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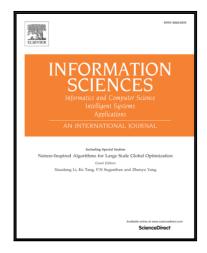
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Abstract

In this paper, we propose a new multiattribute decision making (MADM) method by applying the nonlinear programming (NLP) methodology and particle swarm optimization (PSO) techniques using interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy values (IVIFVs) to conquer the drawbacks of Chen and Huang's MADM method (2017), which has three drawbacks, i.e., (1) multiple different preference orders (POs) of alternatives are obtained in some situations, (2) the PO of alternatives cannot be distinguished in some circumstances, and (3) the PO of alternatives cannot be obtained in some circumstances. Moreover, the proposed MADM method also can conquer the shortcomings of Chen and Chiou's MADM method (2015), Li's MADM method (2010) and Zhitao and Yingjun's method (2011).

Keywords: IVIFSs; IVIFVs; Linear programming methodology; Nonlinear programming methodology; MADM.

1. Introduction

In [39], Zadeh proposed the fuzzy set theory, where the degree of membership of an element belonging to a fuzzy set is described by a real value between zero and one. The fuzzy set theory has been used to deal with students' answerscripts evaluation [3], [33], fuzzy forecasting [7], [15]-[17], multiple attribute group decision making (MAGDM) [13], [36], fuzzy risk analysis [14], fuzzy reasoning [21], [25], fuzzy interpolative reasoning [5], [6], ..., etc. In [1], Atanassov extended the theory of fuzzy sets to propose the theory of intuitionistic fuzzy sets (IFSs). In [4], Chen and Chang presented a similarity measure between IFSs based on transformation techniques to

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