Some Novel Geometric Aggregation Operators of Spherical Cubic Fuzzy Information with Application

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Technology is quickly evolving and becoming part of our lives. Life has become better and easier due to the technologies. Although it has lots of benefits, it also brings serious risks and threats, known as cyberattacks, which are neutralized by cybersecurity. Since spherical fuzzy sets (SFSs) and interval-valued SFS (IVSFS) are an excellent tool in coping with uncertainty and fuzziness, the current study discusses the idea of spherical cubic FSs (SCFSs). These sets are characterized by three mappings known as membership degree, neutral degree, and nonmembership degree. Each of these degrees is spherical cubic fuzzy numbers (SCFNs) such that the summation of their squares does not exceed one. The score function and accuracy function are presented for the comparison of SCFNs. Moreover, the spherical cubic fuzzy weighted geometric (SCFWG) operators and SCF ordered weighted geometric (SCFOWG) operators are established for determining the distance between two SCFNs. Furthermore, some operational rules of the proposed operators are analyzed and multiattribute decision-making (MADM) approach based on these operators is presented. These methods are applied to make the best decision on the basis of risks factors as a numerical illustration. Additionally, the comparison of the proposed method with the existing methods is carried out; since the proposed methods and operators are the generalizations of existing methods, they provide more general, exact, and accurate results. Finally, for the legitimacy, practicality, and usefulness of the decision-making processes, a detailed illustration is given.

1. Introduction

Multiple-attribute decision-making (MADM) means that, from the restricted alternatives set according to multiple attribute, the best alternative is selected that could be called cognitive processing. MADM is a key subdivision of the theory of decision-making (DM), commonly used in human activities [1]. The fuzzy knowledge usually is of two forms: qualitative and quantitative. The quantitative fuzzy knowledge is determined by fuzzy set (FS) [2], intuitionistic FS (IFS) [3], Pythagorean FS (PyFS) [4], and so forth. Zadeh’s FS theory was utilized to characterize fuzzy quantitative knowledge comprising of only membership degree. In light of this, Atanassov proposed IFS, consisting of two degrees, namely, membership and nonmembership. The summation of two grades should be less than or equal to one in an IFS. However, the two degrees often do not fulfill the constraints, but the sum of their squares does. Yager et al. [5] laid down the PyFS, which contains that the square sum of both the degrees is less than or equal to 1. In certain cases, the PyFSs will convey the details more effectively than the IFSs. For instance, if the membership, representing the support of an
expert, is 0.8 and nonmembership representing the opposition, is 0.6, then surely, this information cannot be represented by IFSs, but it can be effectively described by PyFS.

Now, the IFSs and PyFSs do not provide a satisfactory result, since the neutral degree calculates the real-world problems independently. In order to handle this situation, Cuong and Kreinovich [6] originated the notion of a picture fuzzy set (PFS). A PFS is able to use three indexes, namely, membership degree \( \hat{P}(x) \), neutral degree \( \hat{I}(x) \), and nonmembership degree \( \hat{N}(x) \) on condition that

\[
0 \leq \hat{P}(x) + \hat{I}(x) + \hat{N}(x) \leq 1.
\]

Of course, PFSs are more appropriate for managing the fuzziness and ambiguity than IFSs or PyFSs. Garg [7] presented the picture fuzzy weighted average operator (PFWAO) and picture fuzzy ordered weighted averaging aggregation operators. Since the last few decades, several researchers have investigated PyFSs and have successfully applied it to a wide range of fields such as strategic decision-making, decision-making qualities, and design recognition [8–11]. In real life, we often have a lot of problems which cannot be solved with PFS; for instance, \( \hat{P}(x) + \hat{I}(x) + \hat{N}(x) > 1 \). In these conditions, PFS cannot produce an acceptable result. To make this clear, an example is given: to support and to oppose the extent of an alternative membership, they are, respectively, 1/5, 3/5, and 3/5. This is based on their number exceeding 1 and not being presented for PFS. In light of these conditions, a generalization of PFS is introduced as the concept of spherical fuzzy sets (SFSs).

The degrees of membership, neutral, and nonmembership in an SFS has the following condition:

\[
0 \leq \hat{P}(x) + \hat{I}(x) + \hat{N}(x) \leq 1.
\] (1)

In PyFSs, Peng and Yang [12] introduced some new properties that are division, subtraction, and other important characteristics. The authors addressed the superiority and dependence ranking methodologies in the Pythagorean fuzzy setting to clarify the multiattribute decision-making problems. We et al. [13] implemented a maximizing variance protocol in order to clarify decisions based on Pythagorean fuzzy interval conditions. Garg [14] presented the IVPyF average (IVPyFWA) and IVPyF geometric (IVPFWG) and provided a concept of the new precision function based on PyF’s interval-evaluated setting. Liang et al. [10] proposed the concept of the medium and weighted PyF geometric Bonferroni mean (WPFGBM) operator. Many researchers proposed the idea of IVSF and its applications in DM theory. Zeng et al. [21] gave the new concept by defining the probabilistic interactive aggregation operator of T-SFSs and their applications in solar cell selection. Liu et al. [22] gave the concept of multiattribute decision-making approach for Baiyao’s R&D project selection problem. Mathew et al. [23] presented the novel approach under SFSs for the selection of advanced manufacturing system. Gong et al. [24] gave a new approach of spherical distance for IFSs and its applications in DM. Kutlu Gundogdu and Kahraman [25] presented the WAS-PAS extension with spherical fuzzy sets. After that, Gundogdu and Kahraman [26] gave a new concept and related the TOPSIS methodology with IVSFSs. Zeng et al. [27] introduced the TOPSIS methodology with covering-based SF rough set model for MADM. Liu et al. [28] gave a linguistic SFSs approach with applications for evaluation of shared bicycles in China. In 2019, Kutlu Gundogdu and Kahraman [29] showed a novel approach of VIKOR method using the SFSs and their applications in selection of warehouse site. We et al. [30] presented the similarity measures of SFSs based on cosine function. After that, in 2020, Khan et al. [31] introduced a new approach and related the distance and similarity measures for SFSs and their application in selection of mega project selection. Shishavan et al. [32] extended the idea of similarity measure in the environment of SF information. Recently, Mahmood et al. [33] further enhanced the idea of similarity measure and discussed its applications in pattern recognition and medical diagnosis.

The objectives of this paper include the following: (1) to determine an SCFS, (2) to define SCFNs and the associated operating identity; (3) to propose comparison functions for score, accuracy, or certainty; (4) to propose SCF geometric aggregation operators and some discussion on their properties.

Convincing accretion is one of the commanding tools of decision-making. The values are normalized by the collection operators. Additionally, these operators represent a wide range of data values. The weighted geometric aggregation operators are used for the position values of the required weight. The problems arise whenever the load segments of the weight vectors comprise segments that have a vital difference in parts of the weight vectors. This issue inspired proposing the idea of spherical cubic geometric aggregation operators. Henceforth, we present the notion of spherical cubic geometric aggregation operators. Moreover, the target of the DM techniques is to select the best choice among the available choices. In certain situations, the available choices are arranged in order to select the most suitable choice. These circumstances motivated presenting a method for the ranking of the available choices. We aim to combine the Einstein product and introduce the concepts of SCF Einstein weighted averaging (SCFEWA) operator, SCF Einstein ordered weighted averaging (SCFEOWA) operator, SCF Einstein weighted geometric (SCFEWG) operator, SCF Einstein ordered weighted geometric (SCFEOWG) operator, and some more generalized operators in MADM processes.

This article describes the concept of the SCFS, which is the extension of IVSFS based on the constraints of the fact that the square sum of the supremum of its degrees of membership is less than one. Here, the concept of the SCFS is introduced, that is, the generalization of the IVSFS. We analyze certain SCFS properties. For comparison of SCFNs, the score and degree of deviation are described. The distance
between SCFNs is defined. SCFS states that the square of the supremacy to its membership is less than or equal to 1. Based on this information, aggregation operators are, for example, SCF weighted geometric (SCFWG), SCF ordered weighted geometric (SCFOWG), and SCF hybrid weighted geometric (SCFHGW). In addition, the proposed operators are utilized in problems of decision-making where experts give their preferences in the SCF details to illustrate the practicality of the new method and its efficiency.

The remaining of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents some basic definitions and important properties. Section 3 proposes some geometric aggregation operators for SCFNs and their properties. Section 4 applies the spherical cubic geometric aggregation operators for MADM process. Section 5 presents the numerical illustration for the application and the final section concludes the study.

2. Preliminaries

This section presents a few elementary definitions with their key properties.

**Definition 1 (see [2]).** Supposing \( \bar{T} \) be a universal set, the fuzzy set (FS) \( \bar{F} \) formulates as follows:

\[
\bar{F} = \{ \langle \bar{t}, \mu_{\bar{F}}(\bar{t}) \rangle | \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \},
\]

where \( \mu_{\bar{F}}: \bar{T} \longrightarrow [0, 1] \) is the membership degree of \( \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \).

**Definition 2 (see [3]).** Supposing \( \bar{T} \) be a universal set, the fuzzy set (FS) \( \bar{T} \) formulates as follows:

\[
\bar{T} = \{ \langle \bar{t}, \mu_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}), \eta_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}) \rangle | \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \},
\]

where \( 0 \leq \mu_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}) \leq 1 \), \( 0 \leq \eta_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}) \leq 1 \), and \( 0 \leq \bar{\eta}_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}) \leq 1 \), and \( 0 \leq \eta_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t})^2 + (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{T}}(\bar{t}))^2 \leq 1 \).

**Definition 3 (see [18]).** Suppose \( \bar{T} \) be a universal set. A cubic set (CS) \( \bar{C} \) formulates as follows:

\[
\bar{C} = \{ \langle \bar{t}, \mu_{\bar{C}}(\bar{t}), \bar{\eta}_{\bar{C}}(\bar{t}) \rangle | \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \},
\]

where \( \mu_{\bar{C}} \) is an IVSFS, the score function of \( \bar{C} \) can be described in the following way:

\[
\text{Score}(\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( (\mu_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}))^2 + (\bar{\mu}_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}))^2 - (\eta_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}))^2 - (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}))^2 \right),
\]

where score \( (\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}) \in [-1, 1] \).

**Definition 4 (see [26]).** Supposing \( \bar{T} \) be a universal set, then a spherical fuzzy set (SFS) \( \bar{Q} \) is of the following form:

\[
\bar{Q} = \{ \langle \bar{t}, \mu_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{t}), \eta_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{t}), \bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{t}) \rangle | \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \},
\]

where \( \bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}} \) is the neutral degree, \( \eta_{\bar{Q}}: \bar{T} \longrightarrow [0, 1] \) is the neutral degree, and \( \bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}}: \bar{T} \longrightarrow [0, 1] \) is the nonmembership degree of \( \bar{t} \in \bar{T} \), under the specified condition:

\[
0 \leq (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}})^2 + (\eta_{\bar{Q}})^2 + (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}})^2 \leq 1.
\]

The indeterminacy degree for SFS \( \bar{Q} \) is defined as follows:

\[
\pi_{\bar{Q}} = \sqrt{1 - (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}})^2 - (\eta_{\bar{Q}})^2 - (\bar{\eta}_{\bar{Q}})^2}.
\]

For uncomplicatedness, we represent the SFN as \( \bar{Q} = \Gamma_{\bar{Q}}, \bar{Y}_{\bar{Q}}, \bar{A}_{\bar{Q}} \).

**Definition 7 (see [27]).** Let \( \bar{A}_{\bar{Q}} = (\mu_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}), \bar{\mu}_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}), \eta_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t}), \bar{\eta}_{\bar{A}_{\bar{Q}}}(\bar{t})) \) be IVSFS, the score function of \( \bar{A}_{\bar{Q}} \) can be described in the following way:
accuracy(\(\tilde{A}_Q\)) = \(\frac{1}{2} \left( (\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)
+ \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_Q}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)\).

(11)

\[S(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) = \text{Score}(\tilde{A}_{Q_1})\]
\[= \frac{1}{2} \left( (\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) - \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 - (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) - \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)\]

(12)

\[S(\tilde{A}_{Q_2}) = \text{Score}(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\]
\[= \frac{1}{2} \left( (\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) - \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 - (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) - \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)\]

are the score functions of \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}\) and \(\tilde{A}_{Q_2}\), respectively. And

\[H(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) = \text{accuracy}(\tilde{A}_{Q_1})\]
\[= \frac{1}{2} \left( (\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) + \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 - (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) + \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)\]

(13)

\[H(\tilde{A}_{Q_2}) = \text{accuracy}(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\]
\[= \frac{1}{2} \left( (\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 + (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) + \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 - (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right) + \left( (\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}))^2 \right)\]

are the accuracy functions of \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}\) and \(\tilde{A}_{Q_2}\), respectively.

Then, we have the following properties:

(1) If \(S(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) < S(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1} > \tilde{A}_{Q_2}\),

(2) If \(S(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) > S(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1} < \tilde{A}_{Q_2}\),

(3) If \(S(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) = S(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then we have

(a) If \(H(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) < H(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1} < \tilde{A}_{Q_2}\),

(b) If \(H(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) > H(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1} > \tilde{A}_{Q_2}\),

(c) If \(H(\tilde{A}_{Q_1}) = H(\tilde{A}_{Q_2})\), then \(\tilde{A}_{Q_1} = \tilde{A}_{Q_2}\).

\[\text{Definition 8 (see [27])}. \; \text{Let} \; \tilde{A}_{Q_1} = ([\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})])\; \text{be two IVSFNs}; \; \text{then,}\]

\[\text{where accuracy}(\tilde{A}_{Q}) \in [0, 1].\]

\[\text{Definition 9 (see [27])}. \; \text{Let} \; \tilde{A}_{Q_1} = ([\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})])\; \text{and} \; \tilde{A}_{Q_2} = ([\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})], [\tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})])\; \text{be two IVSFNs}; \; \text{then,}\]

\[(1) \; \vec{\lambda}_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}} = \left[\begin{array}{c}
\begin{bmatrix}
\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_1}}}(\bar{f})
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\tilde{\mu}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\mu}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\eta}_{L_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f}) & \tilde{\eta}_{U_{\tilde{A}_{Q_2}}}(\bar{f})
\end{bmatrix}
\end{array}\right]
\]
(4) \( \overline{\lambda}_{Q_i} = \left( \frac{1}{\mu^+_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}, \mu^+_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}}} \right) \).

Definition 10 (see [27]). Let \( \Lambda_{Q_i} = (\mu^+_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}, \mu^+_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}}, \eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}, \Lambda_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}}, \eta_{\Lambda_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}}}) \) and \( \overline{\Lambda}_{Q} = (\mu^+_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}) \) be the set comprised of IVSFNs; then, IVSF weighted geometric (IVSFWG) operator is defined as follows:

\[
\text{IVSFWG}(\Lambda_{Q_1}, \Lambda_{Q_2}, \ldots, \Lambda_{Q_n}) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \mu^+_{\Lambda_{Q_i}} \right)^{\omega_i} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \mu^+_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}} \right)^{\omega_i} \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}} \right)^{\omega_i} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \eta_{\Lambda_{\eta_{\Lambda_{Q_i}}}} \right)^{\omega_i} \right),
\]

where \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) represent the weight vector of \( \Lambda_{Q_i} \) (i = 1, 2, \ldots, n) and \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1, \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \).

Definition 11 (see [18]). Supposing \( \check{\mathcal{T}} \) be a universal set, then a spherical cubic FS (SCFS) \( \check{Q}_C \) is defined as follows:

\[
\check{Q}_C = \left\{ (\check{t}, \Gamma_{Q_C}^-, (\check{t}), Y_{Q_C}^-, (\check{t}), \Lambda_{Q_C}^-, (\check{t})) \mid \check{t} \in \check{\mathcal{T}} \right\},
\]

where \( \Gamma_{Q_C}^- = [a_{Q_C}^-, a_{Q_C}^+] \) represents the membership function, \( Y_{Q_C}^- = [n_{Q_C}^-, n_{Q_C}^+] \) represents the neutral degree, and \( \Lambda_{Q_C}^- = [a_{Q_C}^-, a_{Q_C}^+] \) represents the non-membership function, in which \( \mu_{Q_C}^-, \tilde{\pi}_C^-, \tilde{\eta}_{Q_C}^- \rightarrow [0, 1] \), \( \eta_{Q_C}^- \):

\[
\pi_{Q} = \left[ \left( 1 - \left( \sup \left[ a_{Q_C}^-, a_{Q_C}^+ \right] \right)^2 \left( \sup \left[ n_{Q_C}^-, n_{Q_C}^+ \right] \right)^2 \right) - \left( \sup \left[ b_{Q_C}^-, b_{Q_C}^+ \right] \right)^2 \right] - \left( 1 - \left( \left[ a_{Q_C}^-, a_{Q_C}^+ \right] \right)^2 \right) - \left( 1 - \left( \left[ n_{Q_C}^-, n_{Q_C}^+ \right] \right)^2 \right).
\]

For simplicity, we represent the spherical number (SCFN) as \( \check{Q}_C = \Gamma_{Q_C}^-, Y_{Q_C}^-, \Lambda_{Q_C}^- \).

Definition 12 (see [19]). Let \( \check{Q}_C = [a_{Q_C}^-, a_{Q_C}^+], \mu_{Q_C}^-, \tilde{\pi}_C^-, \tilde{\eta}_{Q_C}^- \rightarrow [0, 1] \), \( \eta_{Q_C}^- \) be SCFS; then, the score function of \( \check{Q}_C \) is defined as follows:
\[
\text{Score}(\bar{Q}_c) = \frac{1}{g} \left( (a^{-}_c + a^{+}_c + \bar{\mu}_c)^2 + (n^{-}_c + n^{+}_c + \bar{\eta}_c)^2 - (b^{-}_c + b^{+}_c + \bar{\beta}_c)^2 \right),
\] (18)

where \( \text{Score}(\bar{Q}_c) \in [-1, 1] \).

**Definition 13 (see [19]).** Supposing \( \bar{Q}_c = \left\{ a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c, n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c, b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c \right\} \) be SCFS, then the accuracy function of \( \bar{Q}_c \) is defined as follows:

\[
\text{accuracy}(\bar{Q}_c) = \frac{1}{g} \left( (a^{-}_c + a^{+}_c + \bar{\mu}_c)^2 + (n^{-}_c + n^{+}_c + \bar{\eta}_c)^2 + (b^{-}_c + b^{+}_c + \bar{\beta}_c)^2 \right),
\] (19)

where \( \text{accuracy}(\bar{Q}_c) \in [0, 1] \).

**Definition 14 (see [19]).** Let \( \bar{Q}_c \in \Gamma_{Q_1}, Y_{Q_1}, \Lambda_{Q_1} \) and \( \bar{Q}_c = \Gamma_{Q_2}, Y_{Q_2}, \Lambda_{Q_2} \) be two SCFNs; then, we have the following:

\[
D(\bar{Q}_c, \bar{Q}_c) = \frac{1}{g} \left[ \left( a^{-}_c - a^{-}_c \right)^2 + \left( a^{+}_c - a^{+}_c \right)^2 + \left( \bar{\mu}_c - \bar{\mu}_c \right)^2 \right] + \left[ \left( n^{-}_c - n^{-}_c \right)^2 + \left( n^{+}_c - n^{+}_c \right)^2 + \left( \bar{\eta}_c - \bar{\eta}_c \right)^2 \right] + \left[ \left( b^{-}_c - b^{-}_c \right)^2 + \left( b^{+}_c - b^{+}_c \right)^2 + \left( \bar{\beta}_c - \bar{\beta}_c \right)^2 \right],
\] (20)

**Definition 15 (see [19]).** Let \( \bar{Q}_c, \bar{Q}_c = \Gamma_{Q_1}, Y_{Q_1}, \Lambda_{Q_1} \) and \( \bar{Q}_c = \Gamma_{Q_2}, Y_{Q_2}, \Lambda_{Q_2} \) be two SCFNs; then, the distance function among \( \bar{Q}_c \) and \( \bar{Q}_c \) is defined as follows:

\[
\bar{Q}_c \oplus \bar{Q}_c = \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
(a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c, n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c, b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c), \\
(b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c, a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c, n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c), \\
(n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c, a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c, b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c), \\
(a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c, b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c, n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c), \\
(b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c, n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c, a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c), \\
(n^{-}_c, n^{+}_c, b^{-}_c, b^{+}_c, a^{-}_c, a^{+}_c) \end{array} \right\}.
\] (2)

\[
\bar{Q}_c \otimes \bar{Q}_c = \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
(\bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c), \\
(\bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c), \\
(\bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c), \\
(\bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c), \\
(\bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c), \\
(\bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c) \end{array} \right\}.
\] (3)

\[
\tau \bar{Q}_c = \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
(\bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c), \\
(\bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c), \\
(\bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c), \\
(\bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c), \\
(\bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c), \\
(\bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\mu}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\beta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c, \bar{\eta}_c) \end{array} \right\}.
\] (4)
### 3. Spherical Cubic Fuzzy Geometric Aggregation Operators

This section proposes a few geometric aggregation operators for spherical cubic fuzzy numbers and discusses their properties.

\[
\text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \bar{Q}_{c_3}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) = \left( \overline{Q}_{c_1} \right)^{\omega_1} \left( \overline{Q}_{c_2} \right)^{\omega_2} \cdots \left( \overline{Q}_{c_n} \right)^{\omega_n},
\]

where \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) is the weight vector of \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} \), with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \).

**Definition 17.** Let \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} = \Gamma_{Q_{c_i}}, Y_{Q_{c_i}}, A_{Q_{c_i}} \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n) \) be a collection of SCFNs; then, SCF weighted geometric (SCFWG) operator is a mapping \( \text{SCFWG}: \text{SCFN}^n \rightarrow \text{SCFN} \) defined as follows:

\[
\text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \bar{Q}_{c_3}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) = \left( \frac{\omega_1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( a_{Q_{c_i}}^{c_i} \right)^{\omega_i}, \frac{\omega_1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \left( a_{Q_{c_i}}^{c_i} \right)^{\omega_i} \right) \right).
\]

**Theorem 1.** Let \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} = \Gamma_{Q_{c_i}}, Y_{Q_{c_i}}, A_{Q_{c_i}} \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n) \) be a collection of SCFNs, and let \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) be the weight vector of \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} \), with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \). Then, the aggregation of SCFWG operator is also an SCFN:

\[
\bar{Q}_{c(\min)} = \left( \text{min} \Gamma_{Q_{c_i}}, \text{min} Y_{Q_{c_i}}, \text{max} A_{Q_{c_i}} \right),
\]

\[
\bar{Q}_{c(\max)} = \left( \text{max} \Gamma_{Q_{c_i}}, \text{min} Y_{Q_{c_i}}, \text{min} A_{Q_{c_i}} \right).
\]

#### 3.1. Properties

1. **Idempotency.** If all \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} \) are identical, that is, \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} = \bar{Q}_{c_j} \), then

\[
\text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \bar{Q}_{c_3}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) = \bar{Q}_{c_i}.
\]

2. **Boundary.**

\[
\bar{Q}_{c(\min)} \leq \text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \bar{Q}_{c_3}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) \leq \bar{Q}_{c(\max)},
\]

**Proof.** Proof of the theorem follows from theorem [7] of [18].

3.1.1. **Idempotency.**

If all \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} \) are identical, that is, \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} = \bar{Q}_{c_j} \), then

\[
\text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_i}, \bar{Q}_{c_j}, \bar{Q}_{c_i}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) = \bar{Q}_{c_i}.
\]

3.1.2. **Boundary.**

\[
\bar{Q}_{c(\min)} \leq \text{SCFWG} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \bar{Q}_{c_3}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) \leq \bar{Q}_{c(\max)}.
\]
geometric (SCFWOG) operator is a mapping SCFWOG:
\( SCFN^n \rightarrow SCFN \) defined as follows:
\[
\text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}, \bar{Q}_{C_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}
\right)
= \left(\bar{Q}_{C_1}\right)^{\omega_1} \otimes \left(\bar{Q}_{C_2}\right)^{\omega_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \left(\bar{Q}_{C_n}\right)^{\omega_n},
\]
where the \( i^{th} \) largest weighted value is \( \bar{Q}_{\sigma(i)} \) by the total order
\( \bar{Q}_{\sigma(i)} \geq \bar{Q}_{\sigma(i+1)} \geq \cdots \geq \bar{Q}_{\sigma(n)} \) and \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) is the
weight vector of \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} \), with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \).

\[
\text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}, \bar{Q}_{C_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}
\right)
= \left[
\begin{array}{c}
\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} a^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right) \otimes \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} a^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right) \\
\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} n^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right) \otimes \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} n^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right)
\end{array}
\right] \\
\left[
\begin{array}{c}
\left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 - \left(b^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right)\right)\right) \otimes \left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 - \left(b^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right)\right)\right) \\
\left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 - \left(\bar{b}^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right)\right)\right) \otimes \left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 - \left(\bar{b}^\omega_{Q_i}(C_i)\right)\right)\right)
\end{array}
\right],
\]
(28)

**Proof.** Proof of the theorem follows from theorem [8] of [18].

3.2. Properties. Let \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} = \Gamma_{Q_i}, Y_{Q_i}, \Lambda_{Q_i} \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n)\) be a
set comprising of SCFNs, and the weight vector of \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} \) is
\( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \). Then, there are some properties that the SCFWOG operator has clearly fulfilled.

3.2.1. Idempotency. If all \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} \) are identical, that is, \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} = \bar{Q}_{C_i}^* \),
then
\[
\text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}, \bar{Q}_{C_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}
\right)
= \bar{Q}_{C_i}.
\]
(29)

3.2.2. Boundary:
\[
\bar{Q}_{C_{(\text{min})}} \leq \text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}, \bar{Q}_{C_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}
\right) \leq \bar{Q}_{C_{(\text{max})}},
\]
(30)

where
\[
\bar{Q}_{C_{(\text{min})}} = \left(\min \sigma_{Q_i}, \min \beta_{Q_i}, \max \gamma_{Q_i}\right),
\]
\[
\bar{Q}_{C_{(\text{max})}} = \left(\max \sigma_{Q_i}, \min \beta_{Q_i}, \min \gamma_{Q_i}\right).
\]
(31)

3.2.3. Monotonicity. Let \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} = \Gamma_{Q_i}, Y_{Q_i}, \Lambda_{Q_i} \) and
\( \bar{Q}_{C_i}^* = \Gamma_{Q_i}, Y_{Q_i}, \Lambda_{Q_i} \) \((i = 1, 2, \ldots, n)\) be collections of SCFNs;
if \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} \leq \bar{Q}_{C_i}^* \) for all \( i \), then
\[
\text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}, \bar{Q}_{C_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}
\right)
\leq \text{SCFWOG}
\left(
\bar{Q}_{C_1}^*, \bar{Q}_{C_2}^*, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{C_n}^*
\right).
\]
(32)

**Theorem 2.** Let \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} = \Gamma_{Q_i}, Y_{Q_i}, \Lambda_{Q_i} \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n)\) be a
set comprising of SCFNs, and let \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) be the
weight vector of \( \bar{Q}_{C_i} \), with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \). Then, the aggregation of the SCFWOG operator is an SCFN as well, and
Proof. Proof of the theorem follows from theorem [9] of [18].

3.3. Properties. Let \( Q_c \) be a set comprised of SCFNs, and the weight vector of \( Q_c \) is \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) with \( 0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i = 1 \). Then, there are some properties that the SCFHOGW operator has clearly fulfilled.

3.3.1. Idempotency. If all \( Q_c \) are identical, that is, \( Q_c = \bar{Q}_c \), then

\[
\text{SCFHOGW} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) = \bar{Q}_c. \tag{35}
\]

3.3.2. Boundary.

\[
\bar{Q}_{c_{(\text{min})}} \leq \text{SCFHOGW} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) \leq \bar{Q}_{c_{(\text{max})}} \tag{36}
\]

where

\[
\bar{Q}_{c_{(\text{min})}} = \left( \min \sigma_{Q_c}, \min \beta_{Q_c}, \max \gamma_{Q_c} \right),
\]

\[
\bar{Q}_{c_{(\text{max})}} = \left( \max \sigma_{Q_c}, \min \beta_{Q_c}, \min \gamma_{Q_c} \right). \tag{37}
\]

3.3.3. Monotonicity. Let \( Q_c = \Gamma_{Q_c}, Y_{Q_c}, \Lambda_{Q_c} \) and \( \bar{Q}_{c_i} = \Gamma_{Q_c}, Y_{Q_c}, \Lambda_{Q_c} \) \( (i = 1, 2, \ldots, n) \) be collections of SCFNs; if \( Q_{c_i} \leq Q_{c_i} \) for all \( i \), then

\[
\text{SCFHOGW} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}, \bar{Q}_{c_2}, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n} \right) \subseteq \text{SCFHOGW} \left( \bar{Q}_{c_1}^*, \bar{Q}_{c_2}^*, \ldots, \bar{Q}_{c_n}^* \right). \tag{38}
\]

4. Application for MADM Based on Spherical Cubic Fuzzy Geometric Aggregation Operators

This section utilizes the SC fuzzy geometric aggregation operators for the MADM process. Suppose we have \( n \) choices \( \bar{Y} = \{ \bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \ldots, \bar{y}_n \} \) and \( m \) criteria \( \bar{A} = \{ \bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2, \ldots, \bar{A}_m \} \) to be determined with weight vector \( \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)^T \) with \( 0 \leq \omega_j \leq 1 \) and \( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \omega_j = 1 \). In order to assess the proficiency of the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) according to \( \bar{A}_j \) criteria, the decision-maker must not simply provide the details where \( \bar{y}_i \) fulfills the criteria \( \bar{A}_j \), but the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) does not fulfill the criteria \( \bar{A}_j \) or the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) remains unchanged. These three components can be defined by \( \Gamma_{Q_c} = [a_{Q_c}^-, a_{Q_c}^+] \), \( \bar{y}_{Q_c} \) represents the degree where the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) fulfills the criteria \( \bar{A}_j \) and \( Y = [n_{Q_c}^-, n_{Q_c}^+] \), \( \bar{y}_{Q_c} \) represents the degree where the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) remains unchanged and \( \Lambda_{Q_c} = [b_{Q_c}^-, b_{Q_c}^+] \), \( \bar{y}_{Q_c} \) represents the degree where the alternative \( \bar{y}_i \) does not fulfill the criteria \( \bar{A}_j \); then, the efficiency of \( \bar{y}_i \) under the criteria \( \bar{A}_j \) can be defined by SCFN, \( \bar{Q}_c = (a_{Q_c}^-, a_{Q_c}^+, \bar{y}_{Q_c}, n_{Q_c}^-, n_{Q_c}^+, \bar{y}_{Q_c}, b_{Q_c}^-, b_{Q_c}^+, \bar{y}_{Q_c}) \) with the specified condition

\[
0 \leq (\sup[a_{Q_c}^-, a_{Q_c}^+])^2 + (\sup[a_{Q_c}^-, a_{Q_c}^+])^2 + (\sup[b_{Q_c}^-, b_{Q_c}^+])^2 \leq 1. \tag{39}
\]

The following steps are specified to obtain the ranking of the alternatives.
Table 1: First spherical cubic fuzzy decision matrix.

|   | \( \hat{A}_1 \) | \( \hat{A}_2 \) | \( \hat{A}_3 \) | \( \hat{A}_4 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \hat{y}_1 \) | \([1.1, 2], 3\) | \([1.4, 5], 4\) | \([1.3, 1], 1\) | \([2.4, 1], 1\) |
| \( \hat{y}_2 \) | \([1.3, 1], 1\) | \([1.2, 2], 2\) | \([1.1, 2], 3\) | \([2.5, 1], 1\) |
| \( \hat{y}_3 \) | \([1.5, 5], 6\) | \([1.4, 2], 2\) | \([1.3, 1], 1\) | \([3.5, 5], 5\) |
| \( \hat{y}_4 \) | \([1.2, 1], 1\) | \([1.2, 2], 2\) | \([1.1, 3], 3\) | \([2, 3], 6\) |

Table 2: Second spherical cubic fuzzy decision matrix.

|   | \( \hat{A}_1 \) | \( \hat{A}_2 \) | \( \hat{A}_3 \) | \( \hat{A}_4 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \hat{y}_1 \) | \([1.1, 2], 5\) | \([1.3, 1], 2\) | \([1.5, 6], 6\) | \([1.2, 5], 5\) |
| \( \hat{y}_2 \) | \([1.4, 2], 2\) | \([1.3, 1], 4\) | \([1.2, 1], 6\) | \([3.6, 5], 2\) |
| \( \hat{y}_3 \) | \([1.3, 3], 4\) | \([1.4, 1], 2\) | \([1.2, 5], 3\) | \([1.4], 2\) |
| \( \hat{y}_4 \) | \([1.7, 7], 6\) | \([1.4, 2], 2\) | \([1.2, 5], 5\) | \([1.3, 3], 5\) |

Table 3: Third spherical cubic fuzzy decision matrix.

|   | \( \hat{A}_1 \) | \( \hat{A}_2 \) | \( \hat{A}_3 \) | \( \hat{A}_4 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \hat{y}_1 \) | \([1.3, 2], 2\) | \([1.2, 1], 1\) | \([1.5, 6], 6\) | \([1.2, 5], 5\) |
| \( \hat{y}_2 \) | \([1.2, 3], 5\) | \([1.4, 2], 2\) | \([1.3, 1], 2\) | \([3.6, 5], 2\) |
| \( \hat{y}_3 \) | \([1.2, 1], 3\) | \([1.3, 2], 2\) | \([1.4, 1], 1\) | \([3.4], 5\) |
| \( \hat{y}_4 \) | \([1.6, 7], 5\) | \([1.2, 3], 5\) | \([1.3, 2], 2\) | \([1.4], 2\) |

Step 1: Firstly, we make a spherical cubic fuzzy matrix:

\[
D_N^c = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \left[ a_{C_1}^{c}, b_{C_1}^{c} \right], & \left[ a_{C_2}^{c}, b_{C_2}^{c} \right], & \left[ a_{C_3}^{c}, b_{C_3}^{c} \right], & \left[ a_{C_4}^{c}, b_{C_4}^{c} \right] \end{array} \right]_{\text{max}}. \tag{39}
\]
Table 4: Spherical cubic fuzzy weighted geometric aggregation information of decision-makers.

|   | \( A_1 \) | \( A_2 \) | \( A_3 \) | \( A_4 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \tilde{y}_1 \) | (\([1.0, 22], 33\)) | (\([1.0, 27], 19\)) | (\([1.9, 50], 47\)) | (\([1.0, 25], 46\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_2 \) | (\([1.6, 36], 28\)) | (\([1.2, 40], 17\)) | (\([1.3, 36], 18\)) | (\([1.8, 47], 29\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_3 \) | (\([1.7, 27], 42\)) | (\([1.3, 34], 33\)) | (\([1.0, 30], 17\)) | (\([1.24, 50], 41\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_4 \) | (\([1.3, 34], 20\)) | (\([1.5, 43], 28\)) | (\([1.0, 24], 13\)) | (\([1.7, 47], 23\)) |

Table 5: SCF ordered weighted geometric aggregation information of decision-makers.

|   | \( A_1 \) | \( A_2 \) | \( A_3 \) | \( A_4 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \tilde{y}_1 \) | (\([1.9, 45], 62\)) | (\([1.7, 40], 42\)) | (\([1.5, 36], 33\)) | (\([1.3, 40], 43\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_2 \) | (\([1.26, 58], 46\)) | (\([1.28, 49], 31\)) | (\([1.3, 44], 36\)) | (\([1.6, 50], 26\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_3 \) | (\([20.44], 30\)) | (\([23.40], 39\)) | (\([1.20, 38], 51\)) | (\([32.60], 54\)) |
| \( \tilde{y}_4 \) | (\([25.51], 33\)) | (\([1.6, 49], 38\)) | (\([1.0, 40], 26\)) | (\([1.23, 47], 24\)) |

Table 6: Rowwise aggregated (SCF/DWG) decision-makers.

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \tilde{y}_1 \) | (\([1.16, 11], 25\), (\([1.20, 29], 31\), (\([1.9, 41], 35\))|
| \( \tilde{y}_2 \) | (\([1.21, 38], 31\), (\([1.7, 20], 33\), (\([1.9, 49], 31\))|
| \( \tilde{y}_3 \) | (\([1.18, 19], 26\), (\([1.24, 21], 28\), (\([1.22, 38], 43\))|
| \( \tilde{y}_4 \) | (\([1.19, 13], 25\), (\([1.19, 18], 18\), (\([1.20, 49], 35\))|

If there are two types of criteria, for instance, cost-benefit criteria, the SC decision matrix could be transformed into a normalized one:

\[
\tilde{a}_{C_{ij}} = \begin{cases} 
\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}} & \text{if the benefit – type attribute} \\
\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}}' & \text{if the cost – type attribute}
\end{cases}, \quad (40)
\]

where \(\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}}'\) represents the complement of \(\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}}\) if every parameter is of the same form as they are not necessary to normalize the decision matrix.

Step 2: To obtain an SCFN \(\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}} (i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n)\) of alternative \(\tilde{y}_i\), where the weighted vector for the criteria is \(\bar{\omega} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)\).

Step 3: Determine the scores, score \(\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}} \) (i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n), and the degree of accuracy \(\bar{Q}_{C_{ij}}\) of each \(\tilde{y}_i\).

Step 4: The best alternative is selected by the ranking of all the alternatives.

5. Numerical Illustration

Suppose an investment group wants to spend money on the best option (alternative). A board with four possibilities options (alternative) for investing money: \(\tilde{y}_1, \tilde{y}_2, \tilde{y}_3, \tilde{y}_4\).
Table 7: Rowwise aggregated (SCFDOWG) decision-makers.

| Operator | $Q_{C1}(\hat{A}_1)$ | $Q_{C2}(\hat{A}_2)$ | $Q_{C3}(\hat{A}_3)$ | $Q_{C4}(\hat{A}_4)$ | Ranking |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| SCFWG    | 0.06              | 0.02              | 0.04              | 0.01              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_4$ |
| SCFOWG   | 0.11              | 0.07              | 0.08              | 0.03              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_4$ |
| SCFHWG   | 0.05              | 0.02              | 0.04              | 0.01              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_4$ |

Table 8: Ranking criteria of alternatives.

| Operator | $Q_{C1}(\hat{A}_1)$ | $Q_{C2}(\hat{A}_2)$ | $Q_{C3}(\hat{A}_3)$ | $Q_{C4}(\hat{A}_4)$ | Ranking |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| SFWG     | 0.08              | 0.07              | 0.02              | 0.05              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_4$ |
| SCFWG    | 0.02              | 0.03              | 0.05              | 0.01              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_4$ |
| SCFHWG   | 0.06              | 0.09              | 0.03              | 0.02              | $\hat{A}_1 > \hat{A}_2 > \hat{A}_3 > \hat{A}_4$ |

Table 9: Comparison analysis using spherical fuzzy sets.

Figure 1: Ranking of alternatives using SCFSs.

Figure 2: Ranking of alternatives using spherical fuzzy sets.

$\hat{y}_1$ is a vehicle manufacturer, $\hat{y}_2$ a food company, $\hat{y}_3$ a washing machine company, and $\hat{y}_4$ a television company. Four criteria, including a risk analysis ($\hat{A}_1$), a growth and development analysis ($\hat{A}_2$), a social impact analysis ($\hat{A}_3$), and an environment impact analysis ($\hat{A}_4$), are taken into account. $\omega = (0.1, 0.2, 0.25, 0.45)^T$ is the $\hat{A}_j$ criterion weight vector ($j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$). A three-decision-maker committee explores four possible alternatives $\hat{y}_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) in the four $\hat{A}_j$ ($j = 1, 2, 3, 4$) criteria above. Then, the ranking is needed to assess the investment company. The following matrices represent these experts in the form of spherical cubic fuzzy numbers:

Step 1. The decision-makers make their decisions given in Table 3–5.

Step 2. Using the SCFWG aggregation operator, we get the collection of SCFN for $\hat{y}_i$ alternative given in Table 4. Table 5 contains the decision-makers’ SCF ordered weighted geometric (SCFOWG) aggregation information. And the rowwise aggregated (SCFDWG) decision-makers are given in Table 6. In Table 7, the rowwise aggregation of (SCFOWG) operators is given.

Step 3. Using equation (22) to determine the scores of $\hat{Q}_{Cj}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n$), the ranking criteria of alternatives using the spherical cubic geometric aggregation operators are given in Table 8.

Step 4. The scores are arranged in a descending order. Choose the highest alternative. Figure 1 represents the graphical representation of alternative by using the spherical cubic geometric aggregation operators. By using the proposed aggregation operator, the ranking of the four possible alternatives achieved is more accurate in comparison with Table 9. The best choice for these operators is $\hat{A}_1$. These approaches are ideal for addressing circumstances in which the inputs, viewpoints, and the interaction of experts and criteria may be considered which are more likely to handle such problems. Figure 2 shows the graphical representation.
of alternative by using the spherical geometric aggregation operators.

6. Conclusion

In this paper, we have discussed the spherical cubic fuzzy set (SCFS) which is the generalization of the interval-valued SFS (IVSFS). Some operational laws of SCFS were presented. For the comparison of SCFNs, we have established accuracy and score functions. We also described SCF distances between SCFNs. Further, we proposed various aggregation operators in the SCF environment, SCFWG, SCFOWG, and SCFHWG operators.

Some interesting properties such as idempotency, boundary, and monotonicity were also discussed. Furthermore, a relationship was formed among the proposed operators. Additionally, we suggested a MADM to demonstrate the prominence and the strength of the proposed operators. Moreover, by applying the developed aggregation operators, we explained the problems of decision-making. A numerical illustration is presented to indicate an alternative way of addressing the decision-making process more effectively by using the proposed operators. Finally, we compared the practicality, efficiency, and validity of the new approach with existing operators.

We would combine other SCFS approaches such as Einstein product and introduce the concept of SCF Einstein weighted averaging (SCFEWA) operator, SCF Einstein ordered weighted averaging (SCFEOWA) operator, SCF Einstein weighted geometric (SCFEGWG) operator, SCF Einstein ordered weighted geometric (SCFEOWG) operator, and some more generalized operators in MADM processes.

Data Availability

No data were used to support the study.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest about the publication of the research article.

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