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# Extension of Crisp Functions on Neutrosophic Sets

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**Abstract**. In this paper, we generalize the definition of Neutrosophic sets and present a method for extending

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crisp functions on Neutrosophic sets and study some properties of such extended functions.

#### 1 Introduction

L-fuzzy sets constitute a generalization of the notion of Zadeh's [26] fuzzy sets and were introduced by Goguen [8] in 1967, later Atanassov introduced the notion of the intuitionistic fuzzy sets [1] Gau and Buehrer [7] defined vague sets. Bustince and Burillo [2] showed that the notion of vague sets is the same as that of intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Deschrijver and Kerre [5] established the interrelationship between the theories of fuzzy sets, L-fuzzy sets, interval valued fuzzy sets, intuitionistic fuzzy sets, intuitionistic L-fuzzy sets, interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets, vague sets and gray sets [4].

#### 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [26] Let X be a nonempty set. A fuzzy set A of X is a mapping  $A: X \to [0, 1]$ , that is,

 $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : \mu_A(x) \text{ is the grade of membership of } x \text{ in } A, x \in X\}.$  The set of all the fuzzy sets on X is denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [8] Let X be a nonempty ordinary set, L a complete lattice. An L-fuzzy set on X is a mapping  $A: X \to L$ , that is the family of all the L-fuzzy sets on X is just  $L^X$  consisting of all the mappings from X to L.

**Definition 2.3.** [1] An Intuitionistic Fuzzy Set on X is a set

$$A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\},$$
  
where  $\mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$  denotes the membership  
degree and  $\nu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$  denotes the non-  
membership degree of  $x$  in  $A$  and

$$\mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \le 1, \forall x \in X.$$

The neutrosophic set (NS) was introduced by F. Smarandache [22] who introduced the degree of indeterminacy (i) as independent component in his manuscripts that was published in 1998.

Multi-fuzzy sets [12, 13, 16] was proposed in 2009 by Sabu Sebastian as an extension of fuzzy sets [8, 26] in terms of multi membership functions. In this paper we generalize the definition of neutrosophic sets and introduce extension of crisp functions on neutrosophic sets.

**Definition 2.4.** [22] A Neutrosophic Set on X is a set

 $A = \{\langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\},$ where  $T_A(x) \in [0, 1]$  denotes the truth membership degree,  $I_A(x) \in [0, 1]$  denotes the indetermi-nancy membership degree and  $F_A(x) \in$ [0, 1] denotes the falsity membership degree of xin A respectively and

$$0 \le T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \le 3, \forall x \in X.$$

For single valued neutrosophic logic (T, I, F), the sum of the components is:  $0 \le T + I + F \le 3$  when all three components are independent;  $0 \le T + I + F \le 2$  when two components are dependent, while the third one is independent from them;  $0 \le T + I + F \le 1$  when all three components are dependent.

**Definition 2.5.** [12, 13, 16]Let X be a nonempty set, J be an indexing set and  $\{L_j: j \in J\}$  a family of partially ordered sets. A **multi-fuzzy set A** in X is a set:

$$\mathbf{A} = \{ \langle x, (\mu_j(x))_{j \in J} \rangle : x \in X, \ \mu_j \in L_j^X, \ j \in J \}.$$

The indexing set J may be uncountable. The function  $\mu_{\mathbf{A}} = (\mu_j)_{j \in J}$  is called the membership function of the multi-fuzzy set  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\prod_{j \in J} L_j$  is called the value domain.

If  $J = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$  or the set of all natural numbers, then the membership function  $\mu_{\mathbf{A}} = \langle \mu_1, \mu_2, ... \rangle$  is a sequence.

In particular, if the sequence of the membership function having precisely n-terms and  $L_j = [0, 1]$ , for  $J = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , then n is called the dimension and  $\mathbf{M^nFS}(X)$  denotes the set of all multi-fuzzy sets in X.

Properties of multi-fuzzy sets, relations on multi-fuzzy sets and multi-fuzzy extensions of crisp functions are depend on the order relations defined in the membership functions. Most of the results in the initial papers [12, 13, 15, 16, 18] are based on product order in the membership functions. The paper [21] discussed other order relations like dictionary order, reverse dictionary order on their membership functions.

Let  $\{L_j: j \in J\}$  be a family of partially ordered sets, and

 $\mathbf{A} = \{\langle x, (\mu_j(x))_{j \in J} \rangle : x \in X,$   $\mu_j \in L_j^X, j \in J\}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{\langle x, (\nu_j(x))_{j \in J} \rangle : x \in X,$  $\lambda, \nu_j \in L_j^X, j \in J\}$  be multi-fuzzy sets in a nonempty set  $\lambda$ . Note that, if the order relation in their membership functions are either product order, dictionary order or reverse dictionary order [16, 21], then;

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$  if and only if  $\mu_j(x) = \nu_j(x), \forall x \in X$  and for all  $j \in J$
- $\mathbf{A} \sqcup \mathbf{B} = \{ \langle x, (\mu_j(x) \vee_j \nu_j(x))_{j \in J} \rangle : x \in X \}$  and
- $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} = \{ \langle x, (\mu_j(x) \wedge_j \nu_j(x))_{j \in J} \rangle : x \in X \},$

where  $\vee_j$  and  $\wedge_j$  are the supremum and infimum defined in  $L_j$  with partial order relation  $\leq_j$ . Set inclusion defined as follows:

- In product order,  $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{B}$  if and only if  $\mu_j(x) < \nu_j(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$  and for all  $j \in J$ .
- In dictionary order,  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $\mu_1(x) < \nu_1(x)$  or if  $\mu_1(x) = \nu_1(x)$  and  $\mu_2(x) < \nu_2(x), \forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let L be a lattice. A mapping ':  $L \to L$  is called an order reversing involution [25], if for all  $a, b \in L$ :

- 1.  $a \le b \Rightarrow b' \le a'$ ;
- 2. (a')' = a.

**Definition 2.7.** [23] Let  $': M \to M$  and  $': L \to L$  be order reversing involutions. A mapping  $h: M \to L$  is called an order homomorphism, if it satisfies the conditions:

- 1.  $h(0_M) = 0_L$ ;
- 2.  $h(\forall a_i) = \forall h(a_i);$
- 3.  $h^{-1}(b') = (h^{-1}(b))'$ ,

where  $h^{-1}: L \to M$  is defined by, for every  $b \in L$ ,  $h^{-1}(b) = \bigvee \{a \in M : h(a) \le b\}.$ 

Generalized Zadeh extension of crisp functions [24] have prime importance in the study of fuzzy mappings. Sabu Sebastian [16, 13]generalized this concept as multi-fuzzy extension of crisp functions and it is useful to map a multi-fuzzy set into another multi-fuzzy set. In the case of a crisp function, there exists infinitely many multi-fuzzy extensions, even though the domain and range of multi-fuzzy extensions are same.

**Definition 2.8.** [16] Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $h: \prod M_i \to \prod L_j$  be a functions. The multi-fuzzy extension of f and the inverse of the extension are  $f: \prod M_i^X \to \prod L_j^Y$  and  $f^{-1}: \prod L_j^Y \to \prod M_i^X$  defined by

$$f(A)(y) = \bigvee_{y=f(x)} h(A(x)), \ A \in \prod M_i^X, \ y \in Y$$

and

$$f^{-1}(B)(x) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))), B \in \prod L_j^Y, x \in X;$$

where  $h^{-1}$  is the upper adjoint [23] of h. The function  $h: \prod M_i \to \prod L_j$  is called the **bridge** function of the multi-fuzzy extension of f.

**Remark 2.9.** In particular, the multi-fuzzy extension of a crisp function  $f: X \to Y$  based on the bridge function  $h: I^k \to I^n$  can be written as  $f: \mathbf{M^kFS}(X) \to \mathbf{M^nFS}(Y)$  and  $f^{-1}: \mathbf{M^nFS}(Y) \to \mathbf{M^kFS}(X)$ , where

$$f(A)(y) = \sup_{y=f(x)} h(A(x)), A \in \mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{k}}\mathbf{FS}(X), y \in Y$$

and

$$f^{-1}(B)(x) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))), B \in \mathbf{M^nFS}(Y), x \in X.$$
  
In the following section  $\prod M_i = \prod L_i = I^3$ .

Remark 2.10. There exists infinitely many bridge functions. Lattice homomorphism, order homomorphism, lattice valued fuzzy lattices and strong L-fuzzy lattices are examples of bridge functions.

**Definition 2.11.** [10] A function  $t : [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ 

1] 
$$\rightarrow$$
 [0, 1] is a *t*-norm if  $\forall a, b, c \in [0, 1]$ :(1)  $t(a, 1)$ 

= a;

(2) 
$$t(a,b) = t(b,a)$$
;

(3) 
$$t(a, t(b, c)) = t(t(a, b), c);$$

(4) 
$$b \le c$$
 implies  $t(a, b) \le t(a, c)$ .

Similarly, a t-conorm (s-norm) is a commutative, associative and non-decreasing mapping  $s:[0,1] \times [0,1] \to [0,1]$  that satisfies the boundary condition:

$$s(a,0) = a$$
, for all  $a \in [0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [9] A function  $c:[0,1] \to [0,1]$  is called a complement (fuzzy) operation, if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) c(0) = 1 and c(1) = 0,
- (2) for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ , if  $a \le b$ , then  $c(a) \ge c(b)$ .

**Definition 2.13.** [9] A t-norm t and a t-conorm s are dual with respect to a fuzzy complement operation c if and only if

$$c(t(a,b)) = s(c(a),c(b))$$
 and

$$c(s(a,b)) = t(c(a), c(b)),$$
  
for all  $a, b \in [0, 1].$ 

**Definition 2.14.** [9] Let n be an integer greater than or equal to 2. A function  $m : [0, 1]^n \to [0, 1]$  is said to be an aggregation operation for fuzzy sets, if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1. m is continuous;
- 2. m is monotonic increasing in all its arguments;
- 3. m(0,0,...,0) = 0;
- 4. m(1, 1, ..., 1) = 1.

#### 3 Neutrosophic Sets

In this section, we generalize the definition of neutrosophic sets on [0, 1]. Throughout the following sections X is the universe of discourse and  $A \in \mathbf{M^3FS}(X)$  means A is a multi-fuzzy sets of dimension 3 with value domain  $I^3$ , where  $I^3 = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . That is,  $A \in (I^3)^X$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let X be a nonempty crisp set and  $0 \le \alpha \le 3$ . A multi-fuzzy set  $A \in \mathbf{M^3FS}(X)$  is called a neutrosophic set of order  $\alpha$ , if

$$\mathbf{A} = \{ \langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle : x \in X, \\ 0 \le T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \le \alpha \}.$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let A, B be neutrosophic sets in X of order 3 and let t, s, m, c be the t-norm, s-norm, aggregation operation and complement operation respectively. Then the union, intersection and complement are given by

1. 
$$A \cup B = \{ \langle x, s(T_A(x), T_B(x)), m(I_A(x), I_B(x)), t(F_A(x), F_B(x)) \rangle : x \in X \};$$

2. 
$$A \cap B = \{ \langle x, t(T_A(x), T_B(x)), m(I_A(x), I_B(x)), s(F_A(x), F_B(x)) \rangle : x \in X \};$$

3. 
$$A^c = \{\langle x, c(T_A(x)), c(I_A(x)), c(F_A(x)) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

# 4 Extension of crisp functions on neutrosophic set using order homomorphism as bridge function

**Theorem 4.1.** If an order homomorphism  $h: I^3 \to I^3$  is the bridge function for the multi-fuzzy extension of a crisp function  $f: X \to Y$ , then for every  $k \in K$  neutrosophic sets  $A_k$  in X and  $B_k$  in Y of order 3;

- 1.  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$  implies  $f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$ ;
- 2.  $f(\cup A_k) = \cup f(A_k)$ ;
- 3.  $f(\cap A_k) \subseteq \cap f(A_k)$ ;
- 4.  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$  implies  $f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$ ;
- 5.  $f^{-1}(\cup B_k) = \cup f^{-1}(B_k);$
- 6.  $f^{-1}(\cap B_k) = \cap f^{-1}(B_k)$ ;
- 7.  $(f^{-1}(B))' = f^{-1}(B');$
- 8.  $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$ ;
- 9.  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ .

Proof.

1.  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$  implies  $A_1(x) \le A_2(x), \forall x \in X$  and implies

$$h(A_1(x)) \le h(A_2(x)), \forall x \in X.$$

Hence

$$\forall \{h(A_1(x)) : x \in X,$$

$$y = f(x)\} \leq \forall \{h(A_2(x)) : x \in X,$$

$$y = f(x)\} \text{ and } f(A_1)(y) \leq f(A_2)(y),$$

$$\forall y \in Y. \text{ That is, } f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2).$$

2. For every  $y \in Y$ ,

$$f(\cup A_k)(y) = \bigvee \{h((\cup A_k)(x)) : x \in X, \\ y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \bigvee \{h(\bigvee A_k(x)) : x \in X, \ y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \bigvee \{\bigvee_{k \in K} h(A_k(x)) : x \in X, \ y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \bigvee_{k \in K} \bigvee \{h(A_k(x)) : x \in X, \ y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \bigvee_{k \in K} f(A_k)(y),$$

thus  $f(\cup A_k) = \cup f(A_k)$ .

3. For every 
$$y \in Y$$
, 
$$f(\cap A_k)(y) = \forall \{h((\cap A_k)(x)) : x \in X, y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \forall \{h(\wedge_{k \in K} A_k(x)) : x \in X, \ y = f(x)\}$$
  
 
$$\leq \forall \{h(A_k(x)) : x \in X, \ y = f(x)\},$$
  
for each  $k \in K$ . Hence

$$f(\cap A_k)(y) \le \wedge_{k \in K} \vee \{h(A_k(x)) : x \in X, y = f(x)\} = \wedge_{k \in K} f(A_k)(y), \text{thus } f(\cap A_k) \subseteq \cap f(A_k).$$

4.  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$  implies  $B_1(y) \le B_2(y), \forall y \in Y$ . Hence

$$f^{-1}(B_1)(x) = h^{-1}(B_1(f(x))) \le h^{-1}(B_2(f(x))) =$$

$$f^{-1}(B_2)(x), \forall x \in X.$$

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$ .

5. For every  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f^{-1}(\cup B_k)(x) = h^{-1}((\cup B_k)(f(x))) = h^{-1}(\sup_{k \in K} B_k(f(x)))$$

$$= \sup_{k \in K} h^{-1}(B_k(f(x))) = \sup_{k \in K} f^{-1}(B_k)(x)$$

$$= (\cup f^{-1}(B_k))(x).$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\cup B_k) = \cup f^{-1}(B_k)$ .

6. For every  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f^{-1}(\cap B_k)(x) = h^{-1}((\cap B_k)(f(x))) = h^{-1}(\inf_{k \in K} B_k(f(x)))$$
$$= \inf_{k \in K} h^{-1}(B_k(f(x))) = \inf_{k \in K} f^{-1}(B_k)(x)$$
$$= (\cap f^{-1}(B_k))(x).$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\cap B_k) = \cap f^{-1}(B_k)$ .

7. For every  $x \in X$ ,

$$f^{-1}(B')(x) = h^{-1}(B'(f(x))) = h^{-1}(B(f(x)))' = (f^{-1}(B))'(x), \text{ since } f^{-1}(B)(x) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))).$$

That is,  $f^{-1}(B') = (f^{-1}(B))'$ .

8. For every  $x_0 \in X$ ,

$$A(x_0) \leq \bigvee \{A(x) : x \in X, \ x \in f^{-1}(f(x_0))\}$$

$$\leq h^{-1}(h(\bigvee \{A(x) : x \in X, \ x \in f^{-1}(f(x_0))\}))$$

$$= h^{-1}(\bigvee \{h(A(x)) : x \in X, \ x \in f^{-1}(f(x_0))\})$$

$$= h^{-1}(f(A)(f(x_0)))$$

$$= f^{-1}(f(A))(x_0).$$

9. For every  $y \in Y$ 

$$f(f^{-1}(B))(y) = \sup_{y=f(x)} h(f^{-1}(B)(x))$$
$$= \sup_{y=f(x)} h(h^{-1}(B(f(x))))$$

$$= h(h^{-1}(B(y)))$$

$$\leq B(y).$$
Hence  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** If an order homomorphism  $h: I^3 \to I^3$  is the bridge function for the extension of a crisp function  $f: X \to Y$ , then for any  $k \in K$  neutrosophic sets  $A_k$  in X and B in Y:

- 1.  $f(0_X) = 0_Y$ ;
- 2.  $f(\cup A_k) = \cup f(A_k)$ ; and
- 3.  $(f^{-1}(B))' = f^{-1}(B')$ ,

that is, the extension map f is an order homomorphism.

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