

# AN APPLICATION OF INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY MULTISET DISTANCE MEASURE TO RADIOLOGICAL FINDING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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## ABSTRACT

A Distance measure of Intuitionistic fuzzy multiset plays a vital role in solving problems associated with uncertainties. Attempt were made by different researchers in making efforts to comes up with distance measure that will address the problems faced by decision makers especially when multiple criteria were involved, in this paper, we look at the demerits of some of the existing distance measures and proposed a new one that will bridge the gaps of the existing ones, we then applied it in radiological findings, by considering four patients and five diseases, we discovered that while three patients were suffering from one disease or the other, the fourth patient is not suffering from any of the diseases, thus, we suggest further investigation on him. We also applied it to climate change by considering four areas affected by different types of erosion, and it was discovered that some areas were affected, while one area is not affected.

**Keywords:** Distance measures; fuzzy sets; fuzzy multisets; intuitionistic fuzzy sets; intuitionistic fuzzy multisets;

## INTRODUCTION

In classical set theory, a set is a well-defined collection of distinct and definite objects of our intuition into a whole. Accordingly, one of the underlying assumptions of this set theory dictates that no element shall appear more than once. The collection {a,b,b,c} consequently becomes a set only after deleting the repeated elements, viz, {a,b,c}. Indeed, this did not go hand in hand with the requirements of various other sciences in seeking mathematical formulation of some of the challenging problems. As such, a multiset, which is a set with repetition, was involved; see (Blizard, 1990; Singh and Isah, 2016; Girish and John, 2012; Isah and Tella, 2015).

Decision making is one of the most difficult task human being used to face especially when multiple criteria decision making was involved, with the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh 'in 1965, the issues of uncertainty has been considerably tackled to enhance the solution of many decision-making problems including career determination pattern recognition, medical diagnosis among others." Atanassov (1986) generalized the concept of fuzzy sets where he introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets (IFS) by assigning a membership degree and a non-membership of the fuzzy sets". Yager (1986) was the first person to introduce the concept of fuzzy mset, where he combines both the concept of fuzzy set and mset. "Shinoj and John (2012) introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy mset by combining the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set and fuzzy mset". Many similarity measures have been proposed by different researchers, the first study was

carried out by Szmidt and Kacprzyk (2000) where they extend the well-known distance measures such as Hamming and Euclidean distance to intuitionistic fuzzy set context and compare it with the approach of ordinary fuzzy sets, "Wing and Xing (2005) Proved that the work of Szmidt and Kacprzyk were not effective in some cases". Therefore, several new distance measures and their applications were presented in (Ejagwa et al., 2016; Maheswari et al., 2022; Muthuraj and Devi, 2019; Muthuraj and Yamuna, 2021; Paramanik and Mondal, 2015; Rajarajeswari and Uma, 2013; Samuel and Narmadhangnanam, 2018). However, some of these have some setbacks that could lead to information loss. In this paper, we looked at the demerits of some of the existing methods and introduced a new distance measure that could help in solving the problems that the decision makers face when multiple attributes are involved, and applied it in radiological findings and climate change

## Preliminaries

**Definition 1** Zadeh (1965). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A fuzzy set  $A$  drawn from  $X$  is define as  $A = \{<x, \mu_A(x)> : x \in X\}$  where  $\mu_A(x) \rightarrow [0,1]$  is the membership function of fuzzy set  $A$ .

**Definition 2** Atanassov (1999). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \{<x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x), \pi_A(x)> : x \in X\}$ , where the function  $\mu_A(x) \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $\nu_A(x) \rightarrow [0,1]$ ,  $\pi_A(x) \rightarrow [0,1]$  defined respectively the degree of membership, the degree of non-membership and the degree of uncertainty of  $x \in X$  to the IFS of  $A$  with

$0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$  and  $\pi_A(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x) - \nu_A(x)$ . Furthermore,  $\pi_A(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x) - \nu_A(x)$  is called the hesitation margin or the degree of uncertainty of  $x \in X$  to the IFS of  $A$  and  $\pi_A(x) \in [0,1]$ . That is  $\pi: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $0 \leq \pi_A(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in X$ .  $\pi_A(x)$  express the lack of knowledge of whether  $x$  belong to IFS or not.

**Definition 3** Jena et al (2001). An mset  $M$  drawn from the set  $X$  is represented by a function count  $M$  or  $C_M$  defined as  $C_M: X \rightarrow N$  where  $N$  represents the sets of nonnegative integers.

**Definition 4** Miyamoto (1996). Let  $X$  be a universal set, the fuzzy mset  $A$  over  $X$  is a set of ordered pairs:

$A = \{x, \mu_A(x) : x \in X\} = \{x, CM_A(x) : x \in X\}$  were  $CM_A(x) = (\mu_A^1(x), \mu_A^2(x), \dots, \mu_A^p(x))$ .  $\mu_A(x) \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called the membership function of each  $x \in X$ , the value of  $\mu_A(x)$  is called the grade of membership of  $x$  in  $A$ .

**Definition 5** Atanassov (1999). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An Intuitionistic Fuzzy mset  $A$  denoted by IFMS drawn from  $X$  is characterized by two functions : 'count membership' of  $A$   $CM_A$  and 'count non membership' of  $A$   $CN_A$  given respectively by  $CM_A: X \rightarrow Q$  and  $CN_A: X \rightarrow Q$  where  $Q$  is the set of all crisp multisets drawn from the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , the membership sequence is defined as a decreasingly ordered sequence of elements in  $CM_A(x)$  which is denoted by  $(\mu_A^1(x), \mu_A^2(x), \dots, \mu_A^p(x))$  where  $\mu_A^1(x) \geq \mu_A^2(x) \geq \dots \geq \mu_A^p(x)$ , and the corresponding non membership sequence will be denoted by  $(v_A^1(x), v_A^2(x), \dots, v_A^p(x))$  such that  $0 \leq \mu_A^i(x) + v_A^i(x) \leq 1$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $i=1,2,3,\dots,p$ .

**Remark;** We arrange the membership sequence in decreasing order but the corresponding non membership sequence may not be in decreasing or increasing order.

**Definition 6** Szmid (2014). Let  $A, B, C \in IFS(X)$ . Then, the distance measure  $d$  between IFSs is a function  $d: IFS \times IFS \rightarrow [0,1]$  satisfying the following conditions

- 1  $0 \leq d(A, B) \leq 1$
- 2 (boundedness)  $d(A, B) = 0$  iff  $A = B$  (separability)
- 3  $d(A, B) = d(B, A)$  (symmetry)
- 4  $d(A, C) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C)$  = (Triangular inequality)

#### New Distance Measure of Intuitionistic fuzzy multiset

In this section, we introduce the new distance measure and then applied it in Radiological findings and climate change.

**Definition 3.1** Given a finite universe of discourse  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Let  $IFMS(X)$  be the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy multiset over  $X$ . Let  $A, B \in IFMS(X)$ , then  $d(A, B) = \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \{ |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l| + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda^2 \} d\lambda$  Where  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Example:** Consider the three patterns  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  and the test sample  $S$  as represented in the following table

**Table 1** (Using table from the work of Maheswari et al)

|       | $S_1$         | $S_2$         | $S_3$         |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $P_1$ | (1,0,0,0,0)   | (0,8,0,0,0,2) | (0,7,0,1,0,2) |
| $P_2$ | (0,9,0,1,0,0) | (1,0,0,0,0,0) | (0,9,0,0,0,1) |
| $P_3$ | (0,6,0,2,0,2) | (0,8,0,0,0,2) | (1,0,0,0,0,0) |
| $S$   | (0,5,0,3,0,2) | (0,6,0,2,0,2) | (0,8,0,1,0,1) |

$$d(A, B) = \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \{ |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l| + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda^2 \} d\lambda$$

$$d(p_1, s) = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^1 \{ |1.0 - 0.5| + |1.0 - 0.0| - |0.5 - 0.3| | \lambda + | |1.0 - 0.0| - |0.5 - 0.2| | \lambda^2 +$$

$$|0.8 - 0.6| + |0.8 - 0.0| - |0.6 - 0.2| | \lambda + | |0.8 - 0.2| - |0.6 - 0.2| | \lambda^2 +$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |0.7 - 0.8| + ||0.7 - 0.1| - |0.8 - 0.1| | \lambda + | |0.7 - 0.2| - |0.8 - 0.1| | \lambda^2 \} d\lambda \\ & \frac{1}{12} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^3 \{ 0.8 + 1.3\lambda + 1.1\lambda^2 \} d\lambda \\ & = \frac{1}{12} [0.8\lambda + 1.3\frac{\lambda^2}{2} + 1.1\frac{\lambda^3}{3}] \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{12} [0.8 + \\ & 1.3\frac{1^2}{2} + 1.1\frac{1^3}{3}] = \frac{1}{12} [0.8 + 0.65 + 0.3667] = \\ & \frac{1}{12} [1.8167] = 0.1514, d(p_1, s) = 0.1514 \\ & d(p_2, s) = 0.1694, d(p_3, s) = 0.0958. \end{aligned}$$

#### Proposition 3.2

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } P = |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l|, \quad Q = ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| - \\ & |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l|| \quad \text{and} \quad R = ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| - \\ & |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l||. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } d(A, B) \text{ and } d^*(A, B) \text{ be distance measures of IFMs with } d^*(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{ 6P + 3Q + 2R \}, \text{ then } d(A, B) = \frac{1}{24n} d^*(A, B)$$

#### Proof

Let  $d(A, B)$  and  $d^*(A, B)$  be two distances measure of IFMs. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(A, B) &= \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \{ |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l| + \\ & ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda + \\ & ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l| | \lambda^2 \} d\lambda \quad \text{Where } \lambda \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

Integrate over the closed interval  $[0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} d(A, B) &= \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l| \lambda + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| \\ & - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l| \frac{\lambda^2}{2} + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| \\ & - |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l| \frac{\lambda^3}{3} \} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ |\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \mu_{B(x_i)}^l| + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - v_{A(x_i)}^l| - \\ & |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - v_{B(x_i)}^l| \frac{1^2}{2} + ||\mu_{A(x_i)}^l - \pi_{A(x_i)}^l| - \\ & |\mu_{B(x_i)}^l - \pi_{B(x_i)}^l| \frac{1^3}{3} \} - 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ P + Q \frac{1}{2} + R \frac{1}{3} \} = \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \frac{6P + 3Q + 2R}{6} \} = \\ & \frac{1}{24n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ 6P + 3Q + 2R \} = \frac{1}{24n} d^*(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.3** let  $A = \{ < x, \mu_{A(x)}^l, v_{A(x)}^l > \}$  be IFMS in the non-empty set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ , then the complement of  $A$  denoted by  $A^c$  is define as  $A^c = \{ < x, v_{A(x)}^l, \mu_{A(x)}^l > \}$

**Example** Consider an intuitionistic fuzzy multiset IFMS  $A$  over  $X = \{ < x_1, (0.6, 0.8), (0.1, 0.2) >, < x_2, (0.3, 0.1), (0.5, 0.9) > \}$  Where  $(0.6, 0.8)$  are membership degrees of  $x_1$ ,  $(0.3, 0.1)$  are membership degrees of  $x_2$  and  $(0.1, 0.2)$ ,  $(0.5, 0.9)$  are corresponding non-membership of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively, then

$$A^c = \{ < x_1, (0.1, 0.2), (0.6, 0.8) >, < x_2, (0.5, 0.9), (0.3, 0.1) > \}.$$

#### Proposition 3.4

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two IFMSs in the non-empty set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ , then,

$$d((A^c)^c, (B^c)^c) = d(A, B).$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } A &= \{< x, \mu_{A(x)}^I, v_{A(x)}^I >\} \text{ and } B = \{< x, \mu_{B(x)}^I, v_{B(x)}^I >\}, \text{ then } (A^c)^c = \overline{A^c} = \\ &= \overline{\{< x, 1 - \mu_{A(x)}^I, 1 - v_{A(x)}^I >\}} = \overline{\{< x, v_{A(x)}^I, \mu_{A(x)}^I >\}} = \\ &= \overline{\{< x, \mu_{A(x)}^I, v_{A(x)}^I >\}} = A, \text{ also} \\ (B^c)^c &= \overline{B^c} = \overline{\{< x, 1 - \mu_{B(x)}^I, 1 - v_{B(x)}^I >\}} \\ &= \overline{\{< x, v_{B(x)}^I, \mu_{B(x)}^I >\}} \\ &= \overline{\{< x, \mu_{B(x)}^I, v_{B(x)}^I >\}} = B \end{aligned}$$

Thus:  $d((A^c)^c, (B^c)^c) = d(A, B)$ .

Suppose that there are three patients:  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ , i.e.,  
 $P = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ . The set of symptoms  $S = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5\}$ . The set of diseases  $D = \{D_1, D_2, D_3\}$ .

**Table 2** Symptoms characteristics for patient

| R     | $S_1$            | $S_2$            | $S_3$            | $S_4$            | $S_5$            |
|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| $P_1$ | 0.7, 0.2,<br>0.1 | 0.6, 0.2,<br>0.2 | 0.3, 0.7,<br>0.0 | 0.5, 0.2,<br>0.3 | 0.2, 0.7,<br>0.1 |
| $P_2$ | 0.7, 0.1,<br>0.2 | 0.8, 0.2,<br>0.0 | 0.1, 0.6,<br>0.3 | 0.2, 0.7,<br>0.1 | 0.1, 0.5,<br>0.4 |
| $P_3$ | 0.5, 0.1,<br>0.4 | 0.5, 0.3,<br>0.2 | 0.3, 0.5,<br>0.2 | 0.7, 0.1,<br>0.2 | 0.3, 0.5,<br>0.2 |

**Table 3** Symptoms characteristics for the diagnosis

| R     | $S_1$            | $S_2$            | $S_3$            | $S_4$            | $S_5$            |
|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| $D_1$ | 0.4, 0.1,<br>0.5 | 0.3, 0.5,<br>0.2 | 0.1, 0.6,<br>0.3 | 0.4, 0.3,<br>0.3 | 0.1, 0.6,<br>0.3 |
| $D_2$ | 0.5, 0.1,<br>0.4 | 0.3, 0.6,<br>0.1 | 0.1, 0.9,<br>0.0 | 0.7, 0.1,<br>0.2 | 0.2, 0.8,<br>0.0 |
| $D_3$ | 0.6, 0.3,<br>0.1 | 0.6, 0.2,<br>0.2 | 0.2, 0.7,<br>0.1 | 0.2, 0.7,<br>0.1 | 0.1, 0.8,<br>0.1 |

**Using Ejegwa et al method**

$$\begin{aligned} d(P, D) &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - \mu_{B(x_i)}^I \right| + \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - v_{A(x_i)}^I \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left| \mu_{B(x_i)}^I - v_{B(x_i)}^I \right| + \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - \pi_{A(x_i)}^I \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left| \mu_{B(x_i)}^I - \pi_{B(x_i)}^I \right| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(P_1, D_1) &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^5 \left\{ \left| 0.7 - 0.4 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.7 - 0.2 \right| - \left| 0.4 - 0.1 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.7 - 0.1 \right| - \left| 0.4 - 0.5 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.6 - 0.3 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.6 - 0.2 \right| - \left| 0.3 - 0.5 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.6 - 0.2 \right| - \left| 0.3 - 0.2 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.3 - 0.1 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.3 - 0.7 \right| - \left| 0.1 - 0.6 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.3 - 0.0 \right| - \left| 0.1 - 0.3 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.5 - 0.4 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.5 - 0.2 \right| - \left| 0.4 - 0.3 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.5 - 0.3 \right| - \left| 0.4 - 0.3 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.2 - 0.1 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.2 - 0.7 \right| - \left| 0.1 - 0.6 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| 0.2 - 0.1 \right| - \left| 0.1 - 0.3 \right| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^5 \{1 + |0.7| + |1.1|\} &= \frac{1}{10} (1 + 0.7 + 1.1) = \\ \frac{1}{10} (2.8) &= 0.2800 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (P_1, D_1) &= 0.2800, (P_1, D_2) = 0.3200, (P_1, D_3) = 0.1800 \\ (P_2, D_1) &= 0.4100, (P_2, D_2) = 0.4000, (P_2, D_3) = 0.2000 \\ (P_3, D_1) &= 0.2700, (P_3, D_2) = 0.1800, (P_3, D_3) = 0.3200 \end{aligned}$$

**Using Maheswari et al method**

$$\begin{aligned} d_{p,v}(A, B) &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left| \mu_{A(x_i)} - \mu_{B(x_i)} \right| + \right. \\ &\quad \left| v_{A(x_i)} - v_{B(x_i)} \right| + \left| \pi_{A(x_i)} - \pi_{B(x_i)} \right| \lambda^2 \} d\lambda \text{ Where } \lambda \in [0, 1] \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^5 \{ |0.7 - 0.4| + |0.2 - 0.1| \lambda + |0.0 - 0.2| \lambda^2 \\ &\quad + |0.6 - 0.3| + |0.2 - 0.5| \lambda + |0.2 - 0.2| \lambda^2 \\ &\quad + |0.3 - 0.1| + |0.7 - 0.6| \lambda + |0.0 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \\ &\quad + |0.5 - 0.4| + |0.2 - 0.3| \lambda + |0.3 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \\ &\quad + |0.2 - 0.1| + |0.7 - 0.6| \lambda + |0.1 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \} d\lambda \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^5 \{ |1| + |0.7| \lambda + |0.9| \lambda^2 \} d\lambda \\ &= 0.4125 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly others

$$\begin{aligned} (P_1, D_1) &= 0.4125, (P_1, D_2) = 0.3875, (P_1, D_3) = 0.2625 \\ (P_2, D_1) &= 0.4167, (P_2, D_2) = 0.616, 7(P_2, D_3) = 0.2417 \\ (P_3, D_1) &= 0.3708, (P_3, D_2) = 0.2917, (P_3, D_3) = 0.475 \end{aligned}$$

**Using new method**

$$\begin{aligned} d(P, D) &= \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - \mu_{B(x_i)}^I \right| + \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - v_{A(x_i)}^I \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left| \mu_{B(x_i)}^I - v_{B(x_i)}^I \right| \lambda \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| \mu_{A(x_i)}^I - \pi_{A(x_i)}^I \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left| \mu_{B(x_i)}^I - \pi_{B(x_i)}^I \right| \lambda^2 \right\} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$d(P_1, D_1) = \frac{1}{20} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^5 \{ |0.7 - 0.4| \\ + |0.7 - 0.2| - |0.4 - 0.1| \lambda \\ + |0.7 - 0.1| - |0.4 - 0.5| \lambda^2 \\ + |0.6 - 0.3| \\ + |0.6 - 0.2| - |0.3 - 0.5| \lambda \\ + |0.6 - 0.2| - |0.3 - 0.2| \lambda^2 \\ + |0.3 - 0.1| \\ + |0.3 - 0.7| - |0.1 - 0.6| \lambda \\ + |0.3 - 0.0| - |0.1 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \\ + |0.5 - 0.4| \\ + |0.5 - 0.2| - |0.4 - 0.3| \lambda \\ + |0.5 - 0.3| - |0.4 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \\ + |0.2 - 0.1| \\ + |0.2 - 0.7| - |0.1 - 0.6| \lambda \\ + |0.2 - 0.1| - |0.1 - 0.3| \lambda^2 \} d\lambda$$

$$(P_1, D_1) = \frac{1}{20} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^5 \{ 1.0 + |0.7|\lambda + |1.1|\lambda^2 \} d\lambda$$

$$(P_1, D_1) = \frac{1}{20} (1.0 + 0.35 + 0.3667) = 0.0858$$

**Similarly, others**

$$(P_1, D_2) = 0.0683, (P_1, D_3) = 0.0508, \\ (P_2, D_1) = 0.0950, (P_2, D_2) = 0.0808, (P_2, D_3) = 0.0383, \\ (P_3, D_1) = 0.0567, (P_3, D_2) = 0.0450, (P_3, D_3) = 0.0700.$$

**Table 4:** Result obtained using Ejegwaa et al's method

|                      | <b>D<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>3</sub></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>P<sub>1</sub></b> | 0.2800               | 0.3200               | <b>0.1800</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.3400               | 0.4000               | <b>0.2000</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.3000               | <b>0.1800</b>        | 0.3200               |

**Table 5** Results obtained Using Maheswari et al.'s method

|                      | <b>D<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>3</sub></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>P<sub>1</sub></b> | 0.4125               | 0.3875               | <b>0.2625</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.4167               | 0.6167               | <b>0.2417</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.3708               | <b>0.2917</b>        | 0.4750               |

**Table 6:** Results obtained using the new method

|                      | <b>D<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>D<sub>3</sub></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>P<sub>1</sub></b> | 0.0858               | 0.0683               | <b>0.0508</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.0950               | 0.0808               | <b>0.0383</b>        |
| <b>P<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.0567               | <b>0.0450</b>        | 0.0700               |

Comparing the two existing results and new method, it shows that the new method is far better than the existing ones

**Application in radiological findings**

Radiology otherwise known as diagnostic imaging, is a series of different tests that take pictures or Images of various parts of the body. Many of these tests are unique in that they allow doctors to See inside the body. A number of different imaging exams can be used to provide this view, including X-ray, Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), ultrasound,

and Computer axial tomography Scan (CT scan) and Positron emission tomography (PET scan) etc. Ontario Association of Radiologist (2023).

Radiological findings are very helpful in the diagnosis, treatment, follow-up, and evaluation of

Response to treatment of chemical patients, Mostafa and Ali (2016).

For the purpose of this research, we will concentrate on radiological findings in the diagnosis of patients based on the doctor's request. Suppose that a doctor request for radiological findings on  $\mu_A(x)$  suspected diseases based on the complaints by patients to radiographers, let the request be represented by  $R = \{\text{Abdominal scan, Pelvic scan, X-ray}\}$  and the suspected diseases by the doctor based on patient's complaints be represented by

$SD =$

$\{\text{liver problem, kidney problem, ulcer, appendix, heart problem}\}$

Suppose also there are four patients, Ayuba, Farida, Samuel, John, represented as  $\{Ay, Fa, Sa, Jh\}$ , to have better and accurate results, the doctor requests that the investigation on each patient should be carried out three times by different radiographers.

**Table 7:** Request vs Suspected Diseases

| R              | Abdominal scan | Pelvic scan | X-ray       |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Liver problem  | 0.8,0.1,0.1    | 0.3,0.6,0.1 | 0.0,0.5,0.5 |
| Kidney problem | 0.7,0.2,0.1    | 0.4,0.2,0.4 | 0.1,0.7,0.2 |
| ulcer          | 0.9,0.1,0.0    | 0.5,0.0,0.5 | 0.5,0.4,0.1 |
| Appendix       | 0.3,0.6,0.1    | 0.8,0.2,0.0 | 0.0,1.0,0.0 |
| Heart problem  | 0.5,0.3,0.2    | 0.2,0.0,0.8 | 1.0,0.0,0.0 |

**Table 8** Request vs patients

| F  | Abdominal scan                                  | Pelvic scan                                     | X-ray   |
|----|---|---|---|
| Ay | (0.8,0.2,0.0)<br>(0.6,0.4,0.0)<br>(0.7,0.0,0.3) | (0.9,0.0,0.1)<br>(0.8,0.2,0.0)<br>(0.8,0.1,0.1) | (0.2,0.6,0.3)<br>(0.1,0.7,0.2)<br>(0.3,0.4,0.3) |
| Fa | (0.5,0.5,0.0)<br>(1.0,0.0,0.0)<br>(0.9,0.1,0.0) | (0.6,0.3,0.1)<br>(0.3,0.6,0.1)<br>(0.4,0.4,0.2) | (0.1,0.7,0.2)<br>(0.3,0.6,0.1)<br>(0.2,0.8,0.0) |
| Sa | (0.4,0.3,0.3)<br>(0.5,0.1,0.4)<br>(0.3,0.6,0.1) | (0.8,0.1,0.1)<br>(0.9,0.0,0.1)<br>(0.6,0.4,0.0) | (0.2,0.8,0.0)<br>(0.0,1.0,0.0)<br>(0.1,0.7,0.2) |
| Jh | (0.2,0.8,0.0)<br>(0.3,0.1,0.6)<br>(0.4,0.6,0.0) | (0.5,0.5,0.0)<br>(0.1,0.6,0.3)<br>(0.5,0.4,0.1) | (1.0,0.0,0.0)<br>(0.1,0.8,0.1)<br>(0.9,0.0,0.0) |

After taking the average, table 8 can be represented as

**Table 9** Request vs patients

| F  | Abdominal scan | Pelvic scan    | X-ray          |
|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ay | 0.70,0.20,0.10 | 0.83,0.10,0.07 | 0.2,0.56,0.26  |
| Fa | 0.80,0.20,0.00 | 0.43,0.43,0.13 | 0.20,0.70,0.10 |
| Sa | 0.40,0.33,0.26 | 0.76,0.16,0.06 | 0.10,0.83,0.06 |
| Jh | 0.30,0.50,0.20 | 0.37,0.50,0.10 | 0.67,0.26,0.06 |

Now, using the new method, we can obtain the radiological findings of each patient based on the doctor's request as follows

**Table 10** Results obtained after calculating table 8 and 9

|    | Liver problem | Kidney problem | Ulcer  | Appendix      | Heart problem |
|----|---------------|----------------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Ay | 0.1318        | <b>0.0985</b>  | 0.1409 | 0.1068        | 0.2361        |
| Fa | <b>0.0608</b> | <b>0.0497</b>  | 0.1044 | 0.1808        | 0.2511        |
| Sa | 0.1706        | 0.1289         | 0.2081 | <b>0.0592</b> | 0.1972        |
| Jh | 0.1567        | 0.1422         | 0.1756 | 0.1744        | 0.1097        |

Therefore, the above table shows that Ayuba surfer from kidney, Farida surfer from liver and kidney, Samuel suffers from appendix problem while John is not suffering from any of these diseases, therefore further examination be carrying on him to determine the disease he is suffering.

### 3.7 Application in climate change

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun's activity or large volcanic eruptions or human activities such as burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, overgrazing etc. WHO (2016).

Some of the effects of climate change are floods, erosion, drought, shortage of food, poverty, and displacement, etc. For this paper, we concentrate on erosion as one of the effects of climate change. Suppose that there are four areas  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$  that are

affected by erosion and we intend to checkmate and see the type of erosion affecting a particular area, assume that there are three different set of surveyors who are independent with each other to survey the same area affected with the type of erosion as

**Table 11:** Erosion vs Causes

|                | Poor vegetation | Cultivation | Over grazing | Runoff water | Improper design |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Rill erosion   | 0.6,0.0,0.4     | 0.5,0.3,0.2 | 0.5,0.3,0.2  | 0.4,0.4,0.2  | 0.2,0.6,0.2     |
| Soil erosion   | 0.8,0.1,0.1     | 0.7,0.2,0.1 | 0.6,0.1,0.3  | 0.6,0.4,0.0  | 0.2,0.7,0.1     |
| Tunnel erosion | 0.1,0.6,0.3     | 0.3,0.7,0.0 | 0.2,0.7,0.1  | 0.1,0.9,0.0  | 0.8,0.2,0.0     |
| Gully erosion  | 0.2,0.5,0.3     | 0.6,0.3,0.1 | 0.3,0;0,0.7  | 0.1,0.9,0.0  | 0.3,0.6,0.1     |
| Splash erosion | 0.5,0.5,0.0     | 0.6,0.4,0.0 | 0.5,0.4,0.1  | 0.6,0.4,0.0  | 0.3,0.7,0.0     |

**Table 12:** Causes vs affected area

|                      | Poor vegetation | Cultivation | Over grazing | Runoff water | Improper design |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>A<sub>1</sub></b> | 0. 0.7,0.0,0.3  | 0.5,0.2,0.3 | 0.4,0.4,0.2  | 0.3,0.7,0.0  | 0.0,0.2,0.8     |
|                      | 0. 0.8,0.2,0.0  | 0.3,0.7,0.0 | 0.6,0.3,0.1  | 0.5,0.3,0.2  | 0.3,0.7,0.0     |
|                      | 0.5,0.5,0.0     | 0.8,0.0,0.2 | 0.5,0.0,0.5  | 0.4,0.5,0.1  | 0.2,0.6,0.2     |
| <b>A<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.7,0.1,0.2     | 0.6,0.4,0.0 | 0.7,0.2,0.1  | 0.6,0.3,0.1  | 0.1,0.7,0.2     |
|                      | 0.6,0.3,0.1     | 0.6,0.0,0.4 | 0.6,0.3,0.1  | 0.8,0.2,0.0  | 0.4,0.5,0.1     |
|                      | 0.8,0.2,0.0     | 0.5,0.5,0.0 | 0.5,0.0,0.5  | 0.3,0.5,0.2  | 0.3,0.3,0.4     |
| <b>A<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.1,0.7,0.2     | 0.7,0.0,0.3 | 0.5,0.5,0.0  | 0.8,0.2,0.0  | 0.0,0.6,0.6     |
|                      | 0.5,0.4,0.1     | 0.5,0.3,0.2 | 0.3,0.4,0.3  | 0.7,0.1,0.2  | 0.5,0.0,0.5     |
|                      | 0.3,0.2,0.5     | 0.6,0.3,0.1 | 0.7,0.0,0.3  | 0.8,0.2,0.0  | 0.6,0.2,0.2     |
| <b>A<sub>4</sub></b> | 0.0,0.3,0.7     | 0.5,0.5,0.0 | 0.7,0,0,0.3  | 1.0,0,0,0.0  | 0.9,0.1,0.0     |
|                      | 0.5,0.3,0.2     | 0.7,0.3,0.0 | 0.5,0.4,0.1  | 0.9,0,0,0.1  | 0.7,0.1,0.2     |
|                      | 0.4,0.6,0.0     | 0.5,0.3,0.2 | 0.6,0.2,0.1  | 1.0,0,0,0.0  | 0.5,0.3,0.2     |

After taking the average, Table 12 can also be written as

|                      | Poor vegetation | Cultivation    | Over grazing   | Runoff water   | Improper design |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A<sub>1</sub></b> | 0.67,0.23,0.10  | 0.53,0.30,0.17 | 0.50,0.23,0.27 | 0.40,0.50,0.10 | 0.17,0.50,0.33  |
| <b>A<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.70,0.20,0.10  | 0.57,0.30,0.13 | 0.60,0.17,0.23 | 0.57,0.33,0.10 | 0.27,0.50,0.23  |
| <b>A<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.27,0.43,0.27  | 0.60,0.20,0.20 | 0.50,0.30,0.20 | 0.77,0.13,0.07 | 0.37,0.20,0.43  |
| <b>A<sub>4</sub></b> | 0.30,0.40,0.30  | 0.57,0.37,0.06 | 0.60,0.20,0.17 | 0.97,0.0,0.03  | 0.70,0.17,0.13  |

Now, computing tables 11 and 12

**Table 13** Results obtained after calculating tables 5 and 6

|                      | Rill erosion  | Soil erosion  | Tunnel erosion | Gully erosion | Splash erosion |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>A<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>0.0317</b> | <b>0.0456</b> | 0.1606         | 0.1133        | <b>0.0641</b>  |
| <b>A<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>0.0613</b> | <b>0.0467</b> | 0.1733         | 0.1173        | <b>0.0598</b>  |
| <b>A<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.1006        | 0.1136        | 0.1549         | <b>0.0894</b> | <b>0.0708</b>  |
| <b>A<sub>4</sub></b> | 0.1527        | 0.1515        | 0.1505         | 0.1354        | 0.1082         |

From the table 7 above, it shows that both Area one and two are affected by rill erosion, soil erosion and splash erosion, Area three is affected by gully and splash erosion and Area four is not affected by any of the erosions.

Therefore, further investigation should be carried out to determine the type of erosion that is affecting the area.

### Conclusion

The distance measure of intuitionistic fuzzy multiset presented in this paper could help the researchers and decision makers in making appropriate and accurate decisions, especially when multiple criteria are involved in providing better and accurate results.

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