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# An Approach of Decision-Making under the Framework of Fermatean Fuzzy Sets

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Because of its influence on various elements of human life experiences and conditions, the building industry is a significant business. In the recent past, environmental considerations have been incorporated in the design and planning stages of building supply chains. The process of evaluating and selecting suppliers is one of the most important issues in supply chain management. A multicriteria decision-making (MCDM) problem can be utilized to handle such issues. The goal of this research is to present a new and efficient technique for selecting suppliers with ambiguous data. The suggested methodology's structure is based on technology for order of preference by similarity to ideal solution (TOPSIS), with Fermatean fuzzy sets ( $F_r$ , FSs) employed to cope with information uncertainty. In this article, authors modified the distance between  $F_r$ , FSs to propose the similarity measure and implemented it to form the MCDM model to resolve the vague and uncertain data. Moreover, we used this similarity measure to choose the optimal alternative. A practical example for alternative selection is provided, along with a comparison of the acquired findings to existing approach. Finally, to strengthen the outcome obtained through the proposed model, sensitivity analysis and time complexity analysis are performed.

### 1. Introduction

In real-world situations, we frequently encounter tasks and activities that necessitate the usage of decision-making ( $\mathrm{DM}_g$ ) procedures.  $\mathrm{DM}_g$  may be viewed as a problemsolving process that yields an ideal, or at the very least reasonable, solution. In general,  $\mathrm{DM}_g$  is a mental and reasoning process that leads to choose an ideal option from a collection of possible alternatives in a  $\mathrm{DM}_g$  circumstance. TOPSIS is a valuable method for MCDM issues in the real world. Hwang and Yoon [1] first proposed this strategy in 1981, with Yoon continuing the process in 1987. TOPSIS rates options and determines the best compromise between

them and the ideal solution. TOPSIS is an effective approach for ranking and picking a number of generally recognized alternatives using distance metrics that is both practical and helpful. TOPSIS is the best compromise choice, having the lowest distance from the positive-ideal solution and the greatest distance from the negative-ideal solution [2–4]. So far, TOPSIS has been thoroughly investigated by explorers and experts, and it has been successfully applied to a wide range of  ${\rm DM}_a$  situations [5–8].

The  $DM_g$  procedure demands the analysis of a small number of possibilities stated in terms of evaluative criteria for the most part. Instead, when analyzing all of the criteria at once, the issue may be to rank these possibilities in terms

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of how desirable they are to the decision-maker. If all parameters are assessed at the same time, another goal would be to discover the best choice or to estimate the relative over all preferences of each alternative. The basic goal of MCDM is to solve challenges like these: (1) PROMETHEE, (2) ELECTRE, (3) AHP, (4) VIKOR, (5) Fuzzy AHP, (6) TOPSIS, and (7) Fuzzy TOPSIS are the seven most significant MCDM approaches. Hundreds of experts have implemented TOPSIS in many domains, updated or modified the TOPSIS approach to meet unique issues.

One of the inevitabilities of dealing with  ${\rm DM}_g$  challenges is the ambiguity of information. The opinions and expressions of decision-makers are frequently the source of this ambiguity. We may describe and capture information uncertainty in a variety of ways. Fuzzy sets (FSs) theory has been a popular method for dealing with uncertainty in  ${\rm DM}_g$  situations in recent years. Furthermore, the linear programming (LP) presented in [9] was used to calculate the weights of criteria [10–12] based on decision-makers' evaluations. The  $F_r$  F-TOPSIS approach was created in a variety of fuzzy situations. The study's key contribution is the use of  $F_r$  FSs to expand the  $F_r$  F-TOPSIS approach and apply the enlarged methodology to evaluating green building suppliers.

### 2. Literature Review

In the middle of the 1960s, Zadeh [13] proposed the concept of FSs, which ushered in a new era for scholars. In real-world situations, FSs typically reflect uncertainty and ambiguity. The majority of the experts have concentrated on FS expansions and applications. In 1986, Atanassov [14] proposed the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets (IFSs), which is one of the most important extensions of FSs and have two number of degrees named, membership degree (MD), and non-membership degree (NMD) such that  $0 \le MD + NMD \le 1$ .

Recently, Pythagorean fuzzy sets ( $P_q$  FS) [15] have gotten more concentration from the experts and implemented in different fields of DM<sub>a</sub> procedures. When comparing two items based on their unequal content, distance measures are quite useful. Zeng et al. [16] demonstrated the use of various  $P_q$  F distance and similarity measurements in MCDM. Hussain and Yang [17] provided various Hausdorff metricbased  $P_q$  F distance and similarity measures with  $P_q$ F-TOPSIS applicability. Li and Lu [18] presented some generalized distance measurements and their continuous versions for  $P_g$  FSs. Ejegwa [19] provided several distance and similarity measurements for  $P_g$  FSs based on membership grades. Wei and Wei [20] proposed some cosine function-based  $P_g$  F similarity measurements. Peng et al. [21] presented 12  $P_g$  F distance and similarity measurements, along with their applicability (2017). Although  $P_q$  FSs have a wide spectrum of uses, they are unable to handle circumstances, where  $MD^2 + NMD^2 > 1$ , for instance, if MD = 0.8 and NMD = 0.7, then  $0.8^2 + 0.7^2 = 0.64 + 0.8$ 0.49 = 1.13 > 1. To overcome such situations, Senapati and Yager [22] introduced as a new sort of FSs recently, named F<sub>r</sub> FSs. F<sub>r</sub> FSs make up of both MD and NMD which satisfies the condition  $MD^3 + NMD^3 < 1$ , so it handles the

abovementioned circumstances accurately. Fr FSs are derived from the ideas of IFS and  $P_q$  FS.  $F_r$  FSs, on the other hand, use novel concepts to manage uncertain data that make them more flexible and efficient than IFSs and  $P_a$  FS [23, 24]. Because they are all confined within the space of  $F_r$ FSs,  $F_r$  FSs are more powerful than FSs, IFSs, and  $P_a$  FSs. Senapati and Yager [24] presented certain  $F_r$  FS aggregation operators and their application in decision-making. Mishra and Rani [25] proposed the weighted aggregated sum product assessment (WASPAS) method in the Fermatean fuzzy ( $F_r$  F) environment. Garg et al. [26] demonstrated the use of FF aggregating functions in the COVID-19 testing facility. The continuities and derivatives of FF functions were investigated by Yang et al. [27]. Sergi and Sari [28] proposed some FF capital budgeting approaches. Sahoo [29] suggested some FFS scoring functions and their application to transportation issues and decision-making.

The major reason we used  $F_r$  FSs in designing the current study's strategy is because of its flexibility in dealing with unclear information. The goal of this research is to develop a new and efficient system for evaluating and selecting green suppliers in a building supply chain where there is uncertainty. In the evaluation process, the technique described in this study takes into account the ambiguity of information given by decision-makers. To deal with information uncertainty, we employed  $F_r$  FSs. The suggested technique is based on the extended TOPSIS (E-TOPSIS) and LP methods, which is both efficient and helpful.

Failure mode effect analysis (FMEA) is a common and effective technique that may be used to assess risk and improve the safety of a repairable engineering system, according to Kushwaha et al. [30]. Yorulmaz et al. [31] proposed TOPSIS based on modified Mahalanobis distance measure to rank the 81 Turkish provinces by considering distinct levels of development. One of the most important activities in the purchasing department is supplier selection. By assisting in the selection of the most suitable supplier, choosing the correct supplier makes a strategic difference in an organization's capacity to decrease costs and improve product quality. Cakar and Cavus [32] implemented fuzzy TOPSIS to select the best supplier. The criteria for choosing an air traffic control (ATC) radar station that effectively fulfills the job of radar in air traffic management are developed and assessed in [33]. Picture fuzzy set and rough setbased approaches are proposed in this study to consider the unclear concerns linked with students' job decision since they are shown to be appropriate due to their inherent qualities to cope with incomplete and imprecise information [34]. To select the construction machinery, Bozanic et al. [35] offered the Neuro-Fuzzy System as a decision-making aid.

There has been no previous study employing the  $F_r$  F-TOPSIS approach with  $F_r$  FSs to deal with MCDM, to the best of the authors' knowledge. The primary contributions of this study can be summarized as follows:

(1) To tackle MCDM situations with ambiguous knowledge that may be stated by a number of decision-makers, a novel D  $M_g$  technique based on  $F_r$  F-TOPSIS and  $F_r$  FSs is proposed.

(2) An example demonstrates the effectiveness of the proposed technique for evaluating green building providers.

The remainder of the paper is arranged as follows: Section 2 contains some fundamental and relevant knowledge. In Section 3, the features of novel  $F_r$  FSs are thoroughly examined. To address the ambiguous information, an MCDM model based on  $F_r$  F-TOPSIS is created. An MCDM issues relevant to select the supplier is provided in Section 5. The validity of the suggested model is explored in Section 6. Subsection 7.1 examines a complete comparison based on TC. Figure 1 represents the research process of this article.

### 3. Basic Concepts

Some basic ideas connected to the present work such as FSs, IFSs,  $F_r$  FSs, and LP are briefly penned in this section.

Definition 1. [13] A FS  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  can be illustrated as follows:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ (y, \mu_{\mathcal{F}}(y)) | y \in Y \}. \tag{1}$$

where  $\mu_{\mathscr{F}}(y)$ :  $X \longrightarrow [0,1]$  is a MD so that  $y \in Y$  to  $\mathscr{F}$ .

Definition 2. [14] Let Y be a fixed set, an IFS  $\mathcal F$  on Y is characterized as follows:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \langle y, \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(y), \beta_{\mathcal{F}}(y) \rangle | y \in Y \}, \tag{2}$$

where  $\alpha_{\mathcal{J}}(y)$ ,  $\beta_{\mathcal{J}}(y) \in [0, 1]$  are called the MD and NMD of  $y \in Y$  to set  $\mathcal{J}$  with the following condition:  $0 \le \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}(y) + \beta_{\mathcal{J}}(y) \le 1$ , for all  $y \in Y$ .

For all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\omega_{\mathcal{J}}(y)$  is known as hesitancy degree of  $y \in \mathcal{J}$ , where  $\omega_{\mathcal{J}}(y) = 1 - \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}(y) - \beta_{\mathcal{J}}(y)$ .

Definition 3. [36] A  $P_a$  FS  $\mathcal{P}$  over Y is given by

$$\mathscr{P} = \{ (y, \langle \alpha_{\varnothing}(y), \beta_{\varnothing}(y) \rangle) | y \in Y \}, \tag{3}$$

where  $\alpha_{\mathcal{P}}(y)$ ,  $\beta_{\mathcal{P}}(y) \in [0.1]$  are the MD and NMD of y to  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $0 \le \alpha_{\mathcal{P}}^2(y) + \beta_{\mathcal{P}}^2(y) \le 1$ . The degree of hesitancy or indeterminacy represented by  $\eta_{\mathcal{P}}(y)$  is written as  $\eta_{\mathcal{P}}(y) = \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\mathcal{P}}^2(y) - \beta_{\mathcal{P}}^2(y)}$ .

Definition 4. [22] A Fermatean fuzzy set over the set  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  is defined as follows:

$$F = \{ \langle y, \alpha_F(y), \eta_F(y) \rangle | y \in Y \}, \tag{4}$$

where  $\alpha_F(y)$ ,  $\eta_F(y) \in [0,1]$  and are called the MD, NMD of  $y \in Y$  to the set F, respectively and  $\alpha_F(y)$ ,  $\eta_F(y)$  fulfil the condition:  $0 \le \alpha_F^3(y) + \eta_F^3(y) \le 1$ , for all  $y \in Y$ . Also  $\zeta_F(y) = \sqrt[3]{1 - \alpha_F^3(y) - \eta_F^3(y)}$ , then  $\zeta_F(y)$  is supposed to be an indeterminacy membership degree (IMD) of  $y \in Y$  in F. For simplicity,  $F_r$  FSs over Y is read as  $F_r$  FSs(Y).

Definition 5. Reference [9]. The following is the formula of an LP model:

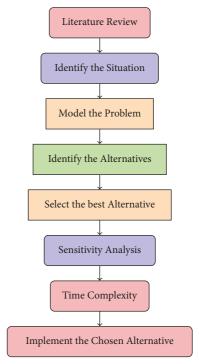


FIGURE 1: Research process.

Maximize: 
$$S = c_1t_1 + c_2t_2 + c_3t_3 + \dots + c_nt_n$$
,  
Subject to:  $a_{11}t_1 + a_{12}t_2 + a_{13}t_3 + \dots + a_{1n}t_n \le b_1$ ,  
 $a_{21}t_1 + a_{22}t_2 + a_{23}t_3 + \dots + a_{2n}t_n \le b_2$ ,  
 $\vdots$   
 $a_{m1}t_1 + a_{m2}t_2 + a_{m3}t_3 + \dots + a_{mn}t_n \le b_m$ ,  
 $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \ge 0$ .

In LP model, *m* indicates the cardinality of constraints and *n* shows the number of decision variables.

### 4. A Modified Distance Measure between $F_r$ FSs

A modified Hamming distance measure between two  $F_r$  FSs is presented to tackle the vague data in this section.

Definition 6. Suppose that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two  $F_r$  FSs defined on a fixed set  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ , then the distance  $D_F(F_1, F_2)$  is defined as follows:

$$D_F(F_1, F_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\left[ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i}) \right| + \left| \eta_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i}) \right| \right] + }{\max \left[ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i}) \right|, \left| \eta_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i}) \right| \right]} \right).$$
 (6)

Example 1. Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two  $F_r$  FSs over  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  given by  $F_1 = \{(y_1, (0.8, 0.7)), (y_2, (0.9, 0.8), (y_3, (0.5, 0.9))\}$  and  $F_2 = \{(y_1, (0.8, 0.62)), (y_2, (0.7, 0.6)), (y_3, (0.9, 0.6))\}$ , based on Definition 6, we get,  $D_F(F_1, F_2) = 0.2974$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let D be a mapping such that  $D: F_rFSs(X) \times F_rFSs(X) \longrightarrow [0,1]$ . If the requirements below are achieved, then  $D_F(F_1, F_2)$  is a distance measure.

- (1)  $0 \le D_F(F_1, F_2) \le 1$ ;
- (2)  $D_F(F_1, F_2) = 0\sqrt{b^2 4ac}$  iff  $F_1 = F_2$ ;
- (3)  $D_F(F_1, F_2) = D_F(F_2, F_1);$
- (4)  $D_F(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F(F_1, F_2)$  and  $D_F(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F(F_2, F_3)$ , for any  $F_1, F_2, F_3 \in F_r$  FSs(X).

*Proof.* As, (6) is easy to prove, however, the last condition (4) is proved as follows: For any  $F_1, F_2, F_3 \in F_r$  FSs(X), and  $F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq F_3$ , then on the basis of Definition 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{3}}^{3}(x_{i})\right| \ge \left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i})\right|, \\
&\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i})\right| \ge \left|\alpha_{F_{1}}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i})\right|.
\end{aligned} (7)$$

By adding equation (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)-\alpha_{F_{3}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)\right|+\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)-\eta_{F_{3}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)\right| \\ &\geq\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)-\alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)\right|+\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)-\eta_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(x_{i}\right)\right|, \end{aligned}$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{3}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| + \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{3}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| \\ + \max \left\{ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{3}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right|, \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{3}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| \right\} \\ \ge \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| + \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| \\ + \max \left\{ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right|, \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(x_{i}) - \eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(x_{i}) \right| \right\}, \end{aligned}$$
(8)

$$\Rightarrow D_F(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F(F_1, F_3)$$
, similarly, we can show,  $D_F(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F(F_2, F_3)$ .

Since, criteria's weights have great impact in  $\mathrm{DM}_g$ , we transform the Definition 2.6 into a weighted distance measure (WDM) between two  $F_r$  FSs as follows:where  $w_j \ (1 \le j \le m)$  denotes the m criteria weights such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m w_i = 1$ .

Definition 7. Suppose that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are two  $F_r$  FSs over  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  and  $w_j$  are the m criteria's weights satisfying the condition  $\sum_{j=1}^m w_j = 1$ . Then the WDM  $D_F^w(F_1, F_2)$  is penned as below:

 $D_F^w(F_1,\mathscr{B})$ 

$$=\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{j}\left(\begin{array}{c}\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i})-\alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i})\right|+\left|\eta_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i})-\eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i})\right|\right]+\\\max\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i})-\alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i})\right|,\left|\eta_{F_{1}}^{3}(y_{i})-\eta_{F_{2}}^{3}(y_{i})\right|\right]\right).$$
(9)

Example 2. Let.  $F_1$ . and  $F_1$  be two  $F_r$  FSs on a set  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . Example 1 takes the result by using the weights of  $y_1, y_2$  and  $y_3$  as  $w_1 = 0.25, w_2 = 0.35$  and  $w_3 = 0.4$ , respectively. based on Definition 2.7,  $D_F^w(F_1, F_2) = 0.7539$ .

**Theorem 2.** The WDM  $D_F^w(F_1, F_2)$  between two  $F_r$  FSs  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  satisfy the following four conditions:

- (1)  $0 \le D_F^w(F_1, F_2) \le 1$ ;
- (2)  $D_F^w(F_1, F_2) = 0$  iff  $F_1 = F_2$ ;
- $(3)\ D_F^w(F_1,F_2)=D_F(F_2,F_1);$
- (4)  $D_F^w(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F^w(F_1, F_2)$  and  $D_F^w(F_1, F_3) \ge D_F^w(F_2, F_3)$ , for any  $F_1, F_2, F_3 \in F_r$  FSs(X).

*Proof.* In order to prove Theorem 2, follow the same strategy as Theorem 1.  $\Box$ 

Definition 8. Suppose that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are two  $F_r$  FSs over  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ . Then measure of similarity  $S_p(F_1, F_2)$  on the basis of Definition 7 is penned as follows:

$$S_F(F_1, F_2)$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{j}\left(\frac{\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)-\alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)\right|+\left|\eta_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)-\eta_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)\right|\right]+\\ \max\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)-\alpha_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)\right|,\left|\eta_{F_{1}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)-\eta_{F_{2}}^{3}\left(y_{i}\right)\right|\right]\right).$$

$$(10)$$

Definition 9. A mapping  $S: F_rFSs(X) \times F_rFSs(X) \longrightarrow [0,1]$ .  $S_F(F_1,F_2)$  is supposed to be a measure of similarity if  $S_F(F_1,F_2)$  fulfills the following four axioms:

- (1)  $0 \le S_F(F_1, F_2) \le 1$ ;
- (2)  $S_F(F_1, F_2) = 1$  iff  $F_1 = F_2$ ;
- (3)  $S_F(F_1, F_2) = S_F(F_2, F_1);$
- (4)  $S_F(F_1, F_3) \le S_F(F_1, F_2)$  and  $S_F(F_1, F_3) \le S_F(F_2, F_3)$ , for any  $F_1, F_2, F_3 \in F_r$  FSs(X) and  $F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq F_3$ .

# 5. MCDM Model Based on Fermatean Fuzzy TOPSIS ( $F_r$ F-Topsis)

We suggested an MCDM using  $F_r$  F information based on TOPSIS employing LP methodology in this part. The LP model is used to assess the weights of criteria under various restrictions. Suppose that  $H = \{H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_n\}$  be a collection of alternatives, and  $G = \{G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m\}$  be the collection of criteria with  $\mu = \{\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_m\}$ , where  $\sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j = 1$  as the weight vector of the criteria  $G_j$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, m$ . A  $F_r$  F decision matrix denoted by  $\mathscr{F} = [\Omega_{ij}]_{n \times m} = [(\alpha_{ij}, \eta_{ij})]_{n \times m}$  with  $\alpha_{ij}$  as MD and  $\eta_{ij}$  NMD that the alternatives  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ ) fulfills, respectively. To reach the optimal solution, follow the steps of proposed MCDM model.

Step 1. Developed a  $F_r$  F decision matrix denoted by  $\mathcal{F} = [\Omega_{ij}]_{n \times m}$  according to the given information presented by the DM.

Step 2. Figure out the  $F_r$  F positive-ideal solution ( $F_r$  FPIS),  $\Omega_p^+$  and  $F_r$  F negative-ideal solution ( $F_r$  FNIS),  $\Omega_p^-$  as follows:

Table 1:  $F_r$  F decision matrix.

Alternatives	
$Q_1$	$\{(y_1, 0.7, 0.3), (y_2, 0.4, 0.6), (y_3, 0.5, 0.5), (y_4, 0.8, 0.2), (y_5, 0.8, 0.4)\}$
$Q_2$	$\{(y_1, 0.5, 0.8), (y_2, 0.8, 0.6), (y_3, 0.4, 0.5), (y_4, 0.7, 0.4), (y_5, 0.6, 0.5)\}$
$Q_3$	$\{(y_1, 0.9, 0.6), (y_2, 0.8, 0.1), (y_3, 0.6, 0.4), (y_4, 0.7, 0.5), (y_5, 0.9, 0.3)\}$
$Q_4$	$\{(y_1, 0.6, 0.7), (y_2, 0.8, 0.3), (y_3, 0.7, 0.2), (y_4, 0.5, 0.3), (y_5, 0.7, 0.3)\}$

$$\Omega_{p}^{+} = \left\{ \left(\alpha_{ij}^{+}, \eta_{ij}^{+}\right) \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} \left\{ \left(\max_{j} \left(\alpha_{ij}\right), \max_{j} \left(\eta_{ij}\right)\right) \right\} : U_{j} \in \xi_{1} \\ \left\{ \left(\min_{j} \left(\alpha_{ij}\right), \min_{j} \left(\eta_{ij}\right)\right) \right\} : U_{j} \in \xi_{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(11)$$

$$\Omega_{p}^{-} = \left\{ \left(\alpha_{ij}^{-}, \eta_{ij}^{-}\right) \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} \left\{ \left(\min_{j} \left(\alpha_{ij}\right), \min_{j} \left(\eta_{ij}\right)\right) \right\} : U_{j} \in \xi_{1} \\ \left\{ \left(\min_{j} \left(\alpha_{ij}\right), \min_{j} \left(\eta_{ij}\right)\right) \right\} : U_{j} \in \xi_{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(12)$$

where  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  are subcollections of beneficial and cost criteria, respectively, so that  $\xi_1 \cap \xi_2 = \emptyset$ .

Step 3. Compute the weighted similarity degree (WSD)  $S_{F_i}^{+w}$  between  $F_r$  FPIS  $\Omega_F^+$  and each alternative likewise the WSD  $S_{F_i}^{-w}$  between  $F_r$  FNIS  $\Omega_F^-$  by using equation (12), respectively:

$$S_{Fi}^{+w}(H_i, \Omega_F^+)$$

$$=1-\sum_{j=1}^{m}w_{j}\left(\frac{\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}(x_{i})-\alpha_{ij}^{+}\right|+\left|\eta_{F_{1}}(x_{i})-\eta_{ij}^{+}\right|\right]+}{\max\left[\left|\alpha_{F_{1}}(x_{i})-\alpha_{ij}^{+}\right|,\left|\eta_{F_{1}}(x_{i})-\eta_{ij}^{+}\right|\right]}\right). \tag{13}$$

$$S_{Fi}^{-w}(H_{i}, \Omega_{F}^{-}) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{j} \begin{pmatrix} \left[ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{ij}^{-} \right| + \left| \eta_{F_{1}}(x_{i}) - \eta_{ij}^{-} \right| \right] + \\ \max \left[ \left| \alpha_{F_{1}}(x_{i}) - \alpha_{ij}^{-} \right|, \left| \eta_{F_{1}}(x_{i}) - \eta_{ij}^{-} \right| \right] \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(14)$$

where,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

Step 4. Based on equations (15) and (16), construct the model to find the objective function Z for the weights of criteria as follows:

$$Z = (S_{Fi}^{+w}(H_i, \Omega_F^+) - S_{Fi}^{-w}(H_i, \Omega_F^-)).$$
 (15)

Step 5. We derive the weights  $\mu_j$  of the criterion  $G_j$  (j = 1, 2, 3, ..., m) by solving the LP model described in [30], so that the objective function Z produced in Step 4 is maximized.

Step 6. Based on equations (15) and (16), calculate the degree of similarity and evaluate  $S_{F_i}^{+w}$  and  $S_{F_i}^{-w}$  on the basis of equations (9) and (10) between each option and the components achieved in  $F_r$  FPIS  $\Omega_p^+$  and  $F_r$  FNIS  $\Omega_p^-$ , respectively.

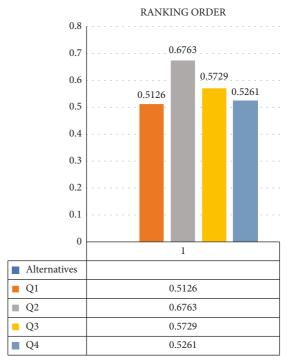


FIGURE 2: Ranking of alternatives.

Step 7. Determine the coefficient of relative closeness  $\mathcal{R}_{i}^{C}$  of each alternative  $H_{i}$  with respect to the  $F_{r}$  FPIS  $\Omega_{F}^{+}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}_{i}^{C} = \frac{S_{F_{i}}^{+w}}{S_{F_{i}}^{+w} + S_{F_{i}}^{-w}}.$$
 (16)

The greater the value  $\mathcal{R}^{C}_{i}$  of the alternatives to  $F_{r}$  FPIS  $(\Omega_{p}^{+w})$ , the more likely we are to find the greatest choice from a set of alternatives  $H_{i}$ , where  $1 \le i \le n$ .

## **6. Solution of Problems Based on** $F_r$ **F-Topsis**

The authors used the proposed MCDM model to recognize the pattern and breakout of dengue disease in this section.

Step 1.  $F_r$  F decision matrix  $P_c = [\Omega_{ij}]_{4\times 5}$  denoted in Table 1

Step 2. The ideal solution  $\Omega_F^+ = \{(y_1, 0.9000, 0.8000), (y_2, 0.8000, 0.6000), (y_3, 0.7000, 0.5000), (y_4, 0.8000, 0.5000), (y_5, 0.9000, 0.5000)\}$   $\Omega_F^- = \{(y_1, 0.5000, 0.3000), (y_2, 0.4000, 0.1000), (y_3, 0.4000, 0.2000), (y_4, 0.5000, 0.2000), (y_5, 0.6000, 0.3000)\}$ 

Step 3. The WSD  $S_{F_i}^{+w}$  between  $F_r$  FPIS  $\Omega_F^+$  and each alternative as well as the WSD  $S_{F_i}^{-w}$  between  $F_r$  FNIS  $\Omega_F^-$ 

Alternatives	Original	Increment in $w_1$	Increment in $w_2$	Increment in $w_3$	Increment in $w_4$	Increment in $w_5$
$\overline{Q_1}$	0.5126	0.5013	0.5214	0.5180	0.5127	0.5210
$Q_2$	0.6763	0.6600	0.6508	0.6691	0.6707	0.6700
$Q_3$	0.5729	0.5630	0.5621	0.5592	0.5730	0.5745
$Q_4$	0.5261	0.5187	0.5201	0.5150	0.5271	0.5268

TABLE 2: Results obtained for altering the weights of criteria.

by using equations (13) and (14), respectively, in terms of weights.

Step 4. Based on equations (13) and (14), evaluate  $Z = -0.0250w_1 - 0.3650w_2 - 0.1450w_3 - 0.0550w_4$  which is written in equation (17).

Step 5. Based on LP model penned in [9], the weights  $w_j$  of the criteria  $P_j$ , where j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are obtained as follows:

$$w_1 = 0.2, w_2 = 0.3, w_3 = 0.25, w_4 = 0.1$$
 and  $w_5 = 0.15.$  (17)

Step 6. Degree of positive and negative weighted similarities  $S_{+}^{f_{ri}}$  and  $S_{-}^{f_{ri}}$  are obtained by using equations (7) and (8) as follows:

$$\begin{split} S_{+}^{f_{r1}}\left(Q_{1},\Omega_{F}^{+}\right) &= 0.5100, S_{+}^{f_{r2}}\left(Q_{2},\Omega_{F}^{+}\right) = 0.7000, \\ S_{+}^{f_{r3}}\left(Q_{3},\Omega_{F}^{+}\right) &= 0.5700, S_{+}^{f_{r4}}\left(Q_{4},\Omega_{F}^{+}\right) = 0.5550, \text{ and} \\ S_{-}^{f_{r1}}\left(Q_{1},\Omega_{F}^{-}\right) &= 0.4850, S_{-}^{f_{r2}}\left(Q_{2},\Omega_{F}^{-}\right) = 0.3350, \\ S_{-}^{f_{r3}}\left(Q_{3},\Omega_{F}^{-}\right) &= 0.4250, S_{-}^{f_{r4}}\left(Q_{4},\Omega_{F}^{-}\right) = 0.5000. \end{split}$$

Step 7. Values of  $\mathcal{R}^{C}_{i}$  of each alternative is the following:

$$\mathcal{R}_{1}^{C} = 0.5126,$$
 $\mathcal{R}_{2}^{C} = 0.6763,$ 
 $\mathcal{R}_{3}^{C} = 0.5729,$ 
 $\mathcal{R}_{4}^{C} = 0.5261.$ 
(19)

Step 8. Arrange the alternatives according to the values of  $R_i^C$  as obtained in Step 4. We get,  $Q_2 \prec Q_3 \prec Q_4 \prec Q_1$ . Hence, the optimal alternative attained is  $Q_2$  which is illustrated in Figure 2.

Example 3. A construction company wanted to select four suppliers,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ , and  $Q_5$  according to certain criteria. Suppliers are evaluated against five parameters,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$ , and  $P_5$ . Weights of criteria have great impact in decisions, authors have used LP model to compute the weights. Assume that the evaluation values of the alternatives in relation to each criterion provided by the committee are represented by  $F_r$  FNs, as shown in the  $F_r$  F decision matrix given in Table 1.

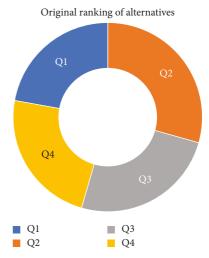


FIGURE 3: Original result.

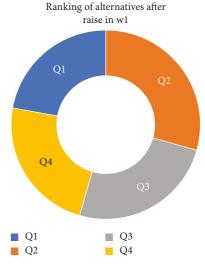


Figure 4: 0.05 to 0.1 raise in  $w_1$ .

# 7. Sensitivity Analysis

Because the information for MCDM problems is frequently uncertain and ambiguous, there is a need for a tool that can assist us make more correct decisions. Sensitivity analysis (SA) can help in this regard. In this part, weighted SA is used to evaluate the impact of changing the weights of criteria on the results provided by the proposed model. A formula described in [37] is used to generate a new vector for criterion weights, and the behavior of the findings obtained by the suggested model is then examined. We changed the

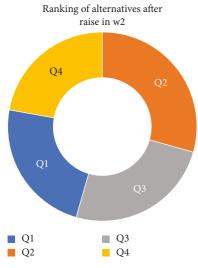


Figure 5: 0.05 to 0.1 raise in  $w_2$ .

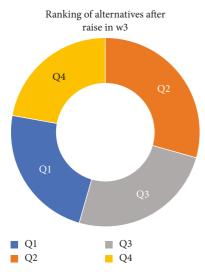


Figure 6: 0.05 to 0.1 raise in  $w_3$ .

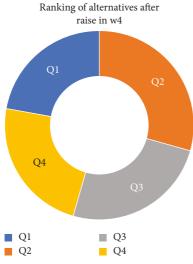


Figure 7: 0.05 to 0.1 raise in  $w_4$ .

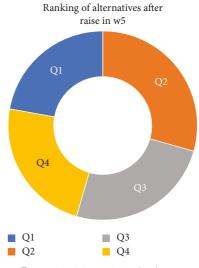


Figure 8: 0.05 to 0.1 raise in  $w_5$ .

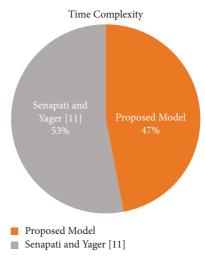


FIGURE 9: Graphical view of TC analysis.

TABLE 3: TC among the proposed and existing technique.

Techniques	Executing time
Proposed model	0.4513 seconds
Senapati and Yager [23]	0.510 seconds

weights of individual criteria by raising different ratios and looked at the effect on the final findings. Table 2 shows the outcomes achieved by varying the weights of criterion. Figures 3 to 8 show that raising 0.05 to 0.1 in each weight results in a little change in the numeric values, but the ranking orders remain same, demonstrating the usefulness and strength of our suggested model.

7.1. Comparison Based on Time Complexity (TC). In order to strengthen the results obtained from the proposed MCDM model, TC analysis is performed in the present subsection. TC is the time required to execute an algorithm to reach the

final result. TC is measured among the proposed and the existing techniques presented by Senapati and Yager [23]. The executing time of each technique is evaluated with the help of MATLAB which is presented in Table 3 and its graphical view is illustrated in Figure 9. From Table 3, it can be seen that our approach takes less time as compared to others; hence, the proposed MCDM model is more effective and resolves the issues rapidly.

### 8. Conclusions

TOPSIS is one of the most well-known MCDM approaches. The focus of this research was on TOPSIS extensions named  $F_r$ . F-TOPSIS is used in complicated decision scenarios with uncertainty. The total of squares of MD and NMD to which an item meeting a criteria supplied by expert is subjected in some real-world situations may be greater than one, but their cube sum may be less than or equal to one. As a result,  $P_g$  FS is unable to handle such a situation. From this perspective, the  $F_r$  FS might be used to mimic some D  $M_g$  scenarios that  $P_g$  FS cannot handle. In this study, we offer an MCDM technique based on TOPSIS in a  $F_r$  FS environment. Finally, we provided an example to demonstrate how this method might be utilized efficiently.

In light of the foregoing, future research could concentrate on:

- (1) Using other traditional objective and subjective multicriteria decision-making methods in conjunction with  $F_r$  FS to determine and evaluate criteria for the selection of the alternative.
- (2) Aside from that, the benefits of the current strategy can be enhanced by considering the objective weight of risk factors, which are not taken into account in this study.

## **Data Availability**

No data were used to support this study.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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