

Fuzzy Set-Valued Class(D) Stochastic Processes

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Abstract: The concepts of fuzzy set-valued class (D) stochastic process and measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process are given. It is proved that a fuzzy set-valued stochastic process whose almost all trajectories are (d) right continuous is measurable. The criterion of fuzzy set-valued class (D) stochastic process is got.

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1. Introduction

The theory of fuzzy set-valued stochastic process and fuzzy set-valued martingale have been studied in [1],[2],[3]. But there are still many properties of fuzzy set-valued martingale to be studied. This paper's pupose is to discuss the properties of fuzzy set-valued class (D) process and measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process e.t.. We will give the criterion of fuzzy set-valued class (D) stochastic process.

For convenience, in section 2 we first introduce some basic definitions and results of fuzzy set-valued stochastic process ,which may be found in [1],[2]. We will give the main theorems in this paper and their proofs in section 3.

2. Some basic concepts of fuzzy set-valued stochastic process and main results

Let X be a n-dimension Euclidean space, $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$ be a complete probability measure space,

$\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ be a family of monotone increasing sub- σ -fields of \mathfrak{F} , $\mathfrak{F}_{\infty-} = \bigvee_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \mathfrak{F}_t$, \mathfrak{F}_{0-} , \mathfrak{F}_{∞} be sub- σ -fields of \mathfrak{F} and $\mathfrak{F}_{0-} \subset \mathfrak{F}_0$, $\mathfrak{F}_{\infty-} \subset \mathfrak{F}_{\infty}$ in this paper.

Let $\tilde{F}_0(X)$ be the family of all fuzzy sets $\tilde{A} : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ with properties:

- (1) \tilde{A} is upper semicontinuous,
- (2) \tilde{A} is fuzzy convex,
- (3) \tilde{A}_{α} is compact, for every $\alpha \in (0,1]$,

where $\tilde{A}_{\alpha} = \{x \in X : \tilde{A}(x) \geq \alpha\}$ is the α -level set of \tilde{A} .

If $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B} \in \tilde{F}_0(X)$, define the metric between \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} by

$$d(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \sup_{\alpha > 0} h(\tilde{A}_{\alpha}, \tilde{B}_{\alpha})$$

where h denotes the Hausdorff metric.

$(\tilde{F}_0(X), d)$ is a complete metric space.

A linear structure is defined in $(\tilde{F}_0(X), d)$ by

$$(\tilde{A} + \tilde{B})(x) = \sup\{\alpha \in [0,1] : x \in (\tilde{A}_{\alpha} + \tilde{B}_{\alpha})\}$$

$$(\lambda \tilde{A})(x) = \begin{cases} \tilde{A}(\lambda^{-1}x), & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \quad x \neq 0, \\ \sup_{y \in X} \tilde{A}(y), & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \quad x = 0, \end{cases}$$

for $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B} \in (\tilde{F}_0(X), d)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. It is easy to prove that $(\tilde{A} + \tilde{B})_{\alpha} = \tilde{A}_{\alpha} + \tilde{B}_{\alpha}$,

$(\lambda \tilde{A})_{\alpha} = \lambda \tilde{A}_{\alpha}$ for every $\alpha \in [0,1]$.

Definition 2.1. Let $\tilde{F} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow (\tilde{F}_0(X), d)$ be a mapping from (Ω, \mathfrak{F}) to $(\tilde{F}_0(X), d)$.

- (1) \tilde{F} is called a fuzzy set-valued random variable, if

$$\{\omega : \sup_{y \in C} (\tilde{F})(\omega)(x) \in B\} \in \mathfrak{F}$$

for any subset C of X and Borel's subset B of $[0,1]$, i.e. $B \in \mathbf{B}([0,1])$.

- (2) \tilde{F} is called \mathfrak{F} -level measurable, if \tilde{F}_{α} defined by $(\tilde{F})_{\alpha}(\omega) = (\tilde{F}(\omega))_{\alpha}$ for

every

$\omega \in \Omega$ is a random set for every $\alpha \in (0,1]$.

Theorem 2.1 The following two propositions are equivalent:

- (1) \tilde{F} is a fuzzy set-valued random variable.
- (2) \tilde{F} is \mathfrak{F} -level measurable.

Proof. See theorem 1.5.1 in [1]

Definition 2.2. Let $\tilde{F} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}_0(X)$ be a fuzzy set-valued random variable, \tilde{F} is called to

be integrable bounded if there exists a nonnegative integrable function f such that

$$\|\tilde{F}_\alpha(\omega)\| < f(\omega) \text{ for each } \alpha \in (0,1] \text{ and } \omega \in \Omega,$$

where $\|\tilde{F}_\alpha(\omega)\| = h\{\{0\}, \tilde{F}_\alpha(\omega)\}$

Define

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F} dP\right)(x) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in (0,1]} (\alpha \wedge I_{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F}_\alpha dP}(x))$$

where $\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F}_0 dP = X$ and call $\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F} dP$ to be integral of \tilde{F} on Ω .

Theorem 2.2. Let $\tilde{F} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}_0(X)$ be an integrable bounded fuzzy set-valued random variable, then $\left(\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F} dP\right)_\alpha = \int_{\Omega} \tilde{F}_\alpha dP$ for each $\alpha \in (0,1]$ and $\int_{\Omega} \tilde{F} dP \neq \Phi$.

Proof: See theorem 6.5.3 in [1].

Theorem 2.3. Let $\tilde{F} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}_0(X)$ be an integrable bounded fuzzy set-valued random variable, then for each sub- σ -field \mathfrak{F}_1 of \mathfrak{F} , there exists an unique \mathfrak{F}_1 -measurable fuzzy set-valued random variable \tilde{G} such that $\int_A \tilde{F} dP = \int_A \tilde{G} dP$ for each $A \in \mathfrak{F}_1$.

Proof: See theorem 6.5.4 [1].

Definition 2.3. Let $\tilde{F} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}_0(X)$ be an integrable bounded fuzzy set-valued random variable, \mathfrak{F}_1 be a sub- σ -field of \mathfrak{F} . $\tilde{G} : (\Omega, \mathfrak{F}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}_0(X)$ is called a conditional expectation

of \tilde{F} with respect to the sub- σ -field \mathfrak{F}_1 of \mathfrak{F} , and is denoted as $E[\tilde{F}|\mathfrak{F}_1]$, if \tilde{G} is a \mathfrak{F}_1 -

measurable integrable bounded fuzzy set-valued random variable satisfying the following condition:

$$\int_A \tilde{F} dP = \int_A \tilde{G} dP \quad \text{for each } A \in \mathfrak{F}_1.$$

The conditional expectation of \tilde{F} with respect to the sub- σ -field \mathfrak{F}_1 of \mathfrak{F} is existent and a.s. unique and $(E[\tilde{F}|\mathfrak{F}_1](\omega))_\alpha = E[\tilde{F}_\alpha|\mathfrak{F}_1](\omega)$ a.s. by theorem 2.2, theorem 2.3.

Definition 2.4. Let T be a set. The family of fuzzy random variables $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in T}$ is called a fuzzy set-valued stochastic process with the set T of parameters.

Definition 2.5. Let $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ be a family of sub- σ -fields of \mathfrak{F} , $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ be a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ -adapted integrably bounded fuzzy set-valued stochastic process, i.e. \tilde{F}_t is \mathfrak{F}_t -measurable and integrably bounded for each $t \in R_+$. $\{\tilde{F}_t; \mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is said to be a fuzzy set-valued martingale (resp. supermartingale, submartingale) if

$$E[\tilde{F}_t|\mathfrak{F}_s] = \tilde{F}_s \quad (\text{resp. } \subseteq \tilde{F}_s, \supseteq \tilde{F}_s) \quad \text{a.s. for } s < t, s, t \in R_+.$$

Definition 2.6. A real function T defined on (Ω, \mathfrak{F}) is called a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ stopping time if $\{\omega : T(\omega) < t\} \in \mathfrak{F}_t$ for each $t \in R_+$.

Definition 2.7. A fuzzy set-valued stochastic process $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is called measurable if

$$\{(t, \omega) : \sup_{x \in C} \tilde{F}_t(\omega)(x) \in B\} \in \mathbf{B}(R_+) \times \mathfrak{F}$$

for any closed C of X and any Borel's subset B of $[0,1]$.

A $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ -adapted fuzzy set-valued stochastic process $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is called progressive measurable if

$$\{(s, \omega) \in [0, t] \times \Omega : \sup_{x \in C} \tilde{F}_s(\omega)(x) \in B\} \in \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t.$$

Definition 2.8. A family of fuzzy set-valued variables $\{\tilde{F}_t : t \in T\}$ is said to be uniformly integrable if

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\{\omega : \|(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega)\| \geq c\}} \|(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha\| dp = 0 \quad \text{uniformly holds for } t \in T \text{ and } \alpha \in (0,1],$$

where $\|(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega)\| = h(\{0\}, (\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega))$ is the Hausdorff metric between $\{0\}$ and $(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega)$.

Definition 2.9 . A $\{\mathfrak{T}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ -adapted measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is said to be a fuzzy set-valued class (D) process if $\{\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty)} : T \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ is uniformly integrable, where \mathfrak{R} is the set of all $\{\mathfrak{T}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ stopping times.

Respectively, when $\{F_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is $\{\mathfrak{T}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ -adapted set-valued stochastic process, we also define some concepts like those above concepts of fuzzy set-valued stochastic process.

3. Main theorems and their proofs

Theorem 3.1. If almost all trajectories of a fuzzy set-valued stochastic process $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ are right continuous with respect to the metric d , then $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process.

Proof. Since almost all trajectories of $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ are right continuous, there exists a $N \in \mathfrak{T}$, $P(N)=0$ such that

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} d(\tilde{F}_t(\omega), \tilde{F}_{t_0}(\omega)) = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} \{ \sup_{\alpha \in (0,1]} h((\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega), (\tilde{F}_{t_0})_\alpha(\omega)) \} = 0$$

for $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $\omega \notin N$. Then

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} h((\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega), (\tilde{F}_{t_0})_\alpha(\omega)) = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} \{ \sup_{x \in X} |d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega)) - d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_{t_0})_\alpha(\omega))| \} = 0$$

for each $\alpha \in (0,1]$, where d_ε is the metric in Euclid space X . Hence

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega)) = d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_{t_0})_\alpha(\omega))$$

for each $x \in X$. Therefore $\{d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega))\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a stochastic process whose almost all trajectories are continuous for each $\alpha \in (0,1]$. Thus $\{d_\varepsilon(x, (\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha(\omega))\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a measurable stochastic process for each $\alpha \in (0,1]$ and further $\{(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a measurable set-valued stochastic process for each $\alpha \in (0,1]$. Thereby $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process .

Theorem 3.2. Let $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ be a $\{\mathfrak{T}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ -adapted fuzzy set-valued stochastic process whose all trajectories are right continuous with respect to the metric d . Then $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a progressive measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process.

In order to prove this theorem, firstly we give the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. Let $\{F_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ be a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ -adapted set-valued stochastic process whose trajectories are right continuous with respect to the metric h . Let F_t be integrably bounded for each $t \in R_+$. Then $\{F_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is a progressive measurable set-valued stochastic process.

Proof. Define a sequence of set-valued stochastic processes $\{F_s^{(n)}\}_{s \in [0,t]}$ as the following:

$$F_s^{(n)}(\omega) = F_0(\omega)I_{[S=0]} + \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} F_{\frac{kt}{2^n}}(\omega)I_{[\frac{(k-1)t}{2^n}, \frac{kt}{2^n}]}(s).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(s, \omega) \in [0, t] \times \Omega : F_s^{(n)}(\omega) \cap G \neq \Phi\} \\ &= \{0\} \times [\omega : F_0(\omega) \cap G \neq \Phi] \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} \left[\frac{(k-1)t}{2^n}, \frac{kt}{2^n} \right] \times [\omega : F_{\frac{kt}{2^n}}(\omega) \cap G \neq \Phi] \right\} \in \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t \end{aligned}$$

for each open subset G of X . Thus

$$\{(s, \omega) \in [0, t] \times \Omega : d_\varepsilon(x, F_s^{(n)}(\omega)) < r\} \in \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t$$

for each $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in X$ by corollary 1.1.2 in [1].

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(F_s^{(n)}(\omega), F_s(\omega)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sup_{x \in X} |d_\varepsilon(x, F_s^{(n)}(\omega)) - d_\varepsilon(x, F_s(\omega))| \right\} = 0$, then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\varepsilon(x, F_s^{(n)}(\omega)) = d_\varepsilon(x, F_s(\omega))$. Hence

$\{(s, \omega) \in [0, t] \times \Omega : d_\varepsilon(x, F_s(\omega)) < r\} \in \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t$ for each $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in X$. Thus

$\{(s, \omega) : F_s(\omega) \cap G \neq \Phi\} \in \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t$ by corollary 1.1.2 in [1]. Therefore $\{F_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is progressive measurable.

Proof of theorem 3.2: Since $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ -adapted fuzzy set-valued stochastic process whose trajectories are right continuous with respect to the metric d , for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, $\{(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha\}_{t \in R_+}$ is a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ -adapted set-valued stochastic process whose trajectories are right continuous with respect to the Hausdorff metric h . Then $\{(\tilde{F}_t)_\alpha\}_{t \in R_+}$ is a progressive measurable set-valued stochastic process for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ by lemma 3.1. Therefore $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in R_+}$ is a progressive measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process by theorem 2.1.

Theorem 3.3. Suppose $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ is a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -adapted progressive fuzzy set-valued stochastic process whose trajectories are left continuous with respect to the metric d , then $\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]}$ and

$\tilde{F}_T = \tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]} + \tilde{F}_\infty I_{[T = \infty]}$ are \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for every $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping time T, where
 $\mathfrak{F}_T = \{A \in \mathfrak{F}_\infty : A \cap [T \leq t] \in \mathfrak{F}_t \text{ for each } t \in R_+\}$.

In order to prove theorem 3.3 we first give the following lemma, i.e., lemma 3.2.

Lemma 3.2. Suppose $\{F_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ is a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -adapted progressive set-valued stochastic process whose trajectories are left continuous with respect to the Hausdorff metric h, then $F_T I_{[T < \infty]}$ and $F_T = F_T I_{[T < \infty]} + F_\infty I_{[T = \infty]}$ are \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for every $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping time T.

Proof. For each $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping time T, since $T \wedge t$ is \mathfrak{F}_t -measurable for each $t \in \bar{R}_+$, and $F_{T \wedge t}$ can be considered as the composition of the measurable mapping $\omega \mapsto (T(\omega) \wedge t, \omega)$ from (Ω, \mathfrak{F}_t) to $([0, t] \times \Omega, \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t)$ and the measurable set-valued mapping $(s, \omega) \mapsto F_s(\omega)$ from $([0, t] \times \Omega, \mathbf{B}([0, t]) \times \mathfrak{F}_t)$ to X. Then $F_{T \wedge t}$ is \mathfrak{F}_t -measurable. further

$$[F_T I_{[T < \infty]} \cap G \neq \Phi] \cap [T \leq t] = [F_{T \wedge t} \cap G \neq \Phi] \cap [T \leq t] \in \mathfrak{F}_t$$

for any open subset G of X and

$$F_T I_{[T < \infty]} = F_T \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_{[T < n]} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{T \wedge n} I_{[T < n]}$$

with respect to the Hausdorff metric h by the continuity of $\{F_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$. Then $F_T I_{[T < \infty]}$ is \mathfrak{F}_∞ -measurable. Consequently $[F_T I_{[T < \infty]} \cap G \neq \Phi] \in \mathfrak{F}_T$ for any open subset G of X, i.e. $F_T I_{[T < \infty]}$ is \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for each $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping T.

It can be proved easily by similar method that $F_T = F_T I_{[T < \infty]} + F_\infty I_{[T = \infty]}$ is \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for each $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping T.

Proof of theorem 3.3. Since for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, $\{(F_t)_\alpha\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ is a $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -adapted progressive set-valued stochastic process, and its trajectories are left continuous with respect to the Hausdorff metric h, then $(\tilde{F}_T)_\alpha I_{[T < \infty]}$ and

$$(\tilde{F}_T)_\alpha = (\tilde{F}_T)_\alpha I_{[T < \infty]} + (\tilde{F}_\infty)_\alpha I_{[T = \infty]}$$

are both \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for each $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping T by lemma 3.2. Thus $\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]}$ and $\tilde{F}_T = \tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]} + \tilde{F}_\infty I_{[T = \infty]}$ are both \mathfrak{F}_T -measurable for each $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{R}_+}$ -stopping time T by theorem 2.1.

Theorem 3.4. Let $\{\tilde{F}_t; \mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+}$ be a fuzzy set-valued submartingale and its almost all trajectories be right continuous with respect to the metric d , then $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+}$ is a fuzzy set-valued class (D) stochastic process.

Proof. By assumption and theorem 3.1, $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+}$ is a measurable fuzzy set-valued stochastic process and \tilde{F}_∞ is integrable bounded. Then $\{E[\tilde{F}_\infty | \mathfrak{F}_T]\}_{T \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}}$ is uniformly integrable by theorem 4.3 in [3], where $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ is the set of all $\{\mathfrak{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+}$ -stopping times and $E[\tilde{F}_\infty | \mathfrak{F}_T] \supseteq \tilde{F}_T$ a.s. by theorem 3.4 in [2]. Therefore $\{\tilde{F}_T\}_{T \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}}$ is uniformly integrable by theorem 4.1 in [3]. Since $\|(\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]})_\alpha\| \leq \|(\tilde{F}_T)_\alpha\|$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, then $\{(\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]})_\alpha : T \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}, \alpha \in (0, 1]\}$ is uniformly integrable. Thus $\{\tilde{F}_T I_{[T < \infty]} : T \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}\}$ is uniformly integrable. Further $\{\tilde{F}_t\}_{t \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+}$ is a fuzzy set-valued class (D) stochastic process.

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