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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce an extension theory of the trapezoidal intuitionistic fuzzy numbers under intuitionistic hesitant fuzzy sets called trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy number (THIF-number). This new theory provides very effectively to model uncertainties of some events by several different trapezoidal intuitionistic fuzzy numbers based on the same support set in the set of real numbers R . Also, to demonstrate the application of this theory, a new multi-criteria decision-making(MCDM) method based on THIF-numbers is presented. To do this, we first propose operations of THIF-numbers with properties. We second give score, standard deviation degree, deviation degree of THIF-numbers to compare THIF-numbers. We third develop geometric operators and arithmetic operators of THIF-number. Finally, a numerical example is presented to illustrate the application of the developed method in THIF-numbers.

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1. Introduction

Fuzzy set theory introduced by Zadeh [32] with a membership function on $[0, 1]$ to model uncertainty information which classical set with a membership function on $\{0, 1\}$ is unable to handle. Then, intuitionistic fuzzy set theory proposed by Atanassov [3] with a membership function and a non-membership function on $[0, 1]$ which has proven its usefulness over the years and able to solve many problems which classical set and fuzzy set is unable to handle. After the introduction of fuzzy set theory and intuitionistic fuzzy set theory, the theories have widely been applied by many researchers in [12, 33]. Although an element of fuzzy set has only one membership values, some decision making problems may need more than one membership values. For this, Torra and Narukawa [23, 22] introduced the theory of hesitant fuzzy sets. After the work of Torra and Narukawa [23, 22], different studies on hesitant fuzzy set were carried out in [1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 25, 29].

By using intuitionistic fuzzy, Beg and Rashid [5] first proposed hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Then, they defined a distance measure and developed a TOPSIS method on hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Peng et al. [17] developed operations including the averaging operator under Archimedean t-norms and t-conorms. By using the cross-entropy, Peng et al. [16] developed two model by defining cross-entropy of intuitionistic hesitant fuzzy sets. After the pioneer work of Beg and Rashid [5], Zhang [28] generalized the theory to interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets(IVIF-sets). Also, he proposed some aggregation operators of IVIF-sets and introduced a method for multiple attribute

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group decision-making on the IVIF-sets. Zhou et al [30] said that "Preference relations are a powerful quantitative decision approach that assists decision makers in expressing their preferences over alternatives." Therefore, Zhou et al [30] introduced a proposal for the hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy preference relation (HIFR) and presented a group decision-making by initiating operational laws and aggregation operators of HIFR. Yu and Wang [27] developed a group decision making method by studying on HIFR including improved fuzzy preference relation and consistency index. Nazra et al. [13]-[14] combined hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy sets and soft sets and gave some operations of the sets, such as; complement, union and intersection. Also, Zhou and Xu [31] defined extended intuitionistic fuzzy number as an alternative to hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy sets.

On reel number R , Deli and Karaaslan [7] defined concept of generalized hesitant trapezoidal fuzzy numbers(GHTF-numbers) based on hesitant fuzzy sets whose membership degrees are expressed by several possible generalized trapezoidal fuzzy numbers. Deli [6] developed an approach for multi criteria decision making problems based on TOPSIS method by introducing some novel distance measures. Moreover, Deli [8] presented a multiple attribute decision-making method with GHTF-numbers by defining two aggregation techniques under Bonferroni mean operator for aggregating the GHTF-information. As far as we know, there is no study on generalized trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy number in the literature. To fill this gap, the rest part of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 first reviews some basic concepts of fuzzy sets, hesitant fuzzy sets, generalized trapezoidal hesitant fuzzy numbers, intuitionistic fuzzy sets and intuitionistic hesitant fuzzy sets. Section 3 extends the intuitionistic hesitant fuzzy sets to generalized trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy environments and propose the concept of generalized trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy number (THIF-number) according to same support set in the set of real numbers R . Also, the section contains some desired operational laws of THIF-numbers and some THIF aggregation operators called the THIF-number weighted geometric operator and THIF-number weighted arithmetic operator including some properties of them. Section 4 develops a multi-criteria decision-making(MCDM) problems based on THIF-number. Also the section offers a practical example to illustrate the application of the developed method in THIF-numbers. The conclusion is shown in the last section.

2. Preliminary

Definition 2.1. [3] Let X be a nonempty set. An Intuitionistic Fuzzy Set (IFS) A is an object having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x; \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

where the function $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0.1], \nu_A : X \rightarrow [0.1]$ define respectively the degree of membership and the degree of non membership of the element $x \in X$ to the set A with $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$ for each $x \in X$.

Definition 2.2. [24] Let $\tilde{\alpha}$ is an intuitionistic trapezoidal fuzzy number, its membership function and non-membership function as given, respectively.

$$\mu_{\tilde{\alpha}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-a)}{(b-a)}\eta_{\tilde{\alpha}}, & a \leq x < b \\ \eta_{\tilde{\alpha}}, & b \leq x \leq c \\ \frac{(d-x)}{(d-c)}\eta_{\tilde{\alpha}}, & c < x \leq d \\ 0, & otherwise, \end{cases} \quad and \quad \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(b-x)+\nu_{\tilde{\alpha}}(x-a_1)}{(b-a_1)}, & a_1 \leq x < b \\ \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}}, & b \leq x \leq c \\ \frac{(x-c)+\nu_{\tilde{\alpha}}(d_1-x)}{(d_1-c)}, & c < x \leq d_1 \\ 1, & otherwise, \end{cases}$$

where $0 \leq \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}} \leq 1; 0 \leq \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}} \leq 1; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}} + \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}} \leq 1; a, b, c, d \in R$. Then $\tilde{\alpha} = \langle \langle [a, b, c, d]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}}, [a_1, b, c, d_1]; \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}} \rangle \rangle$ is called an intuitionistic trapezoidal fuzzy number. For convenience, let $\tilde{\alpha} = \langle [a, b, c, d]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}}, \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}} \rangle$.

Definition 2.3. [24] Let $\tilde{\alpha} = \langle [a, b, c, d]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1}, \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} \rangle$. and $\tilde{\alpha} = \langle [a, b, c, d]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2}, \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2} \rangle$. be two intuitionistic trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, and $\lambda \geq 0$, then

1. $\alpha_1 \oplus \alpha_2 = \langle [a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2, d_1 + d_2]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} + \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2} - \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2}, \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2} \rangle$;
2. $\alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 = \langle [a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2, c_1 c_2, d_1 d_2]; \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2}, \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} + \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2} - \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_1} \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}_2} \rangle$;
3. $\lambda \tilde{\alpha} = \langle [\lambda a, \lambda b, \lambda c, \lambda d]; 1 - (1 - \mu_{\tilde{\alpha}})^\lambda, (\nu_{\tilde{\alpha}})^\lambda \rangle$;
4. $\tilde{\alpha}^\lambda = \langle [a^\lambda, b^\lambda, c^\lambda, d^\lambda]; (\mu_{\tilde{\alpha}})^\lambda, 1 - (1 - \nu_{\tilde{\alpha}})^\lambda \rangle$.

Definition 2.4. [7] Let X be a fixed set, $\xi_i \in [0, 1]$ ($i \in I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ or $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ or ...) and $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \leq b \leq c \leq d$. Then a generalized hesitant trapezoidal fuzzy number (GTHFN-number)

$$\xi_{GTHFN} = \langle (a, b, c, d); \{\xi_i : \xi_i \in \xi(x), \xi(x) \text{ is a set of some values in } [0, 1]\} \rangle$$

is a special hesitant fuzzy set on the real number set \mathbb{R} , whose membership functions are defined as

$$\mu^i(x) = \begin{cases} (x-a)\xi_i/(b-a) & a \leq x < b \\ \xi_i & b \leq x \leq c \\ (d-x)\xi_i/(d-c) & c < x \leq d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.5. [7] Let $\xi_{GTHFN} = \langle (a, b, c, d); \xi(x) \rangle$, $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 = \langle (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1); \xi^1 = \xi^1(x) \rangle$, $\xi_{GTHFN}^2 = \langle (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2); \xi^2 = \xi^2(x) \rangle$ be three GTHFN-numbers and $\gamma \neq 0$ be any real number. Then,

1. $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 \oplus \xi_{GTHFN}^2 = \langle (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2, d_1 + d_2); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2} \{\xi_1^1 + \xi_1^2 - \xi_1^1 \cdot \xi_1^2\} \rangle$;
2. $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 \odot \xi_{GTHFN}^2 = \begin{cases} \langle (a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2, c_1 c_2, d_1 d_2); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2} \{\xi_1^1 \cdot \xi_1^2\} \rangle & (d_1 > 0, d_2 > 0) \\ \langle (a_1 d_2, b_1 c_2, c_1 b_2, d_1 a_2); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2} \{\xi_1^1 \cdot \xi_1^2\} \rangle & (d_1 < 0, d_2 > 0) \\ \langle (d_1 d_2, c_1 c_2, b_1 b_2, a_1 a_2); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2} \{\xi_1^1 \cdot \xi_1^2\} \rangle & (d_1 < 0, d_2 < 0) \end{cases}$
3. $\gamma \xi_{GTHFN} = \langle (\gamma a, \gamma b, \gamma c, \gamma d); \cup_{\xi \in \xi(x)} \{1 - (1 - \xi)^\gamma\} \rangle (\gamma \geq 0)$
4. $(\xi_{GTHFN})^\gamma = \langle (a^\gamma, b^\gamma, c^\gamma, d^\gamma); \cup_{\xi \in \xi(x)} \{\xi^\gamma\} \rangle (\gamma \geq 0)$.

Definition 2.6. [7] Let $\xi_{GTHFN} = \langle (a, b, c, d); \xi_{GTHFN}(x) \rangle$ be a GTHFN-number and l_h is the number of the elements in ξ_{GTHFN} . Then,

1. score of ξ_{GTHFN} , is denoted by $S(\xi_{GTHFN})$, is defined as

$$S(\xi_{GTHFN}) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2.l_h} \cdot \sum_{\mu \in \xi_{GTHFN}} \mu \quad (1)$$

2. standard deviation degree of ξ_{GTHFN} , is denoted by $D_s(\xi_{GTHFN})$, is defined as

$$D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2.l_h} \cdot \left[\sum_{\mu_i, \mu_j \in \xi_{GTHFN}} (\mu_i - \mu_j)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

Based on the score of ξ_{GTHFN} , give the deviation degree of ξ_{GTHFN} as;

3. deviation degree of ξ_{GTHFN} , is denoted by $D(\xi_{GTHFN})$, is defined as

$$D(\xi_{GTHFN}) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{l_h} \sum_{\mu \in \xi_{GTHFN}} (\mu - S(\xi_{GTHFN}))^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3)$$

where $S(\xi_{GTHFN})$ is just as the mean value in statistic in ξ_{GTHFN} .

Definition 2.7. [7] Let ξ_{GTHFN}^1 and ξ_{GTHFN}^2 be two GTHF-numbers, $S(\xi_{GTHFN}^1)$ and $S(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ the scores of ξ_{GTHFN}^1 and ξ_{GTHFN}^2 , respectively, and $D(\xi_{GTHFN}^1)$ and $D(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ the deviation degrees of ξ_{GTHFN}^1 and ξ_{GTHFN}^2 , respectively. Then,

1. If $S(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) < S(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 < \xi_{GTHFN}^2$
2. If $S(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) = S(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$,
 - (a) If $D(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) < D(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 > \xi_{GTHFN}^2$
 - (b) If $D(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) > D(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 < \xi_{GTHFN}^2$
 - (c) If $D(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) = D(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$,
 - i. If $D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) < D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 > \xi_{GTHFN}^2$
 - ii. If $D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) > D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 < \xi_{GTHFN}^2$
 - iii. If $D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^1) = D_s(\xi_{GTHFN}^2)$ then $\xi_{GTHFN}^1 = \xi_{GTHFN}^2$

Definition 2.8. [7] Let $\xi_{GTHFN}^j, j \in I_n$ be a collection of GTHF-numbers. Then,

1. GTHF-number weighted geometric operator is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} H_w^G (\xi_{GTHFN}^1, \xi_{GTHFN}^2, \dots, \xi_{GTHFN}^n) &= \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \xi_{GTHFN}^j{}^{w_j} \\ &= \langle (\prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n b_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n c_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n d_j^{w_j}); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2, \dots, \xi_1^n \in \xi^n} \{ \prod_{j=1}^n \xi_1^j{}^{w_j} \} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

2. GTHF-number weighted arithmetic operator is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} H_w^A (\xi_{GTHFN}^1, \xi_{GTHFN}^2, \dots, \xi_{GTHFN}^n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot \xi_{GTHFN}^j \\ &= \langle (\sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot a_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot b_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot c_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot d_j); \cup_{\xi_1^1 \in \xi^1, \xi_1^2 \in \xi^2, \dots, \xi_1^n \in \xi^n} \{ 1 - \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \xi_1^j)^{w_j} \} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

3. Trapezoidal Hesitant Intuitionistic Fuzzy Number

Definition 3.1. Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \leq b \leq c \leq d$ and $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \vee \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \vee \dots$. Then, a trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy number (THIF-number) is defined as follows;

$$F = \langle (a, b, c, d); \{(\alpha_i, \beta_i) : (\alpha_i, \beta_i) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1 - \alpha_i]\} \rangle$$

is a special hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy set on the real number set \mathbb{R} , whose membership functions and non-membership functions as given, respectively.

$$\mu^i(x) = \begin{cases} (x-a)\alpha_i/(b-a) & a \leq x < b \\ \alpha_i & b \leq x \leq c \\ (d-x)\alpha_i/(d-c) & c < x \leq d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu^i(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(b-x)+\beta_i(x-a)}{(b-a)}, & a \leq x < b \\ \beta_i, & b \leq x \leq c \\ \frac{(x-c)+\beta_i(d-x)}{(d-c)}, & c < x \leq d \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

For convenience, we will denote the THIF-number with $F = \langle (a, b, c, d); (\alpha, \beta) \rangle$.

Definition 3.2. Let $F = \langle (a, b, c, d); (\alpha, \beta) \rangle$, $F^1 = \langle (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1); (\alpha^1, \beta^1) \rangle$, $F^2 = \langle (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2); (\alpha^2, \beta^2) \rangle$ be three THIF-numbers and $\gamma \neq 0$ be any real number. Then,

1. $F^1 \oplus F^2 = \langle (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2, d_1 + d_2); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(\alpha_1^1 + \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_1^1 \cdot \alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 \cdot \beta_1^2)\} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
2. F^1 \oplus F^2 &= \begin{cases} \langle (a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2, c_1 c_2, d_1 d_2); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(\alpha_1^1 \cdot \alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1 \cdot \beta_1^2)\} \rangle, & (d_1 > 0, d_2 > 0) \\ \langle (a_1 d_2, b_1 c_2, c_1 b_2, d_1 a_2); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(\alpha_1^1 \cdot \alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1 \cdot \beta_1^2)\} \rangle, & (d_1 < 0, d_2 > 0) \\ \langle (d_1 d_2, c_1 c_2, b_1 b_2, a_1 a_2); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(\alpha_1^1 \cdot \alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1 \cdot \beta_1^2)\} \rangle, & (d_1 < 0, d_2 < 0) \end{cases} \\
3. \gamma F &= \begin{cases} \langle (\gamma a, \gamma b, \gamma c, \gamma d); \cup_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1)^\gamma, \beta_1^\gamma)\} \rangle, & (\gamma > 0) \\ \langle (\gamma d, \gamma c, \gamma b, \gamma a); \cup_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1)^\gamma, \beta_1^\gamma)\} \rangle, & (\gamma < 0) \end{cases} \\
4. F^\gamma &= \langle (a^\gamma, b^\gamma, c^\gamma, d^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta)} \{(\alpha_1^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1)^\gamma)\} \rangle (\gamma \geq 0).
\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 1. Assume that $F = \langle (0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8); \{(0.8, 0.1), (0.1, 0.9), (0.4, 0.3), (0.1, 0.1), (0.5, 0.4)\} \rangle$, $F^1 = \langle (0.3, 0.5, 0.5, 0.6); \{(0.1, 0.3)\} \rangle$ and $F^2 = \langle (0.1, 0.2, 0.8, 1.0); \{(0.5, 0.1), (0.6, 0.2)\} \rangle$ be three THIF-numbers, then, we have

1. $F^1 \oplus F^2 = \langle (0.4, 0.7, 1.3, 1, 6); \{(0.55, 0.03), (0.64, 0.06)\} \rangle$
2. $F^1 \odot F^2 = \langle (0.03, 0.1, 0.4, 0.6); \{(0.05, 0.37), (0.06, 0.44)\} \rangle$
3. $2F = \langle (0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 1.6); \{(0.96, 0.01), (0.19, 0.81), (0.64, 0.09), (0.19, 0.01), (0.75, 0.16)\} \rangle$
4. $F^2 = \langle (0.01, 0.04, 0.16, 0.64); \{(0.64, 0.19), (0.01, 0.99), (0.16, 0.51), (0.01, 0.19), (0.25, 0.64)\} \rangle$

Definition 3.3. Let $F = \langle (a, b, c, d); (\alpha, \beta) \rangle$ be a THIF-number and l_h be the number of ordered pairs of (α, β) . Then,

1. score of F , is denoted by $S(F)$, is defined as

$$S(F) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2.l_h} \times \sum_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta)} |\alpha_1 - \beta_1| \quad (4)$$

2. standard deviation degree of F , is denoted by $D_s(F)$, is defined as

$$D_s(F) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2.l_h} \times \sum_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta), (\alpha_2, \beta_2) \in (\alpha, \beta)} (|(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2 + (\beta_1 - \beta_2)^2|)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5)$$

Based on the score of F , give the deviation degree of F as;

3. deviation degree of F , is denoted by $D(F)$, is defined as

$$D(F) = \frac{c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2} \times \left[\frac{1}{l_h} \cdot \sum_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in (\alpha, \beta)} (|\alpha_1 - \beta_1| - S(F))^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (6)$$

Now, we give a method to compare the two THIF-numbers.

EXAMPLE 2. Assume that $F = \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.8); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.3), (0.1, 0.9)\} \rangle$ be a THIF-number. Then,

1. score of F is calculated as;

$$\begin{aligned}
S(F) &= \frac{-0.2^2 - 0.3^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.8^2}{2.3} \times (|0.4 - 0.5| + |0.5 - 0.3| + |0.1 - 0.9|) \\
&= 0.122833
\end{aligned}$$

2. standard deviation degree of F is calculated as;

$$\begin{aligned} D_s(F) &= \frac{-0.2^2 - 0.3^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.8^2}{2.3} \\ &\quad \times [(0.4 - 0.5)^2 + (0.5 - 0.3)^2 + (0.4 - 0.1)^2 + (0.5 - 0.9)^2 + (0.5 - 0.1)^2 + (0.3 - 0.9)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 0.045783 \end{aligned}$$

3. deviation degree of F is calculated as;

$$\begin{aligned} D(F) &= \frac{-0.2^2 - 0.3^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.8^2}{2} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{1}{3} ((|0.4 - 0.5| - 0.18425)^2 + (|0.5 - 0.3| - 0.18425)^2 + (|0.1 - 0.9| - 0.18425)^2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 0.058889 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.4. Let F^1 and F^2 be two THIF-numbers. Then, compare of $S(F^1)$ and $S(F^2)$ given as;

1. If $S(F^1) < S(F^2)$ then $F^1 < F^2$
2. If $S(F^1) = S(F^2)$,
 - (a) If $D(F^1) < D(F^2)$ then $F^1 > F^2$
 - (b) If $D(F^1) > D(F^2)$ then $F^1 < F^2$
 - (c) If $D(F^1) = D(F^2)$,
 - i. If $D_s(F^1) < D_s(F^2)$ then $F^1 > F^2$
 - ii. If $D_s(F^1) > D_s(F^2)$ then $F^1 < F^2$
 - iii. If $D_s(F^1) = D_s(F^2)$ then $F^1 = F^2$

EXAMPLE 3. Assume that $F^1 = \langle (0.3, 0.5, 0.6, 0.8); \{(0.2, 0.5), (0.4, 0.3), (0.1, 0.8)\} \rangle$, $F^2 = \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7); \{(0.6, 0.3)\} \rangle$ and $F^3 = \langle (0.2, 0.4, 0.4, 0.9); \{(0.1, 0.8), (0.1, 0.8)\} \rangle$ be three two THIF-numbers, then we can calculate

$$S(F^1) = 0.121, S(F^2) = 0.0305 \text{ and } S(F^3) = 0.179666667.$$

Therefore, we have $F^2 < F^1 < F^3$.

Theorem 3.5. Let $F^1 = \langle (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1); (\alpha^1, \beta^1) \rangle$, $F^2 = \langle (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2); (\alpha^2, \beta^2) \rangle$ be two THIF-numbers and $\gamma > 0$. Then,

1. $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$,
2. $(F^1 \odot F^2)^\gamma = (F^1)^\gamma \odot (F^2)^\gamma$.

Proof. Let $F^1 = \langle (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1); (\alpha^1, \beta^1) \rangle$, $F^2 = \langle (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2); (\alpha^2, \beta^2) \rangle$ be two THIF-numbers and $\gamma > 0$ be any real number.

1. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) &= \gamma.\langle(a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2, d_1 + d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(\alpha_1^1 + \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_1^1 \alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 \beta_1^2)\}\rangle \\
&= \langle(\gamma.(a_1 + a_2), \gamma.(b_1 + b_2), \gamma.(c_1 + c_2), \gamma.(d_1 + d_2)); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1 + \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_1^1 \alpha_1^2))^\gamma, (\beta_1^1 \beta_1^2)^\gamma\}\rangle \\
&= \langle(\gamma.a_1 + \gamma.a_2, \gamma.b_1 + \gamma.b_2, \gamma.c_1 + \gamma.c_2, \gamma.d_1 + \gamma.d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1 + \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_1^1 \alpha_1^2))^\gamma, (\beta_1^1 \beta_1^2)^\gamma\}\rangle \\
&= \langle(\gamma.a_1 + \gamma.a_2, \gamma.b_1 + \gamma.b_2, \gamma.c_1 + \gamma.c_2, \gamma.d_1 + \gamma.d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \alpha_1^2)^\gamma, (\beta_1^1)^\gamma \cdot (\beta_1^2)^\gamma)\}\rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2 &= \langle(\gamma a_1, \gamma b_1, \gamma c_1, \gamma d_1); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1)^\gamma, (\beta_1^1)^\gamma)\}\rangle \oplus \\
&\quad \langle(\gamma a_2, \gamma b_2, \gamma c_2, \gamma d_2); \cup_{(\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^2)^\gamma, (\beta_1^2)^\gamma)\}\rangle \\
&= \langle(\gamma.a_1 + \gamma.a_2, \gamma.b_1 + \gamma.b_2, \gamma.c_1 + \gamma.c_2, \gamma.d_1 + \gamma.d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1)^\gamma + 1 - (1 - \alpha_1^2)^\gamma - \\
&\quad (1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1)^\gamma)(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^2)^\gamma), (\beta_1^1)^\gamma (\beta_1^2)^\gamma)\}\rangle \\
&= \langle(\gamma.a_1 + \gamma.a_2, \gamma.b_1 + \gamma.b_2, \gamma.c_1 + \gamma.c_2, \gamma.d_1 + \gamma.d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{(1 - (1 - \alpha_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \alpha_1^2)^\gamma, (\beta_1^1)^\gamma \cdot (\beta_1^2)^\gamma)\}\rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

then, from Equation 7 and 8, we have $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$.

2. (a) Assume that $(d_1 > 0, d_2 > 0)$, Since

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1 \odot F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (a_1.a_2, b_1.b_2, c_1.c_2, d_1.d_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle ((a_1.a_2)^\gamma, (b_1.b_2)^\gamma, (c_1.c_2)^\gamma, (d_1.d_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1)^\gamma \odot (F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (a_1^\gamma, b_1^\gamma, c_1^\gamma, d_1^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1)} \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma \odot \\
&\quad \langle (a_2^\gamma, b_2^\gamma, c_2^\gamma, d_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{((\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma + 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma - \\
&\quad (1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)(1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma))\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle ((a_1.a_2)^\gamma, (b_1.b_2)^\gamma, (c_1.c_2)^\gamma, (d_1.d_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle^\gamma
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

then, from Equation 9 and 10, we have $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$.

(b) Assume that $(d_1 < 0, d_2 > 0)$ Since

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1 \odot F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (a_1.d_2, b_1.c_2, c_1.b_2, d_1.a_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{(\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2)\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle ((a_1.d_2)^\gamma, (b_1.c_2)^\gamma, (c_1.b_2)^\gamma, (d_1.a_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma\} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1)^\gamma \odot (F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (a_1^\gamma, b_1^\gamma, c_1^\gamma, d_1^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1)} \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)\} \rangle \odot \\
&\quad \langle (a_2^\gamma, b_2^\gamma, c_2^\gamma, d_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{((\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma + 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma - \\
&\quad (1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)(1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle ((a_1.d_2)^\gamma, (b_1.c_2)^\gamma, (c_1.b_2)^\gamma, (d_1.a_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (a_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, d_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma\} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

then, from Equation 11 and 12, we have $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$.

(c) Assume that $(d_1 < 0, d_2 < 0)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1 \odot F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (d_1.d_2, c_1.c_2, b_1.b_2, a_1.a_2); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{(\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2)\} \rangle^\gamma \\
&= \langle ((d_1.d_2)^\gamma, (c_1.c_2)^\gamma, (b_1.b_2)^\gamma, (a_1.a_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(F^1)^\gamma \odot (F^2)^\gamma &= \langle (a_1^\gamma, b_1^\gamma, c_1^\gamma, d_1^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1)} \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)\} \rangle \odot \\
&\quad \langle (a_2^\gamma, b_2^\gamma, c_2^\gamma, d_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \{((\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma + 1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma - \\
&\quad (1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma)(1 - (1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle ((d_1.d_2)^\gamma, (c_1.c_2)^\gamma, (b_1.b_2)^\gamma, (a_1.a_2)^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1.\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1.\beta_1^2))^\gamma)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (d_1^\gamma.d_2^\gamma, c_1^\gamma.c_2^\gamma, b_1^\gamma.b_2^\gamma, a_1^\gamma.a_2^\gamma); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2)} \\
&\quad \{((\alpha_1^1)^\gamma.(\alpha_1^2)^\gamma, 1 - (1 - \beta_1^1)^\gamma(1 - \beta_1^2)^\gamma)\} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

then, from Equation 13 and 14, we have $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$.
Finally, from Equation 2a, 2b and 2c, we have $\gamma.(F^1 \oplus F^2) = \gamma.F^1 \oplus \gamma.F^2$.

□

REMARK 1. Let $F = \langle (a, b, c, d); (\alpha, \beta) \rangle$ be a THIF-number and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \geq 0$. Then, the following equations are not generally true.

1. $\gamma_1.F \oplus \gamma_2.F = (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2).F$,
2. $(F)^{\gamma_1} \odot (F)^{\gamma_2} = (F)^{(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)}$.

Note that if the number of elements of (α, β) is one, then the equations are provided.

EXAMPLE 4. Let $F = \langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle$ a THIF-number and $\gamma_1 = 0.5, \gamma_2 = 1.5$.

1. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
0.5F \oplus 1.5F &= 0.5\langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle \oplus \\
&\quad 1.5\langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (0.25, 0.4, 0.45, 0.5); \{(0.1046, 0.4472), (0.4523, 0.4472)\} \rangle \oplus \\
&\quad \langle (0.75, 1.2, 1.35, 1.5); \{(0.2845, 0.0894), (0.8357, 0.0894)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (1.0, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0); \{(0.3600, 0.0400), (0.8530, 0.0400), \\
&\quad (0.6081, 0.0400), (0.9100, 0.0400)\} \rangle \\
&\neq (0.5 + 1.5)F \\
&= 2\langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (1.0, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0); \{(0.3600, 0.0400), (0.9100, 0.0400)\} \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

then we have $0.5F \oplus 1.5F \neq (0.5 + 1.5)F$.

2. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
F^{0.5} \odot F^{1.5} &= \langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle^{0.5} \odot \\
&\quad \langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle^{1.5} \\
&= \langle (0.7071, 0.8944, 0.9487, 1.0000); \{(0.4472, 0.1056), (0.8367, 0.1056)\} \rangle \odot \\
&\quad \langle (0.3536, 0.7155, 0.8538, 1.0000); \{(0.0894, 0.2845), (0.5857, 0.2845)\} \rangle \\
&= \langle (0.2500, 0.6400, 0.8100, 1.0000); \{(0.0400, 0.3600), (0.2619, 0.3600), \\
&\quad (0.0748, 0.3600), (0.4900, 0.3600)\} \rangle \\
&\neq F^{(0.5+1.5)} \\
&= \langle (0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.2, 0.2), (0.7, 0.2)\} \rangle^2 \\
&= \langle (0.25, 0.64, 0.81, 1.00); \{(0.04, 0.36), (0.49, 0.36)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

then we have $F^{0.5} \odot F^{1.5} \neq F^{(0.5+1.5)}$.

Definition 3.6. Let $F^j = \langle (a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j); (\alpha^j, \beta^j) \rangle (j \in I_{n+1})$ be a collection of THIF-numbers. For $\Omega_w^G : (F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n) \rightarrow F^{n+1}$ if

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_w^G(F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n) &= \bigotimes_{j=1}^n (F^j)^{w_j} \\
&= \langle (\prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n b_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n c_j^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n d_j^{w_j}); \\
&\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2), \dots, (\alpha_1^n, \beta_1^n) \in (\alpha^n, \beta^n)} \{(\prod_{j=1}^n (\alpha_1^j)^{w_j}, 1 - \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \beta_1^j)^{w_j})\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

then Ω_w^G is called THIF-number weighted geometric operator of dimension n, where $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$ is the weight vector of $F^j, j \in I_n$, with $w_j \in [0, 1]$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n w_j = 1$.

Definition 3.7. Let $F^j = \langle (a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j); (\alpha^j, \beta^j) \rangle (j \in I_{n+1})$ be a collection of THIF-numbers. For $\Omega_w^A : (F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n) \rightarrow F^{n+1}$ if

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_w^A(F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n w_j F^j \\ &= \langle (\sum_{j=1}^n w_j a_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j b_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j c_j, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j d_j); \\ &\quad \cup_{(\alpha_1^1, \beta_1^1) \in (\alpha^1, \beta^1), (\alpha_1^2, \beta_1^2) \in (\alpha^2, \beta^2), \dots, (\alpha_1^n, \beta_1^n) \in (\alpha^n, \beta^n)} \{(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \alpha_1^j)^{w_j}, \prod_{j=1}^n (\beta_1^j)^{w_j})\} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

then Ω_w^A is called THIF-number weighted arithmetic operator of dimension n, where $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$ is the weight vector of $F^j, j \in I_n$, with $w_j \in [0, 1]$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n w_j = 1$.

EXAMPLE 5. Let $F^1 \langle (0.00, 0.10, 0.90, 1.00); \{(0.90, 0.10), (0.60, 0.30), (0.30, 0.10)\} \rangle$, $F^2 \langle (0.00, 0.10, 0.10, 0.20); \{(0.30, 0.40), (0.20, 0.10)\} \rangle$, $F^3 \langle (0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80); \{(0.70, 0.60)\} \rangle$ and $F^4 \langle (0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40); \{(0.50, 0.20), (0.60, 0.30)\} \rangle$ be four THIF-numbers and $w = (0.25, 0.40, 0.30, 0.05)$ be weighted vector of the THIF-numbers. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_w^G(F^1, F^2, F^3, F^4) &= \langle (0.00, 0.18, 0.33, 0.47); \{(0.52, 0.40), (0.53, 0.41), (0.44, 0.30), (0.45, 0.30), \\ &\quad (0.47, 0.44), (0.48, 0.44), (0.40, 0.34), (0.40, 0.35), (0.40, 0.40), (0.40, 0.41), \\ &\quad (0.34, 0.30), (0.34, 0.30)\} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_w^A(F^1, F^2, F^3, F^4) &= \langle (0.16, 0.26, 0.49, 0.59); \{(0.67, 0.31), (0.68, 0.31), (0.65, 0.18), (0.66, 0.18), \\ &\quad (0.54, 0.41), (0.51, 0.23), (0.52, 0.24), (0.47, 0.31), (0.44, 0.18)\} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

4. An approach to MCDM problems with THIF-numbers

In this section, we developed a method for THIF-numbers by using the proposed concepts in section 3.

Definition 4.1. Let $K = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$ be a set of alternatives, $L = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$ be the set of criteria. If $A_{ij} = \langle (a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_{ij}, d_{ij}); (\alpha^{ij}, \beta^{ij}) \rangle$ be THIF-numbers then decision matrix is given as;

$$[A_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here A_{ij} denotes evaluation of the alternative k_i with respect to the criteria l_j made by expert or decision maker.

Algorithm 1

1. Construct the THIF-decision-making matrix $[A_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.
2. Compute $\rho_i^G = \Omega_w^G(A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots, A_{in})$ for $i \in I_m$.
3. Find the scores $s(\rho_i^G)$ ($i \in I_m$ of the THIF-numbers ρ_i^G ($i \in I_m$).
4. Rank all alternatives k_i according to $s(\rho_i^G)$ ($i \in I_m$).

Algorithm 2

1. Construct the THIF-decision-making matrix $[A_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.
2. Compute $\rho_i^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots, A_{in})$ for $i \in I_m$.
3. Find the scores $s(\rho_i^A)$ ($i \in I_m$) of the THIF-numbers ρ_i^A ($i \in I_m$).
4. Rank all alternatives k_i according to $s(\rho_i^A)$ ($i \in I_m$).

EXAMPLE 6. Let's assume that an agricultural firm has a 40-50 year plan to maximize its profit by producing agricultural products. There is five alternatives is denoted by $K = \{k_1 = \text{Walnut}, k_2 = \text{Banana}, k_3 = \text{Grape}, k_4 = \text{Apple}, k_5 = \text{annual vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants}\}$ that it can produce. The five possible alternatives are to be evaluated under the four criteria is denoted by $L = \{l_1 = \text{market}, l_2 = \text{support of government}, l_3 = \text{seasonal factors}, l_4 = \text{sustainability}\}$ by corresponding to linguistic values of THIF-numbers for linguistic terms as shown in Table 1. The weight vector of the criteria is $w = (0.15, 0.40, 0.30, 0.15)^T$.

Table 1: THIF-numbers for linguistic terms

| Linguistic terms | Linguistic values of THIF-numbers | Scores |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
| Absolutely Good(AG) | $\langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.9, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.3, 0.1)\}\rangle$ | 0.3900 |
| Very Very Good(VVG) | $\langle(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.7, 0.1), (0.9, 0.1)\}\rangle$ | 0.1733 |
| Very Good(VG) | $\langle(0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.5, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.2, 0.9)\}\rangle$ | 0.1027 |
| Good(G) | $\langle(0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.5, 0.5), (0.4, 0.4)\}\rangle$ | 0.0600 |
| Very Medium(VM) | $\langle(0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9); \{(0.1, 0.4)\}\rangle$ | 0.0300 |
| Absolutely Medium(AM) | $\langle(0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6); \{(0.7, 0.3), (0.3, 0.3)\}\rangle$ | 0.0240 |
| Low Medium(LM) | $\langle(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4); \{(0.5, 0.2), (0.6, 0.3)\}\rangle$ | 0.0200 |
| Bad(B) | $\langle(0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\}\rangle$ | 0.0187 |
| Very Bad(VB) | $\langle(0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.1, 0.3)\}\rangle$ | 0.0147 |
| Very Very Bad(VVB) | $\langle(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\}\rangle$ | 0.0087 |
| Absolutely Bad(AB) | $\langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\}\rangle$ | 0.0013 |

Algorithm 1

Step 1. The expert construct the decision matrix as follows:

$$[\tilde{\alpha}_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.9, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.3, 0.1)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4); \{(0.5, 0.2), (0.6, 0.3)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\}\rangle \\ \\ \langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.9, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.3, 0.1)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\}\rangle \\ \\ \langle(0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.5, 0.5), (0.4, 0.4)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\}\rangle \\ \langle(0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.1, 0.3)\}\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle (0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.5, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.2, 0.9)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6); \{(0.7, 0.3), (0.3, 0.3)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle \\
& \left. \begin{aligned}
& \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.7, 0.1), (0.9, 0.1)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\} \rangle \\
& \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle
\end{aligned} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Step 2. The $\rho_i^G = \Omega_w^G(A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots, A_{in})$ for $i \in I_5$ are computed as;

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_1^G &= \Omega_w^G(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\
&\langle (0.00, 0.16, 0.26, 0.39); \{(0.47, 0.35), (0.49, 0.37), (0.40, 0.23), (0.42, 0.26), (0.44, 0.37), \\
&(0.47, 0.39), (0.37, 0.26), (0.40, 0.29), (0.40, 0.35), (0.42, 0.37), (0.34, 0.23), (0.36, 0.26)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_2^G &= \Omega_w^G(A_{21}, A_{22}, A_{23}, A_{24}) \\
&\langle (0.00, 0.18, 0.28, 0.41); \{(0.44, 0.43), (0.47, 0.35), (0.37, 0.33), (0.40, 0.23), (0.41, 0.45), \\
&(0.44, 0.37), (0.35, 0.36), (0.37, 0.26), (0.37, 0.43), (0.40, 0.35), (0.32, 0.33), (0.34, 0.23)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_3^G &= \Omega_w^G(A_{31}, A_{32}, A_{33}, A_{34}) \\
&\langle (0.00, 0.24, 0.27, 0.40); \{(0.32, 0.39), (0.34, 0.30), (0.27, 0.29), (0.29, 0.18), (0.30, 0.43), \\
&(0.32, 0.35), (0.25, 0.33), (0.27, 0.23), (0.29, 0.42), (0.31, 0.33), (0.25, 0.32), (0.26, 0.21)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_4^G &= \Omega_w^G(A_{41}, A_{42}, A_{43}, A_{44}) \\
&\langle (0.00, 0.29, 0.33, 0.46); \{(0.52, 0.36), (0.46, 0.28), (0.37, 0.36), (0.33, 0.28), (0.53, 0.39), \\
&(0.47, 0.31), (0.38, 0.39), (0.33, 0.31), (0.45, 0.54), (0.40, 0.48), (0.32, 0.54), (0.28, 0.48)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_5^G &= \Omega_w^G(A_{51}, A_{52}, A_{53}, A_{54}) \\
&\langle (0.00, 0.24, 0.27, 0.40); \{(0.43, 0.44), (0.46, 0.36), (0.37, 0.34), (0.39, 0.24), (0.42, 0.43), \\
&(0.45, 0.35), (0.36, 0.33), (0.38, 0.23), (0.44, 0.43), (0.47, 0.35), (0.37, 0.33), (0.40, 0.23)\} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

1. The scores $s(\rho_i^G)$ ($i \in I_5$) of the THIF-numbers ρ_i^A ($i \in I_5$) are found as; $s(\rho_1^G) = 0.0427$ $s(\rho_2^G) = 0.0346$ $s(\rho_3^G) = 0.0123$ $s(\rho_4^G) = 0.0247$ $s(\rho_5^G) = 0.0275$

It is obvious that

$$s(\rho_1^G) > s(\rho_2^G) > s(\rho_5^G) > s(\rho_4^G) > s(\rho_3^G)$$

Therefore, the ranking order of the alternatives k_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) is generated as follows:

$$k_1 > k_2 > k_5 > k_4 > k_3$$

The best supplier for the enterprise is k_1 .

Algorithm 2

Step 1. The decision makers construct the decision matrix as follows:

$$[\tilde{\alpha}_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \left(\begin{array}{l} \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.9, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.3, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4); \{(0.5, 0.2), (0.6, 0.3)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle \\ \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.9, 1.0); \{(0.9, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.3, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle \\ \\ \langle (0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.5, 0.5), (0.4, 0.4)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.1, 0.3)\} \rangle \\ \\ \langle (0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7); \{(0.5, 0.1), (0.6, 0.3), (0.2, 0.9)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6); \{(0.7, 0.3), (0.3, 0.3)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle \\ \\ \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.8, 0.2), (0.7, 0.1), (0.9, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2); \{(0.3, 0.4), (0.2, 0.1)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5); \{(0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.2)\} \rangle \\ \langle (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8); \{(0.7, 0.6)\} \rangle \end{array} \right)$$

Step 2. The $\rho_i^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots, A_{in})$ for $i \in I_5$ are computed as;

$$\rho_1^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\ \langle (0.11, 0.21, 0.37, 0.47); \{(0.58, 0.28), (0.61, 0.32), (0.56, 0.16), (0.59, 0.18), (0.49, 0.33), \\ (0.52, 0.37), (0.46, 0.19), (0.49, 0.21), (0.44, 0.28), (0.48, 0.32), (0.41, 0.16), (0.45, 0.18)\} \rangle$$

$$\rho_2^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\ \langle (0.14, 0.24, 0.40, 0.50); \{(0.56, 0.37), (0.58, 0.28), (0.54, 0.21), (0.56, 0.16), (0.46, 0.44), \\ (0.49, 0.33), (0.43, 0.25), (0.46, 0.19), (0.41, 0.37), (0.44, 0.28), (0.38, 0.21), (0.41, 0.16)\} \rangle$$

$$\rho_3^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\ \langle (0.21, 0.31, 0.37, 0.47); \{(0.42, 0.37), (0.46, 0.28), (0.39, 0.21), (0.43, 0.16), (0.34, 0.42), \\ (0.38, 0.32), (0.30, 0.24), (0.34, 0.18), (0.32, 0.41), (0.36, 0.31), (0.28, 0.24), (0.32, 0.18)\} \rangle$$

$$\rho_4^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\ \langle (0.26, 0.36, 0.43, 0.53); \{(0.58, 0.31), (0.57, 0.20), (0.41, 0.31), (0.39, 0.20), (0.60, 0.36), \\ (0.58, 0.24), (0.43, 0.36), (0.41, 0.24), (0.55, 0.43), (0.53, 0.28), (0.37, 0.43), (0.35, 0.28)\} \rangle$$

$$\rho_5^A = \Omega_w^A(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{14}) \\ \langle (0.21, 0.31, 0.37, 0.47); \{(0.51, 0.41), (0.54, 0.31), (0.49, 0.24), (0.51, 0.18), (0.48, 0.37), \\ (0.51, 0.28), (0.45, 0.21), (0.48, 0.16), (0.56, 0.37), (0.58, 0.28), (0.54, 0.21), (0.56, 0.16)\} \rangle$$

1. The scores $s(\rho_i^A)$ ($i \in I_5$ of the THIF-numbers ρ_i^A ($i \in I_5$ are found as; $s(\rho_1^A) = 0.0147$ $s(\rho_2^A) = 0.0073$ $s(\rho_3^A) = 0.0058$ $s(\rho_4^A) = 0.0132$ $s(\rho_5^A) = 0.0067$

It is obvious that

$$s(\rho_1^A) > s(\rho_4^A) > s(\rho_2^A) > s(\rho_5^A) > s(\rho_3^A)$$

Therefore, the ranking order of the alternatives k_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) is generated as follows:

$$k_1 > k_4 > k_2 > k_5 > k_3$$

The best supplier for the enterprise is k_1 .

5. Conclusion

In this paper, a new trapezoidal hesitant intuitionistic fuzzy number (THIF-number) theory has been proposed along with its associated properties, theorems and definitions. Also, to demonstrate the application of this theory, a new multi-criteria decision-making(MCDM) method based on THIF-number is presented. The applicability of the proposed method, a numerical example is presented to illustrate the application of the developed method in THIF-numbers. Several future research directions are put forward: (1) other decision-making methods such as the LINMAP method, Topsis method and (2) new aggregation operators is another direction.

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