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A Comparative study of R-modules and Fuzzy R-modules in Algebra

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ABSTRACT

This article presents a comparative study on the concepts and structures of classical R-modules in crisp set theory and fuzzy R-modules. We discuss modules, fuzzy modules, fuzzy submodules, fuzzy module homomorphisms, and fuzzy quotient modules, highlighting the key similarities and differences in their definitions and basic properties. The methodology involves introducing the main definitions and theorems related to both classical and fuzzy modules, followed by a systematic comparison through illustrative examples and case applications. The findings demonstrate that the extension from classical to fuzzy modules is a natural one: many module-theoretic notions in the classical case can be naturally generalized to hold in the fuzzy setting. This indicates that the class of fuzzy modules extends and enriches that of classical modules, providing greater flexibility for representing systems with uncertainty and imprecision, while classical modules remain more precise in deterministic contexts. Overall, the study provides a comparative framework that assists researchers in selecting the appropriate type of modules depending on the nature of the problem under investigation, thereby opening avenues for new applications in algebra and fuzzy systems

دراسة مقارنة الموديلات R الكلاسيكية والموديلات R الضبابية في الجبر

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الملخص

تقدم هذه المقالة دراسة مقارنة للمفاهيم والبنى الخاصة بالموديلات R الكلاسيكية في نظرية المجموعات والموديلات R الضبابية. نناقش الموديلات، والموديلات الضبابية، والموديلات الجزئية الضبابية، والتشاكلات بين الموديلات الضبابية، وكذلك موديلات القسمة الضبابية، مع إبراز أوجه التشابه والاختلاف الرئيسة في تعريفاتها وخصائصها الأساسية. وتعتمد المنهجية على تقديم التعريفات والنظريات الرئيسة المتعلقة بكل من الموديلات الكلاسيكية والضبابية، يتبعها إجراء مقارنة منهجية من خلال أمثلة توضيحية. وتظهر النتائج أن الانتقال من الموديلات الكلاسيكية إلى الموديلات الضبابية يُعد امتدادًا طبيعيًا، حيث يمكن تعميم العديد من المفاهيم النظرية الموديلات في الحالة الكلاسيكية لتشمل الحالة الضبابية. ويشير ذلك إلى أن فئة الموديلات الضبابية تُعد امتدادًا وإثراءً لفئة الموديلات الكلاسيكية، إذ توفر مرونة أكبر في تمثيل الأنظمة التي تتضمن عدم يقين أو غموض، بينما تظل الموديلات الكلاسيكية أكثر دقة ووضوحًا في السياقات القطعية. وبوجه عام، تقدم هذه الدراسة إطارًا مقارنًا يساعد الباحثين على اختيار النوع المناسب من الوحدات وفقًا لطبيعة المشكلة المدروسة، مما يفتح آفاقًا جديدة للتطبيقات في الجبر والأنظمة الضبابية.

1. Introduction

Algebra is defined as one of the branches of mathematics that was created with the aim of generalizing and expanding arithmetic, and mastery of mathematics depends on a sound understanding of algebra. Also, one of the most important branches of algebra is abstract algebra. A module is one of the basic algebraic structures used in abstract algebra in mathematics. Modern mathematics has witnessed significant advancements in abstract algebra, particularly in the study of algebraic structures such as modules, which generalize vector spaces over commutative rings [1]. Since the appearance of Cartan-Eilenberg's Homological Algebra in the 1950s module theory has become a most important part of the theory of associative rings with unit [2]. Fuzzy Set Theory, introduced by Zadeh in 1965, emerged as a class of objects with a continuum of membership grades. A

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membership (characteristic) function defines such a set by assigning each object a membership grade that falls between zero and one. The concepts of inclusion, union, intersection, complement, relation, convexity, and so on are applicable to such sets [3], Furthermore, fuzzy sets that are defined on the universal set R of real numbers are especially significant among the different types of fuzzy sets. Under specific circumstances, they can be seen as fuzzy numbers that represent the human perception of uncertain numerical quantification. [3]. research expanded to include "fuzzy" algebraic structures, leading to the development of Fuzzy Modules. The application of fuzzy set theory to group theory was first introduced by Rosenfeld in 1971 [4] . Nekota and Relescu introduced the concept of fuzzy module in 1975 [5]. Since that time, a number of writers have examined fuzzy modules. For examples see[6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17].

In this paper, we study some classical modules that are defined as an Abelian group equipped with a scalar multiplication operation satisfying specific axioms, and fuzzy modules incorporate a membership function that assigns degrees of belonging to elements, attempting to find some similarities and/or differences between them. On the other hand, the membership degrees are ordered values to handle the indeterminacies in algebraic systems and fuzzy modules and present basic definitions such as fuzzy submodules, fuzzy module homomorphisms, and fuzzy quotient modules.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1:

Let G be a set. A binary operation on G is a function:

$$*: G \times G \rightarrow G.$$

For ease of notation, we write $*(a,b) = a * b \in G$,for all$a,b \in G$.

Definition 2.2:

A group consists of a set G and a binary operation $*$ for which the following conditions are satisfied: .

1. For all $a,b \in G$, it follows that $a * b \in G.(Closure)$
2. $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ for all $a,b,c \in G.$(Associative)
3. There exists an element e within G such that for all elements a in G , the equation $a * e = e * a = a$ holds true. (Existence of identity).
4. For every $a \in G$, there exists $a\ b \in G$ for which $a * b = b * a = e$. (Existence of inverses)

Definition 2.3:

Let G be any group. A mapping $\mu : G \rightarrow [0,1]$ is called fuzzy subgroup if

(i) $\mu(xy) \geq min(\mu(x), \mu(y))$ for all $x, y \in G$,

(ii) $\mu(x^{-1}) = \mu(x)$ for all $x \in G$.

Definition 2.4:

A ring is defined as an ordered triple $(R,+,.)$ consisting of a non-empty set R and two binary operations on R called addition $(+)$ and multiplication $(.)$, satisfying the following properties:

(1) $(R,+)$ is an abelian group,

(2) R is as sociative under multiplication: that is, $(a.b).d = a.(b.d)$, for all $a,b,d \in R$.

(3) Multiplication is distributive (on both sides) over addition; that is, $a.(b+d) = a.b + a.d$ and $(a+b).d = a.d + b.d$, for all $a,b,d \in R$.

(The two distributive laws are respectively called the left distributive law and the right distributive law.)

Definition 2.5:

Let $(R,+,.)$ denote a ring, and S a nonempty subset of R .then $(S,+,.)$ is called a subring of R, If S is also a ring under the same operations as R.

Definition 2.6:

An ideal (or two sided
ideal) of a ring R is defined as a nonempty subset I of R such that:

i) $(I,+)$is supgroup of $(R,+)$;

ii) $ar \in I$ and $ar \in I$, $(\forall a \in I)(\forall r \in R)$. and written $I \lhd R$.

Definition 2.7:

Let R be a ring. M is a lift R-module if:

1.M is additive abelian group, and

2. there is a map: $R \times M \rightarrow M$ denoted by rm for all $r,s \in R$ and $m,n \in M$ such that:

i) $(r+s) \cdot m = r \cdot m + s \cdot m$

ii) $r(m+n) = r \cdot m + r \cdot n$;

iii) $(r \cdot s)m = r(b \cdot m)$;

iv) $em = m$.

Remarks 2.1:

If R is commutative ring, then left R-modules are the same as right R-modules and are simply called R-modules. If R is not commutative ring, then (iii) is not satisfied.

Definition 2.8:

Let M be an R-module. A subset $N \subseteq M$ is an R-submodule if it is a subgroup of an R-module M , and if $n \in N$ and $r \in R$, then $rn \in N$. We write $N \leq M$.

Example 2.1:

Let M be an R-module then:

1. **Trivial Submodules:**

The module M itself and the zero submodule $\{0\}$ (trivially) are submodules of M.

2. **Ideals as Submodules:**

Let R be a ring considered as an R-module over itself, and let I be a left ideal of R. Then:

I is a submodule of the R-module R.

Remark 2.2:

M is called simple if $M \neq 0$ and the only submodules it has are 0 and M itself.

Theorem 2.1:

Let A and B be submodules of the R-module M. The sum of sets A and B is defined as:

$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$

Then $A + B$ is a submodule of M and represents the smallest submodule of M that includes both A and B.

Theorem 2.2 :

Let A and B represent submodules of the R -module M . The intersection of sets A and B is defined as:

$A \cap B = \{a : a \in A\, and\, a \in B\}$

$A \cap B$ is a submodule of M and represents the largest submodule of M that is contained within both A and B.

Theorem 2.3:

Let M be an Rmodule, and let X and Y be two submodules of M. Then, the Cartesian product $X \times Y$ is a submodule of $M \times M$.

Definition 2.9:

Let R be a ring and M, N be R-module. A $map\ f: M \rightarrow N$ is called an ***R*-module homomorphism** is for all $x, y \in M$ and $r \in R$ we get:

1. $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$;
2. $f(ax) = af(x)$.

Example 2.2:

Let M be an R-module. The identity map $id: M \rightarrow M$ given by $id(m) = m\ all\ m \in M$, is an R-module homomorphism.

Definition 2.10:

Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a homomorphism of R-modules.

1. The **kernel of f** defined

$$ker\,(f) = \{x \in M: f(x) = 0\}.$$

2. The **image of f** define

$$\text{im}\,(f) = \{\exists x \in M: y \in N\ such\ that\ y = f(x)\}.$$

Definition 2.11:

Let R be a ring, M be a R-module, and N be a submodule of M.

The **quotient module** $M/_N$ is the set of all cosets of N in M:

$$M/_N = \{m + N: m \in M\}$$

Module Structure on $M/_N$

The quotient module $M/_N$ is itself an R-module under the following operations:

1. **Addition**:

$$(m_1 + N) + (m_2 + N) = (m_1 + m_2) + N$$

2. **Scalar Multiplication (for $r \in R$)**:

$$r \cdot (m + N) = (r \cdot m) + N$$

These operations are well-defined because N is a submodule.

- **Isomorphism theorems for modules**

First isomorphism theorem

Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be an R-module homomorphism between tow R-

modules. Then
$ker\ f = \{m \in M : f(m) = 0\} \leq M$ is an R-submodule of M and $M/ker(\phi) \cong N$.

Second isomorphism theorem

Let A and B be submodule of an R-module M. Then:

$$(A+B)/B \cong A(A \cap B).$$

Third isomorphism theorem

Let A and B be submodule of an R-module M with $A \subseteq M$. Then:

$$(M/A)/(B/A) \cong M/B.$$

Fourt isomorphism theorem

Let N be a submodule of an R-module M. there is a bijection between the submodules of M containing N and the submodules of M/N.

{submodules of M/N} ←→ {submodules of M which contain N}

Definition 2.12:

A function $f: X \longrightarrow [0,1]$ is termed a fuzzy set on X, with X being a non-empty collection of items known as the referential set and [0,1] (the unit interval) serving as the valuation set and $\forall x \in X$; $f(x)$ denotes the grade of membership for x.

Definition 2.11:

Let X be a set. Fuzzy subset A in X is a function $f: X \rightarrow [\,0,1]$.
where [0, 1] is the usual interval of real numbers

Remark 2.3:

Let A and B two fuzzy sets, then the union $A \cup B$ is given by:
$\mu_{A\cup B}(x) = max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$, for all $x \in X$.
and the intersection, $A \cap B$, is given by:
$\mu_{A\cap B}(x) = min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$, for all $x \in X$.
The complement, A^C, of fuzzy set A is given by:
$\mu_{A^C}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$for all, $x \in X$.

Definition 2.13:

Let R be a ring and M be left or right R-module. (M, μ) is called a fuzzy left R-module iff there is a $map\ \mu : M \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfying the following conditions:

i) $\mu(a+b) \geq min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}, \forall a, b \in M$
ii) $\mu(-a) = \mu(a), \forall a \in M$
iii) $\mu(0) = 1$
iv) $\mu(ra) = \mu(a)$ ($\forall a \in M, r \in R$)

We write (M, μ) by μ_M.

Remark 2.4:

Let M be an R-module. A fuzzy set X of M is called a fuzzy module of M if:

1. $X(x-y) \geq min\{X(x), X(y)\}$, for all $x, y \in M$.
2. $X(rx) \geq X(x)$, for all $x \in M$ and $r \in R$.
3. $X(0) = 1$.

Definition 2.14:

A fuzzy sub module of M is a fuzzy subset of M such that:

i) $\mu(0) = 1$
ii) $\mu(rx) \geq \mu(x), \forall r \in R$ and for all $x \in M$
iii) $\mu(x+y) \geq min(\mu(x), \mu(y))$, for all $x, y \in M$.

Proposition 2.1:

Let A and B be two fuzzy modules of an R-module M. B is called a fuzzy submodule of A, if $B \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.15:

A fuzzy module X of an R-module M is called **fuzzy simple** if and only if X has no fuzzy proper submodules.

Example 2.3:

Let $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ and define $\mu: M \rightarrow [0,1]$ by:
$\mu(x,y) = e^{-(x^2+y^2)}$.
This assigns a membership degree to each point $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, where:

- $\mu(0,0) = 1$ (full membership at the origin).
- $\mu(x,y) \rightarrow 0$ as $x^2+y^2 \rightarrow \infty$ (vanishing membership far from the origin).

Verification of Fuzzy Module Axioms
For (M, μ) to be a fuzzy R-module, it must satisfy:
Axiom 1: Fuzzy Additivity
$\mu((x_1,y_1)+(x_2,y_2)) \geq min(\mu(x_1,y_1), \mu(x_2,y_2))$.

Proof:

Let $(x_1,y_1),(x_2,y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then:
$\mu((x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2)) = e^{-[(x_1+x_2)^2+(y_1+y_2)^2]}$.
By the triangle inequality:
$(x_1+x_2)^2 + (x_2,y_2)^2 \leq 2(x_1^2+x_2^2+y_1^2+y_2^2)$.
Thus:
$\mu((x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2)) \geq e^{-2(x_1^2+x_2^2+y_1^2+y_2^2)}$.
But:
$min(e^{-(x_1^2+y_1^2)}, e^{-(x_2^2+y_2^2)}) = e^{-max(x_1^2+y_1^2, x_2^2+y_2^2)}$.
$max(x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2) \leq x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2$, the axiom holds.
Axiom 2: Fuzzy Scalar Multiplication
For all $r \in R$ and $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$:
$\mu(r(x,y)) \geq \mu(x,y)$ if $|\,r\,| \leq 1$.

Proof:

$\mu(rx, ry) = e^{-r^2(x^2+y^2)}$.
For $|\,r\,| \leq 1$, $r^2 \leq 1$ so:
$e^{-r^2(x^2+y^2)} \geq e^{-(x^2+y^2)} = \mu(x,y)$.

Theorem 2.4:

Let X and Y be two fuzzy submodules of an R-module M.Their sum, denoted as sum $(X+Y)(x)$ =Sup{min{$X(a), Y(b)$}} for all $x \in M$, is also fuzzy submodules of M.

Theorem 2.5:

Let X and Y be two fuzzy submodules of an R-module M. Then
The intersection $X \cap Y$ is also a fuzzy submodule of M.
More generally, if $\{X_I : i \in I\}$ be a family of fuzzy submodules of an R-module M, then the intersection $\bigcap_{i\in I} X_i$ is also a fuzzy submodule of M.

Theorem 2.6:

Let X and Y be two fuzzy submodules of an R-module M. Then the Cartesian product X× Y is also a fuzzy submodule of M × M.

Definition 2.16:

Let X and Y be two fuzzy modules of R-modules M_1 and M_2 respectively, A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is termed **a fuzzy homomorphism** $if\ f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is R-homomorphism and $y(f(x)) = X(x)$ for each $x \in M_1$.

Definition 2.17:

A **fuzzy module homomorphism** is a generalization of a module homomorphism in the context of fuzzy modules.
If $\mu: M \rightarrow [0,1]$ and $\nu: N \rightarrow [0,1]$ are fuzzy submodules, then a map $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a fuzzy module homomorphism if:

1. f is a classical module homomorphism.
2. $\nu(f(x)) \geq \mu(x)$ for all $x \in M$ (preserves the degree of membership).

Remark 2.5:

- Let M be an R-module. And also M' be an R-modules, $f: M \rightarrow M'$ be an epimorphism. If A is a fuzzy submodule of M, then the image $f(A)$ is a fuzzy submodule of M'.
- Let M be an R-module. And also M' be an R-modules, $f: M \rightarrow M'$ be a homomorphism. If B is a fuzzy submodule of M', then $f^{-1}(B)$ is a fuzzy submodule of M.

Definition 2.18:

Let (M, μ) be a fuzzy module, where:

- M is a module over a ring R,
- $\mu: M \rightarrow [0,1]$ is the fuzzy membership function.

Let N be the support of μ, defined as:
$N = \{x \in M : \mu(x) = 1\}$. Here, N is a crisp submodule of M.
The **Fuzzy Quotient Module** is defined on the set of cosets $M/_N$, where each coset is $x+N$ for $x \in M$.
The fuzzy membership function $\bar{\mu}: M/_N \rightarrow [0,1]$ is defined as:
.$\bar{\mu}(x+N) = sup\{\mu(x+n) \mid n \in N\}$.

- **Isomorphism Theorem for Fuzzy Modules**

First isomorphism theorem

Let M and N be fuzzy modules over a ring R, and let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a fuzzy module homomorphism. Then:

$$M/ker(f) \cong Im(f)$$

Here, $ker(f)$ is the kernel of f, which is a fuzzy submodule of M, and $Im(f)$ is the image of f, which is a fuzzy submodule of N. The quotient $M/ker(f)$ is a fuzzy module, and the theorem states that this quotient is isomorphic to the image of f

Second isomorphism theorem

Let M be a fuzzy module over a ring R, and let A and B be fuzzy submodules of M. Then:

$$(A+B)/B \cong A/(A \cap B)$$

Here, $A+B$ is the sum of the fuzzy submodules A and B, and $A \cap B$ is their intersection. The theorem states that the quotient of the sum by B is isomorphic to the quotient of A by their intersection.

Third isomorphism theorem

Let M be a fuzzy module over a ring R, and let A and B be fuzzy submodules of M such that $B \subseteq A$. Then:

$$(M/B)/(A/B) \cong M/A$$

This theorem states that the quotient of M by B, further quotient by A/B, is isomorphic to the quotient of M by A

3 Comparison

Table 1 offers a detailed comparison of classical and fuzzy modules, emphasizing the distinctions in their definitions, structures, operations, and applications. Fuzzy modules, which integrate membership degrees, serve as a generalization of classical modules and are thus appropriate for managing uncertain data. This systematic comparison provides a framework for dealing with uncertain data. This systematic comparison lays the groundwork for additional studies in hybrid algebraic systems that integrate precise and fuzzy approaches.

Table 1: Comparison of classical modules and fuzzy modules

Aspect	Classical Modules	Fuzzy Modules
Elements	$\forall m \in M,\ \mu(m) = 1$	$\forall m \in M,\ \mu(m) \in [0,1]$
Operations	$a+ba+b$ and $r \cdot ar \cdot a$ are crisp and deterministic.	$\mu(a+b) \geq min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}$ and $\mu(ra) = \mu(a)$.
Axioms	1. $r(m+n) = rm + rn$ 2. $(r+s)m = rm + sm$ 3. $(rs)m = r(sm)$ 4. $1_R \cdot m = m$.	1. $\mu(a+b) \geq \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}$ 2. $\mu(-a) = \mu(a)$ 3. $\mu(0) = 1$ 4. $\mu(ra) = \mu(a)$.
Sub_ Structure	$N \subseteq M$ *is a submodule if*: 1. N is an additive sub_ group of M 2. $r \cdot n \in Nr \cdot n \in N$ for all $r \in Rr \in R,\ n \in Nn \in N$.	$\mu: M \to [0,1]$ is a fuzzy submodule if: 1. $\mu(x+y) \geq min\ (\mu(x), \mu(y))$. 2. $\mu(r \cdot x) \geq \mu(x)$ or all $r \in R, x \in M$
Homomo_ Rphism	$f: M \to N$ isa homomorp_ him If : 1. $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ 2. $f(r \cdot x) = r \cdot f(x)$.	$f: M \to N$ is a fuzzy homomorphism If: 1.f is a classical homomorphism. 2. $\nu\big(f(x)\mu(x)\big)$, wher e μ and ν are fuzzy submodules.
Quotient	$M/_N = \{x + N: xM\}$, for $N \subseteq M$, with: 1. $(x+N) + (y+N) = (x+y) + N$, 2. $r \cdot (x+N) = r \cdot x + N$.	$For\ \mu: M \to [0,1]$, $M/_N = \{x + N: x \in M\}$, with: 1. $\bar{\mu}(x+N) = su\,p\{\mu(x+n): n \in N\}$.
Applic_ Ations	-Linear algebra -Representation theory - Algebraic geometry	-Fuzzy logic -Intelligent systems -Decision making under uncertainty

Key notes from the table:

1. **The main difference:**
   - Classical modules use traditional set theory (elements either belong or they don't).
   - Fuzzy modules use fuzzy set theory (elements have graded membership in [0,1]).
2 **Algebraic operations**:
   - In classical modules, operations are exact (e. g., $2x + 3y$).
   - In fuzzy modules, operations tolerate imprecision (e.g., $\mu(x+y) \geq 0.7$).
3. **Example:**
   - Classical module**:** vector space $\mathbb{R}^n$with scalar multiplication.
   - Fuzzy module**:** dataset with confidence levels. (e.g., "element x has membership 0.8").
4. **Generalization**:
   - Every classic module can be made fuzzy modules (by setting $\mu(m) = 1\ \forall m \in M$).
   - The converse is not true, as fuzzy modules allow partial membership.

4. Conclusion

The notion of fuzzy sets generalizes many concepts in algebra. This paper compares classical R-modules and fuzzy R-modules, highlighting their relations, similarities, and differences. Classical R-modules are extended to fuzzy R-modules using degrees of membership to represent uncertainty. While many properties, such as addition and scalar multiplication, also hold for fuzzy numbers, some properties need to be generalized. A notable difference is the graded membership in fuzzy modules compared to the crisp membership in classical R-modules.

Fuzzy R-modules are more flexible, making them suitable for modeling in uncertain or vague contexts. Our results indicate that fuzzy R-modules generalize classical ones and have broader applications in decision-making and control systems. This comparison demonstrates how fuzzy theory extends traditional algebraic ideas to accommodate imprecise data.

Practical applications: The findings suggest that fuzzy R-modules can be applied in real-world scenarios requiring flexible modeling, such as automated control systems, data analysis, and decision-support tools.

Future research directions: Further studies could explore additional applications of fuzzy R-modules in artificial intelligence, complex system modeling, and the impact of varying membership degrees on outcomes.

he notion of fuzzy sets is a generalization for many concepts of algebras This paper compares classic concept R-modules and fuzzy R-modules and shows the relations, the similarities, and the differences. Classical R-modules are generalized to Fuzzy R-modules by using degrees of membership to represent uncertainty. Although many properties (as addition, scalar multiplication) hold also for fuzzy numbers, some of them must be generalized. Notable differences are the graded membership in fuzzy modules contrast to the crisp membership in classic R-modules.

Fuzzy R-modules are more adjustable thus, they are studied using them in vague world. We further conclude that fuzzy R-modules generalize classical one, with wider applications in decision-making and control systems, and this comparison shows how fuzzy theory generalizes the ideas of regular algebra to be suited for imprecise data. However, this extension allows for a more flexible and precise approach to algebraic structures, where elements can have degrees of membership rather than strictly belonging or not belonging to a set.

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