

CHAPTER 3

CHAPTER 3 FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS ON FUZZY SETS

In this chapter we study a theory of fuzzy relation equations, when the fuzzy relations are defined on fuzzy sets instead of crisp sets.

3.1 FUZZY RELATIONS AND THEIR COMPOSITIONS:

This section deals with fuzzy relations defined on fuzzy sets and four types of compositions along with their properties.

Definition 3.1.1 [F]: Let A and B be two fuzzy sets in X . The cartesian product of A and B , is a fuzzy set, $A \times B$, on $X \times X$ defined as follows:

$$A \times B(x, y) = \min\{A(x), B(y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Definition 3.1.2 [F]: Let A and B be two fuzzy sets in X . Then the fuzzy set $P: X \times X \rightarrow I$ is called a fuzzy relation from A to B , if

$$P(x, y) \leq \min\{A(x), B(y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

We shall denote the set of all fuzzy relations from fuzzy set A to fuzzy set B by $F(A \times B)$.

Definition 3.1.3: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ be a fuzzy relation from a fuzzy set A to a fuzzy B .

Then the fuzzy set P^{-1} defined as follows:

$$P^{-1}(y, x) = P(x, y)$$

is a fuzzy relation from a fuzzy set B to a fuzzy set A . i. e. $P^{-1} \in F(B \times A)$.

It is obvious that $(P^{-1})^{-1} = P$.

Theorem 3.1.4: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations and T be any continuous t-norm. Define a fuzzy set $P \circ_T Q: X \times X \rightarrow I$ by

$$P \circ_T Q(x, y) = \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Then $P \circ_T Q$ is a fuzzy relation from fuzzy set A to fuzzy set C .

Proof: Since $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$,

$$P(x, z) \leq \min\{A(x), B(z)\}, \text{ for all } x, z \in X \text{ and}$$

$$Q(z, y) \leq \min\{B(z), C(y)\}, \text{ for all } z, y \in X.$$

$$P \circ_T Q(x, y) = \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), Q(z, y))\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{T(\min(A(x), B(z)), \min(B(z), C(y)))\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{\min(\min(A(x), B(z)), \min(B(z), C(y)))\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{\min(A(x), C(y))\}$$

Thus, $P \circ_T Q(x, y) \leq \min(A(x), C(y))$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Definition 3.1.5 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations and T be any continuous t-norm. The fuzzy set $P \circ_T Q$ is called sup-T composition of P and Q .

Theorem 3.1.6: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations. Then

$$(P \circ_T Q)^{-1} = Q^{-1} \circ_T P^{-1}$$

Following theorem is obvious

Theorem 3.1.7 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations and S be any continuous t-conorm. Define a fuzzy set $P \text{ so } Q: X \times X \rightarrow I$ by

$$P \text{ so } Q(x, y) = \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, (A \times C)(x, y)\}, \forall x, y \in X.$$

Then $P \text{ so } Q$ is a fuzzy relation from a fuzzy set A to a fuzzy set C .

Definition 3.1.8 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations and S be any continuous t-conorm. The fuzzy set $P \text{ so } Q$ is called inf-S composition of P and Q .

Theorem 3.1.9 [F]: Let $P, P_1, P_2 \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q, Q_1, Q_2 \in F(B \times C)$

$$(i) \quad P \text{ so } (Q_1 \cap Q_2) = (P \text{ so } Q_1) \cap (P \text{ so } Q_2)$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{If } P_1 \subseteq P_2, \text{ then } P_1 \text{ so } Q \subseteq P_2 \text{ so } Q$$

$$(iii) \quad (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1} = Q^{-1} \text{ so } P^{-1}$$

Proof: i) Let $x, y \in X$.

$$[P \text{ so } (Q_1 \cap Q_2)](x, y)$$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q_1 \cap Q_2(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), \min\{Q_1(z, y), Q_2(z, y)\})\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{\min\{S(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y)), S(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y))\}, \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y))\}\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}, \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y))\},$$

$$A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{P \text{ so } Q_1(x, y), P \text{ so } Q_2(x, y)\}$$

$$= (P \text{ so } Q_1) \cap (P \text{ so } Q_2)(x, y)$$

ii) Let $P_1 \subseteq P_2$

$$P_1 \text{ so } Q(x, y) = \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P_1(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$\leq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P_2(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= P_2 \text{ so } Q(x, y).$$

iii) $(P \text{ so } Q)^{-1}(x, y) = (P \text{ so } Q)(y, x)$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(y, z), Q(z, x))\}, A \times C(y, x)\}$$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P^{-1}(z, y), Q^{-1}(x, z))\}, C \times A(x, y)\}$$

$$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(Q^{-1}(x, z), P^{-1}(z, y))\}, C \times A(x, y)\}$$

$$= (Q^{-1} \text{ so } P^{-1})(x, y)$$

Definition 3.1.10 [F]: Let A, B, C be fuzzy sets in X and $P \in F(A \times B), Q \in F(B \times C)$

be fuzzy relations. The inf-w_T composition of P and Q is a fuzzy relation

$P \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q \in F(A \times C)$ defined as follows:

$$P \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q(x, y) = \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X$$

If $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be fuzzy relations, then $(P \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q)^{-1}$ is a fuzzy relation from a fuzzy set C to A .

Theorem 3.1.11 [F]: Let $P, P_1, P_2 \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q, Q_1, Q_2 \in F(B \times C)$ be such that

$P_1 \subseteq P_2$ and $Q_1 \subseteq Q_2$. Then

$$i) P \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q_1 \subseteq P \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q_2$$

$$ii) P_1 \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q \supseteq P_2 \overset{\circ}{\text{w}_T} Q.$$

Proof i) $P \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q_1(x, y) = \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$

$\leq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$, by Theorem 1.2.8(iv)

$\leq P \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q_2(x, y)$.

ii) $P_1 \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q(x, y)$

$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P_1(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$

$\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P_2(x, z), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}$, by Theorem 1.2.8(iv)

$\geq P_2 \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q(x, y)$.

Theorem 3.1.12 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $Q \in F(B \times C)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$ be fuzzy relations. Then

i) $P \subseteq (P \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q) \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q^{-1}$

ii) $R \subseteq (R \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q^{-1}) \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q$.

Proof: i) $(P \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q) \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q^{-1}(x, y) = \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P \overset{\circ}{w}_T Q(x, z), Q(y, z))\}, A \times B(x, y)\}$

$= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(\min_{t \in X} \{w_T(P(x, t), Q(t, z))\}, A \times C(x, z)), Q(y, z))\}, A \times B(x, y)\}$.

$\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(\inf_{t \in X} \{w_T(P(x, t), Q(t, z))\}, Q(y, z))\}, A \times B(x, y)\}$,

$\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(w_T(P(x, y), Q(y, z)), Q(y, z))\}, A \times B(x, y)\}$

$\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{P(x, y)\}, A \times B(x, y)\}$, By Theorem 1.2.8(ii)

$= P(x, y)$, Since $P \in F(A \times B)$

ii) Follows similarly.

Theorem 3.1.13 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $Q \in F(B \times C)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$ be fuzzy relations. Then

$$i) Q \subseteq P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)$$

$$ii) R \supseteq P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} R)$$

$$iii) P \subseteq [Q \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}]^{-1}$$

$$iv) R \supseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q$$

$$\text{Proof: } i) P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)(x, y)$$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P^{-1}(x, z), P \circ_T Q(z, y))\}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P^{-1}(x, z), \sup_{t \in X} \{T(P(z, t), Q(t, y))\})\}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P^{-1}(x, z), \max\{T(P(z, x), Q(x, y)), \sup_{t \neq x} \{T(P(z, t), Q(t, y))\}\})\},$$

$$(B \times C)(x, y) \}$$

$$\geq \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(P(z, x), T(P(z, x), Q(x, y)))\}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$\geq \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{Q(x, y), B \times C(x, y)\},$$

$$\geq Q(x, y)$$

$$\text{Hence, } Q \subseteq P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)$$

$$ii) P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} R)(x, y)$$

$$= \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} R(z, y))\}$$

$$= \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), \min \{ \inf_{t \in X} \{w_T(P(t, z), R(t, y))\}, B \times C(x, y) \})\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), \inf_{t \in X} \{w_T(P(t, z), R(t, y))\})\}, \text{ Since } \min x_i \leq x_i$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{T(P(x, z), w_T(P(x, z), R(x, y)))\}, \text{ By monotonicity of } T.$$

$$\leq R(x, y),$$

$$\text{Hence, } R \supseteq P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{w_T} R).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{iii) } [Q \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}]^{-1}(x, y) \\
&= [Q \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}](y, x) \\
&= \min\left\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(Q(y, z), (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}(z, x))\}, B \times A(y, x) \right\} \\
&= \min\left\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(Q(y, z), (P \circ_T Q)(x, z))\}, A \times B(x, y) \right\} \\
&= \min\left\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(Q(y, z), \sup_{t \in X} \{T(P(x, t), Q(t, z))\})\}, A \times B(x, y) \right\} \\
&= \min\left\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(Q(y, z), \max\{T(P(x, y), Q(y, z)), \sup_{t \neq y} \{T(P(x, t), Q(t, z))\})\}), A \times B(x, y) \right\} \\
&\geq \min\left\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{w_T(Q(y, z), T(P(x, y), Q(y, z)))\}, A \times B(x, y) \right\} \\
&\geq \min\{P(x, y), A \times B(x, y)\} \\
&\geq P(x, y), \text{ Since } P \in F(A \times B)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P \subseteq [Q \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}]^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{iv) } (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q(x, y) \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{T((Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1}(x, z), Q(z, y))\} \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{T((Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})(z, x), Q(z, y))\} \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{T(\min\{ \inf_{t \in X} \{w_T(Q(z, t), R(x, t))\}, B \times A(x, y)\}, Q(z, y))\} \\
&\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{T(\inf_{t \in X} \{w_T(Q(z, t), R(x, t))\}, Q(z, y))\} \\
&\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{T(w_T(Q(z, y), R(x, y)), Q(z, y))\} \\
&\leq R(x, y), \text{ By Theorem 1.2.8(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $R \supseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q$

Definition 3.1.14 [F]: Let A, B, C be fuzzy sets in X and $P \in F(A \times B), Q \in F(B \times C)$

be fuzzy relations. The $\sup\text{-}\omega_s$ composition of P and Q is a fuzzy relation

$P \circ \omega_s Q \in F(A \times C)$ defined as follows:

$$P \circ \omega_s Q(x, y) = \min \left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(x, z), Q(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \right\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X$$

Theorem 3.1.15 [F]: Let $P, P_1, P_2 \in F(A \times B)$ and $Q, Q_1, Q_2 \in F(B \times C)$ be such that

$P_1 \subseteq P_2$ and $Q_1 \subseteq Q_2$. Then

i) $P \circ \omega_s Q_1 \subseteq P \circ \omega_s Q_2$.

ii) $P_1 \circ \omega_s Q \supseteq P_2 \circ \omega_s Q$.

Proof: i) Since $Q_1 \subseteq Q_2$, $Q_1(z, y) \leq Q_2(z, y)$, for all $z, y \in X$.

$$\Rightarrow \omega_s(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y)) \leq \omega_s(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y)), \text{ by Theorem 1.2.10(iv)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P \circ \omega_s Q_1(x, y) = \min \left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(x, z), Q_1(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \right\}$$

$$\leq \min \left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(x, z), Q_2(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \right\}$$

$$\leq P \circ \omega_s Q_2(x, y)$$

Hence, $P \circ \omega_s Q_1 \subseteq P \circ \omega_s Q_2$.

ii) Since $P_1 \subseteq P_2$, $P_1(x, z) \leq P_2(x, z)$, $\forall x, z \in X$.

$$\Rightarrow \omega_s(P_1(x, z), Q(z, y)) \geq \omega_s(P_2(x, z), Q(z, y)), \text{ By Theorem 1.2.10(iv)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P_1 \circ \omega_s Q(x, y) = \min \left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P_1(x, z), Q(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \right\}$$

$$\geq \min \left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P_2(x, z), Q(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \right\}$$

$$\geq P_2 \circ \omega_s Q(x, y)$$

Hence, $P_1 \circ \omega_s Q \supseteq P_2 \circ \omega_s Q$.

Theorem 3.1.16 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $Q \in F(B \times C)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$ be fuzzy relations. Then

$$i) Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)$$

$$ii) P \supseteq (Q \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$iii) Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ_T (P \circ_{w_T} Q)$$

$$iv) R \subseteq P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R)$$

$$v) R \supseteq P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \text{ so } R)$$

Proof: i) $P^{-1} \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)(x, y)$

$$= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P^{-1}(x, z), P \text{ so } Q(z, y)) \}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(z, x), \min[\inf_{t \in X} \{ S(P(z, t), Q(t, y)) \}, A \times C(z, y)] \}, (B \times C)(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min\{ \sup_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(z, x), \inf (S(P(z, t), Q(t, y))) \}, B \times C(x, y) \}, z \in X$$

$$\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(z, x), \min[(S(P(z, x), Q(x, y)), \inf_{t \neq x} \{ S(P(z, t), Q(t, y)) \}]), B \times C(x, y) \},$$

$$\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(P(z, x), S(P(z, x), Q(x, y))) \}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min\{ Q(x, y), B \times C(x, y) \},$$

$$\leq Q(x, y), \text{ since } Q \in F(B \times C)$$

Hence, $Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)$

$$ii) (Q \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1})^{-1}(x, y) = (Q \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1})(y, x)$$

$$= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (Q(y, z), (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1}(z, x)) \}, B \times A(y, x) \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_S(Q(y, z), P \circ Q(x, z)) \}, A \times B(x, y) \} \\
&= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_S(Q(y, z), \min_{t \in X} [\inf \{ S(P(x, t), Q(t, z)) \}], A \times C(x, z) \}, A \times B(x, y) \} \\
&= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_S(Q(y, z), \min[\min[S(P(x, y), Q(y, z)), \inf_{t \neq y} S(P(x, t), Q(t, z))], \\
&\hspace{15em} A \times B(x, y) \} A \times C(x, z) \}, \\
&\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_S(Q(y, z), S(P(x, y), Q(y, z))) \}, A \times B(x, y) \} \\
&\leq \min\{ P(x, y), A \times B(x, y) \} \\
&= P(x, y), \text{ Since } P \in F(A \times B). \\
\text{iii) } &P^{-1} \circ_T (P \circ_{w_T} Q)(x, y) \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{ T(P^{-1}(x, z), P \circ_{w_T} Q(z, y)) \} \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{ T(P(z, x), \min_{t \in X} [\inf \{ w_T(P(z, t), Q(t, y)) \}], A \times C(z, y)) \} \\
&\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{ T(P(z, x), \inf_{t \in X} \{ w_T(P(z, t), Q(t, y)) \} \}, \text{ By Monotonicity of } T. \\
&\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{ T(P(z, x), w_T(P(z, x), Q(x, y))) \}, \text{ By Monotonicity of } T. \\
&\leq Q(x, y) \\
\text{Hence, } &Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ_T (P \circ_{w_T} Q). \\
\text{iv) } &P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R)(x, y) \\
&= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ w_T(P(x, z), P^{-1} \circ_T R(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ w_T(P(x, z), \sup_{t \in X} \{ T(P^{-1}(z, t), R(t, y)) \} \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ w_T(P(x, z), \max \{ T(P^{-1}(z, x), R(x, y)), \sup_{t \neq x} \{ T(P^{-1}(z, t), R(t, y)) \} \} \}, \\
&\hspace{15em} A \times C(x, y) \}. \\
&\geq \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ w_T(P(x, z), T(P(x, z), R(x, y))) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&\geq \min \{ R(x, y), A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&= R(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
v) P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \circ R)(x, y) &= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, z), P^{-1} \circ R(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&= \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, z), \min\{ \inf_{t \in X} \{ S(P^{-1}(z, t), R(t, y)) \}, B \times C(z, y) \}) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, z), \inf_{t \in X} \{ S(P(t, z), R(t, y)) \}) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, z), S(P(x, z), R(x, y))) \}, A \times C(x, y) \} \\
&\leq \min\{ R(x, y), A \times C(x, y) \}, \\
&= R(x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1.17 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$

If $\sup_{z \in X} A(z) \leq \min\{B(x), C(y)\}$, for all $x, y \in X$, then $P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R \in F(B \times C)$.

Proof: We claim that for $x, y \in X$, $\sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{P(z, x), R(z, y)\} \} \leq B \times C(x, y)$.

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{P(z, x), R(z, y)\} \} &\leq \sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{ \min\{A(z), B(x)\}, \min\{A(z), C(y)\} \} \} \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{A(z), A(z)\} \} \\
&= \sup_{z \in X} \{ A(z) \} \\
&\leq \min\{B(x), C(y)\} \\
&= B \times C(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R(x, y) = \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(z, x), R(z, y)) \}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{P(z, x), R(z, y)\} \}, B \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \sup_{z \in X} \{ \max\{P(z, x), R(z, y)\} \}$$

$$= B \times C(x, y).$$

Therefore, $P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R \in F(B \times C)$.

Theorem 3.1.18 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ and

$$\sup_{z \in X} A(z) \leq \min\{B(x), C(y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X, \text{ then } R \subseteq P \text{ so } (P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R)$$

Proof: $P \text{ so } (P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R)(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\} \\ &= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), \min\{ \text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{\omega_s(P^{-1}(z, t), R(t, y))\}, B \times C(x, y)\})\}, A \times C(x, y)\} \\ &= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), \text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{\omega_s(P^{-1}(z, t), R(t, y))\})\}, A \times C(x, y)\} \\ &= \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), \max[\omega_s(P(x, z), R(x, y)), \text{Sup}_{t \neq x} \{\omega_s(P(t, z), R(t, y))\}])\}, \\ & \hspace{20em} A \times C(x, y)\} \\ &\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{S(P(x, z), \omega_s(P(x, z), R(x, y)))\}, A \times C(x, y)\}. \\ &\geq \min\{ \inf_{z \in X} \{R(x, y)\}, A \times C(x, y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$= \min\{R(x, y), A \times C(x, y)\}$$

$$= R(x, y), \text{ Since } R \in F(A \times C)$$

Therefore, $R \subseteq P \text{ so } (P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R)$

Theorem 3.1.19 [F]: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ and

$$\sup_{z \in X} C(z) \leq \min\{B(x), A(y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \text{ Then } Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1} \in F(B \times A)$$

Proof: We claim that $\sup_{z \in X} \{\max(Q(x, z), R^{-1}(z, y))\} \leq B \times A(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

We have,

$$\text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max(Q(x, z), R^{-1}(z, y)) \} = \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max(Q(x, z), R(y, z)) \}$$

$$\leq \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max \{ \min\{B(x), C(z)\}, \min\{A(y), C(z)\} \} \}$$

$$= \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max \{ C(z), C(z) \} \}$$

$$= \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ C(z) \}$$

$$\leq B \times A(x, y)$$

$$\text{Now } Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1}(x, y) = \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s(Q(x, z), R^{-1}(z, y)) \}, B \times A(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max(Q(x, z), R^{-1}(z, y)) \}, B \times A(x, y) \}$$

$$= \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \max(Q(x, z), R^{-1}(z, y)) \}$$

$$\leq B \times A(x, y)$$

Therefore, $Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1} \in F(B \times A)$.

Theorem 3.1.20 [F]: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ and

$\text{Sup}_{z \in X} C(z) \leq \min \{ B(x), A(y) \}$, for all $x, y \in X$. Then $R \subseteq (Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1})^{-1}$ so Q .

Proof: $(Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1})^{-1}$ so $Q(x, y)$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ S(Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1})(z, x), Q(z, y) \}, A \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ S(\min_{t \in X} \{ \text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s(Q(z, t), R(x, t)) \}, B \times A(z, x) \}), Q(z, y) \}, A \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \inf_{z \in X} \{ S(\text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s(Q(z, t), R(x, t)) \}, Q(z, y)) \}, A \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$z \in X$$

ii) If $\text{Sup}_{z \in X} C(z) \leq \min \{A(x), B(y)\}$, for $x, y \in X$, then $R \supseteq (R \circ \omega_s Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s Q$.

Proof: i) $[(P \circ \omega_s Q) \circ \omega_s Q^{-1}](x, y)$

$$= \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (P \circ \omega_s Q)(x, z), Q^{-1}(z, y) \}, A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\min \{ \text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, t), Q(t, z)) \}, A \times C(x, z) \}), Q(y, z) \},$$

$$A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s (P(x, t), Q(t, z)) \}, Q(y, z) \}, A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\max [\omega_s (P(x, y), Q(y, z)), \text{Sup}_{t \neq y} \{ \omega_s (P(x, t), Q(t, z)) \}]), Q(y, z) \},$$

$$A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\omega_s (P(x, y), Q(y, z)), Q(y, z) \}, A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ P(x, y) \}, A \times B(x, y) \}$$

$$\leq P(x, y).$$

ii) $[(R \circ \omega_s Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s Q](x, y)$

$$= \min \{ \text{Sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (R \circ \omega_s (Q^{-1}(x, z), Q(z, y))), A \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \text{sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\min \{ \text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s (R(x, t), Q(z, t)) \}, A \times B(x, z) \}, Q(z, y) \}, A \times C(x, y) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \text{sup}_{z \in X} \{ \omega_s (\text{Sup}_{t \in X} \{ \omega_s (R(x, t), Q(z, t)) \}, Q(z, y) \}, A \times C(x, y) \},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \min\left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{\omega_s(\max[\omega_s(R(x, y), Q(z, y)), \sup_{t \neq y} \{\omega_s(R(x, t), Q(z, t))\}], Q(z, y))\}, \right. \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad \left. A \times C(x, y)\right\} \\
&\leq \min\left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{\omega_s(\omega_s(R(x, y), Q(z, y)), Q(z, y))\}, A \times C(x, y)\right\}. \\
&\leq \min\left\{ \sup_{z \in X} \{R(x, y)\}, A \times C(x, y)\right\} \\
&\leq R(x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

3.2 FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS

Throughout this section A , B and C denote fuzzy sets in the universal set X .

Definition 3.2.1: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $Q \in F(B \times C)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$ be three fuzzy relations. Then the equation $P \circ Q = R$ is called a fuzzy relation equation, where \circ denote composition of fuzzy relations.

If $\circ = \circ_T$ ($\circ = \circ_S$, $\circ = \circ_{w_T}$ and $\circ = \circ_{\omega_s}$ respectively), then the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ Q = R$ is called sup-T (inf-S, inf- w_T and sup- ω_s respectively) fuzzy relation equation.

3.2(a) SUP-T FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS

In this section we will discuss solution of a given sup-T fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_T Q = R$, when any two of the fuzzy relations are given. Followings are the cases:

I) Given P and Q , R can be obtained by using the definition of sup-T composition. In this case R is unique.

II) If P and R are given, then the set $S(P, R) = \{Q \in F(B \times C) \mid P \circ_T Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \circ_T Q = R$ for Q .

Theorem 3.2.2 [F]: If $S(P, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R \in F(B \times C)$ is the maximum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_T Q = R$ for Q .

Proof: Let $Q \in S(P, R)$. Then $P \circ_T Q = R$.

Therefore, $Q \subseteq P^{-1} \circ_{WT} (P \circ_T Q)$, By Theorem 3.1.13(i)

Hence, $Q \subseteq P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R$

Thus, $P \circ_T Q \subseteq P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R)$

Therefore, $R \subseteq P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R)$

But then $R \subseteq P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R) \subseteq R$

Hence, $P \circ_T (P^{-1} \circ_{WT} R) = R$

III) If Q and R are given, then the set $S(Q, R) = \{P \in F(A \times B) \mid P \circ_T Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \circ_T Q = R$ for P . The solution of this type of equation can be obtained by using above type and by using inverse relation. For example we want to find a solution of $P \circ_T Q = R$ for P . Consider the equation $Q^{-1} \circ_T P^{-1} = R^{-1}$, the solution of this equation, P^{-1} , can be obtained by using above type (II). The fuzzy relation $P = (P^{-1})^{-1}$ will be required solution of $P \circ_T Q = R$ for P .

Theorem 3.2.3 [F]: If $S(Q, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $(Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \in F(A \times B)$

is the maximum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_T Q = R$ for P .

Proof: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$ such that $P \circ_T Q = R$

Then by Theorem 3.1.13 (iii), $P \subseteq [Q \circ_{w_T} (P \circ_T Q)^{-1}]^{-1}$

Thus, $P \subseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1}$

Therefore, $P \circ_T Q \subseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q$

Thus, $R = P \circ_T Q \subseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q$

Hence, $R \subseteq (Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q \subseteq R$, by Theorem 3.1.13(iv)

i. e. $(Q \circ_{w_T} R^{-1})^{-1} \circ_T Q = R$

3.2(b) INS-S FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS

In this section we will discuss the solutions of the inf-S fuzzy relation equations $P \circ_S Q = R$.

I) Given P and Q , R can be obtained by using the definition of inf-S composition. In this case R is unique.

II) If P and R are given, then the set $S(P, R) = \{Q \in F(B \times C) \mid P \circ_S Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \circ_S Q = R$ for Q .

Theorem 3.2.4 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ such that

$$\sup_{z \in X} A(z) \leq \min(B(x), C(y)) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

If $S(P, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R \in F(B \times C)$ is the minimum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \text{ so } Q = R$ for Q .

Proof: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$ be such that $P \text{ so } Q = R$.

Then by Theorem 3.1.16(i), $Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ \omega_s (P \text{ so } Q)$

Thus, $Q \supseteq P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R$

Therefore, $P \text{ so } Q \supseteq P \text{ so } (P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R)$

Thus, $R = P \text{ so } Q \supseteq Q \text{ so } (Q^{-1} \circ \omega_s R)$

Therefore, $R \supseteq Q \text{ so } (Q^{-1} \circ \omega_s R) \supseteq R$, by Theorem 3.1.16(iv)

Hence, $P \text{ so } (P^{-1} \circ \omega_s R) = R$

III) If Q and R are given, then the set $S(Q, R) = \{P \in F(A \times B) \mid P \text{ so } Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \text{ so } Q = R$ for P . The solution of this type of equation can be obtained by using above type and by using inverse relation. For example we want to find a solution of $P \text{ so } Q = R$ for P . Consider the equation $Q^{-1} \text{ so } P^{-1} = R^{-1}$, the solution of this equation, P^{-1} , can be obtained by using above type (II). The fuzzy relation $P = (P^{-1})^{-1}$ will be required solution of $P \text{ so } Q = R$ for P .

Theorem 3.2.5 [F]: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$ and $R \in F(A \times C)$ be such that

$$\sup_{z \in X} C(z) \leq \min(B(x), A(y)), \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

If $S(Q, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $(Q \circ \omega_s R^{-1})^{-1} \in F(A \times B)$ is the minimum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \text{ so } Q = R$

Proof: Let $P \in S(Q, R)$ be such that, $P \text{ so } Q = R$.

Then $(Q \circ_{\omega_s} (P \text{ so } Q)^{-1})^{-1} \subseteq P$, by Theorem 3.1.16(ii)

Therefore, $(Q \circ_{\omega_s} R^{-1})^{-1} \subseteq P$

But then $(Q \circ_{\omega_s} R^{-1})^{-1} \text{ so } Q \subseteq P \text{ so } Q$

Thus, $(Q \circ_{\omega_s} R^{-1})^{-1} \text{ so } Q \subseteq P \text{ so } Q = R$

But by Theorem 3.1.20, $R \subseteq (Q \circ_{\omega_s} R^{-1})^{-1} \text{ so } Q$

Hence, $(Q \circ_{\omega_s} R^{-1})^{-1} \text{ so } Q = R$

3.2(c) INF- w_T FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS

In this section we will discuss solution of a given inf- w_T fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$, when any two of the fuzzy relations are given. Followings are the cases:

I) Given P and Q , R can be obtained by using the definition of inf- w_T composition. In this case R is unique.

II) If P and R are given, then the set $S(P, R) = \{Q \in F(B \times C) \mid P \circ_{w_T} Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$ for Q .

Following theorem gives the minimum element of $S(P, R)$.

Theorem 3. 2. 6 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations. If $S(P, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $P^{-1} \circ_T R \in F(B \times C)$ is the minimum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$ for Q .

Proof: Let $Q \in S(P, R)$ be a solution of $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$.

Then by Theorem 3.1.16(iii), $P^{-1} \circ_T (P \circ_{w_T} Q) \subseteq Q$

Thus, $P^{-1} \circ_T R \subseteq Q$.

Therefore, $P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R) \subseteq P \circ_{w_T} Q$

i. e. $P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R) \subseteq P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$

But by Theorem 3.1.16(iv), $R \subseteq P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R)$

Hence, $P \circ_{w_T} (P^{-1} \circ_T R) = R$

III) If Q and R are given, then the set $S(Q, R) = \{P \in F(A \times B) \mid P \circ_{w_T} Q = R\}$ is

called the solution set of $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$ for P .

Following theorem gives the maximum element of $S(Q, R)$.

Theorem 3.2.7 [F]: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ be two fuzzy relations. If $S(Q, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1} \in F(A \times B)$ is the maximum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$ for P .

Proof: Let $P \in S(Q, R)$ be such that $P \circ_{w_T} Q = R$.

Then $P \subseteq (P \circ_{w_T} Q) \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}$

Thus, $P \subseteq R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}$

Therefore, $P \circ_{w_T} Q \supseteq (R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}) \circ_{w_T} Q$

i. e. $R \supseteq (R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}) \circ_{w_T} Q$

But by Theorem 3.1.12(ii), $((R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}) \circ_{w_T} Q) \supseteq R$

Hence, $(R \circ_{w_T} Q^{-1}) \circ_{w_T} Q = R$.

3.2(d) SUP- ω_s FUZZY RELATION EQUATIONS

In this section we will discuss solution of a given sup- ω_s fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_{\omega_s} Q = R$, when any two of the fuzzy relations are given. Followings are the cases:

I) Given P and Q, R can be obtained by using the definition of sup- ω_s composition. In this case R is unique.

II) If P and R are given, then the set $S(P, R) = \{Q \in F(B \times C) \mid P \circ_{\omega_s} Q = R\}$ is called the solution set of $P \circ_{\omega_s} Q = R$ for Q.

Following theorem gives the maximum element of $S(P, R)$.

Theorem 3.2.8 [F]: Let $P \in F(A \times B)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ be such that

$$\sup_{z \in X} B(z) \leq \min(A(x), C(y)), \text{ for all } x, y \in X$$

If $S(P, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $P^{-1} \circ_{\omega_s} R \in F(B \times C)$ is the maximum solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ_{\omega_s} Q = R$ for Q.

Proof - Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$ such that $P \circ \omega_s Q = R$. Then $Q \subseteq P^{-1}$ so $(P \circ \omega_s Q)$

Thus, $Q \subseteq P^{-1}$ so R

Therefore, $P \circ \omega_s Q \subseteq P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \text{ so } R)$

i. e. $R \subseteq P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \text{ so } R)$

But by Theorem 3.1.16(iv), $P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \text{ so } R) \subseteq R$

Hence, $P \circ \omega_s (P^{-1} \text{ so } R) = R$

III) If Q and R are given, then the set $S(Q, R) = \{P \in F(A \times B) \mid P \circ \omega_s Q = R\}$ is

called the solution set of $P \circ \omega_s Q = R$ for P .

Following theorem gives the minimum element of $S(Q, R)$.

Theorem 3.2.9 [F]: Let $Q \in F(B \times C)$, $R \in F(A \times C)$ be such that the following conditions hold:

- 1) $\sup_{z \in X} B(z) \leq \min(A(x), C(y))$
- 2) $\sup_{z \in X} C(z) \leq \min(A(x), B(y))$, for all $x, y \in X$

If $S(Q, R) \neq \phi$, then the fuzzy relation $R \circ \omega_s Q^{-1} \in F(A \times B)$ is the minimum

solution of the fuzzy relation equation $P \circ \omega_s Q = R$ for P .

Proof: Let $P \in S(Q, R)$ be such that $P \circ \omega_s R = R$. Then $P \supseteq (P \circ \omega_s Q) \circ \omega_s Q^{-1}$.

Thus, $P \supseteq R \circ \omega_s Q$

Therefore, $P \circ \omega_s Q \subseteq (R \circ \omega_s Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s Q$

i. e. $R \subseteq (R \circ \omega_s \circ Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s \circ Q$

But by Theorem 3.2.22(ii), $(R \circ \omega_s \circ Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s \circ Q \subseteq R$

Hence, $(R \circ \omega_s \circ Q^{-1}) \circ \omega_s \circ Q = R$