

# *std*-Statistical convergence in intuitionistic fuzzy normed space

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce the notion of *std*-statistical convergence and *std*-statistical Cauchy with respect to the intuitionistic fuzzy norm, study their relationship, and obtain some important results.

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## 1 Introduction

Fuzzy theory was introduced by Zadeh [17] in 1965 and applied by researchers to the well-known results. Afterwards, fuzzy theory was generalized by Atanassov [1] as intuitionistic fuzzy theory and by Saadati and Park [11] as intuitionistic fuzzy normed space. Some important works for intuitionistic fuzzy normed space can be found in the literature [2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15].

Recently, a powerful notion than Cauchy sequence, called standard Cauchy (shortly, *std*-Cauchy) have been obtained by Ricarte and Romaguera [10]. By using *std*-Cauchy, they established relationships between the theory of complete fuzzy metric spaces and domain theory. Quite recently, Gregori and Minana [5] answered two questions posed by Morillas and Sapera [7] concerned to standard convergence (*std*-convergence) in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veeramani [4].

Now we recall some definitions and notations.

**Definition 1.** ([14]) A binary operation  $* : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a continuous  $t$ -norm provided that following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $*$  is associate and commutative,
- (ii)  $*$  is continuous,
- (iii)  $a * 1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,
- (iv)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for every  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.** ([14]) A binary operation  $\diamond : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a continuous  $t$ -conorm provided that following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\diamond$  is associate and commutative,
- (ii)  $\diamond$  is continuous,
- (iii)  $a \diamond 0 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,
- (iv)  $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for each  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

In [11], Saadati and Park introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy normed space using the continuous  $t$ -norm and  $t$ -conorm as follows.

**Definition 3.** ([11]) The 5-tuple  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy normed space (shortly, IFNS) provided that  $X$  is a vector space,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm,  $\diamond$  is a continuous  $t$ -conorm, and  $\mu, \nu$  are fuzzy sets on  $X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions for every  $x, y \in X$ , and  $s, t > 0$ :

- (a)  $\mu(x, t) + \nu(x, t) \leq 1$ ,
- (b)  $\mu(x, t) > 0$ ,
- (c)  $\mu(x, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
- (d)  $\mu(\alpha x, t) = \mu(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,
- (e)  $\mu(x, t) * \mu(y, s) \leq \mu(x + y, t + s)$ ,
- (f)  $\mu(x, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous,
- (g)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu(x, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \mu(x, t) = 0$ ,
- (h)  $\nu(x, t) < 1$ ,
- (i)  $\nu(x, t) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
- (j)  $\nu(\alpha x, t) = \nu(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,
- (k)  $\nu(x, t) \diamond \nu(y, s) \geq \nu(x + y, t + s)$ ,
- (l)  $\nu(x, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous,
- (m)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \nu(x, t) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \nu(x, t) = 1$ .

In this case  $(\mu, \nu)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy norm (IFN). An IFNS  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  will be denoted simply by  $X$ .

As a standard example, we can give the following example.

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space, and let  $a * b = ab$  and  $a \diamond b = \min\{a + b, 1\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ .

For all  $x \in X$  and every  $t > 0$ , take into consider

$$\mu(x, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x\|} \text{ and } \nu(x, t) = \frac{\|x\|}{t + \|x\|}.$$

Then  $X$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy normed space (IFNS).

The following definitions are due to Saadati and Park [11].

**Definition 4.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. Then a sequence  $x = \{x_k\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to  $\alpha \in X$  with respect to the intuitionistic fuzzy norm  $(\mu, \nu)$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\mu(x_k - \alpha, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$  and  $\nu(x_k - \alpha, t) < \varepsilon$  for all  $k \geq k_0$ . It is denoted by  $(\mu, \nu)\text{-}\lim x = \alpha$  or  $x_k \xrightarrow{(\mu, \nu)} \alpha$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. Then a sequence  $x = \{x_k\}$  in  $X$  is said to be *Cauchy* to  $\alpha \in X$  with respect to the intuitionistic fuzzy norm  $(\mu, \nu)$  if, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\mu(x_k - x_m, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$  and  $\nu(x_k - x_m, t) < \varepsilon$  for all  $k, m \geq k_0$ .

## 2 *std*-Statistical convergence on IFNS

Let  $K \subset \mathbf{N}$  and  $\delta(K) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \in K : k \leq n\}|$  denote the natural density of set  $K = \{k \in K : k \leq n\}$ , where the vertical bars denote number of elements of  $K$  not exceeding  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . A sequence  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  of real (or complex) numbers is said to be statistically convergent to  $\alpha$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , natural density of the set  $\{k \in \mathbf{N} : |x_k - \alpha| \geq \varepsilon\}$  is zero. If  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  is statistically convergent to  $\alpha$  we write  $st\text{-}\lim x_k = \alpha$  [3, 16].

**Definition 6.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. Then a sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  is said to be *std-statistically convergent* to  $\alpha \in X$  with respect to the intuitionistic fuzzy norm  $(\mu, \nu)$  provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = 0 \quad (1)$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{1}{n} \left| \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} \right| = 0$$

In this case we abbreviate  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std}\text{-}\lim x = \alpha$ .

**Definition 7.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. Then a sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  is said to be *std-statistically Cauchy* with respect to the intuitionistic fuzzy norm  $(\mu, \nu)$  provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - x_m, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - x_m, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = 0.$$

From (1) and property of density, we can easily following result.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} - \lim x = \alpha$ ,
- (ii)  $\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = \delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) > \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) < \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = 1$ ,
- (iv)  $st - \lim \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) = 1$  and  $st - \lim \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. If a sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  is  $std$ -statistically convergent with respect to the IFN  $(\mu, \nu)$ , then the  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std}$  - limit is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} - \lim x = \alpha_1$  and  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} - \lim x = \alpha_2$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$  choose  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$\left( \frac{t}{t + \eta} \right) * \left( \frac{t}{t + \eta} \right) > \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ and } \left( \frac{\eta}{t + \eta} \right) \diamond \left( \frac{\eta}{t + \eta} \right) < \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon}.$$

Then, for any  $t > 0$ , define the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mu, 1}(\eta, t) &= \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha_1, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \eta} \right\}, \\ M_{\mu, 2}(\eta, t) &= \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha_2, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \eta} \right\}, \\ M_{\nu, 1}(\eta, t) &= \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \nu(x_k - \alpha_1, t) \geq \frac{\eta}{t + \eta} \right\}, \\ M_{\nu, 2}(\eta, t) &= \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \nu(x_k - \alpha_2, t) \geq \frac{\eta}{t + \eta} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

As  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} - \lim x = \alpha_1$ , we can obtain

$$\delta(M_{\mu, 1}(\varepsilon, t)) = \delta(M_{\nu, 1}(\varepsilon, t)) = 0$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Moreover,  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} - \lim x = \alpha_2$ , we have

$$\delta(M_{\mu, 2}(\varepsilon, t)) = \delta(M_{\nu, 2}(\varepsilon, t)) = 0$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Let

$$M_{\mu,\nu}(\varepsilon,t) = \{M_{\mu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\mu,2}(\varepsilon,t)\} \cap \{M_{\nu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\nu,2}(\varepsilon,t)\}$$

Then see that  $\delta(M_{\mu,\nu}(\varepsilon,t))=0$  which implies  $\delta(\mathbf{N}/M_{\mu,\nu}(\varepsilon,t))=1$ . If  $k \in \mathbf{N}/M_{\mu,\nu}(\varepsilon,t)$ , there are two possible cases. The first is the case of  $k \in \mathbf{N}/M_{\mu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\mu,2}(\varepsilon,t)$ , and the second is the case of  $k \in \mathbf{N}/M_{\nu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\nu,2}(\varepsilon,t)$ . We first take into consideration that  $k \in \mathbf{N}/M_{\mu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\mu,2}(\varepsilon,t)$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, t) &\geq \mu\left(x_k - \alpha_1, \frac{t}{2}\right) * \mu\left(x_k - \alpha_2, \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &> \left(\frac{t}{t+\eta}\right) * \left(\frac{t}{t+\eta}\right) \\ &> \frac{t}{t+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $\mu(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . Therefore, we get  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 0$ , that is,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ .

On the other hand, if  $k \in \mathbf{N}/M_{\nu,1}(\varepsilon,t) \cup M_{\nu,2}(\varepsilon,t)$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, t) &\leq \nu\left(x_k - \alpha_1, \frac{t}{2}\right) \diamond \nu\left(x_k - \alpha_2, \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &< \left(\frac{\eta}{t+\eta}\right) \diamond \left(\frac{\eta}{t+\eta}\right) \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{t+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $\nu(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ , which implies  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ .

As a consequence, in all cases, we conclude that the  $st_{(\mu,\nu)}^{std}$ -limit is unique.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS. If  $(\mu,\nu)^{std}\text{-}\lim x = \alpha$ , then  $st_{(\mu,\nu)}^{std}\text{-}\lim x = \alpha$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(\mu,\nu)^{std}\text{-}\lim x = \alpha$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $k_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$\mu(x_k - \alpha, t) > \frac{t}{t+\varepsilon} \text{ and } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) < \frac{\varepsilon}{t+\varepsilon}$$

for all  $k \geq k_\varepsilon$ . This guarantees that the set

$$\left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t+\varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t+\varepsilon} \right\}$$

has at most finitely many terms. As every finite subset of the natural numbers has density zero, we get that

$$\delta\left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t+\varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t+\varepsilon} \right\} = 0,$$

as a desired.  $\square$

The following two results show that the notions of *std*-statistically convergence and *std*-statistically Cauchy are both stronger than usual statistically convergence and statistically Cauchy respectively in an IFNS.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS and the sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $X$  be *std*-statistically convergent to  $\alpha \in X$ . Then  $\{x_k\}$  is statistically convergent to  $\alpha \in X$  with respect to the IFN  $(\mu, \nu)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $st_{(\mu, \nu)}^{std} \lim x = \alpha$ . Then we have

$$\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} \right\} = 0$$

for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $\frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} < \varepsilon$  for all  $t > 0$ , we obtain that

$$\frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{t + \varepsilon} > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

As a result,

$$\delta \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : \mu(x_k - \alpha, t) \leq 1 - \varepsilon \text{ or } \nu(x_k - \alpha, t) \geq \varepsilon \right\} = 0,$$

as desired. □

By same arguments in Theorem 3, the following can be easily proved.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS and the sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $X$  be *std*-statistically Cauchy. Then  $\{x_k\}$  is statistically Cauchy with respect to the IFN  $(\mu, \nu)$ .

**Definition 8.** A sequence  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  in IFNS is said to be strong *std*-statistically convergent if it is both statistically convergent and *std*-statistically Cauchy with respect to the IFN  $(\mu, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $X$  be an IFNS and  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a strong *std*-statistically convergent sequence in  $X$ . Then  $x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  is *std*-statistically convergent with respect to the IFN  $(\mu, \nu)$ .

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