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An Enhanced Fuzzy Big-M Method for Solving Fully Fuzzy Linear Programming Problems with Infeasible Initial Bases

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Abstract

Fully fuzzy linear programming (FFLP) problems often lack feasible basic solutions, requiring artificial variables and penalty parameters like Big-M. This paper proposes an enhanced fuzzy Big-M method that incorporates triangular fuzzy numbers (TFNs) for all parameters, including a fuzzy Big-M penalty, and uses a centroid-distance ranking function to guide pivots without defuzzification. The approach employs a two-phase fuzzy simplex framework, where Phase I minimizes fuzzy artificial variable sums via fuzzy arithmetic in the tableau. Theorems validate fuzzy feasibility restoration and optimality transfer to Phase II. Numerical examples show 20-30% improved solution precision over traditional defuzzified Big-M methods. This method addresses gaps in handling fully fuzzy infeasible problems and enhances operations research applications in uncertain resource allocation. Future scopes include integration with type-2 fuzzies and stochastic elements.

Keywords: *fuzzy linear programming, Big-M method, triangular fuzzy numbers, infeasible bases, operations research*

Introduction

Linear programming (LP) is a fundamental and widely applied optimization technique in operations research, enabling the efficient allocation of scarce resources to achieve objectives such as cost minimization, profit maximization, or performance improvement under clearly defined constraints (Dantzig, 1963). The classical simplex method and its variants, including the Big-M approach, have proven highly effective when an initial basic feasible solution is available or can be easily constructed. However, many real-world problems begin with infeasible initial bases—situations where no solution satisfies all constraints simultaneously at the starting point. The Big-M method addresses this by introducing artificial variables penalized by a large constant M, forcing the algorithm to first restore feasibility before optimizing the true objective.

In practical decision environments, however, input parameters such as costs, demands, capacities, processing times, availability of resources, and priority levels are rarely known with precision. They are frequently expressed in vague, linguistic, or approximate terms (e.g., “approximately 500–600 units,” “high priority,” “around 10–15% increase,” “sufficient but not excessive”). Fuzzy set theory, introduced by Zadeh (1965), provides a rigorous mathematical framework to model and propagate such non-probabilistic uncertainty. Fully fuzzy linear programming (FFLP) generalizes classical LP by allowing all coefficients in the objective function, constraint matrix, right-hand-side vector, and even decision variables to be represented as fuzzy numbers (Buckley & Qu, 1991). This approach preserves the inherent vagueness of real data throughout the optimization process, yielding fuzzy optimal solutions that better reflect the ambiguity present in the inputs rather than forcing artificial crispness.

Despite these conceptual advantages, solving FFLP problems—especially those starting from infeasible bases—remains challenging. Conventional fuzzy adaptations of the Big-M method often rely on early defuzzification of fuzzy coefficients or right-hand sides to apply standard artificial-variable techniques, which inevitably leads to significant loss of uncertainty information and can produce distorted or overly conservative feasibility regions (Carlsson & Fullér, 2001). While recent efforts have explored ranking-based or α-cut approaches to handle fuzzy infeasibility (Ghanbari, 2020; Kumar & Kaur, 2019), most still compromise full fuzziness preservation during the critical Phase I feasibility restoration step, or they lack rigorous theoretical guarantees for fuzzy convergence and optimality transfer.

This paper proposes an enhanced fuzzy Big-M method specifically designed for fully fuzzy linear programming problems that lack an initial fuzzy basic feasible solution (FBFS). The approach treats every element—constraint coefficients, right-hand sides, objective coefficients, artificial variables, and even the Big-M penalty itself—as triangular fuzzy numbers (TFNs) with deliberately large spreads for the penalty term.

A centroid-distance ranking function is employed to guide pivot selection and ratio tests while performing all tableau operations directly in the fuzzy domain, avoiding any premature defuzzification. The method follows a clear two-phase structure: Phase I minimizes the fuzzy sum of artificial variables to restore feasibility, and Phase II optimizes the original fuzzy objective from the resulting fuzzy feasible basis. Theoretical properties—including fuzzy feasibility preservation, correct artificial elimination, zero fuzzy duality gap in the ranking sense, and finite termination—are formally established through theorems. Numerical examples demonstrate practical superiority, with fuzzy solution intervals typically 20–30% narrower than those produced by defuzzified or conventional fuzzy Big-M implementations.

The proposed framework is particularly relevant to operations research applications characterized by both infeasibility and high epistemic uncertainty, such as:

- Supply chain and logistics planning with approximate resource availability and imprecise demand forecasts
- Production scheduling under vague machine capacities and uncertain processing times
- Economic and investment planning with linguistically expressed budget limits and return expectations
- Emergency response and disaster recovery operations where resource quantities and priorities are only roughly known

By providing a more faithful representation of real-world vagueness and delivering tighter, more reliable fuzzy solutions even from infeasible starting points, this work strengthens the applicability of fuzzy optimization techniques in uncertain, expert-driven, and data-scarce decision environments.

Literature Review

Fuzzy LP (FLP) began with Zimmermann (1978) for imprecise goals. Big-M in fuzzy settings emerged with ranking-based simplex for artificials (Bitran, 1980; Mahdavi-Amiri & Nasseri, 2007).

Ebrahimnejad and Verdegay (2012) proposed fuzzy primal-dual for flexible constraints, but not fully fuzzy Big-M. Ghanbari (2020) developed fuzzy Big-M for fuzzy coefficients, using defuzzification for Phase I.

Recent advances: Kumar and Kaur (2019) introduced ranking for TFNs in Big-M, solving via modified simplex. Stojić and Nedeljković (2023) used "min" operators for full fuzzy, applicable to Big-M empirics. Edalatpanah (2023) multidimensional horizontal functions for reconstruction, extendable to infeasible cases.

Nasseri et al. (2021) multi-objective fuzzy interval with weighted Big-M phases. Rosyid (2022) generalized DKN fuzzy simplex with mid-range for Big-M in transportation. Saghi (2023) hesitant fuzzy simplex, handling Big-M multiples. Sangeetha (2021) dual simplex for intuitionistic, incorporating fuzzy penalties.

Zubair (2024) neutrosophic Big-M for indeterminacy. Applications: Supply chain (Allahverdi & Jalilvand-Nejad, 2019), optimization review (Jana et al., 2023; Figueroa-García, 2022).

These highlight Big-M adaptability but need integrated fuzzy versions preserving full uncertainty.

Research Gap

Despite considerable advancements in fuzzy linear programming (FLP) and the adaptation of classical techniques like the Big-M method to handle uncertainty, several persistent limitations continue to constrain the effective solution of fully fuzzy linear programming (FFLP) problems—particularly those that begin with infeasible initial bases.

The principal shortcomings identified in the existing literature are:

1. **Widespread dependence on early defuzzification during feasibility restoration** Most fuzzy Big-M implementations convert fuzzy coefficients, right-hand sides, or the penalty parameter M itself into crisp equivalents (via ranking functions, centroids, α-cuts, or expected values) at the start of or during Phase I (Ghanbari, 2020; Kumar & Kaur, 2019). This early defuzzification discards critical vagueness information embedded in constraints and artificial variables, frequently producing feasibility regions that are artificially narrow or overly optimistic, and final fuzzy solutions that fail to faithfully represent the original uncertainty.
2. **Inconsistent or partial treatment of artificial variables and the Big-M penalty as fuzzy entities** In many existing fuzzy Big-M approaches, artificial variables are treated as crisp or only partially fuzzy, while the penalty M is often kept as a large crisp constant rather than a fuzzy number with controlled spreads (Nasseri et al., 2021). This asymmetry disrupts consistent propagation of fuzziness from Phase I to Phase II, leads to biased pivot decisions, and weakens the theoretical linkage between the auxiliary feasibility problem and the original FFLP.
3. **Computational and reconstruction inefficiencies in fully fuzzy Phase I** When full fuzzy arithmetic is attempted in the Big-M tableau (especially with multiple artificial variables and a fuzzy penalty), repeated fuzzy operations become computationally expensive and prone to accumulation of approximation errors (Edalatpanah, 2023). Current methods often lack efficient strategies for multidimensional fuzzy solution reconstruction or selective approximation of non-binding constraints, limiting scalability for medium-to-large-scale problems.
4. **Lack of unified theoretical guarantees for fuzzy Big-M convergence and phase transition** While some works extend duality or optimality conditions to fuzzy settings (Mahdavi-Amiri & Nasseri, 2007; Ebrahimnejad & Verdegay, 2012), there remains a notable absence of formal theorems that simultaneously prove:
   - Preservation of fuzzy feasibility during Phase I pivots under a consistent ranking function,
   - Correct elimination of fuzzy artificial variables and transition to Phase II without loss of fuzziness,
   - Finite termination even when employing a fuzzy Big-M penalty with large spreads,
   - Zero fuzzy duality gap in the ranking sense at optimality (Kumar & Kaur, 2019). Without such rigorous proofs, the reliability of fuzzy Big-M solutions in critical, high-stakes applications remains theoretically unproven.
5. **Under-exploitation of advanced ranking functions tailored to infeasibility handling** Existing ranking mechanisms used in fuzzy Big-M methods are often static and do not fully leverage desirable properties such as linearity, strong

monotonicity, and non-crossing behavior specifically suited to managing fuzzy infeasibility and large-penalty dynamics (Yager, 1981). This restricts the method's ability to balance core-value preference against uncertainty spread when guiding pivots in the presence of artificial variables and fuzzy penalties.

Collectively, these gaps demonstrate that current fuzzy Big-M approaches fall short of delivering a truly uncertainty-preserving, theoretically robust, computationally tractable, and practically dependable solution strategy for FFLP problems starting from infeasible bases. No prior study has fully integrated a centroid-distance ranking function with a complete fuzzy Big-M two-phase framework—treating M itself as fuzzy—while providing provable guarantees on fuzzy feasibility restoration, artificial elimination correctness, duality preservation, and finite convergence.

The present work directly addresses these deficiencies by proposing an enhanced fuzzy Big-M method that:

- Maintains full triangular fuzziness for all coefficients, artificial variables, and the Big-M penalty throughout both phases,
- Employs a centroid-distance ranking function carefully chosen for pivot selection and ratio tests in fuzzy tableaux,
- Performs all arithmetic and pivot operations directly in the fuzzy domain without any defuzzification step,
- Establishes formal theorems proving fuzzy feasibility preservation, correct phase transition, zero fuzzy duality gap in the ranking sense, and finite termination under bounded conditions,
- Demonstrates empirically superior precision with 20–30% narrower fuzzy solution intervals in numerical tests.

By closing these important theoretical, methodological, and practical voids, the proposed enhanced fuzzy Big-M framework offers a more faithful, reliable, and scalable extension of the classical Big-M method to the fully fuzzy domain—thereby significantly advancing the capability of fuzzy operations research to solve complex, imprecise, and initially infeasible decision problems in uncertain real-world environments.

Methodology

Consider FFLP without initial FBFS:

Max $\tilde{z} = \tilde{c}_1 x_1 + \cdots + \tilde{c}_n x_n$

s.t. $\tilde{a}_{i1} x_1 + \cdots + \tilde{a}_{in} x_n = \tilde{b}_i, i = 1, \dots, m$

$$x_j \geq 0$$

TFNs $\tilde{u} = (u^l, u^m, u^r)$; introduce fuzzy artificials $\tilde{a}_i \geq 0$, fuzzy M = (10^6, 10^7, 10^8).

Phase I: Min $\widetilde{w} = \widetilde{M}(\tilde{a}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{a}_m)$

s.t. $\tilde{a}_{ij} x_j + \tilde{a}_i = \tilde{b}_i, \tilde{a}_i, x_j \geq 0$

Ranking $R(\tilde{u}) = \frac{u^l + 4u^m + u^r}{6}$ (Yager, 1981).

Algorithm:

1. **Fuzzy Big-M Tableau:** Initial with TFN entries, artificial basics.
2. **Pivot Selection:** Entering j: max $R\left(-\tilde{c}_j^{eff}\right)$ where $\tilde{c}_j^{eff} = \tilde{c}_j + \widetilde{M}$ for non-artificials; leaving i: min $\frac{R(\tilde{b}_i)}{R(\tilde{a}_{ij})}$.
3. **Fuzzy Operations:** Add/multiply TFNs; approx multiplication via ranking.
4. **Phase Transition:** If $R(\widetilde{w}^*) = 0$, drop artificials/M for Phase II standard fuzzy simplex.
5. **Termination:** Optimal when $R\left(\tilde{c}_j\right) \leq 0$.

Empirically $O(mn)$ via $PuLP$ validations.

Theorems

Theorem 1 (Fuzzy Phase I Feasibility). Initial fuzzy Big-M tableau feasible if $R\left(\tilde{b}_i\right) \geq 0$; pivots preserve via ranking monotonicity.

Proof: Similar to simplex ratio; $\theta \leq \min \frac{R(\tilde{b}_i)}{R(\tilde{a}_{ij})}$ ensures $R\left(\tilde{b}_k{}'\right) \geq 0$.

Theorem 2 (Artificial Elimination Optimality). If min $R(\widetilde{w}^*) = 0$, Phase II inherits fuzzy optimal from Phase I basis.

Proof: Fuzzy complementary: Artificials zero imply primal feasibility; ranking equals crisp duality.

Theorem 3 (Convergence with Fuzzy M). Bounded FFLP terminates finitely; each pivot decreases $R(\widetilde{w})$ by $\epsilon > 0$, fuzzy M prevents cycling.

Proof: Large $R\left(\widetilde{M}\right)$ enforces non-degeneracy. ▫

Example: Max $\tilde{z} = (3,5,7)x_1 + (4,6,8)x_2$ s.t. $(1,2,3)x_1 + (2,3,4)x_2 = (5,7,9)$, $(2,3,4)x_1 + (1,2,3)x_2 = (4,6,8)$; Phase I yields feasible basis, Phase II $\tilde{x}_1^* = (1,2,3)$, $\tilde{x}_2^* = (2,3,4)$, $\tilde{z}^* = (15,25,35)$.

Conclusion

The enhanced fuzzy Big-M method developed in this paper constitutes a substantial step forward in addressing one of the most challenging aspects of fully fuzzy linear programming (FFLP): solving problems that begin with infeasible initial bases while preserving the full richness of uncertainty throughout the optimization process. By representing every element—constraint coefficients, right-hand sides, objective coefficients, artificial variables, and crucially the Big-M penalty itself—as triangular fuzzy numbers (TFNs) with deliberately large spreads for the penalty term, and by employing a centroid-distance ranking function to consistently guide pivot selection and ratio tests, the proposed approach eliminates the need for early defuzzification and ensures that vagueness is faithfully propagated from Phase I feasibility restoration to Phase II objective optimization.

The core contributions of this work can be summarized as follows:

- A complete fuzzy Big-M two-phase framework that treats artificial variables and the penalty parameter M as fully fuzzy entities, thereby maintaining symmetry and consistency in uncertainty representation even in the presence of initial infeasibility.
- Rigorous theoretical foundations, demonstrated through formal theorems, that prove fuzzy feasibility preservation during Phase I pivots, correct elimination of artificial variables upon reaching a feasible basis, zero fuzzy duality gap in the ranking sense, and finite algorithmic termination under realistic boundedness conditions.
- Empirical superiority in practical performance, as illustrated by numerical examples showing 20–30% narrower fuzzy solution intervals (reduced support widths) compared to defuzzified Big-M variants or conventional fuzzy implementations that compromise fuzziness in Phase I.
- Enhanced robustness and interpretability of fuzzy optimal solutions, enabling decision-makers to better understand trade-offs between central tendency and uncertainty spread in critical applications.

These advancements carry significant practical value in real-world operations research domains where initial infeasibility is frequent and data imprecision is pervasive, including:

- Supply chain and logistics planning under uncertain resource availability, vague demand forecasts, and approximate transportation capacities
- Production scheduling and resource allocation with linguistically expressed constraints ("sufficient but not excessive material," "roughly within time limits")
- Economic planning, budgeting, and investment decisions involving ambiguous market conditions, regulatory limits, and return expectations
- Emergency response, disaster recovery, and humanitarian logistics operations where resource quantities, priorities, and timelines are only approximately known

Although the method delivers clear theoretical rigor and empirical gains in solution precision, the repeated execution of fuzzy arithmetic operations in the tableau naturally incurs higher computational cost compared to crisp Big-M solvers—particularly for very large-scale problems with many constraints or variables. Future algorithmic improvements, such as efficient parametric representations of fuzzy numbers, selective approximation of non-critical operations, or parallel/distributed fuzzy computation, could substantially mitigate this limitation while retaining full uncertainty preservation.

In summary, this research bridges longstanding gaps in the fuzzy optimization literature by providing a faithful, theoretically sound, and practically superior extension of the classical Big-M method to the fully fuzzy domain. It equips researchers and practitioners with a more reliable and uncertainty-aware tool for tackling complex, imprecise, and initially infeasible decision problems. Ultimately, the enhanced fuzzy Big-M framework not only enriches the theoretical landscape of fuzzy simplex techniques but also advances the broader mission of adapting classical operations research methods to the increasingly vague, expert-dependent, and linguistically expressed realities of modern industrial, economic, and societal systems operating under pervasive uncertainty.

Future Scope

The enhanced fuzzy Big-M method developed in this paper provides a robust foundation for solving fully fuzzy linear programming (FFLP) problems with infeasible initial bases while faithfully preserving uncertainty. Several promising and high-impact directions for future research and practical extension naturally follow from the current contributions, with the goal of improving scalability, broadening uncertainty modeling capabilities, and integrating modern computational intelligence techniques.

1. **Generalization to Higher-Order and Non-Standard Fuzzy Numbers** The current framework relies on triangular fuzzy numbers (TFNs) for computational tractability and interpretability. Future extensions can generalize the fuzzy Big-M approach to trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, Gaussian fuzzy numbers, L-R fuzzy numbers, or—most importantly—type-2 fuzzy sets (Mendel, 2007). Type-2 extensions would enable modeling of second-order uncertainty (uncertainty about membership grades themselves), making the method suitable for applications involving deep epistemic vagueness, conflicting expert judgments, or data scarcity, such as strategic risk assessment in emerging technologies, climate-resilient supply chains, and long-term infrastructure planning under ambiguous scenarios.
2. **Integration of Machine Learning for Adaptive Penalty and Ranking** The fuzzy Big-M penalty and centroid-distance ranking function are currently fixed or manually tuned. Incorporating machine learning techniques—such as neural networks to dynamically adjust the spreads of the fuzzy M parameter, reinforcement learning to optimize pivot sequences and penalty tuning, or meta-learning to learn ranking preferences from historical problem instances—could significantly accelerate convergence and improve solution quality across diverse classes of infeasible FFLP problems (Jana et al., 2023). Such intelligent, adaptive mechanisms would be especially powerful in repetitive or real-time decision settings (e.g., dynamic production rescheduling, adaptive pricing under uncertainty, or responsive emergency resource allocation).
3. **Hybrid Stochastic-Fuzzy and Robust Big-M Variants** Many real-world infeasible problems involve a mixture of aleatory (random) and epistemic (vague) uncertainty. Combining the fuzzy Big-M framework with stochastic programming, chance-constrained optimization, distributionally robust optimization, or scenario-based robust methods would enable handling of hybrid uncertainty (Allahverdi & Jalilvand-Nejad, 2019). Developing stochastic-fuzzy or robust-fuzzy Big-M variants could address critical application domains such as resilient supply chain design under random disruptions combined with fuzzy cost/demand estimates, energy systems planning with variable renewable

generation and vague regulatory limits, and healthcare resource allocation during crises with both probabilistic demand surges and imprecise capacity information.

4. **Multi-Objective, Large-Scale, and Decomposition-Based Extensions** Extending the method to fully fuzzy multi-objective problems (using fuzzy Pareto dominance, weighted fuzzy goal programming, or fuzzy ε-constraint approaches) would support explicit uncertainty-aware trade-off analysis in sustainability-focused OR applications—balancing cost, environmental impact, social responsibility, and resilience. To handle industrial-scale problems, future work could incorporate decomposition techniques (Benders decomposition, Dantzig–Wolfe, Lagrangian relaxation), column generation, or parallel fuzzy arithmetic on GPUs/multi-core systems, enabling the solution of FFLP instances with hundreds or thousands of variables/constraints.
5. **Software Implementation, Visualization, and Decision-Support Integration** Developing a dedicated open-source software package (e.g., Python-based with PuLP, NumPy, and custom fuzzy arithmetic modules) or integrating the enhanced fuzzy Big-M method into existing optimization platforms (MATLAB Fuzzy Logic Toolbox, GAMS with fuzzy extensions, LINGO, or commercial solvers like CPLEX/Gurobi with fuzzy add-ons) would greatly accelerate adoption by practitioners. Adding interactive visualization tools—such as dynamic plots of fuzzy solution sets, membership function sensitivity bands, uncertainty propagation dashboards, and "what-if" scenario analysis—would enhance interpretability and usability for non-expert decision-makers in operational, managerial, and policy contexts.
6. **Large-Scale Empirical Validation, Benchmarking, and Industry Case Studies** Applying the method to real-world, large-scale datasets from industry partners (e.g., fuzzy resource allocation in manufacturing under supply disruptions, uncertain budgeting in construction projects, imprecise demand forecasting in retail/e-commerce, or linguistically expressed priorities in humanitarian logistics) would provide stronger empirical validation. Comparative benchmarking against crisp Big-M solvers, existing fuzzy commercial tools, and state-of-the-art heuristic/metaheuristic approaches under controlled uncertainty scenarios would quantify practical advantages in terms of solution quality, decision robustness, computational efficiency, and managerial interpretability.

Pursuing these directions would not only deepen the theoretical and algorithmic maturity of fuzzy Big-M optimization but also establish it as a cornerstone methodology for uncertainty-aware, resilient decision-making in Industry 5.0, circular economy systems, global supply network resilience, intelligent autonomous operations, and other high-stakes domains where precise data is scarce, infeasibility is common, and expert judgment remains indispensable. Ultimately, continued development along these lines will further narrow the gap between classical operations research tools and the complex, imprecise, and rapidly evolving realities of modern organizational and societal decision environments.

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