

## SQUARE LATTICE AND FUZZY NUMBER

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we try to establish the notion of a square lattice in order to lay an analytic foundation for those notions like fuzzy number and so on.

## KEYWORDS

Square lattice; generalized distance; square body; fuzzy number; patially large fuzzy number; partially small fuzzy number.

## 1. SQUARE LATTICE

In all our reasoning here,  $X$  is always supposed to be a nonempty set, and  $x, y, z, u, v, w$  or  $a, b, \dots$  be members of  $X$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $+$  be an algebraic operation on  $X, \leq$  be a partial ordering on  $X. \langle X, +, \leq \rangle$  is a square lattice iff

(I)  $\langle X, + \rangle$  is a commutative semigroup with zero element  $\theta$ . If  $x + y = x + z$ , then  $y = z$ ;

(II)  $\langle X, \leq \rangle$  is a lattice and order—complete (i.e.  $\forall E \subseteq X$ , if  $E$  has upper bounds, then  $E$  has a supremum).

(III)  $x \leq y$  iff  $\exists z \in X, \theta \leq z$  such that  $x + z = y$ ;  $x + y = x \vee y$  iff  $x \wedge y = \theta$ , where  $x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y$  denote respectively the supremum and the infimum of  $\{x, y\}$ .

" $x \leq y$ " in our passage will be often denoted by " $y \geq x$ ".

**Example 1.** Let  $R^n$  be Euclid  $n$ -space,  $x, y \in R^n, x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ . Put  $x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$ ;  $x \leq y$  iff  $x_i \leq y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $\langle R^n, +, \leq \rangle$  is a square lattice.

**Example 2.** Let  $N$  be the set of positive integers. when  $m, n \in N$ , put  $m \hat{+} n = m + n - 1, m \leq n$  iff  $\frac{n}{m} \in N$ . Then  $\langle N, \hat{+}, \leq \rangle$  satisfies condition (I) and (II) in the definition 1.1. But it doesn't satisfies (III), hence is not a square lattice.

The conditions in the definition 1.1 occur quite commonty, the mutual independence between them is obvious. Let's discuss some elementary properties of the square lattice.

**Property 1.** If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z, x \vee z \leq y \vee z$  for arbitrary  $z$ .

**Property 2.**  $x \wedge y \leq x \vee y$  for arbitrary  $x, y$ .  $x \vee y = x \wedge y$  iff  $x = y$ .

**Property 3.** If  $x \leq y$  and  $u \leq v$ , then  $x + u \leq y + v$ . In particular, if  $x \leq y$ , then  $x + z \leq y + z$  for arbitrary  $z$ .

**Proof.** Since  $x \leq y, \exists w_1 \geq \theta$  such that  $x + w_1 = y$ . Since  $u \leq v, \exists w_2 \geq \theta$  such that  $u + w_2 = v$ . Thus  $x + u + (w_1 + w_2) = y + v, w_1 + w_2 \geq w_1 \geq \theta$ , and  $x + u \leq y + v$ .

**Property 4.** If  $x \leq y$ , then there exists a unique  $z \geq \theta$  such that  $x + z = y$ .

**Proof.** since  $x \leq y$ , by (III)  $\exists z \geq \theta$  such that  $x + z = y$ . In case  $\exists z^* \geq \theta$  such that  $x + z^* = y$ .

Then  $z^* = z$  by ( I ) \*

For convenience' sake, we'll introduce some more signs.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice.  $x, y, z \in X$ . We write  $z = y - x$  iff  $x + z = y$ .

By ( I ) and property 4 it is easily seen that  $y - x$  is uniquely determined by  $x$  and  $y$ . However  $(X, +)$  is only a semigroup,  $-x$  is not necessarily a member of  $X$ , hence  $y - x$  is an integral sign. From ( III ) we deduce that when  $x \leq y$ ,  $y - x \in X$ , at the same time  $y - x \geq \theta$ . From the definition we get directly that if  $y - x \in X$ , then  $(y - x) + x = y$ . what's more,  $x - x = \theta$ . And, if  $x + y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z - y$ .

**Property 5.** Let  $x, x_\lambda \in X, \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , and  $\{x_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be bounded. Then

$$x + \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda),$$

$$x + \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda).$$

**Proof.** Since  $x_\lambda \leq \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda, \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , so that  $x + x_\lambda \leq x + \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Hence

$$\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda) \leq x + \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda.$$

Also, since  $x + x_\lambda \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda), \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , then  $x_\lambda \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda) - x, \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , so that  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda \leq$

$\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda) - x$ . Hence

$$x + \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda).$$

Thus

$$x + \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (x + x_\lambda).$$

The proof of the second assertion is analogous \*

In particular, for arbitrary  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$x + y \vee z = (x + y) \vee (x + z), \quad x + y \wedge z = (x + y) \wedge (x + z).$$

**Property 6.**  $x + y = x \wedge y + x \vee y$

**Proof.** Let  $x \wedge y + u = x, \quad x \wedge y + v = y$ . By property 5,

$$x \wedge y + u \wedge v = (x \wedge y + u) \wedge (x \wedge y + v) = x \wedge y.$$

By property 4, we obtain  $u \wedge v = \theta$ . By ( III ),  $u \vee v = u + v$ . So that

$$x \wedge y + u + v = x \wedge y + u \vee v = (x \wedge y + u) \vee (x \wedge y + v) = x \vee y.$$

Hence

$$x \wedge y + u + x \wedge y + v = x \vee y + x \wedge y.$$

That is

$$x + y = x \vee y + x \wedge y *$$

**Theorem 1.1** . Let  $X$  be a square lattice. Then, for arbitrary  $x, y, z \in X$  we have

$$x \vee y - x \wedge y \leq (x \vee z - x \wedge z) + (z \vee y - z \wedge y).$$

**Proof.** By property 6, we have

$$x \wedge z + z \wedge y = (x \wedge z) \vee (z \wedge y) + (x \wedge z) \wedge (z \wedge y) \leq z \wedge (x \vee y) + z \wedge (x \wedge y).$$

Since  $z \wedge (x \vee y) \leq z, \quad z \wedge (x \wedge y) \leq x \wedge y$ . By property 3, we obtain  $x \wedge z + z \wedge y \leq z + x \wedge y$ . So that

$$x + y + x \wedge z + z \wedge y + x \wedge z + z \wedge y \leq x + z + y + z + x \wedge y + x \wedge y.$$

With property 6, we get immediately the result.

## 2. CONVERGENCE PROPERTIES OF SEQUENCES IN A SQUARE LATTICE

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice.  $x_n \in X, \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be bounded. Write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k.$$

$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  and  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is called superior limit and inferior limit of  $\{x_n\}$ , respectively. If, and only

if  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ , we say that the limit of  $\{x_n\}$  exists, and we write  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

Obviously, if  $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq x_n \geq \dots$ , and is lower bounded, then  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists, and

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$$

If  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq \dots$ , and is upper bounded, then  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists, and

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$$

In addition,  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is obvious.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice,  $x_n, y_n \in X$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$  exist, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n.$$

**Proof.** It is easily proved that

$$\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n) \leq \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n + \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n,$$

for arbitrary  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$ .

Now, suppose that  $x_n \uparrow$ ,  $y_n \uparrow$ , and  $x = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ ,  $y = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ ,  $u = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n)$ . Since  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are monotone increasing,  $x_n + y_m \leq u$  for arbitrary  $n$  and  $m$ . Keeping  $m$  fixed, and taking the sup for  $n$ , from property 5 in section 1 we obtain  $x + y_m \leq u$ ,  $\forall m$ . Also, taking the sup for  $m$ , we get  $x + y \leq u$ . Thus, when  $x_n \uparrow x$  and  $y_n \uparrow y$ , the assertion is true. The same assertion holds when applied to the case where  $x_n \downarrow x$  and  $y_n \downarrow y$ .

Since  $\bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x_k + y_k) \leq \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k + \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} y_k$ ,  $\forall n$ , but  $\bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k \downarrow$ ,  $\bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} y_k \downarrow$ , so we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = x + y.$$

On the other hand, since

$$\bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k + \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} y_k \leq \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x_k + y_k), \quad \forall n$$

but  $\bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k \uparrow$ ,  $\bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} y_k \uparrow$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n).$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice,  $x_n \in X$ ,  $\forall n$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow x$  iff  $x \wedge x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x \vee x_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , we have

$$x = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k \leq \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) \leq \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) =$$

$$\bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} (x \vee (\bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k)) = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k = x$$

So,  $x \vee x_n \rightarrow x$ .  $x \wedge x_n \rightarrow x$  can also be proved in the same way.

Suppose that  $x \vee x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x \wedge x_n \rightarrow x$ . Since

$$x \wedge x_n \leq x_n \leq x \vee x_n,$$

Hence  $x_n \rightarrow x$  \*

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice.  $x, y \in X$ . Put

$$\rho(x, y) = x \vee y - x \wedge y,$$

$\rho(x, y)$  is called a generalized distance of  $x$  and  $y$ .

Through definition 2.2 and theorem 1.1 in section 1, we clearly have:

- (1)  $\rho(x, y) \geq \theta$ ;  $\rho(x, y) = \theta$  iff  $x = y$ .
- (2)  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in X$ .
- (3)  $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$ ,  $\forall x, y, z \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice.  $x_n \in X$ .  $x_n \rightarrow x$  iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x, x_n) = \theta.$$

**Proof.** If  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \vee x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x \wedge x_n \rightarrow x$  by theorem 2.2. Since

$$\bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) = \left( \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) - \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k) \right) + \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k).$$

but  $\left( \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) - \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k) \right) \downarrow$ , and it is of lower bound  $\theta$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by theorem 2.1 we obtain

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) - \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k) \right) + x.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) - \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k) \right) = \theta.$$

Notice that

$$\theta \leq x \vee x_n - x \wedge x_n \leq \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) - \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k).$$

Thus it can immediately be obtained

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \vee x_n - x \wedge x_n) = \theta,$$

i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x, x_n) = \theta$

Conversely, let  $x \vee x_n - x \wedge x_n \rightarrow \theta$ . Since

$$x \vee x_n = (x \vee x_n - x \wedge x_n) + x \wedge x_n.$$

So that

$$x \leq x \vee x_n \leq \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k - x \wedge x_k) + x, \quad \forall n.$$

Thereby

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \vee x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \vee x_n) = x.$$

That is

$$x \vee x_n \rightarrow x.$$

By  $x \vee x_k \leq \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k - x \wedge x_k) + x \wedge x_k$ ,  $\forall k \geq n$ , with property 5 in section 1, we obtain

$$\bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k) \leq \bigvee_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \vee x_k - x \wedge x_k) + \bigwedge_{k=n}^{\infty} (x \wedge x_k).$$

Hence

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \vee x_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \wedge x_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \wedge x_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \vee x_n) = x.$$

That is  $x_n \wedge x \rightarrow x$ . Thereby  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . \*

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice.  $x_n \in X$ ,  $\forall n$ .  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists. Then it is necessarily unique.

**Proof.** Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , also,  $x_n \rightarrow y$ . Then

$$\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, x_n) + \rho(x_n, y) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

i.e.  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ . Thereby  $x = y$ . \*

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice,  $x_n \in X$ ,  $\forall n$ . If there exist  $u_n \in X$ ,  $u_1 \geq u_2 \geq \dots \geq u_n \geq \dots$ ,  $\bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = 0$  such that

$$\rho(x_n, x_m) \leq u_N, \text{ as } n, m \geq N,$$

then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a generalized elementary sequence.

**Theorem 2.5.** The generalized elementary sequence in a square lattice is convergent.

**Proof.** Since  $x_1 \vee x_n - x_1 \wedge x_n \leq u_1$ ,  $\forall n$ . Hence

$$x_1 \vee x_n \leq u_1 + x_1 \wedge x_n \leq u_1 + x_1, \forall n.$$

Thereby  $\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \leq u_1 + x_1$ , i.e.  $\{x_n\}$  is upper bounded. Similarly,  $\{x_n\}$  is lower bounded. Put

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \quad \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = y,$$

then

$$\rho(x, \bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k), \rho(\bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k, y) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

But

$$0 \leq \rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, \bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k) + \rho(\bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k) + \rho(\bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k, y),$$

Since  $x_n \vee x_k - x_n \wedge x_k \leq u_n$ , as  $k \geq n$ , i.e.  $x_n \vee x_k \leq u_n + x_n \wedge x_k$ , by  $x_n \wedge x_k \leq x_n$  we see that  $x_n \vee x_k \leq u_n + x_n$ ,  $\forall k \geq n$ . Hence  $\bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k \leq u_n + x_n$ . By  $x_n \vee x_k \geq x_n$  we see that  $x_n \leq u_n + x_n \wedge x_k$ ,  $\forall k \geq n$ . Hence

$x_n \leq u_n + \bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k$ . Thereby

$$\rho(\bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n x_k - \bigwedge_{k=1}^n x_k \leq u_n + u_n \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ , i.e.  $x = y$ . \*

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a square lattice,  $a, b \in X$  and  $a \leq b$ . Put

$$[a, b] = \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\},$$

$[a, b]$  is called a square body on  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $[a_n, b_n]$  be a square body on  $X$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $[a_1, b_1] \supseteq [a_2, b_2] \supseteq \dots \supseteq [a_n, b_n] \supseteq \dots$ ,  $\rho(a_n, b_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then there exists a unique  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in [a_n, b_n]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** Put  $x = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,  $y = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ , then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $x, y \in [a_n, b_n]$ . Since

$$0 \leq \rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, a_n) + \rho(a_n, b_n) + \rho(b_n, y) \rightarrow 0,$$

so that  $x = y$ . \*

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two square lattices,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x \in X$  iff for arbitrary  $x_n \rightarrow x$  implies  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ . If  $f$  is continuous at every point of  $X$ , then  $f$  is said to be a continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are mappings of  $X$  into  $Y$  and they are continuous at  $x$ . Put

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x),$$

then  $f+g$  is also continuous at  $x$ .

Topological structure of a square lattice given by a square body will be dealt with in another paper.

### 3. FUZZY NUMBER

**Definition 3.1.** Suppose that  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is a fuzzy subset on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mu_{\tilde{\Lambda}}$  is its membership function, and

suppose it satisfies the following conditions:

(1) For arbitrary  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\Lambda_\alpha = \{x | \mu_\Lambda(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is a bounded closed interval;

(2) There exists a unique  $a \in R$  such that  $\mu_\Lambda(a) = 1$ .

Then  $\Lambda$  is called a fuzzy number or fuzzy  $a$ , which we denote by  $\underline{a}$ . For convenience' sake, we use the  $\underline{a}(x)$  to denote the grade of membership of  $x$  in  $\underline{a}$ .

By definition 3.1 it is easily seen that  $\underline{a}$  is a convex fuzzy subset of  $R$ , i.e.  $\underline{a}(x) \wedge \underline{a}(z) \leq \underline{a}(y)$  for arbitrary  $x \leq y \leq z$ . A general real number  $a$  can be regarded as a fuzzy number, and

$$\underline{a}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{iff } x = a, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, suppose that  $\underline{a}$  is a fuzzy number and  $\underline{a}(x) = 0$  for arbitrary  $x < a$ , then  $\underline{a}$  is called a partially large fuzzy number. If  $\underline{a}(x) = 0$  for arbitrary  $x > a$ , then  $\underline{a}$  is called a partially small fuzzy number. In the following passage we shall use  $FN(R)$  for all fuzzy numbers,  $FM(R)$  for all partially large fuzzy numbers and  $FS(R)$  for all partially small fuzzy numbers.

If  $\underline{a} \in FN(R)$ , write  $\underline{a}_\alpha = [m_\alpha^{(a)}, M_\alpha^{(a)}]$ , then  $\underline{a}_\alpha = [a, M_\alpha^{(a)}]$  when  $\underline{a} \in FM(R)$ ;  $\underline{a}_\alpha = [m_\alpha^{(a)}, a]$  when  $\underline{a} \in FS(R)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Suppose  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in FM(R)$ ,

(1)  $\underline{a} + \underline{b} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0, 1]} \alpha \cdot [a+b, M_\alpha^{(a)} + M_\alpha^{(b)}]$ .

(2)  $\underline{a} \leq^* \underline{b}$  iff  $0 \leq M_\beta^{(b)} - M_\beta^{(a)} \leq M_\alpha^{(b)} - M_\alpha^{(a)}$ , for arbitrary  $\alpha \leq \beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$ ).

**Lemma 1.**  $\langle FM(R), + \rangle$  is a commutative semigroup and (i) general number 0 is its zero element; (ii) if  $\underline{a} + \underline{b} = \underline{a} + \underline{c}$ , then  $\underline{b} = \underline{c}$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in FM(R)$ ,  $\underline{a} \leq^* \underline{b}$  iff  $\exists \underline{u} \in FM(R)$  ( $\theta \leq^* \underline{u}$ ) such that  $\underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b}$ .

**Proof** Suppose that  $\underline{a} \leq^* \underline{b}$ , then  $\underline{a} \leq \underline{b}$ . Put

$$\underline{u} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0, 1]} \alpha \cdot [b-a, M_\alpha^{(b)} - M_\alpha^{(a)}].$$

It is easily seen that  $\underline{u} \in FM(R)$  and  $\underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\theta \leq^* \underline{u}$  and  $\underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b}$ . Since  $u \geq 0$  and  $u \leq M_\beta^{(u)} \leq M_\alpha^{(u)}$  for arbitrary  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Hence

$$0 \leq M_\beta^{(u)} = M_\beta^{(b)} - M_\beta^{(a)} \leq M_\alpha^{(u)} = M_\alpha^{(b)} - M_\alpha^{(a)}. *$$

**Lemma 3.**  $\langle FM(R), \leq^* \rangle$  is a lattice and (i)  $\underline{a} + \underline{b} = \underline{a} \vee \underline{b} + \underline{a} \wedge \underline{b}$ ; (ii)  $\leq^*$  is order—complete.

**Proof** Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in FM(R)$  be given and  $\underline{a} \leq \underline{b}$ . Put

$$\underline{u}_0 = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0, 1]} \alpha \cdot [b-a, M_\alpha^{(b)} - a], \quad \underline{v}_0 = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0, 1]} \alpha \cdot [0, M_\alpha^{(a)} - a].$$

Then  $\underline{u}_0, \underline{v}_0 \in FM(R)$  and  $\underline{a} + \underline{u}_0 = \underline{b} + \underline{v}_0 = \underline{a} \vee \underline{b} + \underline{a} \wedge \underline{b}$ .

Now suppose that  $\underline{u}_\lambda, \underline{v}_\lambda \in FM(R)$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , and  $\{\underline{u}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}, \{\underline{v}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  are sets of all  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$ , respectively which satisfy  $\underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b} + \underline{v} \leq^* \underline{a} \vee \underline{b} + \underline{a} \wedge \underline{b}$ . We have

$$(\underline{u}_\lambda)_\alpha = [b-a, M_\alpha^{(u_\lambda)}], (\underline{v}_\lambda)_\alpha = [0, M_\alpha^{(v_\lambda)}], \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$$

Obviously  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$ . Put

$$M_{\alpha}^{(u)} = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_{\alpha}^{(u_{\lambda})}, \quad M_{\alpha}^{(v)} = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_{\alpha}^{(v_{\lambda})}.$$

Write

$$u = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [b-a, M_{\alpha}^{(u)}], \quad v = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [0, M_{\alpha}^{(v)}].$$

Since if  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , then  $b-a \leq M_{\beta}^{(u_{\lambda})} \leq M_{\alpha}^{(u_{\lambda})}$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ . Thereby  $b-a \leq M_{\beta}^{(u)} \leq M_{\alpha}^{(u)}$  and  $M_1^{(u)} = b-a$ , therefore  $\underline{u} \in FM(R)$ . The proof of  $\underline{v} \in FM(R)$  is done in the same way.

We always have

$$b \leq M_{\alpha}^{(a)} + M_{\alpha}^{(u_{\lambda})} = M_{\alpha}^{(b)} + M_{\alpha}^{(v_{\lambda})} \leq M_{\alpha}^{(a)} + M_{\alpha}^{(b)}$$

for  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $\forall \alpha \in (0,1]$ . Hence

$$b \leq M_{\alpha}^{(a)} + \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_{\alpha}^{(u_{\lambda})} = M_{\alpha}^{(b)} + \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_{\alpha}^{(v_{\lambda})} \leq M_{\alpha}^{(a)} + M_{\alpha}^{(b)}.$$

Thereby  $\underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b} + \underline{v} \leq \underline{b}^*$ . Put

$$\underline{b}^{**} = \underline{a} + \underline{u} = \underline{b} + \underline{v},$$

then  $\underline{b}^{**}$  is an upper bound of  $\{\underline{a}, \underline{b}\}$ , it is also a supremum of  $\{\underline{a}, \underline{b}\}$ .

Put  $\underline{a}^* = (\underline{a} + \underline{b}) - \underline{b}^{**}$ . It is easily proved that  $\underline{a}^*$  is an infimum of  $\{\underline{a}, \underline{b}\}$ . Hence  $\langle FM(R), \leq^* \rangle$

is a lattice and we have  $\underline{a}^* + \underline{b}^{**} = \underline{a} \wedge \underline{b} + \underline{a} \vee \underline{b} = \underline{a} + \underline{b}$  evidently.

Now suppose that  $\underline{a}_{\lambda} \in FM(R)$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $\{\underline{a}_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  are bounded above, and  $\Lambda \subseteq FM(R)$  is a set of all upper bound of  $\{\underline{a}_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ , then  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\underline{u} \in \Lambda$ . Put  $\underline{u}_{\alpha} = [u, M_{\alpha}^{(u)}]$ , and write

$$\underline{a} = \inf_{u \in \Lambda} \underline{u}, \quad M_{\alpha}^{(a)} = \inf_{u \in \Lambda} M_{\alpha}^{(u)}$$

We can also prove that  $\underline{a} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [a, M_{\alpha}^{(a)}]$  is a supremum of  $\{\underline{a}_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ . Thereby  $\leq^*$  is order —Complete. \*

**Theorem 3.1.**  $\langle FM(R), +, \leq^* \rangle$  is a square lattice.

Notice that  $\underline{a} \in FS(R)$ , then  $\underline{a}_{\alpha} = [m_{\alpha}^{(a)}, a]$ . Put

$$-\underline{a} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [-a, -m_{\alpha}^{(a)}],$$

then  $-\underline{a} \in FM(R)$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in FS(R)$ .

$$(1) \quad \underline{a} + \underline{b} \triangleq -[(-\underline{a}) + (-\underline{b})].$$

$$(2) \quad \underline{a} \leq^{**} \underline{b} \text{ iff } -\underline{a} \leq^* -\underline{b} \text{ in } FM(R).$$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $\langle FS(R), +, \leq^{**} \rangle$  is a square lattice.

Observe that if  $\underline{a} \in FN(R)$ , then  $\underline{a}_{\alpha} = [m_{\alpha}^{(a)}, M_{\alpha}^{(a)}]$ .

Let

$$\underline{a}^{**} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [m_{\alpha}^{(a)}, a], \quad \underline{a}^* = \bigcup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \alpha \cdot [a, M_{\alpha}^{(a)}],$$

then  $\underline{a}^{**} \in FS(R)$ ,  $\underline{a}^* \in FM(R)$ . We write  $\underline{a} = \widehat{\underline{a}^{**} + \underline{a}^*}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in FN(R)$ ,

$$(1) \quad \underline{a} + \underline{b} \triangleq (\underline{a}^* + \underline{b}^*) \widehat{+} (\underline{a}^{**} + \underline{b}^{**}).$$

$$(2) \quad \underline{a} \leq \underline{b} \text{ iff } \underline{a}^* \leq^* \underline{b}^* \text{ in } FM(R) \text{ and } \underline{a}^{**} \leq^{**} \underline{b}^{**} \text{ in } FS(R).$$

**Theorem 3.3.**  $\langle FN(R), +, \leq \rangle$  is a square lattice.

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