Abstract: Fuzzy neural networks (FNNs), being the product of fuzzy logic and neural networks, are computational machines with unique capabilities for dealing with both numerical data and linguistic knowledge (fuzzy) information. In this tutorial, first we will provide an illustrative discussion on the biological basis of neural networks: learning from nature. Then we will continue our discussion on the basic notions, mathematical methodology and morphology, and learning and adaptation algorithms for static neural networks (SNNs). Also, some basic notions of conventional multilayered feedforward neural networks (MFNNs) with the well-known backpropagation (BP) learning algorithm will be discussed. This discussion will be illustrated by means of some examples taken from logic circuits, neuro-control systems, neuro-vision systems, pattern recognition, medical systems, and economics. Then we will discuss some advanced theory, with illustrative examples, of higher-order correlative neural networks (HOC-NNs). Then we will provide an extensive discussion on dynamic neural networks (DNNs) with applications to dynamic memory, control systems, vision systems, and robotics.

For developing FNNs, we will provide some necessary mathematical theory on fuzzy sets, fuzzy arithmetic, and fuzzy logic. Several fuzzy logic operations for various types of fuzzy neurons (FNs), which have fuzzy inputs and fuzzy weights, will be introduced. Analogous to the BP learning algorithm for MFNNs, the concepts and formulations of fuzzy backpropagation (FBP) learning algorithms for FNNs will then be developed. Moreover, the capabilities and limitations of FNNs consisting of many interconnected FNs will be discussed. The universal approximation capabilities of fuzzy basis function networks (FBFNs) that are represented as a modified version of Gaussian radial basis function networks (GRBFNs) will also be addressed. The material presented in this tutorial will not only provide an overview of the existing results, but also present some state-of-the-art achievements and open problems in the field of neural computing and fuzzy neural computing.

Tutorial Outline:

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8. Fuzzy Sets, Fuzzy Arithmetic, and Fuzzy Logic: An Overview
10. Conclusions

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