

# Fuzzy – Interval Distribution Numbers and the Interval Quasi – Probability Metrics

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we first introduce fuzzy – interval distribution numbers and their an extended add operation. And then on the basis of this, We study the relations between interval quasi – probability metrics and pseudo – metrics. Consequently another effective method is provied with further discussion of ordinary quasi – probability metric spaces.

**Keywords** Fuzzy – interval distribution numbers; extended addition; interval quasi – probability metrics; pseudo – metrics.

## 1. Introduction

Interval valued fuzzy sets were suggested at first by Gorzalczany M. B. [1] and Turksen I. B. [2]. They had been applied to the fields of engineering technique etc. Meng [3] studied interval valued fuzzy sets in detail and deeply, At the same time their decomposition theorems and representation theorems are established. Wang [4] defined ordinary interval valued fuzzy numbers on an closed bounded interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , discussed some important properties and comparison problems of interval valued fuzzy sets. In this paper, we first define fuzzy – interval distribution numbers, and then give their an extended add operation. Second, by introducing the concepts of the interval quasi – probability metrics. Furthermore, we investagate the relations between them and ordinary pseudo – metrics. It will provide the applications of the theories of interval valued fuzzy sets with another effective method.

## 2 Fuzzy – interval distribution numbers

Throughout this paper, let  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $R$  denote the set of all real numbers.

Write  $\{I\} = \{[a, b] \mid a \leq b, a, b \in I\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For any  $[a_t, b_t] \in \{I\}, t \in T$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_{t \in T} a_t &= \inf \{a_t \mid t \in T\}; & \bigvee_{t \in T} a_t &= \sup \{a_t \mid t \in T\}; \\ \bigwedge_{t \in T} [a_t, b_t] &= [\bigwedge_{t \in T} a_t, \bigwedge_{t \in T} b_t]; & \bigvee_{t \in T} [a_t, b_t] &= [\bigvee_{t \in T} a_t, \bigvee_{t \in T} b_t]. \end{aligned}$$

Especially, whenever  $[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2] \in \{I\}$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} [a_1, b_1] &= [a_2, b_2] \quad \text{iff} \quad a_1 = a_2, \quad b_1 = b_2; \\ [a_1, b_1] &\leq [a_2, b_2] \quad \text{iff} \quad a_1 \leq a_2, \quad b_1 \leq b_2; \end{aligned}$$

$[a_1, b_1] < [a_2, b_2]$  iff  $[a_1, b_1] \leq [a_2, b_2]$  and  $[a_1, b_1] \neq [a_2, b_2]$ .

Obviously,  $([I], \leq, \wedge, \vee)$  constitutes a complete lattice with a minimal element  $\bar{0} = [0, 0]$  and a maximal element  $\bar{1} = [1, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let a mapping  $P: R \rightarrow [I]$ ,  $x \rightarrow P(x) = [P^-(x), P^+(x)] \in [I]$ . If the following conditions are satisfied.

- (1) real functions  $P^-$  and  $P^+$  are monotone nondecreasing;
- (2)  $P^-$  and  $P^+$  are left continuous;
- (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} P^-(x) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} P^+(x) = 1$ .

Then  $P$  is called a fuzzy - interval distribution number. If  $P$  satisfies  $P(0) = \bar{0}$  besides above conditions. Then  $P$  is called a positive fuzzy - interval distribution number. Let  $\Delta(H)$  denote the set of all fuzzy - interval distribution numbers. Let  $\Delta(H_+)$  denote the set of all positive fuzzy - interval distribution numbers.

Whenever  $P \in \Delta(H_+)$ , obviously, if  $x \leq 0$ . Then we have  $\bar{0} \leq P(x) \leq P(0) = \bar{0}$ . i. e,  $P(x) \equiv \bar{0}$ . Therefore, we may regard positive fuzzy - interval distribution numbers as a mapping from  $(0, \infty)$  to  $[I]$ .

In fact, fuzzy - interval distribution numbers are special interval valued fuzzy sets.  $P^-$  and  $P^+$  are ordinary fuzzy sets.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $P, Q \in \Delta(H_+)$ , define order " $\leq$ ";  $P \leq Q$  iff  $Q(x) \leq P(x)$ , for all  $x \in (0, +\infty)$

Epecially,  $(\Delta(H_+), \leq)$  constitutes a partial ordered set.

$$\text{Letting } H(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{0} & x \leq 0 \\ \bar{1} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

We easily know that  $H \in \Delta(H_+)$  and  $H$  is a minimal element in  $\Delta(H_+)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $P \in \Delta(H)$ . For arbitrary  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ . Let  $P_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} = \{x \in R \mid P^-(x) \geq \lambda_1, P^+(x) \geq \lambda_2\}$ . Then  $P_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}$  is called a  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$  - level set of  $P$ .

By the definition of fuzzy - interval distribution numbers, we can prove that  $P_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}$  is a closed interval formed as  $[a, +\infty)$  on  $R$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $P, Q \in \Delta(H)$ . For all  $z \in R$ . we define

$(P \oplus Q)(z) = \bigvee_{z = x + y} [P^-(x) \wedge Q^-(y), P^+(x) \wedge Q^+(y)]$ . Then  $(P \oplus Q)$  is said to an extended add operation of fuzzy - interval distribution numbers.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $P, Q \in \Delta(H)$ . Then  $(P \oplus Q) \in \Delta(H)$ . In particular, if  $P, Q \in \Delta(H_+)$ . Then  $(P \oplus Q) \in \Delta(H_+)$ .

**Proof.** By definition 2.5, it is easy to prove the monotonicity with respect to  $(P \oplus Q)$ . Now we proof its left continuity. For each  $x_0 \in R$ , we choose a sequence  $x_n \uparrow x_0$ . By definition 2.5 and the definition of supremum, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $x_0, y_0 \in R$ , such that  $x_0 = x_0 + y_0$  and  $P^-(x_0) \wedge Q^-(y_0) \geq (P \oplus Q)^-(x_0) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  where  $(P \oplus Q)(x_0) = [(P \oplus Q)^-(x_0), (P \oplus Q)^+(x_0)]$

Since  $\wedge$  is T-module continuous. Thus for above  $\epsilon > 0$ , as for  $P$  and  $Q$ , there exists a common  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(P^-(x_0) - \delta) \wedge (Q^-(y_0) - \delta) \geq P^-(x_0) \wedge Q^-(y_0) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Further, letting sequences  $x_n \uparrow x_0, y_n \uparrow y_0$  and  $z_n = x_n + y_n$

Then from the left continuity of  $P^-$  and  $Q^-$ , for above  $\delta > 0$ , there exists a natural number  $N$ , whenever  $n \geq N$ , we obtain  $P^-(x_n) \geq P^-(x_0) - \delta$  and  $Q^-(y_n) \geq Q^-(y_0) - \delta$ . consequently,  $(P \oplus Q)^-(z_n) \geq P^-(x_n) \wedge Q^-(y_n) \geq (P^-(x_0) - \delta) \wedge (Q^-(y_0) - \delta)$

$$\geq P^-(x_0) \wedge Q^-(y_0) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \geq (P \oplus Q)^-(x_0) - \epsilon.$$

i. e.,  $(P \oplus Q)^-$  is left continuous. We can prove that  $(P \oplus Q)^+$  is also left continuous by the similar way.

Second, By  $\wedge$  is T-module continuous, then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ . We choose  $0 < \delta \leq \epsilon$ . From the left continuity of  $P^-$  and  $Q^-$ , we know that there exists  $x_0, y_0 \in R$ , such that  $P^-(x_0) \geq 1 - \delta$  and  $Q^-(y_0) \geq 1 - \delta$ .

By the monotonicity of  $(P \oplus Q)^-$ , we can obtain that  $(P \oplus Q)^-(z) \geq P^-(x_0) \wedge Q^-(y_0) \geq 1 - \delta \geq 1 - \epsilon$  whenever  $z > x_0 + y_0$ . Thus  $\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} (P \oplus Q)^-(z) = 1$ .

Similarly,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} (P \oplus Q)^+(z) = 1$  i. e.,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} (P \oplus Q)(z) = \bar{1}$ . By the similar method, we get  $\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} (P \oplus Q)(z) = \bar{0}$ . The proof is omitted.

Finally, if  $P, Q \in \Delta(H_+)$ . From  $P(0) = \bar{0}$  and  $Q(0) = \bar{0}$ , we show that  $(P \oplus Q)^-(0) = (P \oplus Q)^+(0) = 0$ . Therefore  $(P \oplus Q) \in \Delta(H_+)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $P, Q \in \Delta(H)$ . Then for arbitrary  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ ,

$$(P \oplus Q)_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} = P_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} + Q_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}$$

**Proof.** By definition 2.4 and definition 2.5, we can proof it easily. So omit it.

### 3. Interval quasi - probability metrics.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be an ordinary set, mapping  $D: X \times X \rightarrow \Delta(H_+)$ . suppose  $D$  fulfills

- (1)  $D(x, x) = H$ ,
- (2)  $D(x, y) = D(y, x)$ ,
- (3)  $D(x, y) \leq D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y), \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$

Then  $D$  is called an interval quasi - probability metric on  $X$ . and triple  $(X, D, \oplus)$  is called an interval quasi - probability metric space

**Definition 3.2** Let mapping  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ . Assume  $\rho$  satisfies

- (1)  $\rho(x, x) = 0$                       (2)  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$   
 (3)  $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y), \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$

Then  $\rho$  is said to a pseudo - metric on  $X$ , and  $(X, \rho)$  is said to a pseudo - metric space.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $(X, D, \oplus)$  be an interval quasi - probability metric space. For any  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ . Let  $d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, y) = \inf \{z \in R \mid D(x, y)(z) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]\}$ . Then  $(X, d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]})$  is a pseudo - metric space.

**Proof.** For each  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ , From  $D(x, x) = H$ , we have  $(D(x, x))_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} = H_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} = [0, +\infty)$ .

Thus  $d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, x) = 0$  and  $d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, y) = d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(y, x)$  is obvious.

Further, by definition 2.3 and  $D(x, y) \leq D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y)$ ,

we view  $D(x, y)(z') \geq (D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y))(z')$ , for any  $z' \in R$ .

Hence  $(D(x, y))_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} \supset (D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y))_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}$  Taking infimum at two sides at the same time. We obtain  $d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, y) \leq d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, z) + d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(z, y)$ .

Therefore  $(X, d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]})$  is a pseudo - metric space.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $(X, d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]})$  be a pseudo - metric space. If  $d$  is monotone increasing with respect to  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ . Let  $D(x, y)(z) = \bigvee_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]} \{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \mid d_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}(x, y) \leq z\}$ .

Then  $D$  is an interval quasi - probability metric.

**Proof.** Simulating the proof of theorem 2.1, we can prove  $D(x, y) \in \Delta(H_+)$ . so omit it Obviously,  $D(x, x) = H$  and  $D(x, y) = D(y, x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

Applying definition 2.4 and the theorem of nested sets with respect to interval valued fuzzy sets in [3], for any  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \in [I]$ . We have

$$(D(x, y))_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} = \bigcup_{[\lambda', \lambda''] \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} [d_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}(x, y), +\infty) = [\inf_{[\lambda', \lambda''] \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]} d_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}(x, y), +\infty)$$

since  $d_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}(x, y) \leq d_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}(x, z) + d_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}(z, y), \quad \forall [\lambda', \lambda''] \in [I]$

Hence  $(D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y))_{[\lambda', \lambda'']} = (D(x, z))_{[\lambda', \lambda'']} + (D(z, y))_{[\lambda', \lambda'']} \subset (D(x, y))_{[\lambda', \lambda'']}$

By the decomposition theorem of interval valued fuzzy sets in [3], we have

$(D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y))(z') \leq D(x, y)(z')$ , for each  $z' \in R$ . From definition 2.3,

We show that  $D(x, y) \leq D(x, z) \oplus D(z, y)$ . Hence  $D$  is an interval quasi - probability metric.

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