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# Enhancing MCDM with q-Rung Orthopair Fuzzy Dombi

# Generalized Heronian Mean

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# ABSTRACT

This paper presents a set of Dombi generalized Heronian mean operators for q-rung orthopair fuzzy numbers (qROFNs) and proposes a multicriteria decision-making (MCDM) method based on these operators. The operational rules of qROFNs, grounded in the Dombi t-conorm and t-norm, are presented. A q-rung orthopair fuzzy Dombi generalized Heronian mean (qROFDGHM) operator is formulated based on these principles. A method for addressing MCDM problems utilizing qROFNs and the developed operators is proposed. A comprehensive mathematical proof of the operator's idempotency condition, as well as its monotonicity and boundedness properties, validates its theoretical basis. When addressing MCDM challenges, the proposed operator generates effective outcome solutions by leveraging membership and non-membership degree interactions. The qROFDGHM operator has a better ability to handle imprecise, uncertain, and conflicting data when compared with existing methods. This study contributes to fuzzy decision-making advancement through its development of a flexible theoretical aggregation operator.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) is a technique that uses multiple criteria to arrive at the final decision. In intricate conditions, decision-makers are integrated to assess the values of many characteristics of all candidates in a systematic way. The rationale for the present endeavor is correspondingly two-fold; that is, to explicate the attribute values and to underscore the potential of fuzzy sets in this regard. Fuzzy

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set (FS) is one of the basic types of fuzzy sets which exploits the degree of membership to determine satisfaction level based on numerical ratio of its membership (Zadeh, 1965). Atanassov (1986) introduced the intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS) to address this limitation by incorporating a non-membership degree; consequently, the hesitancy function can be represented as one minus the sum of the membership and non-membership degrees. It is noteworthy that IFS is an extension of the FS, with additional degree of non-membership of an element in a universe, both confined to the interval of 0 to 1 (Voskoglou, 2023). Moreover, it can articulate more intricate fuzzy information than FS, leading to various research topics, including the analysis of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in risk-based inspection (Sadeghi et al., 2024), the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy rough power aggregation operators (Khan et al., 2025), functions for intuitionistic fuzzy sets of type two with application to MCDM (Singh et al., 2020). While IFSs demonstrate significant potential in MCDM, their applicability is constrained by their capacity to represent fuzzy information, specifically that the sum of membership and non-membership degrees must fall within the interval of 0 to 1.

To address this limitation, Yager (2014) introduced the Pythagorean fuzzy sets (PFSs), which consider the sum of the squares of both membership and non-membership degrees to be within the range of 0 to 1. PFSs have attracted substantial interest from researchers due to their enhanced expressiveness compared to IFSs. Pythagorean fuzzy sets are among the more advanced fuzzy sets that can tackle the prevalent vagueness in decision-making. In cases where conventional mathematical techniques may fail to generate a close solution due to the present of uncertainties and lack of information, PFSs can be helpful to address this problem. On the other hand, other research areas where PFS can be found include goal programming, transport problems, and healthcare to increase the veracity of decisions. A new goal programming approach using PFS has been suggested which extends several traditional intuitionistic approaches in supply chain management, integrating a score function that improves the modelling of multiple objectives (Seal et al., 2024). Some applications in PFS are strategy selection for IOT based sustainable supply chain system (Alkan & Kahraman, 2024), application to hospital siting for COVID-19 patients (Rahman et al., 2023), and application selection in optimal treatment for depression and anxiety (Rahim et al., 2024). Hemalatha & Venkateswarlu (2023) proposed a new way of ranking for Pythagorean fuzzy sets and mean squares approach for transportation problems. All these past studies have shown that PFS could overcome uncertainty in decision making.

To enhance the expressiveness of PFS, Yager (2017) introduced the q-rung orthopair fuzzy set (qROFS) through the concept of the generalized orthopair fuzzy set. Within this framework, the degrees of membership and non-membership adhere to the condition that the sum of their q - th powers remain within the interval of 0 to 1. IFSs and PFSs can be considered specific instances of qROFSs when q = 1and q = 2. This characteristic enhances the expressiveness of qROFSs compared to IFSs and PFSs, as it facilitates the assignment of an appropriate value to q. For example, a decision-maker assessing an alternative in uncertain conditions may assign a membership degree of 0.6 and a non-membership degree of 0.9, represented as (0.6, 0.9). The application of IFS or PFS is impractical in this context, as the following inequalities hold for IFS, 0.6 + 0.9 > 1, and for PFS,  $0.6^2 + 0.9^2 > 1$ . In the case of qROFS, this issue is addressed by selecting a suitable value for q, specifically  $q \ge 3$ , which enables the attribute values to meet the condition  $0.6^{\overline{q}} + 0.9^{\overline{q}} \le 1$ . As the parameter q increases, the space of allowable orthopairs expands, allowing a wider range of values to meet the bounding constraint. This enhances qROFSs' flexibility and effectiveness in representing fuzzy information through the dynamic adjustment of the parameter q. The field of q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets (qROFSs) has drawn significant attention from researchers. They have explored various aspects, like score functions of qROFNs (Peng et al., 2018; Peng & Dai, 2019), distance measures of qROFNs (Wang et al., 2024), ranking products based on qROFS theory (Yin et al., 2023), correlation and correlation coefficients of qROFSs (Ch et al., 2025), hesitant q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets (Ghoushchi et al., 2024), and extensions of qROFSs (Wang et al., 2019). Indeed, the

qROFS plays a crucial role in handling uncertainty, while aggregation operators offer a process for converting uncertain information into summary formats that may be analyzed and used to make decisions.

MCDM problems are typically addressed using two main categories of methods: conventional approaches such as TOPSIS, VIKOR, and ELECTRE, and those that utilize aggregation operators. Aggregation operators offer a more effective solution to MCDM problems than traditional methods, as they provide comprehensive values for ranking alternatives, unlike conventional approaches that only generate rankings without the comprehensive data needed for decision-making. The operational rules and functions defining aggregation operators are crucial in determining their capabilities and properties for effectively solving complex MCDM problems. In operational rules, certain aggregation operators represent specific instances of elements within the t-norm (TN) and t-conorm (TC) families. The Archimedean t-norm and t-conorm serve as generalizations for numerous TNs and TCs. Various operators and operational rules of q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets (qROFSs) are associated with particular (TNs) and (TCs), such as Frank operational rules (Du et al., 2022), Archimedean aggregation operators (Seikh & Mandal, 2023), and Hamacher operational rules (Khan et al., 2023).

The relationships among aggregated arguments have been examined through various aggregation operators of q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets (qROFSs). These include weighted averaging (WA) and weighted geometric (WG) operators (Liu & Wang, 2018), Bonferroni mean (BM) and geometric Bonferroni mean (GBM) operators (Liu & Liu, 2018), normalized weighted Bonferroni mean (Rodzi et al., 2023), weighted point operators (Xing et al., 2019), fuzzy-valued neutrosophic sets (Al-Quran et al., 2024), Heronian mean (HM) and geometric HM operators (Wei et al., 2018). Yu & Wu (2012) provided a detailed explanation of the advantages of HM operators compared to BM operators in the existing literature. Both aggregation operators can account for interrelationships among aggregated parameters; however, they are limited to addressing decision-making problems involving interrelationships among attributes within the same partition, excluding those between different partitions. Liu et al. (2018) introduced HM operators utilizing qROFSs to address this limitation.

The q-rung orthopair fuzzy Dombi generalized Heronian mean (qROFDGHM) is an advanced aggregation operator that combines the principles of q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets (q-ROFS), Dombi operations, and Heronian means (HMs) to enhance multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) processes (Yaacob et al., 2024). This aggregation operator effectively encapsulates the interrelationships among the various decision attributes, while also addressing the inherent uncertainties present within the decisionmaking environment (Sarkar et al., 2023). The qROFDGHM operator effectively mitigates the impact of extreme values while seamlessly integrating the interactions between membership and non-membership degrees of qROFSs, yielding a more balanced and nuanced aggregation method. The flexibility of Dombi operations enables the qROFDGHM to be readily tailored to diverse decision-making contexts, thereby serving as an effective tool for managing complex aggregation tasks (Hussain et al., 2022). Overall, the qROFDGHM operator represents a significant advancement in fuzzy decision-making methodologies, as it provides an innovative and versatile aggregation strategy that effectively addresses the challenges posed by uncertain, imprecise, or conflicting information in multi-criteria decision-making scenarios. This operator's flexibility and ability to seamlessly integrate the interrelationships among decision attributes, while also accounting for the inherent uncertainties, make it a valuable tool for navigating the complexities of real-world decision-making processes.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 2 provides a brief overview of key concepts related to qrung orthopair fuzzy sets, the DTT, the GHM operator, and the operational rules of qROFNs derived from the DTT. Section 3 introduces a proposed aggregation operator, namely qROFDGHM. The final section summarizes the paper.

# 2. PRELIMINARIES

This section provides an overview of the key concepts and definitions related to q-Rung orthopair fuzzy sets, Dombi operators, and Heronian mean operators.

#### 2.1 q-Rung Orthopair Fuzzy Sets

Definition 1. A qROFS *E* in a finite universe of discourse *X* is (Yager, 2017):

$$E = \{ \langle x, \mu_E(x), \nu_E(x) \rangle | x \in X \}$$
(1)

where  $\mu_E: X \to [0,1]$  denotes the degree of membership of the element  $x \in X$  to the set *E* and  $v_E: X \to [0,1]$  denotes the degree of non-membership of the element  $x \in X$  to the set *E*, with the condition that  $0 \le (\mu_E(x)^q + v_E(x)^q) \le 1$  (q = 1,2,3,...,n). The degree of hesitancy (indeterminacy) of the element  $x \in X$  to the set *E* is:

$$\pi_E(x) = \left(1 - \left(\mu_E(x)\right)^q - \left(\nu_E(x)\right)^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
(2)

For convenience, a pair  $(\mu_E(x), \nu_E(x))$  is called a qROFN and denoted  $\sigma = (\mu, \nu)$ . To compare two qROFNs, their score and accuracy must be calculated. The following provides the definitions of the score and accuracy of a qROFN.

**Definition 2.** Let  $\sigma_1 = (\mu_1, \nu_1)$  and  $\sigma_2 = (\mu_2, \nu_2)$  be a q-ROFNs. Then (Liu & Wang, 2018):

1. 
$$\overline{\sigma_1} = \langle v_1, \mu_1 \rangle$$

- 2.  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 = \langle max\{\mu_1, \nu_1\}, min\{\mu_2, \nu_2\} \rangle$
- 3.  $\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 = \langle min\{\mu_1, \nu_1\}, max\{\mu_2, \nu_2\} \rangle$

4. 
$$\sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2 = \langle (\mu_1^q + \mu_2^q - \mu_1^q \mu_2^q)^{1/q}, v_1 v_2 \rangle$$

5. 
$$\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_2 = \langle \mu_1 \mu_2, (v_1^q + v_2^q - v_1^q v_2^q)^{1/q} \rangle$$

6. 
$$\lambda \sigma_1 = \langle \left(1 - \left(1 - \mu_1^q\right)^\lambda\right)^{1/q}, v_1^\lambda \rangle$$

7. 
$$\sigma_1^{\lambda} = \langle \mu_1^{\lambda}, \left(1 - \left(1 - v_1^q\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{1/q}$$

**Definition 3.** Let  $\sigma = (\mu, \nu)$  be a qROFN. Then, the score of  $\sigma$  is (Yager, 2017):

$$S(\sigma) = \mu^q - \nu^q \tag{3}$$

where  $-1 \leq S(\sigma) \leq 1$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $\sigma = (\mu, \nu)$  be a qROFN. Then, the accuracy of  $\sigma$  is (Yager, 2017):

$$A(\sigma) = \mu^q + \nu^q \tag{4}$$

where  $-1 \leq S(\sigma) \leq 1$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $\sigma_1 = (\mu_1, \nu_1)$  and  $\sigma_2 = (\mu_2, \nu_2)$  be two arbitrary qROFNs; let  $S(\sigma_1)$  and  $S(\sigma_2)$  be the score of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , respectively; and let  $A(\sigma_1)$  and  $A(\sigma_2)$  be the accuracies of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , respectively. Then (Yager, 2017):

- 1. If  $S(\sigma_1) > S(\sigma_2)$ , then  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2$ ;
- 2. If  $S(\sigma_1) = S(\sigma_2)$ , then
- (1) If  $A(\sigma_1) > A(\sigma_2)$ , then  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2$ ;
- (2) If  $A(\sigma_1) = A(\sigma_2)$ , then  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ .

# 2.2 Heronian Mean (HM) Operators

This section then introduces the generalized Heronian mean and generalized weighted Heronian mean operators.

**Definition 6 (Generalized Heronian mean (GHM)).** Let  $x_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) be a set of non-negative real numbers, and  $a, b \ge 0$ . Then (Sýkora, 2009):

$$GHM^{a,b}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left[\frac{2}{n(n+1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n x_i^a x_j^b\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{a+b}}$$
(5)

**Definition 7** (Generalized weighted Heronian mean (GWHM)). Let  $w_i = (w_1, w_2, ..., w_n)$  be the weight vector of a collection of non-negative numbers  $x_i (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$  and satisfying  $a, b \ge 0$ ,  $w_i \in [0,1]$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i = 1$ . Then (Liu & Pei, 2012):

$$GWHM^{a,b}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left[\frac{2}{n(n+1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n (w_i x_i)^a \otimes (w_j x_j)^b\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{a+b}}$$
(6)

#### 2.3 Dombi t-Norm and t-Conorm

The Dombi operations, which comprise Dombi t-norms and t-conorms, were introduced as flexible operators for aggregating fuzzy information. These operations excel at capturing the intricate interactions between membership and non-membership values, rendering them well-suited for applications where conventional operations, such as algebraic t-norms and Einstein t-norms, prove inadequate.

In the following, a new operational rule for qROFNs is presented, which is based on the DTT (Dombi, 1982) to generate a t-norm (TN) and t-conorm (TC):

$$D(x,y) = \delta^{-1} \left( \delta(x) + \delta(y) \right) \tag{7}$$

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(1) If f(x) is a monotonically increasing function such that:

$$f(x): (0,1] \to R^+; f^{-1}(x): R^+ \to (0,1]; \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)^{-1} = 0; f^{-1}(0) = 1,$$

then the TN T can be defined as  $T(x, y) = f^{-1}(f(x) + f(y))$ .

(2) If g(x) is a monotonically decreasing function such that:

$$g(x): (0,1] \to R^+; g^{-1}(x): R^+ \to (0,1]; \lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)^{-1} = 1; g^{-1}(0) = 0,$$

then the TC S can be defined as  $S(x, y) = g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y))$ . According to Beliakov et al. (2016), the relationship of f(x) and g(x) is f(x) = g(1 - x).

**Definition 8.** Let  $\lambda$  be a positive real number and  $x, y \in [0,1]$ . The DTT and their additive generators are described below (Dombi, 1982):

$$T_{D,\lambda}(x,y) = f^{-1}(f(x) + f(y)) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{1-x^{q}}{x^{q}}\right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{1-y^{q}}{y^{q}}\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
(8)

$$S_{D,\lambda}(x,y) = g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{x^q}{1 - x^q}\right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{y^q}{1 - y^q}\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(9)  
$$f(t) = \left(\frac{1 - t^q}{t^q}\right)^{\lambda}, g(t) = \left(\frac{t^q}{1 - t^q}\right)^{\lambda}$$
(10)

Then, the following can be obtained:

$$f^{-1}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1+t^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, g^{-1}(t) = \left(\frac{t^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}{1+t^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
(11)

Based on DTT (Zhong et al., 2019), a set of operational rules of qROFNs can be established as follows:

**Definition 9.** Let  $\sigma = (\mu, \nu)$ ,  $\sigma_1 = (\mu_1, \nu_1)$  and  $\sigma_2 = (\mu_2, \nu_2)$  be three arbitrary qROFNs, and let  $\varphi$  and  $\tau$  be two arbitrary positive real numbers. Then, the sum, product, multiplication and power operations between qROFNs based on  $T_{D,\lambda}(x, y) = f^{-1}(f(x) + f(y))$  and  $S_{D,\lambda}(x, y) = g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y))$  can be defined as follows, respectively (Zhong et al., 2019):

$$\sigma_{1} \oplus \sigma_{2} = \left(g^{-1}(g(\mu_{1}) + g(\mu_{2})), f^{-1}(f(v_{1}) + f(v_{2}))\right)$$

$$= \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{\mu_{1}^{q}}{1 - \mu_{1}^{q}}\right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{\mu_{2}^{q}}{1 - \mu_{2}^{q}}\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{1 - v_{1}^{q}}{v_{1}^{q}}\right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{1 - v_{2}^{q}}{v_{2}^{q}}\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}\right)$$
(12)

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$$\sigma_{1} \otimes \sigma_{2} = \left( f^{-1}(f(\mu_{1}) + f(\mu_{2})), g^{-1}(g(v_{1}) + g(v_{2})) \right)$$

$$= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( \left( \frac{1 - \mu_{1}^{q}}{\mu_{1}^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} + \left( \frac{1 - \mu_{2}^{q}}{\mu_{2}^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \left( \frac{v_{1}^{q}}{1 - v_{1}^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} + \left( \frac{v_{2}^{q}}{1 - v_{2}^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)$$

$$\varphi \sigma = \left( g^{-1}(\varphi g(\mu)), f^{-1}(\varphi f(v)) \right)$$

$$= \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \varphi \left( \frac{\mu^{q}}{1 - u^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( \varphi \left( \frac{1 - v^{q}}{v^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \right)$$

$$(14)$$

$$\sigma^{\tau} = \left( f^{-1}(\tau f(\mu)), g^{-1}(\tau g(\nu)) \right)$$

$$= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( \tau \left( \frac{1 - \mu^{q}}{\mu^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \tau \left( \frac{\nu^{q}}{1 - \nu^{q}} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)$$
(15)

# 3. PROPOSED q-RUNG ORTHOPAIR FUZZY DOMBI GENERALIZED HERONIAN MEAN

This section discusses the extended GHM to the q-rung orthopair fuzzy environment, and a q-rung orthopair fuzzy Dombi generalized Heronian mean (qROFDGHM) operator are presented. Their properties are explored. Figure 1 shows the flowchart of the research methodology:



Fig. 1. Flowchart of the research methodology

# 3.1 qROFDGHM Operator

**Definition 10.** Let  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n\}$  (where  $\sigma_i = (\mu_i, \nu_i)(i = 1, 2, ..., n)$ ) be a collection of qROFNs (q = 1, 2, ..., n). For any two real numbers a and b such that  $a, b \ge 0$  but a and b are not zero simultaneously, the qROFDGHM is defined as follows:

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = \left[\frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \left((\sigma_i)^a \otimes \left(\sigma_j\right)^b\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{a+b}}$$
(16)

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n\}$  (where  $\sigma_i = (\mu_i, \nu_i)(i = 1, 2, ..., n)$ ) be a collection of qROFNs (q = 1, 2, ..., n). Let a and b such that  $a, b \ge 0$  but a and b are not zero simultaneously and let  $\lambda$  be a positive real number. Then, the aggregated value produced by qROFDGHM is still a qROFN, and  $qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n)$ .



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where 
$$f(\mu_i) = \left(\frac{1-\mu_i^q}{\mu_i^q}\right)^{\lambda}$$
,  $f(\mu_j) = \left(\frac{1-\mu_j^q}{\mu_j^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ ,  $g(v_i) = \left(\frac{v_i^q}{1-v_i^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ ,  $g(v_j) = \left(\frac{v_j^q}{1-v_j^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ .

Proof.

According to Definition 8:

$$\begin{split} (\sigma_{l})^{a} &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( a \left( \frac{1 - \mu_{l}^{q}}{\mu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( a \left( \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{1 + \nu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + a^{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{\mu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ (\sigma_{l})^{b} &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( b \left( \frac{1 - \mu_{l}^{q}}{\mu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( b \left( \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{1 + \nu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( b \left( \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{1 + \nu_{l}^{q}} \right)^{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ Let \frac{1 - \mu_{l}^{q}}{\mu_{l}^{1}} = f(\mu_{l})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1 - \mu_{l}^{q}}{\mu_{l}^{q}} = f(\mu_{l})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{1 + \nu_{l}^{q}} = g(\nu_{l})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{\nu_{l}^{q}}{1 + \nu_{l}^{q}} = g(\nu_{l})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ then } \\ (\sigma_{l})^{a} &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( af(\mu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( ag(\nu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ (\sigma_{l})^{b} &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( af(\mu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( ag(\nu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( af(\mu_{l}) + bf(\mu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( ag(\nu_{l}) + bg(\nu_{l}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ \Sigma_{l=1}^{n} \Sigma_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} &= \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \Sigma_{l=1}^{n} \Sigma_{l=l}^{n} (\frac{1}{a(\mu_{l}) + bf(\mu_{l})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \Sigma_{l=1}^{n} \Sigma_{l=l}^{q} (\frac{1}{a(\mu_{l}) + bf(\nu_{l})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ \Sigma_{l=1}^{n} \Sigma_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} &= \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \Sigma_{l=1}^{n} \Sigma_{l=l}^{n} (\frac{1}{a(\mu_{l}) + bf(\nu_{l})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} \\ = \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} \\ \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} \\ \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{l=l}^{n} (\sigma_{l})^{a} \otimes (\sigma_{l})^{b} \\ \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} (\sigma_$$

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$$\begin{split} &= \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \sum_{(af(\mu_l) + bf(\mu_j))}^{1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \sum_{(ag(\nu_l) + bg(\nu_j))}^{1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ &\left( \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i}^{n} (\sigma_i)^a \otimes (\sigma_j)^b \right)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} \\ &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{2(a+b)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \sum_{(af(\mu_l) + bf(\mu_j))}^{1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{2(a+b)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} (ag(\nu_l) + bg(\nu_j))}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ &It \text{ follows that } qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = \left[ \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \left( (\sigma_l)^a \otimes (\sigma_j)^b \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{a+b}} \end{split}$$

Thus, the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

**Theorem 2 (Idempotency).** Let  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n\}$  where  $\sigma_i = (\mu_i, \nu_i)$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) be a collection of qROFNs (q = 1, 2, ...), and let *a* and *b* be two real numbers such that  $a, b \ge 0$ . However, *a* and *b* are not zero simultaneously. If  $\sigma_i = \sigma = (\mu, \nu)$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n, then

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = \sigma \tag{18}$$

# Proof.

Let  $qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n) = (\mu_{\alpha}, \nu_{\alpha})$ . It shows that

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = (\mu, \nu)$$

Since  $\sigma_i = \sigma = (\mu, \nu)$  and  $\sigma_j = \sigma = (\mu, \nu)$ , then



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$$\begin{split} &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)}\sum_{l=1}^{n}\sum_{j=l}^{n}\frac{1}{(af(\mu)) + bf(\mu)}\right)}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)}\sum_{l=1}^{n}\sum_{j=l}^{n}\frac{1}{((a+b)f(\mu))}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{(f(\mu))}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + (f(\mu))^{\frac{1}{q}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1-\mu^{q}}{\mu^{q}}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= (\mu^{q})^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \mu \end{split}$$

where  $f(\mu_i) = \left(\frac{1-\mu_i^q}{\mu_i^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ ,  $f(\mu_j) = \left(\frac{1-\mu_j^q}{\mu_j^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ ,  $g(v_i) = \left(\frac{v_i^q}{1-v_i^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ ,  $g(v_j) = \left(\frac{v_j^q}{1-v_j^q}\right)^{\lambda}$ .

Therefore, it can also show that  $v_{\alpha} = v$ . Hence

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = (\mu_{\alpha}, v_{\alpha}) = (\mu, v)$$

which completes the proof for Theorem 2.

**Theorem 3** (Monotonicity). Let  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n\}$  where  $\sigma_i = (\mu_i, \nu_i)$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) and  $\{\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, ..., \sigma'_n\}$  (where  $\sigma'_i = (\mu'_i, \nu'_i)$ ) (i = 1, 2, ..., n) be two collections of qROFNs (q = 1, 2, ...), and let a and b be two real numbers such that  $a, b \ge 0$ . However, a and b are not zero simultaneously. If  $\mu_i \le \mu'_i$  and  $\nu_i \le \nu'_i$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n, then

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \le qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1', \sigma_2', \dots, \sigma_n')$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

Proof.

Let

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = (\mu_\alpha, \nu_\alpha)$$

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, \dots, \sigma'_n) = (\mu', \nu')$$

Since  $\mu_i \leq \mu'_i$  and  $\mu_j \leq \mu'_j$ , f(t),  $f^{-1}(t)$  are monotonically decreasing, and g(t),  $g^{-1}(t)$  are monotonically increasing, it follows that

$$\frac{1-\mu_i^q}{\mu_i^q} \ge \frac{1-\mu_i'^q}{\mu_i'^q}, \frac{1-\mu_j^q}{\mu_j^q} \ge \frac{1-\mu_j'^q}{\mu_j'^q}$$

Thus,

$$\left(af(\mu_i) + bf(\mu_j)\right) \ge \left(af(\mu_i') + bf(\mu_j')\right)$$
$$\left(\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)}\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j=i}^n\frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_i) + bf(\mu_j)\right)}\right) \le \left(\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)}\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j=i}^n\frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_i') + bf(\mu_j')\right)}\right)$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}) + bf(\mu_{j})\right)}} \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}') + bf(\mu_{j}')\right)}} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}) + bf(\mu_{j})\right)}}\right) \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}') + bf(\mu_{j}')\right)}}\right) \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}) + bf(\mu_{j})\right)}\right)}\right)} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2(a+b)}{n(n+1)} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{j=l}^{n} \frac{1}{\left(af(\mu_{i}') + bf(\mu_{j})\right)}\right)} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mu_{\alpha} = \left(\frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2(a+b)}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i}^{n} \frac{1}{(af(\mu_{i})+bf(\mu_{j}))}\right)}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \le \left(\frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2(a+b)}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i}^{n} \frac{1}{(af(\mu_{i}')+bf(\mu_{j}))}\right)}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \mu$$

Hence,  $\mu_{\alpha} \leq \mu'$ . Similarly, it can be proved that  $v_{\alpha} \leq v'$ .

Thus,  $qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n) = (\mu_{\alpha}, \nu_{\alpha}) \le qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n) = (\mu, \nu)$ , which completes the proof for Theorem 3.

**Theorem 4 (Boundedness).** Let  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n\}$  where  $\sigma_i = (\mu_i, v_i)$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) be a collection of qROFNs (q = 1, 2, ...), and let *a* and *b* be two real numbers such that  $a, b \ge 0$ . However, *a* and *b* are not zero simultaneously. If  $\sigma_s = (max(\mu_i), min(v_i))$  and  $\sigma_I = (min(\mu_i), max(v_i))$ , then

$$\sigma_I \le qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \le \sigma_s \tag{20}$$

Proof.

From Theorem 2:

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_I, \sigma_I, \dots, \sigma_I) = \sigma_I, qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_S, \sigma_S, \dots, \sigma_S) = \sigma_S$$

From Theorem 3:

$$qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_I, \sigma_I, \dots, \sigma_I) \le qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \le qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_S, \sigma_S, \dots, \sigma_S)$$

Therefore, it follows that  $\sigma_I \leq qROFDGHM^{a,b}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n) \leq \sigma_s$ , which completes the proof for Theorem 4.

## 4. CONCLUSION

The study introduces qROFDGHM, a novel operator that improves the efficiency of MCDM in facing situations of uncertainty. In the qROFS setting, the operator uses the generalized Heronian mean to combine the Dombi t-norm and t-conorm. Verification of idempotency, monotonicity, and boundedness properties provides its theoretical underpinnings. The proposed method offers a novel, adaptable, and reliable aggregation operator that enhances the ability to identify fuzzy parameter relationships. Due to the absence of experimental evaluation, the current research is limited to theoretical evaluation. Future studies will focus on evaluating the operator's efficacy by applying it to real-world case studies, implementing it, and comparing it to existing aggregation operators.

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