

# NEW TECHINQE FOR SOLVIND FINITE LEVEL FUZZY NON-LINEAR INTEGRAL EQUATION

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### **Abstract**

In this paper, non – linear finite fuzzy Volterra integral equation of the second kind is considered. The successive approximate method will be used to solve it, and comparing with the exact solution and calculate the absolute error between exact and approximate method. Some numerical examples are prepared to show the efficiency and simplicity of the method.

**Key words**: fuzzy number; Finite level, Volterra integral equation of second kind; successive approximate method; fuzzy integral



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### 1. Introduction

In this chapter, we construct a new method to find a solution of the nonlinear fuzzy integral equation .

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda \int_{a}^{b} \tilde{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t)) dt$$
 (1)

Where  $\tilde{u}$ ,  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{k}$  are fuzzy functions. Park et al., consider the existence of solution of fuzzy integral equations in Banachspaces . But unfortunately, we could not see the proof of the existence theorem, For this reason, we prove the existence theorem for the solution of fuzzy integral equations by extending the existence theorems for ordinary integral equations

,and we think that our approach different from the approach of those authors. So we need some background material about fuzzy metric space, fuzzy contraction mapping and related mathematical notions. These notions are fundamental, and absolutely essential in proving the existence and uniqueness of (1). In later section we will discuss some method in order to find the solutions of nonlinear fuzzy integral equation of second kind.

### 2. Basic concepts

Let X be a space of object , let  $\tilde{A}$  be a fuzzy set in X then one can define the following concepts related to fuzzy subset  $\tilde{A}$  of X [1,6]:

1- The support of  $\widetilde{A}$  in the universal X is crisp set , denoted by :

$$S(\widetilde{A}) = \{x \in X | \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) > 0 \}.$$

- 2- The core of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  is the set of all point  $x \in X$ , such that  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = 1$
- 3- The height of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  is the largest membership grade over X, i.e hgt $(\widetilde{A}) = \sup_{x \in X} \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$
- 4- Crossover point of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  is the point in X whose grade of membership in  $\widetilde{A}$  is 0.5
- 5- Fuzzy singleton is a fuzzy set whose support is single point in X with  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = 1$
- 6- A fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  is called normalized if it's height is 1; otherwise it is subnormal

Note:

A non-empty fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  can always be normalized by dividing

$$\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$$
 by  $\sup_{x \in X} \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x)$ 

7- The empty set  $\varphi$  and X are fuzzy set , then : for all  $x\in X$  ,  $\mu_{\varphi}(x)=0$  ,  $\;\mu_{x}(x)=1\;$  respectively

$$8 - A = B$$
 if and only if  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ 

9- A 
$$\subseteq$$
 B if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ 

10- 
$$\tilde{A}^c$$
 is a fuzzy set whose membership function is defined by :  $\mu_{\tilde{A}^c}(x) = 1 - \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ 

11- Given two fuzzy sets,  $\widetilde{A}$  and  $\widetilde{B}$ , their standard intersection,  $\widetilde{A} \sqcap \widetilde{B}$ , and the standard union  $\widetilde{A} \sqcup \widetilde{B}$ , are fuzzy sets and their membership function are defined for all  $x \in X$ , by the equations:

$$\forall x \in X$$
,  $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = Max[\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)]$ 

$$\forall x \in X, \mu_{A \cap B}(x) = Min[\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)]$$

### $3. \alpha$ – cut sets

**Definition:**  $(\alpha - \text{cut set})$  The  $\alpha$ -cut set  $A_{\alpha}$  of a fuzzy set A is made up of membership whose membership is not less than  $\alpha$ , [3,5,9]

$$A_\alpha = \{x \in X: \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha\}, \forall x \in X$$

The following properties are satisfied for all  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ 

i- 
$$(A \cup B)_{\alpha} = A_{\alpha} \cup B_{\alpha}$$

ii- 
$$(A \cap B)_{\alpha} = A_{\alpha} \cap B_{\alpha}$$

iii- 
$$A \subseteq B$$
 gives  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq B_{\alpha}$ 

iv- 
$$A = B$$
 iff  $A_{\alpha} = B_{\alpha}$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in [0,1]$ 

v- 
$$\alpha \leq \alpha'$$
 then  $A_{\alpha} \supseteq A_{\alpha'}$ 



#### Remarks 3:

1- The set of all level  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , that represent distinct  $\alpha$  – cuts of a given fuzzy set [17]

 $\widetilde{A}$  is called a level set of  $\widetilde{A}$ 

$$\Lambda(\widetilde{A}) = {\alpha | \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) = \alpha, \text{ for some } x \in X}$$

- 2- The support of  $\widetilde{A}$  is exactly the same as the strong  $\alpha$  cut of  $\widetilde{A}$  for  $\alpha$  = 0,  $A_{0+} = S(\widetilde{A})$ .
- 3- The core of  $\widetilde{A}$  is exactly the same as the  $\alpha$  cut of  $\widetilde{A}$  for  $\alpha$  = 1, (i. e  $A_1$  = core  $(\widetilde{A})$ )
- 4-The height of  $\widetilde{A}$  may also be viewed as the supremum of  $\alpha$  cut for which  $A_{\alpha} \neq \varphi$
- 5- The membership function of a fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}$  can be expressed in terms of the characteristic function of it is  $\alpha-{\rm cuts}$  according to the formula:

$$\begin{split} \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x) &= sup_{\alpha \in ]0,1]} Min\left\{\alpha, \mu_{A^{\alpha}}(x)\right\} \\ Where \\ \mu_{A^{\alpha}}(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x \in A_{\alpha} \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

# 4.Convex fuzzy sets

We can generalize the definition of convexity to fuzzy sets. Assuming universal set X is defined in the set of real numbers R. If all  $\alpha$  – cut sets are convex, then the fuzzy set with these  $\alpha$  – cut sets is convex [12, 20]

### **Definition 1:**

A fuzzy set A on R is convex if and only if [13]:

$$\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \ge \min\{\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_2)\}$$
for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and all  $\lambda \in [0,1]$ 

### Remarks 4:

- i- Assume that  $\widetilde{A}$  is convex for all  $\alpha$  and let  $\alpha = \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_1)$ ,  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_2)$  then if  $x_1, x_2 \in A_\alpha$  and moreover  $\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2 \in A_\alpha$  for any  $\lambda \in [0,1]$  by the convexity of  $\widetilde{A}$ . Consequently  $\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \ge \alpha = \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_1) = \min\{\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_2)\}.$
- ii- Assume that  $\widetilde{A}$  satisfies equation (1), we need to prove that

For any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $A_{\alpha}$  is convex. Now for any  $x_1, x_2 \in A_{\alpha}$  and for any  $\lambda \in [0,1]$  by equation (1)

$$\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \ge \min\{\mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\widetilde{A}}(x_2)\} \ge \min\{\alpha, \alpha\} = \alpha$$

i.e $\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2 \in A_\alpha$ , therefore  $A_\alpha$  is convex for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $\widetilde{A}$  is convex.

**Definition 2.** (Extension of fuzzy set )Let  $f: X \to Y$ , and A be a fuzzy set defined on X, then we can obtain a fuzzy set f(A) in Y by f and A [14, 23]

$$\forall y \in Y \text{ , } \mu_{f(A)}(y) = \begin{cases} \sup \mathbb{H} \mu_A(x) \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \varphi \text{ , } \forall x \in X \text{ , } y = f(x) \} \\ 0 \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) = \varphi \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3:** (Extension Principle) We can generalize the per-explained extension of fuzzy set. Let X be Cartesian product of universal set  $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times ... \times X_r$  and  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  be r- fuzzy sets in the universal set. Cartesian product of fuzzy sets $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  yields a fuzzy set  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  yields a fuzzy set  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  yields a fuzzy set  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  yields a fuzzy set  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$  yields a fuzzy set  $A_1, A_2, ... \times A_r$ 

 $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$  define as

$$\mu_{A_1,A_2,...,A_r}(X_1 \times X_2 \times ... \times X_r) = Min(\mu_{A_1}(X_1),...,\mu_{A_r}(X_r))$$

Let function f be from space X and Y

$$f(X_1 \times X_2 \times ... \times X_r): X \to Y$$

Then fuzzy set B in Y can be obtained by function f and fuzzy sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$  as follows:

$$\mu_B(y) = \begin{cases} Sup\{Min(\mu_{A_1}(X_1), ... ... , \mu_{A_r}(X_r) | x_i \in X_i \text{ , } i = 1,2,3 ...., n \text{ , } y = f(x_1 \times .... \times x_r) \} \\ o \text{ , } if \ f^{-1}(y) = \varphi \end{cases}$$



Here ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is the inverse image of y ,  $\,\mu_B(y)$  is the membership of  $\,=f(x_1\times\ldots\ldots\times x_r)$ 

In following example, we will show that fuzzy distance between fuzzy sets can be defined by extension principle.

### 5.INTERVALS

" real number" implies a set containing whole real numbers and "positive numbers" implies a set holding numbers excluding negative numbers. "positive number less than equal to 10 (including 0)" suggests us a set having numbers from 0 to 10. That is [1,4,11,22]

$$A=\{x|0\leq x\leq 10 \text{ , } x\in R\}$$

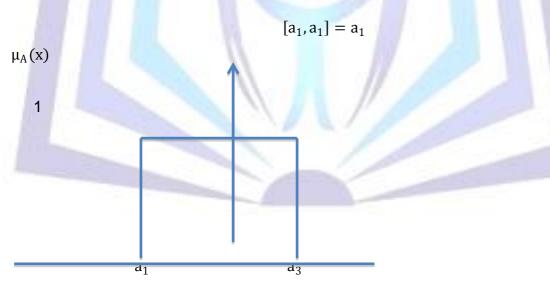
Or

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 10 \text{ , } x \in R \\ 0, \text{if } x < 0 \text{ or } x > 10 \end{cases}$$

Since the crisp boundary is involved, the outcome of membership function is one or zero. In general, when interval is defined on set of real number R this interval is said to be a subset of R. For instance, if interval is denoted as  $A = [a_1, a_3], a_1, a_3 \in R, a_1 < a_3$ , we may regard this as one kind of sets. Expressing the interval as membership function is shown in Fig .1 the following

$$\mu_{A}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < a_{1} \\ 1, & \text{if } a_{1} \le x \le a_{3} \\ 0, & \text{if } x > a_{3} \end{cases}$$

 $ifa_1 = a_{3}$ , this interval indicates a point. That is



**Fig 1:** Interval  $A = [a_1, a_3]$ 

**Definition 4:** (fuzzy number) If a fuzzy set is convex and normalized, and its membership function is defined in R and piecewise continuous, its is called as fuzzy number so fuzzy number (fuzzy set) represents a real number interval whose boundaries is fuzzy Fig. 2 [3,26,5,6].



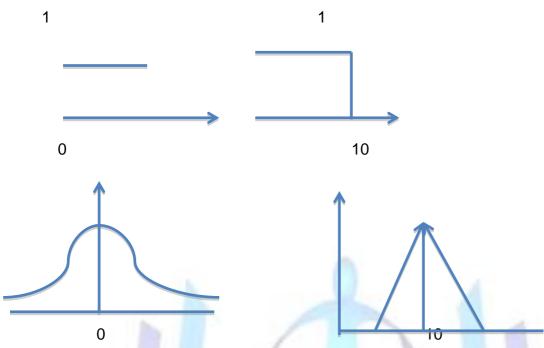


Fig 2: Sets denoting intervals and fuzzy number

Fuzzy number should be normalized and convex . Here the condition of normalization implies that maximum membership value is 1

$$\exists x \in R$$
,  $\mu_A(x) = 1$ 

The convex condition is that the line by  $\alpha-cut$  is continuous and  $\alpha-cut$  interval satisfies the following relation Fig 3:

$$A_{\alpha} = [a_{1}^{\alpha}, a_{3}^{\alpha}]$$
$$(\alpha' < \alpha) \Longrightarrow (a_{1}^{\alpha'} \le a_{1}^{\alpha}, a_{3}^{\alpha'} \ge a_{3}^{\alpha})$$

This condition may also be written as,

$$(\alpha' < \alpha) \Longrightarrow (A_{\alpha} \subseteq A_{\alpha})$$



 $\mu_{A}(x)$ 

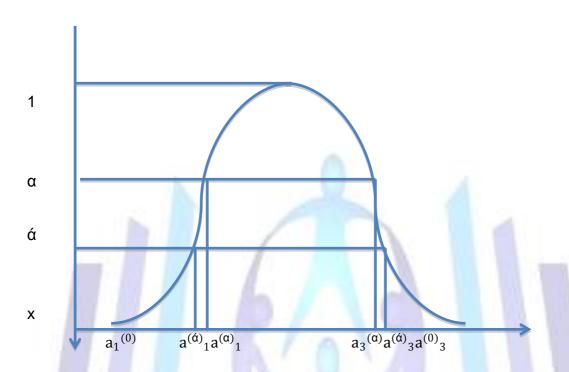


Fig 3:α-cut of fuzzy number

# 5.1 operation of $\alpha$ – cut interval

Operation on fuzzy numbers can be generalized from that of crisp interval. First of all, we referred to  $\alpha$  – cut interval of fuzzy number  $A = [a_1, a_3]$  as crisp set [8,11,10],

$$A_{\alpha} = [a^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3}], \quad \forall \alpha \in [0,1], a_{1}, a_{3}, a^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3} \in R$$

So  $A_\alpha$  is a crisp interval. If  $\alpha-cut$  interval  $B_\alpha$  for fuzzy number B is given

$$B_{\alpha} = [b^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{3}], \quad \forall \alpha \in [0,1], b_{1}, b_{3}, b^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{3} \in R$$

operation between  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $B_{\alpha}$  can be described as follows [6,15]:

1- Addition

$$A_{\alpha} \oplus B_{\alpha} \texttt{=} [a^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}1}, a^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}3}] \oplus [b^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}1}, b^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}3}] = [a^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}1} + b^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}1}, a^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}3} + b^{\alpha}_{\phantom{\alpha}3}]$$

2- Subtraction

$$A_{\alpha} \ominus B_{\alpha} = [a^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3}] \ominus [b^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{3}] = [a^{\alpha}_{1} - b^{\alpha}_{3}, a^{\alpha}_{3} - b^{\alpha}_{1}]$$

3- Multiplication

$$A_{\alpha} \odot B_{\alpha} = [a^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3}, b^{\alpha}_{3}]$$

4- Division

$$A_{\alpha}/B_{\alpha}=[a^{\alpha}_{1}/b^{\alpha}_{1},a^{\alpha}_{3}/b^{\alpha}_{3}]$$

5- Invers

$$A^{-1}_{\alpha} = [1/a^{\alpha}_{1}, 1/a^{\alpha}_{3}]$$



6- Minimum

$$A_{\alpha} \wedge B_{\alpha} = [a^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3}] \wedge [b^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{3}] = [a^{\alpha}_{1} \wedge b^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3} \wedge b^{\alpha}_{3}]$$

7- Maximum

$$A_{\alpha} \vee B_{\alpha} = [a^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3}] \vee [b^{\alpha}_{1}, b^{\alpha}_{3}] = [a^{\alpha}_{1} \vee b^{\alpha}_{1}, a^{\alpha}_{3} \vee b^{\alpha}_{3}]$$

# 5.2 operation on fuzzy numbers

Let F(R) be the set of all fuzzy numbers on real line R. Using extension principle. A binary operation \* can be extended into (\*) to combine two fuzzy numbers A and B. Moreover , if  $\mu_A$  and  $\mu_B$  are the membership functions of A and B assumed to be continuous functions on R [2,7,16]

$$\mu_{A(*)B}(z) = \sup \{ \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y) | \forall x, y \in R, z = x * y \}$$
 (2)

Theorem 1: Let A, B and C be a fuzzy numbers. The following holds [9]:

1- 
$$A(B \oplus C) = (A. B) \oplus (A. C)$$

- 2- -(-A)=A
- 3- A\1=A
- 4- A/B=A.1/B
- 5-  $r(A \oplus B) = rA \oplus rB$
- 6- (-r)A = -(rA)
- 7- (-A)B=-(A.B)=A(-B)
- 8- A/r=(1/r)A
- 9-  $A \oplus (-B) = A B$

### 6-Other types of fuzzy numbers

Carrying out computations with fuzzy quantities and in particular with fuzzy numbers, can be complicated. There are some special classes of fuzzy numbers for which computations of their sum, for example .is easy. One such class is that of triangular fuzzy number, another one is that of trapezoidal fuzzy number.

In this paper we discuss about new type for fuzzy number name finite level fuzzy number[11,17,21].

#### Remarks:

Lets talk about the operation of trapezoidal fuzzy number as in the triangular fuzzy number

- 1- Addition and Subtraction between trapezoidal (triangular) fuzzy numbers become trapezoidal (triangular) fuzzy number
- 2- Multiplication, Division and invers need not be trapezoidal (triangular) fuzzy numbers
- 3- Max and Min operation of trapezoidal (triangular) fuzzy numbers is not always in the form of trapezoidal (triangular) fuzzy numbers

But in may cases , the operation results from multiplication or division are approximated trapezoidal shape . As I triangular fuzzy number, addition and subtraction are simply defined , and multiplication and division operations should be done by using membership function

i- 
$$A \oplus B = [a_1, a_3] \oplus [b_1, b_3] = [a_1 + b_1, a_3 + b_3]$$

ii- 
$$A \ominus B = [a_1, a_3] \ominus [b_1, b_3] = [a_1 - b_3, a_3 - b_1]$$

iii- 
$$A \odot B = [a_1, a_3] \circledast [b_1, b_3] = [a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3]$$

iv- symmetric image 
$$-(A) = [-a_3, -a_1]$$

The multiplication and the addition of two triangular (trapezoidal) fuzzy numbers is not a triangular 9trapezoidal) fuzzy number, so it will not form a group structure. Now, we will construct a ne of fuzzy numbers (which we shall call it finite level fuzzy numbers), such that the addition and multiplication of two finite level fuzzy numbers will be also finite level fuzzy number. The construction of this new type of fuzzy numbers will as follows [25,14,20]:



Given n ,N be two positive integers n < N , and  $\alpha_1,\alpha_2,......,\alpha_N \in [0,1] such that$ 

$$\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_{n-1} < \alpha_n = 1$$

$$\alpha_N < \alpha_{N-1} < \cdots .. < \alpha_{n+1} < \alpha_n = 1$$

Let  $F(R_N)$  be the set of all fuzzy numbers  $A = \{(x_i, \alpha_i)\}_N$  defined on R , such that  $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots .. < x_N < x_$ 

The operations of this type of fuzzy numbers can be defined by

Let A and B  $\in$  F(R<sub>N</sub>) such that A = {(x<sub>i</sub>,  $\alpha_i$ )}<sub>N</sub> and B = {(y<sub>i</sub>,  $\alpha_i$ )}<sub>N</sub>

According to equation (2) we have

$$\mu_{A(*)B}(z)=Sup\left\{Min(\mu_A(x),\mu_B(y)|\forall x,y\in R\;,z=x*y\right\}$$
 
$$=Max\{Min(\alpha_i,\alpha_j)|z=x_i*y_i\}$$
 (3)

If we perform the \* operation between A and B, we will get the following

# [table1]

*	$y_1y_2$	y <sub>n</sub>	y <sub>N</sub>
x <sub>1</sub>	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_1\alpha_1$	
x <sub>2</sub>	$egin{array}{cccc} lpha_1 & lpha_2 & lpha_2 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & $	$[\text{Min}\{\alpha_i,\alpha_j\}]$ $1$ $\alpha_{N-1}$ $\alpha_{N-1}$	¢ <sub>N−1</sub>
X <sub>N</sub>	$\alpha_{ m N}$	$\alpha_{ m N}$	$\alpha_{ m N}$

Now, from this table 1 it is clear that the convex of A\*B is



$$\mu_{A(*)B}(z) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 & \text{for } x_1 * y_1 \le z < x_2 * y_2 \\ \alpha_2 & \text{for } x_2 * y_2 \le z < x_3 * y_3 \end{cases}$$
 
$$\vdots$$
 
$$1 & \text{for } z = x_n * y_n \\ \alpha_{n+1} & \text{for } x_n * y_n < z \le x_{n+1} * y_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_N & \text{for } x_{N-1} * y_{N-1} < z \le x_N * y_N \end{cases}$$

(4)

(5)

According to equation (3 and 4) in this case can be written as

where

$$\mu_{A(*)B}(z) = \alpha_i, \text{if } z = x_i * y_i$$
 
$$\mu_{A(*)B}(z) = 1, \text{if } z = x_n * y_n$$

and

$$z_1 < z_2 < \cdots ... < z_n = x_n * y_n \text{ and } x_n * y_n = z_n < z_{n+1} < \cdots < z_n$$

So  $\tilde{Z} = \{(z_i, \alpha_i)_N \text{ is fuzzy number and } \tilde{Z} \in F(R_N)$ 

### 7.FUZZY EQUATIONS

A fuzzy equation is an equation whose coefficients and / or variable are fuzzy sets of R. The concept of equation can be extended to deal with fuzzy quantities in several ways. Consider the simple equation ax + b = x where  $(a,b) \in R$ , x is a real vareiable, and  $a \ne 1$ , so that the unique solution is  $x = \frac{b}{1-a}$ , then the fuzzy equation

$$\tilde{a}\tilde{x} + \tilde{b} = \tilde{x}$$
,  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in \tilde{P}(R)$ ,  $x \in R$  (6)

means that the fuzzy set  $\tilde{a}\tilde{x}+\tilde{b}$  is the same as  $\tilde{x}$ . Note that it is forbidden to shift terms from one side to another . For instance, the equation  $\tilde{a}\tilde{x}+\tilde{b}=\tilde{x}$ is not equal to  $\tilde{a}\tilde{x}+\tilde{b}-\tilde{x}=0$ : the first may have solution, while the second surely dose not , since  $\tilde{a}\tilde{x} + \tilde{b} - \tilde{x}$  is fuzzy and 0 is scalar .

We can solve the fuzzy equation (6) if we consider the fuzzy variables and the fuzzy coefficient as a fuzzy numbers of the form  $A = \{(x_i, \alpha_i)\}_N$  .In another word[15],

$$\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{x} \in F(R_N)$$

$$\tilde{a} = \{(a_i, \alpha_i)\}_N \ \tilde{b} = \{(b_i, \alpha_i)\}_N \ , \ \tilde{x} = \{(x_i, \alpha_i)\}_N \ (7)$$

again using equation (7) to solve equation (6)

$$\tilde{a}\tilde{x} + \tilde{b} = \{(a_i x_i + b_i, \alpha_i)\}_N \tag{8}$$

Finally the fuzzy equation

$$\tilde{a}\tilde{x}+\tilde{b}=\tilde{x}$$

implies that  $\forall \alpha_i \in [0,1], i = 1, ..., N$ 



$$a_i x_i + b_i = x_i \to x_i = \frac{b_i}{1 - a_i}, \ a_i \neq 1$$
 (9)

So the solution of the fuzzy equation (6) is a fuzzy number

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \{(\frac{\mathbf{b}_i}{1 - \mathbf{a}_i}, \alpha_i)\}_N \tag{10}$$

Fuzzy function of crisp Variable

Two points of view can be developed depending on whether the image of  $x \in X$  is a fuzzy set  $\tilde{f}(x)$  on Y, or x is mapped to y through a fuzzy set of functions .

### **Definition 4:**

A fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}$  is a mapping from X to the set non empty fuzzy sets on X, namely  $\tilde{P}(x)$ . In other words, to each  $x \in X$ , corresponds a fuzzy set  $\tilde{F}(x)$  defined on X, whose membership function is  $\mu_{\tilde{F}(x)}$  and [8]

$$\mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}: X \to I$$

A fuzzy set of mapping F can be constructed in the following way,

Define a function  $F: X \to \widetilde{P}(x)$  such that  $\mu_F: R^x \to I$ , (where  $R^x$  is the set of all functions  $f: X \to R$ )

$$\mu_F(f) = Inf\{\mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(f(x)|x \in X\}$$

**Definition 5:** Given a fuzzy set of mappings F with  $\mu_F \colon R^x \to I$ , we can construct a fuzzy function  $\widetilde{F} \colon X \to \widetilde{P}(x)$  such that  $\widetilde{F}(x)$  is a fuzzy set, as follows[21]:

$$\mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(y) = \begin{cases} \sup\{\mu_F(f)|x\in f^{-1}(y)\} \text{ when } f^{-1} \neq \varphi \\ 0 \text{ , } \text{ when } f^{-1} = \varphi \end{cases}$$

### **Definition 6:**

Given a fuzzy function set Fon X with  $\mu_F: X \to I$  and a function  $T: X \to Y$ . Then there exists a fuzzy function  $\widetilde{T}(F): Y \to \widetilde{P}(y)$  with  $\mu_{\widetilde{T}(F)}: Y \to I$  such that[25]

$$\forall\; y\in Y \text{ , } \mu_{\widetilde{T}(F)}(y)=Sup\{\mu_F(x)|\forall\;\; x\in X \text{ , } y=T(x)\}$$

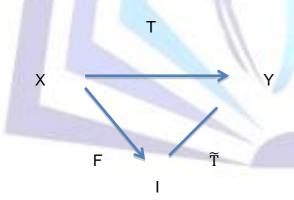


Fig 4 : fuzzy function  $\widetilde{T}(F)$ 

**Definition 7:** Given a fuzzy set of mappings F with  $\mu_F \colon R^x \to I$  and a functional

 $\rho \colon R^x \to R$  . Then we can construct a fuzzy functional  $\dot{\rho} \colon \widetilde{R}^x \to \widetilde{R}$  such that[27]

$$\dot{\rho}(\tilde{F}) = \tilde{\rho}(F)$$

Therefore  $\forall y \in R$ 

$$\mu_{\check{\rho}\left(\tilde{F}\right)}(y)=\mu_{\widetilde{\rho}\left(F\right)}(y)=Sup\{\mu_{F}(f)|f\in R^{x}\text{ , }y=\rho(f)\}$$



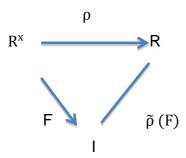


Fig 5; fuzzy functional

### Example:

Let G be the set of all integrable functions. The integration  $\int_x : G \subseteq R^x \to R$ , can be considered as a functional where  $\int_x : G \subseteq R^x \to R$ , can be considered as a functional where

Then the fuzzy integral  $\int_x^{\cdot}: \widetilde{R}^x \to \widetilde{p}(R)$  can be defined the equation above

Given a fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}: X \to \tilde{P}(x)$ , then  $\exists$  a fuzzy mapping F with  $\mu_F: G \subseteq R^x \to I$  such that

$$\mu_{\int_{x} \tilde{F}}(y) = \mu_{\int_{x} F}(y) = \sup\{\mu_{F}(f) | f \in R^{x}, y = \int_{x} f\}$$
 (9)

### **Definition 8:**

Let T be a fuzzy set such that  $T: X \to R$ , then T will be finite if  $supp(T) = \{x_i\}$ . In another word,  $T = \{(x_i, \alpha_i)\}_n$  where  $\mu_T(x_i) = \alpha_i > 0$ 

**Definition 9:** rewrite the definition 8, if fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}: X \to \tilde{P}(X)$  is finite, then  $\tilde{F}$  can be written as

$$\tilde{F}(x) = \{(f_i(x), \alpha_i)\}_n$$

Any fuzzy set of mapping F, constructed from  $\tilde{F}$  also will be finite, and

$$\mu_F(f) = Inf\{\mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(f(x)) | x \in X\} = \alpha_i \text{ if and only if } f = f_i$$

This implies that  $F = \{(f_i, \alpha_i)\}_n$ 

Now , if given a finite set of mappings  $F = \{(f_i, \alpha_i)\}_n$ , then we have

$$\begin{split} \mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(y) &= Sup\{\mu_F(f)|y = f(x) \\ \Rightarrow \mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(y) &= \alpha_i \text{ if and only if } y = f_i(x) \\ \Rightarrow \widetilde{F}(x) &= \{(f_i(x), \alpha_i)\}_n \end{split}$$

### **Definition 10:**

Given a finite mapping  $F(x) = \{(f_i(x), \alpha_i)\}_n$ , and a functional  $\rho: R^x \to R$ , then a fuzzy functional in this case , can be defined by [27]

$$\mu_{\acute{\rho}(F)}(y) = \mu_{\widetilde{\rho}(F)}(y) = Sup\{\alpha_i | \forall \ i=1,2,... \ n \ , y=\rho(f_i) \ \} \tag{11}$$

### **Definition 11:**

The integral of a finite fuzzy mapping  $F = \{(f_i, \alpha_i)\}_n$  is given by

$$\mu_{f_i \ F}(y) = \mu_{f_i \ F}(y) = \text{Sup}\{\alpha_i | \forall \ i = 1,2,... \ n \ , y = \int_x \ f_i$$
 (12)

**Definition 12.** Starting from the fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}: X \to \tilde{P}(x)$  with  $\mu_{\tilde{F}(x)}: X \to I$ , for any  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ , we can define the  $\alpha$  – cut of  $\tilde{F}$  , denoted by  $\tilde{F}_{\alpha}$  as follows [17,24]:



$$\forall x \in X, \tilde{F}_{\alpha}(x) = \{y | \mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)}(y) \ge \alpha\}$$
 (13)

For a fuzzy set of mappings F with  $\mu_F \colon R^x \to I$ , the  $\alpha-cut$  of F is the ordinary set  $F_\alpha$  and it can be constructed using (13) as

$$F_{\alpha} = \{f: X \to R | \forall x \in X, f(x) \in \tilde{F}_{\alpha}(x)\}$$

$$\{f: X \to R | Inf_{x \in X} \mu_{\widetilde{F}(x)} \big( f(x) \big) = \mu_{F}(f) \ge \alpha\}$$
(14)

**Theorem 2:** [19]Let A be a fuzzy set such hat  $A \in \widetilde{P}(x)$ , and  $f: X \to Y$  then

$$f(A) = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha f(A_{\alpha})$$

(15)

**Theorem 3:** [11] let  $\widetilde{F}: X \to \widetilde{P}(x)$  be a fuzzy function. Due to above theorem we always have

$$\int_{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{F}} = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \left( \int_{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{F}} \right)_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \left( \int_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{F}_{\alpha} \right) \tag{16}$$

# 8. $\alpha$ - level fuzzifying function $\tilde{f}(x)$

Consider a fuzzy function, which shall be integrated over the crisp interval. The fuzzy function  $\tilde{f}(x)$  is supposed to be fuzzy number; we shall further assume that  $\alpha$ - level curves[3,8,17]:

$$\mu_{\tilde{f}(x)} = \alpha , \forall \alpha \in [0,1]$$
 (17)

have exactly two continuous solutions:

$$y = f^{+}{}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x)$$
 and  $y = f^{-}{}_{\alpha}(x)$ , for all  $\alpha \neq 1$ 

and only one solution:

$$y = f(x) \text{ for } \alpha = 1 \tag{18}$$

which is also continuous ;  $f^+{}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x)$  and  $f^-{}_{\alpha}(x)$  are defined such that

$$f^{+}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x) \ge f^{+}_{\alpha}(x) \ge f(x) \ge f^{-}_{\alpha}(x) \ge f^{-}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x), \ \forall \alpha, \dot{\alpha} \text{ with } \alpha \le \alpha$$
 (19)

These functions will be called  $\alpha$ - level curves of  $\tilde{f}$ 

### **Definition 13:**

Let a fuzzy function  $\tilde{f}(x)$ :  $[a,b] \subseteq R \to R$ , such that for all  $x \in [a,b]$ ,  $\tilde{f}(x)$  is a fuzzy number and  $f^+_{\alpha}$  and  $f^-_{\alpha}$  are  $\alpha$  – level curves as defined in equation (19), [22,27]

The fuzzy integral of  $\tilde{f}(x)$  over [a,b] is then defined as the fuzzy set

$$\tilde{I}(a,b) = \{(I_{\alpha}^{-} + I_{\alpha}^{+}, \alpha) | \alpha \in (0,1] \}$$

where  $\tilde{I}_{\alpha}^{-} = \int_{a}^{b} f_{\alpha}^{-}(x) dx$  and  $I_{\alpha}^{+} = \int_{a}^{b} f_{\alpha}^{+}(x) dx$  and + stands for the union opertors

### Remark 5:

- 1- A fuzzy mapping having a one curve will be called a normalized fuzzy mapping
- 2- A continuous fuzzy mapping is a fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{f}(x)$  such that  $\mu_{\tilde{f}(x)}(y)$  is continuous for all  $x \in I \subset R$ , and all  $y \in R$
- 3- The concept of fuzzy interval is convex, normalized fuzzy set of R whose membership function is continuous.



 $\mu_{R}$ 

 $f^{+}_{\alpha}$ 

f

 $\mu_{\tilde{f}(x)}$ 

 $\alpha^{-1}$ 

1

α

Χ

# Fig 6. $\alpha$ -cut of fuzzy function

## 9. fuzzy operator

in his paper . we consider a fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}$  such that  $\tilde{F}: X \to \tilde{p}(X)$  with  $\mu_F: X \to I$ . The functional of  $\rho$  over X was defined as a fuzzy set  $\rho^*(\tilde{F})$ .

In this part, we shall deal with the operator of fuzzy function F, which will denoted  $\mathcal{J}^*(\tilde{F})[5,13,26]$ 

**Definition**. Given a fuzzy function  $\widetilde{F}: X \to \widetilde{P}(X)$  with  $\mu_{\widetilde{F}}: X \to I$  and an operator

 $\mathcal{J}\colon R^x\to R^x$  . Then we can construct a fuzzy operator  $\mathcal{J}^*\colon \widetilde{R}^x\to \widetilde{R}^x$  such that

$$\mathcal{J}^*(\tilde{F}) = \overline{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(F)}$$

Therefore  $\forall y \in R, \forall x \in X$ 

$$\begin{split} &\mu_{\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F})(x)}(y) = \mu_{\overline{\mathcal{J}(F)(x)}}(y) = Sup \, \{\mu_{\bar{\bar{\mathcal{J}}}(F)}(g) | \forall g \in R^x \ , y = g(x) \} \\ &= Sup \, \{ sup \, \mu_F(f) | \forall f, g \in R^x \ , y = \mathcal{J}(f) \} y = g(x) \end{split}$$

(20)

When  $\mathcal{J}$  is non=-to-one operator then equation (20) will be

$$\mu_{\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F})(x)}(y) = Sup\{\mu_F(f) | \forall f \in R^x, y = \mathcal{J}(f)(x)\}$$

### Lemma1

Let F be a fuzzy mapping  $\mu_F: X \to I$ , Let T and H be two operator such that  $T: X \to Y$ ,  $H: Y \to Z$ , and H is one-to-one then we have

$$\widetilde{H}\widetilde{T}(F) = \overline{HT}(F) \tag{21}$$

proof:

$$\forall \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\begin{split} &\mu_{\tilde{H}\tilde{T}}(z) = Sup\{\mu_{\tilde{T}}(y)|\forall y \in Y\,, z \in H(y) \\ &= Sup\{sup\{\mu_{F}(x)|\forall x \in X\,\,, y = T(x)\,, \forall z = H(y)\}\} \end{split}$$

Since H is one -to-one , then

(22)



$$\begin{split} \mu_{\widetilde{H}\widetilde{T}}(z) &= Sup\{\mu_F(x) | \forall x \in X \,, z = H\big(T(x)\big) = (HT)(x)\} \\ &= \mu_{\overline{HT}}(z) \end{split}$$

# **Theorem 6: [8]**

Let  $\tilde{F}$  be a fuzzy mapping  $\mu_{\tilde{F}}: X \to I$ , and  $I, \mathcal{J}$  be two operators  $I, \mathcal{J}: R^x \to R^x$  where  $\mathcal{J}$  is one-to-one . Then there exist a fuzzy operators  $I^*, \mathcal{J}^*: \tilde{R}^x \to \tilde{R}^x$  such that

$$\mathcal{J}^*I^*(\tilde{F}) = (I\mathcal{J})^*(\tilde{F})$$

Proof:

$$\mathcal{J}^*I^*(\tilde{F}) = \mathcal{J}^*(\tilde{I}(F) = \overline{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(\tilde{I}(F))} = (I\mathcal{J})^*(\tilde{F})$$

By Lemma, we have

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}\widetilde{I}(F) &= \overline{\mathcal{J}I}(F) \\ \mathcal{J}^*I^*(\widetilde{F}) &= \overline{\widetilde{\mathcal{J}I}(F)} &= \overline{\overline{\mathcal{J}}I(F)} = (I\mathcal{J})^*(\widetilde{F}) \end{split}$$

**Definition 15.** Given a finite fuzzy set of mappings =  $\{(f_i, \alpha_i)\}_n$ , and an operator  $\mathcal{J}: R^x \to R^x$ . The fuzzy operator  $\mathcal{J}^*: \widetilde{R}^x \to \widetilde{R}^x$  of F can be defined by

$$\forall y \in R^x$$

$$\mu_{\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F})}(y) = \mu_{\overline{\widetilde{\jmath}(F)}}(y) = Sup\{\alpha_i | \text{for all } i=1,...,n \ \ y = \mathcal{J}(f_i)\}$$

If  $\mathcal{J}$  is a one –to-one equation (90) will be

$$\mu_{\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F})}(y) = \mu_{\overline{\mathcal{J}(F)}}(y) = \alpha_i$$
 if and only if  $y = \mathcal{J}(f_i)$ 

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^*(\tilde{F}) = \mathcal{J}^*\{(f_i, \alpha_i)\}_n = \{(\mathcal{J}(f_i), \alpha_i)\}_n \tag{23}$$

Remarks 6:[25]

Given a fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}$  and  $\tilde{G}$  . Then we have

i- 
$$(\widetilde{F} + \widetilde{G})(x) = \widetilde{F}(x) + \widetilde{G}(x)$$

ii- 
$$(\tilde{F}.\tilde{G})(x) = \tilde{F}(x).\tilde{G}(x)$$

iii- 
$$(c\tilde{F})(x) = c\tilde{F}(x)$$

**Theorem 7:** let  $\tilde{F}$  and  $\tilde{G}$  be real fuzzy mapping from X to the set  $\tilde{P}(x)$  such that

$$\boldsymbol{\tilde{F}} = \{(\boldsymbol{f}_i, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i)\}_n$$
 ,  $\boldsymbol{\widetilde{G}} = \{(\boldsymbol{g}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)\}_n.$  Then

i- 
$$\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F} + \widetilde{G}) = \mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F}) + \mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{G})$$

ii- 
$$\mathcal{J}^*(\int_0^x \widetilde{F}(x-t)\widetilde{G}(t)dt) = \mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{F})(s).\mathcal{J}^*(\widetilde{G})(s)$$

### Proof:

(i) 
$$(\tilde{F} + \tilde{G})(x) = \tilde{F}(x) + \tilde{G}(x)$$

$$=\{(f_i+g_i),\gamma_{ij}\}$$

Where  $\gamma_{ij} = Max_{i,j} \{ Min(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \}$ 

$$\mathcal{J}^*(\int_0^x \widetilde{F}(x-t)\widetilde{G}(t)dt) = \mathcal{J}^*(\int_0^x (\{f_i(x-t),\alpha_i\},\{g_i(x),\beta_j\})\,dt$$

$$= \mathcal{J}^* \int_0^x \{f_i(x-t). g_j(x), \gamma_{ij}\} dt$$



$$\begin{split} &\{\mathcal{J}\int_{0}^{x}f_{i}(x-t).g_{j}(t))dt,\gamma_{ij}\}\\ &=\{\mathcal{J}(f_{i}(x).\mathcal{J}\left(g_{j}(t)\right),\gamma_{ij}\}\\ &=\{\mathcal{J}(f_{i})(s),\alpha_{i}\}.\{\mathcal{J}(g_{j}(s),\beta_{j}\}\\ &=\mathcal{J}^{*}(\tilde{F})(s).\mathcal{J}^{*}(\tilde{G})(s) \end{split}$$

#### **Definition 16:**

Let R be the set of real number and  $\widetilde{P}(R)$  all fuzzy subsets defined on R .G.Zan [12 ] defined the fuzzy number  $\widetilde{a} \in F(R)$  as follows :

- 1- ~ãis normal , that is there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $\mu_{\tilde{a}}(x) = 1$
- 2- Foe every  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ ,  $a_{\alpha} = \{x: \mu_{\tilde{a}}(x) \ge \alpha\}$  is closed interval, denoted by

$$[a^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}]$$

Using Zaheh's notation  $\tilde{a} \in F(R)$  is the fuzzy set on R defined by

$$\tilde{a} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} a_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha [a^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}]$$

### **Definition 17:**

Let  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{c} \in F(R)$  we define the following operation as [1,7,20]:

1- 
$$\tilde{c} = \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}ifc^-_{\alpha} = a^-_{\alpha} + b^-_{\alpha}$$
 and  $c^+_{\alpha} = a^+_{\alpha} + b^+_{\alpha}$ , forevery  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ 

2- 
$$\tilde{c} = \tilde{a} - \tilde{b}ifc^-_{\alpha} = a^-_{\alpha} - b^+_{\alpha}$$
 and  $c^+_{\alpha} = a^+_{\alpha} - b^-_{\alpha}$ , forevery  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ 

3- 
$$\tilde{c} = \tilde{a}.\tilde{b}ifc^{-}_{\alpha} = Min[a^{-}_{\alpha}.b^{-}_{\alpha},a^{-}_{\alpha}.b^{+}_{\alpha},a^{+}_{\alpha},b^{-}_{\alpha},a^{+}_{\alpha}.b^{+}_{\alpha}]$$

$$c^{+}_{\alpha} = Mxa[a^{-}_{\alpha}, b^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{-}_{\alpha}, b^{+}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}, b^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}, b^{+}_{\alpha}]$$
, forevery  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ 

$$4-\tilde{c} = \tilde{a}/\tilde{b} \text{ if } c^{-}_{\alpha} = \text{Min}[a^{-}_{\alpha}/b^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{-}_{\alpha}/b^{+}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}/b^{-}_{\alpha}, a^{+}_{\alpha}/b^{+}_{\alpha}]$$

$$c^{+}{}_{\alpha} = \text{Mxa}[a^{-}{}_{\alpha} / b^{-}{}_{\alpha}, a^{-}{}_{\alpha} / b^{+}{}_{\alpha}, a^{+}{}_{\alpha} / b^{-}{}_{\alpha}, a^{+}{}_{\alpha} / b^{+}{}_{\alpha}] \text{, forevery } \alpha \in (0,1] \text{,} \qquad \text{excludinghecase } b^{-}{}_{\alpha} = 0 \text{ or } b^{+}{}_{\alpha} = 0$$

5- for everyk  $\in R$  and  $\tilde{a} \in F(R)$ ,  $k\tilde{a} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha[ka_{\alpha}^{-}, ka_{\alpha}^{+}]$  if  $k \ge 0$ 

$$= \bigcup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha [ka^{+}_{\alpha}, ka^{-}_{\alpha}] \text{ if } k < 0$$

6-  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  if  $a_{\alpha}^{-} \leq b_{\alpha}^{-}$  and  $a_{\alpha}^{+} \leq b_{\alpha}^{+}$  forevery  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ 

7-  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  if  $a_{\alpha}^{-} \leq b_{\alpha}^{-}$  and there exists  $\alpha \in (0,1]$  such that  $a_{\alpha}^{-} < b_{\alpha}^{-}$  or

$$a^+_{\alpha} < b^+_{\alpha}$$

8-  $a_{\alpha}^{+} = b_{\alpha}^{+}$  if  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{b} \leq \tilde{a}$  for every  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ 

#### **Definition 18:** Let $\widetilde{A} \subset F(R)$

- 1- If there exists  $\widetilde{M} \in F(R)$  such that  $\widetilde{a} \leq \widetilde{M}$  for every  $\widetilde{a} \in \widetilde{A}$ , then  $\widetilde{A}$  is said to have an upper bound  $\widetilde{M}$ .
- 2- If there exists  $\widetilde{m} \in F(R)$  such that  $\widetilde{m} \leq \widetilde{a}$  for every  $\widetilde{a} \in \widetilde{A}$ , then  $\widetilde{A}$  is said to have an lower bound $\widetilde{m}$ .
- 3-  $\widetilde{A}$  is said to be bounded if  $\widetilde{A}$  has both upper and lower bounds.
- 4- A sequence  $\{\tilde{a}_n\} \subset F(R)$  is said to be bounded if the set  $\{\tilde{a}_n | n \in N\}$  is bounded

Definition 19: Let(X, d) be a metric space , and let H(x) be the set of all non-empty compact subset of X. The distance between A and B , for each  $A, B \in H(x)$  is defined by the Hausdorff metric [18,27]

$$D(A,B) = Max\{Sup_{a \in A}Inf_{b \in B}d(a,b), Sup_{b \in B}Inf_{a \in A}d(a,b)\}$$

**Theorem 20.** (H(x),D) is a metric space

**Definition 21:** A fuzzy set  $\widetilde{A}: X \to I$  is compact if all its level sets  $A_{\alpha}$  is compact subset in the metric space (X,d)



**Definition 22:** Let H(F(x)) be the set of all non-empty compact fuzzy subset of X. the distance between  $\widetilde{A}, \widetilde{B} \in H(F(x))$  defined by

$$\widetilde{D}: H(F(x)) \times H(F(x)) \to R^+ \cup \{0\}$$

such that

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{D}\big(\widetilde{A},\widetilde{B}\big) &= Sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} D(A_{\alpha},B_{\alpha}) \\ &= Sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} \{ Max \{ Sup_{a \in A_{\alpha}} Inf_{b \in B_{\alpha}} d(a,b), Sup_{b \in B_{\alpha}} Inf_{a \in A_{\alpha}} d(a,b) \} \} \end{split}$$

where D is the Haousdorff metric defined in H(x)

**Theorem 8:**  $(H(F(x), \widetilde{D}))$  is a metric space, if (X, d) is a metric space

**Theorem 9:**  $(H(F(x), \widetilde{D})$  is complete metric space, if (X,d) is a complete metric space.

Now , when X=R and d(u,v)=|u-v| for all  $u,v\in R$ , since for each fuzzy number  $\tilde{a}\in F(R)$  we know that  $\tilde{a}_{\alpha}$  is a closed interval  $[a^{-}_{\alpha},a^{+}_{\alpha}]$ , then  $\tilde{a}_{0}$  is compact , and hence  $\tilde{a}$  is a non-empty compact subset in R

**Definition 23.** The distance between fuzzy numbers  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in F(R)$  is given by

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{D}\big(\widetilde{a},\widetilde{b}\big) &= Sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq I} \{ Max \{ Sup_{a \in [a^-_{\alpha},a^+_{\alpha}]} Inf_{b[\in b^-_{\alpha},b^+_{\alpha}]} |a-b| \text{ ,} \\ & Sup_{b \in [b^-_{\alpha},b^+_{\alpha}]} Inf_{a \in [a^-_{\alpha},a^+_{\alpha}} d(a,b) |a-b| \} \} \\ &= Sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq I} \{ Max \{ |a^-_{\alpha} - b^-_{\alpha}|, |a^+_{\alpha} - b^+_{\alpha}| \} \} \end{split}$$

**Theorem 10**.(F(R),  $\widetilde{D}$ ) is a metric space

**Theorem 11.** If  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c} \in F(R)$  then  $\tilde{D}(\tilde{a} + \tilde{c}, \tilde{b} + \tilde{c}) = \tilde{D}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ 

#### **Proof:**

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{D}\big(\widetilde{a}+\widetilde{c},\widetilde{b}+\widetilde{c}\big) &= Sup_{\alpha\in(0,1]}(D(\widetilde{a}+\widetilde{c})_{\alpha},\left(\widetilde{b}+\widetilde{c}\right)_{\alpha}) \\ &= Sup_{\alpha\in(0,1]}(D[a^{-}_{\alpha}+c^{-}_{\alpha},a^{+}_{\alpha}+c^{+}_{\alpha})_{\alpha},[b^{-}_{\alpha}+c^{-}_{\alpha},b^{+}_{\alpha}+c^{+}_{\alpha})_{\alpha}) \\ &= Sup_{\alpha\in(0,1]}Max\{\left|(a^{-}_{\alpha}+c^{-}_{\alpha})-(b^{-}_{\alpha}+c^{-}_{\alpha})\right|,\left|(a^{+}_{\alpha}+c^{+}_{\alpha})-(b^{+}_{\alpha}+c^{+}_{\alpha})\right|\} \\ &= Sup_{\alpha\in(0,1]}Max\{\left|a^{-}_{\alpha}-b^{-}_{\alpha}\right|,\left|a^{+}_{\alpha}-b^{+}_{\alpha}\right|\} = \widetilde{D}(\widetilde{a},\widetilde{b}) \end{split}$$

**definition 24.** Let  $\{\tilde{a}_n\} \subset F(R), \tilde{a} \in F(R)$ . Then the sequence  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is said to converge to  $\tilde{a}$  in fuzzy distance  $\tilde{D}$ , denoted by

$$\lim \tilde{a}_n = \tilde{a}$$

if for any given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an integer N > 0 such that  $\widetilde{D}(\widetilde{a}_n, \widetilde{a}) < \epsilon$  for  $n \ge N$ . A sequence  $\{\widetilde{a}_n\}$  in F(R) is said to be a Cauchy sequence if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer N > 0 such that

$$\widetilde{D}(\widetilde{a}_n,\widetilde{a}_m) < \varepsilon$$

forn, m > N. A fuzzy metric space (F(R), D) is called the complete metric space if every Cauchy sequence in F(R) is converges.

**Theorem 12.** The sequence  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  in F(R) is converge in the metric  $\widetilde{D}$  if and only if

 $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Theorem 13.**  $(F(R), \tilde{D})$  is a complete metric space

**Definition 25** A fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{F}: X \to F(R)$  is called levelwise continuous at  $t_0 \in X$  if the mapping  $\tilde{F}_{\alpha}$  is continuous at  $t = t_0$  with respect to the Hausdorff metric Don F(R) for all  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ . As a special case when  $X = [a,b] \subseteq R$ , this definition can be generalized to  $[a,b] \times [a,b]$  as follows:

**Definition 26.** A fuzzy mapping  $\tilde{f}: X \times X \to F(R)$  is called levelwise continuous at point  $(x_0, t_0) \in X \times X$  provided, for any fixed  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  and arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta(\epsilon, \alpha) > 0$  such that

$$D(|\tilde{f}(x,t)|_{\alpha},|\tilde{f}(x_0,t_0)|_{\alpha}) < \varepsilon$$

whenever



$$|t-t_0| < \delta$$
 ,  $|x-x_0| < \delta$ 

for all  $x, t \in X$ 

#### Definition 27.

Let  $\tilde{F}: X \to F(R)$ , the integral of  $\tilde{F}$  over X = [a, b] denoted by  $\int_{V} \tilde{F}(t) dt$  is defined levelwise by the equation

$$\begin{split} \left[ \int_x \ \tilde{F}(t) dt \right]_{\alpha} &= \int_x \ \tilde{F}_{\alpha}(t) dt \ \text{ for all } \ 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \\ \\ \left[ \int_x \ \tilde{F}^{-}_{\alpha}(t) dt, \int_x \ \tilde{F}^{+}_{\alpha}(t) dt \right] \end{split}$$

**Theorem 14.** If  $\tilde{F}: X \to F(R)$  levelwise continuous and  $Supp(\tilde{F})$  is bounded , then F is integrable

# **Proof: Directly from definition (5.11)**

**Theorem 5.**10.Let  $F, G: X \to F(R)$  be integrable and  $\in R$ . Then

1- 
$$\int_{\mathbf{v}} (\mathbf{F}(t) + \mathbf{G}(t)dt = \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{F}(t)dt + \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{G}(t)dt$$

2- 
$$\int_{x} \lambda F(t)dt = \lambda \int_{x} F(t)dt$$

### Theorem 15.

(Existence and uniqueness For a Solution Of fuzzy nonlinear integral Equation )

Assume the following conditions are satisfied

$$1 - f: [a, b] \rightarrow E^n$$
 is countinuous and bounded

$$2 - K: \Delta \rightarrow E^n$$
 is a continuous function

 $3 - if u, v: [a, b] \rightarrow E^n$  are contious, then the lipschitz condition

$$D\left(K(x,t,u(t)),K(x,t,v(t))\right) \le LD(u(x),v(x))$$

is satisfied, with 
$$0 < L < \frac{1}{b-a}$$
.

where  $\Delta = \{(x, t, u, v) | a \le x, t \le b, -\infty \le v \le \infty, -\infty \le u \le v\}.$ 

# 10. solution of fuzzy nonlinear integral equations

Our treatment of fuzzy nonlinear volterra integralequation central mainly on illustrations of the known methods of finding exact , or numerical solution. In this paper we present new techniques for solving fuzzy nonlinear volterra integral equations

## 10.1. Method of Successive Approximation

This approach solves a nonlinear fuzzy volterra integral equation of the second kind and it starts by substituting a zeroth approximation  $u_0(x)$  in the integral equation we obtain a first approximation  $u_1(x)$ 

$$u_{11}(x) = f_1(x) + \int_a^x k_1(x, t, u_{10}(t))dt$$

Then this  $u_{11}(x)$  is substituted again in the integral equation to obtain the second approximation  $u_{12}(x)$ 

$$u_{12}(x) = f_1(x) + \int_a^x k_1(x, t, u_{11}(t))dt$$

This process can be continued to obtain the n-th approximation

$$u_{1n}(x) = f_1(x) + \int_a^x k_1(x, t, u_{1n-1}(t))dt$$

Then determine whether  $u_{1n}(x)$  approaches the solution  $u_1(x)$  as n increases .

It turns out that if f(x) is continuous for  $0 \le x \le a$  and if k(x,t) is also continuous for  $0 \le x \le a$  and  $0 \le t \le x$  then the sequence  $u_{1n}(x)$  will converge to the solution u(x)



# Example 1

Consider the nonlinear fuzzy integral equation of the second kind

$$\tilde{u}(x) = \tilde{f}(x) + \int_{a}^{x} \tilde{k}(x, t, \tilde{u}(t)) dt$$

Where

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \{(f_1(x), 0.4), (f_2(x), 1)\}\$$

and

$$\widetilde{k_1}(x,t,\widetilde{u}(t)) = (x-t)u_1^2(t)$$
 and  $\widetilde{k_2}(x,t,\widetilde{u}(t)) = 1u_2^2(t)$ 

$$f_1(x) = x - \frac{x^4}{12}$$
 and  $f_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3}$ 

By using Successive method

At  $\alpha = 0.4$ 

$$u_1(x) = x - \frac{x^4}{12} + \int_a^x (x - t)u_1^2(t)dt$$

$$u_{10}(x) = 0$$

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$$u_{11}(x) = x - \frac{x^4}{12}$$

$$u_{12}(x) = x - \frac{x^4}{12} + \int_a^x (x - t) u_{11}^2(t) dt = x + \frac{x^4}{6} - \frac{6x^7}{1512} + \frac{24x^{10}}{51840}$$

$$u_1(x) = \lim_{m \to \infty} u_{1m}(x) \approx x$$

 $at\alpha = 1$ 

$$u_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} + \int_a^x u^2_2(t)dt$$

$$u_{20}(x)=0$$

$$u_{21}(x) = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$u_{22}(x) = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} + \int_a^x u^2_{21}(t)dt = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^6}{9} + \frac{x^7}{42}$$

$$u_2(x) = \lim_{m \to \infty} u_{2m}(x) \approx x^2$$

the fuzzy solution of the equation above is



$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}) = \left\{ \left( \mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{x}^4}{6} - \frac{6\mathbf{x}^7}{1512} + \frac{24\mathbf{x}^{10}}{51840}, 0.4 \right), \left( \mathbf{x}^2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}^3}{3} + \frac{\mathbf{x}^5}{5} - \frac{\mathbf{x}^6}{9} + \frac{\mathbf{x}^7}{42}, 1 \right) \right\}$$

#### 11. Conclusions

In this paper , a approximate method based on successive methods has been proposed to the solution of non-linear fuzzy volterra integral equations. In this method , the problem of solving fuzzy nonlinear integral equation reduced to finite level fuzzy nonlinear integral equation of a second kind . Illustrative examples are prepared to show the efficiency and simplicity of the method.

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