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SOLVING FUZZY LINEAR PROGRAMMING PROBLEM FOR FUZZY FOURIER MOTZKIN ELIMINATION ALGORITHM BY TRAPEZOIDAL FUZZY NUMBER

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we first change the fuzzy liner programming problem into the fuzzy linear system of equations. Then a Fourier Motzkin elimination method is discussed to solve the above converted fuzzy linear system of equations.

Key words:

Fuzzy Fourier Motzkin Elimination algorithm, Fuzzy linear programming problem, Trapezoidal fuzzy number.

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INTRODUCTION

A method discovered by Fourier (Fourier, 1983) in 1826 for manipulating linear inequalities can be adapted to solve LP models. The theoretical insight given by this method is demonstrated as well as its clear geometrical interpretation. It has been rediscovered a number of times by different authors: Motzkin (Motzkin, 1937) (the name Fourier Motzkin algorithm is often used for this method) Dantzig and Cottle (George Bernard Dantzig and Richard Cottle, 2008) and Kuhn (Kuhn, 1956). The Fourier' method is used for solving a system of linear constraints of the form  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$  on the set of real numbers (or more generally on an ordered field) where  $=, >, \geq$  or  $=$  and  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, b$  are real numbers. The Fourier Motzkin elimination consists in successive elimination of the unknowns. Each step transforms the constraints system  $S_n$  with the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  to a new system  $S_{n-1}$  in which one of the unknowns say  $x_n$  does not occur anymore:  $x_n$  has been eliminated. The concept of fuzzy numbers and arithmetic operations with these numbers was first introduced and investigated by (Zadeh, 1976). One of the major applications of fuzzy number arithmetic is treating linear systems and their parameters that are all partially respected by fuzzy number.

Friedman et al., 1998 introduced a general modal for solving a fuzzy  $n \times n$  linear system whose coefficient matrix is crisp and the right hand side column is an arbitrary fuzzy number vector. They used the parametric form of fuzzy numbers and replaced the original fuzzy  $n \times n$  linear system by a crisp  $2n \times 2n$  linear system. In this paper, all the variables are considered as fuzzy variables. Applying Fourier Motzkin elimination algorithm in fuzzy linear programming problem and obtaining the values of the fuzzy variables. This paper is organized as follows: section 2 introduces some preliminary definitions. Fourier Motzkin elimination method in fuzzy linear systems is described in section 3 and also Fourier Motzkin elimination algorithm for solving fuzzy linear system is given. Finally in section 4, the effectiveness of the proposed method is illustrated by means of an example.

Preliminaries

Fuzzy set

A fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is defined by  $\tilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_a(x)) : x \in A, \mu_a(x) \in [0,1]\}$ . In this pair  $(x, \mu_a(x))$ , the first element  $x$  belongs to the classical set  $A$  and the second element  $\mu_a(x)$  belongs to the interval  $[0, 1]$  called membership function.

Fuzzy number

A fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  must possess at least the following three properties to qualify as a fuzzy number:

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- $\tilde{A}$  must be a normal fuzzy set;
- $\alpha_{\tilde{A}}$  must be a closed interval for every  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ;
- The support of  $\tilde{A}$  Must be bounded.

**Trapezoidal fuzzy number (Bellman et al., 1970)**

A trapezoidal fuzzy number denoted by  $\tilde{a}$  and defined as  $\tilde{a}=(a^l, a^u, \alpha, \beta)$ . Where the membership functions of the fuzzy number  $\tilde{a}$  as follows

$$\mu_{\tilde{a}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{a^l - x}{\alpha}, & \text{when } a^l - \alpha \leq x < a^l \\ 1 & \text{when } a^l \leq x \leq a^u \\ 1 - \frac{x - a^u}{\beta}, & \text{when } a^u \leq x < a^u + \beta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Operations on trapezoidal fuzzy number**

Let  $\tilde{a}=(a^l, a^u, \alpha, \beta)$  and  $\tilde{b}=(b^l, b^u, \gamma, \theta)$  be two trapezoidal fuzzy number  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  the arithmetic trapezoidal fuzzy numbers are shown as follows

- Image of  $\tilde{a}$  is  $\tilde{a} = ( a^u, a^l, \beta, \alpha)$
- Addition:  $(a^l + b^l, a^u + b^u, \alpha + \gamma, \beta + \theta)$
- Subtraction:  $(a^l - b^u, a^u - b^l, \alpha + \theta, \beta + \gamma)$
- Scalar multiplication: if  $x \geq 0, x\tilde{a} = (xa^l, xa^u, x\alpha, x\beta)$

if  $x < 0, x\tilde{a} = (xa^u, xa^l, x\beta, x\alpha)$

**Fuzzy linear system of equations**

Consider the  $m \times n$  fuzzy linear system of equations (Motzkin, 1934):

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} \times \tilde{x}_{11} + a_{12} \times \tilde{x}_{12} + \dots + a_{1n} \times \tilde{x}_{1n} &= \tilde{b}_1 \\ a_{21} \times \tilde{x}_{21} + a_{22} \times \tilde{x}_{22} + \dots + a_{2n} \times \tilde{x}_{2n} &= \tilde{b}_2 \\ \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} \times \tilde{x}_{m1} + a_{m2} \times \tilde{x}_{m2} + \dots + a_{mn} \times \tilde{x}_{mn} &= \tilde{b}_m \end{aligned}$$

The matrix form of the above equation is  $A \times \tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$ , where the coefficient matrix  $A$  is  $(a_{ij})$ , where  $i = 1$  to  $m$   $j = 1$  to  $n$ ,  $\tilde{x}$  is a fuzzy variable and  $\tilde{b}$  is also fuzzy variable.

**Ranking function**

The ranking function is approach of ordering fuzzy numbers which is an efficient. The ranking function is denoted by  $F(\mathfrak{R})$  and where

$\mathfrak{R}: F(\mathfrak{R}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  and  $F(\mathfrak{R})$  is the Set of fuzzy numbers defined on a real line, where a natural order exists.

**Maleki ranking function (Maleki, 2002)**

Maleki ranking function have been introduced which are used for solving linear programming problem with fuzzy variables. The representation of trapezoidal fuzzy number  $\tilde{a}=(a^l, a^u, \alpha, \beta)$  and its ranking function  $\mathfrak{R}(\tilde{a})$  is

$$(\tilde{a}) = a^l + a^u + \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \alpha).$$

Where  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

**FOURIER MOTZKIN ELIMINATION METHOD IN FUZZY LINEAR SYSTEMS**

Consider a fuzzy linear system  $A\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{b}, A \in R^{m,n}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{b}$  are fuzzy variables and let  $I = \{1,2,3, \dots, m\}$ . The fuzzy linear system in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}\tilde{x}_1 + a_{12}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a_{1n}\tilde{x}_n &\leq \tilde{b}_1 \\ a_{21}\tilde{x}_1 + a_{22}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a_{2n}\tilde{x}_n &\leq \tilde{b}_2 \\ \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1}\tilde{x}_1 + a_{m2}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a_{mn}\tilde{x}_n &\leq \tilde{b}_m \end{aligned} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Eliminate  $\tilde{x}_1$  from the system (1) for each  $I$  where  $a_{i1} \neq 0$ , we multiply the  $i$ th inequality by  $1/|a_{i1}|$ . This gives an equivalent system:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 + a'_{i2}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a'_{in}\tilde{x}_n &\leq b'_i \quad (i \in I^+) \\ a_{i2}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a_{in}\tilde{x}_n &\leq \tilde{b}_i \quad (i \in I^0) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + a'_{i2}\tilde{x}_2 + \dots + a'_{in}\tilde{x}_n &\leq \tilde{b}'_i \quad (i \in I^-) \end{aligned} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Where  $I^+ = \{i: a_{i1} > 0\}, I^- = \{i: a_{i1} < 0\}, a'_{ij} = a_{ij}/|a_{i1}|$  and  $\tilde{b}'_i = \tilde{b}_i/|a_{i1}|$ .

Thus, the row index set  $I = \{1,2,3, \dots, m\}$  is partitioned into subsets  $I^+, I^0$  and  $I^-$ , some of which may be empty. It follows that  $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$  is a solution of the original system (1) if and only if satisfy  $\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2}^n a'_{kj}\tilde{x}_j - \tilde{b}'_k &\leq \tilde{b}'_i \quad \sum_{j=2}^n a'_{ij}\tilde{x}_j \quad (i \in I^+, k \in I^-), \\ \sum_{j=2}^n a_{ij}\tilde{x}_j &\leq \tilde{b}_i \quad (i \in I^0) \end{aligned} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

and  $\tilde{x}_1$  satisfies

$$\max_{k \in I^-} (\sum_{j=2}^n a'_{kj}\tilde{x}_j - \tilde{b}'_k) \leq \tilde{x}_1 \leq \min_{i \in I^+} (\tilde{b}'_i - \sum_{j=2}^n a'_{ij}\tilde{x}_j) \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

If  $I^-$  (resp.  $I^+$ ) is empty, then the first set of constraints in (3) vanishes and the maximum (resp. minimum) in (4) is interpreted as  $\infty$  (resp.  $-\infty$ ). if  $I^0$  is empty and either  $I^-$  or  $I^+$  is empty too, then we terminate: the general solution of  $A\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{b}$  is obtained by choosing  $\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$  arbitrarily and choosing  $\tilde{x}_1$  according to (4). The constraint (4) says that  $\tilde{x}_1$  lies in a certain interval which is determined by  $\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \tilde{x}_4, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$ . The polyhedron defined by (3) is the projection of  $p$  along the  $\tilde{x}_1$  axis, i.e, into the space of the variables  $\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$ . One may then proceed similarly and eliminate  $\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \dots$ , etc., eventually one obtains a systems  $l \leq \tilde{x}_n \leq u$ . If  $l < u$ , then one concludes that  $A\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{b}$  has no solution, otherwise one may choose  $\tilde{x}_n \in [l, u]$ , and then choose  $\tilde{x}_{n-1}$  in an interval which depends on  $\tilde{x}_n$ , this back substitution procedure produces a solution  $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n)$  to  $A\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{b}$  is, Moreover, every solution of  $A\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{b}$  may be produced in this way (if the system is inconsistent, then this might possibly be discovered at an early stage and one terminates). The number of constraints may grow exponentially fast as fuzzy variables are eliminated using Fourier Motzkin elimination. Actually, a main problem in practice is that the number of inequalities becomes "too large" during the elimination process, even when redundant inequalities are removed. It is therefore of interest

to known situations where the projected linear systems are not very large or, at least, have some interesting structure.

**Fourier motzkin elimination algorithm**

**Step 1.** Formulate the fuzzy linear programming problem from the given problem.

**Step 2.** Then change the objective function as inequality and join it with the constraints. Now we get the fuzzy linear system of equation.(for max problem, use '≤' and min problem '≥' inequality).

**Step 3.** Now change all the inequalities of the fuzzy linear system into '≥' for minimization problem '≤' for maximization problem.

**Step 4.** Now we are going to eliminate one by one in the (x̃<sub>1</sub>, x̃<sub>2</sub>, ..., x̃<sub>n</sub>.)

- Divide each equation by its modulus value of x̃<sub>1</sub> coefficient or all the equations.
- Now we have three classes of x̃<sub>1</sub> coefficient, i.e., '1' or '+1' or '0' linear equations.
- Adding or subtracting any two classes of equations to eliminate x̃<sub>1</sub>.

**Step 5.** Repeat step 4 until all the 'n' fuzzy variable are eliminated.

**Step 6.** After eliminating all the 'n' fuzzy variables, we get the Z̃ values and substitute the Z̃ in above, we get the values of fuzzy variables in back to back substitution.

**Numerical example**

**Type 1: α = β**

**Example 1:** The following example is suggested by the researchers in case α = β.

Max z̃ = 5x̃<sub>1</sub> + 3x̃<sub>2</sub>

Subject to the constraints

3x̃<sub>1</sub> + 5x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (5, 10, 2, 2)  
 5x̃<sub>1</sub> + 2x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (4, 6, 2, 2)

And the non-negativerestrictions

x̃<sub>1</sub> ≥ (0, 0, 0, 0)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≥ (0, 0, 0, 0).

**Solution**

Formulation of the problem

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 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≥ (0, 0, 0, 0).

First we have to include the objective function in the constraints to form a fuzzy linear system of equations. For

maximization problem, change the equal '=' in the objective as '≤' and join with it all constraints

z̃ ≤ 5x̃<sub>1</sub> + 3x̃<sub>2</sub>  
 3x̃<sub>1</sub> + 5x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (5, 10, 2, 2)  
 5x̃<sub>1</sub> + 2x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (4, 6, 2, 2)  
 x̃<sub>1</sub> ≥ (0, 0, 0, 0)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≥ (0, 0, 0, 0). ..... (5)

Equation(5) is a fuzzy linear system of equation now change all the inequalities in the systems as '≤' for maximization.

5x̃<sub>1</sub> - 3x̃<sub>2</sub> + z̃ ≤ 0  
 3x̃<sub>1</sub> + 5x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (5, 10, 2, 2)  
 5x̃<sub>1</sub> + 2x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (4, 6, 2, 2)  
 x̃<sub>1</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0). ..... (6)

Now we are going to eliminate x̃<sub>1</sub> and dividing each coefficient of the system (6) by its coefficient of x̃<sub>1</sub>, we have

x̃<sub>1</sub> - 0.6x̃<sub>2</sub> + 0.2z̃ ≤ 0  
 x̃<sub>1</sub> + 1.66x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (1.66, 3.33, 0.66, 0.66)  
 x̃<sub>1</sub> + 0.4x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0.8, 1.2, 0.4, 0.4)  
 x̃<sub>1</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0). ..... (7)

Now we have in three classes of equations in fuzzy linear system (4.3) we get the coefficient of x̃<sub>1</sub> in the first class of equations is '1', in the second class equations '+1' and in the third class of equations is '0'. Now adding first class of equations with the second class of equations to eliminate x̃<sub>1</sub>,

1.06x̃<sub>2</sub> + 0.2z̃ ≤ (1.66, 3.33, 0.66, 0.66)  
 0.2x̃<sub>2</sub> + 0.2z̃ ≤ (0.8, 1.2, 0.4, 0.4)  
 1.66x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (1.66, 3.33, 0.66, 0.66)  
 0.4x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0.8, 1.2, 0.4, 0.4)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0) ..... (8)

Now eliminate x̃<sub>2</sub> using the same procedure

x̃<sub>2</sub> + 0.189z̃ ≤ (1.56, 3.14, 0.62, 0.62)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> + z̃ ≤ (4, 6, 2, 2)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (1, 2, 0.1, 0.39, 0.39)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (2, 3, 1, 1)  
 x̃<sub>2</sub> ≤ (0, 0, 0, 0) ..... (9)

Now adding first class of equation with second class of equation

1.189z̃ ≤ (5.56, 9.14, 2.62, 2.62)  
 z̃ ≤ (5, 8.01, 2.39, 2.39)  
 z̃ ≤ (6, 9, 3, 3)  
 0.189z̃ ≤ (1.56, 3.14, 0.62, 0.62)  
 0 ≤ (1, 2, 0.1, 0.39, 0.39)  
 0 ≤ (2, 3, 1, 1) ..... (10)

There is no possibility to eliminate z̃ in (4.6) so stop the process. We have from (10)

z̃ ≤ (4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20)  
 z̃ ≤ (5, 8.01, 2.39, 2.39)  
 z̃ ≤ (6, 9, 3, 3)  
 z̃ ≤ (8.25, 16.61, 3.28, 3.28)

Now choosing minimum value for  $\tilde{z}$  to satisfy all the above conditions. So

$$\tilde{z} = (4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20)$$

Substitute  $\tilde{z}$  in (9)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 + 0.189(4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20) &\leq (1.56, 3.14, 0.62, 0.62) \\ \tilde{x}_2 + (4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20) &\leq (4, 6, 2, 2) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1, 2.01, 0.39, 0.39) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 3, 1, 1) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1.56, 3.14, 0.62, 0.62) \quad (0.88, 1.45, 0.41, 0.41) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (4, 6, 2, 2) \quad (4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1, 2.01, 0.39, 0.39) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 3, 1, 1) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (1.33, 3.68, 4.20, 4.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1, 2.01, 0.39, 0.39) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 3, 1, 1) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

From the above equations

$$(1.33, 3.68, 4.20, 4.20) \leq \tilde{x}_2 \leq (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03)$$

The ranking function of  $\tilde{x}_2$  on both nearly 2.3.

$$\therefore \tilde{x}_2 = (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03)$$

Substituting  $\tilde{x}_2$  and  $\tilde{z}$  in (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 + 0.6(0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) + 0.2(4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20) &\leq 0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 1.66(0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) &\leq (1.66, 3.33, 0.66, 0.66) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 0.4(0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) &\leq (0.8, 1.2, 0.4, 0.4) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 + (0.066, 1.356, 0.618, 0.618) + (0.934, 1.536, 0.44, 0.44) &\leq 0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 + (0.182, 3.75, 1.70, 1.70) &\leq (1.66, 3.33, 0.66, 0.66) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + (0.044, 0.904, 0.412, 0.412) &\leq (0.8, 1.2, 0.4, 0.4) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0.422, 1.47, 1.058, 1.058) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (2.09, 3.148, 2.36, 2.36) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0.104, 1.156, 0.812, 0.812) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

From the above equation we get

$$(0.422, 1.47, 1.058, 1.058) \leq \tilde{x}_1 \leq (2.09, 3.148, 2.36, 2.36)$$

Then the ranking function of  $\tilde{x}_1$  on both side nearly 1.05

$$\therefore \tilde{x}_1 = (2.09, 3.148, 2.36, 2.36)$$

We take

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &= (2.09, 3.148, 2.36, 2.36) = 1.05 \\ \tilde{x}_2 &= (0.11, 2.26, 1.03, 1.03) = 2.37 \\ \tilde{z} &= (4.67, 7.68, 2.20, 2.20) = 12.35 \end{aligned}$$

**Type 2:  $\alpha \neq \beta$**

Example 2: The following example is suggested by the researchers in case  $\alpha \neq \beta$

$$\text{Max } \tilde{z} = 5\tilde{x}_1 + 3\tilde{x}_2$$

Subject to the constraints

$$\begin{aligned} 3\tilde{x}_1 + 5\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (4, 9, 2, 6) \\ 5\tilde{x}_1 + 2\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 7, 1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

And the non negative constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

**Solution**

Formulation of the problem

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And the non \_ negative constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

First we have to include the objective function in the constraints to form a fuzzy linear system of equations. For maximization problem, change the equal ‘ = ’ in the objective as ‘  $\leq$  ’ and join with it all constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z} &\leq 5\tilde{x}_1 + 3\tilde{x}_2 \\ 3\tilde{x}_1 + 5\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (4, 9, 2, 6) \\ 5\tilde{x}_1 + 2\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 7, 1, 3) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Equation (11) is a fuzzy linear system of equation now change all the inequalities in the systems as ‘  $\leq$  ’ for maximization.

$$\begin{aligned} 5\tilde{x}_1 - 3\tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{z} &\leq 0 \\ 3\tilde{x}_1 + 5\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (4, 9, 2, 6) \\ 5\tilde{x}_1 + 2\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2, 7, 1, 3) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Now we are going to eliminate  $\tilde{x}_1$  and dividing each co efficient of the system (12) by its co efficient of  $\tilde{x}_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 + 0.6\tilde{x}_2 + 0.2\tilde{z} &\leq 0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 1.66\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1.33, 3, 0.66, 2) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 0.4\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.4, 1.4, 0.2, 0.6) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0, 0, 0, 0). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Now we have in three classes of equations in fuzzy linear system (13) we get the coefficient of  $\tilde{x}_1$ , in the first class of equations is '1', in the second class equations '+1' and in the third class of equations is '0'. Now adding first class of equations with the second class of equations to eliminate  $\tilde{x}_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 1.06\tilde{x}_2 + 0.2\tilde{z} &\leq (1.33,3,0.66,2) \\ 0.2\tilde{x}_2 + 0.2\tilde{z} &\leq (0.4,1.4,0.2,0.6) \\ 1.66\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1.33,3,0.66,2) \\ 0.4\tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.4,1.4,0.2,0.6) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned} \dots\dots\dots (14)$$

Now eliminate  $\tilde{x}_2$  using the same procedure

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 + 0.189\tilde{z} &\leq (1.25,2.83,0.62,1.89) \\ \tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{z} &\leq (2,7,1,3) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.80,1.81,0.40,1.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1,3.5,0.5,1.5) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned} \dots\dots\dots (15)$$

Now adding first class of equation with second class of equation

$$\begin{aligned} 1.189\tilde{z} &\leq (3.25,9.83,1.62,4.89) \\ \tilde{z} &\leq (2.80,8.81,1.40,4.20) \\ \tilde{z} &\leq (3,10.5,1.5,4.5) \\ 0.189\tilde{z} &\leq (1.25,2.83,0.62,1.89) \\ 0 &\leq (0.80,1.81,0.40,1.20) \\ 0 &\leq (1,3.5,0.5,1.5) \end{aligned} \dots\dots\dots (16)$$

There is no possibility to eliminate  $\tilde{z}$  in (16) so stop the process.

We have from (16).

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z} &\leq (2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) \\ \tilde{z} &\leq (2.80,8.81,1.40,4.20) \\ \tilde{z} &\leq (3,10.5,1.5,4.5) \\ \tilde{z} &\leq (6.61,14.9,3.28,10) \end{aligned}$$

Now choosing minimum value for  $\tilde{z}$  to satisfy all the above conditions. So substitute  $\tilde{z}$  in (15)

$$\tilde{z} = (2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11)$$

Substitute  $\tilde{z}$  in (15)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 + (0.189)(2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) &\leq (1.25,2.83,0.62,1.89) \\ \tilde{x}_2 + (2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) &\leq (2,7,1,3) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.80,1.81,0.40,1.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1,3.5,0.5,1.5) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1.25,2.83,0.62,1.89) \quad (0.52,1.56,0.26,0.77) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (2,7,1,3) \quad (2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.80,1.81,0.40,1.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1,3.5,0.5,1.5) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (4.27,6.27,4.36,5.11) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (0.80,1.81,0.40,1.20) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\leq (1,3.5,0.5,1.5) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\geq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

From the above equations

$$(4.27,6.27,4.36,5.11) \leq \tilde{x}_2 \leq (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15)$$

The ranking function of  $\tilde{x}_2$  on both nearly 2.3.

$$\therefore \tilde{x}_2 = (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15)$$

Substituting  $\tilde{x}_2$  and  $\tilde{z}$  in (13)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 - 0.6(0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) + 0.2(2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) &\leq 0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 1.66(0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) &\leq (1.33,3,0.66,2) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + 0.4(0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) &\leq (0.4,1.4,0.2,0.6) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \\ (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 - (0.186,1.386,0.834,1.29) + (0.546,1.654,0.272,0.822) &\leq 0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 + (0.51,3.83,2.31,3.57) &\leq (1.33,3,0.66,2) \\ \tilde{x}_1 + (0.124,0.924,0.56,0.86) &\leq (0.4,1.4,0.2,0.6) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0,0,0,0) \\ (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) &\leq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0.84,1.84,1.562,1.656) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (2.5,3.51,4.23,4.31) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\leq (0.524,1.524,1.06,1.16) \\ \tilde{x}_1 &\geq (0,0,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

From the above equation we get

$$(0.84,1.84,1.562,1.656) \leq \tilde{x}_1 \leq (0.524,1.524,1.06,1.16)$$

Then the ranking function of  $\tilde{x}_1$  on both side nearly 1.05

$$\therefore \tilde{x}_1 = (0.524,1.524,1.06,1.16)$$

We take

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1 &= (0.524,1.524,1.06,1.16) = 1.05 \\ \tilde{x}_2 &= (0.31,2.31,1.39,2.15) = 2.38 \\ \tilde{z} &= (2.73,8.27,1.36,4.11) = 12.37 \end{aligned}$$

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