

Differential equation with intuitionistic fuzzy parameters

R. Ettoussi, S. Melliani* and L. S. Chadli

LMACS, Laboratoire de Mathématiques Appliquées & Calcul Scientifique
Sultan Moulay Slimane University, PO Box 523, 23000 Beni Mellal Morocco

e-mail: saidmelliani@gmail.com

**Corresponding author*

Received: 26 June 2017

Accepted: 2 November 2017

Abstract: In this paper, we study differentiability and integrability properties of intuitionistic fuzzy-set-valued mappings and we discuss the existence and uniqueness of solution for differential equations with intuitionistic fuzzy data using the theorem of fixed point in the complete metric space. Then by method of α -cuts we explicit the solution in an example.

Keywords: Differentiability, Integrability, Intuitionistic fuzzy differential equations, Intuitionistic fuzzy solution.

AMS Classification: 03E72.

1 Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [14] first introduced the fuzzy set theory. Later many researchers have applied this theory to the well known results in the classical set theory. The fuzzy differential equations (FDEs), are originally formulated by Kaleva [8, 9] (see also [13, 10]) and the notions of differential and integral calculus for fuzzy-set-valued are given using Hukuhara difference in Fuzzy theory [10].

Particular in [13], the authors give the existence and uniqueness of the solution of a differential equation with fuzzy initial value, he used the α -cuts. The idea of intuitionistic fuzzy set was first published by Atanassov [1, 2, 3] as a generalization of the notion of fuzzy set.

This paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we give preliminary which we will use throughout this work. in Section 3 and in Section 4, we give the concept of measurability, integrability and differentiability of an intuitionistic fuzzy valued-functions. Then the existence and uniqueness of the initial value problem for the intuitionistic fuzzy differential equations are treated in Section 5. In Section 6 we present the method of α -cut for explicit the solution with an example in Section 7.

2 Preliminaries

In the first, we recall some results and definitions of intuitionistic fuzzy theory. we denote by

$$\mathbf{IF}_1 = \mathbf{IF}(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \langle u, v \rangle : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]^2 / \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq u(x) + v(x) \leq 1 \}$$

An element $\langle u, v \rangle$ of \mathbf{IF}_1 is said an intuitionistic fuzzy number if it satisfies the following conditions

- (i) $\langle u, v \rangle$ is normal i.e there exists $x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $u(x_0) = 1$ and $v(x_1) = 1$.
- (ii) u is fuzzy convex and v is fuzzy concave.
- (iii) u is upper semi-continuous and v is lower semi-continuous
- (iv) $\text{supp } \langle u, v \rangle = \text{cl}\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |v(x) < 1\}$ is bounded.

so we denote the collection of all intuitionistic fuzzy number by \mathbf{IF}_1

For $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $\langle u, v \rangle \in \mathbf{IF}_1$, the upper and lower α -cuts of $\langle u, v \rangle$ are defined by

$$[\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : v(x) \leq 1 - \alpha\}$$

and

$$[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : u(x) \geq \alpha\}.$$

Remark 2.1. If $\langle u, v \rangle \in \mathbf{IF}_1$, so we can see $[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha$ as $[u]^\alpha$ and $[\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha$ as $[1 - v]^\alpha$ in the fuzzy case.

We define $0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle} \in \mathbf{IF}_1$ as

$$0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}(t) = \begin{cases} \langle 1, 0 \rangle & t = 0 \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $\langle u, v \rangle, \langle u', v' \rangle \in \mathbf{IF}_1$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the following operations by :

$$\left(\langle u, v \rangle \oplus \langle u', v' \rangle \right)(z) = \left(\sup_{z=x+y} \min(u(x), u'(y)), \inf_{z=x+y} \max(v(x), v'(y)) \right)$$

$$\lambda \langle u, v \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \lambda u, \lambda v \rangle & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle} & \text{if } \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

For $\langle u, v \rangle, \langle z, w \rangle \in IF_1$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, the addition and scalar-multiplication are defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} [\langle u, v \rangle \oplus \langle z, w \rangle]^\alpha &= [\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha + [\langle z, w \rangle]^\alpha, \\ [\lambda \langle z, w \rangle]^\alpha &= \lambda [\langle z, w \rangle]^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\langle u, v \rangle \oplus \langle z, w \rangle]_\alpha &= [\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha + [\langle z, w \rangle]_\alpha, \\ [\lambda \langle z, w \rangle]_\alpha &= \lambda [\langle z, w \rangle]_\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Definition 2.1. Let $\langle u, v \rangle$ an element of IF_1 and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, we define the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} [\langle u, v \rangle]_l^+(\alpha) &= \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid u(x) \geq \alpha\}, & [\langle u, v \rangle]_r^+(\alpha) &= \sup\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid u(x) \geq \alpha\} \\ [\langle u, v \rangle]_l^-(\alpha) &= \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid v(x) \leq 1 - \alpha\}, & [\langle u, v \rangle]_r^-(\alpha) &= \sup\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid v(x) \leq 1 - \alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.2.

$$[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha = \left[[\langle u, v \rangle]_l^+(\alpha), [\langle u, v \rangle]_r^+(\alpha) \right], \quad [\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha = \left[[\langle u, v \rangle]_l^-(\alpha), [\langle u, v \rangle]_r^-(\alpha) \right]$$

Proposition 2.1. For all $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ and $\langle u, v \rangle \in IF_1$

- (i) $[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha \subset [\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha$
- (ii) $[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha$ and $[\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha$ are nonempty compact convex sets in \mathbb{R}
- (iii) if $\alpha \leq \beta$ then $[\langle u, v \rangle]_\beta \subset [\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha$ and $[\langle u, v \rangle]^\beta \subset [\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha$
- (iv) If $\alpha_n \nearrow \alpha$ then $[\langle u, v \rangle]_\alpha = \bigcap_n [\langle u, v \rangle]_{\alpha_n}$ and $[\langle u, v \rangle]^\alpha = \bigcap_n [\langle u, v \rangle]^{\alpha_n}$

Let M any set and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ we denote by

$$M_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : u(x) \geq \alpha\} \quad \text{and} \quad M^\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : v(x) \leq 1 - \alpha\}$$

Lemma 2.1. [11] let $\{M_\alpha, \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$ and $\{M^\alpha, \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$ two families of subsets of \mathbb{R} satisfies (i)–(iv) in proposition 2.1, if u and v define by

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin M_0 \\ \sup\{\alpha \in [0, 1] : x \in M_\alpha\} & \text{if } x \in M_0 \end{cases} \\ v(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \notin M^0 \\ 1 - \sup\{\alpha \in [0, 1] : x \in M^\alpha\} & \text{if } x \in M^0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\langle u, v \rangle \in IF_1$.

Example: A Triangular Intuitionistic Fuzzy Number (TIFN) $\langle u, v \rangle$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in \mathbb{R} with the following membership function u and non-membership function v :

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - a_1}{a_2 - a_1} & \text{if } a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ \frac{a_3 - x}{a_3 - a_2} & \text{if } a_2 \leq x \leq a_3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{a_2 - x}{a_2 - a'_1} & \text{if } a'_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ \frac{x - a_2}{a'_3 - a_2} & \text{if } a_2 \leq x \leq a'_3, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where $a'_1 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq a'_3$. This TIFN is denoted by $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3; a'_1, a_2, a'_3 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_{\alpha} &= \left[a_1 + \alpha(a_2 - a_1), a_3 - \alpha(a_3 - a_2) \right] \\ \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]^{\alpha} &= \left[a'_1 + \alpha(a_2 - a'_1), a'_3 - \alpha(a'_3 - a_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

On the space IF_1 we will consider the following metric,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\infty}(\langle u, v \rangle, \langle z, w \rangle) &= \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_r^+(\alpha) - \left[\langle z, w \rangle \right]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_l^+(\alpha) - \left[\langle z, w \rangle \right]_l^+(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_r^-(\alpha) - \left[\langle z, w \rangle \right]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_l^-(\alpha) - \left[\langle z, w \rangle \right]_l^-(\alpha) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.1 ([11]). (IF_1, d_{∞}) is a complete metric space.

Remark 2.3.

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\infty}(\langle u, v \rangle, \langle u', v' \rangle) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H \left(\left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_{\alpha}, \left[\langle u', v' \rangle \right]_{\alpha} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H \left(\left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]^{\alpha}, \left[\langle u', v' \rangle \right]^{\alpha} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where d_H is the Hausdorff metric defined in $P_k(\mathbb{R})$ by $d_H([a, b][c, d]) = \max\{|a - c|; |b - d|\}$.

Definition 2.2. [12]

Let $\langle u, v \rangle, \langle u', v' \rangle \in IF_1$ the H -difference is the IFN $\langle z, w \rangle \in IF_1$, if it exists, such that

$$\langle u, v \rangle \ominus \langle u', v' \rangle = \langle z, w \rangle \iff \langle u, v \rangle = \langle u', v' \rangle \oplus \langle z, w \rangle$$

Definition 2.3. Let $F : IF_1 \rightarrow IF_1$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy valued mapping and $\langle u, v \rangle \in IF_1$. Then F is called intuitionistic fuzzy continuous in $\langle u, v \rangle$ iff:

$$(\forall \varepsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall \langle z, w \rangle \in IF_1) \left(d_\infty(\langle u, v \rangle, \langle z, w \rangle) < \delta \right) \Rightarrow d_\infty(F(\langle u, v \rangle), F(\langle z, w \rangle)) < \varepsilon$$

Definition 2.4. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy valued mapping and $t_0 \in [a, b]$. Then F is called intuitionistic fuzzy continuous in t_0 iff:

$$(\forall \varepsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0) \left(\forall t \in [a, b] \text{ such as } |t - t_0| < \delta \right) \Rightarrow d_\infty(F(t), F(t_0)) < \varepsilon$$

Definition 2.5. F is called intuitionistic fuzzy continuous iff is intuitionistic fuzzy continuous in every point of $[a, b]$.

Definition 2.6. A mapping $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is said to be differentiable at $t_0 \in (a, b)$ if there exist $F'(t_0) \in IF_1$ such that both limits:

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t_0 + \Delta t) \ominus F(t_0)}{\Delta t} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t_0) \ominus F(t_0 - \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \quad (2.3)$$

exist and they are equal to $F'(t_0) = \langle u'(t_0), v'(t_0) \rangle$, which is called intuitionistic fuzzy derivative of F at t_0 . Here the limit is taken in the metric space (IF_1, d_∞) . At the end points of $[a, b]$ we consider only the one-sided derivatives.

Definition 2.7. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy valued mapping. Let $P : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be differentiable mappings at every $t \in (a, b)$. P is said to be a primitive of F if the intuitionistic fuzzy derivative of P equals F for every $t \in (a, b)$, that is, $P'(t) = F(t)$.

3 Measurability

Throughout this paper, $(\mathbb{R}, B(\mathbb{R}), \mu)$ denotes a complete finite measure space.

Let us $P_k(\mathbb{R})$ the set of all nonempty compact convex subsets of \mathbb{R} .

$F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is called integrably bounded if there exists an integrable function h such that $|y| \leq h(t)$ holds for any $y \in \text{supp}(F(t))$, $t \in [a, b]$.

Definition 3.1. we say that a mapping $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is strongly measurable if for all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ the set-valued mapping $F_\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow P_k(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $F_\alpha(t) = [F(t)]_\alpha$ and $F^\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow P_k(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $F^\alpha(t) = [F(t)]^\alpha$ are (Lebesgue) measurable, when $P_k(\mathbb{R})$ is endowed with the topology generated the Hausdorff metric d_H

Lemma 3.1. If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is continuous then it is strongly measurable.

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $t_0 \in [a, b]$, by continuity there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d_\infty(F(t), F(t_0)) < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } |t - t_0| < \delta$$

$$d_\infty(F(t), F(t_0)) < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$$

$$|[F(t)]_r^+(\alpha) - [F(t_0)]_r^+(\alpha)| < \varepsilon \text{ and } |[F(t)]_l^+(\alpha) - [F(t_0)]_l^+(\alpha)| < \varepsilon$$

hence

$$\max(|[F(t)]_r^+(\alpha) - [F(t_0)]_r^+(\alpha)|; |[F(t)]_l^+(\alpha) - [F(t_0)]_l^+(\alpha)|) = d_H(F_\alpha(t), F_\alpha(t_0)) < \varepsilon$$

whenever $|t - t_0| < \delta$. So F_α is continuous with respect to the Hausdorff metric.

Therefore $F_\alpha^{-1}(U)$ is open, for each open U in $P_k(\mathbb{R})$. In the same way we show that F^α is measurable. \square

Lemma 3.2. *Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be strongly measurable and denote $F_\alpha(t) = [\lambda_\alpha(t), \lambda^\alpha(t)]$, $F^\alpha(t) = [\mu_\alpha(t), \mu^\alpha(t)]$ for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. Then $\lambda_\alpha, \lambda^\alpha, \mu_\alpha, \mu^\alpha$ are measurable.*

Proof. Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ be fixed. Then F_α and F^α are measurable and closed valued.

Consequently its have a Castaing representation ([6]) i.e., there exists a sequence g_k^α of measurable selections such that for all $t \in [a, b]$,

$$F_\alpha(t) = \overline{\{g_k^\alpha, |k = 1, 2, \dots\}}$$

But from the definition of $F_\alpha(t)$, it follows that $\lambda_\alpha = \inf g_k^\alpha$ and $\lambda^\alpha = \sup g_k^\alpha$. In the same way we show that μ_α and μ^α are measurable, which proves the lemma. \square

4 Integrability

Definition 4.1. *Suppose $A = [a, b]$, $F : A \rightarrow IF_1$ is integrably bounded and strongly measurable for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ write*

$$\left[\int_A F(t) dt \right]_\alpha = \int_A [F(t)]_\alpha dt = \left\{ \int_A f dt \mid f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a measurable selection for } F_\alpha \right\}.$$

$$\left[\int_A F(t) dt \right]^\alpha = \int_A [F(t)]^\alpha dt = \left\{ \int_A f dt \mid f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a measurable selection for } F^\alpha \right\}.$$

if there exists $\langle u, v \rangle \in IF_1$ such that $\left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]^\alpha = \left[\int_A F(t) dt \right]^\alpha$ and $\left[\langle u, v \rangle \right]_\alpha = \left[\int_A F(t) dt \right]_\alpha$ $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1]$. Then F is called integrable on A , write $\langle u, v \rangle = \int_A F(t) dt$.

Remark 4.1. • If $F(t) = \langle u_t, v_t \rangle$ is integrable, then $\int \langle u_t, v_t \rangle = \langle \int u_t, \int v_t \rangle$,

- If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is integrable then in view of Lemma (3.2) $\int F$ is obtained by integrating the α -level curves, that is

$$\left[\int F \right]_\alpha = \left[\int \lambda_\alpha, \int \lambda^\alpha \right] \text{ and } \left[\int F \right]^\alpha = \left[\int \mu_\alpha, \int \mu^\alpha \right], \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$F_\alpha(t) = [F(t)]_\alpha = [\lambda_\alpha(t), \lambda^\alpha(t)], F^\alpha(t) = [F(t)]^\alpha = [\mu_\alpha(t), \mu^\alpha(t)] \text{ for } \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

Theorem 4.1. *If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is strongly measurable and integrably bounded, then F is integrable.*

Proof. We denote $\mathcal{M}_\alpha = \int F_\alpha$ and $\mathcal{M}^\alpha = \int F^\alpha$, Since F is strongly measurable and integrably bounded, then due to [4] there exist two fuzzy numbers u and $1 - v$ such that

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : u(x) \geq \alpha\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}^\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 - v(x) \geq \alpha\}$$

Then properties (i)-(iii) of lemma (2.1) are checked.

Since $F_\alpha \subset F^\alpha \Rightarrow \int F_\alpha \subset \int F^\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, by Lemma (2.1), There exists unique $\langle u, v \rangle \in IF_1$ such that $\left[\int F_\alpha \right]^\alpha = \int F^\alpha$ et $\left[\int F^\alpha \right]_\alpha = \int F_\alpha$, which completes the proof. \square

Corollary 4.1. *If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is continuous, then it is integrable.*

Proof. F is continuous $\Rightarrow F$ is strongly measurable.

Since F^0 is continuous, $F^0(t) \in P_k(\mathbb{R})$ for all $t \in [a, b]$ and $[a, b]$ is compact, then $\cup_{t \in [a, b]} F^0(t)$ is compact. So F is integrably bounded, which completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4.2. *Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be integrable and $c \in [a, b]$. Then*

$$\int_a^b F = \int_a^c F \oplus \int_c^b F.$$

Proof. Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and f be a measurable selection for F_α .

Since $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$, then we get

$$\left[\int_a^b F \right]_\alpha \subset \left[\int_a^c F \right]_\alpha + \left[\int_c^b F \right]_\alpha.$$

On the other hand, let $z = \int_a^c g_1 + \int_c^b g_2$ where g_1 is a measurable selection for F_α in $[a, c]$ and g_2 is a measurable selection for F_α in $[c, b]$. Then f defined by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} g_1(t) & \text{if } t \in [a, c] \\ g_2(t) & \text{if } t \in [c, b]. \end{cases}$$

is measurable selection F_α in $[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c g_1 + \int_c^b g_2 = z$ hence

$$\left[\int_a^c F \right]_\alpha + \left[\int_c^b F \right]_\alpha \subset \left[\int_a^b F \right]_\alpha.$$

in the same way we show that

$$\left[\int_a^c F \right]^\alpha + \left[\int_c^b F \right]^\alpha = \left[\int_a^b F \right]^\alpha.$$

\square

Theorem 4.3. *Let $F, G : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be integrable and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then*

$$1. \int (F(t) \oplus G(t)) dt = \int F(t) \oplus \int G(t),$$

$$2. \int (\lambda F(t)) dt = \lambda \int F(t) dt,$$

3. $d_\infty(F(t), G(t))$ is integrable,

$$4. d_\infty\left(\int F(t)dt, \int G(t)dt\right) \leq \int d_\infty(F(t), G(t))dt$$

Proof. Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, the upper and lower α -cuts of $F(t)$ and $G(t)$ respectively given by $F_\alpha(t), F^\alpha(t), G_\alpha(t), G^\alpha(t)$ are compact-convex-valued. Since the space $P_k(\mathbb{R})$ can be embedded into a Banach space and it follows from Debreu[5] that the integrals $\int F_\alpha(t), \int F^\alpha(t), \int G_\alpha(t)$ and $\int G^\alpha(t)$ are in fact Bochner integrals. Hence applying Eqs. (2.1), (2.2) we obtain

$$\int [F(t) \oplus G(t)]_\alpha = \int F_\alpha(t) + \int G_\alpha(t)$$

$$\int [F(t) \oplus G(t)]^\alpha = \int F^\alpha(t) + \int G^\alpha(t)$$

which proves 1.

A similar reasoning yields 2.

Now for 3. using Remark 2.3 we have

$$d_\infty(F(t), G(t)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H([F(t)]_\alpha, [G(t)]_\alpha) + \frac{1}{2} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H([F(t)]^\alpha, [G(t)]^\alpha)$$

Since, $\sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H([F(t)]_\alpha, [G(t)]_\alpha)$ and $\sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} d_H([F(t)]^\alpha, [G(t)]^\alpha)$ are integrable see [Theorem 4.3,(iii) [8]]. Hence, $d_\infty(F(t), G(t))$ is integrable.

Finally, by the definition of metric d_∞ we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_\infty\left(\int F(t), \int G(t)\right) &= \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int [(F(t))]_l^+(\alpha) - \int [G(t)]_l^+(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int [(F(t))]_r^+(\alpha) - \int [G(t)]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int [(F(t))]_l^-(\alpha) - \int [G(t)]_l^-(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int [(F(t))]_r^-(\alpha) - \int [G(t)]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \int \left| [(F(t))]_l^+(\alpha) - [G(t)]_l^+(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \int \left| [(F(t))]_r^+(\alpha) - [G(t)]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \int \left| [(F(t))]_l^-(\alpha) - [G(t)]_l^-(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \int \left| [(F(t))]_r^-(\alpha) - [G(t)]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\ &\leq \int \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [(F(t))]_l^+(\alpha) - [G(t)]_l^+(\alpha) \right| + \int \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [(F(t))]_r^+(\alpha) - [G(t)]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \\ &+ \int \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [(F(t))]_l^-(\alpha) - [G(t)]_l^-(\alpha) \right| + \int \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [(F(t))]_r^-(\alpha) - [G(t)]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$d_\infty\left(\int F(t), \int G(t)\right) \leq \int d_\infty(F(t), G(t))$$

□

Lemma 4.1. Let $A \in IF_1$ and $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ by $F(s) = A$ for all $s \in [a, b]$. Then $\int_a^b F = (b - a)A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\int_a^b F(s) ds \right]_\alpha &= \int_a^b [F(s)]_\alpha ds = \int_a^b [A]_\alpha ds = (b - a)[A]_\alpha \\ \left[\int_a^b F(s) ds \right]^\alpha &= \int_a^b [F(s)]^\alpha ds = \int_a^b [A]^\alpha ds = (b - a)[A]^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\int_a^b F(s) ds = (b - a)A$$

□

Theorem 4.4. If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is continuous, then $\int_a^t F$ is Lipschitz continuous on $[a, b]$.

Proof. Let $s, t \in [a, b]$ and assume that $t < s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_\infty \left(\int_a^s F(\tau) d\tau, \int_a^t F(\tau) d\tau \right) &= d_\infty \left(\int_a^t F(\tau) d\tau + \int_t^s F(\tau) d\tau, \int_a^t F(\tau) d\tau \right) \\ &\leq d_\infty \left(\int_t^s F(\tau) d\tau, 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}(\tau) \right) \\ &\leq \int_t^s d_\infty \left(F(\tau), 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}(\tau) \right) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cup_{t \in [a, b]} F^0(t)$ is compact, then there exists an $M > 0$ such that $|x| \leq M$ for all $x \in F^0(t)$ and $t \in [a, b]$, this implies that $d_\infty \left(F(\tau), 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}(\tau) \right) \leq M$, by Lemma 4.1

Then we have

$$d_\infty \left(\int_a^s F, \int_a^t F \right) \leq M(s - t)$$

□

Theorem 4.5. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be continuous. Then for all $t \in [a, b]$ the integral $G(t) = \int_a^t F$ is differentiable and $G'(t) = F(t)$.

Proof. F is continuous $\Rightarrow F$ is integrable.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, for $h > 0$ $G(t + h) \ominus G(t) = \int_t^{t+h} F$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} d_\infty \left(\frac{1}{h} (G(t + h) \ominus G(t)), F(t) \right) &= \frac{1}{h} d_\infty \left(\int_t^{t+h} F(s) ds, hF(t) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{h} d_\infty \left(\int_t^{t+h} F(s) ds, \int_t^{t+h} F(t) ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} d_\infty \left(F(s), F(t) \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

Since F is continuous, then $d_\infty\left(\frac{1}{h}(G(t+h) \ominus G(t)), F(t)\right) < \varepsilon$
hence $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (G(t+h) \ominus G(t))/h = F(t)$, and similarly $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h}(G(t) \ominus G(t-h)) = F(t)$, which
proves the theorem. \square

Theorem 4.6. [7] Let $F : T \rightarrow IF_1$ be differentiable and assume that the derivative F' is integrable over T . Then, for each $s \in T$, we have

$$F(s) = F(a) \oplus \int_a^s F'(t) dt.$$

Theorem 4.7. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be differentiable. Denote $F^\alpha(t) = [F(t)]^\alpha = [\lambda_\alpha(t), \lambda^\alpha(t)]$, $F_\alpha(t) = [F(t)]_\alpha = [\mu_\alpha(t), \mu^\alpha(t)]$. Then $\lambda_\alpha(t), \lambda^\alpha(t), \mu_\alpha(t)$ and $\mu^\alpha(t)$ are differentiable and $[F(t)']^\alpha = [\lambda'_\alpha(t), \lambda^{\alpha'}(t)]$, $[F(t)']_\alpha = [\mu'_\alpha(t), \mu^{\alpha'}(t)]$

Proof. we prove that for F^α , and its similarly for F_α .

$$\text{Now } \left[F(t+h) \ominus F(t) \right]^\alpha = \left[\lambda_\alpha(t+h) - \lambda_\alpha(t), \lambda^\alpha(t+h) - \lambda^\alpha(t) \right],$$

$$\text{and } \left[F(t) \ominus F(t-h) \right]^\alpha = \left[\lambda_\alpha(t) - \lambda_\alpha(t-h), \lambda^\alpha(t) - \lambda^\alpha(t-h) \right].$$

Dividing by h and passing to the limit gives the conclusion. \square

Proposition 4.1. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ and $G : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ be differentiable mappings. If F and G are both primitives of the same mapping and there exists $F(t) \ominus G(t)$ for every $t \in (a, b)$, then $F(t) = G(t) \oplus C$, being $C \in IF_1$.

Proof. Let $F(t) = G(t) \oplus C(t)$, By taking the intuitionistic fuzzy derivative at both sides, we have that $F'(t) = G'(t) \oplus C'(t)$, and hence $C'(t) = 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}$ for every $t \in (a, b)$ which implies that C is constant. \square

Theorem 4.8. If $F : [a, b] \rightarrow IF_1$ is differentiable then it is continuous.

Proof. Let $t, t+h \in [a, b]$ with $h > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} d_\infty(F(t+h), F(t)) &= d_\infty(F(t+h) \ominus F(t), 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}) \\ &\leq h d_\infty\left(\frac{F(t+h) \ominus F(t)}{h}, F'(t)\right) + h d_\infty(F'(t), 0_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle}) \end{aligned}$$

where h is so small that the H-difference $F(t+h) \ominus F(t)$ exists.

When $h \rightarrow 0$ the right-hand side goes to 0 and hence F is right continuous. The left continuity is similarly proven. \square

5 Existence and uniqueness

In this section we consider the initial value problem for the intuitionistic fuzzy differential equation

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = \langle u_{t_0}(\cdot), v_{t_0}(\cdot) \rangle \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where $x \in \mathbf{IF}_1$ is unknown, $I = [t_0, T]$ and $f : I \times \mathbf{IF}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{IF}_1$.

Denote by $C(I, \mathbf{IF}_1)$ the set of all continuous mappings from I to \mathbf{IF}_1 .

Defining the metric

$$D(f, g) = \sup_{t \in I} d_\infty(f(t), g(t))$$

with $f(t) = \langle f_{1,t}, f_{2,t} \rangle$ et $g(t) = \langle g_{1,t}, g_{2,t} \rangle$.

Theorem 5.1. $(C(I, \mathbf{IF}_1), D)$ is a complete metric space.

Proof. Let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence of Cauchy in $(C(I, \mathbf{IF}_1), D)$ then, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n, q \in \mathbb{N}$, $n, q \geq N \Rightarrow D(f_n, f_q) \leq \varepsilon$

i.e $\forall n, q \in \mathbb{N}$, $n, q \geq N \Rightarrow \sup_{t \in I} d_\infty(f_n(t), f_q(t)) \leq \varepsilon$

which implies that $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall n, q \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall t \in I$, $n, q \geq N \Rightarrow d_\infty(f_n(t), f_q(t)) \leq \varepsilon$.

Since $(\mathbf{IF}_1, d_\infty)$ is a complete metric space then, there exists $f(t) \in \mathbf{IF}_1$, $\forall t \in I$ such that $d_\infty(f_n(t), f(t)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Thus, $D(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

It remains to prove that $f \in C(I, \mathbf{IF}_1)$, so $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall t, t_0 \in I$; we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_\infty(f(t), f(t_0)) &\leq d_\infty(f(t), f_n(t)) + d_\infty(f_n(t), f_n(t_0)) + d_\infty(f_n(t_0), f(t_0)) \\ &\leq D(f, f_n) + d_\infty(f_n(t), f_n(t_0)) + d_\infty(f_n(t_0), f(t_0)) \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large n and t belongs to the neighborhood of t_0 . So $f \in C(I, \mathbf{IF}_1)$. \square

Definition 5.1. $x : I \rightarrow \mathbf{IF}_1$ is a solution of the initial value problem (5.1), if and only if it is continuous and satisfies the integral equation

$$x(t) = x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds, \text{ for all } t \in I.$$

Denote by $C(I \times \mathbf{IF}_1, \mathbf{IF}_1)$ the set of all continuous mappings from $I \times \mathbf{IF}_1$ to \mathbf{IF}_1

Theorem 5.2. Assume that $f \in C(I \times \mathbf{IF}_1, \mathbf{IF}_1)$ and there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^+(\alpha)| &\leq k|[x(s)]_r^+(\alpha) - [y(s)]_r^+(\alpha)| \\ |[f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^+(\alpha)| &\leq k|[x(s)]_l^+(\alpha) - [y(s)]_l^+(\alpha)| \\ |[f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^-(\alpha)| &\leq k|[x(s)]_r^-(\alpha) - [y(s)]_r^-(\alpha)| \\ |[f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^-(\alpha)| &\leq k|[x(s)]_l^-(\alpha) - [y(s)]_l^-(\alpha)| \end{aligned}$$

with $k(T - t_0) < 1$, for all $s \in I$, $x, y \in \mathbf{IF}_1$. Then the problem (5.1) has an unique solution on I .

Proof. For $x \in C(I, \mathbb{IF}_1)$, we define Px on I by the relation

$$Px(t) = x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds$$

we put $\varphi(t) = Px(t+h)$ and $\psi(t) = Px(t)$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(\varphi, \psi) &= D\left(x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^{t+h} f(s, x(s))ds, x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds\right) \\ &= D\left(\int_{t_0}^{t+h} f(s, x(s))ds, \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds\right) \\ &= \sup_{t \in I} d_\infty\left(\int_{t_0}^{t+h} f(s, x(s))ds, \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds\right) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(\varphi, \psi) &= \sup_{t \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_{t_0}^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha)ds - \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha)ds \right| \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_{t_0}^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha)ds - \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha)ds \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_{t_0}^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha)ds - \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha)ds \right| \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_{t_0}^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha)ds - \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha)ds \right| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(\varphi, \psi) &= \sup_{t \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_t^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha)ds \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_t^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha)ds \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_t^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha)ds \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| \int_t^{t+h} [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha)ds \right| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

when $h \rightarrow 0$, $D(\varphi, \psi) \rightarrow 0$. Therefore $Px \in C(I, \mathbb{IF}_1)$.

Now, let $x, y \in C(I, \mathbb{IF}_1)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(Px, Py) &= D\left(x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds, x(t_0) \oplus \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s))ds\right) \\ &= D\left(\int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds, \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s))ds\right) \\ &= \sup_{t \in I} d_\infty\left(\int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s))ds, \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s))ds\right) \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in I} \int_{t_0}^t d_\infty\left(f(s, x(s)), f(s, y(s))\right)ds \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Px, Py) &\leq \sup_{t \in I} \int_{t_0}^t \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^+(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^-(\alpha) \right| \right\} ds
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Px, Py) &\leq \sup_{t \in I} (t - t_0) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^+(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^-(\alpha) \right| \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Px, Py) &\leq (T - t_0) \sup_{s \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^+(\alpha) \right| \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^+(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^+(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_r^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_r^-(\alpha) \right| \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [f(s, x(s))]_l^-(\alpha) - [f(s, y(s))]_l^-(\alpha) \right| \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$D(Px, Py) \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq k(T - t_0) \sup_{s \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [x(s)]_r^+(\alpha) - [y(s)]_r^+(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [x(s)]_l^+(\alpha) - [y(s)]_l^+(\alpha) \right| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [x(s)]_r^-(\alpha) - [y(s)]_r^-(\alpha) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \sup_{0 < \alpha \leq 1} \left| [x(s)]_l^-(\alpha) - [y(s)]_l^-(\alpha) \right| \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $D(Px, Py) \leq k(T - t_0)D(x, y)$.

The contraction mapping principle assures that there exists a unique fixed point of P . \square

6 Solving intuitionistic fuzzy differential equations

In this section we give a procedure to solve the intuitionistic fuzzy differential equations

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = \langle u_{t_0}(\cdot), v_{t_0}(\cdot) \rangle \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} [x(t)]_{\alpha} &= [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha) \\ [x(t)]^{\alpha} &= [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha) \\ [x(t_0)]_{\alpha} &= [x(t_0)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t_0)]_r^+(\alpha) \\ [x(t_0)]^{\alpha} &= [x(t_0)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t_0)]_r^-(\alpha) \\ [f(t, x(t))]_{\alpha} &= [g(t, [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha)), h(t, [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha))] \\ [f(t, x(t))]^{\alpha} &= [l(t, [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha)), k(t, [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha))] \end{aligned}$$

and proceeded as follows

1. solve the system

$$\begin{cases} [x'(t)]_l^+(\alpha) = g(t, [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha)) & ; [x(t_0)]_l^+(\alpha) \\ [x'(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = h(t, [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha)) & ; [x(t_0)]_r^+(\alpha) \\ [x'(t)]_l^-(\alpha) = l(t, [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha)) & ; [x(t_0)]_l^-(\alpha) \\ [x'(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = k(t, [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha)) & ; [x(t_0)]_r^-(\alpha) \end{cases}$$

2. Denote $[x(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = M_{\alpha}$, $[x(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = M^{\alpha}$

and

$$[x'(t)]_l^+(\alpha), [x'(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = M'_{\alpha}, [x'(t)]_l^-(\alpha), [x'(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = M'^{\alpha}.$$

ensure that (M_{α}, M^{α}) and $(M'_{\alpha}, M'^{\alpha})$ verifying (i) – (iv) of lemma (2.1).

3. using lemma (2.1), there exists $\langle u, v \rangle \in \text{IF}_1$ such that $\langle u, v \rangle = x(t)$.

7 Example

Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) + x(t) = \sigma(t) & , t \geq 0 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad (7.1)$$

where $x_0 = \langle -1, 0, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 0, \frac{3}{2} \rangle$ and $\sigma(t) = 2 \exp(-t)x_0$

If the conditions of Theorem 5.2 are satisfied, then the problem has a unique solution.

We get the differential system

$$\begin{cases} [x'(t)]_l^+(\alpha) + [x(t)]_l^+(\alpha) = 2(\alpha - 1) \exp(-t) & , \quad [x(0)]_l^+(\alpha) = \alpha - 1 \\ [x'(t)]_r^+(\alpha) + [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = 2(1 - \alpha) \exp(-t) & , \quad [x(0)]_r^+(\alpha) = 1 - \alpha \\ [x'(t)]_l^-(\alpha) + [x(t)]_l^-(\alpha) = 3(\alpha - 1) \exp(-t) & , \quad [x(0)]_l^-(\alpha) = \frac{3}{2}(\alpha - 1) \\ [x'(t)]_r^-(\alpha) + [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = 3(1 - \alpha) \exp(-t) & , \quad [x(0)]_r^-(\alpha) = \frac{3}{2}(1 - \alpha) \end{cases}$$

we get

$$[x(t)]_l^+(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1) \exp(-t)(1 + 2t)$$

$$[x(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha) \exp(-t)(1 + 2t)$$

$$[x(t)]_l^-(\alpha) = (3t + \frac{3}{2})(\alpha - 1) \exp(-t)$$

$$[x(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = (3t + \frac{3}{2})(1 - \alpha) \exp(-t)$$

Therefore

$$\left[x(t) \right]_{\alpha} = \left[(\alpha - 1)(1 + 2t) \exp(-t), (1 - \alpha)(1 + 2t) \exp(-t) \right]$$

$$\left[x(t) \right]^{\alpha} = \left[(\alpha - 1)(3t + \frac{3}{2}) \exp(-t), (1 - \alpha)(3t + \frac{3}{2}) \exp(-t) \right]$$

We see that $[x(t)]_l^+(\alpha) \leq [x(t)]_r^+(\alpha)$ and $[x(t)]_l^-(\alpha) \leq [x(t)]_r^-(\alpha)$ only if $t \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ also,

$$[x'(t)]_l^+(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)(1 - 2t) \exp(-t) \leq [x'(t)]_r^+(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha)(1 - 2t) \exp(-t)$$

and

$$[x'(t)]_l^-(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)(\frac{3}{2} - 3t) \exp(-t) \leq [x'(t)]_r^-(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha)(\frac{3}{2} - 3t) \exp(-t)$$

only if $t \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Moreover, we observe that $\left[x(t) \right]_{\alpha} \subseteq \left[x(t) \right]^{\alpha}$ for all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

So, $x(t)$ define an unique intuitionistic fuzzy solution to the problem (7.1) on the interval $\left[0, \frac{1}{2} \right]$.

References

- [1] Atanassov, K. (1986) Intuitionistic fuzzy sets, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 20, 87–96.
- [2] Atanassov, K. (1999) *Intuitionistic fuzzy sets*, Springer Physica-Verlag, Berlin.
- [3] Atanassov, K. (2003) Intuitionistic fuzzy sets: past, present and future, *3rd Conference of the European Society for Fuzzy Logic and Technology*, Zittau, Germany, 10–12 September 2003, 12–19.

- [4] Aumann, R. J. (1965) Integrals of set-valued functions, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 12, 1–12.
- [5] Debreu, G. (1967) Integration of correspondences, *Proc. Fifth Berkeley Symp. Math. Statist. Probab., Part I*, Univ. California Press, Berkeley, CA, 2, 351–372.
- [6] Castaing, C., & Valadier, M. (1977) *Convex Analysis and Measurable Multifunctions*, Springer, Berlin.
- [7] Ettoussi, R., Melliani, S., Elomari, M., & Chadli, L. S. (2015) Solution of intuitionistic fuzzy differential equations by successive approximations method, *Notes on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets*, 21(2), 51–62.
- [8] Kaleva, O. (1987) Fuzzy differential equations, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 24, 301–317.
- [9] Kaleva, O. (1990) The Cauchy problem for fuzzy differential equations, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 35, 389–396.
- [10] Lakshmikantham, V., & Mohapatra, R. N. (2003) *Theory of fuzzy differential equations and inclusions*, Taylor and Francis, New York.
- [11] Melliani, S., Elomari, M., Chadli, L. S., & Ettoussi, R. (2015) Intuitionistic fuzzy metric space, *Notes on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets*, 21(1), 43–53.
- [12] Melliani, S., Elomari, M., Chadli, L. S., & Ettoussi, R. (2015) Extension of Hukuhara difference in intuitionistic fuzzy theory, *Notes on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets*, 21(4), 34–47.
- [13] Seikkala, S. (1987) On the fuzzy initial value problem, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 24, 319–330.
- [14] Zadeh L. A. (1965) Fuzzy sets, *Information and Control*, 8, 338–353.