



A Nonagonal Fuzzy Number and Its Arithmetic Operation

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Abstract: In many real life cases, the decision data of human judgments with preferences are often vague so that the usual ways of using crisp values are inadequate also using fuzzy numbers such as triangular, trapezoidal are not suitable in few cases where the uncertainties arises in nine different points. Therefore, Nonagonal Fuzzy Number (NFN) and its arithmetic operations based on extension principle of fuzzy sets and α -cut are introduced.

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1. Introduction

Fuzzy sets were introduced in their modern form by Zadeh, L.A. in 1965 [12]. It provides natural way of dealing with problems in which the source of imprecision and vagueness occurs and it can be applied in many fields such as artificial intelligence, control system, decision making, expert system etc. The concept of fuzzy number has been defined as a fuzzy subset of real line by Dubois, D and Prade, H [1]. A fuzzy number is a quantity whose values are precise, rather than exact as in the case with single valued numbers [2, 5]. To deal imprecise in real life situation, many researchers used triangular and trapezoidal fuzzy number [8, 10, 11, 14]. Also hexagonal, octagonal, decagonal fuzzy numbers have been introduced to clear the vagueness [4, 6, 7, 9]. Most of the researcher has focused on uncertain linguistic term in group decision making processes [3, 11, 13]. In decision making problem experts may provide uncertain linguistic term to express their opinion when they have no clear idea and lack of information. The uncertain linguistic term is frequently used as input in decision analysis activities. So far linguistic values are usually represented as fuzzy numbers such as triangular, trapezoidal. But it is complex to restrict the membership functions to take triangular, trapezoidal when vagueness arises in nine different points. Therefore, in this paper a new form of Nonagonal Fuzzy Number(NFN) is explored under uncertain linguistic environment. This paper is organized as follows: section one presents introduction. Basic definition of fuzzy number and linguistic terms are given in section two, section three provides nonagonal fuzzy number and it linguistic values. New operation for addition,

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multiplication, division of nonagonal fuzzy number on the basis of fuzzy extension principle and α -cut are proposed in section four. Section five gives a numerical example of arithmetic operation on NFN. Finally, conclusion and future directions are given.

2. Basic Definitions and Notations

In this section, some basic definitions of fuzzy set theory and fuzzy numbers are reviewed.

Definition 2.1. A fuzzy set \tilde{A} in X is characterized by a membership function $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$ which associates each point in X , to a real number in the interval $[0, 1]$. The value of $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$ represents “grade of membership” of $x \in \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$. More general representation for a fuzzy set is $\tilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x))\}$

Definition 2.2. The α -cut of the fuzzy set \tilde{A} of the universe of discourse X is defined as $\tilde{A}_\alpha = \{x \in X / \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \geq \alpha\}$, where $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 2.3. A fuzzy set \tilde{A} defined on the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} is said to be a fuzzy number if its membership function $\tilde{A} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ has the following characteristics.

(i) \tilde{A} is convex

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \geq \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2)), \forall x \in [0, 1], \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

(ii) \tilde{A} is normal

$$\text{i.e. there exists an } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that if } \max \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = 1.$$

(iii) \tilde{A} is piecewise continuous.

Definition 2.4. A triangular fuzzy number \tilde{A} denoted by (a_1, a_2, a_3) , and the membership function is defined as

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - a_1}{a_2 - a_1}, & \text{for } a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ \frac{a_3 - x}{a_3 - a_2}, & \text{for } a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.5. A trapezoidal fuzzy number \tilde{A} can be defined as (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) , and the membership function is defined as

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x - a_1)}{(a_2 - a_1)}, & a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ 1, & a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ \frac{(a_4 - x)}{(a_4 - a_3)}, & a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.6. A linguistic variable/term is a variable whose value is not crisp number but word or sentence in a natural language.

3. Nonagonal Fuzzy Number (NFN)

Definition 3.1. A Nonagonal fuzzy number \tilde{N} denoted as $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9)$, and the membership function is defined as

$$\mu_{\tilde{N}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_1)}{(a_2 - a_1)}, & a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_2)}{(a_3 - a_2)}, & a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_3)}{(a_4 - a_3)}, & a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_4)}{(a_5 - a_4)}, & a_4 \leq x \leq a_5 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_5)}{(a_6 - a_5)}, & a_5 \leq x \leq a_6 \\ \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_6)}{(a_7 - a_6)}, & a_6 \leq x \leq a_7 \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_7)}{(a_8 - a_7)}, & a_7 \leq x \leq a_8 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(a_9 - x)}{(a_9 - a_8)}, & a_8 \leq x \leq a_9 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

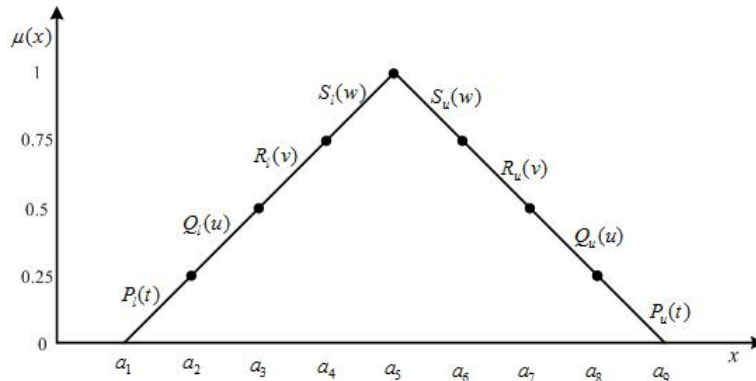


Figure 1. The Nonagonal fuzzy number

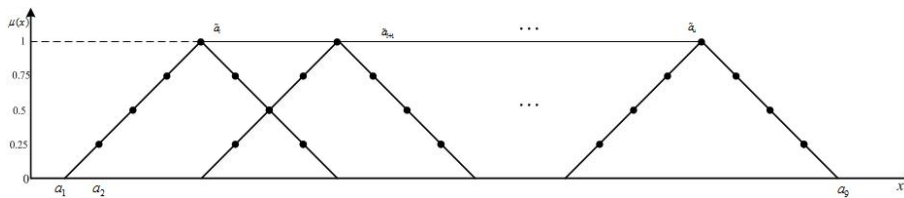


Figure 2. The Nonagonal fuzzy number from uncertain linguistic term $[s_l, s_u]$

Furthermore, in light of the research work by Kaufman, A [5] and Zadeh, LA [13], we provide the operations of uncertain linguistic terms in the following.

Table 1. Nonagonal Fuzzy linguistic scale

Linguistic terms	Linguistic values
No influence	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.04, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16)
Very Low influence	(0, 0.04, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.20, 0.24, 0.28)
Low influence	(0.16, 0.2, 0.24, 0.28, 0.32, 0.36, 0.4, 0.44, 0.48)
Medium	(0.32, 0.36, 0.4, 0.44, 0.48, 0.52, 0.56, 0.6, 0.64)
High influence	(0.48, 0.52, 0.56, 0.6, 0.64, 0.68, 0.72, 0.76, 0.8)
Very High influence	(0.64, 0.68, 0.72, 0.76, 0.8, 0.84, 0.88, 0.92, 0.96)
Very Very High influence	(0.8, 0.84, 0.88, 0.92, 0.96, 1, 1, 1, 1)

4. Arithmetic Operations of Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers (NFN)

In this section, arithmetic operations of NFN based on fuzzy extension principle and α -cut method.

4.1. Arithmetic Operation on Extension Principle

Definition 4.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping from a set X to a set Y , then the extension principle define the Fuzzy Set \tilde{B} in Y and induced by the fuzzy set \tilde{A} in X through as follows,

$$\tilde{B} = \{(y, \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)|y = f(x), x \in X)\}$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{B}}(y) = \begin{cases} \text{Sup}_{y=f(x)} \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) & : f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & : f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

Definition 4.2. The arithmetic operation ($*$) of two Fuzzy Numbers is a mapping an input vector $X = [x_1, x_2]^T$ define in the cartesian product space $R \times R$ onto an output y define in the real space R . If \tilde{A}_1 and \tilde{A}_2 are Fuzzy Numbers then their outcome of arithmetic operation is also a fuzzy number determined with the formula.

$$(\tilde{A}_1 * \tilde{A}_2)(y) = \left\{ (y, \text{sup}_{y=x_1 * x_2} [\min(\mu_{\tilde{A}_1}, \mu_{\tilde{A}_2})], \forall x_1, x_2, y \in R \right\}$$

4.2. Arithmetic Operation on α -cut

Definition 4.3. A Nonagonal fuzzy number \tilde{N} can also be defined as $\tilde{N} = P_1(t), Q_1(u), R_1(v), S_1(w), P_u(t), Q_u(u), R_u(v), S_u(w), t \in [0, 0.25], u \in [0.25, 0.5], v \in [0.5, 0.75]$ and $w \in [0, 1]$, where

$$P_1(t) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_1)}{(a_2 - a_1)}, Q_1(u) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_2)}{(a_3 - a_2)}, R_1(v) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_3)}{(a_4 - a_3)}, S_1(w) = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_4)}{(a_5 - a_4)},$$

$$S_2(w) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_5)}{(a_6 - a_5)}, R_2(v) = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_6)}{(a_7 - a_6)}, Q_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - a_7)}{(a_8 - a_7)}, P_2(t) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{(a_9 - x)}{(a_9 - a_8)}$$

Here,

- $P_1(t), Q_1(u), R_1(v), S_1(w)$, is bounded and continuous increasing function over $[0, 0.25], [0.25, 0.5], [0.5, 0.75]$ and $[0, 1]$ respectively.

- $P_2(t), Q_2(u), R_2(v), S_2(w)$, is bounded and continuous decreasing function over $[0, 0.25], [0.25, 0.5], [0.5, 0.75]$ and $[0, 1]$ respectively.

Definition 4.4. The α -cut of the fuzzy set of the universe of discourse X is defined as $\tilde{D}_\alpha = \{x \in X / \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \geq \alpha\}$, where $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

$$\tilde{D}_\alpha = \begin{cases} [P_1(\alpha), P_2(\alpha)], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [Q_1(\alpha), Q_2(\alpha)], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [R_1(\alpha), R_2(\alpha)], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [S_1(\alpha), S_2(\alpha)], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

Definition 4.5. If $P_1(x) = \alpha$ and $P_2(x) = \alpha$, then α cut operations interval \tilde{D}_α is obtained as

1. $[P_1(\alpha), P_2(\alpha)] = [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9]$

Similarly, we can obtain α - cut operations interval \tilde{D}_α for $[Q_1(\alpha), Q_2(\alpha)]$, $[R_1(\alpha), R_2(\alpha)]$ and $[S_1(\alpha), S_2(\alpha)]$ as follows;

2. $[Q_1(\alpha), Q_2(\alpha)] = [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7]$

3. $[R_1(\alpha), R_2(\alpha)] = [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6]$

4. $[S_1(\alpha), S_2(\alpha)] = [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5]$

Hence, α -cut of Decagonal Fuzzy Number

$$\tilde{D}_\alpha = \begin{cases} [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4.1. If $\tilde{A}=(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9)$ and $\tilde{B}=(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8, b_9)$ are the Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers, then $\tilde{C}=\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}$ is also Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers $\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}=(a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, a_4 + b_4, a_5 + b_5, a_6 + b_6, a_7 + b_7, a_8 + b_8, a_9 + b_9)$

Proof. The membership function of NFN $\tilde{C}=\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}$ can be found by α -cut method with the transform $z = x + y$, α -cut membership function of $\tilde{A}(x)$ is,

$$x \in \begin{cases} [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

α -cut membership function of $\tilde{B}(x)$ is,

$$y \in \begin{cases} [4\alpha(b_2 - b_1) + b_1, -4\alpha(b_9 - b_8) + b_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [4\alpha(b_3 - b_2) + 2b_2 - b_3, -4\alpha(b_8 - b_7) + 2b_8 - b_7], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [4\alpha(b_4 - b_3) + 3b_3 - 2b_4, -4\alpha(b_7 - b_6) + 3b_7 - 2b_6], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [4\alpha(b_5 - b_4) + 4b_4 - 3b_5, -4\alpha(b_6 - b_5) + 4b_6 - 3b_5], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

so,

$$z = x + y \in \begin{cases} [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9] + \\ [4\alpha(b_2 - b_1) + b_1, -4\alpha(b_9 - b_8) + b_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7] + \\ [4\alpha(b_3 - b_2) + 2b_2 - b_3, -4\alpha(b_8 - b_7) + 2b_8 - b_7] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6] + \\ [4\alpha(b_4 - b_3) + 3b_3 - 2b_4, -4\alpha(b_7 - b_6) + 3b_7 - 2b_6] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5] + \\ [4\alpha(b_5 - b_4) + 4b_4 - 3b_5, -4\alpha(b_6 - b_5) + 4b_6 - 3b_5] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

the membership function of $\tilde{C} = \tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}$ is,

$$\mu_{\tilde{C}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{z - (a_1 + b_1)}{4[(a_2 - a_1) + (b_2 - b_1)]} & a_1 + b_1 \leq z \leq a_2 + b_2 \\ \frac{z - 2(a_2 + b_2) + (a_3 + b_3)}{4[(a_3 - a_2) + (b_3 - b_2)]} & a_2 + b_2 \leq z \leq a_3 + b_3 \\ \frac{z - 3(a_3 + b_3) + 2(a_4 + b_4)}{4[(a_4 - a_3) + (b_4 - b_3)]} & a_3 + b_3 \leq z \leq a_4 + b_4 \\ \frac{z - 4(a_4 + b_4) + 3(a_5 + b_5)}{4[(a_5 - a_4) + (b_5 - b_4)]} & a_4 + b_4 \leq z \leq a_5 + b_5 \\ \frac{z - 4(a_6 + b_6) + 3(a_5 + b_5)}{4[(a_5 - a_6) + (b_5 - b_6)]} & a_5 + b_5 \leq z \leq a_6 + b_6 \\ \frac{z - 3(a_7 + b_7) + 2(a_6 + b_6)}{4[(a_6 - a_7) + (b_6 - b_7)]} & a_6 + b_6 \leq z \leq a_7 + b_7 \\ \frac{z - 2(a_8 + b_8) + (a_7 + b_7)}{4[(a_5 - a_6) + (b_5 - b_6)]} & a_7 + b_7 \leq z \leq a_8 + b_8 \\ \frac{z - (a_9 + b_9)}{4[(a_8 - a_9) + (b_8 - b_9)]} & a_8 + b_8 \leq z \leq a_9 + b_9 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, addition rule is proved. Therefore we have $\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, a_4 + b_4, a_5 + b_5, a_6 + b_6, a_7 + b_7, a_8 + b_8, a_9 + b_9)$ is a Nonagonal Fuzzy Number. □

Theorem 4.2. If $\tilde{A} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9)$ and $\tilde{B} = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8, b_9)$ are the Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers, then $\tilde{P} = \tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B}$ is also Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers $\tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B} = (a_1b_1, a_2b_2, a_3b_3, a_4b_4, a_5b_5, a_6b_6, a_7b_7, a_8b_8, a_9b_9)$

Proof. The membership function of NFN $\tilde{P}=\tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B}$ can be found by α -cut method with the transform $z = x \times y$,

$$z = x \times y \in \begin{cases} [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9] \times \\ [4\alpha(b_2 - b_1) + b_1, -4\alpha(b_9 - b_8) + b_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7] \times \\ [4\alpha(b_3 - b_2) + 2b_2 - b_3, -4\alpha(b_8 - b_7) + 2b_8 - b_7] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6] \times \\ [4\alpha(b_4 - b_3) + 3b_3 - 2b_4, -4\alpha(b_7 - b_6) + 3b_7 - 2b_6] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5] \times \\ [4\alpha(b_5 - b_4) + 4b_4 - 3b_5, -4\alpha(b_6 - b_5) + 4b_6 - 3b_5] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{cases}$$

So, the membership function of $\tilde{P}=\tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B}$ is,

$$\mu_{\tilde{P}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{-B_1 + \sqrt{B_1^2 - 4A_1(a_1b_1 - z)}}{2A_1} & a_1b_1 \leq z \leq a_2b_2 \\ \frac{-B_2 + \sqrt{B_2^2 - 4A_2(4a_2b_2 - 2(a_2b_3 + a_3b_2) + a_3b_3 - z)}}{2A_2} & a_2b_2 \leq z \leq a_3b_3 \\ \frac{-B_3 + \sqrt{B_3^2 - 4A_3(9a_3b_3 - 6(a_3b_4 + a_4b_3) + 4a_4b_4 - z)}}{2A_3} & a_3b_3 \leq z \leq a_4b_4 \\ \frac{-B_4 + \sqrt{B_4^2 - 4A_4(16a_4b_4 - 12(a_4b_5 - a_5b_4) + 9a_5b_5 - z)}}{2A_4} & a_4b_4 \leq z \leq a_5b_5 \\ \frac{B_5 - \sqrt{B_5^2 - 4A_5(16a_5b_5 - 12(a_5b_6 - a_6b_5) + 9a_6b_6 - z)}}{2A_5} & a_5b_5 \leq z \leq a_6b_6 \\ \frac{B_6 - \sqrt{B_6^2 - 4A_6(9a_6b_6 - 6(a_6b_7 + a_7b_6) + 4a_7b_7 - z)}}{2A_3} & a_6b_6 \leq z \leq a_7b_7 \\ \frac{B_7 - \sqrt{B_7^2 - 4A_7(4a_7b_7 - 2(a_7b_8 + a_8b_7) + a_8b_8 - z)}}{2A_2} & a_7b_7 \leq z \leq a_8b_8 \\ \frac{B_8 - \sqrt{B_8^2 - 4A_8(a_9b_9 - z)}}{2A_8} & a_8b_8 \leq z \leq a_9b_9 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where $A_i = 16(a_{i+1} - a_i)(b_{i+1} - b_i)$, $i = 1, 2 \dots, 8$ $B_1 = 4[b_1(a_2 - a_1) + a_1(b_2 - b_1)]$, $B_j = 4[(a_{j+1} - a_j)(jb_j - b_{j+1}) + (b_{j+1} - b_j)(ja_j - (j - 1)a_{j+1})]$, $j = 2, 3, 4$, $B_5 = -4[(a_6 - a_5)(4b_5 - 3b_6) + (b_6 - b_5)(4a_5 - 3a_6)]$, $B_6 = -4[(a_7 - a_6)(3b_6 - 2b_7) + (b_7 - b_6)(3a_6 - 2a_7)]$, $B_7 = -4[(a_8 - a_7)(2b_7 - b_8) + (b_8 - b_7)(2b_7 - a_8)]$, $B_8 = -4[b_8(a_9 - a_8) + a_8(b_9 - b_8)]$, Hence, multiplication rule is proved. Therefore we have $\tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B}=(a_1b_1, a_2b_2, a_3b_3, a_4b_4, a_5b_5, a_6b_6, a_7b_7, a_8b_8, a_9b_9)$ is a Nonagonal Fuzzy Number. □

Theorem 4.3. If $\tilde{A}=(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9)$ and $\tilde{B}=(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8, b_9)$ are the Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers, then $\tilde{D}=\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{B}$ is also Nonagonal Fuzzy Numbers $\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{B}=\left(\frac{a_1}{b_9}, \frac{a_2}{b_8}, \frac{a_3}{b_7}, \frac{a_4}{b_6}, \frac{a_5}{b_5}, \frac{a_6}{b_4}, \frac{a_7}{b_3}, \frac{a_8}{b_2}, \frac{a_9}{b_1}\right)$

Proof. The membership function of NFN $\tilde{D}=\tilde{A} \odot \tilde{B}$ can be found by α -cut method with the transform $z = x \times y$,

$$z = x \div y \in \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [4\alpha(a_2 - a_1) + a_1, -4\alpha(a_9 - a_8) + a_9] \div \\ [4\alpha(b_2 - b_1) + b_1, -4\alpha(b_9 - b_8) + b_9], & \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 0.25) \\ \\ [4\alpha(a_3 - a_2) + 2a_2 - a_3, -4\alpha(a_8 - a_7) + 2a_8 - a_7] \div \\ [4\alpha(b_3 - b_2) + 2b_2 - b_3, -4\alpha(b_8 - b_7) + 2b_8 - b_7] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.25, 0.5) \\ \\ [4\alpha(a_4 - a_3) + 3a_3 - 2a_4, -4\alpha(a_7 - a_6) + 3a_7 - 2a_6] \div \\ [4\alpha(b_4 - b_3) + 3b_3 - 2b_4, -4\alpha(b_7 - b_6) + 3b_7 - 2b_6] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.5, 0.75) \\ \\ [4\alpha(a_5 - a_4) + 4a_4 - 3a_5, -4\alpha(a_6 - a_5) + 4a_6 - 3a_5] \div \\ [4\alpha(b_5 - b_4) + 4b_4 - 3b_5, -4\alpha(b_6 - b_5) + 4b_6 - 3b_5] & \text{for } \alpha \in [0.75, 1] \end{array} \right.$$

So, the membership function of $\tilde{P}=\tilde{A} \odot \tilde{B}$ is,

$$\mu_{\tilde{D}}(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{zb_9 - a_1}{4[(a_2 - a_1) + z(b_9 - b_8)]} & \frac{a_1}{b_9} \leq z \leq \frac{a_2}{b_8} \\ \frac{z(2b_8 - b_7) - (a_2 - a_3)}{4[(a_3 - a_2) + z(b_8 - b_7)]} & \frac{a_2}{b_8} \leq z \leq \frac{a_3}{b_7} \\ \frac{z(3b_7 - 2b_6) - (3a_3 - 2a_4)}{4[(a_4 - a_3) + z(b_7 - b_6)]} & \frac{a_3}{b_7} \leq z \leq \frac{a_4}{b_6} \\ \frac{z(4b_6 - 3b_5) - (4a_4 - 3a_5)}{4[(a_5 - a_4) + z(b_6 - b_5)]} & \frac{a_4}{b_6} \leq z \leq \frac{a_5}{b_5} \\ \frac{(4b_6 - 3a_5) - z(4b_4 - 3b_5)}{4[(a_6 - a_5) + z(b_5 - b_4)]} & \frac{a_1}{b_9} \leq z \leq \frac{a_2}{b_8} \\ \frac{(3a_7 - 2a_6) - z(3b_3 - 2b_4)}{4[(a_7 - a_6) + z(b_4 - b_3)]} & \frac{a_2}{b_8} \leq z \leq \frac{a_3}{b_7} \\ \frac{(2a_8 - a_7) - z(2b_2 - b_3)}{4[(a_8 - a_7) + z(b_3 - b_2)]} & \frac{a_3}{b_7} \leq z \leq \frac{a_4}{b_6} \\ \frac{a_9 - zb_1}{4[(a_9 - a_8) + z(b_2 - b_1)]} & \frac{a_4}{b_6} \leq z \leq \frac{a_5}{b_5} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

Hence, division rule is proved. Therefore we have $\tilde{A} \odot \tilde{B} = \left(\frac{a_1}{b_9}, \frac{a_2}{b_8}, \frac{a_3}{b_7}, \frac{a_4}{b_6}, \frac{a_5}{b_5}, \frac{a_6}{b_4}, \frac{a_7}{b_3}, \frac{a_8}{b_2}, \frac{a_9}{b_1} \right)$ is a Nonagonal Fuzzy Number. □

5. Numerical Example of Arithmetic operation on Nonagonal Fuzzy Number

Here, numerical example of arithmetic operation of NFN based on fuzzy extension principle and on α - cut method is presented.

5.1. Addition of Two NFN by Fuzzy Extension Principle

Let us consider two NFN $\tilde{A} = (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5)$ and $\tilde{B} = (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)$ and $\tilde{C} = \tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B}$. Then,

$$\mu_{\tilde{C}}(z) = \sup\{\min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)) : x + y = z\}$$

In order to show the computational procedure involve in the above equation for membership function, first choose a value for z , then evaluate $\min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x))$ for x and y which add up to 5.5. It is done for certain value for x and y as shown in table-2, where the maximum occurs at $x = 2.5$ and $y = 3$. Hence, $\mu_{\tilde{C}} = 0.5$. By doing the sameway for others values of z , finally we get as $\tilde{C} = \tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = (3.5, 5, 6.5, 8, 9.5, 11, 12.5, 14, 15.5)$ a NFN.

Table 2. Finding membership function of sum of two NFN

x	$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)$	y	$\mu_{\tilde{B}}(x)$	$\min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(x))$
1.5	0	4	0.5	0
2	0.25	3.5	0.375	0.25
2.5	0.5	3	0.25	0.5
3	0.75	2.5	0.125	0.125
3.45	1	2	0	0
4	0.75	1.5	0	0

Using theorem 4.2, the addition of these two NFN is defined as $\tilde{C} = \tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = (3.5, 5, 6.5, 8, 9.5, 11, 12.5, 14, 15.5)$ with membership function as follows

5.2. Addition of Two NFN by α -cut method

Let us consider two NFN $\tilde{A} = (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5)$ and $\tilde{B} = (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)$. Using theorem 4.6, the addition of these two NFN is defined as $\tilde{A} \oplus \tilde{B} = (3.5, 5, 6.5, 8, 9.5, 11, 12.5, 14, 15.5)$ with membership function as follows

$$\mu_{\tilde{C}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - 3.5)}{1.5}, & 3.5 \leq x \leq 5 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - 3.5)}{1.5}, & 5 \leq x \leq 6.5 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - 3.5)}{1.5}, & 6 \leq x \leq 8 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x - 3.5)}{1.5}, & 8 \leq x \leq 9.5 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x - 15.5)}{1.5}, & 9.5 \leq x \leq 11 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x - 15.5)}{1.5}, & 11 \leq x \leq 12.5 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x - 15.5)}{1.5}, & 12.5 \leq x \leq 14 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x - 15.5)}{1.5}, & 14 \leq x \leq 15.5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

5.3. Multiplication of Two NFN by α -cut method

Let us consider two NFN $\tilde{A} = (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5)$ and $\tilde{B} = (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)$. Using theorem 4.7, the multiplication of these two NFN is defined as $\tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{B} = (3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55)$ with membership function as follows

$$\mu_{\tilde{P}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-3)}{3}, & 3 \leq x \leq 6 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-2)}{4}, & 6 \leq x \leq 10 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x)}{5}, & 10 \leq x \leq 15 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x+3)}{6}, & 15 \leq x \leq 21 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x-49)}{7}, & 21 \leq x \leq 28 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x-52)}{8}, & 28 \leq x \leq 36 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x-54)}{9}, & 36 \leq x \leq 45 \\ \frac{-1}{4} \frac{(x-45)}{10}, & 45 \leq x \leq 55 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

5.4. Division of Two NFN by α -cut method

Let us consider two NFN $\tilde{A} = (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5)$ and $\tilde{B} = (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)$. Using theorem 4.8, the multiplication of these two NFN is defined as $\tilde{A} \oslash \tilde{B} = (0.15, 0.2, 0.31, 0.43, 0.58, 0.8, 1.13, 1.67, 2.75)$ with membership function as follows

$$\mu_{\tilde{C}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-1.5)}{0.3}, & 0.15 \leq x \leq 0.2 \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-0.2)}{0.11}, & 0.2 \leq x \leq 0.31 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-0.31)}{0.12}, & 0.31 \leq x \leq 0.43 \\ \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-0.43)}{0.15}, & 0.43 \leq x \leq 0.58 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(x-0.58)}{0.22}, & 0.58 \leq x \leq 0.8 \\ \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-0.8)}{0.33}, & 0.8 \leq x \leq 1.13 \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-1.13)}{0.54}, & 1.13 \leq x \leq 1.67 \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{(2.75-x)}{1.08}, & 1.67 \leq x \leq 2.75 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

6. Conclusion

In this paper, nonagonal fuzzy number and its arithmetic operations have been proposed on the basis of fuzzy extension principle of and α -cut. Also, linguistic value of NFN is introduced. Therefore, decision making techniques such as DEMATEL and TOPSIS method can be extended by representing linguistic variable in to nonagonal fuzzy number under uncertain

linguistic environment will be the further research.

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