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NEW REPRESENTATION OF SUPPORT OF A DISCRETE FUZZY NUMBER

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ABSTRACT

In this paper the support of a discrete fuzzy number is defined in a different way. The arithmetic operations viz : the addition and multiplication of discrete fuzzy numbers are defined using the newly coined representation.

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1 Introduction

Chang and Zadeh[2] introduced the concept of fuzzy number with the consideration of the properties of probability functions.Since then a lot of mathematicians have been studying on fuzzy number, and have obtained many results [1,3,4,5,7,9] .

In 2001 Voxman [6] introduced the concept of discrete fuzzy numbers, the discrete fuzzy number can be used to represent the pixel value in the centre point of a window [8]Also he gave out the canonical representation of discrete fuzzy numbers.

Guxiangwang and etal discussed the representation of cut-set form of the discrete fuzzy numbers,and using the representation it is shown that the usual addition of two discrete fuzzy numbers does not keep the closeness of the operation(at this point, discrete fuzzy numbers are not like non- discrete fuzzy numbers since non-discrete fuzzy numbers keep the closeness of usual addition[9] and defined a new addition for two discrete fuzzy numbers, which keeps the closeness of the operation.

In this paper the support of a discrete fuzzy number is coined differently. Further characterization properties regarding such representation are established. Also, the addition and multiplication of discrete fuzzy numbers are defined using the newly coined representation.

Definition 2.1 Let X be a universe of discourse, a fuzzy set is defined as $A = \{(x, \tilde{A}(x)) : x \in X\}$ characterized by a membership function $\mu_A(x) : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$, where $\mu_A(x)$ denotes the degree of membership of the element x to the set A .

Definition 2.2 The α -cut, ${}^\alpha A$ of a set A is the crisp subset of A with membership grades of at least α .

That is, ${}^\alpha A = \{x | \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha\}$.

Definition 2.3 A fuzzy set on the real line R is a fuzzy number if it at least possess the following properties.

1. It must be a normal fuzzy set,
2. The α levels ${}^\alpha A$ must be closed for every $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.
3. The support of A , A^{0+} must be bounded.

Definition 2.4 A fuzzy subset u of R with membership mapping $u : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called discrete fuzzy number (DFN) if its support is finite (ie) there are $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in R$ with $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ such that $supp(u) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, and there are natural numbers s, t with $1 \leq s \leq t \leq n$ such that

- (i) $u(x_i) = 1$ for any natural number i with $s \leq i \leq t$
- (ii) $u(x_i) \leq u(x_j)$ for each natural numbers i, j with $1 \leq i \leq j \leq s$
- (iii) $u(x_i) \geq u(x_j)$ for each natural numbers i, j with $t \leq i \leq j \leq n$

3 New Representation of Support of a Discrete Fuzzy Number

Definition 3.1 For $A \subset R$ denote $max A = \max \{x : x \in A\}$, and $min A = \min \{x : x \in A\}$, Let u be a fuzzy set of R , and $[u]^0$ be finite

For any $r \in [0, 1]$ and $x_0 \in [u]^0$ denote $\bar{u}(r) = \max [u]^r$, $\underline{u}(r) = \min [u]^r$ for $r \leq 1$

where $[u]^r = \{x / u(x) \geq r\}$

Define the sets as

$$[\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} = \{x \in [u]^0 / x \geq \underline{u}(r)\}$$

$$[\underline{u}]_{r \leq 1} = \{x \in [u]^0 / x \leq \bar{u}(r)\}$$

$$\text{Also } [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} = \{x \in [u]^0 / \underline{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r)\}$$

$$\text{Define } [\underline{u}]_{x_0} = \{x \in [\underline{u}]_{r \leq 1} : x \leq x_0\}$$

$$[\bar{u}]_{x_0} = \{x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} : x \geq x_0\}$$

$$\text{So, } [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} = \{[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} : \underline{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \bar{u}(r)\}$$

Property 3.2 Let u be a fuzzy set of R , and $[u]^0$ be finite,

$$\text{then } [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} \cup [\underline{u}]_{r \leq 1} \cup [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} = [u]^0$$

Proof

$$\text{Let } x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} \cup [\underline{u}]_{r \leq 1} \cup [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$$

$$\text{Then } x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} \text{ (or) } x \in [\underline{u}]_{r \leq 1} \text{ (or) } x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$$

$$\text{Suppose } x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} = \{x \in [u]^0 / x \geq \underline{u}(r)\} \text{ then } x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } x \geq \underline{u}(r) = \max [u]^r$$

If $x \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^- = \{x \in [u]^0 / x \leq \bar{u}(r)\}$ then $x \in [u]^0$ and $x \leq \underline{u}(r) = \min [u]^r$

Again if $x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} = \{x \in [u]^0 / \underline{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r)\}$ then $x \in [u]^0$ and $\underline{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r)$

It follows that in the above cases $x \in [u]^0$ and either $x \geq \underline{u}(r)$ or $x \leq \underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r)$

Therefore $x \in [u]^0$ and $x \geq \min [u]^r$ (or) $x \leq \max [u]^r$ (or) $\min [u]^r \leq x \leq \max [u]^r$

Conversely, suppose $x \in [u]^0 = \{x : u(x) \geq 0\}$ then by the definition of $[u]^0$

$$[u]^0 = \{x / x \leq \max [u]^r \text{ (or) } x \geq \min [u]^r \text{ (or) } \min [u]^r \leq x \leq \max [u]^r \}$$

$$= \{x / x \leq \bar{u}(r) \text{ (or) } x \geq \underline{u}(r) \text{ (or) } \bar{u}(r) \leq x \leq \underline{u}(r) \}$$

$$= \{x / x \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^- \text{ (or) } x \in [u]_{r \leq 1} \text{ (or) } x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}\}$$

$$\text{Therefore } [u]^0 = [u]_{r \leq 1}^- \cup [u]_{r \leq 1} \cup [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$$

Property 3.3 Let u be a fuzzy set of R , then $[u]^0$ be finite and $x_0 \in [u]^0$ then

$$(i) \quad x_0 \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^- \Leftrightarrow [u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^- \neq \emptyset$$

$$(ii) \quad x_0 \in [u]_{r \leq 1} \Leftrightarrow [u]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \emptyset$$

$$(iii) \quad x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} \Leftrightarrow [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \emptyset$$

Proof:

$$(i) \quad x_0 \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^- \Leftrightarrow [u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^- \neq \emptyset$$

By definition,

$$[u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^- = \{x \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^- : x \leq x_0\}$$

$$[u]_{r \leq 1}^- = \{x \in [u]^0 / x \geq \bar{u}(r)\}$$

Suppose $x_0 \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^-$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [u]^0 \text{ and } x_0 \geq \bar{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) > 0 \text{ and } x_0 \geq \max [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) \leq 1 \text{ and } x_0 \geq \max [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^-$$

Conversely, if $[u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^- \neq \emptyset$ then $x \in [u]_{x_0, r \leq 1}^-$

By definition $x \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^-$ and $x \leq x_0$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } x \geq \bar{u}(r) \text{ and } x \leq x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x \leq x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [u]_{r \leq 1}^-$$

$$(ii) \quad x_0 \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \Leftrightarrow [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \varnothing$$

By definition $[\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} = \{ x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} : x \geq x_0 \}$

$$[\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1} = \{ x \in [u]^0 / x \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

Suppose $x_0 \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [u]^0 \text{ and } x_0 \leq \bar{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) > 0 \text{ and } x_0 \leq \min [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) \leq 1 \text{ and } x_0 \leq \min [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0}$$

Conversely, if $[\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \varnothing$ then $x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0}$

So $x \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}$ and $x \geq x_0$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } x \leq \bar{u}(r) \text{ and } x \geq x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \geq x \geq x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\bar{u}]_{r \leq 1}$$

$$(iii) \quad x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} \Leftrightarrow [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \varnothing$$

By definition

$$[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} = \{ [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} : \underline{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

$$[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} = \{ x \in [u]^0 / \underline{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

Suppose $x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [u]^0 \text{ and } \underline{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \bar{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) > 0 \text{ and } \min [u]^r \leq x_0 \leq \max [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0) \leq 1 \text{ and } \min [u]^r \leq x_0 \leq \max [u]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0}$$

Conversely, if $[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \neq \varnothing$ then $x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0}$

So $x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$ and $\bar{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \underline{u}(r)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x \leq \underline{u}(r) \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \underline{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [u]^0 \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \underline{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}$$

Property 3.4 Let u be a fuzzy set of R , and $[u]^0$ be finite then if $x', x'' \in [u]^0$, the following condition holds.

$$(i) \quad x' \leq x'' \Rightarrow [\underline{u}]_{x''} \subset [\underline{u}]_{x'} \text{ for } r \leq 1$$

$$(ii) \quad x' \leq x'' \Rightarrow [\bar{u}]_{x''} \subset [\bar{u}]_{x'} \text{ for } r \leq 1$$

$$(iii) \quad x' \leq x'' \Rightarrow [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{x''} \subset [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{x'} \text{ for } r \leq 1$$

Proof

(i) By definition $\underline{u}_{x''}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 = \{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} : x \leq x'' \}$

$$\underline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} = \{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} / x \geq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

Given $x' \leq x''$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \underline{u}_{x''}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 = \{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} : x \leq x'' \}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \underline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x''$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \underline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x' \leq x''$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \underline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x'$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \underline{u}_{x'}^{\prime}, r \leq 1$$

(ii) By definition $\overline{u}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 = \{ x \in \overline{u}^{\prime} : x \geq x' \}$

$$\overline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} = \{ x \in \overline{u}^{\prime} / x \leq \underline{u}(r) \}$$

Given $x' \leq x''$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{u}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 = \{ x \in \overline{u}^{\prime} : x \geq x' \}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \geq x'$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \geq x' \geq x''$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{u}^{\prime}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \geq x''$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{u}_{x''}^{\prime}, r \leq 1$$

(iii) By definition $[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} = \{ x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} : \underline{u}(r) \leq x' \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$

$$[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} = \{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} / \underline{u}(r) \leq x \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

Given $x' \leq x''$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} = \{ x \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} : \underline{u}(r) \leq x' \leq \bar{u}(r) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \underline{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } \bar{u}(r) \leq x'' \leq \underline{u}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x''}$$

Property 3.5 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$ then

(i) $\{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} + \underline{v}^{\prime} : \varphi \neq \underline{u+v}_{x_0}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 \subset \underline{u+v}^{\prime}, r \}$

$$= \{ x \in \underline{u}^{\prime} + \underline{v}^{\prime} : \varphi \neq \underline{u+v}_{x_0}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 \subset \underline{u+v}^{\prime}, r \}$$

(ii) $\{ x \in \overline{u}^{\prime} + \overline{v}^{\prime} : \varphi \neq \overline{u+v}_{x_0}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 \subset \overline{u+v}^{\prime}, r \}$

$$= \{ x \in \overline{u}^{\prime} + \overline{v}^{\prime} : \varphi \neq \overline{u+v}_{x_0}^{\prime}, r \leq 1 \subset \overline{u+v}^{\prime}, r \}$$

(iii) $\{ x \in [\underline{u}^{\prime} + \underline{v}^{\prime}]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \subset \underline{u+v}^{\prime}, r \}$

$$= \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \subset [u + v]^r\}$$

Proof

(i) Let $x_0 \in [u]^0 + [v]^0$ where $x_0 = y_0 + z_0$ where $y_0 \in [u]^0, z_0 \in [v]^0$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 \in \underline{[u + v]}_x^{r \leq 1} &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in \underline{[u + v]}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^0, x_0 \geq \overline{[u + v]}(r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^r, x_0 \geq \max [u + v]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r + [v]^r, x_0 \geq \overline{[u + v]}(r) \text{ since } [u + v]^r = [u]^r + [v]^r \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let $x_0 \in [u]^0 + [v]^0$ where $x_0 = y_0 + z_0$ where $y_0 \in [u]^0, z_0 \in [v]^0$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 \in \overline{[u + v]}_x^{r \leq 1} &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in \overline{[u + v]}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \geq x \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^0, x_0 \leq \overline{[u + v]}(r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^r, x_0 \leq \min [u + v]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r + [v]^r, x_0 \leq \underline{[u + v]}(r) \text{ since } [u + v]^r = [u]^r + [v]^r \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Let $x_0 \in [u]^0 + [v]^0$ where $x_0 = y_0 + z_0$ where $y_0 \in [u]^0, z_0 \in [v]^0$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 \in \underline{[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^x + \underline{[\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^x \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in \underline{[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1} + \underline{[\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } \underline{u}(r) + \underline{v}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \bar{u}(r) + \bar{v}(r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^0 \text{ and } \min [u + v]^r \leq x_0 \leq \max [u + v]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u + v]^r \text{ and } \underline{[u + v]}^r \leq x_0 \leq \overline{[u + v]}^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r + [v]^r, \text{ and } \underline{[u + v]}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \overline{[u + v]}(r), \text{ since } [u + v]^r = [u]^r + [v]^r \end{aligned}$$

Property 3.6 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$, then

- (i) $\{x \in [u]^0 [v]^0 \text{ such that } \varphi \neq \underline{[uv]}_{x_0}^{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\}$
 $= \{x \in [u]^r [v]^r \text{ such that } \varphi \neq \underline{[uv]}_{x_0}^{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\}$
- (ii) $\{x \in [u]^0 [v]^0 \text{ such that } \varphi \neq \overline{[uv]}_{x_0}^{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\}$
 $= \{x \in [u]^r [v]^r \text{ such that } \varphi \neq \overline{[uv]}_{x_0}^{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\}$
- (iii) $\{x \in [u]^0 [v]^0 \text{ such that } \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \subset [uv]^r\}$
 $= \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r \text{ such that } \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \subset [uv]^r\}$

Proof

(i) Let $x_0 \in [u]^0 + [v]^0$ where $x_0 = y_0 + z_0$ where $y_0 \in [u]^0, z_0 \in [v]^0$

$$x_0 \in \underline{[uv]}_x^{r \leq 1} \Leftrightarrow x_0 \in \underline{[uv]}_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^0, x_0 \geq [\overline{uv}] (r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^r, x_0 \geq \max[uv]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r [v]^r, x_0 \geq [\overline{uv}]^r \text{ since } [uv]^r = [u]^r [v]^r \\ (ii) &x_0 \in [\overline{uv}]^x_{r \leq 1} \Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [\overline{uv}]_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } x_0 \geq x \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^0, x_0 \leq [uv] (r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^r, x_0 \leq \min[uv]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r [v]^r, x_0 \leq [\underline{uv}]^r \text{ since } [uv]^r = [u]^r [v]^r \\ (iii) &x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \overline{u}(r)]^x_{r \leq 1} [\underline{v}(r), \overline{v}(r)]^x_{r \leq 1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [\underline{u}(r), \overline{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1} [\underline{v}(r), \overline{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1} \text{ and } \underline{u}(r) \underline{v}(r) \leq x_0 \leq \overline{u}(r) \overline{v}(r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^r, x_0 \leq \min[uv]^r \leq x_0 \leq \max[uv]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [uv]^r, [\underline{uv}]^r \leq x_0 \leq [\overline{uv}]^r \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_0 \in [u]^r [v]^r, [\underline{uv}]^r \leq x_0 \leq [\overline{uv}]^r, \text{ since } [uv]^r = [u]^r [v]^r \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.7 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$, $r \in [0, 1]$, define addition “ $\tilde{+}$ ” of $[u]^r$ and $[v]^r$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r &= \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\underline{u+v}]_{x_0}^r \text{ }_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r\} \\ &\cup \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\overline{u+v}]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r\} \\ &\cup \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \overline{u}(r)]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} + [\underline{v}(r), \overline{v}(r)]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r\} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.8 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$, $r \in [0, 1]$, define multiplication “ $\tilde{\times}$ ” of $[u]^r$ and $[v]^r$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} [u]^r \tilde{\times} [v]^r &= \{x \in [u]^r [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\underline{uv}]_{x_0}^r \text{ }_{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\} \\ &\cup \{x \in [u]^r [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\overline{uv}]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\} \\ &\cup \{x \in [u]^r [v]^r : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \overline{u}(r)]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} [\underline{v}(r), \overline{v}(r)]^{x_0}_{r \leq 1} \subset [uv]^r\} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.9 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$ and $A_r = [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ for any $r \in [0, 1]$, A_r is a finite set and satisfying the conditions.

- (i) There exist $x_r, y_r, (x_r, y_r) \in A_0$ with $x_r \leq (x_r, y_r) \leq y_r$ such that $A_r = \{z \in A_0 : x_r \leq z \leq y_r\}$
- (ii) $A_{r_2} \subset A_{r_1}$ for any $r_1, r_2 \in [0, 1]$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq 1$
- (iii) For any $r_0 \in [0, 1]$, There exists real number r'_0 with $0 < r'_0 < r_0$ such that $A_{r_2} = A_{r_1}$ (i.e. $A_r = A_{r_1}$ for any $r \in [r'_0, r_0]$)

then there exists a unique $\omega \in \text{DFN}$ such that $[\omega]^r = [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ for any $r \in [0, 1]$.

Proof

For any $r \in [0, 1]$, it is clear that $[u]^r, [v]^r$ are finite. since $u, v \in \text{DFN}$ and by the definition of $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$

It is obvious that A_r is a finite set. It asserts to show that $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ satisfies condition (i)

Let $r \in [0, 1]$, $x_r = \min([u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r)$, $y_r = \max([u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r)$

$(x_r, y_r) = [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)] \tilde{+} [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]$ then it is obvious that

$x_r, y_r, (x_r, y_r) \in A_0$ and $x_r \leq (x_r, y_r) \leq y_r$. By the definition of $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ and by property 3.2,

$$x_r \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \underline{[u+v]}_{x_0} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$$

$$\text{and } y_r \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \overline{[u+v]}^{x_0} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$$

$$\text{and } (x_r, y_r) \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x_0} \} \subset [u+v]^r$$

so $\underline{[u+v]}_{x_r} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$, $\overline{[u+v]}^{y_r} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$ and $[u+v]^{(x_r, y_r)} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$

Now to show that $\{z \in [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0 \text{ such that } x_r \leq z \leq y_r\} = [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$

Let $x' \in \{z \in [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0 \text{ such that } x_r \leq z \leq y_r\}$

then $x' \in [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0 = [u+v]^0$ and such that $x_r \leq x' \leq y_r$

By property 3.2, $x' \in \underline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}$ (or) $x' \in \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}$ (or) $x' \in \underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1} + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}$

By property 3.3, $\underline{[u+v]}_{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \neq \varphi$ (or) $\overline{[u+v]}^{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \neq \varphi$ (or) $\underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi$

In addition by property 3.4 it is clear that

$$\underline{[u+v]}_{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset \underline{[u+v]}_{x_r}, \overline{[u+v]}^{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset \overline{[u+v]}^{y_r}$$

$$\text{Also } \underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{(x_r, y_r)} \}_{r \leq 1}$$

$$\underline{[u+v]}_{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r, \overline{[u+v]}^{x'} \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r \text{ and } \underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^r$$

Therefore by the property 3.5,

$$x' \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \underline{[u+v]}_x \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$$

$$\text{(or) } x' \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \overline{[u+v]}^x \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^r$$

$$\text{(or) } x' \in \{x \in [u]^r + [v]^r : \varphi \neq \underline{[u(r), \bar{u}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^x + \underline{[v(r), \bar{v}(r)]}_{r \leq 1}^x \} \subset [u+v]^r$$

$$\text{so } x' \in \{[u]^r + [v]^r\}$$

On the other hand, if $\tilde{x} \in [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ it asserts that $x_r \leq \tilde{x} \leq y_r$, by the definition of x_r and y_r ,

it is clear that $\tilde{x} \in [u]^0 + [v]^0 = [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0$ by the definition of $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$

So $\tilde{x} \in \{z \in [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0 \text{ such that } x_r \leq \tilde{x} \leq y_r\}$

$$\Rightarrow \{z \in [u]^0 \tilde{+} [v]^0 \text{ such that } x_r \leq \tilde{x} \leq y_r\} = [u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$$

So $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ satisfies the condition (i)

(ii) To prove $[u]^{r_2} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_2} \subset [u]^{r_1} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_1}$ holds for any $r_1, r_2 \in [0,1]$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq 1$

Let $x' \in [u]^{r_2} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_2}$ by the definition of $[u]^{r_2} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_2}$

$$x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2} : \varphi \neq \underline{[u+v]}_x \}_{r \leq 1} \subset [u+v]^{r_2}$$

(or) $x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2} : \varphi \neq \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \subset [u+v]^{r_2}\}$

(or) $x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2} : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x \subset [u+v]^{r_2}\}$

That is $x' \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2}, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_2}$

(or) $x' \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2}, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_2}$

(or) $x' \in [u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2}, [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi,$

$[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_2}$

Since $[u]^{r_2} \subset [u]^{r_1}$ and $[v]^{r_2} \subset [v]^{r_1}$ it is clear that $[u]^{r_2} + [v]^{r_2} \subset [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1}$

So $x' \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1}, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_1}$

(or) $x' \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1}, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi, \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_1}$

(or) $x' \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1}, [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \neq \varphi,$

$[\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^{x'} \subset [u+v]^{r_1}$

(ie) $x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1} : \varphi \neq \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \subset [u+v]^{r_1}\}$

(or) $x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1} : \varphi \neq \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \subset [u+v]^{r_1}\}$

(or) $x' \in \{x \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1} : \varphi \neq [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x \subset [u+v]^{r_1}\}$

Therefore $x' \in [u]^{r_1} + [v]^{r_1}$ so $[u]^{r_2} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_2} \subset [u]^{r_1} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_1}$ holds.

Now to show that $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ also satisfies condition(iii)

Let $r_0 \in [0,1]$ from $u, v \in \text{DFN}$ then there exists $r'_0 \in \mathcal{R}$ with $0 < r'_0 < r_0$

such that $[u]^r = [u]^{r_0}$ and $[v]^r = [v]^{r_0}$ so $[u]^r + [v]^r = [u]^{r_0} + [v]^{r_0}$ holds.

Therefore $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r = \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^r \supset \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$\cup \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^r \supset \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$\cup \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^r \supset [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$= \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^{r_0} \supset \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$\cup \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^{r_0} \supset \overline{[u+v]}_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$\cup \{x \in [u+v]^0 : [u+v]^{r_0} \supset [\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x + [\underline{v}(r), \bar{v}(r)]_{r \leq 1}^x \neq \varphi\}$

$= [u]^{r_0} \tilde{+} [v]^{r_0}$

(ie) $[u]^r \tilde{+} [v]^r$ also satisfies the condition (iii) there fore there exists a unique $\omega \in \text{DFN}$ such that $[\omega]^r = [u]^r$

$\tilde{+} [v]^r$ for any $r \in [0,1]$.

Hence the proof.

Theorem3.10 Let $u, v \in \text{DFN}$ and $A_r = [u]^r \tilde{\times} [v]^r$ for any $r \in [0,1]$, A_r is a finite set and satisfy the conditions.

- (i) There exist $x_r, y_r, (x_r, y_r) \in A_0$ with $x_r \leq (x_r, y_r) \leq y_r$
such that $A_r = \{ z \in A_0 : x_r \leq z \leq y_r \}$
- (ii) $A_{r_2} \subset A_{r_1}$ for any $r_1, r_2 \in [0,1]$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq 1$
- (iii) For any $r_0 \in [0,1]$, There exists real number r'_0 with $0 < r'_0 < r_0$ such that $A_{r_2} = A_{r_1}$
(i.e. $A_r = A_{r_1}$ for any $r \in [r'_0, r_0]$)

then there exists a unique $\omega \in \text{DFN}$ such that $[\omega]^r = [u]^r \tilde{\times} [v]^r$ for any $r \in [0,1]$.

Proof: Owing to the similarity with the proof of theorem 3.9, we omit it.

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