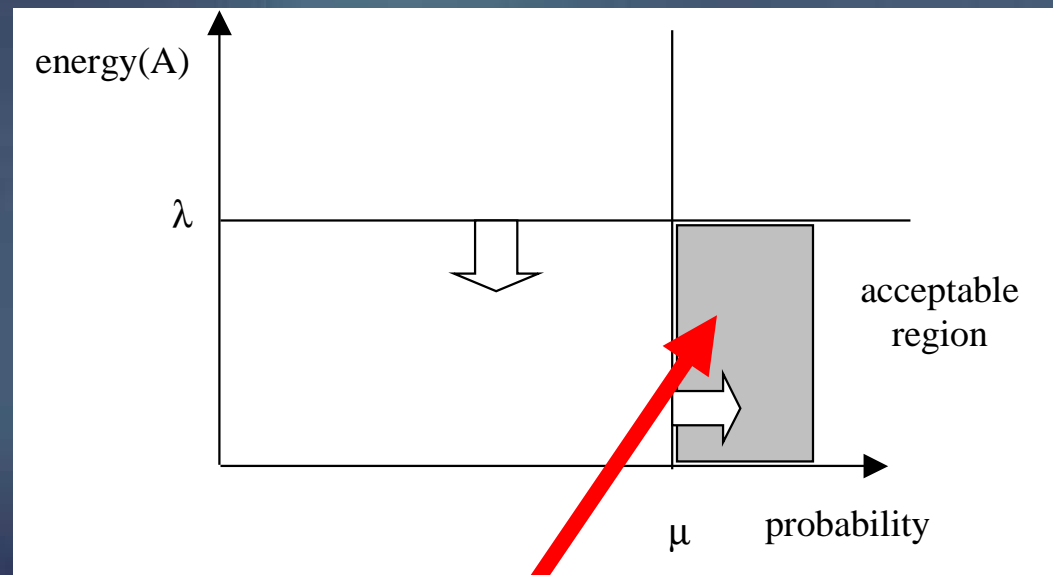


pdf of temperature

$$P(A) = 0.294 \quad \sigma(A) = 3.46 \cdot 10^{-3}.$$

Probability of fuzzy events: orthogonality

semantic validity

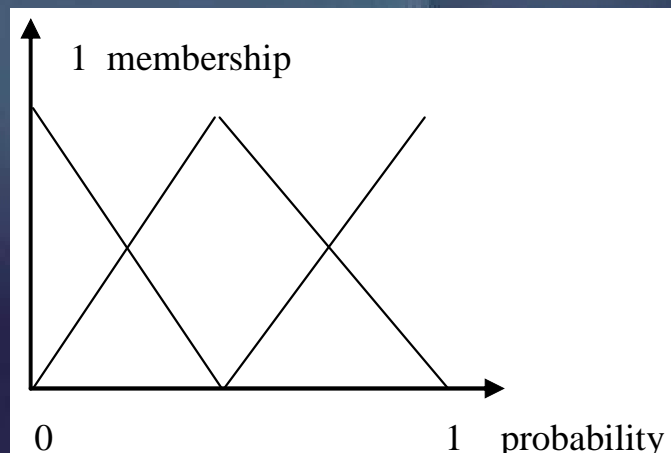


experimental evidence

Linguistically quantified statements

Linguistic probabilities:

low probability, high probability, probability around 60%...



Linguistically quantified statements: computing

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i P_i$$

Random variable assumes values a_i with linguistic probabilities P_i .

The extension principle:

$$Z(z) = \sup [\min(P_1(p_1), P_2(p_2), \dots, P_n(p_n))]]$$

$$\text{subject to } z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i p_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$$

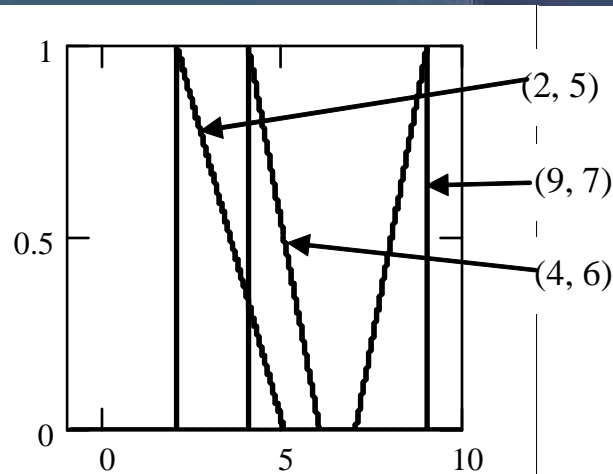
Linguistically quantified statements: example

$$Z = a_1 \text{ likely} + a_2 \text{ unlikely}$$

$$\text{likely}(u) = \text{unlikely}(1-u)$$

$$Z(z) = \text{likely}\left(\frac{z - a_2}{a_1 - a_2}\right)$$

$$\text{likely}(u) = u$$



$$\text{likely}(u) = u^2$$

