

# Fuzzy Relations

Cartesian products, composition of relations, an equivalence properties.

# Crisp Set: Cartesian Product

The Cartesian product of two universes  $X$  and  $Y$  is determined as

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

which forms an **ordered pair** of every  $x \in X$  with every  $y \in Y$ , forming unconstrained matches between  $X$  and  $Y$ . Every element in universe  $X$  is related completely to every element in universe  $Y$ .

Similarly, Cartesian product (or cross product) of the sets  $A$  and  $B$  denoted

$A \times B$  is the set of ordered pairs

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

*Example:*

*Given  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$  then the cartesian product of set  $A$  and  $B$  is*

$$A \times B = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

# Fuzzy Set : Cartesian product and co-product

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be fuzzy sets in  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. The **cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $A \times B$ , is a fuzzy set in the product space  $X \times Y$  with the membership function.

$$\mu_{A \times B}(x, y) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y))$$

**EXAMPLE:** Let two fuzzy sets  $A = \{1/a_1, 0.6/a_2, 0.3/a_3\}$ , and  $B = \{0.6/b_1, 0.9/b_2, 0.1/b_3\}$ .

- $A \times B = \{0.6/(a_1, b_1), 0.9/(a_1, b_2), 0.1/(a_1, b_3), 0.6/(a_2, b_1), 0.6/(a_2, b_2), 0.1/(a_2, b_3), 0.3/(a_3, b_1), 0.3/(a_3, b_2), 0.1/(a_3, b_3)\}$

Similarly, the **Cartesian Co-product** of fuzzy set  $A$  and  $b$  is denoted as  $A+B$  is fuzzy set with membership function

$$\mu_{A+B}(x, y) = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y))$$

# Crisp Relations

- A **subset** of the **Cartesian product**  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_r$  is called an ***r*-ary relation** over  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$ . The most common case is for  $r = 2$ ; the relation is a subset of the Cartesian product  $A_1 \times A_2$  (i.e., a set of pairs, the first coordinate of which is from  $A_1$  and the second from  $A_2$ ). This subset of the full Cartesian product is called a **binary relation** from  $A_1$  into  $A_2$ .
- If three, four, or five sets are involved in a subset of the full Cartesian product, the relations are called ***ternary***, ***quaternary***, and ***quinary***.

# Crisp Relation

- A relation among **crisp sets**  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  is a **subset** of the Cartesian product. It is denoted by  $R$ .

$$R \subseteq A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$$

- If a crisp relation  $R$  represents that of from sets  $A$  to  $B$ , for  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , its **membership function**  $\mu_R((x, y))$  is

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

- This membership function maps  $A \times B$  to set  $\{0,1\}$

# Crisp Relation

Example : Let  $X = \{ 1, 4, 5 \}$  and  $Y = \{ 3, 6, 7 \}$

Classical matrix representation for the crisp relation when

$R = \{ (x, y) \mid x < y; x \in X, y \in Y \}$  is

$$R = \begin{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Fuzzy Relations

- Let A, B be crisp sets, then **Fuzzy relation** R on A x B has degree of membership whose value lies in [0, 1].

- $$R = \{((x, y), \mu_R(x, y)) : x \in A, y \in B\} \text{ 'OR'}$$

$$R = \{\mu_R(x, y) / (x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$$

$$\mu_R: A \times B \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

- The membership grade indicates **strength** of the present relation between elements of the tuple.
- A **fuzzy relation** R between two fuzzy sets A and B is a **subset of the fuzzy Cartesian product** A x B.

*R ⊆ A x B where A x B is the fuzzy Cartesian product of the fuzzy sets A and B.*

# Fuzzy Relation

- Fuzzy relations are often presented in the form of two-dimensional tables (matrix representation). A  $m \times n$  matrix represents a contented way of entering the fuzzy relation R

$$R = \begin{array}{c} \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ \mu_R(x_1, y_1) & \cdots & \mu_R(x_1, y_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu_R(x_m, y_1) & \cdots & \mu_R(x_m, y_n) \end{bmatrix}$$



# Fuzzy relation

Example: Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$

If the membership function associated with each order pair  $(x, y)$  is given by

$$\mu_R(x, y) = e^{-(x-y)^2}$$

$$R = \left\{ \frac{e^{-(1-1)^2}}{(1,1)}, \frac{e^{-(1-2)^2}}{(1,2)}, \frac{e^{-(2-1)^2}}{(2,1)}, \frac{e^{-(2-2)^2}}{(2,2)}, \frac{e^{-(3-1)^2}}{(3,1)}, \frac{e^{-(3-2)^2}}{(3,2)} \right\}$$

$$R = \left\{ \frac{1.0}{(1,1)}, \frac{0.37}{(1,2)}, \frac{0.37}{(2,1)}, \frac{1.0}{(2,2)}, \frac{0.02}{(3,1)}, \frac{0.37}{(3,2)} \right\}$$

In the second method using the relational matrix, we have

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.37 \\ 0.37 & 1 \\ 0.02 & 0.37 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Fuzzy Binary Relation

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  two Universe of discourse. Then

$R = \{((x, y), \mu_R(x, y)) : (x, y) \in X \times Y\}$  in a Binary fuzzy relation in  $X \times Y$

## Example of binary relations

- $y$  is greater than  $x$  ( $x$  and  $y$  are numbers)
- $x$  is close to  $y$  ( $x$  and  $y$  are numbers)
- $x$  depends on  $y$  ( $x$  and  $y$  are events)
- If  $x$  is large, then  $y$  is small

A fuzzy **if-then rule** be defined as a **binary fuzzy relation**  $R$  on the product space  $X \times Y$

A fuzzy **implication**  $A \rightarrow B$  describes a relation between two variables  $x$  and  $y$ ;

# Extension Principle:

$$x \rightarrow \boxed{f(x)} \rightarrow y$$

Extension is mapping from  $x$ -to- $y$  through  $f(\cdot)$ .

$$y = f(x)$$

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  (From one universe to another universe)

# Extension Principle (Fuzzy set):

Suppose  $f$  is a mapping *from an  $n$ -dimensional Cartesian product* space  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  to a *one-dimensional universe  $Y$*  such that and suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are  $n$  fuzzy sets in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  respectively. Then, the image of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  under  $f$  is given as:

$$\mu_B(y) = \max_{f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = y} (\mu_A(x))$$

# Extension Principle (Fuzzy set):

Suppose that  $f$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $A$  is a fuzzy set on  $X$  defined as

$$A = \frac{\mu_A(x_1)}{x_1} + \frac{\mu_A(x_2)}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{\mu_A(x_n)}{x_n}$$

The extension principle states that the image of fuzzy set  $A$  under the mapping  $f(\cdot)$  can be expressed as a fuzzy set  $B$ .

$$B = f(A) = \frac{\mu_A(x_1)}{y_1} + \frac{\mu_A(x_2)}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{\mu_A(x_n)}{y_n}$$

where  $y_i = f(x_i)$

# Extension Principle (Fuzzy set):

Example : Let  $A = 0.1/-2 + 0.4/-1 + 0.8/0 + 0.9/1 + 0.3/2$

and

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3$$

Then  $B = 0.1/1 + 0.4/-2 + 0.8/-3 + 0.9/-2 + 0.3/1$

$$= 0.8/-3 + (0.4 \vee 0.9)/-2 + (0.1 \vee 0.3)/1$$

$$= 0.8/-3 + 0.9/-2 + 0.3/1$$

# Cylindrical Extension

- Assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are two crisp sets and let  $A$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$ . The cylindrical extension of  $A$  to  $X \times Y$ , denoted by  $\hat{A} = A \times Y$ , is a fuzzy relationship on  $X \times Y$ .

$$\hat{A}(x,y) = A(x) \wedge Y(y) = A(x) \wedge 1 = A(x), \quad (x,y) \in X \times Y$$

Assume  $X=\{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y=\{1, 2\}$ .

Let  $A=\{1/a, 0.6/b, 0.3/c\}$ .

Then the cylindrical extension of  $A$  to  $X \times Y$  is

$\{1/(a,1), 1/(a,2), 0.6/(b,1), 0.6/(b,2), 0.3/(c,1), 0.3/(c,2)\}$

# Projection

Assume  $A$  is a fuzzy relationship on  $X \times Y$ .

The projection of  $A$  onto  $X$  is a fuzzy subset  $A^\circ$  of  $X$ , denoted by

$$A^\circ = \text{Proj}_x A, \quad A^\circ(x) = \max_y [A(x, y)]$$

Assume  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ .

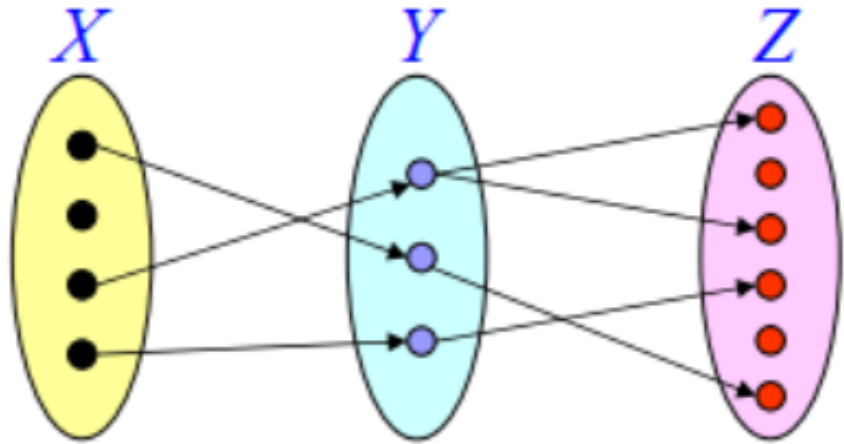
Let  $A = \{1/(a, 1), 0.6/(a, 2), 0.8/(b, 1), 0.6/(b, 2), 0.3/(c, 1), 0.5/(c, 2)\}$ .

Then  $\text{Proj}_x A = \{1/a, 0.6/b, 0.5/c\}$ .

$\text{Proj}_y A = \{0.8/1, 0.6/2\}$ .



# Max-Min Composition Relation



$R$ : fuzzy relation defined on  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$S$ : fuzzy relation defined on  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

$R \circ S$ : the composition of  $R$  and  $S$ .

A fuzzy relation defined on  $X$  and  $Z$ .

$$\mu_{R \circ S}(x, z) = \max_y \min(\mu_R(x, y), \mu_S(y, z))$$

$$= \bigvee_y (\mu_R(x, y) \wedge \mu_S(y, z))$$

# Max-Min Composition Relation

$$\mu_{S \circ R}(x, y) = \max_v \min(\mu_R(x, v), \mu_S(v, y))$$

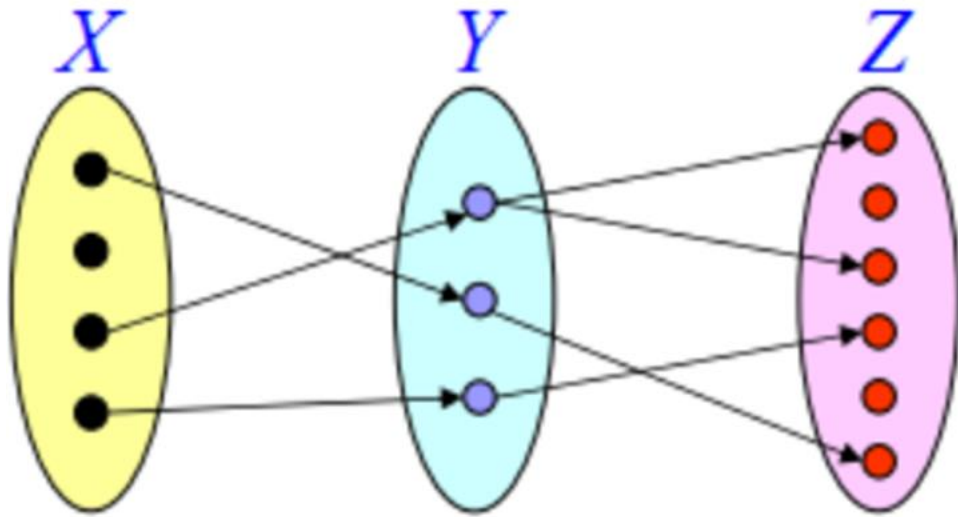
$R$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
1	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.0
2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
3	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.4

$S$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
$a$	0.9	0.0	0.3
$b$	0.2	1.0	0.8
$c$	0.8	0.0	0.7
$d$	0.4	0.2	0.3



$R \circ S$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
1	0.4	0.2	0.3
2	0.3	0.3	0.3
3	0.8	0.9	0.8

# Max-Product Composition Relation



$R$ : fuzzy relation defined on  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$S$ : fuzzy relation defined on  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

$R \circ S$ : the composition of  $R$  and  $S$ .

A fuzzy relation defined on  $X$  and  $Z$ .

$$\mu_{R \circ S}(x, y) = \max_v \left( \mu_R(x, v) \cdot \mu_S(v, y) \right)$$

# Operations on Fuzzy Relations

Let  $\underline{\tilde{R}}$  and  $\underline{\tilde{S}}$  be fuzzy relations on the Cartesian space  $X \times Y$ . Then the following operations apply for the membership values for various set operations:

*Union*  $\mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}} \cup \underline{\tilde{S}}}(x, y) = \max(\mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}}}(x, y), \mu_{\underline{\tilde{S}}}(x, y))$

*Intersection*  $\mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}} \cap \underline{\tilde{S}}}(x, y) = \min(\mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}}}(x, y), \mu_{\underline{\tilde{S}}}(x, y))$

*Complement*  $\mu_{\overline{\underline{\tilde{R}}}}(x, y) = 1 - \mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}}}(x, y)$

*Containment*  $\underline{\tilde{R}} \subset \underline{\tilde{S}} \Rightarrow \mu_{\underline{\tilde{R}}}(x, y) \leq \mu_{\underline{\tilde{S}}}(x, y)$

# Crisp tolerance and equivalence relation

A relation  $R$  on a universe  $X$  can also be thought of as a relation from  $X$  to  $X$ . The relation  $R$  is an equivalence relation if it has the following three properties: (1) **reflexivity**, (2) **symmetry**, and (3) **transitivity**.

For example, for a matrix relation the following properties will hold:

$$\textit{Reflexivity} \quad (x_i, x_i) \in R \text{ or } \chi_R(x_i, x_i) = 1$$

$$\textit{Symmetry} \quad (x_i, x_j) \in R \longrightarrow (x_j, x_i) \in R$$

$$\text{or } \chi_R(x_i, x_j) = \chi_R(x_j, x_i)$$

$$\textit{Transitivity} \quad (x_i, x_j) \in R \text{ and } (x_j, x_k) \in R \longrightarrow (x_i, x_k) \in R$$

$$\text{or } \chi_R(x_i, x_j) \text{ and } \chi_R(x_j, x_k) = 1 \longrightarrow \chi_R(x_i, x_k) = 1$$

# Crisp tolerance relation

A tolerance relation  $R$  (also called a proximity relation) on a universe  $X$  is a relation that exhibits only the properties of reflexivity and symmetry. A tolerance relation,  $R$ , can be reformed into an equivalence relation by at most  $(n - 1)$  compositions with itself, where  $n$  is the cardinal number of the set defining  $R$ , in this case  $X$ , i.e.,

$$R_1^{n-1} = R_1 \circ R_1 \circ \dots \circ R_1 = R$$



# Fuzzy Tolerance and Equivalence Relations

A fuzzy relation,  $R$ , on a single universe  $X$  is also a relation from  $X$  to  $X$ . It is a fuzzy equivalence relation if all three of the following properties for matrix relations define it:

$$\textit{Reflexivity} \quad \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_i, x_i) = 1$$

$$\textit{Symmetry} \quad \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_i, x_j) = \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_j, x_i)$$

$$\textit{Transitivity} \quad \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_i, x_j) = \lambda_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_j, x_k) = \lambda_2 \longrightarrow \mu_{\underline{R}}(x_i, x_k) = \lambda$$

where  $\lambda \geq \min[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ .

# Fuzzy Tolerance Relations

Fuzzy tolerance relation,  $R_1$ , that has properties of reflexivity and symmetry can be reformed into a fuzzy equivalence relation by at most  $(n - 1)$  compositions, just as a crisp tolerance relation can be reformed into a crisp equivalence relation. That is,

$$R_1^{n-1} = R_1 \circ R_1 \circ \dots \circ R_1 = R$$



# Example: Composition Relation

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2\}$  and  $Z = \{z_1, z_2\}$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then find the max-min composition and max product composition

$$S = R \circ Q$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is the max-min composition.}$$

and

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the max product composition

# Example: Composition Relation(max-min)

Let  $R_1(x, y)$  and  $R_2(x, y)$  be defined by the following relational matrix

$$R_1 = \begin{matrix} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 & y_5 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.2 & 1 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 1 & 0.4 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$R_2 = \begin{matrix} & z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ \begin{matrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 1 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0.7 & 1 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

we shall first compute the max-min composition  $R_1 \circ R_2(x, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_1 \circ R_2}(x_1, z_1) &= \max(\min(0.1, 0.9), \min(0.2, 0.2), \min(0, 0.8), \min(1, 0.4), \min(0.7, 0)) \\ &= \max(0.1, 0.2, 0, 0.4, 0) = 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can determine the grades of membership for all pairs

$$R_1 \circ R_2 = \begin{matrix} & z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.7 \\ 0.3 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.3 & 0.7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Composition Relation (max-product)

for the max product composition, we calculate

$$\mu_{R_1}(x_1, y_1) \cdot \mu_{R_2}(y_1, z_1) = 0.1 \cdot 0.9 = 0.09$$

$$\mu_{R_1}(x_1, y_2) \cdot \mu_{R_2}(y_2, z_1) = 0.2 \cdot 0.2 = 0.04$$

$$\mu_{R_1}(x_1, y_3) \cdot \mu_{R_2}(y_3, z_1) = 0 \cdot 0.8 = 0$$

$$\mu_{R_1}(x_1, y_4) \cdot \mu_{R_2}(y_4, z_1) = 1 \cdot 0.4 = 0.4$$

$$\mu_{R_1}(x_1, y_5) \cdot \mu_{R_2}(y_5, z_1) = 0.7 \cdot 0 = 0$$

hence

$$\mu_{R_1 \circ R_2}(x_1, z_1) = \max\{0.09, 0.04, 0, 0.4, 0\} = 0.4$$

In the similar way after performing the remaining computation, we obtain

$$R_1 \circ R_2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.56 \\ 0.27 & 1 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.3 & 0.7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Example: Composition Relation

Let  $R_1(x, y)$  and  $R_2(x, y)$  be defined as the following relational matrices

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.9 & 0.1 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

We shall first calculate the max-min composition  $R_1 \circ R_2$

$$R_1 \circ R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.9 & 0.1 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we calculate

$$\mu_{R_1 \circ R_2}(x_1, z_1) = \max(\min(0.6, 0.7), \min(0.5, 0.9)) = \max(0.6, 0.5) = 0.6$$

Similarly we can calculate the other entries. The relational matrix for max-min composition in fuzzy relation is thus

$$R_1 \circ R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.5 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Composition Relation

Given is a fuzzy relation  $R: X \times Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$ :

$$R = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ \hline x_1 & 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ x_2 & 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.2 \\ x_3 & 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.9 \end{array}$$

and a fuzzy set  $A = \{0.1/x_1, 1/x_2, 0.4/x_3\}$ . Compute fuzzy set  $B = A \circ R$ , where ' $\circ$ ' is the max-min composition operator.

# Question

$$\underset{\sim}{F} = \left\{ \frac{0.4}{h_1} + \frac{0.9}{h_2} + \frac{0.6}{h_3} \right\}$$

$$\underset{\sim}{D} = \left\{ \frac{0.1}{t_1} + \frac{1.0}{t_2} \right\}$$

Find the Cartesian product  $\underset{\sim}{F} \times \underset{\sim}{D} = \underset{\sim}{G}$ .

$$\underset{\sim}{E} = \left\{ \frac{0.2}{h_1} + \frac{1.0}{h_2} + \frac{0.3}{h_3} \right\}$$

Using a max–min composition find  $\underset{\sim}{C} = \underset{\sim}{E} \circ \underset{\sim}{G}$

# Questions

$$\text{Average current (in amps)} = \underline{\underline{I}} = \left\{ \frac{0.4}{0.8} + \frac{0.7}{0.9} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{0.8}{1.1} + \frac{0.6}{1.2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Average voltage (in volts)} = \underline{\underline{V}} = \left\{ \frac{0.2}{30} + \frac{0.8}{45} + \frac{1}{60} + \frac{0.9}{75} + \frac{0.7}{90} \right\}$$

Find the fuzzy Cartesian product  $\underline{\underline{P}} = \underline{\underline{V}} \times \underline{\underline{I}}$ .

Now let us define a fuzzy set for the cost  $C$

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \left\{ \frac{0.4}{0.5} + \frac{1}{0.6} + \frac{0.5}{0.7} \right\}$$

Using a fuzzy Cartesian product, find  $\underline{\underline{T}} = \underline{\underline{I}} \times \underline{\underline{C}}$

Using max–min composition, find  $\underline{\underline{E}} = \underline{\underline{P}} \circ \underline{\underline{T}}$ .

Using max–product composition, find  $\underline{\underline{E}} = \underline{\underline{P}} \circ \underline{\underline{T}}$ .