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**A VAGUE SET THEORETIC TO GOAL PROGRAMMING**

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**ABSTRACT**

An additive Fuzzy goal programming model was given by Tiwari et al., (1987). In their model they dealt with the achievement of goals by using membership function for each goal. This approach of solving the problem considers only the favourable aspect of belongingness. It would be more realistic if the achievement of goals be viewed by considering all arguments, that may favour or disfavour the achievement of goal. This leads to changing the fuzzy set theoretic approach to vague set theory. Present paper provides a goal programming model using vague set theory. The process of solution is illustrated using the example of Tiwari et al., (1987). It has been observed that the achievements of goals by our method are more close to the aspiration level.

**INTRODUCTION**

Goal programming (GP) is a multi-criteria decision making technique which applies in many real world problems in a precise manner. Goal programming is an extension of linear programming to include multiple objectives. In FGP, each objective function should be substantially less than or equal to same value, called aspiration level. Often, in real world problems, aspiration levels and/or priority factors of the DM, some time even the weights to be assigned to the goals are not assigned in precise manner. To overcome this ambiguity, Fuzzy set theory plays an important role.

Narasimhan (1980, 1981) , Hannan, (1981, 1981,1982) Narasomhan, (1981), Ignizio (1982), Rubin and Narasimhan (1984) and Tiwari et. al. (1986, 1987) are those persons which use fuzzy set theory in Goal programming and investigated various aspects of decision problems using FGP.

In FGP, for each of the objective function assume that the DM has a fuzzy goal such as "objective function should be substantially less than or equal to aspiration level". So, DM takes a linear membership function for each fuzzy goal.

In this present paper, we investigate a particular modelling in which for each goal, we investigate non-membership function as well as membership function and show that sum of non-membership function and membership function for each goal is less than or equal to 1.

In conventional GP the simple additive model for m goal  $S G_i(X)$  with deviational variability's  $d_i^+$ ,  $d_i^-$  is defined as

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^m (d_i^+ + d_i^-)$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum G_i(X) + d_i^- - d_i^+ = g_i$$

$$d_i^+, d_i^- = 0$$

$$d_i^+, d_i^-, x \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

where  $g_i$  is the aspiration level of the goal. Here we develop a similar model using membership function and non-membership function. Instead of deviational variables. So far, we had an additive model in the research paper Tiwari et. al., in which we use membership functions only.

Consider the FGP problem:

Find  $X$

to satisfy  $G_i(X) \geq g_i$  ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$

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subject to  $AX \leq B, X \geq 0$

Where  $x$  is an  $n$ -vector with components  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $AX \leq B$ , are system constraints in vector notation.

A linear membership function  $\mu_i$  for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  fuzzy goal  $G_i(X) \geq g_i$  can be expressed as

$$\mu_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } G_i(X) \geq g_i, \\ \frac{G_i(X) - L_i}{g_i - L_i} & \text{if } L_i \leq G_i(X) \leq g_i \\ 0 & \text{if } G_i(X) \leq L_i \end{cases}$$

where  $L_i$  is the lower tolerance limit for the fuzzy goal  $G_i(x)$ .

The non-membership function  $\nu_i$  for that goal is

$$\nu_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } G_i(X) \geq g_i, \\ \frac{g_i - G_i(X)}{g_i - L_i} & \text{if } L_i \leq G_i(X) \leq g_i \\ 1 & \text{if } G_i(X) \leq L_i \end{cases}$$

Where  $L_i \leq L_i$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{G_i(x) - L_i}{g_i - L_i} + \frac{g_i - G_i(x)}{g_i - L_i} \\ &= \frac{(g_i - L_i)(G_i(x) - L_i) + (g_i - G_i(x))(g_i - L_i)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i G_i - g_i L_i - L_i G_i + L_i L_i + g_i^2 - L_i g_i - G_i g_i + G_i L_i}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i^2 - 2L_i g_i + (L_i - L_i)G_i + L_i L_i}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i(g_i - L_i) - L_i(g_i - L_i) + G_i(L_i - L_i)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $L_i = L_i + a$ , where  $a \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{g_i(g_i - L_i) - L_i(g_i - L_i + a) + G_i(L_i - L_i + a)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i(g_i - L_i) - L_i(g_i - L_i) - L_i a + a G_i}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \\ &= \frac{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i) + a(G_i - L_i)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(G_i - L_i) \leq (g_i - L_i)$ , So, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i) + a(g_i - L_i)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i + a)} \\ &= \frac{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i + a)}{(g_i - L_i)(g_i - L_i + a)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

For goal  $G_i(x) \leq g_i$ , we have

$$\mu_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } G_i(x) \leq g_i \\ \frac{U_i - G_i}{U_i - g_i} & \text{if } g_i \leq G_i(x) \leq U_i \\ 0 & \text{if } G_i(x) \geq U_i \end{cases}$$

The non-membership function is

$$\nu_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } G_i(x) \leq g_i \\ \frac{G_i - g_i}{U_i' - g_i} & \text{if } g_i \leq G_i(x) \leq U_i' \\ 1 & \text{if } G_i(x) \geq U_i' \end{cases}$$

Where  $U_i \leq U_i'$ , take  $U_i' = U_i + b$ ,  $b \geq 0$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{U_i - G_i}{U_i - g_i} + \frac{G_i - g_i}{U_i' - g_i} \\ &= \frac{(U_i - G_i)(U_i' - g_i) + (G_i - g_i)(U_i - g_i)}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{U_i U_i' - U_i g_i - G_i U_i' + G_i g_i + G_i U_i - G_i g_i - g_i U_i + g_i^2}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i(g_i - U_i) - U_i(g_i - U_i') + G_i(U_i - U_i')}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i(g_i - U_i) - U_i(g_i - (U_i + b)) + G_i(U_i - (U_i - b))}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{g_i(g_i - U_i) - U_i(g_i - U_i - b) + G_i(U_i - U_i - b)}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{(U_i - g_i)^2 + U_i b - G_i b}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \\ &= \frac{(U_i - g_i)^2 + (U_i - G_i)b}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i' - g_i)} \end{aligned}$$

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Since  $U_i - G_i \leq U_i - g_i$ , So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow G_i - U_i \geq g_i - U_i \\ &\leq \frac{(U_i - g_i)^2 + (U_i - g_i)b}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i - g_i + b)} \\ &= \frac{(U_i - g_i)(U_i - g_i + b)}{(U_i - g_i)(U_i - g_i + b)} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**NUMERICAL EXAMPLE**

Let us consider a mathematical model of the problem having 5 fuzzy goals with 4 variables and 4 system constraints as follows:

Find X satisfying the following fuzzy goals:

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 &\leq 35 \\ 4x_1 + 7x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 &\geq 100 \\ x_1 - 6x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 &\geq 120 && \dots\dots (3) \\ 5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_4 &\geq 70 \\ 4x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 &\geq 40 \end{aligned}$$

S.t.,

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &\leq 98 \\ 7x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 + 6x_4 &\leq 117 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 6x_4 &\leq 130 && \dots\dots(4) \\ 9x_1 + x_2 + 6x_4 &\leq 105 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let the tolerance limits of the 5 goals be (55, 40, 70, 30, 10) respectively. Now, the fuzzy goals are converted into crisp ones by using membership functions  $\mu_i$  as defined in (2.1, 2.3). Thus this problem reduces to

$$\max V(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \mu_i \quad \dots\dots(5a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{S. t. } \mu_1 &= \frac{55 - (4x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4)}{20} \\ \Rightarrow 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 + 20\mu_1 &= 55 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_2 = \frac{4x_1 + 7x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 - 40}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1 + 7x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 - 60\mu_2 = 40$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{x_1 - 6x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 - 70}{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - 6x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 - 50\mu_3 = 70$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_4 - 30}{40}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_4 - 40\mu_4 = 30$$

$$\mu_5 = \frac{4x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 - 10}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 - 30\mu_5 = 10,$$

$$7x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 \leq 98$$

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 + 6x_4 \leq 117$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 6x_4 \leq 130 \quad \dots(5 \text{ b})$$

$$9x_1 + x_2 + 6x_4 \leq 105$$

and  $\mu_i \leq 1$

$$x_j, \mu_i \geq 0, i = 1,2,\dots,5, j = 1,2,\dots,4.$$

Introducing slack variables, then

$$7x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 = 98$$

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 + 6x_4 + x_6 = 117$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 6x_4 + x_7 = 130$$

$$9x_1 + x_2 + 6x_4 + x_8 = 105$$

$$\mu_1 + x_9 = 1, \mu_2 + x_{10} = 1, \mu_3 + x_{11} = 1$$

$$\mu_4 + x_{12} = 1, \mu_5 + x_{13} = 1$$

All  $x_i \geq 0, \mu_i \geq 0$

This problem is solved by 'TORA' software we have the results as

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 9.75, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 15.875$$

with achieved Goal values

$$G_1 = 35.375, G_2 = 100.0, G_3 = 100.25, G_4 = 61.0, G_5 = 39.0$$

and membership values

$$\mu_1 = 0.981, \mu_2 = 1.00, \mu_3 = 0.605, \mu_4 = 0.775, \mu_5 = 0.967$$

For nonmembership functions

$$\text{Max } V(v) = \sum_{i=1}^5 (1 - v_i) \quad \dots(6a)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 - 25v_1 &= 35 \\
 4x_1 + 7x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 + 65v_2 &= 100 \\
 x_1 - 6x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 + 55v_3 &= 120 \\
 5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_4 + 45v_4 &= 70 && \text{.....(6b)} \\
 4x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 35v_5 &= 40 \\
 7x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 &= 98 \\
 7x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 + 6x_4 + x_6 &= 117 \\
 x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 6x_4 + x_7 &= 130 \\
 9x_1 + x_2 + 6x_4 + x_8 &= 105 \\
 v_1 + x_4 = 1, v_2 + x_{10} &= 1, \\
 v_3 + x_{11} = 1, v_4 + x_{12} &= 1, \\
 v_5 + x_{13} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

All  $x_i \geq 0$  and  $v_i \geq 0$

The solution is

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 9.75, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 15.884$$

**With achieved goal values**

$$G_1 = 35.384, G_2 = 100.018, G_3 = 100.34$$

$$G_4 = 61.018, G_5 = 39.0$$

and non-membership values

$$v_1 = .01, v_2 = 0, v_3 = .36, v_4 = .20, v_5 = .03$$

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