

## Fuzzy differential equation with $\pi$ -derivative

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**Abstract**— The  $\pi$ -derivative for fuzzy function is considered. Consequently, using this  $\pi$ -derivative we study fuzzy differential equations. In particular, we build a solution for a fuzzy differential equation with the help of a system of ordinary differential equations which generates of the  $\pi$ -derivative.

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### 1 Introduction

The spaces  $\mathcal{K}$ , of all closed and bounded intervals of  $\mathbb{R}$  is not linear spaces since it do not contain inverse elements for the addition and therefore subtraction is not well defined. As a consequence, alternative formulations for subtraction have been suggested. One of those alternatives are the H-difference [3, 13] and by embedding the space  $\mathcal{K}$  in a linear space [22].

The Radström's embedding theorem [22] tell us that there is a real normed linear space  $\mathcal{B}$  and an isometric mapping  $\pi : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ . Then, taking advantage of this embedding theorem, a set-valued mappings  $F$  is  $\pi$ -differentiable at  $t_0$  if  $\pi \circ F$  is differentiable at  $t_0$ . In [3], we can find various properties of this derivative and its connection with other definitions of derivatives for set-valued mappings. On the other hand, in [20] each element of  $\mathcal{B}$  can be represented in the form  $(x, \delta)$ . Thus, the  $\pi$ -derivative of  $\pi \circ F$  is associated with the derivative of an ordered pair. In [9] the authors obtained a set  $F'_\pi(t) \in \mathcal{K}$ , which is said  $\pi$ -derivative of  $F$  at  $t$ . Some properties and the connection with generalized derivative are studied.

The aim of this paper is introduce the  $\pi$ -derivative for fuzzy interval valued functions based in the generalization of  $\pi$ -derivative for set-valued mappings given in [9]. Consequently, using the  $\pi$ -derivative for fuzzy functions, we study fuzzy differential equations. In particular, we build a solution for a fuzzy differential equation with the help of a system of ordinary differential equations which is generates of the  $\pi$ -derivative.

### 2 Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the 1-dimensional Euclidian space. We denote by  $\mathcal{K}$  the family of all bounded intervals

$$\mathcal{K} = \{A = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \mid A \neq \emptyset \text{ is bounded}\}$$

The Hausdorff metric  $H$  is defined by

$$H(A, B) = \max\{|a - c|, |b - d|\}.$$

where  $A = [a, b]$  and  $B = [c, d]$ .

Also, by using the Minkowski sum between two sets, we defined the following operations on  $\mathcal{K}$

$$A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\} \text{ and } \lambda A = \{\lambda a \mid a \in A\}. \quad (1)$$

The spaces  $\mathcal{K}$  is not linear spaces since it do not contain inverse elements and therefore subtraction is not well defined [1, 2].

We have, from (1), that  $A - B = A + (-1)B$ . Also, if  $A = B + C$ , then the Hukuhara difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A -_H B$  and it is equal to  $C$ . The Hukuhara difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is also called the geometrical difference between the sets  $A$  and  $B$  [27].

In [3] the authors introduce subtraction in  $\mathcal{K}$  by using the Radström's embedding theorem [22] which tell us that there is a real normed linear space  $\mathcal{B}$  and an isometry  $\pi : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\pi(\mathcal{K})$  is a convex cone in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

To construct  $\mathcal{B}$ , we consider the following equivalence relation in the space  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$

$$(A, B) \sim (C, D) \text{ if and only if } A + D = B + C.$$

If  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is the equivalence class of the pair  $(A, B)$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  is the quotient space  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} / \sim$ . Now, in  $\mathcal{B}$  we introduce the operations of addition and scalar multiplication by means

$$\langle A, B \rangle + \langle C, D \rangle = \langle A + C, B + D \rangle,$$

$$\lambda \langle A, B \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \lambda A, \lambda B \rangle & \lambda \geq 0, \\ \langle |\lambda| B, |\lambda| A \rangle & \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linear space.

One defines the embedding  $\pi : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  as follows

$$\pi(A) = \langle A, 0 \rangle, \quad A \in \mathcal{K},$$

so that  $\langle A, 0 \rangle$  is the equivalence class

$$\{(A + D, D) \mid A, D \in \mathcal{K}\}.$$

The metric and the norm in  $\mathcal{B}$  are defined by

$$\rho(\langle A, B \rangle, \langle C, D \rangle) = H(A + D, C + B)$$

$$\|\langle A, B \rangle\| = \rho(\langle A, B \rangle, \langle 0, 0 \rangle)$$

If  $A, B \in \mathcal{K}$ , then the difference of the sets  $A$  and  $B$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$  equal to  $\langle A, B \rangle$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linear space, difference has all the properties of difference in linear spaces.

In general, the difference of two sets in  $\mathcal{K}$  is not necessarily an element of  $\mathcal{K}$ . On the other hand if the Hukuhara difference is well defined for two sets  $A, B$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ , then

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \langle A -_H B, 0 \rangle.$$

### 3 $\pi$ -derivative for set-valued mappings

In this Section we present the  $\pi$ -derivative for set-valued mappings. This concept has been studied by the authors in [9].

Elements of the space  $\mathcal{K}$  are bounded and closed intervals, therefore each equivalence class can be represented in the form

$$\langle [x, x + \delta], 0 \rangle, \delta \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \langle 0, [-x, -x - \delta] \rangle, \delta < 0.$$

We will call this the canonical representation [20].

In fact, an arbitrary element  $([a, b], [c, d])$  belongs to a class of the first kind if  $b - a \geq d - c$  (then  $x = a - c, \delta = (b - a) - (d - c)$ ) and to a class of the second kind if  $b - a < d - c$  (then  $x = a - c, \delta = (b - a) - (d - c)$ ).

For the canonical representation of an equivalence class we will use the notation  $(x, \delta)$ , which implies that

$$(x, \delta) = \begin{cases} \langle [x, x + \delta], 0 \rangle & \text{if } \delta \geq 0 \\ \langle 0, [-x, -x - \delta] \rangle & \text{if } \delta < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Given  $A = [a, b] \in \mathcal{K}$  we have

$$\pi(A) = \pi([a, b]) = \langle [a, b], 0 \rangle = \langle [x, x + \delta], 0 \rangle,$$

where  $x = a$  and  $\delta = b - a$ .

**Theorem 1** ([20]) *The following results hold*

- (a)  $(x, \delta) = (y, \beta) \iff x = y, \delta = \beta;$
- (b)  $(x, \delta) + (y, \beta) = (x + y, \delta + \beta);$
- (c)  $a(x, \delta) = (ax, a\delta)$  for each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2** ([20]) *The equality*

$$D_\pi(x(t), \delta(t)) = (x'(t), \delta'(t))$$

holds, where  $D_\pi(x(t), \delta(t))$  is the  $\pi$ -derivative ([3]) of the pair  $(x(t), \delta(t))$  and  $x'$  is the derivative of the real-valued function  $x(t)$ .

Let  $F : T \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be a set-valued mapping. If we denote by  $F(t) = [f(t), g(t)]$ , then

$$\pi(F(t)) = \langle [x(t), x(t) + \delta(t)], 0 \rangle,$$

where  $x(t) = f(t)$  and  $\delta(t) = g(t) - f(t)$ .

From Theorem 2  $D_\pi(x(t), \delta(t)) = (x'(t), \delta'(t))$  and from canonical representation (2) we obtain the set  $F'_\pi(t) \in \mathcal{K}$  such that

$$F'_\pi(t) = \begin{cases} \left[ x'(t), x'(t) + \delta'(t) \right] & \text{if } \delta'(t) \geq 0 \\ \left[ x'(t) + \delta'(t), x'(t) \right] & \text{if } \delta'(t) < 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

We will say that  $F'_\pi(t_0)$  is the  $\pi$ -derivative of the set-valued mapping  $F$  at  $t_0$ .

**Corollary 1** ([9]) *Let  $F : T \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be a set-valued mapping and we denote  $F(t) = [f(t), g(t)]$ . Then  $F$  is  $\pi$ -differentiable at  $t_0$  if and only if  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions at  $t_0$ .*

**Example 1** ([9]) *Consider the set-valued mapping  $F : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  defined by  $F(t) = [-t^2, e^{-t}]$ . If  $f(t) = -t^2$  and  $g(t) = e^{-t}$ , we have that  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions and  $f'(t) = -2t$  and  $g'(t) = -e^{-t}$ . In this case  $x'(t) = -2t$  and  $\delta'(t) = -e^{-t} + 2t$ . Therefore, from (3) we have*

$$F'_\pi(t) = \begin{cases} [-e^{-t}, -2t] & \text{if } t \in (-1, 0.35173] \\ [-2t, -e^{-t}] & \text{if } t \in (0.35173, 1). \end{cases}$$

Note that the  $\pi$ -derivative (3) is coincident with the generalized derivative introduced in [26].

### 4 $\pi$ -derivative for fuzzy functions

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all fuzzy intervals with bounded  $\alpha$ -level intervals. This means that if  $u \in \mathcal{F}$  then the  $\alpha$ -level set is a closed bounded interval which we denote by  $[u]^\alpha$ , for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

Let  $T$  be a real interval. A mapping  $X : T \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is called a fuzzy function. We denote

$$[X(t)]^\alpha = X_\alpha(t) = [f_\alpha(t), g_\alpha(t)], \quad t \in T, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.$$

Note that  $X_\alpha$  is a set-valued mapping for each  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . The  $\pi$ -derivative  $X'_\pi(t)$  of a fuzzy function  $X$  is defined by

$$[X'_\pi(t)]^\alpha = X'_{\alpha\pi}(t), \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, \quad (4)$$

provided that is equation defines a fuzzy interval  $X'_\pi(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Note that, if the family  $\{X'_{\alpha\pi}(t)\}$  satisfies the conditions of the Representation Theorem [10], then there exists the  $\pi$ -derivative  $X'_\pi(t)$  of the fuzzy function  $X$ .

**Example 2** *Consider the fuzzy function  $X : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_C$  defined by*

$$X(t)(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{s}{t} + 1 & \text{if } -t \leq s \leq 0 \\ -\frac{s}{t^2} + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t^2 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \notin [-t, t^2]. \end{cases}$$

Then, for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$[X(t)]^\alpha = [f_\alpha(t), g_\alpha(t)] = [(\alpha - 1)t, (1 - \alpha)t^2],$$

and from (3)

$$X'_{\alpha\pi}(t) = [(\alpha - 1), 2(1 - \alpha)t].$$

Now, the family  $\{X'_{\alpha\pi}(t)\}_{\alpha \in [0, 1]}$  satisfies the conditions from Representation Theorem [10] for each  $t > 0$ . Therefore, there exists the  $\pi$ -derivative  $X'_\pi(t)$  of the fuzzy function  $X$  for each  $t > 0$  and

$$[X'_\pi(t)]^\alpha = [(\alpha - 1), 2(1 - \alpha)t].$$

**5 Fuzzy differential equation with  $\pi$ -derivative** **Example 3** *Let us consider the fuzzy malthusian problem*

We consider the initial value problem

$$X'(t) = F(t, X(t)), \quad X(0) = X_0, \quad (5)$$

where  $F : [0, T] \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a continuous function and  $X_0$  is a fuzzy interval.

Note that there are different interpretations for the problem (5). For example, in the problem (5), we can consider the  $H$ -derivative [15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25]; the Generalized derivative [4, 5, 6, 7, 8]. Also, the problem (5) can be rewrite as a family of differential inclusions [11, 12, 14]. In this section we will consider the  $\pi$ -derivative in the problem (5), i.e. we will study the following problem

$$X'_\pi(t) = F(t, X(t)), \quad X(0) = X_0, \quad (6)$$

where  $F : [0, T] \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a continuous function and  $X_0$  is a fuzzy interval. A solution of (6) is a continuous fuzzy function  $X : T \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  which verifies the equation (6) for each  $t \in T$ .

Taking in account the Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we obtain a useful procedure to solve the fuzzy differential equation (6).

In fact, denote

$$[X(t)]^\alpha = [f_\alpha(t), g_\alpha(t)] \quad , \quad [X_0]^\alpha = [u_\alpha^0, v_\alpha^0]$$

and

$$[F(t, X(t))]^\alpha = [U_\alpha(t, f_\alpha(t), g_\alpha(t)), V_\alpha(t, f_\alpha(t), g_\alpha(t))].$$

Then, using the canonical representation (Section 3), we obtain

$$\pi([X(t)]^\alpha) = (x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)) \quad , \quad \pi([X_0]^\alpha) = (x_\alpha^0, \delta_\alpha^0)$$

where  $x_\alpha(t) = f_\alpha(t)$ ,  $\delta_\alpha(t) = g_\alpha(t) - f_\alpha(t)$ ,  $x_\alpha^0 = u_\alpha^0$  and  $\delta_\alpha^0 = v_\alpha^0 - u_\alpha^0$ . Also

$$\pi([F(t, X(t))]^\alpha) = (U_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)), V_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)))$$

Thus, we consider the following family of equations corresponding to the problem (6)

$$\begin{aligned} D_\pi(x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)) &= (U_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)), V_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t))) \\ (x_\alpha(0), \delta_\alpha(0)) &= (x_\alpha^0, \delta_\alpha^0) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

with  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

Now, using the Theorem 1 and 2 and the problem (7), we obtain a solution from problem (6). For this, we proceed as follows:

(i) Solve the differential system

$$\begin{cases} x'_\alpha(t) = U_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)), & x_\alpha(0) = x_\alpha^0 \\ \delta'_\alpha(t) = V_\alpha^1(t, x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t)), & \delta_\alpha(0) = \delta_\alpha^0 \end{cases}$$

for  $x_\alpha$  and  $\delta_\alpha$ ;

(ii) from class  $(x_\alpha(t), \delta_\alpha(t))$  we obtain the interval

$$X_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} [x_\alpha(t), x_\alpha(t) + \delta_\alpha(t)] & \text{if } \delta_\alpha(t) \geq 0 \\ [x_\alpha(t) + \delta_\alpha(t), x_\alpha(t)] & \text{if } \delta_\alpha(t) < 0 \end{cases}$$

(iii) By using the Representation Theorem [10], we build a fuzzy solution  $X(t)$  such that  $[X(t)]^\alpha = X_\alpha(t)$ , for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{cases} X'_\pi(t) = -\lambda X(t) \\ X(0) = X_0, \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  and, as in [12], the initial condition  $X_0$  is a symmetric triangular fuzzy number with support  $[-a, a]$ . That is,

$$[X_0]^\alpha = [-a(1 - \alpha), a(1 - \alpha)].$$

For obtain a solution of (8), we have solve the following differential system

$$\begin{cases} x'_\alpha(t) = -\lambda x_\alpha(t), & x_\alpha(0) = -a(1 - \alpha) \\ \delta'_\alpha(t) = -\lambda \delta_\alpha(t), & \delta_\alpha(0) = 2a(1 - \alpha). \end{cases}$$

The solutions of this system are

$$x_\alpha(t) = -a(1 - \alpha)e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_\alpha(t) = 2a(1 - \alpha)e^{-\lambda t},$$

where  $\delta_\alpha(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t > 0$ . Thus there exists a fuzzy solution from (8)  $X(t)$  for all  $t > 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} [X(t)]^\alpha &= [x_\alpha(t), x_\alpha(t) + \delta_\alpha(t)] \\ &= [-a(1 - \alpha)e^{-\lambda t}, a(1 - \alpha)e^{-\lambda t}]. \end{aligned}$$

**6 Conclusions**

In this paper we present the concept of  $\pi$ -derivative for fuzzy function using the canonical representation of a class equivalence of two intervals. Those classes of equivalence are obtained by embedding the space of closed and bounded intervals in a Banach space using the embedding theorem [22].

In a forthcoming paper we will study the properties of the  $\pi$ -derivative fuzzy and the connection between this approach and the  $\pi$ -differentiability in the fuzzy context introduced in [21]. Also, we will study the connection with others concept of fuzzy derivatives. For example, the connection with the  $G$ -differentiability introduced in [4]. Note that this concept of  $\pi$ -derivative is equivalent to generalized derivative in the case of set-valued function [9].

In Section 5 we study fuzzy differential equations considering  $\pi$ -derivative. In particular we present a form for obtain a fuzzy solution from FDEs. This approach have some advantages in relation to others interpretation, for example, an advantage that have the fuzzy solutions obtained considering  $\pi$ -derivative seem to be more intuitive than other solution using  $H$ -derivative (Example 3). It is worthy to stress also that the interpretation using extension principle [7, 18] and fuzzy differential inclusion [11, 12, 14] has a disadvantage because we cannot speak about the fuzzy derivative. In this issue, in a forthcoming paper, we will study the existence of solution of a fuzzy differential equation considering  $\pi$ -derivative.

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