

## THE COMPLETION OF SOME FUZZY METRIC SPACE

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

D. Dubois and H. Prade introduced the notions of fuzzy numbers and defined its basic operations [2]. R. Goetschel, W. Voxman, A. Kaufmann, M. Gupta and G. Zhang have done much work about fuzzy numbers [3,4,5,7].

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers and  $F^*(\mathbb{R})$  all fuzzy subsets defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . G. Zhang [7] defined the fuzzy number  $\tilde{a} \in F^*(\mathbb{R})$  as follows :

- (1)  $\tilde{a}$  is normal,
- (2) for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ ,  $a_\lambda = \{x \mid \tilde{a}(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is a closed interval, denoted by  $[a_\lambda^-, a_\lambda^+]$ .

Now, let us denote the set of all fuzzy numbers on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by G. Zhang as  $F(\mathbb{R})$ .

The purpose of this paper is to prove that the fuzzy metric space  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  can be completed by using the equivalence classes of Cauchy sequences, where  $\tilde{\rho}$  is defined by

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda [|a_1^- - b_1^-|, \sup_{\lambda \leq \eta \leq 1} |a_\eta^- - b_\eta^-| \vee |a_\eta^+ - b_\eta^+|].$$

In section 2, we quote basic definitions and theorems from [7,8] which will be needed in the proof of main theorem. In section 3, after defining the fuzzy isometry and the completion concepts, we prove main theorem :

「 The fuzzy metric space  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  has a completion  $(\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$  which has a subspace  $X$  that is fuzzy isometric with  $F(\mathbb{R})$  and is dense in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . This space  $(\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$  is uniquely determined up to a fuzzy isometry.」

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## 2. BASIC DEFINITIONS AND RESULTS.

In this section, we quote basic definitions and results without proof from [7,8] which will be needed in the proof of main theorem.

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers and  $F^*(\mathbb{R})$  all fuzzy subsets defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $\tilde{a} \in F^*(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\tilde{a}$  is called a fuzzy number if  $\tilde{a}$  has the properties :

- (1)  $\tilde{a}$  is normal, i.e., there exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{a}(x) = 1$ ,
- (2) whenever  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ , then  $a_\lambda = \{x \mid \tilde{a}(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is a closed interval, denoted by  $[a_\lambda^-, a_\lambda^+]$ .

Let  $F(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of all fuzzy numbers on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ .

By the decomposition theorem of fuzzy sets,

$$\tilde{a} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda[a_\lambda^-, a_\lambda^+]$$

for every  $\tilde{a} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ . If we define  $\tilde{a}(x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a}(x) &= 1 \quad \text{for } x = k, \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq k \quad (k \in \mathbb{R}), \end{aligned}$$

then  $k \in F(\mathbb{R})$  and  $k = \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda[k, k]$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. For every  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ , we say that  $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}$  if for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ ,  $c_\lambda^- = a_\lambda^- + b_\lambda^-$  and  $c_\lambda^+ = a_\lambda^+ + b_\lambda^+$ . We say that  $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a} - \tilde{b}$  if for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ ,  $c_\lambda^- = a_\lambda^- - b_\lambda^+$  and  $c_\lambda^+ = a_\lambda^+ - b_\lambda^-$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. For every  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  and every  $\tilde{a} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} k\tilde{a} &= \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda[ka_\lambda^-, ka_\lambda^+] \quad \text{if } k \geq 0, \\ &= \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda[ka_\lambda^+, ka_\lambda^-] \quad \text{if } k < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that we can find in [6] the definitions of multiplication, division, maximal and minimal operations of the fuzzy numbers.

DEFINITION 2.4. For  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ , we say that  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  if for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ ,  $a_\lambda^- \leq b_\lambda^-$  and  $a_\lambda^+ \leq b_\lambda^+$ . We say that  $\tilde{a} < \tilde{b}$  if  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  and there exists  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$  such that  $a_\lambda^- < b_\lambda^-$  or  $a_\lambda^+ < b_\lambda^+$ . We say that  $\tilde{a} = \tilde{b}$  if  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{b} \leq \tilde{a}$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. A fuzzy distance of fuzzy numbers is a function  $\tilde{\rho} : F(\mathbb{R}) \times F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow F(\mathbb{R})$  with the properties :

- (1)  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) \geq 0$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = 0$  iff  $\tilde{a} = \tilde{b}$ ,
- (2)  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{b}, \tilde{a})$ ,
- (3) whenever  $\tilde{c} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ , we have  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) \leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{c}) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{c}, \tilde{b})$ .

If  $\tilde{\rho}$  is the fuzzy distance of fuzzy numbers, we call  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  a fuzzy metric space.

We define

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0, 1]} \lambda [ |a_1^- - b_1^-|, \sup_{\lambda \leq \eta \leq 1} |a_\eta^- - b_\eta^-| \vee |a_\eta^+ - b_\eta^+| ], \quad (*)$$

for any  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $\vee$  means max.

THEOREM 2.1. [8]  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$  defined by the equality  $(*)$  is a fuzzy distance of fuzzy numbers.

THEOREM 2.2. Whenever  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

- (1)  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a} + \tilde{b}, \tilde{a} + \tilde{c}) = \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{b}, \tilde{c})$ ,
- (2)  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a} - \tilde{b}, \tilde{a} - \tilde{c}) = \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{b}, \tilde{c})$ ,
- (3)  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{b} - \tilde{a}, \tilde{c} - \tilde{a}) = \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{b}, \tilde{c})$ ,
- (4)  $\tilde{\rho}(k\tilde{a}, k\tilde{b}) = |k| \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ .

DEFINITION 2.6. Let  $\{\tilde{a}_n\} \subset F(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\tilde{a} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is said to converge to  $\tilde{a}$  in fuzzy distance  $\tilde{\rho}$ , denoted by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{a}_n = \tilde{a} \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{a}_n \rightarrow \tilde{a} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

if for arbitrary given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $N > 0$  such that  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}_n, \tilde{a}) < \varepsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ .

THEOREM 2.3. [7] Let  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}, \{\tilde{b}_n\} \subset F(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in F(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{a}_n = \tilde{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{b}_n = \tilde{b},$$

then

- (1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\tilde{a}_n \pm \tilde{b}_n) = \tilde{a} \pm \tilde{b}$  (the same order of sign),
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k\tilde{a}_n = k\tilde{a}$ .

DEFINITION 2.7. Let  $\{\tilde{a}_n\} \subset F(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence, if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $N > 0$  such that  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}_n, \tilde{a}_m) < \varepsilon$  for  $n, m > N$ .

DEFINITION 2.8. If a fuzzy metric space has the property that every Cauchy sequence converges, the space is called a complete fuzzy metric space.

THEOREM 2.4. (Cauchy criterion for convergence). Let  $\{\tilde{a}_n\} \subset F(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is convergent in fuzzy distance  $\tilde{\rho}$  if and only if  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

### 3. MAIN THEOREM.

In this section, we prove that the fuzzy metric space  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  has a completion  $(\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$ .

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $X_1 = (X_1, \tilde{d}_1)$ ,  $X_2 = (X_2, \tilde{d}_2)$  be fuzzy metric spaces. Then,

- (1) A mapping  $f$  of  $X_1$  into  $X_2$  is said to be fuzzy isometric or a fuzzy isometry if  $f$  preserves fuzzy distances, that is, if for all  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in X_1$ ,  $\tilde{d}_2(f(\tilde{x}), f(\tilde{y})) = \tilde{d}_1(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ , where  $f(\tilde{x})$  and  $f(\tilde{y})$  are the images of  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{y}$  respectively.
- (2) The space  $X_1$  is said to be fuzzy isometric with the space  $X_2$  if there exists a bijective fuzzy isometry of  $X_1$  onto  $X_2$ . The spaces  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are then called fuzzy isometric spaces.

DEFINITION 3.2. The complete fuzzy metric space  $(\hat{X}_1, \hat{\tilde{d}}_1)$  is said to be a completion of the given fuzzy metric space  $(X_1, \tilde{d}_1)$  if

- (1)  $(X_1, \tilde{d}_1)$  is fuzzy isometric with a subspace  $(X, \hat{\tilde{d}}_1)$  of  $(\hat{X}_1, \hat{\tilde{d}}_1)$ ,
- (2)  $X$  is dense in  $\hat{X}_1$ , i.e., the closure of  $X$ ,  $\overline{X} = \hat{X}_1$ .

**MAIN THEOREM.** The fuzzy metric space  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  has a completion  $(\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$  which has a subspace  $X$  that is fuzzy isometric with  $F(\mathbb{R})$  and is dense in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . This space  $(\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$  is uniquely determined up to a fuzzy isometry, that is, if  $(\check{F}(\mathbb{R}), \check{\tilde{\rho}})$  is another completion having a dense subspace  $Y$  fuzzy isometric with  $F(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\check{F}(\mathbb{R})$  are fuzzy isometric.

*Proof.* The proof is somewhat lengthy. We divide it into four steps (a) to (d). We construct :

- (a)  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}) = (\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$ ,
- (b) a fuzzy isometry  $f$  of  $F(\mathbb{R})$  onto  $X$ , where  $\overline{X} = \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Then we prove :

- (c) completeness of  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ ,
- (d) uniqueness of  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  except for fuzzy isometries.

(a). Construction of  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}) = (\hat{F}(\mathbb{R}), \hat{\tilde{\rho}})$ .

Let  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  and  $\{\tilde{x}'_n\}$  be Cauchy sequences in  $F(\mathbb{R})$ . Define  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  to be equivalent to  $\{\tilde{x}'_n\}$  written  $\{\tilde{x}_n\} \sim \{\tilde{x}'_n\}$ , if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}'_n) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Let  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of all equivalence classes  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \dots$  of Cauchy sequences thus obtained. We write  $\{\tilde{x}_n\} \in \hat{x}$  to mean that  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  is a member of  $\hat{x}$  (a representative of the class  $\hat{x}$ ). We now set

$$\hat{\tilde{\rho}}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n) \quad (2)$$

where  $\{\tilde{x}_n\} \in \hat{x}$  and  $\{\tilde{y}_n\} \in \hat{y}$ . We show that this limit exists. By the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n) &\leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_m) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_m, \tilde{y}_m) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{y}_m, \tilde{y}_n), \\ \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_m, \tilde{y}_m) &\leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_m) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{y}_m, \tilde{y}_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, because  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n), \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_m, \tilde{y}_m)$  are fuzzy numbers, we obtain

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n), \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_m, \tilde{y}_m)) \leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_m) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{y}_m, \tilde{y}_n). \quad (3)$$

Since  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  and  $\{\tilde{y}_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences, we can make the right side as small as we please. This implies that the limit in (2) exists because  $(F(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\rho})$  is complete.

We must also show that the limit in (2) is independent of the particular choice of representatives. In fact, if  $\{\tilde{x}_n\} \sim \{\tilde{x}'_n\}$  and  $\{\tilde{y}_n\} \sim \{\tilde{y}'_n\}$ , then by (1), (3),

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n), \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}'_n, \tilde{y}'_n)) \leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}'_n) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{y}_n, \tilde{y}'_n) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies the assertion

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}'_n, \tilde{y}'_n).$$

We prove that  $\hat{\rho}$  in (2) is a metric on  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . Obviously,  $\hat{\rho}$  satisfies  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \geq 0$  (see Definition of  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{a})$ ) as well as  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{x}) = 0$  and  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \hat{\rho}(\hat{y}, \hat{x})$ . Furthermore,

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0 \Rightarrow \{\tilde{x}_n\} \sim \{\tilde{y}_n\} \Rightarrow \hat{x} = \hat{y}$$

gives  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{x} = \hat{y}$ , and the triangle inequality for  $\hat{\rho}$  follows from

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n) \leq \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{z}_n) + \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{z}_n, \tilde{y}_n)$$

by letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b). Construction of a fuzzy isometry  $f : F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X \subset \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

With each  $\tilde{a} \in F(\mathbb{R})$  we associate the class  $\hat{a} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  which contains the constant Cauchy sequence  $\{\tilde{a}, \tilde{a}, \dots\}$ . This defines a mapping  $f : F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X$  onto the subspace  $X = f(F(\mathbb{R})) \subset \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . The mapping  $f$  is given by  $\tilde{a} \mapsto \hat{a} = f(\tilde{a})$ , where  $\{\tilde{a}, \tilde{a}, \dots\} \in \hat{a}$ . We see that  $f$  is a fuzzy isometry since (2) becomes simply

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{a}, \hat{b}) = \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}),$$

here  $\hat{b}$  is the class of  $\{\tilde{y}_n\}$  where  $\tilde{y}_n = \tilde{b}$  for all  $n$ . Any fuzzy isomerty is injective, and  $f : F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X$  is surjective since  $f(F(\mathbb{R})) = X$ . Hence  $X$  and  $F(\mathbb{R})$  are fuzzy isometric.

We show that  $X$  is dense in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . We consider any  $\hat{x} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\{\tilde{x}_n\} \in \hat{x}$ . For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an integer  $N > 0$  such that

$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_N) < \varepsilon/2 \text{ for } n > N.$$

Let  $\{\tilde{x}_N, \tilde{x}_N, \dots\} \in \hat{x}_N$ . Then  $\hat{x}_N \in X$ . By (2),

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{x}_N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_N) \leq \varepsilon/2 < \varepsilon.$$

This shows that every  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of the arbitrary  $\hat{x} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  contains an element of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is dense in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

(c). Completeness of  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $\{\hat{x}_n\}$  be any Cauchy sequence in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $X$  is dense in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ , for every  $\hat{x}_n \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  there is a  $\hat{z}_n \in X$  such that

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_n, \hat{z}_n) < \frac{1}{n}. \quad (4)$$

Hence, by the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}(\hat{z}_m, \hat{z}_n) &\leq \hat{\rho}(\hat{z}_m, \hat{x}_m) + \hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_m, \hat{x}_n) + \hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_n, \hat{z}_n) \\ &< \frac{1}{m} + \hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_m, \hat{x}_n) + \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

and this is less than any given  $\varepsilon > 0$  for sufficiently large  $m$  and  $n$  because  $\{\hat{x}_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Hence  $\{\hat{z}_m\}$  is Cauchy in  $X$ . Since  $f : F(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X$  is fuzzy isometric and  $\hat{z}_m \in X$ , the sequence  $\{\tilde{z}_m\}$ , where  $\tilde{z}_m = f^{-1}(\hat{z}_m)$ , is Cauchy in  $F(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\hat{x} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  be the class to which  $\{\tilde{z}_m\}$  belongs. We show that  $\hat{x}$  is the limit of  $\{\hat{x}_n\}$ . By (4),

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_n, \hat{x}) &\leq \hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_n, \hat{z}_n) + \hat{\rho}(\hat{z}_n, \hat{x}) \\ &< \frac{1}{n} + \hat{\rho}(\hat{z}_n, \hat{x}). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Since  $\{\tilde{z}_m\} \in \hat{x} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\hat{z}_n \in X$ , so that  $\{\tilde{z}_n, \tilde{z}_n, \dots\} \in \hat{z}_n$ , the inequality (5) becomes

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}_n, \hat{x}) < \frac{1}{n} + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{z}_n, \tilde{z}_m)$$

and the right side is smaller than any given  $\varepsilon > 0$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . Hence the arbitrary Cauchy sequence  $\{\hat{x}_n\}$  in  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  has the limit  $\hat{x} \in \hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  is complete.

(d). Uniqueness of  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  except for isometries.

If  $(\check{F}(\mathbb{R}), \check{\rho})$  is another completion with a subspace  $Y$  dense in  $\check{F}(\mathbb{R})$  and fuzzy isometric with  $F(\mathbb{R})$ , then for any  $\check{x}, \check{y} \in \check{F}(\mathbb{R})$  we have sequences  $\{\check{x}_n\}, \{\check{y}_n\}$  in  $Y$  such that  $\check{x}_n \rightarrow \check{x}$  and  $\check{y}_n \rightarrow \check{y}$ . By the triangle inequality, we have

$$\check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{y}) \leq \check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{x}_n) + \check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{y}_n) + \check{\rho}(\check{y}_n, \check{y})$$

for every  $n$ , where  $\{\check{x}_n, \check{x}_n, \dots\} \in \check{x}_n$  and  $\{\check{y}_n, \check{y}_n, \dots\} \in \check{y}_n$ . Since it is true for every  $n$ , it is true in the limit as  $n$  becomes infinite, which yields

$$\check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{y}) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{y}_n).$$

But

$$\check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{y}_n) \leq \check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{x}) + \check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{y}) + \check{\rho}(\check{y}, \check{y}_n)$$

which yields the reverse inequality. Hence

$$\check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{y}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{y}_n).$$

In a completely analogous manner, we can also show that

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \check{\rho}(\check{x}_n, \check{y}_n).$$

Consequently,

$$\hat{\rho}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \check{\rho}(\check{x}, \check{y}),$$

that is, the distance on  $\check{F}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  must be the same. Hence  $\check{F}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\hat{F}(\mathbb{R})$  are isometric.  $\square$



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