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Symmetry/Asymmetry in Fuzzy Multi-Criteria Decision-Making: Application in Management and Engineering

Message from the Guest Editors

Modern approaches to solving multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) problems usually indicate the existence of asymmetry in defining the weighting coefficients of the criteria, i.e., in the selection of alternatives. On the other hand, symmetry is rare and can usually be found when performing a sensitivity analysis of the model. Also, in research, it can be seen that many uncertainties accompany MCDM processes. Even though several areas that consider uncertainties have been developed, the most represented area remains fuzzy logic. In the last twenty years, fuzzy logic has been greatly expanded, and the initial classical fuzzy numbers have been modified to unrecognizable proportions. Despite the development of newer approaches, some authors stuck to the original fuzzy numbers, considering them sufficient for solving MCDM problems. The application of the fuzzy MCDM model is noticeable in many areas. This Special Issue focuses on applying fuzzy MCDM models in management and engineering, two often complementary fields.

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