



Dominated Convergence for Fuzzy Random Variables

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Abstract

In this paper, the properties of fuzzy random variables with new meter and some extended results of monotone convergence theorem and dominated convergence theorem for fuzzy random variables are discussed. The main result is given by using Dp, q -distance defined on the set of fuzzy numbers.

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1 Introduction

There are two types of common in the real-life world, randomness and fuzziness. Accordingly, there are two powerful theories, and possibility theory. For the development of possibility theory, Dubois and Prad (1988), Klir (1999) and Zadeh (1978) are referred. In many optimization problems such as Luhanjula (1996), Luhanjula and Gupta (1996), Yazenin (1987), and Liu (1999, 2001a, 2001b), randomness and fuzziness are often required for simultion. For other approaches to the combined treatment of randomness and fuzziness, Puri and Ralescu (1985, 1986), Klement, Kruse and Meyer (1987), and Negoita and Ralescu (1987) are recommended. The concept of fuzzy random variables was introduced by Kwakernaak (1978), who developed useful basic properties. Puri and Ralescu (1985,1986), used the concept of fuzzy random variables and expected value (these concept goes beyond those of Kwakernaak) for generalization of the result of random sets to fuzzy random sets and also they developed an important tool for representing imprecise data associated with the outcomes of a random experiment.

The paper is organized as follows:

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In Section 2, the basic definitions and concepts are brought. In Section 3, main result of paper are discussed and finally, conclusion is drawn in Section 4.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, first we recall some notations of fuzzy sets, fuzzy numbers and fuzzy random variables.

Definition 2.1. Let E be a universal set, then a fuzzy set \tilde{A} of E is defined by its membership function $\tilde{A} : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$, where $\tilde{A}(x)$ is the membership grade of x in \tilde{A}

Definition 2.2. $Co(\tilde{A})$ is called the core of \tilde{A} , defined by $Co(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in E : \tilde{A}(x) = 1\}$.

Definition 2.3. $Supp(\tilde{A})$ is called the support of \tilde{A} , defined by $Supp(\tilde{A}) = cl\{x \in E : \tilde{A}(x) > 0\}$.

Definition 2.4. A_α is called the α -level (cut) set of \tilde{A} , defined by $A_\alpha = \{x \in E : \tilde{A}(x) \geq \alpha\}$. According to the decomposition theorem of fuzzy set, we have: $\tilde{A}(x) = \sup\{\alpha I_{A_\alpha}(x) : \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$, where I_{A_α} is the indicator function of ordinary set A_α .

Definition 2.5. A fuzzy number is a fuzzy set of \mathbb{R} such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- a) \tilde{A} is normal, that is, there exist x_0 such that $\tilde{A}(x_0) = 1$,
- b) \tilde{A} is convex, that is, $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, $\tilde{A}(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \geq \min(\tilde{A}(x_1), \tilde{A}(x_2))$,
- c) \tilde{A} is upper semicontinuous with compact support.

According to the definition α -level (cut) set of a fuzzy number is a closed interval where we denote by $\tilde{A}_\alpha = [A_\alpha^-, A_\alpha^+]$, i.e.

$$A_\alpha^- = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \tilde{A}(x) \geq \alpha\}, \quad \text{and} \quad A_\alpha^+ = \sup \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \tilde{A}(x) \geq \alpha\}.$$

Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space, and $F(\mathbb{R})$ denote the set of fuzzy defined on \mathbb{R}

Definition 2.6. A Mapping $\tilde{X} : \Omega \rightarrow F(\mathbb{R})$ is said to be a fuzzy random variable associated with (Ω, \mathcal{A}) if and only if

$$\{(\omega, x) : x \in X_\alpha(\omega)\} \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B},$$

where \mathcal{B} denotes the σ -field of Borel set in \mathbb{R} . For a fuzzy random variable \tilde{X} and $\omega \in \Omega$, let $\tilde{X}(\omega)$ be a fuzzy set with the membership function $\tilde{X}(\omega)(x)$.

Definition 2.7. $D : F(\mathbb{R}) \times F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by the equation

$$D_{p,q}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \begin{cases} \left(\int_0^1 |q(A_\alpha^+ - B_\alpha^+) + (1 - q)(A_\alpha^- - B_\alpha^-)|^p d\alpha \right)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} |q(A_\alpha^+ - B_\alpha^+) + (1 - q)(A_\alpha^- - B_\alpha^-)| & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

The analytical properties of $D_{p,q}$ depend on the first parameter p , while the second parameter q of $D_{p,q}$ characterizes the subjective weight attributed to the sides of the fuzzy numbers.

3 Main Result

Theorem 3.1. Let $\{\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of fuzzy random variables of real value. If $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$, then

$$\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{i.P.D} \tilde{X},$$

where a.s.D i.e is almost surly based on $D_{p,q}$.

Proof: Since $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$, therefore $P\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) = 0\} = 1$ On the other hand $\exists A \in F$ s.t $P(A) = 0, \forall \omega \in A^c$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) = 0$$

So, $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n' \in N$ s.t $\forall n' \leq n$, then $D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon, \forall \omega \in \Omega$ Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= P\{\bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \bigcup_{1 \leq n' \leq n} [D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon]\} \\ &\leq P\{\bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \bigcup_{1 \leq n'} [D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon]\} \end{aligned}$$

let $B_{n'} = \bigcap_{n' \leq n} [D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P\{\bigcap_{1 \leq n'} B_{n'}\} \\ &= \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} P\{\bigcap_{n' \leq n} [D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon]\} \\ &\leq \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} P\{[D_{p,q}(\tilde{X}_{n'}, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2. Let $\{\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of fuzzy random variables and integrable. If $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{i.P.D} \tilde{X}$, then

$$E[\tilde{X}_n] \xrightarrow{D} [E[\tilde{X}]],$$

for , $p = 1$.

Proof: By the assumption we have $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{P} 0$. Now we show that $D_{1,q}(E[\tilde{X}_n], E[\tilde{X}]) \xrightarrow{P} 0$, as, $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{1,q}(E[\tilde{X}_n], E[\tilde{X}]) &= \int_0^1 |q(\mu_{n\alpha}^+ - \mu_{\alpha}^+) + (1 - q)(\mu_{n\alpha}^- - \mu_{\alpha}^-)| d\alpha \\ &\leq E[\int_0^1 |q(X_{n\alpha}^+ - X_{\alpha}^+) + (1 - q)(X_{n\alpha}^- - X_{\alpha}^-)| d\alpha] \\ &= E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})] \\ &= E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) I_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \geq \epsilon\}}] + E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) I_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon\}}] \end{aligned}$$

let $I_n = E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) I_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \geq \epsilon\}}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq I_n + \epsilon P\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon\} \\ &\leq I_n + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof we show that $I_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})I_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \geq \epsilon\}}] \\ &= \int_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \geq \epsilon\}} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) dP(\omega) \\ &= \int_{A_n} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) dP(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Since \tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} are integrable, we have $\|\tilde{X}_n\| < \infty$ a.s.D, and $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \infty$ a.s.. Indeed $P(A_n) \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$, since $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{i.P.D} \tilde{X}$. Then,

$$I_n = \int_{A_n} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) dP(\omega) \leq \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) P(A_n) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Applying theorems (3.1) and (3.2) we have the following theorems.

Theorem 3.3. *Let $\{\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of fuzzy random variables and be independent of random variable Y such that $Y \in L_1, \tilde{X} \in L_1(F), \tilde{X}_n \in L_1(F)$. If $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$, then*

$$E[\tilde{X}_n Y] \xrightarrow{D} E[\tilde{X}]E[Y].$$

Proof: By theorems (3.1) and (3.2), $E[\tilde{X}_n] \xrightarrow{D} E[\tilde{X}]$. since $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$. Therefore $E[\tilde{X}_n]E[Y] \xrightarrow{D} E[\tilde{X}]E[Y]$. Now, to complete the proof we show that $E[\tilde{X}_n]E[Y] = E[\tilde{X}_n Y]$. For all fuzzy random variables we have,

$$\tilde{X}_n(\omega) = \{ [X_{n\alpha}^-(\omega), X_{n\alpha}^+(\omega)] \mid 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1\}, \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

Thus, $\sigma(\tilde{X}_n) = \sigma(\{\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}; 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1\})$. We also know that a fuzzy random variable \tilde{X}_n and a real-valued random variable Y are independent if and only if $\sigma(\tilde{X}_n)$ and $\sigma(Y)$ are independent for $n \geq 1$, i.e, for any $A \in \sigma(\tilde{X}_n), B \in \sigma(Y), P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$. Therefore it is enough to show that

$$E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}]E[Y] = E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha} Y], \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

Now here we consider three cases for a random variable.

(1) Let $Y = I_A$ for $A \in \sigma(Y)$. Since I_A is a random set thus $I_A \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}$ is a random set. By Aumann integral we have

$$E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = \{E(Z) \mid Z(\omega) \in \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}(\omega)\},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha} I_A] &= \{E(ZI_A) \mid Z(\omega) \in \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}(\omega)\} = \{E(Z)P(A) \mid Z(\omega) \in \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}(\omega)\} \\ &= P(A)\{E(Z) \mid Z(\omega) \in \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}(\omega)\} = E[Y]E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}]. \end{aligned}$$

Now if $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i I_{A_i}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i I_{A_i} \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[I_{A_i} \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i P(A_i) E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[I_{A_i}] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i I_{A_i}\right] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = E[Y] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}]. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let Y is a non-negative random variable (i.e $Y \geq 0$, a.s.). Therefore there exist a simple random variable $0 \leq Y_m = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i I_{A_i}$ such that $0 \leq Y_m \nearrow Y$. By monotone convergence theorem for classical case we have $E[Y_m] \nearrow E[Y]$, so $Y_m \tilde{X}_{n\alpha} \rightarrow Y \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}$. Thus

$$E[Y \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} E[Y_m \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} E[Y_m] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = E[Y] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}].$$

(3) Let Y is a arbitrary random variable, then there exist non-negative random variable Y_1 and Y_2 such that $Y = Y_2 - Y_1$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] &= E[(Y_2 - Y_1) \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = E[Y_2 \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] - E[Y_1 \tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] \\ &= E[Y_2] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] - E[Y_1] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = (E[Y_2] - E[Y_1]) E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}] = E[Y] E[\tilde{X}_{n\alpha}]. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.4. Let $\{\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of fuzzy random variables and integrable, the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] \rightarrow E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}, I_{\{0\}})]$
- (ii) $E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})] \rightarrow 0$
- (iii) $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})$ is uniformly integrable.

Proof: (i) \implies (ii) : Let $Y_n = D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})$. Therefore Y_n is a nonnegative real-value random variable and $E[Y_n] < \infty$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$, thus $E[Y_n] \rightarrow 0$, i.e $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \rightarrow 0$.

(ii) \implies (iii) : For all $\epsilon > 0$ we have

$$P(\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})]}{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0,$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since \tilde{X}_n , is integrable then

$$P\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) = \infty\} = 0,$$

and

$$P\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) \leq a\} \rightarrow 1, \quad as, n \rightarrow \infty \tag{3.1}$$

or

$$P\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) > a\} \rightarrow 0, \quad as, n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.2}$$

Therefore $E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] = I_a + II_a$, where

$$I_a = E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) I_{\{\omega \in \Omega | D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) > a\}}],$$

$$II_a = E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})I_{\{\omega \in \Omega \mid D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) \leq a\}}].$$

By using (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} I_a + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} II_a \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} I_a + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$0 = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} I_a = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})I_{\{\omega \in \Omega \mid D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) > a\}}]$$

(iii) \implies (i) :

$$\begin{aligned} |E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] - E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}, I_{\{0\}})]| &\leq E[|D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) - D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}, I_{\{0\}})|] \\ &= E\left[\int_0^1 [|qX_{n\alpha}^+ + (1-q)X_{n\alpha}^-| - |qX_\alpha^+ + (1-q)X_\alpha^-|] d\alpha\right] \\ &\leq E\left[\int_0^1 [|qX_{n\alpha}^+ + (1-q)X_{n\alpha}^- - qX_\alpha^+ - (1-q)X_\alpha^-|] d\alpha\right] \\ &= E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X})] \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Because, $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{i.P.D.} \tilde{X}$ or $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{P} 0$. Then by using the theorem (3.3) the proof is completed.

Theorem 3.5. (*Dominated convergence theorem for fuzzy random variables*) Let $\{\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of fuzzy random variables and Y be a real-valued random variable and $Y \in L_1$. If $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$ and $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) \leq |Y|$, a.s. for $n \geq 1$ then

$$\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} \in L_1(F) \quad \text{and} \quad E[\tilde{X}_n] \xrightarrow{D} E[\tilde{X}].$$

Proof: From theorem (3.1) and (3.2) to complete the proof it is enough to show that $\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X} \in L_1(F)$. Since $\tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.D} \tilde{X}$, then

$$D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0,$$

and there exist an event $E \in F$, such that $P(E) = 0$, and for all $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) = 0,$$

in the other hand

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n' \in N \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n' \implies D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) < \epsilon.$$

Since $D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) \leq |Y|$, a.s., and $Y \in L_1$, then

$$E[D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}})] \leq E[|Y|] < \infty,$$

and $\tilde{X}_n \in L_1(F)$. So for the enough large n

$$\begin{aligned} D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}, I_{\{0\}}) &\leq D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}) + D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) \\ &\leq \epsilon + D_{1,q}(\tilde{X}_n, I_{\{0\}}) < \infty \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\tilde{X} \in L_1(F)$.

4 Conclusion

In this paper we have developed some important theorems of probability theory by using a distance defined on the set of fuzzy numbers and their α cuts. The results is agreed to crisp case where $\alpha=1$.

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