

CHEBYSHEV'S FORM OF THE LAW OF LARGE  
NUMBERS FOR FUZZY NUMBERS

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In this paper Chebyshev's law of large numbers for fuzzy numbers in the framework of the possibility theory is representing. Results are formulating in terms of the additive generator of a triangular norm.

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1. **Introduction.** In this paper Chebyshev's fuzzy law of large numbers in the framework of theory possibility is formulate. Recently [2] was shown that for fuzzy numbers of symmetric triangular form  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  the law of large numbers is obeys. In [3] Dombi's operator used and the fuzzy law of large numbers for more general environment is shown as well. Then t-norm representation theorem of Ling is used as a basic tool and the results are presented in terms of the additive generator of a triangular norm [4]. Here we developed that research.

Note, that membership function a symmetric triangular fuzzy number  $X_i = (m_i, d_i)$ , is defined as

$\mu_{X_i}(x) = \max(0, 1 - |x - m_i|/d_i)$ ,  $d_i$  - is its width;  $m_i$  - is its modal value ( $d_i > 0$ ,  $-\infty < m_i < \infty$ ). They are an L-R type fuzzy numbers by Dubois & Prade [1], when  $L(x) = R(x) = \max(0, 1 - |x|)$ :

$$\mu_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} L((m_i - x)/d_i), & \text{for } x \leq m_i \\ R((x - m_i)/d_i), & \text{for } x \geq m_i \end{cases}$$

Now, the grade of the possibility of the statement: "[a, b] contains the value of X" is defined as [2]

$$\text{Pos}(a \leq X \leq b) = \sup_{a < x < b} \mu_X(x);$$

And necessity is defined as

$$\text{Nes}(a \leq X \leq b) = 1 - \text{Pos}(X < a, X > b).$$

Now [1], function  $T: [0;1] \times [0;1] \rightarrow [0;1]$  is t-norm, if T is commutative, associative, non-decreasing and  $T(0,1) = 0$ ,  $T(1,1) = 1$ . A t-norm will be called Archimedian if T is continuous and  $T(u,u) < u$ ;  $0 < u < 1$ .

T-sum of two fuzzy numbers is denoted as  $S_T = (X_1 + X_2)_T$  and its membership function is defined as

$$\mu_{S_T}(z) = \sup_{x+y=z} T(\mu_{X_1}(x), \mu_{X_2}(y))$$

Obviously, that for a tasks of applicable character it is interesting to study the behavior of the T-sum of fuzzy numbers  $S_n = ((w_1X_1+w_2X_2+\dots+w_nX_n))_T$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $w_1+w_2+\dots+w_n=1$ ,  $w_i \geq 0$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ .

## 2. Results.

We consider one of the case L-R type fuzzy numbers by Dubois & Prade when membership function of fuzzy number  $X_i$  is  $\mu_{X_i}(x) = L(|x-m_i|/d)$ . Here  $L$  is a decreasing function on  $[0;\infty)$ , and  $L(0) = 1$ ,  $L(x) = L(-x)$ .

In this the case we'll speak that the fuzzy number  $X_i$  belongs to the class  $L_L$ ,  $X_i \in L_L$ .

**Theorem 1.** If  $T$  is Archimedian t-norm,  $X_i \in L_L$ ,  $w_1+\dots+w_n=1$  then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Nes} \left[ N_n - \varepsilon \leq \left( w_1X_1 + w_2X_2 + \dots + w_nX_n \right)_T \leq N_n + \varepsilon \right] = \\ & = f^{-1} \left( \min (f(0), n \cdot f(L(\varepsilon/d))) \right), \quad N_n = w_1m_1 + w_2m_2 + \dots + w_nm_n, \\ & f - \text{ is an additive generator of a triangular norm } T, \\ & f^{-1} - \text{ is its inverse.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $T$  is Archimedian t-norm,  $X_i \in L_L$ ,  $w_1+\dots+w_n=1$  then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{Nes} \left[ N_n - \varepsilon \leq \left( w_1X_1 + w_2X_2 + \dots + w_nX_n \right)_T \leq N_n + \varepsilon \right] \geq 1 - L(\varepsilon/d)$$

**Theorem 3.** If  $T$  is Archimedian t-norm,  $X_i = (m_i, d)$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{Nes} \left[ M_n - \varepsilon \leq \left( \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right)_T \leq M_n + \varepsilon \right] = 1 - f^{-1} \left( \min (f(0), n \cdot f(1 - \varepsilon/d)) \right)$$

$$M_n = (m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n) / n,$$

From theorem 3 we can get some useful corollaries.

**Corollary 1.** For the environment of theorem 3, when  $f(0) = 1$  or  $f(0) = \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Nes} \left[ M_n - \varepsilon \leq \left( \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right)_T \leq M_n + \varepsilon \right] = 1$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $T(u,v) = u \cdot v$ ,  $X_i \in L_L$  and  $L(x) = \max(0, 1 - x^2)$ , then for  $0 < \varepsilon < d$

$$\text{Nes} \left[ \frac{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_n}{d \sqrt{n}} - \varepsilon \leq \left( \frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{d \sqrt{n}} \right)_T \leq \frac{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_n}{d \sqrt{n}} + \varepsilon \right] = 1 - \exp(-\varepsilon^2).$$

Particulary, if  $\varepsilon = \sqrt{3}$ , we have

$$\text{Nes} \left[ \frac{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_n}{d \sqrt{n}} - \sqrt{3} \leq \left( \frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{d \sqrt{n}} \right)_T \leq \frac{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_n}{d \sqrt{n}} + \sqrt{3} \right] \approx 0.95$$

**3. Proof of theorems.** We are begining from theorem 1. If  $T$  is Archimedian t-norm,  $p+q=1$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $S_T = (pX_1+qX_2)_T$  then out of the definition of T-sum and Ling's theorem [1], for a fixed  $z=z^*$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{S_T}(z^*) &= \sup_{px+qy=z} T(\mu_{X_1}(x), \mu_{X_2}(y)) = \sup_x T(\mu_{X_1}(x), \mu_{X_2}((z^*-px)/q)) = \\ &= \sup_x f^{-1} \left( \min(f(0), f(\mu_{X_1}(x)) + f(\mu_{X_2}((z^*-px)/q))) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m_1 < m_2$ . We'll consider the proof taking into consideration only the left parts of membership functions for fuzzy numbers  $X_1, X_2$ , which have the following type:

$$\mu_{X_1}(x) = L \left( \frac{m_1-x}{d} \right), m_1-d \leq x \leq m_1; \mu_{X_2}(y) = L \left( \frac{m_2-y}{d} \right), m_2-d \leq y \leq m_2;$$

$$\mu_{X_2}((z^*-px)/q) = L \left( \frac{qm_2-z^*+px}{qd} \right), (z^*-qm_2)/p \leq x \leq (z^*-qm_2+qd)/p;$$

Taking into account that an additive generator  $f: X \rightarrow [0;1]$  is a continuous and decreasing function with  $f(1) = 0$ , it's easy to see that  $f(\mu_{X_1}(x))$  is a deacreasing while  $f(\mu_{X_2}((z^*-px)/q))$  is an increasing function on the interval

$$\max((z^*-qm_2)/p; m_1-d) \leq x \leq \min((z^*-qm_2+qd)/p; m_1).$$

Then the minimum value of the sum:  $f(\mu_{X_1}(x)) + f(\mu_{X_2}((z^*-px)/q))$  can be found as a solution of the following equation:

$$L \left( \frac{m_1-x}{d} \right) = \lambda = L \left( \frac{qm_2-z^*+px}{qd} \right). \text{ It's equal to } 2 \cdot f \left( L \left( \frac{pm_1+qm_2-z^*}{d} \right) \right).$$

This value reached by  $x = z^*+qm_1-qm_2$ .

The same holds true for the right parts of membership functions for fuzzy numbers  $X_1, X_2$ .

If we write  $w_1X_1+w_2X_2+\dots+w_nX_n = (W_1X_1+\dots+W_{n-1}X_{n-1})(w_1+\dots+w_{n-1})+w_nX_n$ ,  $W_i = w_i/(w_1+\dots+w_{n-1})$ , then we returned to the case of two fuzzy numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{S_n}(z) &= f^{-1}\left(\min(f(0), n \cdot f(L(|z-N_n|/d))\right) \text{ and } Nes(|S_n-N_n| \leq \varepsilon) = \\ &= 1 - Pos(|S_n-N_n| > \varepsilon) = 1 - \sup_{|z-N_n| > \varepsilon} \mu_{S_n}(z) = 1 - \sup_{|z-N_n| > \varepsilon} f^{-1}\left(\min(f(0), \right. \\ &\left. n \cdot f(L(|z-N_n|/d))\right) = 1 - f^{-1}\left(\min(f(0), n \cdot f(L(\varepsilon/d))\right). \end{aligned}$$

Which completes the proof of the theorem 1.

Proof theorem 2. First consider the case  $n=2$ . Then taking into account that  $T(u,v) \leq \min(uy)$ , by the proof of theorem 1 it is not difficult to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{S_T}(z) &= \sup_{px+qy=z} T(\mu_{X_1}(x), \mu_{X_2}(y)) \leq \sup_{px+qy=z} \min(\mu_{X_1}(x), \mu_{X_2}(y)) = \\ &= L(|z-(pm_1+qm_2)|/d). \end{aligned}$$

And hence for  $S_n = ((w_1X_1+w_2X_2+\dots+w_nX_n))_T$  we have

$$Nes(|S_n-N_n| \leq \varepsilon) = 1 - \sup_{|z-N_n| > \varepsilon} \mu_{S_n}(z) \geq 1 - L(\varepsilon/d).$$

Theorem 3 follows as a corollary of the proof of theorem 1 and we omitted its proof.

Proof of the Corollary 1. Let  $f(0) = \infty$ . Then taking into account that the additive generator  $f$  is a continuous and decreasing function, for any fixed  $\varepsilon^*$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}\left(n \cdot f(1-\varepsilon^*/d)\right) = 0.$$

$$\text{If } f(0) = 1, \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}\left(\min(f(0), n \cdot f(1-\varepsilon^*/d))\right) = f^{-1}(f(0)) = 0.$$

Proof Corollary 2 is obviously if we taking into account that for this case the additive generator is  $f(x) = -\ln(x)$ .

**4. Examples.**

We'll consider some examples using our theorem 3.

1. As a triangular norm T we'll choose Yager's operator [1]:

$$T_Y(u,v) = 1 - \min\left(1, (1-u)^q + (1-v)^q\right)^{1/q}, \quad 0 \leq q < \infty$$

its additive generator is  $f(x) = (1-x)^q$ ,  $f(0)=1$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)=1-y^{1/q}$ .

Using that we'll calculate the right part of our theorem 3  
 $f(1-\varepsilon/d) = (\varepsilon/d)^q$ ,  $f^{-1}\left(\min(f(0), n \cdot (\varepsilon/d)^q)\right) = \max(0, 1 - n^{1/q} \cdot (\varepsilon/d))$ .

Hence, the law of large numbers in this case works.

If we will consider a special case when  $q = \infty$  then we will have Nes  $(M_n - \varepsilon \leq S_n \leq M_n + \varepsilon) = \varepsilon/d$ . Hence the fuzzy law of large numbers does not work [2,3,4].

2. As a triangular norm T we'll choose Dombi's operator. Its additive generator is

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)^p, \quad p > 0; \quad f(0) = \infty; \quad f^{-1}(y) = 1/(1+y^{1/p})$$

When  $p=1$  then we have Hamacher's operator with zero parameter.

$$\text{Next } n \cdot f(1-\varepsilon/d) = n \cdot \left\{ (\varepsilon/d) / (1-\varepsilon/d) \right\}^{1/p}, \quad f^{-1}\left(n \cdot f(1-\varepsilon/d)\right) = \\ = (1-\varepsilon/d) / (1 + (n^{1/p}-1) \cdot \varepsilon/d).$$

Therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Nes } (M_n - \varepsilon \leq S_n \leq M_n + \varepsilon) = 1$  and the fuzzy law of large numbers works.

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