The Method of Allocation Centers in Second Kind Fuzzy Graphs with the Largest Vitality Degree

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Abstract—The problem of optimal allocation of service centers is considered in this paper. It is supposed that the information received from GIS is presented like second kind fuzzy graphs. Method of optimal location as method of finding vitality fuzzy set of second kind fuzzy graph is suggested. Basis of this method is building procedure of reachability matrix of second kind fuzzy graph in terms of reachability matrix of first kind fuzzy graph. This method allows solving not only problem of finding of optimal service centers location but also finding of optimal location $k$-centers with the greatest degree and selecting of service center numbers. The algorithm of the definition of vitality fuzzy set for second kind fuzzy graphs is considered. The example of finding optimum allocation centers in second kind fuzzy graph is considered too.

Keywords—second kind fuzzy graph; service centers; vitality fuzzy set

I. INTRODUCTION

The worldwide expansion and diversified implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) is largely due to the need to improve information systems that support decision-making. Application spheres of GIS are huge, thus geoinformation technologies become leaders in information retrieval, display, analytical tools and decision support [1, 2].

However, geographic data are often associated with significant uncertainty. Errors in data that are often used without considering their inherent uncertainties lead to a high probability of obtaining information of doubtful value. Uncertainty presents throughout the process of geographical abstraction: from acquiring data to using them [3].

Data modeling [4] is the process of abstraction and generation of real forms of geographic data. This process provides a conceptual model of the real world. It is doubtful that the geographical complexity can be reduced in models of perfect accuracy. So, the imminent contradiction between the real world and the model is the inaccuracy and uncertainty that can lead to the wrong decision making.

Allocation of centers [5] is the optimization task, effectively solved by GIS. This problem includes the tasks of optimum allocation of extremely important services, such as hospitals, police stations, fire brigades etc. In some tasks, the optimality criterion can considered as distance minimization (travel time) from the service center to the most remote service point, therefore, the problem is in optimization of the "worst case" [6]. At the same time, the information, presented in GIS, can be approximate or insufficiently reliable [7].

Information inaccuracy, as well as parameter uncertainty, uncertainty that usually happens in decision-making process, uncertainty caused by environmental influence – are the examples of fuzziness concerning of servicing centers allocation problems.

For example, information inaccuracy can consider imprecise measurement of distance between serving facilities, such as distance measure, the measuring accuracy equaling in several centimeters or meters may appear.

Parameter measuring process is connected with the fact that some characteristics are qualitative and don’t have numerical equivalents: quality of some part of a route can’t be measured but it can be described like “good”, “bad”, “the worst” and etc. Besides, some objects can change parameters by their own, for example, sizes of waters change naturally or its borders are indistinct.

Uncertainty in decision-making process supposes imprecise data about targets and some parameters that can’t be determined exactly or it allows variations in the certain range. Implementation of fuzzy theory allows to describe reality more adequate and permits to find more suitable decision. Uncertainty caused by environmental influence supposes influence of some factors on parameters of objects or relations that changes their values.

Some types of inaccuracy of parameters measurement of objects with complex structure and impact of external factors on parameters that are taking into account for
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Let \( \gamma(x) \) and \( \gamma(y) \) are the membership function respectively for vertex \( x \) and \( y \). In other words, one can "leave" the vertex of subset \( Y \) and "return" to the initial vertex of each strategy, the vertex of subset \( Y \) is served by the "terminal" vertex, and the vertex of subset \( X \) is served by the "initial" vertex, while the conjunctive strength of the route will not be less than value \( V_{K}(x, y) \).

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It is clear that value $V_G(Y) \in [0,1]$ depends either on the number of centers $k$, or the allocation of the centers on the vertices of graph $G$ (i.e. on the choice of set $Y$).

Thus, the problem of the allocation of $k$ service centers ($k<n$) in fuzzy graph $G$ is reduced to determining such a subset of vertices $Y \subseteq X$, that value of vitality degree $V_G(Y)$ reaches its maximum value, that is value $V_G(k) = \max_{Y \subseteq X} \{V_G(Y)\}$.

**Definition 2.** Fuzzy set

$\tilde{V}_G = \{<V_G(1)/1>, <V_G(2)/2>, ..., <V_G(n)/n>\}$,

defined on vertex set $X$, is called a fuzzy set of vitality of graph $G = (X, \tilde{U})$. Fuzzy set of vitality $\tilde{V}_G$ determines the greatest vitality degrees of graph $G$ if it is served by $1, 2, ..., n$ centers.

Values $\tilde{V}_G(k)$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$) signify that we can place $k$-centers in graph $G$ if there is a route from at least one center to any vertex of graph $G$ and back. The conjunctive strength of the graph will be not less than $\tilde{V}_G(k)$.

The fuzzy set of vitality is a fuzzy invariant of a fuzzy graph. It determines the highest degree of the reachability of the vertices for any given number of service centers.

### III. METHOD FOR FINDING OF VITALITY FUZZY SET

We will consider the method of finding a family of all service centers with the largest vitality degree for second kind fuzzy graph.

In [10, 11] was considered the method for first kind fuzzy graph. Let $Y$ be a subset of the vertices of fuzzy graph $\tilde{G} = (X, \tilde{U})$ in which the service centers are located and the vitality degree equals to $V$. Therefore, one of the two conditions for any vertex $x_i \in X$ can be satisfied:

a) vertex $x_i$ belongs to set $Y$;

b) there is vertex $x_i$ that belongs to set $Y$ and inequalities $\gamma(x_i, x_j) \geq V$ and $\gamma(x_j, x_i) \geq V$ are encountered.

Using the notation quantifier form we can get the truth of the following formula:

$$ (\forall x_i \in X)[x_i \in Y \lor (\exists x_j)] $$

$$(x_j \in Y & \gamma(x_i, x_j) \geq V & \gamma(x_j, x_i) \geq V).$$

(3)

To each vertex $x_i \in X$ we assign Boolean variable $p_i$ that takes value 1, if $x_i \in Y$ and 0 otherwise. We assign the fuzzy variable $\bar{\xi}_i = \gamma(x_i, x_j)$ for the proposition $\gamma(x_i, x_j) \geq V$. Passing from the quantifier form of proposition (3) to the form in terms of logical operations, we obtain a true logical proposition:

$$ \Phi_V = \& \ (p_i \lor \gamma_j \lor (\gamma_j & \xi_j)). $$

Taking into account the interrelation between the implication operation and disjunction operation, we receive:

$$ \Phi_V = \& \ (p_i \lor \gamma_j \lor (\gamma_j & \xi_j)). $$

Supposing $\bar{\xi}_i = 1$ and considering that the equality $p_i \lor \gamma_j \lor \xi_j = \gamma_j \xi_j$ is true for any vertex $x_i$, we finally obtain:

$$ \Phi_V = \& \ (p_i \lor \gamma_j \lor \xi_j). $$

(4)

We open the parentheses in the expression (4) and reduce the similar terms by following rules (5).

$$ a \lor \bar{a} \lor b = a \lor \bar{b}; a \land \bar{a} \lor b \bar{a} = a \lor b \bar{a} \lor \bar{b}; a \lor b \lor c \lor d = a \lor b \lor \bar{d} \lor c \lor \bar{d}. $$

(5)

Here, $a, b \in [0,1]$. Then the expression (4) may be presented as:

$$ \Phi_V = \lor \big( p_i \lor p_j \lor \xi_j \lor \xi_j \lor \xi_j \lor \xi_j \lor \xi_j \lor \xi_j \big). $$

(6)

The following property holds: Each disjunctive member in the expression (6) defines the subset of vertices $Y \subseteq X$ with vitality degree $V_i$ of fuzzy graph $G = (X, \tilde{U})$. Here subset $Y$ is minimal, in other words, any subset of $Y$ does not have this property.

Considering method works with reachability vertex matrix of first kind fuzzy graph. So in order to apply the method in case of second kind fuzzy graph $\tilde{G}$ we transform this graph into first kind fuzzy graph $\tilde{G}$ like that:

- let $\gamma_i \in X$ is the vertex of initial second kind fuzzy graph $G$, and it is adjacent for $i$ vertices and has a degree
\( \mu \). Represent vertex \( x \) as directed complete \( t \)-subgraph of first kind with degree of “inside” edges equals \( \mu \).

- connect everyone of the initial “outside” \( t \) vertices with one of the vertices of received subgraph.

Example of transformation of second kind fuzzy graph (Fig.1) to first kind fuzzy graph is presented in the Fig.2.

![Fig. 1. Initial second kind fuzzy graph.](image1)

![Fig. 2. Transformation to first kind fuzzy graph.](image2)

We may prove the next property:

**Property.** Reachability degree of initial second kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \) coincides with reachability degree of first kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \).

First kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \) comes out of this transformation. Meanwhile, transition from graph \( \tilde{G} \) to graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \) is biunique. Built reachability matrix \( N^{(1)} \) of received first kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \) and pass from it to reachability matrix \( N^{(2)} \) of initial second kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \). Apply the foregoing method to the matrix \( N^{(2)} \).

Given procedure is considered by example.

**Example 1.** Let’s consider an example of finding of service centers in second kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \) given in the Fig.3:

![Fig. 3. Second kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \).](image3)

Here vertices of graph are objects of transport network but edges are paths that connect the objects.

Let’s find centers of graph supposing that it is located in graph vertices. In other words service centers should be located in objects of transport network.

The adjacent matrix of fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \) is presented as:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \mathbf{x}_3 & \mathbf{x}_4 \\
0.2 & 0.5 & 0.8 & 0.9 \\
0.7 & 0.8 & 0.6 & 0.0 \\
0.6 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.5 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]

For finding of reachability matrix \( N^{(2)} \) of second kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \) we need built new complementary first kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \). This graph is presented in the Fig.4:

![Fig.4. Complementary first kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \).](image4)

The reachability matrix \( N^{(1)} \) of fuzzy graph \( \tilde{G} \) can be presented:

\[
N^{(1)} = \bigcup_{i=0, n}^{R_X^i}
\]

Here, \( R_X^0 \) - diagonal unitary matrix, \( R_X^i \) - \( i \) degree of adjacent matrix. Adjacent matrix of first kind fuzzy graph \( \tilde{\tilde{G}} \) takes on form:
The result is placed into the buffer \( R_i^{(j)} \) from expression (7) is converted to weighted binary vector \( a_i \vec{P}_i \). Here \( \vec{P}_i \) is a binary vector that has dimension of \( n \). The elements of \( \vec{P}_i \) are defined as:

\[
\vec{P}_i^{(j)} = \begin{cases} 
1, & \text{if } i = j \\
0, & \text{if } i \neq j
\end{cases}
\]

The conjunction of \((a_1 \vec{P}_1)\) and \((a_2 \vec{P}_2)\) from expression (7) corresponds the conjunction of two weighted binary vectors \( a_1 \vec{P}_1 \) and \( a_2 \vec{P}_2 \). Where \( a = \min\{a_1, a_2\} \). In a vector space the conjunction is defined as \( a_1 \vec{P}_1 \& a_2 \vec{P}_2 = a \vec{P} \), where \( a = \min\{a_1, a_2\} \). \( \vec{P} = p_i\|, \ p_i = \max\{p_i^{(1)}, p_i^{(2)}\} \). 

We define the operation \( \leq \) “less or equal” between binary vectors. Binary vector \( \vec{P}_i \) is less or equal than \( \vec{P}_2 \) if and only if each element of \( \vec{P}_1 \) is less or equal than the corresponding element of vector \( \vec{P}_2 \). Or:

\[
(\vec{P}_1 \leq \vec{P}_2) \iff (\forall i = 1, n)[p_i^{(1)} \leq p_i^{(2)}].
\]

Considering the algebra in space of weighted binary vectors, we can make a rule of absorption:

\[
a_i \vec{P}_1 \lor a_i \vec{P}_2 = a_i \vec{P}_1, \text{ if } a_i \leq a_2 \text{ and } \vec{P}_1 \leq \vec{P}_2.
\]

Now we can construct statement (8) using the conjunction operation and the rule of absorption of weighted binary vectors by the following algorithm:

1°. Each element of the first bracketed expression \((j=1)\) of expression (7) is converted to weighted binary vector. The result is to be written in the first \( n \) elements of the buffer vector \( \vec{V}_1 = [p_i^{(1)}]\|, i = 1, n^2 \).

2°. \( j \) incrementing \((j := j + 1)\).

3°. Each element of the bracketed expression \( j \) is also converted to weighted binary vectors. The result is to be written in the first \( n \) elements of the buffer vector \( \vec{V}_2 = [p_i^{(2)}]\|, i = 1, n \).

4°. The next stage consists of the conjunction of two vectors \( \vec{V}_1 \) and \( \vec{V}_2 \). The result is placed into the buffer vector \( \vec{V}_3 = [v_i^{(2)}]\|, i = 1, n^2 \). While placing elements into \( \vec{V}_3 \), absorption is made using rule (8).
5°. All the elements of vector $\mathbf{V}_3$ are copied to vector $\mathbf{V}_4$ ($v_i^{(4)} := v_i^{(3)}, i = 1, n^2$).


7°. If $j \leq n$ then goes to 3°, otherwise go to 8°.

8°. Expression (4) is to be built using elements in the vector $\mathbf{V}_j$. This way we have fuzzy set of vitality of graph $\mathcal{G} = (X, \mathcal{U})$.

Example 2. The corresponding expression (7) for second kind fuzzy graph $\mathcal{G}$, given in the Fig.2, has the next form:

$$\Phi_0 = (1p_1 \lor 0.6p_2 \lor 0.7p_3 \lor 0.6p_4) \&$$
$$\& (0.6p_1 \lor 1p_2 \lor 0.6p_3 \lor 0.2p_4) \&$$
$$\& (0.7p_1 \lor 0.6p_2 \lor 1p_3 \lor 0.2p_4) \&$$
$$\& (0.6p_1 \lor 0.2p_2 \lor 0.2p_3 \lor 1p_4).$$

Before the first iteration of the algorithm vectors $\mathbf{V}_1$, $\mathbf{V}_2$, $\mathbf{V}_3$ and $\mathbf{V}_4$ have the following forms:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1(1000) \\ 0.6(0100) \\ 0.7(0010) \\ 0.6(0001) \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6(1000) \\ 1(0100) \\ 0.6(0010) \\ 0.2(0001) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7(1000) \\ 0.6(0100) \\ 1(0010) \\ 0.2(0001) \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6(1000) \\ 0.2(0100) \\ 0.2(0010) \\ 1(0001) \end{pmatrix}$$

After the first iteration of the algorithm vector $\mathbf{V}_1$ has the following form:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6(1000) \\ 1.0(1100) \\ 0.6(0100) \\ 0.7(0110) \\ 0.6(0010) \\ 0.2(0001) \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

After completing the iterations, finally we have:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6(1000) \\ 0.7(1101) \\ 1.0(1111) \end{pmatrix}.$$

So, the formula (6) for this graph has the form:

$$\Phi_0 = 0.6p_1 \lor 0.2p_2 \lor 0.2p_4 \lor 0.6p_2p_4 \lor 0.6p_3p_4 \lor 0.7p_1p_2p_4 \lor 1p_1p_2p_3p_4.$$ 

It follows from the last equality that the second kind fuzzy graph $\mathcal{G}$ has 7 subsets of vertices with the greatest vitality degree, and fuzzy set of vitality is defined as:

$$\mathbf{V} = \{<0.6/1>, <0.6/2>, <0.7/3>, <1/4>\}.$$ 

The fuzzy set of vitality defines the next optimum allocation of the service centres: If we have 4 service centres then we place these centres into all vertices. The degree of service equals 1 in this case. If we have 3 service centres then we must place these centres into vertices 1, 2, and 4. The degree of service equals 0.7 in this case. If we have only one service centre then we must place it into vertex 1. The degree of service equals 0.6 in last case. Thus, we can conclude that there is no winning when placing two centers.

**IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

The task of defining of the optimum allocation of centers was considered as the task of the definition of fuzzy vitality set of second kind fuzzy graphs. The algorithm of the definition of fuzzy base set has been proposed. It must be noted; that the considered method makes it possible to define the best service allocations only if the centers are placed in the vertices of a graph (the case of generating new vertices on the edges is not considered). In our future work we are going to examine the problem of the centers’ allocation in the temporal fuzzy graphs, i.e. the graphs, edges’ membership functions of which change in discrete time.

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