

## Differential and integral mean value theorems of fuzzy functions

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Abstract: In this paper we introduce relationships of precedence or quasiequality between any two fuzzy numbers, then give maximum [minimum] value theorem and intermediate value theorem of continuous fuzzy functions on closed interval. We discuss necessary and sufficient condition of monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] fuzzy functions, and discuss necessary condition and two decision theorems of extreme value. Finally we give the Rolle's mean value theorem, Lagrange's mean value theorem and a integral mean value theorem of fuzzy functions.

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The definitions of differentiate and integrate of fuzzy functions have been given in [1,2,4,5,6] and some properties of differentiate and integrate of fuzzy functions have been studied in them. But the properties of continuous fuzzy functions, extreme value of fuzzy functions, differential and integral mean value theorems of fuzzy functions haven't been studied so far. In this paper we discuss these questions.

We use parameterized triples  $\{(s(r), t(r), r) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$  to represent fuzzy numbers  $\mu$ , and introduce relationships of precedence  $\infty$  or quasiequality  $\approx$  between any two fuzzy numbers. Dubois [7] indicated that the derivative of fuzzy functions of [6] needn't be fuzzy numbers. So in this paper, we adopt the definitions of differentiate and integrate of fuzzy functions of [3] and [1] respectively.

## 1. Fuzzy numbers

Definition 1.1 [6] A fuzzy number is a fuzzy set  $\mu: R \rightarrow I = [0, 1]$  with the properties

- (1)  $\mu$  is upper semicontinuous,
- (2)  $\mu(x) = 0$ , outside of some interval  $[c, d]$ ,
- (3) there are real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $c \leq a \leq b \leq d$  such that  $\mu$  is increasing on  $[c, a]$ , decreasing on  $[b, d]$ , and  $\mu(x) = 1$  for each  $x \in [a, b]$ .

We let  $F$  denotes the family of fuzzy numbers.

We can identify a fuzzy number  $\mu$  with the parameterized triples

$$\{(s(r), t(r), r) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\} \quad (1)$$

where  $s(r)$  and  $t(r)$  denote the left hand endpoint and right hand endpoint of  $r$ -level subsets of  $\mu$  respectively.

Let  $T(\mu) = \int_0^1 r [s(r) + t(r)] dr$ ,  $T(\mu)$  is a real number.

The relationship between the parameterized triples and fuzzy numbers can be illustrated by theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 1.2** [6] Suppose that  $s: I \rightarrow R$  and  $t: I \rightarrow R$  satisfy the conditions

- (1)  $s$  is a bounded increasing function,
- (2)  $t$  is a bounded decreasing function,
- (3)  $s(1) < t(1)$ ,
- (4) for  $0 < k < 1$ ,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow k^-} s(r) = s(k)$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow k^+} t(r) = t(k)$ ,
- (5)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} s(r) = s(0)$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} t(r) = t(0)$ .

Then  $\mu: R \rightarrow I$  defined by

$$\mu(x) = \sup\{r \mid s(r) < x < t(r)\}$$

is a fuzzy number with parameterization given by (1). Moreover, if  $\mu: R \rightarrow I$  is a fuzzy number with parameterization given by (1), then the functions  $s$  and  $t$  satisfy conditions (1) - (5).

**Definition 1.3** [8] A fuzzy number  $\mu$  is positive fuzzy number if  $\mu(x) = 0$ , for each  $x < 0$ .

A fuzzy number  $\mu$  is negative fuzzy number if  $\mu(x) = 0$ , for each  $x > 0$ .

**Definition 1.4** [8] Suppose  $\mu = \{(s(r), t(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$  and  $\nu = \{(p(r), q(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$  are any two fuzzy numbers. The operator  $*$  is defined by

$$(\mu * \nu)(z) = \bigvee_{z=x*y} (\mu(x) \wedge \nu(y))$$

where  $*$  can represent  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$  or  $\div$ .

The proof of following formulas are straightforward.

$$\mu + \nu = \{(s(r) + p(r), t(r) + q(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\},$$

$$\mu - \nu = \{(s(r) - q(r), t(r) - p(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\},$$

$$\mu \times \nu = \{(e(r), f(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\},$$

where  $e(r) = \min(s(r)p(r), s(r)q(r), t(r)p(r), t(r)q(r))$ ,

$$f(r) = \max(s(r)p(r), s(r)q(r), t(r)p(r), t(r)q(r)),$$

$\mu \div \nu$  is a fuzzy number when  $\nu$  is a positive or negative fuzzy number, and

$$\mu \div \nu = \{(e(r), f(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\},$$

where  $e(r) = \min(s(r)/p(r), s(r)/q(r), t(r)/p(r), t(r)/q(r))$ ,

$$f(r) = \max(s(r)/p(r), s(r)/q(r), t(r)/p(r), t(r)/q(r)).$$

Suppose  $k$  is a real number, we define the scalar product by

$$k\mu = \{(ks(r), kt(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}.$$

**Definition 1.5** [6] Suppose  $\mu = \{(s(r), t(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ ,  $\nu = \{(p(r), q(r), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$  are any two fuzzy numbers. Then  $\mu$  precedes  $\nu$  ( $\mu \infty \nu$ ) if

$$T(\mu) = \int_0^1 r [s(r) + t(r)] dr < T(\nu) = \int_0^1 r [p(r) + q(r)] dr$$

The character of definition 1.5 is any two elements in  $F$  are comparable under  $\infty$ , and give less importance to the lower levels of fuzzy numbers when

compare the two elements in  $F$ .

**Definition 1.6** The two fuzzy numbers  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are called quasiequality ( $\mu \approx \nu$ ) if

$$T(\mu) = \int_0^1 r [s(r) + t(r)] dr = T(\nu) = \int_0^1 r [p(r) + q(r)] dr.$$

**Lemma 1.7** Suppose  $M$  is a real number, then at least exist one fuzzy number  $\mu$ , so that  $T(\mu) = M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mu(x) = 1$ , if  $x = M$ ;  $\mu(x) = 0$ , otherwise. then  $T(\mu) = M$ .

## 2. Properties of continuous fuzzy functions

**Definition 2.1** [3] A function  $f: R \rightarrow F$ ,  $X \rightarrow f(x)$  is said to be a fuzzy function.  $f(x)$  can be represented parametrically by

$$\{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$$

Let  $T(f(x)) = \int_0^1 r [s(r, x) + t(r, x)] dr$ .

$T(f(x))$  is a real function.

**Definition 2.2** [3] Suppose that  $f: R \rightarrow F$  is a fuzzy function and that for each  $x$ ,  $f(x)$  is represented parametrically by  $\{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ .  $f(x)$  is called continuous fuzzy function on  $R$  if for any  $r \in (0, 1)$ , both  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  are continuous real functions on  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.3** If  $f(x)$  is a continuous fuzzy function on some interval, then  $T(f(x))$  is a continuous function.

**Proof.** It is straightforward from the definition of  $T(f(x))$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Suppose  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two continuous fuzzy functions at  $x' \in R$ , then  $f(x) \pm g(x)$ ,  $f(x) \times g(x)$  are continuous fuzzy functions at same point  $x'$ .  $f(x) \div g(x)$  is a continuous fuzzy function if  $g(x)$  is positive or negative fuzzy function and  $g(x) \neq \theta$ . Where  $\theta = \{0, 0, r \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ .

**Proof.** Immediately from definition 1.4 and definition 2.2.

**Theorem 2.5** [Maximum value theorem] Suppose  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow F$  is a continuous fuzzy function, then  $f(x)$  can get maximum [minimum] value on  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof.** From lemma 2.3, we are sure  $T(f(x))$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , so  $T(f(x))$  can get maximum [minimum] value on  $[a, b]$ . From definition 1.5 the maximum [minimum] value point of  $T(f(x))$  exact the maximum [minimum] value point of  $f(x)$ .

**Theorem 2.6** [Bounded theorem] If fuzzy function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow F$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f(x)$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ . That is, exist fuzzy numbers  $\mu'$  and  $\mu''$ , such that  $\mu' \infty f(x) \infty \mu''$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Proof.**  $T(f(x))$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  from lemma 2.3. So exist real numbers  $M'$  and  $M''$ , such that  $M' < T(f(x)) < M''$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$ . From lemma 1.7, exist fuzzy numbers  $\mu'$  and  $\mu''$ , so that  $T(\mu') = M'$  and  $T(\mu'') = M''$ . Then from definition 1.5, we can sure  $\mu' \infty f(x) \infty \mu''$  satisfy demand of the theorem.

**Theorem 2.7** [Intermediate value theorem] Suppose  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow F$  is a continuous fuzzy function,  $\mu'$  and  $\mu''$  are maximum value and minimum value of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  respectively, then for any  $v$ ,  $\mu' \approx v \approx \mu''$ , exist  $\xi \in [a, b]$ , such that  $f(\xi) \approx v$ .

**Proof.** From definition 1.5, we can be sure  $T(\mu')$  and  $T(\mu'')$  are maximum value and minimum value of  $T(f(x))$  on  $[a, b]$  respectively, and  $T(\mu') \leq T(v) \leq T(\mu'')$ , so exist  $\xi \in [a, b]$ , such that  $T(f(\xi)) = T(v)$ . From definition 1.6,  $f(\xi) \approx v$ .

### 3. Differentiate and extreme value of fuzzy functions

**Definition 3.1** [3] Suppose  $f(x) = \{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$  is a fuzzy function which is defined on  $R$ . We say  $f(x)$  is derivable on  $R$  if both  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  are derivable on  $R$  for any  $r \in [a, b]$ , and  $f'(x)$  is defined by

$$f'(x) = \bigcup_{r \in [0, 1]} r [\min(s_x(r, x), t_x(r, x)), \max(s_x(r, x), t_x(r, x))]$$

$f'(x)$  is a fuzzy function also. Where  $s_x(r, x)$  and  $t_x(r, x)$  are the partial derivatives of  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  respect to  $x$ .

**Definition 3.2** [3] Suppose  $f(x) = \{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$  is a fuzzy function which is defined on  $[a, b]$ .  $f(x)$  is said to preserve order derivable [reverse order derivable] on  $[a, b]$  if both  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  are derivable on  $[a, b]$  for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s_x(r, x) \leq t_x(r, x)$  [ $t_x(r, x) \leq s_x(r, x)$ ], and  $[s_x(r', x), t_x(r', x)] \geq [s_x(r'', x), t_x(r'', x)]$  when  $r' \leq r''$ .

**Definition 3.3** Suppose  $f'(x)$  is a derived function of fuzzy function  $f(x)$ . If  $f'(x)$  is derivable on  $[a, b]$ , then the derived function of  $f'(x)$  is called the second order derived function of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ , represent by  $f''(x)$ .

$f''(x)$  is called second preserving order derived [reversing order derived] function of  $f(x)$  if  $f'(x)$  is preserving order derived [reversing order derived] function of  $f(x)$  and  $f''(x)$  is preserving order derived [reversing order derived] function of  $f'(x)$ .

**Notation 3.4** In order to discuss conveniently, all derivable functions what we use in the following are preserving order derivable functions, and

$$f'(x) = \{(s_x(r, x), t_x(r, x), r) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\}.$$

**Definition 3.5** [6] A fuzzy function  $f: R \rightarrow F$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] if

$$f(x') \approx f(x''), \text{ when } x' \leq x'' \quad [f(x'') \approx f(x'), \text{ when } x' \leq x''] .$$

**Definition 3.6** Suppose  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow F$  is a continuous fuzzy function.  $f(x)$  is said to have maximum [minimum] value  $f(y)$  at point  $y \in [a, b]$  if exist a neighbourhood  $U(y)$ , such that for any  $x \in U(y)$ ,  $f(x) \approx f(y)$  [ $f(y) \approx f(x)$ ].  $y$  is called maximum [minimum] value point. Both maximum [minimum] value

are called extreme value.

**Lemma 3.7** (i) [6] A fuzzy function  $f: R \rightarrow F$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $T(f): R \rightarrow R$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] on  $[a, b]$ .

(2) If  $f(x)$  is derivable on some interval, then  $T(f(x))$  is derivable on same interval.

(3)  $0 \in f'(x)$  [ $f'(x) \in 0$ ] if and only if  $0 \leq T'(f(x))$  [ $T'(f(x)) \leq 0$ ].

**Theorem 3.8** Suppose  $f: R \rightarrow F$  is derivable at every points, then  $f(x)$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] if and only if  $0 \in f'(x)$  [ $f'(x) \in 0$ ].

**Proof.** From lemma 3.7, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $T(f(x))$  is derivable.  $f(x)$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing] if and only if  $T(f(x))$  is monotonic increasing [monotonic decreasing], if and only if  $0 \leq T'(f(x))$  [ $T'(f(x)) \leq 0$ ], from lemma 3.7,  $0 \leq T'(f(x))$  [ $T'(f(x)) \leq 0$ ] if and only if  $0 \in f'(x)$  [ $f'(x) \in 0$ ].

**Theorem 3.9** Suppose fuzzy function  $f(x)$  have definition on the neighbourhood  $U(y)$ ,  $f(x)$  is derivable and get maximum value or minimum value at point  $y$ , then  $f'(y) \approx 0$ .

**Proof.** From the conditions of this theorem, we know that  $T(f(x))$  have definition on the neighbourhood  $U(y)$ , and  $T(f(x))$  is derivable and get maximum value or minimum value at point  $y$ . So  $0 = T'(f(y)) = \int_0^1 r(s_x(r, y) + t_x(r, y)) dr$ , from definition 1.6, we have  $f'(y) \approx 0$ .

**Theorem 3.10** [Necessary condition of extreme value] If  $y$  is extreme point of fuzzy function  $f(x)$ , then  $y$  is null point of  $f'(x)$  or inderivable point of  $f(x)$ .

**Proof.** For  $y$  is extreme point of  $f(x)$ , we can be sure  $y$  is extreme point of  $T(f(x))$ , So  $y$  is null point of  $T'(f(x))$  or inderivable point of  $T(f(x))$ . From definition 1.6, the null point of  $T'(f(x))$  is null point of  $f'(x)$ , and from  $T(f(x)) = \int_0^1 r(s(r, x) + t(r, x)) dr$  is inderivable at point  $y$ , we can get at less one of  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  is inderivable at point  $y$ , so  $f(x)$  is inderivable at point  $y$ .

**Theorem 3.11** [Decision theorem of extreme value I] Suppose fuzzy function  $f(x)$  is derivable on  $(y-\delta, y)$  and  $(y, y+\delta)$  (where  $\delta > 0$ ), then

(1)  $y$  is minimum value point if  $f'(x) \in 0$  for every  $x \in (y-\delta, y)$  and  $0 \in f'(x)$  for every  $x \in (y, y+\delta)$ ;

(2)  $y$  is maximum value point if  $0 \in f'(x)$  for every  $x \in (y-\delta, y)$  and  $f'(x) \in 0$  for every  $x \in (y, y+\delta)$ .

(3)  $y$  is not extreme point if  $f'(x)$  preserve symbol on  $(y-\delta, y)$  and  $(y, y+\delta)$ .

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward from theorem 3.8.

**Theorem 3.12** [Decision theorem of extreme value II] Suppose  $f(x)$  is a fuzzy

function,  $f'(y) \approx 0$ ,

(1)  $f(y)$  is maximum value if  $f''(y) \ll 0$ ;

(2)  $f(y)$  is minimum value if  $0 \ll f''(y)$ .

Proof. (1) Suppose  $f(x) = \{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ , then  $f'(x) = \{(s_x(r, x), t_x(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ ,  $f''(x) = \{(s_{xx}(r, x), t_{xx}(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$ , from  $f'(y) \approx 0$  and  $f''(y) \ll 0$ , we have  $T'(f(y)) = 0$  and  $T''(f(y)) \ll 0$ , so  $y$  is maximum value point of  $T(f(x))$ , then  $f(y)$  is maximum value of  $f(x)$ .

(2) The proof is similar to (1).

#### 4. Differential mean value theorems of fuzzy functions

**Theorem 4.1** [Rolle's mean value theorem] Suppose fuzzy function  $f(x)$  satisfy the conditions

(1)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,

(2)  $f(x)$  is derivable on  $(a, b)$ ,

(3)  $f(a) \approx f(b)$ ,

then at less exist one point  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , such that  $f'(\xi) \approx 0$ .

Proof. From lemma 3.7 and conditions of this theorem we have  $T(f(x))$  satisfies the conditions of crisp Rolle's mean value theorem, so at less exist one point  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , such that  $T'(f(\xi)) = 0$ . From definition 1.6 we know  $f'(\xi) \approx 0$ .

**Theorem 4.2** [Lagrange's mean value theorem] Suppose fuzzy function  $f(x)$  satisfy the conditions

(1)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,

(2)  $f(x)$  is derivable on  $(a, b)$ ,

then at less exist one point  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , such that

$$f'(\xi) \approx [f(b) - f(a)] / (b - a)$$

Proof. From lemma 3.7 and conditions of this theorem we have  $T(f(x))$  satisfies the conditions of crisp Lagrange's mean value theorem, so at less exist one point  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , such

$$T'(f(\xi)) = [T(f(b)) - T(f(a))] / (b - a)$$

$$= [\int_0^1 r(s(r, b) + t(r, b)) dr - \int_0^1 r(s(r, a) + t(r, a)) dr] / (b - a)$$

$$= \int_0^1 r \{ [s(r, b) - t(r, a)] / (b - a) + [t(r, b) - s(r, a)] / (b - a) \} dr$$

from definition 1.6 we know

$$f'(\xi) \approx [f(b) - f(a)] / (b - a).$$

**Corollary 4.3** Suppose  $f(x)$  is a fuzzy function, and  $f'(x) \approx 0$  for any  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f(x') \approx f(x'')$  for any  $x', x'' \in (a, b)$ .

Proof. For any two point  $x', x'' \in (a, b)$ , suppose  $x' < x''$ , from Lagrange's mean value theorem we have  $f(x'') - f(x') \approx f'(\xi)(x'' - x')$ , but  $f'(\xi) \approx 0$ , therefore  $f(x'') \approx f(x')$ .

**Corollary 4.4** Suppose  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two fuzzy function, and  $f'(x) \approx g'(x)$  for any  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f(x) \approx g(x) + \mu$  for any  $x \in (a, b)$  (where  $\mu$  is

a fuzzy number).

Proof. The proof is immediate from corollary 4.3.

### 5. Integral mean value theorem of fuzzy functions

Definition 5.1 [1] Suppose  $f(x) = \{(s(r, x), t(r, x), r) \mid 0 < r < 1\}$  is a fuzzy function, we call  $f(x)$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if both  $s(r, x)$  and  $t(r, x)$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  for any  $r \in (0, 1)$ . The integration of  $f(x)$  is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \bigcup_{r \in (0, 1)} \left[ \int_a^b s(r, x) dx, \int_a^b t(r, x) dx \right].$$

$\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is a fuzzy function also.

Theorem 5.2 Suppose  $f(x)$  is a continuous fuzzy function on  $[a, b]$ , then exist  $\xi \in [a, b]$ , such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx f(\xi)(b-a).$$

Proof. Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , from maximum value theorem 2.5 we know, exist two fuzzy numbers  $m$  and  $M$ , such that  $m \in f(x) \in M$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , then  $m(b-a) \in \int_a^b f(x) dx \in M(b-a)$ . Now from intermediate value theorem 2.7 we have, exist  $\xi \in [a, b]$ , such that  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx f(\xi)(b-a)$ .

### 6. Concluding remarks

Especially, if the fuzzy function  $f(x)$  is a crisp function, the results of this paper are also satisfactory, and these results accord with the theory of crisp function.

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