Fuzzy Minimal Solution of Dual Fully Fuzzy Matrix Equations

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Abstract—The paper deals with the dual fully fuzzy matrix equation $\overline{A}\otimes\overline{X}\oplus\overline{B}=\overline{C}\otimes\overline{X}\oplus\overline{D}$. The dual fuzzy matrix equation is converted to a crisp system of matrix equations according to arithmetic operations of fuzzy numbers. The fuzzy approximate solution of fuzzy matrix equation is obtained by solving the model which is made of three linear matrix equations. The existence condition of the nonnegative fuzzy solution is also discussed. A example is given to illustrate the proposed method.

Keywords-fuzzy numbers; matrix analysis; dual fuzzy matrix equations; fuzzy approximate solutions

I. INTRODUCTION

System of simultaneous linear matrix equations is an essential mathematical tool in science and technology. In practice some or all parameters may be represented by fuzzy numbers rather than crisp ones. Therefore it is necessary to develop mathematical theory and numerical schemes to handle fuzzy matrix systems. The concept of fuzzy numbers and arithmetic operations with these numbers were first introduced and investigated by Zadeh [1], Dubois et al.[2] and Nahmias [3].

Since Friedman et al. [4] proposed a general model for solving an fuzzy linear systems Ax=b by an embedding approach in 1998, lots of works have been done about some advanced fuzzy linear systems such as dual fuzzy linear systems (DFLS), general fuzzy linear systems (GFLS), fully fuzzy linear systems (FFLS) and general dual fuzzy linear systems (GDFLS) see [5-8]. And some new theories and methods for fuzzy linear systems still appeared recently [9-11].

However, for a fuzzy linear matrix equation which always has a wide use in control theory and control engineering, few work has been done in the past decades. In 2009, Allahviranloo et al. [12] discussed the fuzzy linear matrix equations(FLME) of the form $A \mathcal{R} B = \mathcal{C}$ where A and Bare $m \times m$ and $n \times n$ real matrices respectively, \mathcal{C} is a given $m \times n$ fuzzy numbers matrix. In 2011, Gong and Guo [13] investigated a class of fuzzy matrix equations $A \tilde{x} = B$ and studied its fuzzy least squares solutions by using generalized inverses of the matrix. Later, Guo and Shang [14-15] proposed a computing method of fuzzy symmetric solutions to fuzzy matrix equations $A \mathcal{R} = B$ and discussed the fuzzy Sylvester matrix equations with LR fuzzy numbers. Recently, Guo and Gong [16] investigated the dual fuzzy matrix equations form $A\overline{X} + \overline{B} = C\overline{X} + \overline{D}$ based on LR fuzzy numbers.

II.PRELIMINARIES

A. LR Fuzzy Numbers

Let E^1 be the set of all fuzzy numbers on R.

Definition 2.1. A fuzzy number M is said to be a *LR* fuzzy number if

$$u_{\widetilde{M}}(x) = \begin{cases} L\left(\frac{m-x}{\alpha}\right), x \le m, \alpha > 0, \\ R\left(\frac{x-m}{\beta}\right), x \ge m, \beta > 0, \end{cases}$$

where *m* is the mean value of M, and α and β are left and right spreads, respectively. The function $L(\cdot)$; which is called left shape function satisfying:

- (1) L(x) = L(-x),
- (2) L(0) = 1 and L(1) = 0,
- (3) L(x) is nonincreasing on $[0, \infty)$.

The definition of a right shape function $R(\cdot)$ is usually similar to that of $L(\cdot)$. A LR fuzzy number M is symbolically shown as $M = (m, \alpha, \beta)_{LR}$.

Clearly, $M = (m, \alpha, \beta)_{LR}$ is positive(negative) if and only if $m - \alpha > 0(m + \beta < 0)$.

Definition 2.2. For arbitrary *LR* fuzzy numbers $M = (m, \alpha, \beta)_{LR}$ and $N = (n, \gamma, \delta)_{LR}$, we have (1) Addition

$$M \oplus \mathbb{N} = (m, \alpha, \beta)_{LR} \oplus (n, \gamma, \delta)_{LR} = (m + n, \alpha + \gamma, \beta + \delta)_{LR}$$

(2) Multiplication

If M > 0 and N > 0; then

$$M \otimes \mathbb{N} = (m, \alpha, \beta)_{LR} \otimes (n, \gamma, \delta)_{LR} = (mn, m\gamma + n\alpha, m\delta + n\beta)_{LR}$$

B. The Dual Fully Fuzzy Matrix Equations

Definition 2.3. A matrix $\overline{A} = (\tilde{a}_{ij}), 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n$ is

called a LR fuzzy matrix, if each element of A is a LR fuzzy number.

A *LR* fuzzy matrix A is said to be positive(negative) and denoted by A > 0 (A < 0) if each element $a_{ij}, 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n$ of A be positive (negative). We can represent $m \times n$ fuzzy matrix $A = (\tilde{a}_{ij})$, that $a_{ij} = (a_{ij}, \alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij})_{LR}$ with new notation A = (A, M, N), where $A = (a_{ij}), M = (\alpha_{ij})$ and $N = (\beta_{ij})$ are three $m \times n$ crisp matrices.

Definition 2.4. The linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mp} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} & \dots & e_{1n} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & \dots & e_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ e_{m1} & e_{m2} & \dots & e_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix} , \quad (2.1)$$

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \dots & d_{1p} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & \dots & d_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ d_{m1} & d_{m2} & \dots & d_{mp} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

where $a_{ij}, c_{ij}, 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n$ and $b_{ij}, d_{ij}, 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le p$ are LR fuzzy numbers, is called a LR dual fully fuzzy matrix equations(DFFMEs).

Using matrix notation, we have

$$A \otimes X \oplus B = C \otimes X \oplus D.$$
 (2.2)

A *LR* fuzzy numbers matrix $X = (x_{ij}) = (x_{ij}, y_{ij}, z_{ij})_{LR}, 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le p$ is said to the *LR* solution of dual fuzzy matrix equation (2.1) if X satisfies Eq. (2.2), i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{j} \oplus \mathbf{B}_{j} = \mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{j} \oplus \mathbf{D}_{j}, j = 1, ..., p ;$$

ere
$$\mathbf{X}_{j} = \left(\mathbf{x}_{1j}, \mathbf{x}_{2j}, ..., \mathbf{x}_{nj}\right)^{T}, \mathbf{B}_{j} = \left(\mathbf{b}_{1j}, \mathbf{b}_{2j}, ..., \mathbf{b}_{mj}\right)^{T},$$
$$\mathbf{D}_{j} = \left(\mathbf{d}_{1j}, \mathbf{d}_{2j}, ..., \mathbf{d}_{mj}\right)^{T}, j = 1, ..., p$$

are jth column of LR fuzzy matrices $\overline{X}, \overline{B}$ and \overline{D} respectively.

Up to rest of this paper we want to find the positive solution $\overline{X} = (X, Y, Z) \ge 0$ of nonnegative (2.2), where $\overline{A} = (A, M, N) \ge 0, \overline{B} = (B, E, F) \ge 0, \overline{C} = (C, G, H) \ge 0$ and $\overline{B} = (D, P, Q) \ge 0$.

III. SOLVING DUAL FULLY FUZZY MATRIX EQUATION

Theorem 3.1. The dual fully fuzzy matrix system (2.2) can be extended into the following model system which is made of three linear matrix equations

whe

$$\begin{cases}
AX + B = CX + D, \\
AY + MX + E = CY + GX + P, \\
AZ + NX + F = CZ + HX + Q.
\end{cases}$$
(3.1)

Proof. We denote A = (A, M, N), B = (B, E, F), C = (C, G, H), D = (D, P, Q)and assume $\overline{X} = (X, Y, Z) \ge 0$, then

$$A \otimes X \oplus B = C \otimes X \oplus D$$

i.e.,

 $(A,M,N) \otimes (X,Y,Z) \oplus (B,E,F) = (C,G,H) \otimes (X,Y,Z) \oplus (D,P,Q)$ According to multiplication of nonnegative LR fuzzy numbers of Definition 2.3, we have

Thus we obtain a model for solving DFFMEs (2.2) as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
AX + B = CX + D, \\
AY + MX + E = CY + GX + P, \\
AZ + NX + F = CZ + HX + Q.
\end{cases}$$

In order to solve the dual fuzzy system (2.2), we need to consider the crisp system of linear matrix equation (3.1). For example, when A-C is a nonsingular crisp matrix, we obtain its solution as follows:

$$\begin{cases} X = (A - C)^{-1} (D - B), \\ Y = (A - C)^{-1} ((P - E) - (G - M) (A - C)^{-1} (B - D)), (3.2) \\ Z = (A - C)^{-1} ((Q - F) - (H - N) (A - C)^{-1} (B - D)). \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.2([17]). Let *A* belong to $R^{m \times n}$ and *B* belong to $R^{m \times p}$. Then the minimal solution X^* of the matrix equation AX = B is expressed by

$$X^* = A^{\dagger}B.$$

When A-C is a singular matrix, by the Theorem 3.2., we solve model (3.1) and obtain its minimal solution as follows:

$$\begin{cases} X = (A-C)^{\dagger} (D-B), \\ Y = (A-C)^{\dagger} ((P-E) - (G-M)(A-C)^{\dagger} (B-D)), (3.3) \\ Z = (A-C)^{\dagger} ((Q-F) - (H-N)(A-C)^{\dagger} (B-D)). \end{cases}$$

Definition 3.2. Let $\mathbb{R} = (X, Y, Z)$. If $\mathbb{R} = (X, Y, Z)$

is the minimal solution of Eqs.(3.1) such that $X \ge 0, Y \ge 0, Z \ge 0$, then we say $\Re = (X, Y, Z)$ is a LR fuzzy minimal solution of Eqs.(2.2). If $\Re = (X, Y, Z)$ also satisfies $X - Y \ge 0$, we say it is a nonnegative *LR* fuzzy minimal solution of Eqs.(2.2).

Theorem 3.3. Let A = (A, M, N), B = (B, E, F)and C = (C, G, H) be three nonnegative LR fuzzy matrices, respectively, and $(A - C)^{\dagger}$ be nonnegative matrix. Let $D-B \ge 0, P-E \ge (G-M)(A-C)^{-1}(D-B)$ and $Q - F \ge (H - N)(A - C)^{-1}(D - B)$. Then the dual fuzzy systems $A \otimes X \oplus B = C \otimes X \oplus D$ has a LR fuzzy minimal solution. If the condition $(D-B)(I+(G-M)(A-C)^{-1}) \ge (P-E)$ holds, then the dual fuzzy systems (2.1) has a nonnegative LR fuzzy minimal solution.

Proof. Since $(A-C)^{\dagger}$ and D-B are nonnegative matrices. Thus the fact $X = (A-C)^{\dagger}(D-B) \ge 0$ is apparent.

On the other hand, because
$$P - E \ge (G - M)(A - C)^{\dagger}(D - B)$$

and

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$$Q - F \ge (H - N)(A - C)^{\dagger}(D - B),$$

so with $Y = (A - C)^{\dagger} ((P - E) - (G - M)(A - C)^{\dagger} (B - D))$ and

$$Z = (A-C)^{\dagger} ((Q-F)-(H-N)(A-C)^{\dagger} (D-B)),$$

we have $Y \ge 0$ and $Z \ge 0$. Thus X = (X, Y, Z) is a *LR* fuzzy solution of the dual fuzzy systems $A \otimes X \oplus B = C \otimes X \oplus D$. Since

$$X - Y = (A - C)^{\dagger} ((D - B) - (P - E) + (G - M)(A - C)^{\dagger} (D - B)),$$

the nonnegative property of the solution \overline{X} to dual fuzzy systems (2.1) can be obtained from the condition $(I + (G - M)(A - C)^{\dagger}(D - B)) \ge (P - E)\Box$

IV. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

Example 4.1. Consider the dual fully fuzzy matrix system

$$\begin{pmatrix} (2,1,1)_{LR} & (3,1,2)_{LR} & (1,0,0)_{LR} \\ (3,1,1)_{LR} & (2,0,1)_{LR} & (2,1,1)_{LR} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

+
$$\begin{pmatrix} (2,2,1)_{LR} & (1,1,2)_{LR} \\ (2,1,1)_{LR} & (3,1,1)_{LR} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (2,1,1)_{LR} & (1,0,0)_{LR} & (1,1,1)_{LR} \\ (1,0,1)_{LR} & (2,1,1)_{LR} & (3,0,1)_{LR} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} (4,2,2)_{LR} & (3,2,2)_{LR} \\ (5,4,3)_{LR} & (3,2,0)_{LR} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Theorem 3.1., the model to above fuzzy linear matrix system is made of following three crisp systems of linear matrix equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} \\ y_{31} & y_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} \\ y_{31} & y_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} \\ z_{21} & z_{22} \\ z_{31} & z_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} \\ z_{21} & z_{22} \\ z_{31} & z_{32} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$+ \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

According to formula (3.3), the minimal solutions of above three systems of linear matrix equations are as follows:

$$X = (A - C)^{\dagger} (D - B)$$

= $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$
= $\begin{pmatrix} 2.0571 & 1,2286 \\ 1.3143 & 0.8429 \\ 1.1327 & 2.2857 \end{pmatrix}$

$$Y = (A - C)^{\dagger} ((P - E) - (G - M)X)$$

= $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X$
= $\begin{pmatrix} 1.0333 & 0.1236 \\ 01258 & 0.9896 \\ 1.1250 & 1.3333 \end{pmatrix}$

$$Z = (A - C)^{\dagger} ((Q - F) - (H - N)X)$$

= $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\dagger} (\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X$
= $\begin{pmatrix} 1.0333 & 0.1236 \\ 1.1258 & 0.0333 \\ 0.1333 & 1.3333 \end{pmatrix}$.

By Definition 3.2, we know the original fuzzy linear matrix equations has a nonnegative LR fuzzy solution

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{X}_{11} & \mathbb{X}_{12} \\ \mathbb{X}_{21} & \mathbb{X}_{22} \\ \mathbb{X}_{21} & \mathbb{X}_{22} \\ \mathbb{X}_{31} & \mathbb{X}_{32} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (20571, 1, 0333, 1, 0333)_{IR} & (1, 2286, 0, 1236, 0, 1236)_{IR} \\ (1, 3143, 0, 1258, 0, 1258)_{IR} & (0.8429, 0, 9896, 0, 0333)_{IR} \\ (1, 1327, 1, 1250, 0, 1333)_{IR} & (2, 2857, 1, 3333, 1, 3333)_{IR} \end{pmatrix}, \end{split}$$

Since $X \ge 0, Y \ge 0, Z \ge 0$ and $X - Y \ge 0$.

V. CONCLUSION

In this work, we proposed a simple model for solving the general dual fully fuzzy matrix equation. We converted the dual fuzzy matrix equation to a crisp system of linear matrix equations according to the arithmetic operations of LR fuzzy numbers. The existence condition of nonnegative LR fuzzy solution was also studied. Numerical examples showed that our method is effective to solve the dual fully fuzzy matrix equation.

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