

# Fuzzy Metric on Fuzzy Linear Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce metric on a subset of a fuzzy linear space and some of its properties are discussed. In the sequel, we proved that a norm on a fuzzy linear space (in sense of C. P. Santhosh and T. V. Ramakrishnan [1]) induces a metric of fuzzy linear spaces (in our sense).

**Keywords:** Fuzzy field, fuzzy linear space, fuzzy metric space (linear space), norm on a fuzzy linear space.

## 1. Introduction

How to define a fuzzy metric is one of the fundamental problems in fuzzy mathematics which is widely used in fuzzy optimization and pattern recognition. Different authors introduced different notion of metric on a fuzzy set from different view point. K.C. Wong [2] defined fuzzy point and discussed some topological properties. Zike Dong [3] defined Pseudo- metric spaces with metric defined between fuzzy points rather than between fuzzy sets. Nai-Hung Hsu [4] introduced fuzzy metric space with metric defined between fuzzy points. Gu Wenxiang and Tu Lu [5] introduced notions of fuzzy field and fuzzy linear spaces over fuzzy field. Thereafter, C. P. Santhosh and T.V. Ramakrishna [1] introduced the concept of norm and inner product on fuzzy linear spaces. This paper is an attempt to define a metric of fuzzy set (fuzzy linear space over fuzzy field) contained in fuzzy linear spaces so that a norm defined by [1] induces a metric on fuzzy linear spaces.

## 2. Brief summary of Fuzzy Field and Fuzzy Linear Spaces

In this paper,  $\mathfrak{R}$  the set of all real numbers, or  $\mathbb{C}$  the set of all complex numbers.

**Definition 2.1** [5] Let  $F$  be a field and let  $K$  be fuzzy set in  $F$  with membership function  $\mu$ . Suppose the following conditions hold

- (1)  $\mu(x + y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$
- (2).  $\mu(-x) \geq \mu(x)$
- (3).  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  (4).  $\mu(x^{-1}) \geq \mu(x)$

Then we call  $K$  is a fuzzy field in  $F$  (fuzzy field of  $F$ ) and it is denoted by  $(K, F)$

**Proposition 2.2** [5] If  $(K, F)$  is a fuzzy field of  $F$ , then

- (1).  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x), x \in F$  (2).  $\mu(1) \geq \mu(x), x \neq 0$

**Proposition 2.3** [1] If  $(K, F)$  is a fuzzy field of  $F$ , then

- (1).  $\mu(x) = \mu(-x), x \in F$  (2).  $\mu(x^{-1}) = \mu(x), x \neq 0$

**Proposition 2.4** [5] Let  $K$  and  $F$  be fields and  $f: F \rightarrow K$  be homomorphism. Suppose  $(X, F)$  is fuzzy a field of  $F$  and  $(Y, K)$  is a fuzzy field of  $K$ . Then

- (i)  $(f(X), K)$  is a fuzzy field of  $K$ . (ii)  $(f^{-1}(Y), F)$  a fuzzy field of  $F$ .

**Definition 2.5** [5] Let  $F$  be a field and let  $K$  be fuzzy set in  $F$  with membership function  $\mu$ .

Let  $X$  be a linear space over field  $F$  and  $U$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  with membership function  $T$ . Suppose the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $T(x + y) \geq \min\{T(x), T(y)\}$  (2)  $T(-x) \geq T(x)$
- (3)  $T(\lambda x) \geq \min\{\mu(\lambda), T(x)\}$  (4)  $\mu(1) \geq T(0)$

Then we call  $(U, X)$  fuzzy linear space over fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ .

**Proposition 2.6** [1,5] If  $(U, X)$  is fuzzy linear space over fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ . Then

- (1)  $\mu(0) \geq T(x)$  (2)  $T(-x) = T(x)$  (3)  $T(0) \geq T(x)$

**Proposition 2.7** [5] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be linear spaces over field  $F$ , let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be linear transformation. If  $(U, X)$  and  $(V, Y)$  are fuzzy linear spaces over fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ , then

- (i)  $(f(U), Y)$  is a fuzzy linear spaces over fuzzy field of  $(K, F)$ .
- (ii)  $(f^{-1}(V), X)$  a fuzzy linear space over fuzzy field of  $(K, F)$ .

**Proposition 2.8** [1] let  $\{(K_i, F)\}$  be a fuzzy field over  $F$ , let  $\{(V_i, X_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  be sequence of fuzzy linear spaces over  $(K_i, F)$ , then  $(V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n, X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)$  is fuzzy linear space.

**Proposition 2.9** [6] Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be fuzzy sets in  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  respectively, then the Cartesian product is a fuzzy set in the product space  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ , with membership function  $T_{U_1 \times U_2 \times \dots \times U_n}(x) = \min\{T_{U_i}(x_i)\}$ : Where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), x_i \in X_i$

## 3. Fuzzy Metric of Fuzzy Linear Spaces

In this section, a metric will be defined on a set contained in fuzzy linear space.

**Notation:** Throughout this section, the following notations will be used:

- (i)  $(U, X)$  a fuzzy linear spaces over fuzzy field  $(K, F)$  with membership functions of  $U$  and  $K, T$  and  $\mu$  respectively
- (ii)  $A$  is non empty fuzzy subset of  $X$ , we mean that  $A \subseteq X$  and  $T(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 3.2** Let  $(K, F)$  be fuzzy field in  $F$ ,  $X$  be linear spaces over  $F$ , and let  $(U, X)$  be fuzzy linear spaces over  $(K, F)$ .

Let  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq U$ . A function,  $d: A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\mu(d(x, y)) \geq T_{A \times A}(x, y)$
- (2)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$
- (3)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (4)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

Then  $d$  is said to be fuzzy metric on  $(A, U)$  (fuzzy metric on  $A$ ) and  $((A, U), d)$  is called fuzzy metric space.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X$  be a linear space over  $F$ , and let  $(U, X)$  be a fuzzy linear spaces over a fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ . Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Consider a discrete metric  $d, d: A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by  $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$ . Then  $((A, U), d)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

Proof: Clearly,  $d$  is metric on  $A$ , and hence it satisfies conditions (2)-(4) of definition 3.2. So, it suffices to verify definition 3.2(1). But,

$\mu(d(x, y)) = \begin{cases} \mu(1) & \text{if } x \neq y \\ \mu(0) & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$ . By definition 2.5(4) and proposition 2.6(1), we have  $\mu(1) \geq T(x)$  and  $\mu(0) \geq T(x)$ . Thus,  $\mu(1) \geq T_{A \times A}(x, y)$  and  $\mu(0) \geq T_{A \times A}(x, y)$ . Therefore,  $((A, U), d)$  is fuzzy metric space.

A fuzzy metric as in example 3.3 will be referred as a discrete fuzzy metric on  $(A, U)$ .

**Example 3.4** Let  $(F, \mathcal{R})$  be a fuzzy field in  $\mathcal{R}$ . If  $d: \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a mapping defined by  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , then  $((F, \mathcal{R}), d)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

Proof: Since  $d$  satisfies (2)-(4) of definition 3.2, we need to verify definition 3.2(1). But

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(d(x, y)) &= \begin{cases} \mu(|x - y|) = \mu(x - y) & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \mu(y - x) & \text{if } x < y \end{cases} \\ &= \mu(x - y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(-y)\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} = \mu_{K \times K}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $((F, \mathcal{R}), d)$  is fuzzy metric space.

We may define convergence of sequences in  $((A, U), d)$  as follows.

**Definition 3.5** Let  $((A, U), d)$  be fuzzy metric spaces. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent to  $\{x_0\}$  (denoted by  $\min_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$ ) with respect to fuzzy metric  $d$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such

that for all  $n \geq N, \mu(d(x_0, x_n)) \geq T_{A \times A}(x_0, x_n)$  and  $d(x_0, x_n) < \epsilon$

**Remark 3.6** If limit of a sequence exists it is unique.

**Definition 3.7** Let  $((A, U), d)$  be a fuzzy metric spaces. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence with respect to  $d$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a positive integer  $N$  such that for all  $m, n \geq N, d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon$  and  $\mu(d(x_m, x_n)) \geq T_{A \times A}(x_m, x_n)$ .

**Definition 3.8** A fuzzy metric space  $((A, U), d)$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence of  $((A, U), d)$  has a convergent subsequence.

**Theorem 3.9** If a fuzzy metric space  $((A, U), d)$  is complete then  $(A, d)$  is complete metric space

Proof: The result follows from definition 3.2.

**Theorem 3.10** Suppose  $((V_i, X_i), d_i)_{i=1}^n$  is the sequence fuzzy metric spaces over fuzzy fields  $(K_i, F)$  for each  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , then  $(V_1 \times \dots \times V_n, X_1 \times \dots \times X_n)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

Proof: Consider a mapping  $d: X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by

$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)$ , Where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ . Then  $d$  is metric on  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ . Hence, it satisfies (2)-(4) of definition 3.2. Therefore, it suffices to verify definition 3.2(1). Now suppose  $\mu_{K_i}$  and  $T_{V_i}$  are membership functions of  $K_i$  and  $V_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(d(x, y)) &= \mu(\sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(d_1(x_1, y_1)), \mu(d_2(x_2, y_2)), \dots, \mu(d_n(x_n, y_n))\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \min\{T_{V_1 \times V_1}(x_1, y_1), T_{V_2 \times V_2}(x_2, y_2), \dots, T_{V_n \times V_n}(x_n, y_n)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{\min\{T_{V_1}(x_1), T_{V_1}(y_1)\}, \dots, \min\{T_{V_n}(x_n), T_{V_n}(y_n)\}\}$$

$$= \min\{\min\{T_{V_1}(x_1), \dots, T_{V_n}(x_n)\}, \min\{T_{V_1}(y_1), \dots, T_{V_n}(y_n)\}\}$$

$$= \min\{T_{V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n}(x), T_{V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n}(y)\} = T_{V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n}(x, y)$$

Hence,  $((V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n, X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n), d)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

**Example 3.11** Let  $(K, \mathcal{R})$  be a fuzzy field of  $\mathcal{R}$ . A function  $d: \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by

$$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|, \text{ where } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \text{ defines a metric on } (K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n, \mathcal{R}^n).$$

Proof: The result follows from example 3.4 and theorem 3.10.

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be linear spaces over the field  $F$ . Let  $(U, X)$  be fuzzy linear spaces over fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ , and let  $A$  be a non empty subset of  $X$  and  $B$  be a non empty subset of  $Y$ . If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijective mapping, then the following statements are equivalent

- (1).  $(V, A)$  is fuzzy metric space.
- (2).  $(f(V), B)$  is fuzzy metric space.

Proof: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $((V, A), d_A)$  be fuzzy metric space. Let  $d_B: B \times B \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be given by  $d_B(y_1, y_2) = d_A(x_1, x_2)$ , where  $y_i = f(x_i), i = 1, 2$ . Then clearly  $d_B$  defines a metric on  $B$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(d_B(w, z)) &= \mu(d_A(x, y): w = fx, z = fy) \\ &\geq T_{A \times A}(x, y) = \min\{T(x), T(y)\} \\ &= \min\{T_{f(A)}(f(x)), T_{f(A)}(f(y))\} \\ &= T_{f(A) \times f(A)}(w, z) = T_{B \times B}(w, z) \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  1: Let  $(f(V), B, d_B)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Let  $d_A: A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by  $d_A(x_1, x_2) = d_B(y_1, y_2), y_i = f(x_i), i = 1, 2$ . Clearly  $d_A$  defines metric on  $A$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(d_A(x_1, x_2)) &= \mu(d_B(y_1, y_2): y_i = f(x_i), i = 1, 2) \\ &\geq T_{f(V) \times f(V)}(y_1, y_2) \\ &= \min\{T_{f(A)}(y_1), T_{f(A)}(y_2)\} \\ &= \min\{T(x_1), T(x_2)\} = T_{A \times A}(x_1, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Now we will give an example of fuzzy linear spaces without non trivial metric on it; even though, the universal spaces are metric spaces.

**Example 3.13** Let  $(K, \mathcal{R})$  fuzzy field with membership function  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \pm 1, x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \pm 1 \end{cases}. \text{ Let } X \text{ be a metric linear}$$

space over  $F$ . Let  $U$  be a fuzzy set with membership function  $T$  such that  $T(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $(U, X)$  is fuzzy linear space. However, there is no nontrivial fuzzy metric,  $d$  on  $(U, X)$  which satisfies definition 3.2(1).

C.P. Santhosh and T. V. Ramakrishan [1] introduced a norm on Fuzzy linear spaces. Now we will show that, this norm induces metric on the same fuzzy linear spaces in our sense.

**Definition 3.14 [1]** Let  $(K, F)$  be fuzzy field in  $F, X$  be linear spaces over  $F$ , and let  $(U, X)$  be fuzzy linear spaces over  $(K, F)$ .

A norm on  $(U, X)$  is a function,  $\|\cdot\|: X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1).  $\mu(\|x\|) \geq T(x)$
- (2).  $\|x\| \geq 0$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$
- (3)  $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$  for all  $x \in X$
- (4)  $\|x - y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A pair  $(U, X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called fuzzy normed linear space.

**Theorem 3.15** Let  $(U, X)$  be a fuzzy normed linear space over a fuzzy field  $(K, F)$ . Then  $(U, X)$  is fuzzy linear metric space.

Proof: Let of  $(U, X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space, let  $T$  and  $\mu$  be membership functions of fuzzy set  $U$  in  $X$  and  $K$  in  $F$  respectively.

Consider a mapping,  $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  given by  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ . Clearly  $d$  defines metric on  $X$ . Hence it satisfies (2) – (4) of definition 3.2. So, we will verify only definition 3.2(1). Since  $\mu(\|x - y\|) \geq T(x - y)$  by definition 3.14(1), and  $T(x - y) \geq \min\{T(x), T(-y)\}$  by (definition 2.5(1)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(d(x, y)) &= \mu(\|x - y\|) \geq T(x - y) \\ &\geq \min\{T(x), T(-y)\} \\ &= \min\{T(x), T(y)\} = T_{U \times U}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

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