

## 제 2 형 퍼지집합들에 대한 퍼지값 기수

### Fuzzy-valued cardinality of type 2 fuzzy sets

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we consider generalized concepts of cardinality of a fuzzy sets and obtained some properties of new concepts of fuzzy-valued cardinality of type 2 fuzzy sets as fuzzy-valued functions. Also, we investigate examples for the calculation of the generalized cardinality of fuzzy-valued functions and compared with concepts of cardinality of a fuzzy set and a fuzzy-valued function.

#### 1. Introduction

A fuzzy set is considered by a function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , where  $X$  is a set. D. Ralescu [3,4], D. Dubois and H. Prade [1], R. R. Yager [6] investigated concepts of cardinality of a fuzzy set and obtained some properties of new concepts. A statement such as "most students are smart" has a truth value between 0 and 1 ; such a statement is of the general form "  $Qx$ 's are  $A$ " where  $Q$  is a fuzzy quantifier and  $A$  is a fuzzy subset of a (finite) universe of discourse  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ .

In this paper, we consider a fuzzy-valued function  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(R)$  instead of a fuzzy set  $A$ . that is, a real valued function on  $X$ . We denote a fuzzy-valued function  $F$  by

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ \mu_{F,a_1} & \mu_{F,a_2} & \cdots & \mu_{F,a_n} \end{array} \right)$$

Many people have studied the theory of fuzzy sets and fuzzy numbers. We will use the following fuzzy

numbers. Let  $R$  be the set of real numbers and  $[0, 1]$  the interval in  $R$ .  $\mathcal{F}(R)$  denote the set of all fuzzy sets in  $R$ .

**Definition 1.1** A fuzzy set  $A \in \mathcal{F}(R)$  is called a fuzzy number, if and only if

- (1)  $A$  is normal, i.e. there is at least a  $x_0 \in R$  such that  $\mu_A(x_0) = 1$ .
- (2)  $A$  is convex, i.e.  $\mu_A(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y))$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .
- (3) For any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $A_\alpha = \{x : \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is a closed interval and  $A_0 = \{x : \mu_A(x) > 0\}$  is compact.

Here,  $A_0^-$  is the closure of  $A_0$ .

It follows from above that  $A \in \mathcal{F}(R)$  is a fuzzy number if and only if there exists a closed interval  $[r, s]$  such that

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [r, s] \neq \emptyset \\ L(x) & x < r \\ R(x) & x > s \end{cases}$$

where  $L(x)$  is a right continuous function and  $R(x)$  is a left continuous function (see [5]).

## 2. Cardinality and f-cardinality

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite set, and let  $A$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$ , represented by its membership function  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . We denote the  $\alpha$ -level set of  $A$ ,  $L_\alpha(A) = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha\}$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . The complement  $\bar{A}$  of  $A$  has membership function  $\mu_{\bar{A}} = 1 - \mu_A$ . D. Ralescu[3] and A.L. Ralescu[2] discussed some properties of  $\text{card}A$ , the cardinality of fuzzy set  $A$ . This should be a fuzzy subset of  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , with  $\text{card}A(k)$  being interpreted as the possibility that  $A$  has exactly  $k$  elements ( $0 \leq k \leq n$ ). Also, A. L. Ralescu[2] investigated that  $\text{card}A$  was  $k$  to the extent to which exactly  $k$  elements of  $X$  belong to  $A$  while the other  $(n - k)$  elements do not belong to  $A$  and obtained the following formula, the main formula which can be used to actually calculate  $\text{card}A(k)$ , for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ :

$$\text{card}A(k) = \mu_{(k)} \wedge (1 - \mu_{(k+1)}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

where  $\mu_{(1)}, \mu_{(2)}, \dots, \mu_{(n)}$  are the values of  $\mu_A(x_1), \dots, \mu_A(x_n)$  arranged in decreasing order of magnitude, and  $\mu_{(0)} = 1, \mu_{(n+1)} = 0$ .

Now we will consider a new definition of f-card  $F$ , the fuzzy-valued cardinality of a fuzzy set-valued function  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(R)$  with the following membership functions  $\mu_{F(x_i)}(x) = \mu_{F,a_i}$  of each  $F(x_i)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  ;

$$\mu_{F,a_i,c_i,d_i}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [r_i, s_i] \neq \emptyset \\ L_i(x) & x < r_i \\ R_i(x) & x > s_i \end{cases}$$

where  $a_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  are some real numbers,  $s_i = \frac{m-1}{m}a_i$  and  $t_i = \frac{m+1}{m}a_i$ , functions  $L_i$  are straight lines through two points  $(1, s_i), (c_i, 0)$  and functions  $R_i$  are straight lines through two points  $(1, t_i), (d_i, 0)$ , for some numbers  $c_i, d_i$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $m$  is some fixed positive integer. We denote the set of such fuzzy numbers by  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .

**Definition 2.1** The f-cardinality of a fuzzy-valued function  $F$  is a fuzzy-valued function f-card  $F : \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0(R)$  by for every  $k$

$$\text{f-card}F(k) = \mu_{F,a_{(k)},c_{(k)},d_{(k)}} \wedge \mu_{F,1-a_{(k+1)},1-d_{(k+1)},1-c_{(k+1)}}$$

where  $a_{(0)} \geq a_{(1)} \geq \dots \geq a_{(n)}$  is the ordered values of the  $a_i$ 's,  $a_{(0)} = 1$  and  $a_{(n+1)} = 0$ , and  $\mu_{F,0}(x) = 1, \mu_{F,1}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Furthermore, we define the operation  $\wedge$  by

$$\mu_{F,a,c,d} \wedge \mu_{F,b,e,f} = \mu_{F,a \wedge b, c \wedge e, d \wedge f}.$$

**Notes 2.2** Let us compare with a fuzzy set  $A$  (see Example 1 [3]);

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ 0.9 & 0.8 & 0.1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the cardinality of fuzzy set is

$$\text{card}A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This fact implies that the fuzzy cardinality of fuzzy-valued functions is some generalized definition of cardinality of fuzzy sets, since we consider the fuzzy numbers  $\mu_{A,0.9,c_1,d_1}, \mu_{A,0.8,c_2,d_2}, \mu_{A,0.1,c_3,d_3}, \mu_{A,0,0,0}$  instead of the nonfuzzy numbers 0.9, 0.8, 0.1, 0.

**Proposition 2.3** f-card  $F(k) = \mathcal{X}_{\{1\}}$  if and only if  $F$  is a nonfuzzy set with  $k$  elements.

From the definition of the cardinality of fuzzy-valued functions, easily, it implies the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.4** For every  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , the f-card  $F(k)$  of a fuzzy-valued function  $F$  lies in  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .

In this paper, we define the concept of the following complemented fuzzy-valued function  $\bar{F}$  of a fuzzy-valued function  $F$

$$\mu_{F,a_{(i)},c_{(i)},d_{(i)}} = \mu_{F,1-a_{(n-i+1)},1-d_{(n-i+1)},1-c_{(n-i+1)}}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.5** For every fuzzy-valued function  $F$ , we have f-card  $\bar{F}(i) = \text{f-card } F(n-i)$

We think that the following result will be used in an aggregation of fuzzy-valued functions, researching in the future. The concepts of an aggregation of fuzzy sets was discussed in D. Ralescu [7]. At first, we define the maximum  $\vee$  of elements of  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .

### 3. Nonfuzzy f-cardinality

Let  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0$  be a fuzzy-valued function. Then the  $\alpha$ -level set  $[\mu_{F,a,c,d}]_\alpha$  of a fuzzy set  $\{(x, \mu_{F,a,c,d}(x)) \mid x \in R\}$  is denoted by

$$[\mu_{F,a,c,d}]_\alpha = \{x \in R \mid \mu_{F,a,c,d}(x) \geq \alpha\}$$

In this section, we discuss a fuzzy-valued function has a nonfuzzy f-cardinality (number of elements).

**Definition 3.1** The nonfuzzy f-cardinality of  $F$ , denoted by nf-card  $F$  is integer

$$\text{nf-card } \alpha_0 F = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } F = \emptyset \\ [n_F] & \text{if } F \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha_0 \leq 1$ ,  $[n_F]$  is the greatest integer less than  $n_F$  and

$$n_F = \begin{cases} j + \mathcal{L}\{x \mid x \in [\mu_{F,a_{(j)},c_{(j)},d_{(j)}}]_{\alpha_0}\} & \text{if } a_{(j)} \geq 0.5 \\ (j-1) + \mathcal{L}\{x \mid x \in [\mu_{F,a_{(j-1)},c_{(j-1)},d_{(j-1)}}]_{\alpha_0}\} & \text{if } a_{(j)} < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(B) =$  the length of an interval  $B$ . We note there are uniquely the length of level sets, because they are closed intervals.

The following simple procedure can be used to calculate nf-card  $F$ .

**Algorithm 3.2**

- (i) If  $F = \emptyset$ , set  $\text{nf-card}_{\alpha_0} F = 0$ . Stop.
- (ii) If  $F \neq \emptyset$ , find  $j = \max\{1 \leq s \leq n | a_{(s-1)} + a_{(s)} > 1\}$ .
- (iii) Calculate  $a_{(j)}$ . If  $a_{(j)} \geq 0.5$ , set  $n_F = j + \mathcal{L}\{x | x \in [\mu_{F,a_{(j)},c_{(j)},d_{(j)}}]_{\alpha_0}\}$ .  
If  $a_{(j)} < 0.5$ , set  $n_F = (j - 1) + \mathcal{L}\{x | x \in [\mu_{F,a_{(j-1)},c_{(j-1)},d_{(j-1)}}]_{\alpha_0}\}$ .
- (vi) Calculate  $[n_F]$ . Set  $\text{nf-card } F = [n_F]$ . Stop.

Discussing the below proposition, we introduce the order of fuzzy-valued sets on  $X$ . We define  $F \leq G$  by

$$a_{(k)} \leq b_{(k)} \text{ and } \mu_{F,a_{(k)},c_{(k)},d_{(k)}}(x) \leq \mu_{G,b_{(k)},f_{(k)},g_{(k)}}(x - (b_{(k)} - a_{(k)})), \text{ for all } x \in R$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Using the definition of order of fuzzy-valued functions, we have the following proposition, an important property of the nonfuzzy f-cardinality.

**Proposition 3.3** Let  $F$  and  $G$  be fuzzy-valued functions on  $X$  into  $\mathcal{F}_0$ . If  $F \leq G$ , then  $\text{nf-card}_{\alpha_0} F \leq \text{nf-card}_{\alpha_0} G$ .

We note that if  $F$  is a fuzzy set, the above proposition is agree with proposition 5 [3]. Now, let us consider some examples.

**Example 3.4** Let  $F$  be a fuzzy-valued function and we denote by

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ \mu_{F,0.9,-1.1,2.4} & \mu_{F,0.8,-1.0,2.3} & \mu_{F,0.1,-0.9,1.8} & \mu_{F,0,0,0} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $m = 5$ . Then we calculated of f-card  $F$  as in section 2 with  $c_0 = 1, d_0 = 1$  and  $c_5 = 0, d_5 = 0$ . At first, we find the  $f_i$  and  $g_i$ , where  $f_i = c_i \wedge 1 - d_{i+1}$  and  $g_i = d_i \wedge 1 - c_{i+1}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

$$f_0 = c_0 \wedge 1 - d_1 = 1 \wedge 1 - 2.4 = -1.4 \text{ and } g_0 = d_0 \wedge 1 - c_1 = 1 \wedge 1 - (-1.1) = 2.1$$

So, we obtain  $f_0 = -1.4, g_0 = 2.1$  and calculate the remainders by the similar method. Hence we have

$$\text{f-card}_{\alpha_0} F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \mu_{F,0.1, 1.4,2.1} & \mu_{F,0.2, 1.3,2.4} & \mu_{F,0.8, 0.8,1.9} & \mu_{F,0.1, 0.9,1} & \mu_{F,0,0,0} \end{pmatrix}$$

In this example, we know  $j = 2$  and  $a_{(2)} > 0.5$ . If we put  $\alpha_0 = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{L}[\mu_{F,0.8, 0.8,1.9}]_1 = 0.32$ . So,  $n_F = 2.32$  and hence  $\text{nf-card}_1 F = 2$ . But if  $\alpha_0 = 0.5$ , then we have  $\mathcal{L}[\mu_{F,0.8, 0.8,1.9}]_{0.5} = 1.57$  and  $n_F = 3.57$ . Therefore we obtain  $\text{nf-card}_{0.5} F = 3$ .

Now we will compare with example 1 in the reference[3]. If  $m = 5$  and  $\alpha_0 = 1$ , we obtained the same number 2 of cradinality of fuzzy set  $A$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0.9 & 0.8 & 0.1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

But if  $m = 5$  and  $\alpha_0 = 0.5$ , the number 3 is different from the number 2 of of cradinality of fuzzy set  $A$ . I guess this definition is the useful tool, because we can deal with some fuzziness of the degree of a membership function of fuzzy set.

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