

# **Affine Fuzzy Set**

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a new concept that is the affine fuzzy set and we give some properties of it .

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## **1. Introduction**

There are many kind of fuzzy sets in a fuzzy vector space . Katsaras in [1] was defined a convex fuzzy set, a balanced fuzzy set and absorbing fuzzy set. In this paper we defined and introduced a new kind of fuzzy sets that is affine fuzzy sets by dependence on a concept of affine set which introduced in [2] . Some properties of affine fuzzy sets was prove it in this paper.

## **2. Preliminaries**

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A fuzzy set in  $X$  is the element of the set  $I^X$  of all functions from  $X$  into the unit interval  $I=[0,1]$ . If  $C_\alpha : X \rightarrow I$  is a function defined by  $C_\alpha(x) = \alpha$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in I$ , then  $C_\alpha$  is called a constant fuzzy set. Let  $X$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ , where  $F$  is the space of either the real or the complex numbers. If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$ , then the sum  $A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n$  (see [1] ) is the fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  defined by

$A(x) = \sup_{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n=x} \min\{A_1(x_1), A_2(x_2), \dots, A_n(x_n)\}$ . Also, if  $A$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  and

$\alpha \in F$ , then  $\alpha A$  is a fuzzy defined by  $\alpha A(x) = \begin{cases} A(x/\alpha) & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0 \text{ for } x \in X \\ 0 & \text{if } \alpha = 0, x \neq 0 \\ \sup_{y \in X} A(y) & \text{if } \alpha = 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be non-empty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$ , then  $f(A_1) \subset f(A_2)$ .

Let  $A$  be a subset of a vector space  $X$  on a field  $F$ . Then  $A$  is an affine set in  $X$  ( see [2]) if  $\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)A \subset A$  for all  $\lambda \in F$ . The smallest affine set of  $X$  which contains a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called the affine spanned of  $A$  ( in simple  $aff(A)$ ) and

$$aff(A) = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k x_k : \lambda_k \in F, x_k \in A, \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k = 1 \right\}.$$

### 3. Main Results

#### Theorem 3.1. [2]

Let  $A, B$  be fuzzy sets in a vector space  $X$  over  $F$ , and let  $\lambda, \alpha \in F$ . Then,

- (1)  $\alpha(\lambda A) = \lambda(\alpha A) = (\alpha\lambda)A$ ;
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\lambda A \subseteq \lambda B$ .
- (3)  $\alpha(A + B) = \alpha A + \alpha B$

#### Definition 3.2.

Let  $X$  be a vector space over  $F$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called an affine fuzzy set if  $\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)A \subset A$  for each  $\lambda \in F$ .

#### Theorem 3.3.

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in a vector space  $X$  over  $F$  and  $\lambda \in F$ , then the following statement are equivalent.

- (1)  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set.
- (2) for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , we have  $A(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ .

#### Proof :

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

Suppose that  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set, by (Definition 3.2) we have  $\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)A \subset A$  for each  $\lambda \in F$ . Now, for each  $x, y \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) &\geq (\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)A)(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \\ &= \sup_{\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y = x_1 + y_1} \min\{(\lambda A)(x_1), ((1 - \lambda)A)(y_1)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \min\{(\lambda A)(\lambda x), ((1-\lambda)A)((1-\lambda)y)\} \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}.$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)

$$\text{Let } x \in X, (\lambda A + (1-\lambda)A)(x) = \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \min\{(\lambda A)(x_1), ((1-\lambda)A)(x_2)\}$$

(a) If  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $1-\lambda \neq 0$ , then

$$(\lambda A)(x_1) = A\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}x_1\right) \text{ and } ((1-\lambda)A)(x_2) = A\left(\frac{1}{1-\lambda}x_2\right)$$

$$\text{Thus, } (\lambda A + (1-\lambda)A)(x) = \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \min\left\{A\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}x_1\right), A\left(\frac{1}{1-\lambda}x_2\right)\right\}$$

$$\text{But, } \min\left\{A\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}x_1\right), A\left(\frac{1}{1-\lambda}x_2\right)\right\} \leq A\left(\lambda\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}x_1\right) + (1-\lambda)\left(\frac{1}{1-\lambda}x_2\right)\right) = A(x_1+x_2) = A(x).$$

(b) If  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $1-\lambda = 0$ , then  $(\lambda A)(x_1) = A(x_1)$  and

$$((1-\lambda)A)(x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x_2 \neq 0 \\ \sup_{z \in X} A(z) & , x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(i) If  $x_2 \neq 0$ , then  $((1-\lambda)A)(x_2) = 0$  and

$$(\lambda A + (1-\lambda)A)(x) = \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \min\{A(x_1), 0\} = 0$$

Since  $((1-\lambda)A)(x_2) \geq A(x_2)$ , then  $A(x_2) = 0$  and we get  $\min\{A(x_1), A(x_2)\} = 0$ .

(ii) If  $x_2 = 0$ , then  $((1-\lambda)A)(x_2) = \sup_{z \in X} A(z)$  and

$$(\lambda A + (1-\lambda)A)(x) = \sup_{x_1=x} \min\{A(x_1), \sup_{z \in X} A(z)\} \leq \sup_{x_1=x} A(x_1) = A(x).$$

(c) If  $\lambda = 0$  and  $1-\lambda \neq 0$ , by the same way in (b).

(d) if  $\lambda = 0$  and  $1-\lambda = 0$ , its impossible.

### Theorem 3.4.

Let  $X$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  and  $x_0 \in X$ , then

(1) the constant fuzzy set  $C_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in I$  is an affine fuzzy set.

(2) the characteristic function of  $\{x_0\}$  (in symbol  $\chi_{\{x_0\}}$ ) is an affine fuzzy set.

**Proof :**

(1) clear.

(2) Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\lambda \in F$  and suppose that  $\chi_{\{x_0\}}(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) < \min\{\chi_{\{x_0\}}(x), \chi_{\{x_0\}}(y)\}$

Then  $\chi_{\{x_0\}}(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) = 0$  and  $\min\{\chi_{\{x_0\}}(x), \chi_{\{x_0\}}(y)\} = 1$ . Thus,  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \neq x_0$  and  $x = y = x_0$  implies that  $x_0 \neq x_0$  which is impossible. Hence,

$\chi_{\{x_0\}}(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq \min\{\chi_{\{x_0\}}(x), \chi_{\{x_0\}}(y)\}$ . Using (Theorem 3.3), we get the result.

### Theorem 3.5.

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in a vector space  $X$  over  $F$ . Then,  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$  if and only if  $A_{[\alpha]} = \{x \in X : A(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is an affine set in  $X$  for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

#### Proof :

Suppose that  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in A_{[\alpha]}$ , then  $A(x) \geq \alpha$  and  $A(y) \geq \alpha$ , thus,  $\min\{A(x), A(y)\} \geq \alpha$ . Since  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ , then  $A(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} \geq \alpha$ , for all  $\lambda \in F$ . Thus,  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in A_{[\alpha]}$ . By other word  $A_{[\alpha]}$  is an affine set in  $X$ .

#### The converse :

Suppose that  $A_{[\alpha]}$  is an affine set in  $X$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  and let  $x, y \in X, \lambda \in F$ . Let  $\alpha = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ , then  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Now,  $A(x) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} = \alpha$  and  $A(y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} = \alpha$ . That is mean  $x, y \in A_{[\alpha]}$ . But  $A_{[\alpha]}$  is an affine set, then  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in A_{[\alpha]}$ . Thus,  $A(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq \alpha = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ . From (Theorem 3.3.),  $A$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ .

### Theorem 3.6.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be affine fuzzy sets in a vector space  $X$  over  $F$ , and let  $\alpha \in F$ . Then,  $\alpha A, A \cap B$  and  $A + B$  are affine fuzzy sets in  $X$ .

#### Proof :

(1) To prove  $\alpha A$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ . From (Theorem 3.1.(1),(3)), for  $\lambda \in F$   
 $\lambda(\alpha A) + (1 - \lambda)(\alpha A) = \alpha(\lambda A) + \alpha((1 - \lambda)A) = \alpha(\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)A) \subset \alpha A$ .

(2) To prove  $A \cap B$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ . Let  $\lambda \in F$  and Suppose that for all  $x, y \in X$ , let

$$g_1 : X \rightarrow X, g_1(x) = \lambda x ;$$

$$g_2 : X \rightarrow X, g_2(x) = (1-\lambda)x;$$

$$g_3 : X \rightarrow X, g_3(x) = x;$$

are functions. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are affine fuzzy sets in  $X$ , then  $\lambda A + (1-\lambda)A \subset A$  and  $\lambda B + (1-\lambda)B \subset B$ . In other words  $g_1(A) + g_2(A) \subset g_3(A)$  and

$g_1(B) + g_2(B) \subset g_3(B)$ . Now,  $g_1(A \cap B) \subset g_1(A)$  and  $g_2(A \cap B) \subset g_2(A)$ . Likewise

$g_1(A \cap B) \subset g_1(B)$  and  $g_2(A \cap B) \subset g_2(B)$ . Thus,

$$g_1(A \cap B) + g_2(A \cap B) \subset g_1(A) + g_2(A) \subset g_3(A) \quad \text{and}$$

$$g_1(A \cap B) + g_2(A \cap B) \subset g_1(B) + g_2(B) \subset g_3(B). \quad \text{Subsequently}$$

$$\lambda(A \cap B) + (1-\lambda)(A \cap B) = g_1(A \cap B) + g_2(A \cap B) \subset g_3(A) \cap g_3(B) = A \cap B.$$

(3) To prove  $A + B$  is an affine fuzzy set in  $X$ . By using the same style in (2). For

$$\lambda \in F$$

$$\lambda(A + B) + (1-\lambda)(A + B) = \lambda A + (1-\lambda)A + \lambda B + (1-\lambda)B$$

$$= g_1(A) + g_2(A) + g_1(B) + g_2(B)$$

$$\subset g_3(A) + g_3(B) = A + B.$$

### Definition 3.7.

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in a vector space  $X$  over  $F$ , then the smallest affine fuzzy set which contains  $A$  is called the affine spanned of  $A$  ( in symbol  $Span(A)$  ).

### Theorem 3.8.

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set of a vector space  $X$  over  $F$ . Then the affine spanned of  $A$  (

$$Span(A) ) \text{ is the set } B = \cup \{ \mu_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{ij} A : \lambda_{ij} \in F, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{ij} = 1 \}.$$

### Proof :

It is clear that  $A \subset B \subset Span(A)$ . We will finish the proof by showing that  $B$  is an affine fuzzy set. Let now  $\lambda \in F$ ,  $\mu_{k_1}, \mu_{k_2} \subset B$ , then there is  $\lambda_{ik_1}, \lambda_{jk_2} \in F$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
 $j = 1, \dots, m$

$$\text{such that } \mu_{k_1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{ik_1} A, \mu_{k_2} = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_{jk_2} A \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{ik_1} = 1, \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_{jk_2} = 1.$$

Now,

$$\lambda \mu_{k_1} + (1-\lambda) \mu_{k_2} = \lambda \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{ik_1} A \right) + (1-\lambda) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_{jk_2} A \right)$$

$$= \lambda \lambda_{1k_1} A + \cdots + \lambda \lambda_{nk_1} A + (1 - \lambda) \lambda_{1k_2} A + \cdots + (1 - \lambda) \lambda_{mk_2} A \subset B$$

Moreover,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda \lambda_{ik_1} + \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \lambda) \lambda_{jk_2} = 1$ . It follows that  $\lambda B + (1 - \lambda) B \subset B$ , which complete the proof.

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