

Generalized Nonagonal Fuzzy Number and its Application in Assignment Problem

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Abstract

Fuzzy number plays a dynamic part in decision makings because it is used to represent uncertain terms. Researchers employed triangular and trapezoidal fuzzy numbers for solving problems in uncertain environment. Fuzzy numbers have also been extended recently such as pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal and so on. This paper aims to generalize the nonagonal fuzzy number which contains set of 9-tuples. Membership functions and alpha cuts of linear and nonlinear generalized nonagonal fuzzy number with symmetry and asymmetry have also been derived. Finally, fuzzy assignment problem has been solved to demonstrate the efficacy of the proposed fuzzy number.

Keywords: Fuzzy number, Nonagonal fuzzy number, membership function, alpha cut.

1. Introduction:

Zadeh, L.A introduced fuzzy sets in 1965 [19] to offer a rational way of solving difficulties when vagueness and imprecision arises. The application of fuzzy logic includes artificial intelligence, control system, expert system, decision makings etc. Arithmetic operations on fuzzy numbers are useful in computational models, diagnostic system, forecasting models and so on [16, 17, 18]. Fuzzy number is multi-valued quantity which has been proposed by Dubois and Prade as a subset of the real number [5].

Triangular and trapezoidal fuzzy numbers are familiar among researchers to handle fuzziness in real life situations [3, 4]. Triangular fuzzy number was used by Karthik et.al., to study the impact of pesticides on human health [8]. Hexagonal, heptagonal, nonagonal, decagonal fuzzy numbers were proposed to tackle vagueness [6, 7, 13]. Fuzzy equations were solved by Sankar and Manimohan using pentagonal fuzzy number [14]. Karthik et. al., proposed linear and nonlinear membership functions for the generalized heptagonal fuzzy number and introduced Haar ranking method for hexagonal fuzzy number [9]. Malini and Kennedy solved fuzzy transportation problem through octagonal fuzzy numbers [10]. Felix et.al., proposed nonagonal fuzzy number, arithmetic operations and alpha cuts [7]. Bindu and Govindarajan used nonagonal fuzzy number to evaluate the performance of single server queuing model [1]. A novel ranking method was proposed for nonagonal fuzzy number by Deepika and Rekha to solve fuzzy transportation problem [2]. Venkatesh and Britto introduced a ranking

method using decagonal fuzzy number for diet control [15]. Nagadevi and Rosario solved transportation problem, in which decagonal fuzzy numbers are used to represent transportation costs to find minimum transportation cost [11]. Naveena and Rajkumar introduced arithmetic operations of reverse order pentadecagonal, nonagonal and decagonal fuzzy numbers [12].

It is observed that linear membership functions paid more attention in defining fuzzy numbers. Hence, this study proposes both linear and nonlinear membership functions for generalized nonagonal fuzzy number.

This paper is organized in the following way. A brief review of literatures that are motivating to carry out this research is discussed in Section 1. Nonagonal Fuzzy Number and Its Variations in the shapes of membership curves such as linear, nonlinear and alpha cuts are derived for generalized nonagonal fuzzy number in Section 2. Finally, the conclusion and application of nonagonal fuzzy number are discussed.

2. Preliminaries

2.1 Fuzzy set:

Fuzzy set is a subset of a universe of discourse X , where each element in a fuzzy set has some degrees of belongingness that is characterised by a mapping from X to $[0, 1]$.

2.2 Fuzzy numbers

A fuzzy set $\mathcal{A}$ defined on the set of real numbers R is said to be a fuzzy number when it satisfies the following conditions

- (i) $\mathcal{A}$ is convex.

$$\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda\theta_1 + (1-\lambda)\theta_2) \geq \min(\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(\theta_1), \mu_{\mathcal{A}}(\theta_2)), \forall \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2], \lambda \in [0, 1].$$
- (ii) $\mathcal{A}$ is normal if $\max \mu_{\mathcal{A}}(\theta) = 1$.
- (iii) $\mathcal{A}$ is piecewise continuous.

2.3 Alpha Cut

The α -cut of the fuzzy set is the set of all elements whose membership value is greater than or equal to α , that is $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha} = \{\theta \in X / \mu_{\mathcal{A}}(\theta) \geq \alpha\}$, where $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

3. Nonagonal Fuzzy Number and It's Variation

Linear Nonagonal Fuzzy Number with Symmetry (LNFNS)

A LNFNS is given as $\tilde{A}_{LS} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9; m, n, o)$ where $m, n, o \in (0, 1)$

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} m \left(\frac{x - a_1}{a_2 - a_1} \right) & a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ m - (m - n) \left(\frac{x - a_2}{a_3 - a_2} \right) & a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ n - (n - o) \left(\frac{x - a_3}{a_4 - a_3} \right) & a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ o - (o - 1) \left(\frac{x - a_4}{a_5 - a_4} \right) & a_4 \leq x \leq a_5 \\ 1 & x = a_5 \\ o - (o - 1) \left(\frac{a_6 - x}{a_6 - a_5} \right) & a_5 \leq x \leq a_6 \\ n - (n - o) \left(\frac{a_7 - x}{a_7 - a_6} \right) & a_6 \leq x \leq a_7 \\ m - (m - n) \left(\frac{a_8 - x}{a_8 - a_7} \right) & a_7 \leq x \leq a_8 \\ m \left(\frac{a_9 - x}{a_9 - a_8} \right) & a_8 \leq x \leq a_9 \\ 0 & x \leq a_1 \text{ \& } x \geq a_9 \end{cases}$$

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Linear Nonagonal Fuzzy Number with Asymmetry (LNFNAS)

A LNFNAS is given as

$$\tilde{A}_{LAS} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9; m, q, n, p, o, r) \text{ where } m, n, p, q, o, r \in (0, 1)$$

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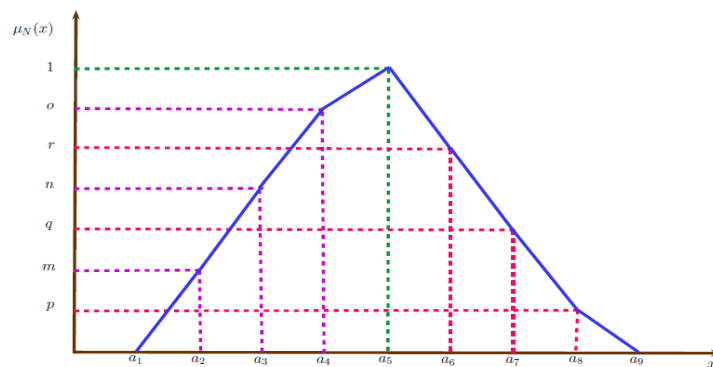


Figure 1: Generalized Nonagonal Fuzzy Number

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4. Fuzzy Assignment Problem

Suppose there are m jobs which are to be executed by m persons. Assume that each person can do one job at a time. Let $\tilde{P}_{ij}^0$ be a fuzzy cost of allocating the i^{th} person to the j^{th} job. Let the decision parameter y_{ij} denote the allotment of the i^{th} person to the j^{th} job.

The problem is to determine an assignment (which job should be given to which person on one- one basis) so that the total cost of executing all jobs is optimum. These kinds of problems are said to be assignment problem. Mathematically, the problem is defined as

$$\min \text{ (or) } \max X = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ij} y_{ij}$$

Subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^m y_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

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$y_{ij}=1$, if the i th job is allotted to j th person

0, if the i th job is not allotted to j th person

Example 4.1:

A Fuzzy Assignment Problem with 4 machines and 4 jobs is studied. The cost matrix C_{ij} * whose values are represented by nonagonal fuzzy number. The problem is to find the minimum assignment cost. Here, the Hungarian method is used to compute the optimal allocation.

A=

$$\begin{bmatrix} (4,5,2,3,6,7,1,9,8) & (4,5,21,3,6,7,11,9,8) & (14,5,12,3,26,7,1,9,8) & (14,5,2,3,6,7,11,9,8) \\ (14,5,2,3,6,7,21,9,8) & (14,5,2,3,6,7,10,9,8) & (4,5,52,33,6,7,12,9,8) & (4,5,2,3,6,17,21,9,8) \\ (34,5,2,3,6,7,21,9,8) & (24,5,22,3,6,7,1,9,8) & (4,5,2,53,6,7,1,9,18) & (41,5,2,3,6,7,15,9,8) \\ (44,5,2,3,6,7,41,9,8) & (34,5,2,3,6,7,1,9,8) & (34,5,22,3,6,7,19,9,8) & (4,15,2,3,6,7,14,9,8) \end{bmatrix}$$

After taking average,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8.2 & 9.4 & 7.2 \\ 8.3 & 7.1 & 15.1 & 8.3 \\ 10.5 & 9.4 & 10.5 & 10.6 \\ 13.8 & 8.3 & 12.5 & 7.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row wise subtraction,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3.2 & 4.4 & 2.2 \\ 1.2 & 0 & 8 & 1.2 \\ 1.1 & 0 & 1.1 & 1.2 \\ 6.3 & 0.8 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column wise subtraction,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3.2 & 3.3 & 2.2 \\ 1.2 & 0 & 6.9 & 1.2 \\ 1.1 & 0 & 0 & 1.2 \\ 6.3 & 0.8 & 3.9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Number of rows = Number of squares. The assignment cost is = $5 + 7.1 + 10.5 + 7.5 = 30.1$.

Nonagonal fuzzy number facilitates to solve assignment problem whenever uncertainty arises. The advantage of nonagonal fuzzy numbers over existing fuzzy numbers is it is used to clearly describe the problem and get the most appropriate solution.

5. Conclusion

In this present study, the generalized nonagonal fuzzy numbers have been derived under fuzzy environment which may help to handle uncertainties in the decision-making problems. These kinds of fuzzy numbers are helpful when decision maker needs to represent a parameter at 9 different points. The following important outcomes have been attained in this research,

- Generalized nonagonal fuzzy number with symmetry and asymmetry in the membership curve have been derived.
- Alpha cut for generalized nonagonal fuzzy number has also been derived.
- Assignment problem for optimal allocation is solved by facilitating nonagonal fuzzy numbers.

These numbers are helpful in solving fuzzy assignment problems and fuzzy transportation problems to obtain optimal solution.

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