

# On Statistical Limit Points in a Fuzzy Valued Metric Space

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**Abstract—We introduce the concepts statistical cluster and statistical limit points of a sequence of fuzzy numbers in a fuzzy valued metric space. Then we obtain some inclusion relations between the sets of limit points, statistical limit points and statistical cluster points for a sequence of fuzzy numbers.**

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

OVER the past few years the theory of convergence of a sequence of fuzzy numbers has been studied by many authors [1-3,8,11,19]. The first steps towards constructing such convergence theories go back to Matloka's [13] and Kaleva's [12] works. To this end, they used the supremum metric that gives a real (crisp) value for the distance between two fuzzy numbers. On the other hand, via positive fuzzy numbers, it is also possible to define a fuzzy (non-crisp) distance between two fuzzy numbers (as is exemplified by Guangquan [9]), because it is more natural that the distance between two fuzzy numbers is a fuzzy number rather than this distance is a real number.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of statistical convergence of a sequence of fuzzy numbers in a fuzzy metric space which defined by Guangquan [9,10]. Then we compare this definition with the definition of statistical convergence with respect to the supremum metric. We note that this convergence should not be perceived as a generalization of ordinary statistical convergence (see Example 1). Moreover we define the concepts statistical cluster and statistical limit points of a sequence of fuzzy numbers in this fuzzy valued metric space. Finally we obtain some inclusion relations between the sets of limit points, statistical limit points and statistical cluster points for a sequence of fuzzy numbers.

Now we recall some definitions and notations that will be used frequently (see [4-7,10,12,13-18] for more details).

Given an interval  $A$ , we denote its endpoints by  $\underline{A}$  and  $\overline{A}$ . We denote by  $D$  the set of all closed intervals on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . That is,

$$D := \{A \subset \mathbb{R} : A = [\underline{A}, \overline{A}]\}$$

For  $A, B \in D$  define

$$A \leq B \text{ iff } \underline{A} \leq \underline{B} \text{ and } \overline{A} \leq \overline{B},$$

$$d(A, B) := \max(|\underline{A} - \underline{B}|, |\overline{A} - \overline{B}|).$$

It is easy to see that  $d$  defines a metric (Hausdorff metric) on  $D$  and  $(D, d)$  is a complete metric space. Also " $\leq$ " is a partial order on  $D$ .

A fuzzy number is a function  $X$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $[0,1]$ , satisfying

- $X$  is normal, i.e., there exists  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $X(x_0) = 1$ ;
- $X$  is fuzzy convex, i.e., for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda \in [0,1]$ ,  $X(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq \min\{X(x), X(y)\}$ ;
- $X$  is upper semi-continuous;
- the closure of the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : X(x) > 0\}$ , denoted by  $X^0$ , is compact.

These properties imply that for each  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ , the  $\alpha$ -level set  $X^\alpha := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : X(x) \geq \alpha\} = [\underline{X}^\alpha, \overline{X}^\alpha]$  is a nonempty compact convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , as the support  $X^0 : X^0 = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} X^\alpha$  is We denote the set of all fuzzy numbers by  $\mathbb{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . Note that the function  $a_1$  defined by

$$a_1(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } x = a \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a fuzzy number. By the *decomposition theorem* of fuzzy sets, we have

$$X = \sup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha \chi_{[\underline{X}^\alpha, \overline{X}^\alpha]}$$

for every  $X \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ , where each  $\chi_{[\underline{X}^\alpha, \overline{X}^\alpha]}$  denotes the characteristic function of the subinterval  $[\underline{X}^\alpha, \overline{X}^\alpha]$ .

Now we recall the *partial order relation* on the set of fuzzy numbers. For  $X, Y \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ , we write  $X \leq Y$ , if for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the inequality

$$X^\alpha \leq Y^\alpha$$

holds. We write  $X < Y$ , if  $X \leq Y$ , and there exists an  $\alpha_0 \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\underline{X}^{\alpha_0} < \underline{Y}^{\alpha_0} \text{ or } \overline{X}^{\alpha_0} < \overline{Y}^{\alpha_0}.$$

If  $X \leq Y$  and  $Y \leq X$ , then  $X = Y$ . Two fuzzy numbers  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be *incomparable* and denoted by  $X \not\leq Y$ , if neither  $X \leq Y$  nor  $Y \leq X$  holds. When  $X \geq Y$  or  $X \not\leq Y$ , then we can write  $X \not\leq Y$ .

Now let us briefly review the operations of *summation* and *subtraction* on the set of fuzzy numbers. For  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ , the fuzzy number  $Z$  is called the *sum of  $X$  and  $Y$* , and we write  $Z = X + Y$ , if  $Z^\alpha = [\underline{Z}^\alpha, \overline{Z}^\alpha] := X^\alpha + Y^\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Similarly, we write  $Z = X - Y$ , if  $Z^\alpha = [\underline{Z}^\alpha, \overline{Z}^\alpha] := X^\alpha - Y^\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

We define the set of *positive fuzzy numbers* by

$$\mathbf{F}^+(\mathbf{R}) := \{X \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) : X \geq 0_1 \text{ and } \overline{X}^{-1} > 0\}.$$

The map  $d_M : \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \times \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow R^+ \cup \{0\}$  defined as

$$d_M(X, Y) := \sup_{\alpha \in [0, 1]} d(X^\alpha, Y^\alpha)$$

is called the *supremum metric* on  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ .

A sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be *convergent* to the fuzzy number  $X_0$ , written as  $\lim X_n = X_0$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $n_0 = n_0(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$d_M(X_n, X_0) < \varepsilon \text{ for every } n > n_0.$$

A fuzzy number  $\lambda$  is called a *limit point* of the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers provided that there is a subsequence of  $X$  that converges to  $\lambda$ . We will denote the set of all limit points of  $X = \{X_n\}$  by  $L_X$ .

Guangquan [9] introduced the concept of fuzzy distance between two fuzzy numbers as in Definition 1, and thus presented a concrete fuzzy metric in (1.1), which is very similar to an ordinary metric.

**Definition 1.** A map  $\rho : \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \times \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  is called a *fuzzy metric* on  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  provided that the conditions

- (i)  $\rho(X, Y) \geq 0_1$ ,
- (ii)  $\rho(X, Y) = 0_1$  if and only if  $X = Y$ ,
- (iii)  $\rho(X, Y) = \rho(Y, X)$ ,
- (iv)  $\rho(X, Y) \leq \rho(X, Z) + \rho(Z, Y)$  are satisfied for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ .

If  $\rho$  is a fuzzy metric on the set of fuzzy numbers, then we call the triple  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}), \rho)$  a *fuzzy metric space*. Guangquan [9] presented an example of a fuzzy metric space via the function  $d_G$  defined by

$$d_G(X, Y) := \sup_{\alpha \in [0, 1]} \alpha \chi_{\left[ \left[ \underline{X}^1 - \underline{Y}^1 \right], \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X^t, Y^t) \right]}. \quad (1.1)$$

Here the map  $d_G$  satisfies the conditions (i)-(iv) in Definition 1.

**Remark 1.** Let

$$\mathbf{B}_F := \{K(X, P) : X \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}), P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbf{R})\} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}))$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}))$  is the power set of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $K(X, P) := \{Z \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) : d_G(X, Z) < P, P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbf{R})\}$ . Then the set  $\mathbf{B}_F$  forms a basis of a natural topology on  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ , denoted by  $\tau_F$ . Thus the pair  $(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}), \tau_F)$  is a topological space.

Now we investigate the properties of the convergence of a sequence in this topological space. Since this convergence is in the topology  $\tau_F$ , we will denote it by  $\tau_F$ -convergence.

**Definition 2** ( $\tau_F$ -convergence). Let  $X = \{X_n\} \subset \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $X_0 \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$ . Then  $\{X_n\}$  is  $\tau_F$ -convergent to  $X_0$  and we denote this by

$$\tau_F - \lim X_n = X_0 \text{ or } \{X_n\} \xrightarrow{\tau_F} X_0 (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

provided that for any  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbf{R})$  there exists an  $n_0 = n_0(P) \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$d_G(X_n, X_0) < P \text{ as } n > n_0.$$

**Definition 3** ( $\tau_F$ -limit point). A fuzzy number  $\lambda$  is a  $\tau_F$ -limit point of the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers provided that there is a subsequence of  $X$  that  $\tau_F$ -converges to  $\lambda$ . We denote the set of all  $\tau_F$ -limit points of  $X = \{X_n\}$  by  $L_X^{\tau_F}$ .

Let  $K$  be a subset of the set  $\mathbf{N}$  of positive integers and let us denote the set  $\{k \in K : k \leq n\}$  by  $K_n$ . Then the *natural*

density of  $K$  is defined by  $\delta(K) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n}$ , where  $|K_n|$  denotes the number of elements in  $K_n$ . Clearly, a finite subset has natural density zero and we have  $\delta(K^c) = 1 - \delta(K)$  whenever  $\delta(K)$  exists, where  $K^c := \mathbb{N} \setminus K$  is the complement of  $K \subset \mathbb{N}$ . If  $K_1 \subseteq K_2$ , then  $\delta(K_1) \leq \delta(K_2)$ . In addition,  $\delta(K) \neq 0$  means that  $\overline{\delta}(K) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n} > 0$ .

A sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be statistically convergent to the fuzzy number  $X_0$ , written as  $st\text{-}\lim X_n = X_0$ , if the set

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_M(X_n, X_0) \geq \varepsilon\}$$

has natural density zero for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Definition 4** (Nonthin subsequence). *If  $\{X_{n(j)}\}$  is a subsequence of  $X = \{X_n\}$  and  $K := \{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  then we abbreviate  $\{X_{n(j)}\}$  by  $\{X\}_K$  which in case  $\delta(\{K\}) = 0$  is called a subsequence of density zero or thin subsequence. On the other hand,  $\{X\}_K$  is a nonthin subsequence of  $X$  if  $K$  does not have density zero.*

**Definition 5** (Statistical limit point). *The fuzzy number  $\nu$  is called statistical limit point of the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers provided that there is a nonthin subsequence of  $X$  that converges to  $\nu$ . Let  $\Lambda_X$  denote the set of statistical limit points of the sequence  $X$ .*

**Definition 6** (Statistical cluster point). *The fuzzy number  $\mu$  is called statistical cluster point of the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers provided that*

$$\overline{\delta}(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_M(X_n, \mu) < \varepsilon\}) > 0$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\Gamma_X$  denote the set of statistical cluster point of the sequence  $X$ .

## II. $\tau_F$ – STATISTICAL CONVERGENCE

**Definition 7** ( $\tau_F$  – statistical convergence). *Let  $X = \{X_n\}$  be a sequence of fuzzy numbers and  $X_0$  be a fuzzy number. The sequence  $X$  is said to be  $\tau_F$  – statistically convergent to  $X_0$ , we denote this by*

$$\tau_F\text{-st-}\lim X_n = X_0,$$

provided that for any  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ , the set

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, X_0) \notin P\}$$

has natural density zero.

It is clear that if a sequence is  $\tau_F$  – convergent then it is  $\tau_F$  – statistically convergent to the same fuzzy number. But the converse of this claim does not hold in general.

**Example 1.** *It is obvious that the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  defined by*

$$X_n(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{if } x \in (-\infty, n-1) \cup (n+1, \infty) \\ x - (n-1) & , \text{if } x \in [n-1, n] \\ -x + (n+1) & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad , \text{if } n = k^2 \\ (k \in \mathbb{N}) \\ \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{nx}{n+1} & , \text{if } x \in [0, 1 + \frac{1}{n}] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad , \text{otherwise}$$

is  $\tau_F$  – statistically convergent to the fuzzy number

$$X_0(x) := \begin{cases} 1 - x & , \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

On the other hand, since the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, X_0) \notin P\}$  has infinitely many elements for every  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ , we say that this sequence is not  $\tau_F$  – convergent.

**Theorem 1.** *If a sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers  $\tau_F$  – statistically convergent to the fuzzy number  $X_0$ , then this sequence statistically converges to the same fuzzy number  $X_0$  with respect to supremum metric  $d_M$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $\tau_F\text{-st-}\lim X_n = X_0$ . Then the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, X_0) \notin \varepsilon_1\}$  has natural density zero for every  $\varepsilon_1 \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then we have

$$\delta\left(\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \chi_{\left[\frac{|X_n^1 - X_0^1|}{n}, \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X_n^t, X_0^t)\right]} \notin \varepsilon_1\right\}\right) = 0$$

for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . It is clear that the inclusion

$$\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \chi_{\left[\frac{|X_n^1 - X_0^1|}{n}, \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X_n^t, X_0^t)\right]} \notin \varepsilon_1\right\} \\ \supseteq \left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X_n^t, X_0^t) \geq \varepsilon\right\}$$

holds for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , i.e., we have

$$\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \chi_{\left[\frac{|X_n^1 - X_0^1|}{n}, \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X_n^t, X_0^t)\right]} \notin \varepsilon_1\right\} \\ \supseteq \{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_M(X_n, X_0) \geq \varepsilon\}. \quad (2.1)$$

The inclusion (2.1) say that

$$\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_M(X_n, X_0) \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$$

because left hand side of the inclusion (2.1) has natural density zero.

The converse of this theorem does not valid in general as can be seen by the following example.

**Example 2.** Define the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  by

$$X_n(x) := \begin{cases} \begin{cases} x - \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) & , \text{if } x \in \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}, 3 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ \left(4 + \frac{1}{n}\right) - x & , \text{if } x \in \left[3 + \frac{1}{n}, 4 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{if } n \neq k^2 \\ 0 & (k \in \mathbb{N}) \\ \begin{cases} \frac{n(9-x)+1}{n+1} & , \text{if } x \in \left[8, 9 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and define the fuzzy number  $X_0$  by

$$X_0(x) := \begin{cases} x - 2 & , \text{if } x \in (2, 3) \\ 4 - x & , \text{if } x \in [3, 4). \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $st\text{-}\lim X_n = X_0$ . But  $\tau_F\text{-}st\text{-}\lim X_n$  does not exist. Now we show this claim. Define

$$P(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & , x \in (-\infty, 0] \cup [2, \infty) \\ x & , x \in (0, 1) \\ 2 - x & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_G(X_n, X_0) &= \sup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha \chi_{\left[\frac{|X_n - X_0|}{n}, \sup_{i \in [\alpha,1]} d(X_n^i, X_0^i)\right]} \\ &= \sup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha \chi_{\left[\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right]} \end{aligned}$$

if  $n \neq k^2$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Otherwise we have  $d_G(X_n, X_0) = \sup_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \alpha \chi_{\left[0, \frac{1}{n}\right]}$ . Hence we get  $P \neq d_G(X_n, X_0)$  if  $n \neq k^2$ , otherwise  $d_G(X_n, X_0) < P$ . Consequently we have  $\tau_F\text{-}st\text{-}\lim X_n \neq X_0$ .

### III. $\tau_F$ -STATISTICAL LIMIT POINTS

**Definition 8** ( $\tau_F$ -statistical limit point). Let  $X = \{X_n\}$  be a sequence of fuzzy numbers and  $v$  be a fuzzy number. The number  $v$  is called  $\tau_F$ -statistical limit point of the sequence  $X$  if there is a nonthin subsequence of  $X$  that  $\tau_F$ -converges to  $v$ . We denote the set of all  $\tau_F$ -statistical limit points of the sequence  $X$  by  $\Lambda_X^{\tau_F}$ .

**Definition 9** ( $\tau_F$ -statistical cluster point). Let  $X = \{X_n\}$  be a sequence of fuzzy numbers and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy number. The number  $\mu$  is called  $\tau_F$ -statistical cluster point of the sequence  $X$  if the set

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\}$$

has no natural density zero for every  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\Gamma_X^{\tau_F}$  denote the set of all  $\tau_F$ -statistical cluster points of the sequence  $X$ .

Now we give an illustrative example.

**Example 3.** Define the sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  by

$$X_n(x) := \begin{cases} \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{nx}{n+1} & , \text{if } x \in \left[0, 1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{if } n \text{ is an even number} \\ & \text{and } n \neq k^2 \text{ (} k \in \mathbb{N} \text{)} \\ \begin{cases} \frac{n(9-x)+1}{n+1} & , \text{if } x \in \left[8, 9 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{if } n \text{ is an even number} \\ & \text{and } n = k^2 \text{ (} k \in \mathbb{N} \text{)} \\ \begin{cases} x - \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) & , \text{if } x \in \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}, 3 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ \left(4 + \frac{1}{n}\right) - x & , \text{if } x \in \left[3 + \frac{1}{n}, 4 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{if } n \text{ is an odd number} \\ & \text{and } n \neq k^2 \text{ (} k \in \mathbb{N} \text{)} \\ \begin{cases} x - \left(5 + \frac{1}{n}\right) & , \text{if } x \in \left[5 + \frac{1}{n}, 6 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & , \text{if } n \text{ is an odd number} \\ & \text{and } n = k^2 \text{ (} k \in \mathbb{N} \text{)} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\mu_0(x) := \begin{cases} 1 - x & , \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\nu_0(x) := \begin{cases} x - 2 & , \text{if } x \in (2, 3) \\ 4 - x & , \text{if } x \in [3, 4), \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_0(x) := \begin{cases} x - 5 & , \text{if } x \in [5, 6] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\xi_0(x) := \begin{cases} 9 - x & , \text{if } x \in [8, 9] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence we obtain

$$L_X = \{\mu_0, \nu_0, \gamma_0, \xi_0\}$$

$$\Lambda_X = \Gamma_X = \{\mu_0, \nu_0\}$$

$$L_X^{\tau_F} = \{\mu_0, \xi_0\}$$

$$\Lambda_X^{\tau_F} = \Gamma_X^{\tau_F} = \{\mu_0\}$$

Since  $\tau_F$ -convergence implies the convergence with respect to supremum metric  $d_M$ , it is clear that  $L_X^{\tau_F} \subset L_X$  and  $\Lambda_X^{\tau_F} \subset \Lambda_X$ . Now we prove the relations between the sets of statistical cluster points:

**Theorem 2.** We have  $\Gamma_X^{\tau_F} \subset \Gamma_X$  for a sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers.

**Proof.** Take  $\mu \in \Gamma_X^{\tau_F}$ . By definition, we get

$$\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\}) \neq 0$$

for every  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then we can write

$$\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < \varepsilon_1\}) \neq 0,$$

since  $\varepsilon_1 \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . From definition of the metric  $d_G$ , we have

$$\delta\left(\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \sup_{t \in [\alpha, 1]} d(X_n^t, \mu^t) < \underline{\varepsilon}_1^t = \varepsilon\right\}\right) \neq 0$$

for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , i.e., we get

$$\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_M(X_n, \mu) < \varepsilon\}) \neq 0$$

by the definition of supremum metric  $d_M$ . Since the number  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, the proof of theorem is completed.

**Theorem 3.** We have  $\Gamma_X^{\tau_F} \subset L_X^{\tau_F}$  for a sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers.

**Proof.** Take  $\mu \in \Gamma_X^{\tau_F}$ . Fix  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . Then we have  $\delta(\{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) < P\}) \neq 0$ . Define  $\{X\}_K$  by a nonthin subsequence of  $X$  such that

$$K = K(P) := \{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\}$$

and  $\delta(K) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a subset  $L \subset K$  such that  $\tau_F - \lim_{n \in L, n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \mu$ , where the set  $L$  has infinitely many elements. Therefore we get  $\mu \in L_X^{\tau_F}$ .

The converse of this theorem does not hold in general as can be seen in Example 3.

**Theorem 4.** We have  $\Lambda_X^{\tau_F} \subset \Gamma_X^{\tau_F}$  for a sequence  $X = \{X_n\}$  of fuzzy numbers.

**Proof.** Assume  $\nu \in \Lambda_X^{\tau_F}$ . Then there exists a set  $K := \{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $\overline{\delta}(K) = l > 0$  and

$\tau_F - \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} X_{n(j)} = \mu$ . Fix  $P \in \mathbf{F}^+(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence the inclusion

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\} \supseteq \{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) < P\}$$

$$= K \setminus \{\{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \geq P\} \cup \{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \neq P\}\}$$

holds. Here the sets  $\{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \geq P\}$  and  $\{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \neq P\}$  has finite many elements.

Hence we have

$$\overline{\delta}(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\}) \geq \overline{\delta}(K)$$

$$= \overline{\delta}(\{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \geq P\} \cup \{n(j) \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_{n(j)}, \mu) \neq P\})$$

$$= l.$$

Therefore we get  $\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : d_G(X_n, \mu) < P\}) \neq 0$ .

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