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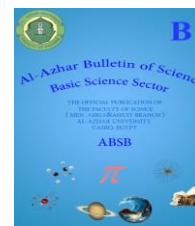
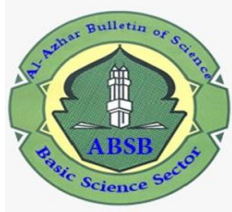
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## **A NOVEL KIND OF GENERALIZED BELIEF INTERVAL-VALUED SOFT SET AND IT'S APPLICATION IN DECISION- MAKING**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we introduce the novel concept of generalized belief interval-valued soft set (briefly, GBIVSS) and examine their properties. Also, we define the nine types of operations (for example, subset, equal, union, intersection, restricted union, extended intersection, complement, soft max-AND, and soft min-OR) on the GBIVSS. The basic theoretical of the above nine operations are given. Based on the concept of GBIVSS, we construct an algorithm to solve the soft decision-making problem, and extended their applicability with help of illustrative examples. Finally, a comparative analysis study has been constructed and compared with the result of Bashir et al.'s approach.

**Keywords:** Fuzzy set; Fuzzy parameter set; Interval-valued fuzzy; Belief interval-valued fuzzy set; Generalized belief interval-valued soft set; Decision-making.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

In 1999, Molodove [1] developed the new notion it's called 'soft set theory'. Recently, many authors (e.g., [2-25]) extended notions of soft sets and gave applications to solve the soft decision-making problems. In 2019, Vijayabalaji and Ramesh [26] proposed the concept of belief interval soft set and explain their properties. Cheng et al. [27] presented the notions of GBIVSS with application. In 2012, Wenqing et al. [28] introduced the notions of possibility belief interval-valued soft set and its application in decision-making. In this paper, by combining between the belief interval soft set and fuzzy parameter soft set, we will propose the concept of GBIVSS and its application in decision making. The operations of GBIVSS are defined and the basic properties are explained. Further, we suggest an algorithm (i.e., an application of a GBIVSS) to solve decision-making problem. Finally, we present a comparison between our proposed approach and the Bashir et. al's approach [29].

The rest of this article is arranged as follows. In section 2 it is mainly introduced several concepts related to fuzzy parameter set, interval-valued fuzzy soft set, belief interval-value soft set, soft set, fuzzy soft set, and belief interval-valued soft set. In section 3, is about GBIVSS, which containing their basic operations and structure properties. In Section 4 we explain an algorithm of GBIVSS for

decision-making. Finally, in Section 5 conclusions are given.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We will provide a short survey of several required definitions in this paper as shown below.

**2.1 Fuzzy parameter set.** Khalil and Hassan [30] defined the fuzzy parameter set  $q$  in a parameter set  $L$  as follows:

**Definition 2.1** A fuzzy parameter set  $q_l$  in a parameter set  $L$  is defined by  $q_l : L \rightarrow [0, 1] \forall l \in L$ , the membership value  $q_l$  basically determines the degree to which  $l \in L$ , belongs to the fuzzy parameter set  $q_l(x) (\forall x \in X)$ . The set of all fuzzy parameter sets will be denoted by  $(I)^{XL}$

Now, we will introduce the notion of fuzzy parameter fuzzy parameter set as shown below.

**Definition 2.2** Suppose that  $q_l, p_l \in (I)^\epsilon$ . Then, the intersection, the union and the complement are defined as

- (1)  $(q_l \cap p_l)(x) = q_l(x) \wedge p_l(x)$ ,
- (2)  $(q_l \cup p_l)(x) = q_l(x) \vee p_l(x)$ , (3)  $(q_l)^c(x) = 1 - q_l(x)$ .

Where  $q_l, p_l \in (I)^X$ . By  $q_l \subseteq p_l$ , we mean that  $q_l \leq p_l \forall l \in L$ . Clearly, if  $q_l \subseteq p_l$  and  $p_l \subseteq q_l$  then,  $q_l = p_l \forall l \in L$ .

**2.2. Interval-valued fuzzy set.** We concept the notion of interval-valued fuzzy set [31] as follows: **Definition 2.3.** Suppose that  $\text{Int}([0, 1])$  represent the set of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ . We call  $S$  be an interval-valued fuzzy set over a set  $X$  if  $S: X \rightarrow \text{Int}([0, 1]) (\forall x \in X, S(x))$  can be written as

$$S(x) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[s^-(x), s^+(x)]} \mid x \in X \right\},$$

where  $s^-(x)$  and  $s^+(x)$  are referred to as the lower and upper degrees of membership an element  $x$  to  $X$ , respectively, and it satisfy  $0 \leq s^-(x) \leq s^+(x) \leq 1 (\forall x \in X)$ .

**Definition 2.4** Suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  be an interval-valued fuzzy sets over  $X$ , where

$$T(x) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[t^-(x), t^+(x)]} \mid x \in X \right\},$$

Then the basic operations (i.e. complement, union, and intersection) are defined as follows:

- (1) The complement of  $S$  is denoted by  $S^c$  such that

$$S^c(x) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[1-s^+(x), 1-s^-(x)]} \mid x \in X \right\}.$$

- (2) The union of  $S$  and  $T$  is denoted by  $S \cup T$  such that

$$(S \cup T) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[s^-(x) \vee t^-(x), s^+(x) \vee t^+(x)]} \mid x \in X \right\}.$$

- (3) The intersection of  $S$  and  $T$  is denoted by  $S \cap T$  such that

$$(S \cap T) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[s^-(x) \wedge t^-(x), s^+(x) \wedge t^+(x)]} \mid x \in X \right\}.$$

### 2.3 Belief interval-value.

Desumpeter [20] proposed the notion of belief measure theory and Shafer [21] gave a thorough explanation of the belief function. In the following, we introduce several basic concepts of the theory of belief measure.

**Definition 2.5** Suppose that  $X$  be a limited set of hypotheses (discrimination frame),  $2^X$  all

subset of  $X$  and  $\tilde{X} \subseteq X$ . The structure of belief Dempster-Shafer has associated mapping  $M: 2^X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that a basic assignment function from subset of  $X$  into  $[0, 1]$  defined by,  $M(\emptyset) = 0, \sum_{\tilde{X} \in 2^X} M(\tilde{X}) = 1$ . The focal elements that determinants are subsets of  $X$  are called non-zero values.

**Definition 2.6** (1) Let  $Bel: 2^X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a measure of belief for  $\tilde{Y} \subseteq X$ ,

$$Bel(\tilde{Y}) = \sum_{(\tilde{X} \subseteq \tilde{Y})} M(\tilde{X}).$$

(2) Let  $Pl: 2^X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a measure of plausibility associated with  $M$  such that for any

$$\tilde{Y} \subseteq X, Bel(\tilde{Y}) = \sum_{(\tilde{X} \cap \tilde{Y} \neq \emptyset)} M(\tilde{X}).$$

Clearly,  $Bel(\tilde{Y}) \leq Pl(\tilde{Y})$ . The interval  $[Bel(\tilde{Y}), Pl(\tilde{Y})]$  called the belief interval.

**2.1 Soft set, fuzzy soft set, and belief interval-valued soft set**

Molodtsov [1] proposed a new approach to the so-called soft set theory and Maji et al. [6-8] introduced the concept of fuzzy soft sets.

An element  $\tilde{F}$  (traditionally, written as  $(\tilde{F}, \mathcal{L})$ ) of  $[0,1]^{X \times \mathcal{L}}$  (the set of all mappings from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $[0,1]^X$ ) is also called a fuzzy soft set over  $\mathcal{L}$  indexed by the parameter set  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $[0,1]^X$  is the set of all fuzzy subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Vijayaballage and Ramesh suggested [26] the concept of belief interval-valued soft set by combining belief interval-valued (Dempster-Shafer Theory) and soft set and introduced several operations of belief interval-valued soft sets as shown below.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $B^X$  be a set of all belief interval-valued subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ . A mapping  $Q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$  is called a belief interval-valued soft set over  $\mathcal{X}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  be a set of parameters.

It's worth mentioning that for each parameter  $l, Q(l)$  can be written by

$$Q(l) = \left\{ \frac{x}{[Bel_{Q(l)}(x), Pl_{Q(l)}(x)]} \mid x \in \mathcal{X} \right\},$$

where,  $Bel_{Q(l)}(x) \in [0,1], Pl_{Q(l)}(x) \in [0,1]$ , and  $0 \leq Bel_{Q(l)}(x) \leq Pl_{Q(l)}(x) \leq 1 (\forall x \in \mathcal{X})$ .

**Definition 2.2** Suppose that  $Q$  (i.e.,  $Q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$ )  $\in B^X$  and  $P$  (i.e.,  $P: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$ ). Then,

(1) The intersection between  $Q$  and  $P$ , denoted by  $D = Q \cap P$  (where  $H: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \neq \emptyset, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$$H(x)(l) = Q(l)(x) \cap P(l)(x) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X})$$

(2) The union between  $Q$  and  $P$ , denoted by  $D = Q \cup P$  (where  $D: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$$D(l)(x) = \begin{cases} Q(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ Q(x) \cup P(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ P(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

$(\forall x \in \mathcal{X}),$

**Definition 2.3** Suppose that  $Q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^X$ ). The complement  $Q$  of  $Q^c$ , is defined by

$$Q_q^c = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{[1 - Pl_{Q_q(l)}(x), 1 - Bel_{Q_q(l)}(x)]} \right) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

## 2 Generalized belief interval valued soft set

**Definition 3.1** Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{X}$  be a set),  $\mathcal{L}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}$  be a set of parameters), and  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  be a soft universes. Let  $Q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}}$  (i.e.,  $Q_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a belief interval-valued soft set [26]) and  $q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow [0,1]$  (i.e.,  $q_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a fuzzy parameter set [30]). If  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}}$  be a mapping, defined by

$$Q_q(l) = (Q(l)(x), q(l)(x)) (x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$$

Then  $Q_q$  is called a generalized belief interval valued soft set GBIVSS over  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$ . Also, we can write  $Q_q(l)$  as

$$Q_q = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{[Bel_{Q_q(l)}(x), Pl_{Q_q(l)}(x)]}, q(l)(x) \right) | x \in \mathcal{X} \right\}$$

The set of all GBIVSS, denoted by  $(Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  or  $(Ge^{\mathcal{X}})^{\mathcal{L}}$ .

**Example 3.2** Assume that  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  be a set of three epochal laptops and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a set of parameters containing  $l_1$  represent 'speed',  $l_2$  'color', and  $l_3$  represent 'price' with fuzzy parameter  $q_{\mathcal{L}}$ . Then,  $Q_q(l)(x)$  (i.e.,  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $l_1, l_2, l_3 \in \mathcal{L}$ ) defined by

$$Q_q(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.7 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.8]}, 0.2 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.1, 0.4]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.5 \right) \right\}.$$

Also, we can express  $Q_q(l)(x)$  by the following matrix:

$$Q_q(l)(x) = \begin{pmatrix} ([0.3, 0.5], 0.2) & ([0.2, 0.4], 0.8) & ([0.1, 0.6], 0.7) \\ ([0.2, 0.5], 0.7) & ([0.1, 0.6], 0.9) & ([0.1, 0.8], 0.2) \\ ([0.2, 0.4], 0.8) & ([0.1, 0.4], 0.7) & ([0.3, 0.6], 0.5) \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Definition 3.3** Suppose that  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ) and  $P_p$  (i.e.,  $P_p: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times p_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ). Then,  $Q_q$  is a subset  $P_p$ , denoted by  $Q_q \subseteq P_p$  if

(1)  $q(l)(x) \leq p(l)(x)$  ( $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$ ), and

(2)  $Bel_{Q_q(l)}(x) \leq Bel_{P_p(l)}(x)$  and  $Pl_{Q_q(l)}(x) \leq Pl_{P_p(l)}(x)$  ( $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$ ).

**Example 3.4** Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  be a set and  $\mathcal{L} = \{l_1, l_2, l_3\}$  be a set of parameters and by Definition 3.3, we have

$$Q_q(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.7 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.5]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.7]}, 0.3 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.1, 0.4]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.5 \right) \right\}.$$

and

$$P_p(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.4, 0.6]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.7]}, 0.9 \right) \right\},$$

$$P_p(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.4, 0.7]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.9]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.9]}, 0.5 \right) \right\},$$

$$P_p(l_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.4, 0.8]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.5, 0.6]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right) \right\}.$$

Thus,  $Q_q(\mathcal{L})(x) \subseteq P_p(\mathcal{L})(x) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X})$ .

**Definition 3.5** Suppose that  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ) and  $P_p$  (i.e.,  $P_p: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times p_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ). Then,  $Q_q$  is equal  $P_p$ , denoted by  $Q_q = P_p$  if  $Q_q \subseteq P_p$  and  $P_p \subseteq Q_q$ .

**Definition 3.6** Suppose that  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ) and  $P_p$  (i.e.,  $P_p: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times p_{\mathcal{L}} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ ). Then,

(1) The intersection between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$ , denoted by  $D_d = Q_q \cap P_p$  (where  $H_h: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times h_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that

$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \neq \emptyset, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$$H_h(l) = (H(l)(x), h(l)(x))(x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L}),$$

where

$$H_h(x)(l) = Q_q(l)(x) \cap P_p(l)(x) \quad (x \in \mathcal{X}),$$

And

$$h(l)(x) = \min(q(l)(x), p(l)(x)).$$

(2) The union between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$ , denoted by  $D_d = Q_q \cup P_p$  (where  $D_d: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times d_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$D_d(l) = (D(l)(x), d(l)(x))(x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$ , where

$$D(l)(x) = \begin{cases} Q_q(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ Q_q(x) \cup P_p(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ P_p(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}.$$

$x \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $d(l)(x) = \max(q(l)(x), p(l)(x))$ .

(3) The extended intersection between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$ , denoted by  $Z_z = Q_q \cap_{ext} P_p$  (where  $Z_z: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times z_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$$Z_z(l) = (Z(l)(x), z(l)(x))(x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L}),$$

where

$$Z(l)(x) = \begin{cases} Q_q(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ Q_q(x) \cap P_p(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ P_p(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}.$$

$x \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $z(l)(x) = \max(q(l)(x), p(l)(x))$ .

(4) The restricted union between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$ , denoted by  $W_w(x)(l) = Q_q \cup_{res} P_p$  (where  $W_w: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times w_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \neq \emptyset, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ), is defined by

$$W_w(l) = (W(l)(x), w(l)(x))(x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L}),$$

where

$$W_w(x)(l) = Q_q(l)(x) \cup P_p(l)(x) \quad (x \in \mathcal{X}),$$

and  $w(l)(x) = \min(q(l)(x), p(l)(x))$ .

**Example 3.7** Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  be a set and  $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_3\}$  be a set of parameters, where  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{l_1, l_2\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{l_1, l_3\}$  be subset of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then,  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}_1} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  and  $P_p$  (i.e.,  $P_p: \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times p_{\mathcal{L}_2} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  is given by

$$Q_q(\mathcal{L}_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.4, 0.6]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.7]}, 0.9 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(\mathcal{L}_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.5, 0.5]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right) \right\},$$

and,

$$P_p(\mathcal{L}_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.4 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.7]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.5]}, 0.2 \right) \right\},$$

$$P_p(\mathcal{L}_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.4]}, 0.2 \right) \right\}.$$

Thus, by Definition 3.6 we have

$$D_d(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.4, 0.7]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.7]}, 0.9 \right) \right\},$$

$$D_d(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.5, 0.5]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right) \right\},$$

$$D_d(l_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.4]}, 0.2 \right) \right\},$$

and

$$H_h(\mathcal{L}_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.2]}, 0.4 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.5]}, 0.2 \right) \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.8** Suppose that  $B_b, C_c, D_d \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . The following hold:

- (1)  $B_b = B_b \cap B_b$ ,
- (2)  $B_b = B_b \cup B_b$ ,
- (3)  $B_b \cap C_c = C_c \cap B_b$ ,
- (4)  $B_b \cup C_c = C_c \cup B_b$ ,
- (5)  $B_b \cap (C_c \cap D_d) = (B_b \cap C_c) \cap D_d$ ,
- (6)  $B_b \cup (C_c \cup D_d) = (B_b \cup C_c) \cup D_d$ .

*Proof.* (1)-(4) are holding from Definition 3.6.

(5) Let  $C_c$  (i.e.,  $C_c: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times c_{\mathcal{L}_1} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  and  $D_d$  (i.e.,  $D_d: \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times d_{\mathcal{L}_2} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . By Definition 3.6, we have  $H_h = C_c \cap D_d$  (where  $H_h: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times h_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $h_{\mathcal{L}} = \min(c(l_1), d(l_2))$ ). Then  $B_b \cap (C_c \cap D_d) = B_b \cap H_h$  (i.e.,  $B_b: \mathcal{L}_3 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times b_{\mathcal{L}_3} \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . Again, we suppose  $K_k = B_b \cap H_h$  (where  $K_k: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times k_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \cap \mathcal{L}_3$  and  $k_{\mathcal{L}} = \min(c(l_1), d(l_2), b(l_3)) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$ . So,

$$K_k = B_b \cup C_c \cup D_d \quad (1)$$

On the other side, let  $B_b$  (i.e.,  $B_b: \mathcal{L}_3 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times b_{\mathcal{L}_3}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ , and  $C_c$  (i.e.,  $C_c: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times c_{\mathcal{L}_1}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . By Definition 3.6 we have  $M_m = B_b \sqcap C_c$  (where  $M_m: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times m_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2)$  and  $m_{\mathcal{L}} = \min(b(l_1), c(l_2))$ ). Then  $(B_b \sqcap C_c) \sqcap D_d = M_m \sqcap D_d$ . Again, we suppose  $A_a = M_m \sqcap D_d$ , (where  $A_a: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times a_{\mathcal{L}}$ ) such that  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \cap \mathcal{L}_3)$  and  $a_{\mathcal{L}} = \min(b(l_1), c(l_2), d(l_3)) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$ . So,

$$A_a = B_b \sqcap C_c \sqcap D_d \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get on

$K_k(x) = A_a(x) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$ . So (5) is holding.

(6) is similar to (5).

**Theorem 3.9** Suppose that  $B_b, C_c, D_d \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . The following hold:

- (1)  $B_b = B_b \sqcup_{res} B_b$ ,
- (2)  $B_b = B_b \sqcap_{ext} B_b$ ,
- (3)  $B_b \sqcup_{res} C_c = C_c \sqcup_{res} B_b$ ,
- (4)  $B_b \sqcap_{ext} C_c = C_c \sqcap_{ext} B_b$ ,
- (5)  $B_b \sqcap_{ext} (C_c \sqcap_{ext} D_d) = (B_b \sqcap_{ext} C_c) \sqcap_{ext} D_d$ ,
- (6)  $B_b \sqcup_{res} (C_c \sqcup_{res} D_d) = (B_b \sqcup_{res} C_c) \sqcup_{res} D_d$ .

*Proof.* (1)-(4) are holding from Definition 3.6.

(5) Let  $C_c$  (i.e.,  $C_c: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times c_{\mathcal{L}_1}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  and  $D_d$  (i.e.,  $D_d: \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times d_{\mathcal{L}_2}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . By Definition 3.6, we have  $H_h = C_c \sqcap_{ext} D_d$  (where  $H_h: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times h_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2$  and  $h_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(c(l_1), d(l_2))$ ). Then

$$H(x)(l) = \begin{cases} C_c & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ C_c \cap D_d & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ D_d & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

$x \in \mathcal{X}$ . As  $B_b \sqcap_{ext} (C_c \sqcap_{ext} D_d) = B_b \sqcap_{ext} H_h$  (i.e.,  $B_b: \mathcal{L}_3 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times b_{\mathcal{L}_3}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . Again,

we suppose  $K_k = B_b \sqcap_{ext} H_h$  (where  $K_k: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times k_{\mathcal{L}}$ ) such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2 \cup \mathcal{L}_3$  and

$k_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(c(l_1), d(l_2), b(l_3)) (\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$K(x)(l) = \begin{cases} B_b(x)(l) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - (\mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ C_c(x)(l) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - (\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_3 - (\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2) \\ C_c(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 \cap (\mathcal{L}_3 - \mathcal{L}_1) \\ B_b(x) \cap C_c(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ B_b(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_3 - \mathcal{L}_2) \\ B_b(x) \cap C_c(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 \cap \mathcal{L}_3) \end{cases}$$

So,  $K_k = B_b \sqcap_{ext} C_c \sqcap_{ext} D_d \quad (3)$



On the other side, let  $B_b$  (i.e.,  $B_b: \mathcal{L}_3 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times b_{\mathcal{L}_1}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ , and  $C_c$  (i.e.,  $C_c: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times c_{\mathcal{L}_1}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . By **Definition 3.9** we have  $M_m = B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c$  (where  $M_m: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times m_{\mathcal{L}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2$  and  $m_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(b(l_1), c(l_2))$ ). Then

$$M(x)(l) = \begin{cases} B_b & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ B_b \cup C_c & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ C_c & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

$x \in \mathcal{X}$ . As  $B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} (C_c \sqcap_{\text{ext}} D_d) = M_m \sqcap_{\text{ext}} D_d$ . Again, we suppose  $A_a = M_m \sqcap_{\text{ext}} D_d$  (where  $A_a: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times a_{\mathcal{L}}$ ) such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2 \cup \mathcal{L}_3$  and  $a_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(c(l_1), d(l_2), b(l_3))$  ( $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ). Then

$$A(x)(l) = \begin{cases} B_b(x)(l) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - (\mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ C_c(x)(l) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - (\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_3 - (\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2) \\ C_c(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 \cap (\mathcal{L}_3 - \mathcal{L}_1) \\ B_b(x) \cap C_c(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_3) \\ B_b(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_3 - \mathcal{L}_2) \\ B_b(x) \cap C_c(x) \cap D_d(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 \cap \mathcal{L}_3) \end{cases}$$

So,

$$A_a = B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c \sqcap_{\text{ext}} D_d \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4) we noted that

$$K_k(x) = A_a(x)$$

( $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L}$ ). So (5) is holding.

(6) is similar to (5).

**Definition 3.10** Suppose that  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . The complement  $Q_q^c$  of  $Q_q$ , is defined by

$$Q_q^c = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{[1 - P_{lQ(l)}(x), 1 - B_{slQ(l)}(x)]}, 1 - q(l)(x) \right) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}, l \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

**Example 3.11** (Continued from Example 3.2), The complement  $Q_q^c$  is computed by

$$Q_q^c(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.5, 0.7]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.6, 0.8]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.9]}, 0.3 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q^c(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.5, 0.8]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.4, 0.9]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.9]}, 0.8 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q^c(l_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.6, 0.7]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.6, 0.9]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.7]}, 0.5 \right) \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.12** Suppose that  $B_b, C_c \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . The following hold:

$$(1) [B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c]^c = B_b^c \sqcup C_c^c,$$

$$(2) [B_b \sqcup C_c]^c = B_b^c \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c^c,$$

$$(3) [B_b \sqcap C_c]^c = B_b^c \sqcup_{\text{res}} C_c^c,$$

$$(4) [B_b \sqcup_{\text{res}} C_c]^c = B_b^c \sqcap C_c^c.$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $B_b$  (i.e.,  $B_b: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times b_{\mathcal{L}_1}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  and  $C_c$  (i.e.,  $C_c: \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times c_{\mathcal{L}_2}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . By Definition 3.6 (4) we have  $D_d = B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c$ , where  $D_d: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times d_{\mathcal{L}}$

$$D(l)(x) = \begin{cases} B_b(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ B_b(l)(x) \cap C_c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ C_c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2$  for all  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $d_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(b_{\mathcal{L}_1}, c_{\mathcal{L}_2})$ . Then, by Definition 3.10  $[B_b \sqcap_{\text{ext}} C_c]^c = D_d^c$

$$D^c(l)(x) = \begin{cases} B_b^c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ B_b^c(l)(x) \cup C_c^c(k)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ C_c^c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\forall l \in \mathcal{L}, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \text{ and } 1 - d_{\mathcal{L}} = \max(1 - b_{\mathcal{L}_1}, 1 - c_{\mathcal{L}_2}) \quad (5)$$

On the other side, by Definition 3.6 (1) and Definition 3.10, we have  $E_{\theta} = B_b^c \sqcup C_c^c$ , where  $E_{\theta}: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times e_{\mathcal{L}}$

$$E(l)(x) = \begin{cases} B_b^c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_2 \\ B_b^c(l)(x) \cup C_c^c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 \\ C_c^c(l)(x) & , l \in \mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{L}_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{such that } \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2 \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } e_{\mathcal{L}} = \max((1 - b_{\mathcal{L}_1}, 1 - c_{\mathcal{L}_2})) \quad (6)$$

Then, from (5) and (6) we get on  $D_d^c(l)(x) = E_{\theta}^c(l)(x) (\forall l \in \mathcal{L}, x \in \mathcal{X})$ . Hence, (1) is holding.

(2)-(4) are similar to (1).

**Definition 3.13** Suppose that  $Q_q$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}_i}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$  and  $P_p$  (i.e.,  $P_p: \mathcal{L}_j \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times p_{\mathcal{L}_j}$ )  $\in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{L}}$ . Then,

(1) The soft max-AND operation between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$ , denoted by  $D_d = Q_q \bar{\wedge} P_p$  (where  $D_d: \mathcal{L}_i \times \mathcal{L}_j \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times d_{(\mathcal{L}_i, \mathcal{L}_j)}$ ) is defined by

$$D_d = \{(\frac{x}{[Bel_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x), Pl_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x)]}, d(l_i, l_j)(x)) | x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$

where  $[Bel_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x), Pl_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x)]$

$$= (\frac{2}{3} (Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x) + Bel_{P_p(l_j)}(x)) - \frac{1}{3} \max\{Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x), Bel_{P_p(l_j)}(x)\}, \frac{2}{3} (Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x) + Pl_{P_p(l_j)}(x)) - \frac{1}{3} \max\{Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x), Pl_{P_p(l_j)}(x)\})$$

and

$$d(l_i, l_j)(x) = \max(q_{\mathcal{L}_i}, p_{\mathcal{L}_j})$$

(2) The soft min-OR operation between  $Q_q$  and  $P_p$  denoted by  $H_h = Q_q \vee P_p$  (where,  $H_h: \mathcal{L}_i \times \mathcal{L}_j \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times h_{(\mathcal{L}_i, \mathcal{L}_j)}$ ) is defined by

$$H_h = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{[Bel_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x), Pl_{D_d(l_i, l_j)}(x)]}, h(l_i, l_j)(x) \right) \mid x \in \mathcal{X} \right\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ Bel_{H_h(l_i, l_j)}(x), Pl_{H_h(l_i, l_j)}(x) \right] = \\ & \left( \frac{2}{3} (Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x) + Bel_{P_p(l_j)}(x)) - \frac{1}{3} \min\{Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x), Bel_{P_p(l_j)}(x)\}, \frac{2}{3} (Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x) + \right. \\ & \left. Pl_{P_p(l_j)}(x)) - \frac{1}{3} \min\{Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x), Pl_{P_p(l_j)}(x)\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$h(l_i, l_j)(x) = \min(q_{\mathcal{L}_i}, p_{\mathcal{L}_j})$$

**Example 3.14** (Continued from Example 3.4) (1) The soft max-AND operation  $D_d = Q_q \bar{\wedge} P_p$ .

Then, from Definition 3.12 (1) computed by

$$D_d(\mathcal{L}_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.9 \right) \right\},$$

$$D_d(\mathcal{L}_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.1, 0.7]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.7]}, 0.5 \right) \right\},$$

$$D_d(\mathcal{L}_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.5]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right) \right\}.$$

(2) The soft min-OR operation  $H_h = Q_q \vee P_p$ . Then, from Definition 3.12 (2) computed by

$$H_h(\mathcal{L}_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.4, 0.5]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.1, 0.6]}, 0.7 \right) \right\},$$

$$H_h(\mathcal{L}_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.8]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.8]}, 0.3 \right) \right\},$$

$$H_h(\mathcal{L}_3) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.3, 0.5]}, 0.5 \right) \right\}.$$

#### 4 Application of generalized belief interval valued soft set in decision-making

In this section, we will present a novel method on generalized belief interval valued soft set for soft decision-making.

**Example 4.1** Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r\}$  be a set of element,  $\mathcal{L} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_i\}$  be a set of parameters (where  $r$  and  $i$  are natural numbers), and  $Q_q \in (Ge)^{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{L}}$  (i.e.,  $Q_q: \mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow B^{\mathcal{X}} \times q_{\mathcal{L}_i}$ ) is defining as follows:

$$Q_q(l_i) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_r}{[Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r), Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r)]}, q(l_i)(x_r) \right) \mid x_r \in \mathcal{X} \right\}, \text{ where}$$

$$0 \leq Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r) \leq Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r) \leq 1.$$

Now, we will define two operations as follows (which we can reduce  $Q_q(l_i)$  to  $S_s(l_i)$  (i.e., belief interval valued soft set):

$$(1) \psi(l_i)(x_r) = Pl_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r) \times q(l_i)(x_r).$$

(2)

$$\xi(l_i)(x_r) = (Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r) + q(l_i)(x_r)) - Bel_{Q_q(l_i)}(x_r) \times q(l_i)(x_r), \forall x_r \in \mathcal{X}, 0 \leq \psi(l_i)(x_r) \leq \xi(l_i)(x_r) \leq 1,$$

such that

$$S_s(l_i) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_r}{[\psi(l_i)(x_r), \xi(l_i)(x_r)]} \right) \mid x_r \in \mathcal{X} \right\},$$

where  $0 \leq \psi(l_i)(x_r) \leq \xi(l_i)(x_r) \leq 1$ .

Next, we present the below algorithm.

**Algorithm**

**Step 1.** Input  $Q_q \in (Ge)^{X \times \mathcal{L}}$ ,

$$Q_q(l_i) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_r}{[Bel_{Q_q}(l_i)(x_r), Pl_{Q_q}(l_i)(x_r)]}, q(l_i)(x_r) \right) \mid x_r \in X \right\}.$$

**Step 2.** Reduce  $Q_q(l_i)$  to  $S_s(l_i)$  (i.e., belief interval valued soft set) as

$$S_s(l_i) = \left\{ \frac{x_r}{[\psi(l_i)(x_r), \xi(l_i)(x_r)]} \mid x_r \in X \right\},$$

where  $0 \leq \psi(l_i)(x_r) \leq \xi(l_i)(x_r) \leq 1$ .

**Step 3.** Compute the choice value  $C_r$  such that  $C_r = [C_r^\psi, C_r^\xi] = [\sum_{l_i \in \mathcal{L}} \psi(l_i)(x_r), \sum_{l_i \in \mathcal{L}} \xi(l_i)(x_r)]$  for all  $l_i \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $x_r \in X$ .

**Step 4.** Compute the score  $\mathbb{R}_i$  which is calculated by  $\mathbb{R}_i = \sum [C_{r_i}^\psi - C_{r_j}^\psi] + [C_{r_i}^\xi - C_{r_j}^\xi]$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Step 5.** Determine the best choice

$$x_r = \max_{x_r \in X} \{\mathbb{R}_i\}.$$

The following example, we show that the principal and steps of the approach to decision-making proposed in our paper.

**Example 4.2** Assume that there is  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  be a set of four applicants for a job in a large company and this company requires a set of four parameters for applicants, where  $\mathcal{L}$  be a set of parameters containing  $l_1$  represent the experience factor,  $l_2$  represent presentable,  $l_3$  represent the language factor, and  $l_4$  represent work under pressure. By above algorithm we will obtain the following.

**Step 1.** The evaluation date can be given by  $Q_q \in (Ge)^{X \times \mathcal{L}}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_q(l_1) &= \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.2, 0.4]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.3, 0.7]}, 0.4 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.5, 0.5]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_4}{[0.2, 0.3]}, 0.6 \right) \right\}, \\ Q_q(l_2) &= \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.1, 0.9]}, 0.8 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.4, 0.5]}, 0.7 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.2, 0.7]}, 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{x_4}{[0.1, 0.8]}, 0.5 \right) \right\}, \\ Q_q(l_3) &= \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.4, 0.5]}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.4, 0.6]}, 0.2 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.9]}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_4}{[0.3, 0.6]}, 0.1 \right) \right\}, \\ Q_q(l_4) &= \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{[0.3, 0.7]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{[0.2, 0.6]}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{[0.4, 0.4]}, 0.6 \right), \left( \frac{x_4}{[0.3, 0.8]}, 0.4 \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2.** By computing  $\psi(l_i)(x_r)$  and  $\xi(l_i)(x_r)$  ( $\forall i, r = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ) as follows:

$$\psi(l_1)(x_1) = 0.4 \times 0.5 = 0.2, \xi(l_1)(x_1) = (0.2 + 0.5) - 0.2 \times 0.5 = 0.6.$$

By the same way, we get on the following Table 1.

**Table 1:**  $\psi(l_i)(x_r)$  and  $\xi(l_i)(x_r)$

$\mathcal{L}$	$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$	$l_4$
$x_1$	[0.20, 0.60]	[0.72, 0.82]	[0.45, 0.94]	[0.18, 0.68]

$x_2$	[0.28, 0.58]	[0.35, 0.82]	[0.12, 0.52]	[0.40, 0.55]
$x_3$	[0.15, 0.65]	[0.35, 0.60]	[0.09, 0.46]	[0.06, 0.64]
$x_4$	[0.07, 0.37]	[0.18, 0.44]	[0.24, 0.76]	[0.32, 0.58]

Then, we compute the  $S_s(x_r)$  (where  $r = 1,2,3,4$ ) as

$$S_s(l_1) = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{[0.20,0.60]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.28,0.58]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.15,0.65]}, \frac{x_4}{[0.18,0.68]} \right\},$$

$$S_s(l_2) = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{[0.72,0.82]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.35,0.82]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.35,0.60]}, \frac{x_4}{[0.40,0.55]} \right\},$$

$$S_s(l_3) = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{[0.45,0.94]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.12,0.52]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.09,0.46]}, \frac{x_4}{[0.06,0.64]} \right\},$$

$$S_s(l_4) = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{[0.07,0.37]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.18,0.44]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.24,0.76]}, \frac{x_4}{[0.32,0.58]} \right\}.$$

**Step 3.** By computing the choice value  $\mathbb{C}_r$ , as shown in Table 2:

**Table 2:** The choice value  $\mathbb{C}_r$

$\mathcal{L}$	$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$	$l_4$	$\mathbb{C}_r$
$x_1$	[0.20, 0.60]	[0.72, 0.82]	[0.45, 0.94]	[0.18, 0.68]	$\mathbb{C}_1=[1.35, 3.04]$
$x_2$	[0.28, 0.58]	[0.35, 0.82]	[0.12, 0.52]	[0.40, 0.55]	$\mathbb{C}_2=[1.15, 2.47]$
$x_3$	[0.15, 0.65]	[0.35, 0.60]	[0.09, 0.46]	[0.06, 0.64]	$\mathbb{C}_3=[0.65, 2.35]$
$x_4$	[0.07, 0.37]	[0.18, 0.44]	[0.24, 0.76]	[0.32, 0.58]	$\mathbb{C}_4=[0.81, 2.15]$

**Step 4.** By computing the score result of  $\mathbb{R}_i$ , we get

$$\mathbb{R}_1 = (1.35 - 1.35 + 3.04 - 3.04 + 1.35 - 1.15 + 3.04 - 2.47 + 1.35 - 0.65 + 3.04 - 2.35 + 1.35 - 3.04 - 2.15) = 3.59.$$

Similarly,  $\mathbb{R}_2 = 0.51$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_3 = -1.97$  and

$$\mathbb{R}_4 = -2.13.$$

**Step 5.** By Step 4, the best choice is  $x_1$ .

### 5. Comparison with existing works

In this subsection, we will compare the proposed approach and Bashir et al.'s approach [29] based on generalized belief interval valued soft set.

**Example 5.2** ([29, see Section 6]) Suppose that there are three schools in universe  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and the parameter set  $\mathcal{L} = \{l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4, l_5, l_6\}$  which indicates a specific criterion for the schools  $l_1$  stands for international,  $l_2$  stands for English,  $l_3$  stands for high efficiency,  $l_4$  stands for modern,  $l_5$  stands for full day, and  $l_6$  stands for half day.

**Step 1.** Now the evaluation data of possibility intuitionistic fuzzy soft set (briefly, PIFSS) [29] given as:

$$Q_q(l_1) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{(0.3,0.5)}, 0.1 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{(0.5,0.3)}, 0.4 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{(0.3,0.4)}, 0.5 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_2) = \left\{ \left( \frac{x_1}{(0.0,0.1)}, 0.9 \right), \left( \frac{x_2}{(0.1,0.0)}, 0.3 \right), \left( \frac{x_3}{(0.9,0.1)}, 0.2 \right) \right\},$$

$$Q_q(l_3) = \{(\frac{x_1}{(0.6,0.3)}, 0.4), (\frac{x_2}{(0.5,0.4)}, 0.3), (\frac{x_3}{(0.6,0.3)}, 0.1)\}.$$

**Step 2.** Then by step 1, we can transform PIFSS [29] to GBVSS as.

$$S_s(l_1) = \{(\frac{x_1}{[0.05,0.37]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.12,0.78]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.20,0.65]})\},$$

$$S_s(l_2) = \{(\frac{x_1}{[0.08,0.00]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.00,1.00]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.02,0.92]})\},$$

$$S_s(l_3) = \{(\frac{x_1}{[0.12,0.76]}, \frac{x_2}{[0.12,0.65]}, \frac{x_3}{[0.03,0.64]})\}.$$

Satisfy,  $0 \leq Bel_{S_s(l_i)}(x) \leq Pl_{S_s(l_i)}(x) \leq 1 (\forall x \in \mathcal{X})$ .

**Step 3.** By computing the choice value  $C_r$ , we get on the following Table 3.

**Table 3:** The choice value  $C_r$

$\mathcal{L}$	$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$	$C_r$
$x_1$	[0.05,0.37]	[0.12,0.78]	[0.20,0.65]	$C_1=[0.52,1.13]$
$x_2$	[0.08,0.00]	[0.00,1.00]	[0.02,0.92]	$C_2=[0.24,1.84]$
$x_3$	[0.12,0.76]	[0.12,0.65]	[0.03,0.64]	$C_3=[0.25,2.21]$

**Step 4.** By computing the score result of  $R_i$ , we get

$$R_1 = (1.13 - 1.84 + 1.13 - 2.21 + 0.25 - 0.24 + 0.25 - 0.25) = -1.78.$$

Similarity, we can get  $R_2 = 0.32$  and  $R_3 = 1.46$ .

**Step 5.** By Step 4, the best choice is  $x_3$ .

The comparison between our proposed approach and Bashir et al.'s approach [29] is presented by the following Table 4.

**Table 4:** The comparison between our proposed and Bashir et al.'s approach

	Ranking	Best Choice
Bashir et al.'s approach [29]	$x_2 \succ x_1 \succ x_3$	$x_2$
Our approach	$x_3 \succ x_2 \succ x_1$	$x_3$

By above Table 3, we notice that there is a difference between the decision in our proposed approach and Bashir et al.'s approach [29] that relied on the comparison table (i.e., there is an error in relying on the comparison table [32]). Therefore it becomes clear that our decision is the correct one. However, our proposed decision-making approach can successfully avoid and solve the above issues.

## 6 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we introduced a new concept which is generalized belief interval valued soft set and its application in the decision-making problem. First we present the concept of basic properties, and also explain the properties of GBIVSS. After that, we developed an algorithm to solve decision-making problem on GBIVSS and illustrated it's applicability through a nonmoral.

In the future, we seek to extend each of these papers[33-38] and reviews into different mathematical applications.

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## مفهوم جديد للقيمة اللينة لفترات الاعتقاد المعمم وتطبيقاتها في اتخاذ القرار

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