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## $\lambda$ -Statistical limit points of the sequences of fuzzy numbers

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#### Abstract

Aytar has introduced the concepts of statistical limit and cluster points of a sequence of fuzzy numbers based on the definitions given in Fridy's study for sequences of real numbers. In this paper, we define  $\lambda$ -statistical limit and  $\lambda$ -statistical cluster points of sequences of fuzzy numbers and discuss the relations among the sets of ordinary limit points,  $\lambda$ -statistical limit points and  $\lambda$ -statistical cluster points of sequences of fuzzy numbers. (© 2007 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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#### 1. Introduction

The idea of statistical convergence of a sequence was introduced by Fast [6]. Statistical convergence was generalized by Buck [4].

Fridy [7] was the first not only to introduce the set  $\Gamma_X$  of all statistical cluster points and the set  $\Lambda_X$  of all limit points but also to discuss their definitions and properties, as well as the specific relations between them and the relations to the set  $L_X$  of all ordinary limit points. These issues have been further explored in finite dimensional spaces by Pehlivan and Mamedov [8,11]. Bounded and convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers were first introduced by Matloka [9]. He also showed that every convergent sequence is bounded.

Later, Nuray and Savas [10] have introduced and discussed the concepts of statistically convergent and statistically Cauchy sequences of fuzzy numbers. Also Savas [12] has studied the  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence of the sequences of fuzzy numbers.  $\lambda$ -Statistically Cauchy sequences of fuzzy numbers have been introduced by Tuncer and Benli [13].

Recently, Aytar [1] has defined statistical limit and cluster points of a sequence of fuzzy numbers. Aytar and Pehlivan [2] have introduced the statistical monotonicity and boundedness of a sequence of fuzzy numbers.

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Aytar et al. [3] have also extended the concepts of statistical limit superior and limit inferior to statistically bounded sequences of fuzzy numbers. Moreover, they have given some fuzzy-analogues of properties of statistical limit superior and limit inferior for sequences of real numbers.

Et, Altinok and Colak [5] have introduced the concept of strongly  $\Delta_{\lambda_p}^2$ -Cesaro summability of a sequence of fuzzy numbers.

In this paper, as in the case of real numbers, the concepts of  $\lambda$ -thin and  $\lambda$ -nonthin subsequences of a sequence of fuzzy numbers have been given. With the help of  $\lambda$ -thin and  $\lambda$ -nonthin subsequences, we have defined  $\lambda$ -statistical limit and  $\lambda$ -statistical cluster points of a sequence of fuzzy numbers. Later, we have established the inclusion relations between the sets of ordinary limit points,  $\lambda$ -statistical limit points and  $\lambda$ -statistical cluster points of a sequence of a sequence of fuzzy numbers.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let D denote the set of all closed bounded intervals  $A = [\underline{A}, \overline{A}]$  on the real line R. For  $A, B \in D$  define

$$A \leq B \iff \underline{A} \leq \underline{B} \quad \text{and} \quad A \leq \overline{B}$$
$$d(A,B) = \max(|\underline{A} - \underline{B}|, |\overline{A} - \overline{B}|)$$

It is easy to see that d defines a 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 fuzzy subset of the real line R which is bounded, convex and normal. Let L(R) denote the set of all fuzzy numbers which are upper semicontinuous and have compact support. In other words, if  $X \in L(R)$ , then for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $X^{\alpha}$  is compact, where

$$X^{\alpha} = \begin{cases} t : X(t) \ge \alpha & \text{if } \alpha \in (0,1] \\ t : X(t) > 0 & \text{if } \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$$

 $X^{\alpha} = [\underline{X}^{\alpha}, \overline{X}^{\alpha}].$ 

Define a map

$$\overline{d}: L(R) \times L(R) \to R$$

by

$$\overline{d}(X,Y) = \sup_{0 \le \alpha \le 1} d(X^{\alpha}, Y^{\alpha})$$

For  $X, Y \in L(\mathbb{R})$  define  $X \leq Y$  if and only if  $\underline{X}^{\alpha} \leq \underline{Y}^{\alpha}$  and  $\overline{X}^{\alpha} \leq \overline{Y}^{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

It is known that L(R) is a complete metric space with the metric  $\overline{d}$  (see [11]).

Now we define the statistical convergence and  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence of sequences of fuzzy numbers and give an example which compares them.

**Definition 2.1** [10]. A sequence  $X = (X_k)$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be statistically convergent to the fuzzy number  $X_0$ , written as st  $-\lim_k X_k = X_0$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \in N : \overline{d}(X_k, X_0) \ge \varepsilon\}| = 0$$

**Definition 2.2** ([12]). Let  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ ,  $\lambda = (\lambda_n)$  be a non-decreasing sequence of positive numbers tending to  $\infty$ ,  $\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n + 1$  with  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $X = (X_k)$  be a sequence of fuzzy numbers. A sequence  $X = (X_k)$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent or  $s\lambda$ -convergent to fuzzy numbers  $X_0$ , written as  $s\lambda - \lim X_k = X_0$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

$$\lim_{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_{n}} |\{k \in I_{n} : \overline{d}(X_{k}, X_{0}) \ge \varepsilon\}| = 0$$

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