



## OCTAGONAL FUZZY ASSIGNMENT PROBLEM USING DIFFERENT RANKING METHOD

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### Abstract

Assignment problems in the real world have various applications in the real world because of their wide applications in marketing, production management, information technology, etc. Traditional assignment problem cannot be efficaciously used for real-life problem, therefore the use of fuzzy assignment problems is extra-considered necessary.

In this paper, the fuzzy assignment problem is formulated to crisp assignment problem using Different Ranking Techniques and the Hungarian method has been applied to find an optimal solution.

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### Introduction

Allocation models are also a unique class of linear programming problems in which the goal is to allocate the same amount of work to machines of the same type with the least total cost. It is also a particular case of transportation problems. Zadeh (1965)

added the idea of fuzzy units to deal with Vagueness and ambiguity in practical life in real-life conditions. Since then, exquisite efforts had been spent; tremendous advances had been made in the improvement of several methodologies and their utility to various selection troubles.

The objective of the fuzzy assignment problem is to find the minimum fuzzy assignment cost among workers with different job skills. Fuzzy assignment problems are more realistic than classical assignment problems because most real-world environments are uncertain. Several authors have discussed the fuzzy assignment problem in different ways.

Anil gotmare dealt with fuzzy assignment problem with qualitative data, linguistic variable which helps to convert qualitative data into quantitative data.

Chen designed a fuzzy assignment model in which all individuals are considered to have same skills and proved theorems related to assignment problems.

Kuhn has discussed the Hungarian method for solving assignment problem. Hlayel abdallah ahmed has used best candidate method to solve optimization methods.

Thorani et al. has discussed the fuzzy assignment problem with generalised fuzzy numbers. Pranab biswas and Santanu kumar gosh solved assignment problem with the linguistic costs.

The purpose of allocation is to distribute multiple tasks to multiple machines with minimal cost. Fuzzy assignment problems have been caused by the development of numerous methodologies and their applications to various decision problems.

Fuzzy assignment troubles have acquired a first-rate interest in the latest years.

The Hungarian method proposed by Kuhn (1955) is extensively used to solve APs. The choice of a ranking method is vital in decision-making.

There are several ways to rank fuzzy numbers and there is no unique way to order the fuzzy numbers using existing ranking techniques.

Furthermore, some of the ranking techniques are giving different ranking orders in different  $\alpha$ -cuts. Decision makers should consider the different characteristics of classification methods to determine if the selected fuzzy classification method can support the characteristics of the decision problem.

## 2. Preliminaries

### Definition 2.1 Fuzzy Set

If  $X$  is a collection of objects denoted generally by  $x$ , then a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is a set

of ordered pairs:

$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) | x \in X\}$$

Where  $\mu_A(x)$  is called the membership function or grade of membership.

Consequently, the fuzzy set is a vague boundary set compared with the

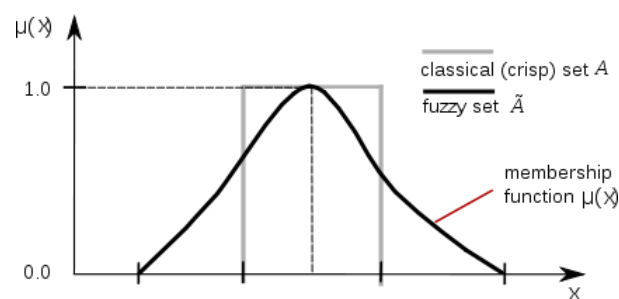
crisp set.

### Definition 2.2 Degree Of Membership Function

A fuzzy set is characterized by a membership function mapping element domain, space, or universe of discourse  $X$  (range of all possible values for input to a fuzzy system) to the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ .

$$(i.e) A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) | x \in X\}$$

Here,  $\mu_A: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a mapping referred to as the degree of membership function of the fuzzy set  $A$ , and  $\mu_A(x)$  is referred to as the membership value of  $x \in X$  in the fuzzy set. These membership grades are often represented through real numbers starting from  $[0, 1]$



### Definition 2.3 Fuzzy Number

A fuzzy set  $A$  on a set of real numbers is called a fuzzy number which satisfies at least the following three properties:

- 1) A must be a normal fuzzy set.
- 2)  $A^\alpha$  must be a closed interval for every  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .
- 3) The support of A,  $A^{0+}$  bounded.

### Definition 2.4 Octagonal Fuzzy Number

A real fuzzy number  $\tilde{a}$  is an octagonal fuzzy number denoted by  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8)$  where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8$  are real numbers and the membership function  $\mu_{\tilde{a}}(x)$  is given below

$$\mu_{\tilde{a}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a_1 \\ 1/2(x-a_1/a_2-a_1) & a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ 0.5 & a_2 \leq x \\ 1/2 + 1/2(x-a_2/a_4-a_2) & a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ 1 & a_4 \leq x \leq a_5 \\ 1/2 + 1/2(a_6-x/a_6-a_5) & a_5 \leq x \leq a_6 \\ 0.5 & a_6 \leq x \leq a_7 \\ 1/2(a_8-x/a_8-a_7) & a_7 \leq x \leq a_8 \\ 0 & x \geq a_8 \end{cases}$$

### 3. Algorithm To Solve Fuzzy Assignment Problem

Step 1: First test whether or not the given fuzzy cost matrix of a fuzzy assignment problem is balanced. If not, alternate this unbalanced assignment problem right into a balanced one with the aid of including the number of dummy rows/columns and the values for the entries are 0. If it is a balanced one (i.e. number of persons is equal to the number of works)

Step 2: Defuzzify the fuzzy cost by using ranking methods.

Step 3: Apply the assignment Algorithm to calculate the best combination to produce the smallest costs, where one person should be assigned to only one work and one work requires only one person.

#### 3.1 Algorithm For Hungarian Method

Step

1: Locate the lowest cost element in each row of the cost matrix. Then subtract this smallest element from each element in that row. As a result, there shall be at least one zero in one and all rows of the new grid.

Step 2: Now consider one and all columns of the reduced cost grid from step 1 and find the smallest element in it. Subtract the minimum value from each item in the column. There will again be at least one zero in one and all columns of the second reduced cost grid.

Step 3:

Draw a minimum of various horizontal and vertical morphs to cover all 0 elements, an equal number of morphs drawn, so the number of rows/columns is the best answer. Go to step 6. If the number of rows is less than the number of rows and columns, go to step 4.

Step 4:

Select the smallest uncovered cost element from the modified matrix from step 3. Subtract this element from all uncovered elements and add it to each value at the intersection

of two lines.

on zero elements.

Step 5: Repeat step 3 and 4 till an optimal solution is obtained (i.e. number of lines is drawn equal to number of columns/rows).

Step 6: Make feasible job assignments

### 3.2 Ranking Technique Based On Centroid Method

$$R(A_0) = G_A(x_0, y_0) = (2a_1 + 7a_2 + 10a_3 + 8a_4 + 8a_5 + 10a_6 + 7a_7 + 2a_8) \cdot 8w$$

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### 3.1 Robust Ranking Technique

$$R(\tilde{a}) = \int \frac{1}{2} [(a_2 - a_1)\alpha + a_1, (a_4 - (a_4 - a_3)\alpha), (a_6 - a_5)\alpha + a_5, a_8 - (a_8 - a_7)\alpha] 0$$

**Numerical Example**

Consider a balanced fuzzy assignment problem in which all the profit coefficients are octagonal fuzzy numbers

(-2,-1,0,1, 2,3,7,8)	(-4,-2,0,2, 4,6,8,10)	(-3,-1,1,3, 5,7,9,11)	(4,5,6,7, 8,9,10,11)	(-3,-2,-1,0, 1,2,5,6)
(1,3,5,7, 9,11,12,13)	(9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,16)	(2,4,5,7, 9,10,12,13)	(6,7,8,9, 10,11,12,13)	(-6,0,6,12, 18,24,30,36)
(-3,-1,0,1, 2,4,5,6)	(2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9)	(3,6,7,8, 9,10,12,13)	(1,2,3,5, 6,7,8,10)	(0,1,2,3, 4,5,6,7)
(5,6,8,10, 12,13,14,15)	(-1,0,1,3, 5,7,9,10)	(9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,16)	(-3,-1,1,2, 3,4,7,10)	(-3,-1,1,3, 5,7,9,11)
(5,6,7,10, 12,14,15,17)	(-2,-1,0,1, 2,3,4,5)	(-1,0,1,2, 3,4,5,6)	(2,4,5,6, 7,8,9,11)	(2,3,4,5, 6,7,10,11)

Using the Centroid Ranking Method the above problem can be reduced as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
<b>A</b>	0.59	0.89	1.19	2.22	0.25
<b>B</b>	2.31	3.70	2.30	2.81	4.44
<b>C</b>	0.54	1.63	2.55	1.54	1.03
<b>D</b>	3.10	1.23	3.70	0.80	1.18
<b>E</b>	3.16	0.44	0.74	1.92	1.72

Proceeding by Hungarian Method, the optimal allocations are: therefore

	I	II	III	IV	V
A	0.34	0.64	0.94	1.97	<b>0</b>
B	0.01	1.41	<b>0</b>	0.51	2.14
C	<b>0</b>	1.09	2.01	1	0.49
D	2.3	0.43	2.9	<b>0</b>	0.38
E	2.72	<b>0</b>	0.3	1.48	1.28

**A** → V ; **B** → III ; **C** → I ; **D** → IV ; **E** → II

**The Fuzzy Optimal Cost:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Optimal Cost} &= 0.25 + 2.30 + 0.54 + 0.80 + 0.44 \\ &= 4.33 \end{aligned}$$

Using the Robust Ranking Method the above problem can be reduced as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
A	4.5	6	8	15	2
B	15.5	25	15.5	19	30
C	4	11	17.5	10	7
D	20.5	8.5	25	5.5	8
E	21	3	5	13	12

Proceeding by Hungarian Method, the optimal allocations are: therefore

	I	II	III	IV	V
A	2.5	4	6	13	<b>0</b>
B	0	9.5	<b>0</b>	3.5	14.5
C	<b>0</b>	7	13.5	6	3
D	15	3	19.5	<b>0</b>	2.5
E	18	<b>0</b>	2	10	9

$$A \rightarrow V; B \rightarrow III; C \rightarrow I; D \rightarrow IV; E \rightarrow II$$

The Fuzzy Optimal Cost:

$$\text{Optimal Cost} = 2 + 15.5 + 4 + 5.5 + 3 \\ = 30$$

By comparing the results of the Optimal Solution for the Octagonal Fuzzy Assignment Problem the Optimal Cost can be reduced by using the Centroid Ranking method under the Hungarian method.

It is concluded that the Centroid Ranking method has given better results than the existing method.

### 1. Conclusion:

In this paper, the fuzzy costs of an Octagonal Fuzzy Assignment Problem have been defuzzified into crisp values through the use of the Centroid Ranking method, and the Robust Ranking method, and it's solved by way of the Hungarian approach.