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## Fuzzy Z- Number Shortest Path Problem using Dijkstra Algorithm

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### Abstract

*The fuzzy shortest path problem is one of the most researched topics when it comes to graph problems with uncertainty. We discuss the problem of finding the fuzzy z-number shortest paths from a fixed origin to a specified nodes in a network with the arc length of the network takes fuzzy z- number, instead of real numbers, namely, fuzzy z-number. Based on Dijkstra's approach, an algorithm is suggested for solving the fuzzy z-number shortest path problem.*

### Key words

*fuzzy set, z-number, fuzzy z-number, fuzzy z-graph fuzzy z-number Dijkstra's, shortest path problem.*

### Introduction

L.A.Zadeh [13] introduced the concept of z-numbers in 2011. Floyd [1], R. W, S. Chanas and J. Kamburowski [2] and C. M. Klein [3] have applied the concept of the fuzzy shortest route problem . S. Okada and T. Soper, S. Moazeni and many others have investigated a shortest path problem on a network with fuzzy arc lengths in [4] ,and [5] .In [10] T. N. Chuang and J. Y. Kung has discussed the fuzzy shortest path length and the corresponding shortest path in a network,2005. J.S. Yao and K.M. Wu. [11] has concentrated on Ranking Fuzzy numbers based on decomposition principle and signed distance in 2000. Azriel Rosenfeld introduced fuzzy graph in 1975. [14] and [15] Ronald R. Yager and M Shahila Bhanu, G Velammal have discussed the concept of Zadeh Z-numbers and its operations. In [16] and [17], Wen Jiang, ChunheXie, Yu Luo ,Youngchuan Tang and Matteo Brnelli have concentrated on ranking z-numbers and different ranking methods for fuzzy numbers .In [18] Siddhartha sankar biswas has applied the concepts of Z-Dijkstra's Algorithm to solve Shortest Path Problem in z-Graph .

### preliminaries

In this section, we recall some relevant definitions and results. Throughout this paper,  $X$  is a universal set.

**Definition 2.1** A fuzzy subset  $A$  in a universe  $X$  may be given as  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \rangle / x \in X \}$ , Where  $\mu_A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called the membership function of  $A$  and  $\mu_A(x)$  is the degree of membership value to which  $x$  in  $A$ .

### Definition 2.2

A fuzzy set  $A$  defined on the universal set of real numbers  $R$ , is said to be a fuzzy number if its membership function has the following characteristics

- $\mu_A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous,
- $\mu_A(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, a] \cup [d, \infty)$
- $\mu_A(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $[a, b]$  and strictly decreasing on  $[c, d]$
- $\mu_A(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in [b, c]$ , where  $a < b < c < d$

**Definition 2.3**

The membership function of the triangular fuzzy number  $A(a, b, c)$  is defined by  $\mu_A(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & \text{if } x \in [a, b] \\ 1, & \text{if } x = b \\ \frac{c-x}{c-b}, & \text{if } x \in [b, c] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.4**

Let  $F$  be a set of fuzzy numbers. A ranking function  $r_k$  on  $F$  is a real valued function defined on  $F$ . Given a ranking function  $r_k$  on  $F$  we can order the elements in  $F$  as follows:  $A_1 \leq A_2$  if and only if  $r_k(A_1) \leq r_k(A_2)$ .

**Definition 2.5**

Many types of ranking functions are widely used namely Centre of Gravity, Centre of Maxima, Median and Yager's. In this paper we are using are using ranking from Median method. Consider the triangular fuzzy number  $C(a,b,c)$ , Median method for ranking is defined by  $r(C) = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$ .

**Definition 2.6**

A  $z$ -number is an ordered pair of fuzzy numbers. Indicated as  $z = (A, B)$ . The first component  $A$  is a restriction of real-valued uncertain variable  $X$ . The subsequent part,  $B$ , is a proportion of dependability (certainty) of the main part. A  $z$ -number, gives data about the unsure variable, yet in addition the unwavering quality of the data.

**Definition 2.7**

If  $z = (a, b, c)$  is a given triangular fuzzy number the rank of  $A$ ,  $r_k(A) = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$ . Define  $\max(A,B) = A$ , and  $\min(A,B) = B$ , if  $r_k(A) \geq r_k(B)$ .

**Definition 2.8**

Let  $r$  be a ranking function of fuzzy numbers. Let  $z_1 = (A_1, B_1)$  and  $z_2 = (A_2, B_2)$  be any two  $z$ -numbers. Define  $z_1 \leq z_2$  iff  $r(A_1) \leq r(A_2)$  and in that case, define  $\max(z_1, z_2) = z_2$  iff  $z_1 \leq z_2$  and  $\min(z_1, z_2) = z_1$  iff  $z_1 \leq z_2$

**Definition 2.9**

Let  $z_1 = (A_1, B_1)$  and  $z_2 = (A_2, B_2)$  are two triangular  $z$ -number, where  $A_1 = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $B_1 = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ ,  $A_2 = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$ ,  $B_2 = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$  are triangular fuzzy numbers.

**Definition 2.10**

Addition of two triangular  $Z$ -numbers is

$$z_1 (+, \max) z_2 = ((a_1 + c_1, a_2 + c_2, a_3 + c_3), B_2) \text{ if } r_k(B_1) \leq r_k(B_2) \quad (\text{or})$$

$$z_1 (+, \max) z_2 = ((a_1 + c_1, a_2 + c_2, a_3 + c_3), B_1) \text{ if } r_k(B_1) \geq r_k(B_2)$$

**Definition 2.11**

Subtraction of two triangular  $Z$ -numbers is

$$z_1 (-, \min) z_2 = ((a_1 - c_3, a_2 - c_2, a_3 - c_1), B_2) \text{ if } r_k(B_1) \leq r_k(B_2) \quad (\text{or})$$

$$z_1 (-, \min) z_2 = ((a_1 - c_3, a_2 - c_2, a_3 - c_1), B_1) \text{ if } r_k(B_1) \geq r_k(B_2)$$

### Fuzzy z- number

#### Definition 3.1

Consider a path P from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ . Suppose it consists of edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$ . Suppose the weights of these edges are the fuzzy z-numbers  $(A_1, B_1), (A_2, B_2), \dots, (A_n, B_n)$ . The fuzzy z- number length of the path P is defined by  $z^P = (A_1, B_1)(+, \min)(A_2, B_2) \dots (+, \min)(A_n, B_n)$  and it is denoted by  $z^P$ . Here our aim is to find the path between  $u$  and  $v$  whose fuzzy z- number length is minimum. (i.e., z-SP between  $u$  &  $v$ ) and the minimum fuzzy z-number length of the path is denoted by  $z_{SD}^P$ .

#### Definition 3.2

Let P and Q consists of edges of the given network diagram. If we use  $z^\cap (r_1, r_2)$  with  $r_1 = r_2 = r$  we get  $z^Q < z^P$ . On the other hand, If we use  $z^\cup (r_1, r_2)$  with  $r_1 = r_2 = r$  we get  $z^P < z^Q$ . If  $(a, b, c)$  is a given triangular fuzzy z-number the rank of A,  $r_k(A) = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$ . Define  $\max(A, B) = A$  and  $\min(A, B) = B$ , if  $r_k(A) \geq r_k(B)$ .

### Dijkstra algorithm

We have described the proposed Dijkstra algorithm for finding z-number fuzzy shortest path and duration are given below.

**Step 1** Label the source edge with permanent label  $[((0,0,0), (1,1,1)), -]$ .

**Step 2 (i)** Compute the temporary label  $[z^P, i]$  for each edge  $j$  that can be reached from  $i$ , provided  $j$  is not permanently labeled.

**(ii)** If node  $j$  is already labeled as  $[z^P, k]$  through another edge  $k$  and if  $z^\cup (r, i) < z^\cup (r, k)$  replace  $[z^P, k]$  with  $[z^P, i]$ .

**Step 3** If all the edges are permanently labeled, the algorithm terminates.

**Step 4** Otherwise, choose the label  $[z^P, s]$  with shortest distance ( $z^P$ ) from the list of temporary labels. Set  $i = r$  and repeat step 2.

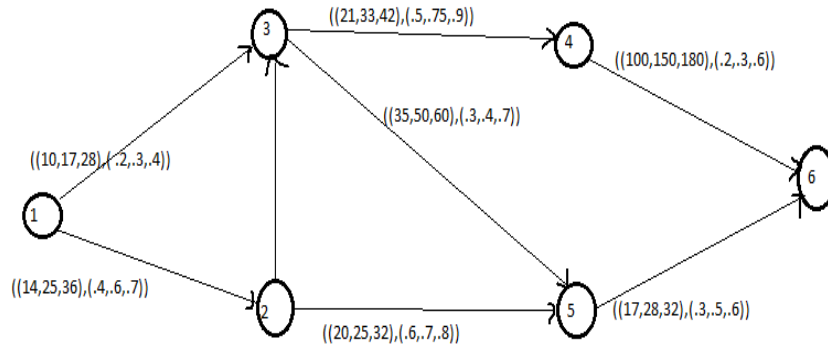
**Step 5** Obtain the shortest path between edge 1 and the destination edge  $j$  by tracing backward through the network using the label's information.

**Step 6** The path having the minimum value and is identified as the z-number fuzzy shortest path and the corresponding path length. The fuzzy z-number shortest length of the path is denoted by  $z_{SD}^P$ .

#### Example 3.4

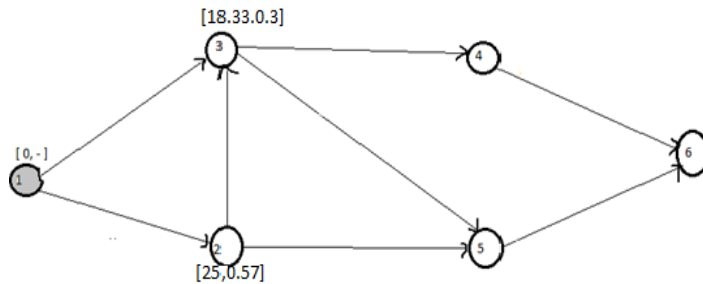
The following is an example of fuzzy z-number graph. Obtain the fuzzy z-number shortest length of the path between edges using Dijkstra's algorithm.

Consider the z-number fuzzy shortest path between edges  $e_1$  to  $e_6$ .



**Iteration 0**

Assign the permanent label  $[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)), -]$  to  $e_1$ .



**Iteration 1**

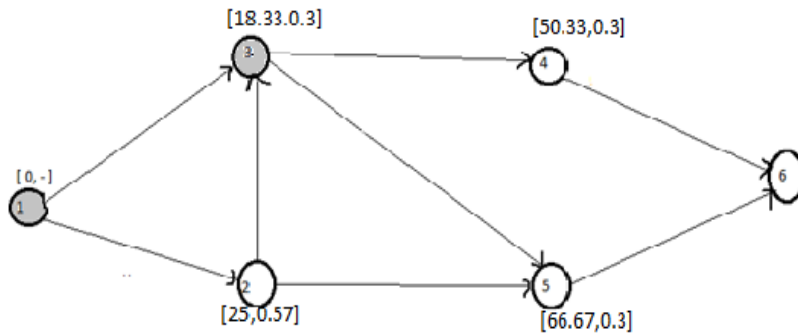
Edge  $e_2$  and  $e_3$  can be reached from  $e_1$ . For  $e_2$ , z-number fuzzy path P consists of edges  $e_1 \rightarrow e_2$  and z-number fuzzy path Q consists of edges  $e_1 \rightarrow e_3$

**Table 1:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized.

**Table -1**

Edges	Label	$r = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$		$z^r$	Status
		$r(A_i)$	$r(B_i)$		
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)), -]$	0	1	-	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)), e_1]$	25	0.57	2	T
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)), e_1]$	18.33	0.3	1	T

With respect to  $z^P < z^Q$ , the minimum is 18.33. Thus the status of edge  $e_3$  is changed to permanent.



**Iteration 2**

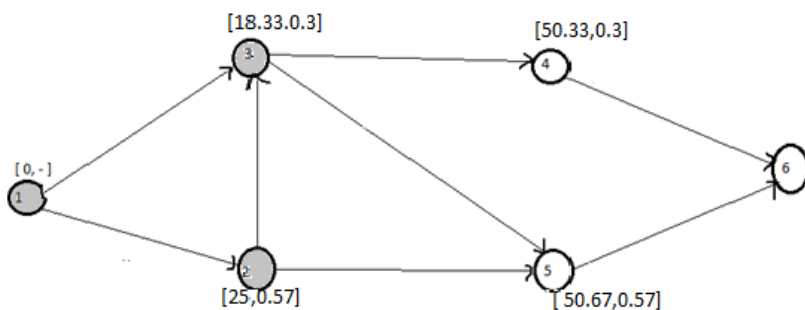
Edge  $e_4$  and  $e_5$  can be reached from  $e_3$ . For  $e_4$ , z-number fuzzy path P consists of edges  $e_1 \rightarrow e_3$  and  $e_3 \rightarrow e_4$

**Table 2:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized .

**Table - 2**

Edges	Label	$r = \frac{x + y + z}{3}$		$z^r$	Status
		$r(A_i)$	$r(B_i)$		
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)), -]$	-	-	-	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)), e_1]$	25	0.57	1	T
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)), e_1]$	-	-	-	P
$e_4$	$[((31,50,70),(0.2,0.3,0.4)), e_3]$	50.33	0.3	2	T
$e_5$	$[((45,67,88),(0.2,0.3,0.4)), e_3]$	66.67	0.3	3	T

With respect to  $z^P < z^Q$ , the minimum is 25. Thus the status of edge  $e_2$  is changed to permanent.



**Iteration 3**

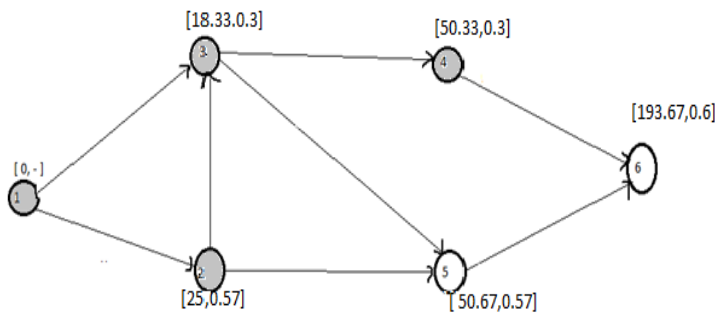
Edge  $e_3$  and  $e_5$  can be reached from  $e_2$ . Thus the status of edge  $e_3$  is already permanent. For  $e_5$ , z-number fuzzy path P consists of edges  $e_1 \rightarrow e_2$  and  $e_2 \rightarrow e_5$ .

**Table 3:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized .

**Table - 3**

Edges	Label	$r = \frac{x + y + z}{3}$		$z^r$	Status
		$r(A_i)$	$r(B_i)$		
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)) , -]$	—	—	—	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_4$	$[((31,50,70),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_3]$	50.33	0.3	1	T
$e_5$	$[((34,50,68),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_2]$	50.67	0.57	2	T
	(or)	(or)	(or)	(or)	
	$[((45,67,88),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_3]$	66.67	0.3	3	

With respect to  $z^P < z^Q$  the minimum is 50.33. Thus the status of edge  $e_4$  is changed to permanent.



**Iteration 4**

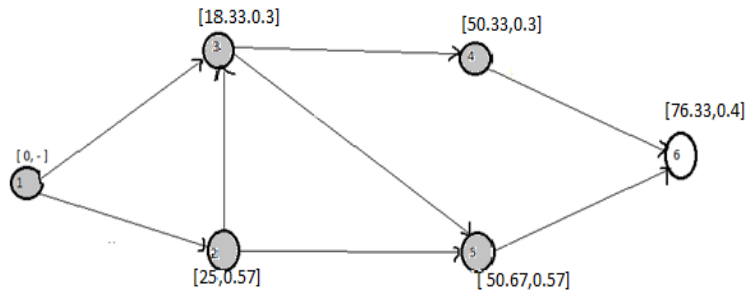
Edge  $e_6$  can be reached from  $e_4$ . For  $e_6$ , Path P consists of edges  $e_4 \rightarrow e_6$ .

**Table 4:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized .

**Table - 4**

Edges	Label	$r = \frac{x + y + z}{3}$		$z^r$	Status
		$r(A_i)$	$r(B_i)$		
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)) , -]$	—	—	—	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_4$	$[((31,50,70),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_3]$	—	—	—	P
$e_5$	$[((34,50,68),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_2]$	50.67	0.57	1	T
$e_6$	$[((131,200,250),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_4 ]$	193.67	0.3	2	T

With respect to  $z^P < z^Q$ , the minimum is 50.67. Thus the status of edge  $e_5$  is changed to permanent.



**Iteration 5**

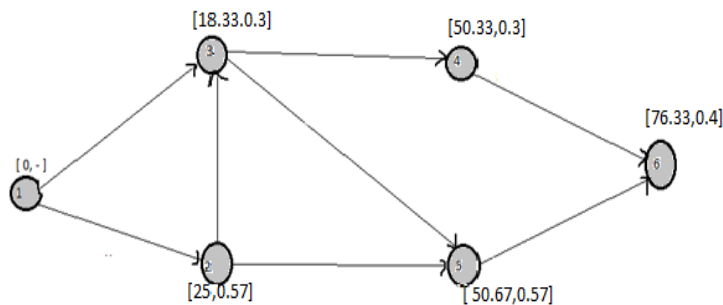
The only temporary edge  $e_6$  can be reached from  $e_5$ . For  $e_6$ , z-number fuzzy path P consists of edges  $e_5 \rightarrow e_6$ .

**Table 5:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized .

**Table - 5**

Edges	Label	$r = \frac{x + y + z}{3}$		$z^r$	Status
		$r(A_i)$	$r(B_i)$		
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)) , -]$	—	—	—	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_1]$	—	—	—	P
$e_4$	$[((31,50,70),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_3]$	—	—	—	P
$e_5$	$[((34,50,68),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_2]$	—	—	—	P
$e_6$	$[((51,78,100),(0.3,0.5,0.6)) , e_5 ]$	76.33	0.47	1	T

Thus the status of edge  $e_6$  is changed to permanent.



**Iteration 6**

The only temporary edge  $e_6$  does not lead to any other edge, its status converted into permanent and the process ends.

**Table 6:** Results of the network based on z-number fuzzy graph have been summarized .

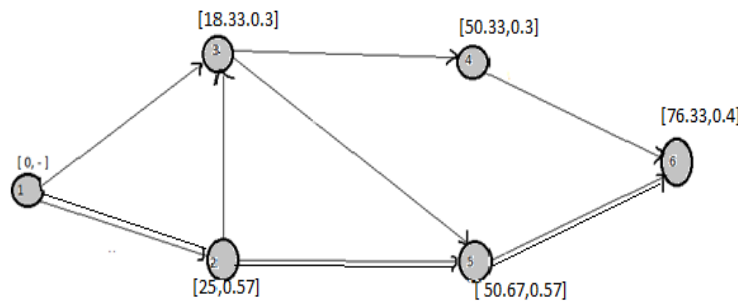
**Table - 6**

Edges	Label	Status
$e_1$	$[((0,0,0),(1,1,1)) , -]$	P
$e_2$	$[((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_1]$	P
$e_3$	$[((10,17,28),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_1]$	P
$e_4$	$[((31,50,70),(0.2,0.3,0.4)) , e_3]$	P
$e_5$	$[((34,50,68),(0.4,0.6,0.7)) , e_2]$	P
$e_6$	$[((51,78,100),(0.3,0.5,0.6)) , e_5 ]$	P

Based on the **step 5**, the following sequence determines the fuzzy z-number shortest path from edge  $e_1$  to  $e_6$  is,

$$(e_6) \rightarrow [((51,78,100),(0.3,0.5,0.6)) , e_5 ] \rightarrow (e_5) \rightarrow [((34,50,68),(0.4,0.6,0.7)), e_2] \rightarrow (e_2) \rightarrow [((14,25,36),(0.4,0.6,0.7)), e_1] \rightarrow (e_1)$$

Thus, the required fuzzy z-number shortest path,  $z^P$  is  $(e_1) \rightarrow (e_2) \rightarrow (e_5) \rightarrow (e_6)$



Hence the fuzzy z-number shortest length of the path is  $z_{SD}^P = ((51,78,100),(0.3,0.5,0.6))$

**Conclusion**

In this paper, a fuzzy z-number shortest path length is obtained using a procedure based on Dijkstra algorithm in a fuzzy z-number network. The effectiveness of the proposed algorithm is verified with an example.



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