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#### Decision Making in Investment Problem by Using Self-confidence Based Preference Relation

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#### 1 Introduction

The priorities of real issues are indefinite. Different types of investigations have been conducted to determine this diversity in decision models. In general, these studies can be classified in the following areas. (1) incomplete priorities; (2) models of confidence; (3) fuzzy priority relations with partial trust.

Incomplete priority models can make obstacles to finding the right choices because of the lack of information and the complexity of alternatives. On the other hand, this indecision leads to failure of the group of decision-makers does not come to a conclusion. Formally, the alternatives  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$  such that neither  $f \succeq g$  nor  $g \succeq f$  is presumed [1]. For modelling of incomplete advantages, the vector advantages [1], indefinite probabilities [2–5], indefinite advantage and other approaches are offered [6, 7].

Fuzzy priority relations are used in cases where the decision-maker cannot prefer one of the alternatives due to complexity of alternatives, lack of knowledge and information and other factors. The advantages are of "distributed" nature to reflect that an alternative is better than the other one. Unlike the classical advantage relations, fuzzy priority relations (FPR) reflects that  $\tilde{f}$  alternative is more advantageous than  $\tilde{g}$ alternative in comparison of  $\tilde{g'}$  alternative with  $\tilde{f'}$  alternative.

In [8], new priority model is oferred. This model enables to define the priority degree given with the self-confidence level. The self-confidence level describes the confidence of the decision-maker in fuzzy priority. This approach is the best mean when it has the fuzzy priorities in [9-12] and indefinite priorities in [13-16].

#### 2 Preliminaries

**Fuzzy Preferences with Self-confidence Level.** In real-world problems, a DM may not be completely sure in his preferences. In such cases, FPR is assigned by a self-confidence level described by a linguistic term form a predefined codebook. An FPR with self-confidence level proposed in [8] is described as follows.

**Definition 1 [8]. FPR with Self-confidence Level.** Let  $R : A \times A \rightarrow T$  be a fuzzy preference relation with self-confidence based on a finite set of alternatives A shown as follows,

$$R = ((r_{ij}, s_{ij})) \tag{1}$$

where  $r_{ij}$  denotes the degree or intensity of preference of alternative  $\tilde{f}_i$  over alternative  $\tilde{f}_j$ , and  $s_{ij}$  represents the self-confidence level on the preference value  $r_{ij}$ . It is assumed that  $r_{ij} + r_{ji} = 1$ ,  $s_{ij} = s_{ji}$  [8].

Consistency of an FPR with the self-confidence level is considered in terms of transitivity properties [8]. They consider weak stochastic transitivity, strong stochastic transitivity and additive transitivity at a confidence level *s*. These properties are considered as those of common FPR, but satisfied at some lowest possible self-confidence level.

The FPR with the self-confidence level [8] is a new step in development of a decision theory. It encompasses both a degree of preference and the related belief level. However, this approach is of two main shortcomings: the degree of preference is crisp and, what is more important, an essence of self-confidence level is not considered. However, a self-confidence level is naturally of a probabilistic character and may be considered as a fuzzy value of a probability measure of a fuzzy degree of preference. In this report, we propose a Z-valued preference relation as a more general preference model.

**Definition 2** [17]. Comparison of intervals. The degree to which  $[\underline{I}, \overline{I}]$  is higher than  $[\underline{I}, \overline{J}]$  is defined as follows.

$$d(I,I) = \begin{cases} \frac{\overline{I} - \overline{J}}{(\overline{I} - \overline{J}) + (\underline{J} - \underline{I})}, & \overline{I} > \overline{J}, & \underline{J} \ge \underline{I} \\ 1, & \overline{I} = \overline{J}, & \underline{I} > \underline{I} \\ & \text{or} & \overline{I} > \overline{J}, & \underline{I} \ge \overline{J} \\ & \text{or} & \overline{I} = \overline{J}, & \underline{I} = \overline{J} \\ 1 - d(I,J), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### 3 Statement of the Problem and a Solution Method

At first we applied self-confidence based preference relation method to our investment problem. A company is planning to make an investment in three sphere; A1-agriculture, A2-processing industry, A3-tourism sector/Each alternative is characterized by 3 criteria; C1-volume of income, C2-degree of risk, C3-environmental impact.

The codebook for interval-valued level is given in Table 1.

Table 1. The codebook for interval-valued confidence level

	Interval value
Medium	[0.4 0.6]
Medium high	[0.6 0.8]
High	[0.7 0.9]
Very high	[0.9 1]

For calculating we comprised of intervals by using Definition.

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d(VH, MH) = 1d(VH, H) = 1d(H, MH) = 1
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Next, we offer  $3 \times 3$  fuzzy preference relation with interval-valued self-confidence:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} (0.5, VH) & (0.7, MH) & (0.9, H) \\ (0.3, MH) & (0.5, VH) & (0.7, H) \\ (0.1, H) & (0.3, H) & (0.5, VH) \end{pmatrix}$$

We use the linear programming model for determine priority vector of *P*: *Objective function* 

$$\min z = z_{12} + z_{13} + z_{23}$$

subject to

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$$\begin{cases} 0.5w_1 - 0.5w_2 - y_{12} = 0.2, \\ 0.5w_1 - 0.5w_3 - y_{13} = 0.4, \\ 0.5w_2 - 0.5w_3 - y_{23} = 0.2, \\ z_{12} - 2y_{12} \ge 0, \\ z_{12} + 2y_{12} \ge 0, \\ z_{13} - 3y_{13} \ge 0, \\ z_{23} - 3y_{23} \ge 0, \\ z_{23} + 3y_{23} \ge 0, \\ w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = 1, \\ w_i \ge 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \\ z_{ij} \ge 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

We solve this problem and find z = 0.3 and priority vector w = (0.7, 0.3, 0). This results show that 1<sup>st</sup> alternative is best alternative. Then we use TOPSIS method [17] for solving this problem and compare with below method.

Importance weights of criteria:  $w_1 = [0.4 - 0.5], w_2 = [0.3 - 0.35], w_3 = [0.15 - 0.3].$ 

Decision matrix for investment problem is given in Table 2.

	$C_1$	$C_2$	<i>C</i> <sub>3</sub>
$A_1$	8	2	3
$A_2$	6	5	4
$A_3$	3	7	7

 Table 2.
 Decision matrix

1. Calculate the normalized decision matrix by using following formula (Table 3):

	$C_1$	$C_2$	<i>C</i> <sub>3</sub>
$A_1$	0.77	0.23	0.35
$A_2$	0.57	0.57	0.47
$A_3$	0.29	0.79	0.81

Table 3.	Normalized	decision	matrix

$$n_{ij} = rac{c_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum\limits_{j=1}^{m} x_{ij}^2}}, \; j = 1, \dots, m, \; i = 1, \dots, n.$$

**Author Proof** 

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	$C_1$	<i>C</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>C</i> <sub>3</sub>
$A_1$	[0.308 0.385]	[0.069 0.0805]	[0.0525 0.105]
$A_2$	[0.228 0.285]	[0.171 0.1995]	[0.0705 0.141]
$A_3$	[0.116 0.145]	[0.237 0.2765]	[0.1215 0.243]

Table 4. Weighted normalized decision matrix]

Table 5. Positive and negative ideal solutions

	$C_1$	$C_2$	<i>C</i> <sub>3</sub>
Positive ideal	[0.385]	[0.2765]	[0.243]
Negative ideal	[0.116]	[0.069]	[0.0525]

- 2. Calculate the weighted normalized decision matrix  $r_{ij} = n_{ij} \cdot w_i$ , where j = 1, ..., m, i = 1, ..., n and  $\sum_{i=i}^{n} w_i = 1$  (Table 4).
- 3. Calculate the positive and the negative ideal solution by using following formula (Table 5):

$$A^{+} = \{r_{1}^{+}, \dots, r_{n}^{+}\} = \left\{ \left( \max_{j} r_{ij} | i \in I \right) \right\},\$$
$$A^{-} = \{r_{1}^{-}, \dots, r_{n}^{-}\} = \left\{ \left( \min_{j} r_{ij} | i \in I \right) \right\}.$$

4. Determine the separation measures, using n-dimensional Euclidean distance. The calculated separation of each alternative from the positive ideal solution by using following formula

$$d_j^{+} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_{ij}^L - \bar{r}_i^- \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},\tag{3}$$

 $A_1 \quad (0.308 - 0.385)^2 + (0.069 - 0.2765)^2 + (0.0525 - 0.243)^2 = 0.077^2$  $+ 0.2075^2 + 0.1905^2 = 0.005929 + 0.043056 + 0.03629 = 0.085275;$ 

 $A_2 \quad (0.228 - 0.385)^2 + (0.171 - 0.2765)^2 + (0.0705 - 0.243)^2 =$  $0.157^2 + 0.1055^2 + 0.1725^2 = 0.024649 + 0.01113 + 0.029756 = 0.065535;$ 

 $A_3 \quad (0.116 - 0.385)^2(0.237 - 0.2765)^2 + (0.1215 - 0.243)^2 = 0.269^2 + 0.0395^2 + 0.1215^2 = 0.072361 + 0.00156 + 0.014762 = 0.088683;$ 

The calculated separation of each alternative from the negative ideal solution by following formula

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$$d_j^- = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_{ij}^U - \bar{r}_i^+ \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
 (4)

$$A_1 \quad (0.385 - 0.116)^2 + (0.0805 - 0.069)^2 + (0.105 - 0.0525)^2 = 0.269^2 + 0.0115^2 + 0.0525^2 = 0.072361 + 0.000132 + 0.002756 = 0.075249; A_2 \quad (0.285 - 0.116)^2 + (0.1995 - 0.069)^2 + (0.141 - 0.0525)^2 = 0.169^2$$

$$+ 0.1305^{2} + 0.0885^{2} = 0.028561 + 0.01703 + 0.007832 = 0.053423;$$

$$A_3 \quad (0.145 - 0.116)^2 + (0.2765 - 0.069)^2 + (0.243 - 0.0525)^2 = 0.029^2 + 0.2075^2 + 0.1905^2 = 0.000841 + 0.043056 + 0.03629 = 0.080187$$

5. The calculated the relative measures by using (5)

$$R_j = \frac{d_j^-}{(d_j^+ - d_j^-)}, \, j = 1, \dots, m,$$
(5)

$$R_{1} = \frac{0.075249}{0.075249 + 0.085275} = \frac{0.075249}{0.160524} \approx 0.469,$$
  

$$R_{2} = \frac{0.053423}{0.065535 + 0.053423} = \frac{0.053423}{0.118958} \approx 0.45,$$
  

$$R_{3} = \frac{0.080187}{0.088683 + 0.080187} = \frac{0.080187}{0.16887} \approx 0.475.$$

The ranking of relative measures the preference order are given in Table 6.

Alternatives	$R_j$	Rank
$A_1$	0.469	3
$A_2$	0.45	2
A <sub>3</sub>	0.475	1

Table 6.	The	ranking	of re	elative	measure
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The results represent that alternative  $A_3$  is the best alternative. This result significantly differ from the result obtained by the self-confidence based preference relations. The reason is that information on DM's confidence level on assigned preference is disregarded. As one can see, this may lead to choice of a non-optimal alternative.

#### 4 Conclusion

In this article, the issue of capital investment has been solved through a method based on interval-value fuzzy priority. This method is characterized by the self-confidence level that the decision maker has given to alternatives in advance. The issue has been solved through linear programming and has been assigned a priority vector. The issue has been solved through linear programming and has been assigned a priority vector. AQ3

Then this issue was solved by the TOPSIS algorithm and the best alternative was set. The results obtained through both methods have been analyzed and the results obtained by the first method have been shown to be more adequate.

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