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A feminist fuzzy model of gender identity

On some models, gender comes in degrees. The most famous such model is the gender spectrum, a continuum ranging from "male" to "female". Alternatively, some models measure gender categories on separate continua, sometimes including a scale labeled "other genders". I want to argue that both types of accounts fail to (adequately) represent agender identities, and propose a model that is, in a sense, in between the two. Since the values assigned to gender categories are represented as percentages, they can be analyzed in terms of fuzzy logic. In this framework, the logical opposition between the categories in the gender spectrum is that of fuzzy contradiction, while, in the "multispectral" models, the gender categories are in no logical opposition at all. A better way to adequately represent (the difference between) gender categories may be, I will claim, to oppose them in terms of fuzzy contrariety. Further, I will argue that this opposition fits Val Plumwood's criteria for a feminist logic, since it avoids the oppressive properties of relational definition, homogenization, and radical exclusion.