

# A new approach to sustainable logistic processes with q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft information aggregation

Muhammad Riaz<sup>1</sup>, Hafiz Muhammad Athar Farid<sup>1</sup>, Ayesha Razzaq<sup>1</sup> and Vladimir Simic<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Mathematics, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan

<sup>2</sup> Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

<sup>3</sup> College of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, Yuan Ze University, Taoyuan, Taiwan

## ABSTRACT

In recent years, as corporate consciousness of environmental preservation and sustainable growth has increased, the importance of sustainability marketing in the logistic process has grown. Both academics and business have increased their focus on sustainable logistics procedures. As the body of literature expands, expanding the field's knowledge requires establishing new avenues by analyzing past research critically and identifying future prospects. The concept of "q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft set" (q-ROFSS) is a new hybrid model of a q-rung orthopair fuzzy set (q-ROFS) and soft set (SS). A q-ROFSS is a novel approach to address uncertain information in terms of generalized membership grades in a broader space. The basic alluring characteristic of q-ROFS is that they provide a broader space for membership and non-membership grades whereas SS is a robust approach to address uncertain information. These models play a vital role in various fields such as decision analysis, information analysis, computational intelligence, and artificial intelligence. The main objective of this article is to construct new aggregation operators (AOs) named "q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft prioritized weighted averaging" (q-ROFSPWA) operator and "q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft prioritized weighted geometric" (q-ROFSPWG) operator for the fusion of a group of q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft numbers and to tackle complexities and difficulties in existing operators. These AOs provide more effective information fusion tools for uncertain multi-attribute decision-making problems. Additionally, it was shown that the proposed AOs have a higher power of discriminating and are less sensitive to noise when it comes to evaluating the performances of sustainable logistic providers.

Submitted 1 March 2023

Accepted 20 July 2023

Published 28 August 2023

Corresponding author

Hafiz Muhammad Athar Farid,

hmatharfarid@gmail.com

Academic editor

Jun Ye

Additional Information and  
Declarations can be found on  
page 34

DOI 10.7717/peerj-cs.1527

© Copyright

2023 Riaz et al.

Distributed under

Creative Commons CC-BY 4.0

**OPEN ACCESS**

**Subjects** Artificial Intelligence, Optimization Theory and Computation

**Keywords** q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft set, Aggregation operators, Sustainable logistic processes, Decision-making

## INTRODUCTION

Sustainable logistics processes are becoming increasingly important in today's world. The transportation of goods and materials is one of the largest contributors to global greenhouse gas emissions, which are a major cause of climate change. In addition, the logistics sector has a significant impact on the environment through its use of energy and natural resources. The importance of sustainable logistics processes lies in their ability to

reduce the environmental impact of transportation and logistics activities. Sustainable logistics can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using more fuel-efficient vehicles, optimizing transportation routes, and reducing the distance traveled. It can also help to reduce the consumption of natural resources and minimize waste through recycling and waste reduction initiatives. Sustainable logistics also has economic benefits. By improving the efficiency of transportation and logistics, companies can reduce their operating costs and improve their bottom line. They can also improve their reputation and brand image by demonstrating their commitment to sustainability. The scope of sustainable logistics is broad and encompasses a wide range of activities. It includes the planning and management of transportation and logistics operations, as well as the design and development of transportation infrastructure. It also includes the use of sustainable fuels and technologies, such as electric and hybrid vehicles, as well as the optimization of transportation networks to minimize environmental impact. In order to implement sustainable logistics processes, companies need to adopt a holistic approach that takes into account the entire supply chain. This involves collaboration with suppliers and customers to optimize transportation routes, reduce waste, and improve efficiency. It also requires the use of data analytics and technology to track and monitor transportation and logistics activities and identify opportunities for improvement. Sustainable logistics processes are essential for reducing the environmental impact of transportation and logistics activities, improving economic performance, and demonstrating a commitment to sustainability. By adopting a holistic approach and collaborating with suppliers and customers, companies can achieve these benefits while also reducing their carbon footprint and contributing to a more sustainable future. Multi-attribute decision-making (MADM) is an important tool for sustainable logistics processes. In sustainable logistics, decisions need to be made considering various attributes such as cost, environmental impact, social responsibility, and operational efficiency. MADM can help decision-makers to evaluate and compare different alternatives based on multiple criteria, and select the most suitable option that meets the objectives of sustainable logistics. One of the key advantages of MADM is that it allows decision-makers to consider multiple attributes simultaneously, rather than just focusing on one or two. This helps to ensure that decisions are based on a comprehensive and balanced analysis of all relevant factors. For example, when evaluating transportation alternatives, MADM can help to balance the trade-off between cost and environmental impact, by considering factors such as fuel efficiency, emissions, and distance traveled. MADM also provides a structured and transparent decision-making process. This is particularly important for sustainable logistics, where decisions need to be made with the involvement of multiple stakeholders, including customers, suppliers, and regulators. MADM can help to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are involved in the decision-making process and that decisions are made transparently and objectively. Furthermore, MADM can help decision-makers to prioritize their sustainability goals.

Sustainable logistics involves balancing different objectives, such as reducing costs, improving efficiency, and minimizing environmental impact. MADM can help to rank these objectives and determine which ones are most important, based on the specific context and goals of the logistics operation. Finally, MADM can help decision-makers to identify and evaluate trade-offs between different attributes. Sustainable logistics often involves making trade-offs between different goals, such as reducing emissions and increasing operational efficiency. MADM can help decision-makers to identify the tradeoffs between these different attributes, and evaluate the impact of different alternatives on each attribute. MADM is an important tool for sustainable logistics processes. It allows decision-makers to consider multiple attributes simultaneously, provides a structured and transparent decision-making process, helps to prioritize sustainability goals, and enables decision-makers to identify and evaluate trade-offs between different attributes. By using MADM, sustainable logistics can be achieved while also improving economic performance and demonstrating a commitment to sustainability.

### **Main endowments and objectives**

The main endowments and the goals of this article are given below:

- To establish the prioritized weighted averaging operators and prioritized weighted geometric operators under q-ROFS context, which deals with the prioritization connection in the information. Consequently, to handle such information, q-ROFSPWA and q-ROFSPWG operators are effectively presented.
- To present definite some basic properties of the proposed operators. Some fundamental properties including, comprising, monotonicity and boundedness are presented and examined with suitable development.
- Based on the q-ROFSPWA operator and q-ROFSPWG operator, a MADM algorithm is established to resolve some decision-making numerical problems.
- A fully developed numerical example is provided to validate the significance of the proposed operators.
- The importance of the proposed technique is emphasized through a comparison with existing approaches.
- The q-ROFSS is more suitable for examining decision-making problems than SS and q-ROFS.
- The evaluation of the finest alternative is a very complicated MADM problem in a q-ROFS and SS environment and has many indefinite components. In the existing MADM methods, evaluation data is simply illustrated by SS and q-ROFNs which may inspire data distortion. As a result, a more extensive model is required to elucidate the existence of universal components.

- The q-ROFSPWA and q-ROFSPWG operators when apply to different MADM difficulties based on the q-ROFS environment, increase the accuracy of the decision results.
- The q-ROFSPWA and q-ROFSPWG operators are very straightforward and brief method for the assessment of a single choice.
- Proposed operators address the shortcomings and constraints of existing operators by being more general and performing well with data other than q-ROFS.

The following are the main features of this article:

- The theory of q-ROF aggregation operators is expanded to q-ROFS operators, with some basic results associated with them.
- A method for dealing with difficult problems using q-ROFS data is provided. The MADM problem helps the proposed algorithm.
- Various parameter choices and their effects on decision-making outcomes are reviewed.
- The comparative analysis demonstrates the efficacy of these operators.

The structure of this article is given as: In “Literature Review” some literature review has given and in “Fundamental Notions” some basic ideas including q-ROFS, some basic operations, score function and accuracy function of q-ROFNs and q-ROFSS are presented which are useful to understand the proposed operators. “q-ROFS Prioritized Weighted Aggregation Operators” presents the prioritized operators like the q-ROFSPWA operator and q-ROFSPWG operator, and also presents some beneficial characteristics of proposed operators. In “Proposed MADM Approach”, an algorithm of the proposed work is provided. “Case Study” involves a numerical example and authenticity, sensitivity, and symmetrical analysis. Eventually, the conclusion is provided in “Conclusion”.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

An essential challenge in the MADM process is expressing approximate values of attributes more efficiently and precisely. The precise parameterized values of attributes are useful to address several complexities in MADM challenges. The decision experts estimate the advantages, characteristics and limitations of universal elements, goods, and alternatives. MADM is a pre-design procedure for the selection of the best option among multiple choices. To handle these challenges, [Zadeh \(1965\)](#) presented a conspicuous idea, namely fuzzy set (FS) which made the best gyration in various fields. In an FS, membership values (MVs) between 0 and 1 are assigned to each alternative. Nevertheless, in some real-life problems decision experts gives their evaluations in terms of MV and negative membership value (NMV). Accordingly, [Atanassov \(1986\)](#) established the generalization of FS, namely “intuitionistic fuzzy set” (IFS) which contained MV and NMV functions that expressed satisfactory and unsatisfactory levels, respectively. As a result, it is a particularly useful tool for expressing complicated fuzzy data. [Xu \(2007\)](#), [Xu & Yager \(2006\)](#), [Xu & Xia \(2011\)](#) presented induced generalized, weighted averaging and weighted geometric

operators based on intuitionistic fuzzy numbers (IFNs). *Yager (2013)* presented a “Pythagorean fuzzy set” (PFS) with a positive membership value (PMV) and negative membership value (NMV) that fulfilled the criteria that the square of the sum of its PMV and NMV is less than or equal to one. Based on the of extenuating TOPSIS technique (*Hadi-Vencheh & Mirjaberi, 2014*), *Zhang (2016)* designed a TOPSIS technique for MADM problems, containing PFS information. Simultaneously, Peng and Yang presented PFS sets (PFSSs) (*Peng et al., 2015*) and Pythagorean fuzzy linguistic sets (PFLSs) (*Peng & Yang, 2016*), respectively, inspired by SS theory (*Molodtsov, 1999*) and linguistic set (LS) theory (*Zadeh, 1975a, 1975b, 1975c*). *Gou, Xu & Ren (2016)* established different Pythagorean fuzzy functions and thoroughly explored their important features such as differentiability, continuity and drivability. *Peng & Yang (2015)* introduced division and subtraction operations, as well as the Pythagorean fuzzy inferiority and superiority ranking system for solving MADM problems with PFNs. Following that, *Beliakov & James (2014)* studied on how to interpret the word “averaging” in the context of PFNs.

Despite this, *Yager (2016)* first developed the q-ROFSs to epitomize the decision information, in which the aggregate sum of the qth power of PMV and NMV is below or equal to 1,  $0 \leq \mu^q + \nu^q \leq 1$ , ( $q \geq 1$ ). It should be noted that as ‘q’ raises, so does the space of admissible orthopairs, and more orthopairs meet the boundary restriction. Using q-ROFSs, we may represent a broader space of fuzzy data. In other words, we may keep changing the ‘q’ value to define the data representation range, making q-ROFS more flexible and appropriate for uncertainty. *Liu & Wang (2018)*, *Wei, Gao & Wei (2018)* and *Liu & Liu (2018)*, *Liu, Chen & Wang (2018)*, *Liu, Chen & Wang (2018)* proposed some novel q-ROF AOs for aggregating the q-ROF information. Based on some score functions, *Peng, Dai & Garg (2018)* introduced new AOs and exponential operations for q-ROFS and used them for teaching system selection. *Du (2018)* proposed some Minkowski type distance measures for q-ROFSs like, Chebyshev, Euclidian and Hamming distances as well as analyzed their implications in MADM challenges. *Liu, Liu & Liang (2018)* introduced a new MADM technique for contending with diverse connection in parameters and uncertain weight information of attributes in a q-ROF context. In a q-ROF framework, *Yager, Alajlan & Bazi (2018)* studied the ideas of certainty, feasibility as well as belief and plausibility. *Pinar & Boran (2020)* evaluated and explored another distance measure for q-ROF values in detail. Using the proposed distance measure, they examined the supplier selection problem using the TOPSIS and ELECTRE techniques individually. Based on Dombi and Archimedean operations, *Saha, Dutta & Kar (2021)* developed some novel hesitant fuzzy weighted aggregation operations and their applications. Based on Aczel-Alsina operations, *Senapati et al. (2022)* developed interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy AOs. *Mahmood et al. (2019)* established a novel technique, based on spherical fuzzy sets. *Jana, Muhiuddin & Pal (2019)* provided some Dombi aggregation operators for q-ROFNs and their different applications in MADM.

*Yang et al. (2021)* explored the numerous heterogeneous relationships between membership functions and criteria. The real world is just too complicated for our direct

comprehension. We develop models that are simplified versions of real situations. However, these mathematical models are too complex to find accurate solutions. The ambiguity of data when modelling challenges in physics, engineering, computer science, social sciences, economics, medical science and many other domains finds traditional methodologies ineffective. These can be related to the uncertainties of natural environmental phenomena, human awareness of the real world, or the constraints of the measurement tools applied. For example, ambiguity or uncertainty in the boundary between urban and rural regions or between states, or making judgments in a machine-based environment utilizing database information, or the precise population growth in a country's rural area. The above-mentioned theories can be regarded as tools for coping with uncertainty, but each of these ideas has its own set of difficulties. The reason for these challenges may be the insufficiency of the parameterized description of elements, as highlighted by *Molodtsov (1999)*. He developed the notion of SS theory as a new mathematical tool to handle. *Maji, Roy & Biswas (2002)* demonstrated the first practical use of SS in decision-making situations. It is based on the rough set theory of knowledge reduction. In 2003, *Maji, Biswas & Roy (2003)* established and explored many fundamental concepts of SS theory. *Chen et al. (2005)* and *Pei & Miao (2005)* amended the work of *Maji, Roy & Biswas (2002)*, *Maji, Biswas & Roy (2003)*. *Maji, Biswas & Roy (2001a)* introduced a fuzzy soft set (FSS), a hybrid of soft set and fuzzy set, that had various applications. *Maji, Biswas & Roy (2001b)* developed an extension of FSS named as intuitionistic FSS (IFSS). *Hamid, Riaz & Afzal (2020)* developed a q-ROF soft set (q-ROFSS). By utilizing averaging operators, *Hussain et al. (2020)* developed MADM approaches on q-ROFSS. The concept of score functions associated with generalized orthopair fuzzy membership grades, along with their practical applications, was suggested by *Feng et al. (2022)*. *Sitara, Akram & Riaz (2021)* developed graph structures of q-ROFSs and a decision-making approach utilizing these structures.

q-ROFSs have been used for personal mobility in the metaverse with driverless cars, socially responsible rehabilitation of mining sites, and floating offshore wind farm site selection in Norway (*Deveci et al., 2022; Deveci, Gokasar & Brito-Parada, 2022; Deveci et al., 2022*). *Farid & Riaz (2022)*, *Riaz et al. (2020)* proposed some AOs with applications to green supplier selection and *Liu & Wang (2018)* introduced interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy Schweizer–Sklar power AOs with supplier selection applications. *Liu et al. (2022)* used the techniques of the operational science for green supplier selection with cross-entropy and Archimedean AOs. *Zulqarnain et al. (2021)* introduced some AOs for Pythagorean fuzzy soft sets with their application to green supplier chain management. *Zhang, Wei & Chen (2021)* and *Qiyas & Abdullah (2022)* gave some brilliant decision-making method for supplier selection. *Wei et al. (2022)*, *Pinar, Babak Daneshvar & Özdemir (2021)* and *Krishankumar et al. (2021)* proposed AOs for different extensions of fuzzy sets and their applications towards vendor selection. Some extensive work related to MADM can be seen in *Wan, Jiuying & Deyan (2015)*, *Dong & Wan (2016)*, *Puška et al. (2023)*, *Rahman et al. (2023)*, *Riaz & Farid (2023)*, *Kausar, Riaz & Farid (2023)*. Finally, some existing AOs related to different extensions of FSs are given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1** Some existing aggregation operators.

Authors	Aggregation operators
<i>Wei, Gao &amp; Wei (2018)</i>	q-ROF Heronian mean aggregation operators
<i>Senapati et al. (2022)</i>	Interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy Aczel-Alsina AOs
<i>Wang &amp; Li (2020)</i>	Pythagorean fuzzy interaction power Bonferroni mean AOs
<i>Wei (2017)</i>	Pythagorean fuzzy interaction weighted AOs
<i>Jana, Muhiuddin &amp; Pal (2019)</i>	q-ROF Dombi aggregation operators
<i>Farid &amp; Riaz (2021)</i>	q-ROF Einstein interactive geometric AOs
<i>Riaz et al. (2021)</i>	q-ROF interactive AOs
<i>Garg (2016)</i>	Intuitionistic fuzzy Hamacher interactive weighting AOs
<i>Garg &amp; Arora (2018)</i>	Prioritized intuitionistic fuzzy soft interactive AOs

According to the preceding analysis, the majority of existing q-ROFS aggregate relies on the algebraic product and algebraic sum of q-ROFSSs to carry out the aggregation process, which does not consider the interdependence among the multi factors. It is necessary to construct some underlying operators that can handle MADM problems in various situations of information combinations. Furthermore, the extension of q-ROFSs is the generalized version for dealing with any embeddings. In this regard, there is a considerable opportunity to exercise a different perspective of prioritized aggregation operators since the q-ROFSSs deliver ambiguous information in more productive ways.

## FUNDAMENTAL NOTIONS

Some basic notions of q-ROFS, “score function” (SF), “accuracy functions” (AF) and some laws of q-ROFNs are presented in this section.

**Definition 3.1** *Yager (2013)*: A q-ROFS  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  is determined as

$$\mathcal{O} = \{ \langle \mathbb{C}, \mu_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{C}), \nu_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{C}) \rangle : \mathbb{C} \in \mathcal{S} \}$$

where  $q \geq 1$ .  $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{C}), \nu_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{C})$  represents the MV and NMV of the universal elements  $\mathbb{C} \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have

$$0 \leq \mu_{\mathcal{O}}^q(\mathbb{C}) + \nu_{\mathcal{O}}^q(\mathbb{C}) \leq 1.$$

Moreover,  $\pi_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{C}) = (1 - \mu_{\mathcal{O}}^q(\mathbb{C}) - \nu_{\mathcal{O}}^q(\mathbb{C}))^{1/q}$  is said to be the degree of indeterminacy  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathcal{O}$ .

The following operational laws are presented by *Liu & Wang (2018)* for q-ROFN information.

**Definition 3.2** *Liu & Wang (2018)*: Let  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}} = \langle \mu_1, \nu_1 \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{2}} = \langle \mu_2, \nu_2 \rangle$  be q-ROFNs. Then

- (1)  $\overline{\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}}} = \langle \nu_1, \mu_1 \rangle$
- (2)  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}} \vee \mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{2}} = \langle \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\}, \min\{\nu_1, \nu_2\} \rangle$
- (3)  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}} \wedge \mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{2}} = \langle \min\{\mu_1, \mu_2\}, \max\{\nu_1, \nu_2\} \rangle$
- (4)  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}} \oplus \mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{2}} = \langle (\mu_1^q + \mu_2^q - \mu_1^q \mu_2^q)^{1/q}, \nu_1 \nu_2 \rangle$
- (5)  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{2}} = \langle \mu_1 \mu_2, (\nu_1^q + \nu_2^q - \nu_1^q \nu_2^q)^{1/q} \rangle$

$$(6) \sigma_{\mathcal{S}^{-1}} = \langle (1 - (1 - \mu_1^q)^\sigma)^{1/q}, v_1^\sigma \rangle$$

$$(7) \mathcal{S}^{-1} = \langle \mu_1^\sigma, (1 - (1 - v_1^q)^\sigma)^{1/q} \rangle$$

**Definition 3.3** Liu & Wang (2018): Consider  $\tilde{\delta} = \langle \mu, v \rangle$  is a q-ROFN, the SF ( $\mathcal{S}$ ) of  $\tilde{\delta}$  is represented as,

$$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\Omega}) = \mu^q - v^q$$

$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\Omega}) \in [-1, 1]$ . The SF of a q-ROFNs determines its classification. However, SF is not useful in a number of cases involving q-ROFNs.

**Definition 3.4** Liu & Wang (2018): Suppose  $\tilde{\delta} = \langle \mu, v \rangle$  is a q-ROFN, the AF  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\tilde{\delta}$  is determined as

$$\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\Omega}) = \mu^q + v^q$$

$\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\Omega}) \in [0, 1]$ . The high preference of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is determined by the high accuracy degree  $\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\Omega})$ .

**Definition 3.5** Liu & Wang (2018): Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}_k = \langle \mu_k, v_k \rangle$  be a agglomeration of q-ROFNs, and q-ROFWA:  $\Lambda^n \rightarrow \Lambda$ , if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{q-ROFWA}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k \mathcal{S}^{-1}_k \\ &= \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_1 \mathcal{S}^{-1}_1 \oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_2 \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_n \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n \end{aligned}$$

$\Lambda^n$  is a agglomeration of all q-ROFNs, and  $\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = (\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_1, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_2, \dots, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_n)^T$  is weight vector (WV) of  $(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n)$ , with  $0 \leq \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.6** Liu & Wang (2018): Let  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}_k = \langle \mu_k, v_k \rangle$  be a q-ROFNs agglomeration and q-ROFWA operator can also be determined as,

$$\text{q-ROFWA}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n) = \left( \sqrt[q]{\left(1 - \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - \mu_k^q)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k}\right)}, \prod_{k=1}^n v_k^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k} \right)$$

**Definition 3.7** Liu & Wang (2018): Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}_k = \langle \mu_k, v_k \rangle$  be a agglomeration of q-ROFNs, and q-ROFWG:  $\Lambda^n \rightarrow \Lambda$ , if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{q-ROFWG}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k \mathcal{S}^{-1}_k \\ &= \mathcal{S}^{-1}_1 \otimes \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = (\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_1, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_2, \dots, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_n)^T$  is a WV of  $(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n)$ , such that  $0 \leq \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k = 1$  and  $\Lambda^n$  be a agglomeration of all q-ROFNs.

**Theorem 3.8** Liu & Wang (2018): Let  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}_k = \langle \mu_k, v_k \rangle$  is a agglomeration of q-ROFNs and q-ROFWG operator can be determined as,

$$\text{q-ROFWG}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}_1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{-1}_n) = \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \mu_k^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k}, \sqrt[q]{\left(1 - \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - v_k^q)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k}\right)} \right)$$



### q-Rung orthopair fuzzy soft set

**Definition 3.9** *Hamid, Riaz & Afzal (2020)*: Let  $U$  be a finite set of elements,  $E$  be an agglomeration of parameters,  $H \subseteq E$  and  $q$ -ROF $^U$  demonstrates the agglomeration of all subsets of  $q$ -ROFSS over  $U$ . A  $q$ -ROFSS is represented as  $(\Omega, H)$  or  $\Omega_H$ , where  $\Omega : H \rightarrow q$ -ROF $^U$  is a function, given as

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_H &= \{(\delta, \{\tilde{\tau}, \mu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau}), \nu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau})\}) : \delta \in H, \tilde{\tau} \in U\} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \delta, \left\{ \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{(\mu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau}), \nu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau}))} \right\} \right) : \delta \in H, \tilde{\tau} \in U \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \delta, \left\{ \frac{(\mu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau}), \nu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau}))}{\tilde{\tau}} \right\} \right) : \delta \in H, \tilde{\tau} \in U \right\}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_{\Omega_H} : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $\nu_{\Omega_H} : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be two functions, including the feature

$$0 \leq \mu_{\Omega_H}^q(\tilde{\tau}) + \nu_{\Omega_H}^q(\tilde{\tau}) \leq 1 \quad (q \geq 1)$$

Here,  $\mu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau})$  and  $\nu_{\Omega_H}(\tilde{\tau})$  demonstrates the PMV and NMV of the element  $\tilde{\tau} \in U$ . If  $\tilde{\omega}_{i\tau} = \mu_{\Omega_H}(\delta_{\tau})(\tilde{\tau}_i)$  and  $\hat{\delta}_{i\tau} = \nu_{\Omega_H}(\delta_{\tau})(\tilde{\tau}_i)$ , then  $q$ -ROFSS  $\Omega_H$  can be seen in [Table 2](#).

$\delta_H$	$\tilde{\tau}_1$	$\tilde{\tau}_2$	$\dots$	$\tilde{\tau}_n$
$\delta_1$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{11}, \hat{\Omega}_{11} \rangle$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{12}, \hat{\Omega}_{12} \rangle$	$\dots$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{1n}, \hat{\Omega}_{1n} \rangle$
$\delta_2$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{21}, \hat{\Omega}_{21} \rangle$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{22}, \hat{\Omega}_{22} \rangle$	$\dots$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{2n}, \hat{\Omega}_{2n} \rangle$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$
$\delta_m$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{m1}, \hat{\Omega}_{m1} \rangle$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{m2}, \hat{\Omega}_{m2} \rangle$	$\dots$	$\langle \tilde{\omega}_{mn}, \hat{\Omega}_{mn} \rangle$

and in matrix form as

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_H &= [(\tilde{\omega}_{i\tau}, \hat{\Omega}_{i\tau})]_{m \times n} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \tilde{\omega}_{11}, \hat{\Omega}_{11} \rangle & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{12}, \hat{\Omega}_{12} \rangle & \dots & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{1n}, \hat{\Omega}_{1n} \rangle \\ \langle \tilde{\omega}_{21}, \hat{\Omega}_{21} \rangle & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{22}, \hat{\Omega}_{22} \rangle & \dots & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{2n}, \hat{\Omega}_{2n} \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle \tilde{\omega}_{m1}, \hat{\Omega}_{m1} \rangle & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{m2}, \hat{\Omega}_{m2} \rangle & \dots & \langle \tilde{\omega}_{mn}, \hat{\Omega}_{mn} \rangle \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.10** *Hussain et al. (2020)*: Let  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{ij}} = \langle \mu_{1j}, \nu_{1j} \rangle (i = 1, 2)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright} = \langle \mu, \nu \rangle$  be any three  $q$ -ROFSNs. Then

- (1)  $\overline{\mathcal{N}}^{\triangleright} = \langle \nu, \mu \rangle$
- (2)  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}} \cup \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{12}} = \langle \max\{\mu_{11}, \mu_{12}\}, \min\{\nu_{11}, \nu_{12}\} \rangle$
- (3)  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}} \cap \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{12}} = \langle \min\{\mu_{11}, \mu_{12}\}, \max\{\nu_{11}, \nu_{12}\} \rangle$
- (4)  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{12}} = \langle (\mu_{\delta_{11}}^q + \mu_{\delta_{12}}^q - \mu_{\delta_{11}}^q \mu_{\delta_{12}}^q)^{1/q}, \nu_{11} \nu_{12} \rangle$
- (5)  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}} \otimes \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{12}} = \langle \mu_{\delta_{11}} \mu_{\delta_{12}}, (v_{\delta_{11}}^q + v_{\delta_{12}}^q - v_{\delta_{11}}^q v_{\delta_{12}}^q)^{1/q} \rangle$
- (6)  $\sigma \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright} = \langle (1 - (1 - \mu^q)^\sigma)^{1/q}, \nu^\sigma \rangle$
- (7)  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright \sigma} = \langle \mu_1^\sigma, (1 - (1 - \nu_1^q)^\sigma)^{1/q} \rangle$

**Table 2** 3-ROFSS ( $\Omega_H$ ).

$\Omega_H$	$\tilde{\tau}_1$	$\tilde{\tau}_2$	$\tilde{\tau}_3$	$\tilde{\tau}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}_5$	$\tilde{\tau}_6$
$T_1$	(0.80, 0.40)	(0.70, 0.30)	(0.50, 0.20)	(0.90, 0.60)	(0.90, 0.50)	(0.90, 0.50)
$T_2$	(0.70, 0.10)	(0.40, 0.10)	(0.60, 0.50)	(0.70, 0.40)	(0.50, 0.50)	(0.90, 0.50)
$T_3$	(0.80, 0.10)	(0.60, 0.20)	(0.40, 0.30)	(0.80, 0.50)	(0.90, 0.70)	(0.90, 0.50)
$T_4$	(0.60, 0.30)	(0.70, 0.50)	(0.60, 0.40)	(0.60, 0.30)	(0.80, 0.20)	(0.90, 0.50)
$T_5$	(0.70, 0.50)	(0.70, 0.30)	(0.60, 0.30)	(0.60, 0.40)	(0.70, 0.90)	(0.90, 0.50)

**Example 3.11** Consider  $\mathbb{Y} = \{\tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3, \tilde{\tau}_4, \tilde{\tau}_5, \tilde{\tau}_6\}$  be the set of hostels and  $\Lambda = \{T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, T_5\}$  be the set of attributes where

$T_1$  parameter is for affordable,

$T_2$  parameter is for clean,

$T_3$  parameter is for good food,

$T_4$  parameter is for capacious.

$T_5$  parameter is for good location.

On the premise of the aforementioned criterion a decision expert weighed the options and documented their results in the form of q-ROFSNs as given in Table 2.

## Q-ROFS PRIORITIZED WEIGHTED AGGREGATION OPERATORS

The q-ROFS prioritized weighted averaging (q-ROFSPWA) operator and q-ROFS prioritized weighted geometric (q-ROFSPWG) operator are introduced in this section. The efficacious characteristics of the prospective operators are then given.

### q-ROFSPWA operator

**Definition 4.1** Assume that  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{it}} = \langle \mu_{it}, \nu_{it} \rangle$ , where ( $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) is an agglomeration of q-ROFSNs,  $\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = \{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_1, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_2, \dots, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_n\}$  and

$$\frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_1}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}}, \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_2}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_n}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} \right\}$$
 are WVs for the parameters  $\delta'_{\tau}$  and

decision makers  $\mathcal{D}_i$  respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_i = 1$  and

$$\sum_{\tau=1}^m \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} = 1. \text{ Then the mapping for } q\text{-ROFSPWA} : \Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega, \text{ be n-dimension mapping.}$$

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{nm}}) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^m \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_k \left( \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_1}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_2}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{12}} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{\mathcal{X}^{\ell}_n}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{X}^{\ell}_{\tau}} \mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{\delta_{nm}} \right) \quad (1)$$

The q-ROFSPWA operator can also be considered by the theorem, as given below.

**Theorem 4.2** Assume that  $\mathcal{S}^{\triangleright}_{it} = \langle \mu_{it}, \nu_{it} \rangle$  be a agglomeration of q-ROFSNs, we can find q-ROFSPWA operator by,

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) = \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_{\tau}}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_{\tau}}} \right) \quad (2)$$

As we know through operation laws, mathematical induction can be used to establish a specific result, that  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}} = \left( \sqrt[q]{(\mu_{11})^q + (\mu_{12})^q - (\mu_{11})^q(\mu_{12})^q}, v_{11}v_{12} \right)$  and  $\lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta} = \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - [1 - \mu^q]}, v^{\lambda} \right)$  for  $\lambda \geq 1$ . We'll start by showing that Eq. (1) is satisfied for  $n = 2$  and  $m = 2$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} & q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}) \\ &= \oplus_{\tau=1}^2 \hbar^{\gamma_{\tau}} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}} \right) \\ &= \hbar^{\gamma_1} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}} \right) \oplus \hbar^{\gamma_2} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}} \right) \\ &= \hbar^{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}} \right) \oplus \hbar^{\gamma_2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}} \right) \\ &= \hbar^{\gamma_1} \left\{ \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{11}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}}}, v_{11}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right) \oplus \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{21}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}}}, v_{21}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right) \right\} \\ &\oplus \hbar^{\gamma_2} \left\{ \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{12}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}}}, v_{12}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right) \oplus \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{22}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}}}, v_{22}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^{n^{\ell_{\tau}}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_{\tau}}} \right) \right\} \\ &= \hbar^{\gamma_1} \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - \mu_{i1}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}}}, \prod_{i=1}^2 v_{i1}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right) \oplus \hbar^{\gamma_2} \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - \mu_{i2}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}}}, \prod_{i=1}^2 v_{i2}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - \mu_{i1}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_1}}}, \left( v_{i1}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_1}} \right) \oplus \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - \mu_{i2}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_2}}}, \left( v_{i2}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_2}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_{\tau}}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{N}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_{\tau}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

As a result, the conclusion holds for  $n = 2$ ,  $m = 2$ . Assume that Eq. (1) is true for  $n = k_1$ ,  $m = k_2$

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}\left(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{k_1 k_2}}\right) = \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}}, \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} v_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \right)$$

Assume that Eq. (1) holds for  $n = k_1 + 1$ ,  $m = k_2 + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q\text{-ROFSPWA}\left(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}}\right) &= \left\{ \bigoplus_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^{k_1} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}} \right) \right\} \bigoplus \tilde{h}_{(k_1+1)}^{\gamma} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_{(k_1+1)}^{\ell_{(k_1+1)}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}}, \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} v_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \right) \\ &\quad \bigoplus \tilde{h}_{(k_1+1)}^{\gamma} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_{(k_1+1)}^{\ell_{(k_1+1)}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{(k_2+1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{(k_1+1)} (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}}, \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{(k_2+1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{(k_1+1)} v_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Eq. (1) holds for  $n = k_1 + 1$ ,  $m = k_2 + 1$ . As a result, Eq. (1) holds for every  $m, n \geq 1$ , through mathematical induction. Furthermore, to demonstrate that the aggregated result of q-ROFSPWA is also a q-ROFSPN. Any  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}} = (\mu_{i\Gamma}, v_{i\Gamma})$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), where  $0 \leq \mu_{i\Gamma}, v_{i\Gamma} \leq 1$ , satisfying that  $0 \leq \mu_{i\Gamma}^q + v_{i\Gamma}^q \leq 1$  with WVs  $\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = \{\tilde{h}_1^{\gamma}, \tilde{h}_2^{\gamma}, \dots, \tilde{h}_n^{\gamma}\}$  and

$\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell_{\Gamma}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_1}^{\ell_{\Gamma_1}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma_1}^{\ell_i}}, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_2}^{\ell_{\Gamma_2}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma_2}^{\ell_i}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_m}^{\ell_{\Gamma_m}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma_m}^{\ell_i}} \right\}$  for the parameters  $\delta_{\Gamma}$  and decision makers  $\mathcal{S}_i$  respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma} = 1$ .

As

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \mu_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq 1 - \mu_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q) \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \sqrt[q]{\prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \leq \mu_{i\tau} \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \leq 1 \\
&\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \leq 1 \\
\mu_{i\tau}^q + v_{i\tau}^q \leq 1 &\Rightarrow v_{i\tau}^q \leq 1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q \\
&\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \leq \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right) \\
&\Rightarrow \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^q \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \\
&\Rightarrow \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^q \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau} q} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau} q} \\
0 \leq &\sqrt[q \left\{ 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q + \left\{ \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^q \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right\}^q}
\end{aligned}$$

By Eq. (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} + \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} = 1 \\
0 \leq &\sqrt[q \left\{ 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q + \left\{ \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^q \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right\}^q} \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

As a result, the aggregated result obtained by the q-ROFSPA operator is actually a q-ROFSN.

**Theorem 4.3** Consider a set of q-ROFSNs  $\mathcal{N}_{\delta_{i\tau}}^q = \langle \mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau} \rangle$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) with WVs

$$\sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa_{\tau}^{\ell_i} = \left\{ \frac{\kappa_{\tau=1}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa_{\tau=1}^{\ell_i}}, \frac{\kappa_{\tau=2}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa_{\tau=2}^{\ell_i}}, \dots, \frac{\kappa_{\tau=n}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa_{\tau=n}^{\ell_i}} \right\}^T \text{ and}$$

$\hbar^{\gamma} = \{\hbar^{\gamma_1}, \hbar^{\gamma_2}, \dots, \hbar^{\gamma_m}\}^T$  for the decision makers  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and for the parameters  $\delta'_\tau$  respectively

with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\kappa_{\tau=1}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa_{\tau=1}^{\ell_i}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\tau=1}^m \hbar^{\gamma_\tau} = 1$ . Then the q-ROFSPA operator holds the following properties:

**(Idempotency):** If  $\mathcal{N}_{\delta_{i\tau}}^q = \Gamma_e$  ( $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), where  $\Gamma_e = (p, r)$ , then

$$q\text{-ROFSPA}(\mathcal{N}_{11}^q, \mathcal{N}_{12}^q, \dots, \mathcal{N}_{nm}^q) = \Gamma_e$$

**(Boundedness):** If  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{-} = (\min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\}, \max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\})$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{+} = (\max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\}, \min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\})$ , then

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{-} \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{+}$$

**(Monotonicity):** If  $\Gamma_{e_{i\Gamma}} = (p_{i\Gamma}, r_{i\Gamma})$ , ( $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) be the agglomeration of q-ROFSNs such that  $\mu_{i\Gamma} \leq p_{i\Gamma}$  and  $v_{i\Gamma} \geq r_{i\Gamma}$  then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{11}, \mathcal{S}_{12}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{nm}) \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\Gamma_{11}, \Gamma_{12}, \dots, \Gamma_{nm})$$

**(Shift Invariance):** If  $\tilde{\Gamma}_e = (p, r)$  is another q-ROFSN, then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \Gamma_e, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}} \oplus \Gamma_e, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}} \oplus \Gamma_e) = q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) \oplus \Gamma_e$$

**(Homogeneity):** If  $\lambda$  is any real number such that  $\lambda \geq 0$ , then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \dots, \lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) = \lambda q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}})$$

**(Idempotency):** As it is given that if for all  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}} = \Gamma_e = (p, r)$  ( $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), then from Theorem 1, we have

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\nu_{\Gamma}}}}, \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\nu_{\Gamma}}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\nu_{\Gamma}}}}, \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n r_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\nu_{\Gamma}}} \right) \\ &= \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - p^q)}, r \right) = (p, r) = \tilde{\Gamma}_e \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) = \Gamma_e$$

**(Boundedness):** As  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{-} = (\min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\}, \max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\})$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{+} = (\max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\}, \min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\})$

To prove that

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{-} \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{+}$$

Now for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\} &\leq \mu_{i\tau} \leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\} \\
&\Leftrightarrow 1 - \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q \leq \min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\} \\
&\Leftrightarrow \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\}) \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \Leftrightarrow \left( (1 - \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \leq \left( (1 - \min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\Leftrightarrow (1 - \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\}) \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq (1 - \min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\}) \Leftrightarrow 1 - (1 - \min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\}) \leq 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq 1 - (1 - \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}^q\}) \\
\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\}^q &\leq \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}}} \\
&\leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\}
\end{aligned}$$

Next for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\} &\leq v_{i\tau} \leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\} \\
&\Leftrightarrow \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \Leftrightarrow \left( (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \\
&\leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\tau})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \leq \left( (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}}
\end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\tau})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tau=1}^m \kappa^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^m h^{\nu_{\tau}}} \leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\}$$

As a result of Eqs. (3) and (4), we obtain

$$\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\} \leq \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\frac{h^{\tau}}{n}}} \leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\}$$

and

$$\min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\frac{h^{\tau}}{n}} \leq \max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\}$$

Let  $\mathbf{K}^{\ell} = q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) = (\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}, v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}})$  then by SF given in Definition (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) &= \mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q \leq (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q \\ &+ \left( \frac{e^{(\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q}}{e^{(\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+}}^q = S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+}) \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) \leq S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) &= \mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q \geq (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q \\ &+ \left( \frac{e^{(\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q}}{e^{(\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg-}}^q = S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg-}) \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) \geq S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg-})$  and

Consider the following cases,

**Case i:** If  $S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) < S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+})$  and  $S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) > S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg-})$ , by the comparison of two q-ROFSNs, we get

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg-} \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+}$$

**Case ii:** If  $S(\mathbf{K}^{\ell}) = S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+})$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathbf{K}^{\ell}}^q &= (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q \\ &+ \left( \frac{e^{(\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q}}{e^{(\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q - (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\})^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\pi}}^{\neg+}}^q \end{aligned}$$

Then by using the above inequalities, we get



$$\mu_{\mathcal{N}^\ell} = \max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\mathcal{N}^\ell} = \min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\}. \quad \text{Thus} \quad \pi_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q = \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus+}}^q$$

Hence by comparison of two q-ROFSNs, we have

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}^{\ominus}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{mm}}^{\ominus}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus+}$$

**Case iii:** If  $S(\mathcal{N}^\ell) = S(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus-})$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q &= (\min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q - (\max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q \\ &+ \left( \frac{e^{(\min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q - (\max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q}}{e^{(\min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q - (\max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\})^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus-}}^q \end{aligned}$$

Then by using the above inequalities, we get

$$\mu_{\mathcal{N}^\ell} = \min_{\Gamma} \min_i \{\mu_{i\Gamma}\} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\mathcal{N}^\ell} = \max_{\Gamma} \max_i \{v_{i\Gamma}\}. \quad \text{Thus} \quad \pi_{\mathcal{N}^\ell}^q = \pi_{\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus-}}^q$$

This implies

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}^{\ominus}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{mm}}^{\ominus}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus-}$$

Hence, it is proved that

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus-} \cong -\text{ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\ominus}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}^{\ominus}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{mm}}^{\ominus}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\Gamma}}^{\ominus+}$$

**(Monotonicity):** Since  $\mu_{i\Gamma} \leq p_{i\Gamma}$  and  $v_{i\Gamma} \geq r_{i\Gamma}$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and ( $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), then this implies that to

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{i\Gamma} \leq p_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 1 - p_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 - \mu_{i\Gamma} \Rightarrow 1 - p_{i\Gamma}^q \leq 1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q \\ &\Rightarrow \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \leq \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \\ &\leq \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}}. \quad \text{Furthermore,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
v_{i\Gamma} \geq r_{i\Gamma} &\Rightarrow \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\Gamma})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right) \geq \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\Gamma})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \\
&\Rightarrow \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (v_{i\Gamma})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h_{\Gamma}} \geq \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (r_{i\Gamma})^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{h_{\Gamma}}
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell} &= q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{13}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) = (\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}, v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}) \\
\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell} &= q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\Gamma_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{13}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) = (\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}}, v_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}})
\end{aligned}$$

From Eqs. (5) and 6, we have

$$\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}} \leq p_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}} \geq p_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}}$$

then by SF given in Definition 9, we have

$$S(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}) \leq S(\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell})$$

In view of that direction, consider the following cases,

**Case i:** If  $S(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}) < S(\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell})$  and  $S(\mathcal{N}^{\ell}) > S(\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}}^{\neg})$ , by the comparison of two q-ROFSNs, we get

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{13}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\Gamma_{\delta_{11}}, \Gamma_{\delta_{12}}, \Gamma_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \Gamma_{\delta_{nm}})$$

**Case ii:** If  $S(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}) < S(\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell})$ , that is

$$S(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}) = \mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q = \mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q + \left( \frac{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q}}{e^{\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q - v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q = S(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell})$$

then by above inequality, we have

$$\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}} = p_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}} = r_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}}$$

Hence

$$\pi_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}^q = \pi_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}}^q \Rightarrow (\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}, v_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J},2}^{\ell}}) = (p_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}}, r_{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell}})$$

Therefore, it is proved that

$$q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{12}}^{\neg}, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{13}}^{\neg}, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\neg}) \leq q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\Gamma_{\delta_{11}}, \Gamma_{\delta_{12}}, \Gamma_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \Gamma_{\delta_{nm}})$$

**(Shift Invariance):** Since  $\Gamma_e = (p, r)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}}^{\neg} = (\mu_{\delta_{i\Gamma}}, v_{\delta_{i\Gamma}})$  are the q-ROFSNs, so

$$\mathcal{J}_{\delta_{11}}^{\neg} \oplus \Gamma_e = \left( \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{\delta_{11}}^q)(1 - p^q)}, v_{\delta_{11}} r \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& q\text{-ROFSWA} \left( \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{11}} \oplus \Gamma_e, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{nm}} \oplus \Gamma_e \right) \\
&= \bigoplus_{\tau=1}^m \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \frac{\kappa^{\ell}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \left( \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{nm}} \oplus \Gamma_e \right) \right) \\
&= \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} (1 - p^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} r^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - p^q) \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}}}, r \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the required result is proved.

**(Homogeneity):** Consider  $\lambda \geq 0$  be any real number and  $\mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{i\tau}} = \langle \mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau} \rangle$  be a q-ROFSN, then

$$\lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{i\tau}} = \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\lambda}}, v_{i\tau}^{\lambda} \right\rangle$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
& q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{11}}, \lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{12}}, \lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{nm}}) \\
&= \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right)^{\lambda}}, \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa^{\ell}_i} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_{\tau}} \right)^{\lambda} \right\rangle \\
&= \lambda q\text{-ROFSPWA}(\mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{11}}, \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{12}}, \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{13}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{nm}})
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the required property is proved.

### q-ROFSPWGA operator

**Definition 4.4.** Assume that  $\mathcal{S}^{\lambda}_{\delta_{i\tau}} = \langle \mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau} \rangle$  for  $(i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m)$  be a agglomeration of q-ROFSNs, and WVs  $\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = \{\tilde{h}^{\gamma}_1, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_2, \dots, \tilde{h}^{\gamma}_n\}$  and

$\frac{\mathcal{N}_T^{\ell_T}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{N}_1^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{N}_n^{\ell_n}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right\}$  for the decision experts  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and for attributes  $\delta'_i$  respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{\tau=1}^m v_\tau = 1$ . Then the mapping for  $q$ -ROFSPWG :  $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$ , be a  $n$  dimension mapping.

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\triangleright}) = \oplus_{k=1}^m \tilde{h}^{\gamma_T} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_1^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\triangleright} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}_n^{\ell_n}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\triangleright} \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_T^{\ell_T} = \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} U(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_k}^{\triangleright})$  ( $T = 2 \dots, n$ ),  $\mathcal{N}_1^{\ell_1} = 1$  and  $U(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_k}^{\triangleright})$  is the score of  $k^{\text{th}}$   $q$ -ROFN. We can consider  $q$ -ROFSPWG operator by thy theorem below

**Theorem 4.5** Consider that  $\mathcal{S}_{i\tau}^{\triangleright} = \langle \mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau} \rangle$  be a agglomeration of  $q$ -ROFSNs, we can find  $q$ -ROFSPWG operator by,

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\triangleright}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\triangleright}) = \left\langle \prod_{T=1}^n \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{T=1}^n \mathcal{N}_T^{\ell_T}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_T}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{T=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{T=1}^n \mathcal{N}_T^{\ell_T}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_T}}} \right\rangle \quad (4)$$

As we know from operation laws, mathematical induction may be used to prove a given result that  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\triangleright} = (\mu_{11}\mu_{12}, \sqrt[q]{(v_{11})^q + (v_{12})^q - (v_{11})^q(v_{12})^q})$  and  $\lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta}^{\triangleright} = (\mu^\lambda, \sqrt[q]{1 - [1 - v^q]^\lambda})$  for  $\lambda \geq 1$ .

First we will show that the Eq. (1) is true for  $n = 2$  and  $m = 2$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} & q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\triangleright}) \\ &= \oplus_{T=1}^2 \tilde{h}^{\gamma_T} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}_T^{\ell_T}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\tau}}^{\triangleright} \right) \\ &= \tilde{h}^{\gamma_1} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}_1^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i1}}^{\triangleright} \right) \oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma_2} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i2}}^{\triangleright} \right) \\ &= \tilde{h}^{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_1^{\ell_1}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\triangleright} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{21}}^{\triangleright} \right) \oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma_2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\triangleright} \oplus \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^{\ell_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{22}}^{\triangleright} \right) \\ &= \tilde{h}^{\gamma_1} \left\{ \left( \mu_{11}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - v_{11}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \oplus \left( \mu_{21}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - v_{21}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \right\} \\ &\oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma_2} \left\{ \left( \mu_{12}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - v_{12}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \oplus \left( \mu_{22}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - (1 - v_{22}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \right\} \\ &= \tilde{h}^{\gamma_1} \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 \mu_{i1}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - v_{i1}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \oplus \tilde{h}^{\gamma_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 \mu_{i2}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - v_{i2}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}}} \right) \\ &= \left( \left( \mu_{i1}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_1}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - v_{i1}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_1}}} \right) \oplus \left( \left( \mu_{i2}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_2}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - v_{i2}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_2}}} \right) \\ &= \left( \prod_{T=1}^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_T}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{T=1}^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_\tau^{\ell_\tau}} \right)^{\tilde{h}^{\gamma_T}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The result holds for  $n = 2$  and  $m = 2$ .

Suppose that Eq. (1) holds for  $n = k_1$  and  $m = k_2$

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{k_1 k_2}}) = \left\langle \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} \mu_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \right\rangle$$

Assume that Eq. (1) holds for  $n = k_1 + 1$  and  $m = k_2 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}}) &= \left\{ \oplus_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma} \left( \oplus_{i=1}^{k_1} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}} \right) \right\} \oplus \tilde{h}_{(k_1+1)}^{\gamma} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}} \right) \\ &= \left\langle \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} \mu_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{k_2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \right\rangle \\ &\quad \oplus \tilde{h}_{(k_1+1)}^{\gamma} \left( \frac{\mathcal{N}_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i(k_2+1)}^{\ell_i}} \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)}} \right) \\ &= \left\langle \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{(k_2+1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{(k_1+1)} \mu_{i\Gamma}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\Gamma=1}^{(k_2+1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{(k_1+1)} (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hence Eq. (1) holds for  $n = k_1 + 1$  and  $m = k_2 + 1$ , Eq. (1) is true. As a result, Eq. (1) is true for all  $m, n \geq 1$  by mathematical induction. Furthermore, to demonstrate that the q-ROFSPWG operator's aggregated result is actually a q-ROFSN. Now for any  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{i\Gamma}} = (v_{i\Gamma}, \mu_{i\Gamma})$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and ( $\Gamma = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), where  $0 \leq v_{i\Gamma}, \mu_{i\Gamma} \leq 1$ , satisfying that  $0 \leq v_{i\Gamma}^q + \mu_{i\Gamma}^q \leq 1$  with WVs  $\tilde{h}^{\gamma} = \{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma_1}^{\gamma}, \tilde{h}_{\Gamma_2}^{\gamma}, \dots, \tilde{h}_{\Gamma_m}^{\gamma}\}$  and

$$\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \mathcal{N}_{\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_1}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_1}^{\ell_i}}, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_2}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_2}^{\ell_i}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_m}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \mathcal{N}_{\Gamma_m}^{\ell_i}} \right\} \text{ for the DMs } \mathcal{D}_i \text{ and for the attributes } \delta_i'$$

respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\Gamma=1}^m \tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma} = 1$ .

As

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq v_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq 1 - v_{i\Gamma} \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q) \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}} \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \sqrt[q]{\prod_{\Gamma=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\Gamma}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\Gamma}^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^{\gamma}}} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \leq \mu_{i\tau} \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \leq 1 \\
&\Rightarrow 0 \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \leq 1 \\
v_{i\tau}^q + \mu_{i\tau}^q \leq 1 &\Rightarrow \mu_{i\tau}^q \leq 1 - v_{i\tau}^q \\
&\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n (\mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \leq \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right) \\
&\Rightarrow \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^q \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \\
&\Rightarrow \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right)^q \leq \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we have,

$$0 \leq \sqrt[q]{\left\{ 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q + \left\{ \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q}$$

By Eq. (2), we have

$$\leq 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} + \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} = 1$$

Therefore,

$$0 \leq \sqrt[q]{\left\{ 1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q + \left\{ \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^{\ell_i}} \right)^{\hbar^{\gamma_\tau}} \right\}^q} \leq 1$$

**Theorem 4.6** Consider the agglomeration of q-ROFSNs  $\mathcal{N}_{\partial\pi}^{\mathfrak{Q}} = \langle \mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau} \rangle$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )

and ( $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) with WVs  $\sum_{\tau=1}^n \kappa_{\tau}^{\ell_i} = \left\{ \sum_{\tau=1}^n \kappa_{\tau 1}^{\ell_i}, \sum_{\tau=1}^n \kappa_{\tau 2}^{\ell_i}, \dots, \sum_{\tau=1}^n \kappa_{\tau n}^{\ell_i} \right\}^T$  and

$\hbar^{\gamma} = \{\hbar^{\gamma_1}, \hbar^{\gamma_2}, \dots, \hbar^{\gamma_m}\}^T$  for the DMs  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and for the attributes  $\delta'_\tau$  respectively with the

conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\tau=1}^m \mathcal{h}_{\tau}^{\gamma} = 1$ . Then the q-ROFSPWG operator holds the following characteristics:

**(Idempotency):**

If  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma} = \Gamma_e (\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \tau = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ , where  $\Gamma_e = (p, r)$ , then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{11}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{12}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{nm}^{\gamma}) = \Gamma_e$$

**(Boundedness):**

If  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma-} = (\min_{\tau} \min_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\}, \max_{\tau} \max_i \{v_{i\tau}\})$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma+} = (\max_{\tau} \max_i \{\mu_{i\tau}\}, \min_{\tau} \min_i \{v_{i\tau}\})$ , then

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma-} \leq q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{13}}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\gamma}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma+}$$

**(Monotonicity):**

If  $\Gamma_{e_{\tau}} = (p_{\tau}, r_{\tau})$ , ( $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) be the agglomeration of q-ROFSNs such that  $\mu_{i\tau} \leq p_{\tau}$  and  $v_{i\tau} \geq r_{\tau}$  then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{11}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{12}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{nm}^{\gamma}) \leq q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\Gamma_{11}, \Gamma_{12}, \dots, \Gamma_{nm})$$

**(Shift Invariance):**

If  $\tilde{\Gamma}_e = (p, r)$  is another q-ROFSN, then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\gamma} \oplus \Gamma_e, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\gamma} \oplus \Gamma_e, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\gamma} \oplus \Gamma_e) = q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\gamma}) \oplus \Gamma_e$$

**(Homogeneity):**

If  $\lambda$  is any real number such that  $\lambda \geq 0$ , then

$$q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\gamma}, \lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\gamma}, \dots, \lambda \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\gamma}) = \lambda q\text{-ROFSPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{12}}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\gamma})$$

Proofs are straight forward.

## PROPOSED MADM APPROACH

Consider a universal set  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_l\}$  with  $l$  alternatives and  $E = \{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  be a agglomeration of attributes which contain  $n$  elements and  $\delta_1 \succ \delta_2 \succ \delta_3 \dots \delta_n$  presents the prioritization of attributes which indicates attribute  $\delta_{\tau}$  has a higher priority degree than  $\delta_j$   $j > i$ . If  $\xi^{\gamma} = \{\xi_1^{\gamma}, \xi_2^{\gamma}, \dots, \xi_p^{\gamma}\}$  is a set of DMs who will evaluate the given 'm' alternatives of their respective parameter is a set of decision makers who will valuate the given 'm' alternatives of their respective parameters  $\delta_{\tau}$  ( $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

Suppose that the DMs provide their preferences in form of q-ROFSNs

$$\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{\tau}}^{\gamma} = (\mu_{i\tau}, v_{i\tau}) \text{ with the WVs } \sum_{\tau=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau_1}^{\ell}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau_1}^{\ell}}, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau_2}^{\ell}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau_2}^{\ell}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau_n}^{\ell}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau_n}^{\ell}} \right\}^T \text{ and}$$

$\mathcal{h}^{\gamma} = \{\mathcal{h}_{\tau_1}^{\gamma}, \mathcal{h}_{\tau_2}^{\gamma}, \dots, \mathcal{h}_{\tau_m}^{\gamma}\}^T$  for the parameters  $\delta_{\tau}^{\gamma}$  and decision makers  $\xi_i^{\gamma}$  respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{\tau}^{\ell}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\tau=1}^m \mathcal{h}_{\tau}^{\gamma} = 1$ . The collective data is presented

in the decision matrix  $M = [s_{ij}^q]_{p \times n}$ . Normalization is not required for the same type of attributes. But there is a possibility of two types of attributes (cost type  $T_c$  and benefit type  $T_b$ ) in MADM process. The decision matrix was then transformed into a normalized matrix  $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{N}_{ij})_{p \times n}$ , using the normalization procedure,

$$(\mathcal{N}_{ij})_{p \times n} = \begin{cases} s_{ij}^q; & \text{T} \in \tau_b \\ (s_{ij}^q)^c; & \text{T} \in \tau_c. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $(s_{ij}^q)^c$  represents the compliment of  $s_{ij}^q$ .

We then use the q-ROFSPA operators or q-ROFSPWG operators to execute a MADM method in a q-ROF situations. The proposed operators will be applied in the MADM and it requires the steps below.

## CASE STUDY

Sustainable supplier selection (SSS) is an important aspect of green environment management. It involves identifying and selecting suppliers that share the same commitment to sustainability as the organization, and that can provide environmentally responsible products and services. The importance of sustainable supplier selection in a green environment can be summarized in the following points:

- Reducing environmental impact: Sustainable supplier selection can help to reduce the environmental impact of the supply chain by selecting suppliers that use environmentally responsible practices. This includes suppliers that use renewable energy sources, that minimize waste and pollution, and that have implemented sustainable production processes.
- Meeting customer expectations: As customers become increasingly concerned about the environment, they expect organizations to be environmentally responsible in all aspects of their operations. By selecting sustainable suppliers, organizations can meet these expectations and improve their reputation with customers.
- Mitigating risk: By selecting sustainable suppliers, organizations can mitigate the risk of supply chain disruptions and reputation damage. Suppliers that use environmentally responsible practices are less likely to be subject to regulatory fines and penalties, and are less likely to experience negative publicity due to environmental incidents.
- Improving efficiency: Sustainable supplier selection can also help to improve efficiency in the supply chain. Suppliers that use sustainable practices are often more efficient in their operations, resulting in reduced costs and improved performance.
- Encouraging innovation: By selecting sustainable suppliers, organizations can encourage innovation in environmentally responsible practices. Suppliers that are committed to sustainability are more likely to invest in the research and development of new technologies and processes that reduce their environmental impact.

Organizations should develop a comprehensive supplier selection process that includes sustainability criteria to select sustainable suppliers in a green environment. This process should include evaluating supplier practices and policies related to sustainability, such as



## Algorithm

**Input:****Step 1:**

Construct a decision matrix  $M = [\mathcal{S}_{\delta_n}^{\tau}]_{p \times n}$  by collecting the assessment data of each universal element to their corresponding attributes in the form of q-ROFSNs as:

$$\begin{matrix} & \xi_1^Y & \xi_2^Y & & \xi_p^Y \\ \begin{matrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \delta_n \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (\mu_{11}, v_{11}) & (\mu_{12}, v_{12}) & \cdots & (\mu_{1p}, v_{1p}) \\ (\mu_{21}, v_{21}) & (\mu_{22}, v_{22}) & \cdots & (\mu_{2p}, v_{2p}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\mu_{n1}, v_{n1}) & (\mu_{n2}, v_{n2}) & \cdots & (\mu_{np}, v_{np}) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

**Step 2:**

There are mainly two different types of attributes are presented in the decision matrix, namely benefit type attribute ( $\tau_b$ ) and cost type attribute ( $\tau_c$ ). Normalization is not required for the same type of attributes, but for the different types of attributes in MADM, use the normalization formula given in Eq. (5).

**Calculations:****Step 3:**

By using the given formula, calculate the values of  $\check{\mathcal{S}}_{\bar{p}}$ . By doing so, we are able to calculate the weight vector for all attributes, which is utilized in Step 4. AOs are utilized by this weight veterinarian. Softmax generates its own weight vector, eliminating the need for additional methods to determine weights.

$$\check{\mathcal{S}}_{\bar{p}} = \prod_{k=1}^{p-1} H(\mathcal{S}_{\bar{p}}^{\tau(k)}) \quad (p = 2 \dots, n), \quad (6)$$

$$\check{\mathcal{S}}_{\bar{p}} = 1$$

**Step 4:**

By using the q-ROFPWA (or q-ROFPWG) operator, aggregate the values  $\mathcal{N}_{i\bar{p}}^{\tau}$  for each alternative  $A_i$ :

$$q\text{-ROFPWA}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\tau}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\tau}) = \left\langle \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\tau}^{\tau}} \right)^{\bar{h}_{i\tau}}}, \prod_{\tau=1}^n \left( \prod_{i=1}^n v_{i\tau}^{\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\tau}^{\tau}} \right)^{\bar{h}_{i\tau}} \right\rangle \quad (7)$$

$$q\text{-ROFPWG}(\mathcal{S}_{\delta_{11}}^{\tau}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\delta_{nm}}^{\tau}) = \left\langle \prod_{\tau=1}^n \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{i\tau}^{\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\tau}^{\tau}} \right)^{\bar{h}_{i\tau}}, \sqrt[q]{1 - \prod_{\tau=1}^m \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - v_{i\tau}^q)^{\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i\tau}^{\tau}} \right)^{\bar{h}_{i\tau}}} \right\rangle \quad (8)$$

**Output:****Step 5:**

Calculate the total score values of each element by using given formula.

$$S(\alpha) = \frac{1 + \mu^q - v^q}{2} \quad (9)$$

**Step 6:**

The alternatives were ranked by the SF, and the best appropriate choice was finally chosen. Pictorial view of proposed method is given in Fig. 1.

energy use, waste management, and carbon emissions. Organizations should also consider supplier certifications and industry ratings related to sustainability. SSS is an important aspect of green environment management. It can help to reduce environmental impact, meet customer expectations, mitigate risk, improve efficiency, and encourage innovation. Organizations should develop a comprehensive supplier selection process that includes sustainability criteria to select suppliers that share their commitment to sustainability and can provide environmentally responsible products and services.

The fast growth of economic globalization, along with a more cutthroat climate for business competitiveness, has resulted in the struggle between modern businesses shifting to one that is fought amongst their respective supply chains. The range of individuals who make up the consumer market is expanding, while at the same time, the shelf lives of new products are shrinking. The inconsistency of the demand market and the influence of external factors push businesses toward efficient supply chain implementation and coordination, as well as strategic alliances with other businesses, to strengthen their fundamental competitiveness and protect themselves from the dangers of the outside world. Supplier selection is the most important action to take in order to accomplish this objective. As a result, the challenge of supplier selection has received a significant amount of attention, whether in the context of the theory of supply chain management or the context of practical production management issues.

SSS must consider a wide variety of criteria when operating in an environmentally conscious setting, including environmental performance, social responsibility, economic viability, innovation, transparency and accountability, and supply chain management. When organisations consider these characteristics, they are better able to identify suppliers who are committed to sustainability and more likely to provide sustainable solutions.

A numerical illustration of determining sustainable suppliers by employing q-ROFSNs is provided in this article as a means of illustrating the process that is the subject of this article's suggested solution. When it comes to supply chain management, there is a panel with four different sustainable suppliers that may be chosen from  $U = \{\tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3, \tilde{\tau}_4\}$ . The professionals decide to analyze the four potential suppliers based on the following criteria: (1)  $\delta_1$  is the factor for the quality of product; (2)  $\delta_2$  is the factor for the pricing; (3)  $\delta_3$  is the element for the delivery; and (4)  $\delta_4$  is the factor for the ecological concerns.

The application procedure of the proposed approach is as follows:

### Decision-making process

Consider a set  $U = \{\tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3, \tilde{\tau}_4\}$  of universal elements, a set  $E = \{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4\}$  of parameters and  $\Phi^2 = \{\Phi^2_1, \Phi^2_2, \Phi^2_3, \Phi^2_4\}$  be a set of DMs, to assess the universal elements according to their corresponding parameters  $\delta_\tau$  ( $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

Assume that the DM's preferences are expressed in q-ROFSNs.  $\mathcal{A}^2_{\delta_\tau} = (\mu_{i\tau}, \nu_{i\tau})$  with the WVs  $\frac{\mathcal{N}^e_\tau}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^e_\tau} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_1}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_1}}, \frac{\mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_2}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_2}}, \dots, \frac{\mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_n}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_n}} \right\}^T$  and  $\tilde{h}^\gamma = \{\tilde{h}^\gamma_1, \tilde{h}^\gamma_2, \dots, \tilde{h}^\gamma_m\}^T$  for the parameters  $\delta'_\tau$  and decision makers  $\Phi^2_i$  respectively with the conditions that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_i}}{\sum_{\tau=1}^n \mathcal{N}^e_{\tau_i}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{\tau=1}^m \tilde{h}^\gamma_\tau = 1$ . The collective data is presented in the decision

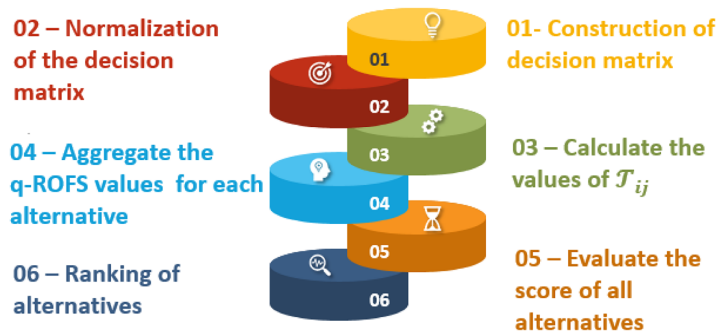


Figure 1 Flow chart of proposed method.

Full-size DOI: 10.7717/peerj-cs.1527/fig-1

matrix  $M = [\mathcal{N}^{\delta_{ij}}]_{p \times n}$ . Normalization is not required for the same type of attributes. But there is a possibility of two types of attributes (cost type  $T_c$  and benefit type  $T_b$ ) in MADM process, the decision matrix then transformed into a normalized matrix  $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{N}_{ij})_{p \times n}$  using normalizing procedure. We take  $q = 3$ .

**Step 1:**

From the DMs, obtain a decision matrix  $D^{(p)} = (B_{ij}^{(p)})_{m \times n}$  in the form of q-ROFSNs given in Tables 3–6.

**Step 2:**

Normalize the decision matrices acquired by DMs. There is one cost types attribute  $\delta_2$  and others are benefit type attributes given in Table 7–10.

**Step 3:**

Compute the values of  $\check{T}_{ij}^{(p)}$  by using Equation 11i3.

$$\check{T}_{ij}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.6060 & 0.6070 & 0.7270 & 0.7240 \\ 0.3300 & 0.2650 & 0.2160 & 0.6050 \\ 0.1780 & 0.1150 & 0.1970 & 0.2350 \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain the WVs

$$W_1 = (0.4730, 0.2860, 0.1560, 0.0840)$$

$$W_2 = (0.5030, 0.3050, 0.1330, 0.0570)$$

$$W_3 = (0.4670, 0.3390, 0.1000, 0.0920)$$

$$W_4 = (0.3900, 0.2820, 0.2350, 0.0910)$$

$$\check{T}_{ij}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.6280 & 0.5700 & 0.5050 & 0.4520 \\ 0.3710 & 0.3420 & 0.2920 & 0.1500 \\ 0.2050 & 0.0760 & 0.1230 & 0.1310 \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain the WVs

**Table 3** Decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_1$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.600, 0.140)	(0.110, 0.600)	(0.770, 0.100)	(0.800, 0.400)
$\delta_2$	(0.600, 0.500)	(0.500, 0.020)	(0.010, 0.740)	(0.940, 0.540)
$\delta_3$	(0.430, 0.040)	(0.700, 0.600)	(0.940, 0.130)	(0.570, 0.740)
$\delta_4$	(0.540, 0.900)	(0.710, 0.850)	(0.740, 0.020)	(0.700, 0.070)

**Table 4** Decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_2$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.740, 0.530)	(0.510, 0.650)	(0.590, 0.580)	(0.510, 0.610)
$\delta_2$	(0.610, 0.350)	(0.540, 0.710)	(0.610, 0.410)	(0.290, 0.710)
$\delta_3$	(0.530, 0.350)	(0.470, 0.740)	(0.310, 0.570)	(0.910, 0.120)
$\delta_4$	(0.720, 0.290)	(0.820, 0.310)	(0.450, 0.150)	(0.540, 0.140)

**Table 5** Decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_3$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.610, 0.250)	(0.100, 0.670)	(0.770, 0.110)	(0.700, 0.170)
$\delta_2$	(0.700, 0.040)	(0.010, 0.740)	(0.800, 0.100)	(0.540, 0.140)
$\delta_3$	(0.650, 0.100)	(0.110, 0.770)	(0.730, 0.110)	(0.750, 0.100)
$\delta_4$	(0.670, 0.110)	(0.140, 0.640)	(0.630, 0.100)	(0.640, 0.140)

**Table 6** Decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_4$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.650, 0.110)	(0.640, 0.110)	(0.740, 0.030)	(0.670, 0.100)
$\delta_2$	(0.610, 0.010)	(0.680, 0.070)	(0.500, 0.010)	(0.620, 0.040)
$\delta_3$	(0.710, 0.050)	(0.720, 0.100)	(0.730, 0.020)	(0.710, 0.010)
$\delta_4$	(0.50, 0.160)	(0.500, 0.200)	(0.600, 0.100)	(0.720, 0.020)

**Table 7** Normalized decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_1$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.600, 0.140)	(0.600, 0.110)	(0.770, 0.100)	(0.800, 0.400)
$\delta_2$	(0.600, 0.500)	(0.020, 0.500)	(0.010, 0.740)	(0.940, 0.540)
$\delta_3$	(0.430, 0.040)	(0.600, 0.700)	(0.940, 0.130)	(0.570, 0.740)
$\delta_4$	(0.540, 0.900)	(0.850, 0.710)	(0.740, 0.020)	(0.700, 0.070)

**Table 8** Normalized decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_2$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.740, 0.530)	(0.650, 0.510)	(0.590, 0.580)	(0.510, 0.610)
$\delta_2$	(0.610, 0.350)	(0.710, 0.540)	(0.610, 0.410)	(0.290, 0.710)
$\delta_3$	(0.530, 0.350)	(0.740, 0.470)	(0.310, 0.570)	(0.910, 0.120)
$\delta_4$	(0.720, 0.290)	(0.310, 0.820)	(0.450, 0.150)	(0.540, 0.140)

**Table 9** Normalized decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_3$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.610, 0.250)	(0.750, 0.570)	(0.450, 0.540)	(0.350, 0.750)
$\delta_2$	(0.570, 0.580)	(0.910, 0.230)	(0.450, 0.710)	(0.350, 0.680)
$\delta_3$	(0.210, 0.590)	(0.350, 0.560)	(0.250, 0.810)	(0.350, 0.650)
$\delta_4$	(0.580, 0.590)	(0.610, 0.210)	(0.350, 0.450)	(0.120, 0.980)

**Table 10** Normalized decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_4$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.650, 0.560)	(0.280, 0.910)	(0.350, 0.120)	(0.750, 0.510)
$\delta_2$	(0.350, 0.250)	(0.350, 0.480)	(0.380, 0.490)	(0.590, 0.580)
$\delta_3$	(0.140, 0.940)	(0.380, 0.480)	(0.510, 0.750)	(0.290, 0.340)
$\delta_4$	(0.480, 0.910)	(0.250, 0.450)	(0.710, 0.290)	(0.390, 0.210)

$$W_1 = (0.4530, 0.2840, 0.1680, 0.0930)$$

$$W_2 = (0.5030, 0.2860, 0.1720, 0.0380)$$

$$W_3 = (0.5200, 0.2630, 0.1520, 0.0640)$$

$$W_4 = (0.5770, 0.2600, 0.0860, 0.0750)$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.6050 & 0.6180 & 0.4660 & 0.3100 \\ 0.2420 & 0.5370 & 0.1700 & 0.1120 \\ 0.1200 & 0.2320 & 0.0410 & 0.0430 \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain the WVs

$$W_1 = (0.5080, 0.3070, 0.1420, 0.0610)$$

$$W_2 = (0.4180, 0.2580, 0.2240, 0.0970)$$

$$W_3 = (0.5960, 0.2770, 0.1010, 0.0240)$$

$$W_4 = (0.6820, 0.2110, 0.0760, 0.0290)$$

$$\tilde{T}_{it}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.6060 & 0.6070 & 0.7270 & 0.7240 \\ 0.3300 & 0.2650 & 0.2160 & 0.6050 \\ 0.1780 & 0.1150 & 0.1970 & 0.2350 \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain the WVs

$$W_1 = (0.4650, 0.2550, 0.2380, 0.4000)$$

$$W_2 = (0.4820, 0.0640, 0.2240, 0.2270)$$

$$W_3 = (0.4260, 0.2210, 0.1990, 0.1510)$$

$$W_4 = (0.3780, 0.2430, 0.1910, 0.1860)$$

#### Step 4:

Calculate the aggregated values  $\mathcal{N}_i^e$  for each alternative  $\tilde{\tau}_i^{\gamma}$  by using the q-ROFSPWA and q-ROFSPWG operators using Eqs. (7), (8), respectively given in Table 11.

#### Step 5:

By using Eq. (9), calculate the score of all q-ROFS aggregated values  $\mathcal{N}_i^e$ , given in Table 12.

#### Step 6:

As per given in Table 12, the alternative  $\tilde{\tau}_1^{\gamma}$  has the maximum score. So,  $\tilde{\tau}_1^{\gamma}$  is the optimal solution,

### Authenticity analysis

*Wang & Triantaphyllou (2008)* evaluated the following test criteria to demonstrate the validity of the suggested approach.

- The optimum alternative should not change if the ratings of the non-optimal universal elements are replaced with those of the worse option, provided that the corresponding WVs remains persistent.
- The whole framework of technique should be transitive.
- When the same MADM approach is applied to solve the problem, the aggregated result of the alternatives should be identical as the assessment of the initial problem.

We confirmed the conditions on our proposed MADM approach in the part below.

#### Authenticity test 1

If the PMVs and NMVs of alternatives  $\tilde{\tau}_2^{\gamma}$  and  $\tilde{\tau}_3^{\gamma}$  in Tables 4 and 5 are exchanged, the modified decision matrix given in Tables 13 and 14 appears.

On the basis of given data, the proposed q-ROFSPWA operator has been applied and aggregate the q-ROFSNs for the alternatives, given in Table 15.

As a result, the ranking order of options is determined by the score values, which is same as the original ranking and proposed technique passes the first three tests.

**Table 11** q-ROFS aggregated values.

	q-ROFSPWA	q-ROFSPWG
$\tilde{\tau}_1$	(0.6954, 0.2176)	(0.3721, 0.4576)
$\tilde{\tau}_2$	(0.6664, 0.4812)	(0.2136, 0.5703)
$\tilde{\tau}_3$	(0.6171, 0.4983)	(0.3410, 0.2314)
$\tilde{\tau}_4$	(0.5614, 0.0000)	(0.1456, 0.0027)
$\tilde{\tau}_5$	(0.4946, 0.4160)	(0.6112, 0.1288)

**Table 12** Score of q-ROFS aggregated values.

$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\tau}_i)$	q-ROFSPWA	q-ROFSPWG
$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\tau}_1)$	0.8648	0.3304
$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\tau}_2)$	0.8611	0.3044
$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\tau}_3)$	0.8600	0.3048
$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\tau}_4)$	0.6472	0.2988

**Table 13** Modified decision matrix for  $\tilde{\tau}_2$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.53, 0.74)	(0.51, 0.65)	(0.85, 0.95)	(0.51, 0.61)
$\delta_2$	(0.35, 0.61)	(0.54, 0.71)	(0.61, 0.41)	(0.29, 0.71)
$\delta_3$	(0.35, 0.53)	(0.47, 0.74)	(0.57, 0.31)	(0.12, 0.91)
$\delta_4$	(0.72, 0.29)	(0.82, 0.31)	(0.15, 0.45)	(0.14, 0.54)

### Authenticity test 2, test 3

If we split the given problem like  $\{\tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\tau}_2\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{\tau}_3, \tilde{\tau}_4\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{\tau}_4, \tilde{\tau}_1\}$ .

Then using the proposed method, we obtain the following ranking order

$\tilde{\tau}_1 \geq \tilde{\tau}_2$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}_2 \geq \tilde{\tau}_3$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}_4 \geq \tilde{\tau}_3$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}_1 \geq \tilde{\tau}_4$  and this is identical to the original ranking.

As a consequence, the proposed approach satisfies authenticity test 2 and test 3.

### Sensitivity analysis

Across the whole decision-making process, the effect of  $q$  on the most preferable decision was studied, utilizing multiple values of  $q$  for the given scenario. Table 16 epitomizes the total score values and ranking of the alternatives associated to these distinct  $q$  values. Since the impact of 'q' on decision-making, our proposed technique is more adaptable because the DMs may adjust the attributes based on their current circumstances and preferences. For example, if the DMs can draw inferences from their optimistic tendency, low values may be given to these criteria and the overall score values will decrease. If the DMs are optimistic, the parameters can be given higher values and the aggregated values of scores

**Table 14** Modified decision matrix for  $\tilde{\gamma}_3$ .

	$\Phi^2_1$	$\Phi^2_2$	$\Phi^2_3$	$\Phi^2_4$
$\delta_1$	(0.25, 0.61)	(0.57, 0.75)	(0.54, 0.45)	(0.75, 0.35)
$\delta_2$	(0.58, 0.57)	(0.23, 0.91)	(0.71, 0.45)	(0.68, 0.35)
$\delta_3$	(0.59, 0.21)	(0.56, 0.35)	(0.81, 0.25)	(0.65, 0.35)
$\delta_4$	(0.59, 0.58)	(0.21, 0.61)	(0.45, 0.35)	(0.98, 0.12)

**Table 15** Collective q-ROF decision matrix.

$\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{K}^\ell_i)$	q-ROFSPWA	q-ROFSPWG
$\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{K}^\ell_1)$	0.6749	0.2314
$\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{K}^\ell_2)$	0.5453	0.0871
$\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{K}^\ell_3)$	0.2312	0.3212
$\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{K}^\ell_4)$	0.2910	0.2912

**Table 16** Final ranking.

q	$S(\tilde{\gamma}_1)$	$S(\tilde{\gamma}_2)$	$S(\tilde{\gamma}_3)$	$S(\tilde{\gamma}_4)$	Ranking order	Final decision
4	0.6058	0.4363	0.3554	0.1331	$\tilde{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\gamma}_1$
5	0.2211	0.1130	0.2140	0.1202	$\tilde{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_2$	$\tilde{\gamma}_1$
6	0.5126	0.4160	0.0361	0.3062	$\tilde{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\gamma}_3$	$\tilde{\gamma}_1$

will increase. As a consequence, the results are accurate. The DM might be able to determine their goals *via* this analysis and pick the optimal option depending on their perspective. The optimal alternative is identical, implying that the results are accurate and affected by the DM's optimism. The results of the rating are valid. The DM may be able to see their objectives *via* this analysis and pick the optimal option depending on their perspective. The optimal alternative is the same, implying that the results are factual and affected by the DM's optimism. The results of the rating are valid. The DM may be able to see their objectives *via* this analysis and pick the optimal option depending on their perspective.

### Comparison analysis and discussion

In this section, we will analyze and compare the new operators we are suggesting with the operators that are already being used. The important point to note is that both our proposed operators and the existing ones lead to the same conclusion. This demonstrates that our suggested operators are superior.

To understand this, we conducted an investigation and found that by using specific preexisting operators to process the information, we can reach an equally optimal conclusion. This highlights the strength and reliability of our proposed approach, which



**Table 17** Comparison of proposed operators with some exiting operators.

Authors	AOs	Ranking of alternatives	The optimal alternative
<i>Peng, Dai &amp; Garg (2018)</i>	q-ROFWEA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFDWG	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Liu &amp; Wang (2018)</i>	q-ROFWA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFWG	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Riaz et al. (2020)</i>	q-ROFHWAGA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFHOWAGA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Liu, Wang &amp; Liu (2018)</i>	q-ROFHM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFWM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Riaz et al. (2020)</i>	q-ROFEPWA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Zhao et al. (2010)</i>	q-ROFHM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFWM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFEPWG	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Joshi &amp; Gegov (2020)</i>	CQROFWA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	CQROFWG	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Liu &amp; Liu (2018)</i>	q-ROFWBM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFWGBM	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
<i>Jana, Muhiuddin &amp; Pal (2019)</i>	q-ROFDWA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
Proposed	q-ROFSPWA	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$
	q-ROFSPWG	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_3 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_2 \succ \tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_4$	$\tilde{\tau}^{\gamma}_1$

enables us to make perfect decisions. To provide a clear comparison, we have included Table 17, which shows how our suggested operators compare to the various existing operators that are currently in use.

## CONCLUSION

Under the parameterized description of the universe's elements, the q-ROFSSs are more efficient because they provide a broad range for PMV and NMV to cope with ambiguous and imprecise data. AOs are essential mathematical instruments for information fusion, which is the process of reducing a collection of fuzzy numbers to a single fuzzy number that represents the set uniquely. We developed two distinct AOs for data fusion of q-ROFSNs in order to surmount some of the drawbacks of existing AOs. Based on prescribed operational laws, we developed the q-ROFSPWA operator and q-ROFSPWG operator AOs. We also presented a robust MADM strategy to demonstrate the efficacy and superiority of the proposed AOs. A numerical example of the proposed MADM technique in relation to the problem of selecting a sustainable logistic provider is also provided to illustrate the uncertain condition. The outcomes demonstrate that the proposed method for addressing uncertainty is both precise and efficient. In order to demonstrate the efficacy of proposed AOs, we discuss authenticity analysis. Finally, the efficacy, precision, and

veracity of the proposed AOs are assessed by comparing the proposed MADM technique to various previous approaches.

Regarding the limits of our proposed work, there is no inclusion of the interplay between membership and non-membership recommended by the DMs, and if our data is not q-ROFNs, it will not function effectively. The suggested model functions effectively with q-ROFNs as input. However, with some small modifications, the suggested model may be expanded to include more input data types. Future research will examine how the proposed operators may be used for various forms of data and how they function in various domains. The principles in this article can be applied to a wide range of real-world situations. Effectively addressing ambiguity in business, machine intelligence, cognitive science, the electoral system, pattern recognition, learning techniques, trade analysis, predictions, agricultural estimate, microelectronics, and other fields is possible with the help of these methods.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DECLARATIONS

### Funding

The authors received no funding for this work.

### Competing Interests

Vladimir Simic is an Academic Editor for PeerJ.

### Author Contributions

- Muhammad Riaz conceived and designed the experiments, authored or reviewed drafts of the article, and approved the final draft.
- Hafiz Muhammad Athar Farid performed the experiments, prepared figures and/or tables, and approved the final draft.
- Ayesha Razzaq analyzed the data, performed the computation work, prepared figures and/or tables, and approved the final draft.
- Vladimir Simic conceived and designed the experiments, authored or reviewed drafts of the article, and approved the final draft.

### Data Availability

The following information was supplied regarding data availability:

Raw data is available in [Tables 3–6](#).

## REFERENCES

- Atanassov KT. 1986.** Intuitionistic fuzzy sets. *Fuzzy Sets and Systems* **20(1)**:87–96  
[DOI 10.1016/S0165-0114\(86\)80034-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0165-0114(86)80034-3).
- Beliakov G, James S. 2014.** Averaging aggregation functions for preferences expressed as Pythagorean membership grades and fuzzy orthopairs. In: *2014 IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems (FUZZ-IEEE)*. Piscataway: IEEE, 298–305.

- Chen D, Tsang ECC, Yeung DS, Wang X. 2005.** The parameterization reduction of soft sets and its applications. *Computers & Mathematics with Applications* **49(5–6)**:757–763 DOI [10.1016/j.camwa.2004.10.036](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.camwa.2004.10.036).
- Deveci M, Gokasar I, Brito-Parada PR. 2022.** A comprehensive model for socially responsible rehabilitation of mining sites using Q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets and combinative distance-based assessment. *Expert Systems with Applications* **200(89)**:117155 DOI [10.1016/j.eswa.2022.117155](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2022.117155).
- Deveci M, Pamucar D, Cali U, Kantar E, Kölle K, Tande JO. 2022.** A hybrid q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets based CoCoSo model for floating offshore wind farm site selection in Norway. *CSEE Journal of Power and Energy Systems* **8(5)**:1261–1280 DOI [10.17775/CSEEJPES.2021.07700](https://doi.org/10.17775/CSEEJPES.2021.07700).
- Deveci M, Pamucar D, Gokasar I, Köppen M, Gupta BB. 2022.** Personal mobility in metaverse with autonomous vehicles using Q-rung orthopair fuzzy sets based OPA-RAFSI model. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. Epub ahead of print 12 July 2022 DOI [10.1109/TITS.2022.3186294](https://doi.org/10.1109/TITS.2022.3186294).
- Dong J, Wan S. 2016.** A new method for prioritized multi-criteria group decision making with triangular intuitionistic fuzzy numbers. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* **30(3)**:1719–1733 DOI [10.3233/IFS-151882](https://doi.org/10.3233/IFS-151882).
- Du WS. 2018.** Minkowski-type distance measures for generalized orthopair fuzzy sets. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **33(4)**:802–817 DOI [10.1002/int.21968](https://doi.org/10.1002/int.21968).
- Farid HMA, Riaz M. 2021.** Some generalized q-rung orthopair fuzzy Einstein interactive geometric aggregation operators with improved operational laws. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **36(12)**:7239–7273 DOI [10.1002/int.22587](https://doi.org/10.1002/int.22587).
- Farid HMA, Riaz M. 2022.** Single-valued neutrosophic Einstein interactive aggregation operators with applications for material selection in engineering design: case study of cryogenic storage tank. *Complex and Intelligent Systems* **8(3)**:2131–2149 DOI [10.1007/s40747-021-00626-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40747-021-00626-0).
- Feng F, Zheng Y, Sun B, Akram M. 2022.** Novel score functions of generalized orthopair fuzzy membership grades with application to multiple attribute decision making. *Granular Computing* **7(1)**:95–111 DOI [10.1007/s41066-021-00253-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41066-021-00253-7).
- Garg H. 2016.** Some series of intuitionistic fuzzy interactive averaging aggregation operators. *SpringerPlus* **5(1)**:1–27 DOI [10.1186/s40064-016-2591-9](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40064-016-2591-9).
- Garg H, Arora R. 2018.** Novel scaled prioritized intuitionistic fuzzy soft interaction averaging aggregation operators and their application to multi criteria decision making. *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence* **71(9)**:100–112 DOI [10.1016/j.engappai.2018.02.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engappai.2018.02.005).
- Gou X, Xu Z, Ren P. 2016.** The properties of continuous Pythagorean fuzzy information. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **31(5)**:401–424 DOI [10.1002/int.21788](https://doi.org/10.1002/int.21788).
- Hadi-Vencheh A, Mirjafari M. 2014.** Fuzzy inferior ratio method for multiple attribute decision making problems. *Information Sciences* **277(23)**:263–272 DOI [10.1016/j.ins.2014.02.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ins.2014.02.019).
- Hamid MT, Riaz M, Afzal D. 2020.** Novel MCGDM with q-rung orthopair fuzzy soft sets and TOPSIS approach under q-Rung orthopair fuzzy soft topology. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* **39(3)**:3853–3871 DOI [10.3233/JIFS-192195](https://doi.org/10.3233/JIFS-192195).
- Hussain A, Ali MI, Mahmood T, Munir M. 2020.** q-Rung orthopair fuzzy soft average aggregation operators and their application in multicriteria decision-making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **35(4)**:571–599 DOI [10.1002/int.22217](https://doi.org/10.1002/int.22217).
- Jana C, Muhiuddin G, Pal M. 2019.** Some Dombi aggregation of Q-rung orthopair fuzzy numbers in multiple-attribute decision making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **34(12)**:3220–3240 DOI [10.1002/int.22191](https://doi.org/10.1002/int.22191).

- Joshi BP, Gegov A. 2020.** Confidence levels q-rung orthopair fuzzy aggregation operators and its applications to MADM problems. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 35(1):125–149 DOI 10.1002/int.22203.
- Kausar R, Riaz M, Farid HMA. 2023.** A numerically validated approach to modeling water hammer phenomena using partial differential equations and switched differential-algebraic equations. *Journal of Industrial Intelligence* 1(2):75–86 DOI 10.56578/jii010201.
- Krishankumar R, Arun K, Kumar A, Rani P, Ravichandran KS, Gandomi AH. 2021.** Double-hierarchy hesitant fuzzy linguistic information-based framework for green supplier selection with partial weight information. *Neural Computing and Applications* 33(21):14837–14859 DOI 10.1007/s00521-021-06123-2.
- Liu P, Chen SM, Wang P. 2018.** The g-rung orthopair fuzzy power Maclaurin symmetric mean operators. In: *International Conference on Advanced Computational Intelligence*. Xiamen, China, 156–161.
- Liu P, Chen SM, Wang P. 2018.** Multiple-attribute group decision-making based on q-rung orthopair fuzzy power maclaurin symmetric mean operators. *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems* 50(10):3741–3756 DOI 10.1109/TSMC.2018.2852948.
- Liu P, Liu J. 2018.** Some q-rung orthopai fuzzy Bonferroni mean operators and their application to multi-attribute group decision making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(2):315–347 DOI 10.1002/int.21933.
- Liu Z, Liu P, Liang X. 2018.** Multiple attribute decision-making method for dealing with heterogeneous relationship among attributes and unknown attribute weight information under q-rung orthopair fuzzy environment. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(9):1900–1928 DOI 10.1002/int.22001.
- Liu P, Saha A, Mishra AR, Rani P, Dutta D, Baidya J. 2022.** A BCF–CRITIC–WASPAS method for green supplier selection with cross-entropy and Archimedean aggregation operators. *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing* 14(3):1–25 DOI 10.1007/s12652-022-03745-9.
- Liu P, Wang P. 2018.** Some q-rung orthopair fuzzy aggregation operators and their applications to multiple-attribute decision making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(2):259–280 DOI 10.1002/int.21927.
- Liu P, Wang P. 2018.** Some interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy Schweizer–Sklar power aggregation operators and their application to supplier selection. *International Journal of Systems Science* 49(6):1188–1211 DOI 10.1080/00207721.2018.1442510.
- Liu Z, Wang S, Liu P. 2018.** Multiple attribute group decision making based on q-rung orthopair fuzzy Heronianmean operators. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(12):2341–2364 DOI 10.1002/int.22032.
- Mahmood T, Ullah K, Khan Q, Jan N. 2019.** An approach toward decision-making and medical diagnosis problems using the concept of spherical fuzzy sets. *Neural Computing and Applications* 31(11):7041–7053 DOI 10.1007/s00521-018-3521-2.
- Maji PK, Biswas RK, Roy A. 2001a.** Fuzzy soft sets. *Journal of Fuzzy Mathematics* 9(3):589–602.
- Maji PK, Biswas R, Roy AR. 2001b.** Intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets. *Journal of Fuzzy Mathematics* 9(3):677–692.
- Maji PK, Biswas R, Roy AR. 2003.** Soft set theory. *Computers & Mathematics with Applications* 45(4–5):555–562 DOI 10.1016/S0898-1221(03)00016-6.
- Maji PK, Roy AR, Biswas R. 2002.** An application of soft sets in a decision making problem. *Computers & Mathematics with Applications* 44(8–9):1077–1083 DOI 10.1016/S0898-1221(02)00216-X.

- Molodtsov D. 1999.** Soft set theory—first results. *Computers & Mathematics with Applications* 37(4–5):19–31 DOI 10.1016/S0898-1221(99)00056-5.
- Pei D, Miao D. 2005.** From soft sets to information systems. In: *IEEE International Conference on Granular Computing*. vol. 2. Piscataway: IEEE, 617–621.
- Peng X, Dai J, Garg H. 2018.** Exponential operation and aggregation operator for q-rung orthopair fuzzy set and their decision-making method with a new score function. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(11):2255–2282 DOI 10.1002/int.22028.
- Peng X, Yang Y. 2015.** Some results for Pythagorean fuzzy sets. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 30(11):1133–1160 DOI 10.1002/int.21738.
- Peng XD, Yang Y. 2016.** Multiple attribute group decision making methods based on Pythagorean fuzzy linguistic set. *Computer Engineering* 52(23):50–54.
- Peng XD, Yang Y, Song J, Jiang Y. 2015.** Pythagorean fuzzy soft set and its application. *Computer Engineering* 41(7):224–229 DOI 10.3969/j.issn.1000-3428.2015.07.043.
- Pinar A, Babak Daneshvar R, Özdemir YS. 2021.** q-Rung orthopair fuzzy TOPSIS method for green supplier selection problem. *Sustainability* 13(2):985 DOI 10.3390/su13020985.
- Pinar A, Boran FE. 2020.** A q-rung orthopair fuzzy multi-criteria group decision making method for supplier selection based on a novel distance measure. *International Journal of Machine Learning and Cybernetics* 11(8):1749–1780 DOI 10.1007/s13042-020-01070-1.
- Puška A, Božanić D, Mastilo Z, Pamučar D. 2023.** Extension of MEREC-CRADIS methods with double normalization-case study selection of electric cars. *Soft Computing* 27(11):7097–7113 DOI 10.1007/s00500-023-08054-7.
- Qiyas M, Abdullah S. 2022.** Decision support system based on spherical 2-tuple linguistic fuzzy aggregation operators and their application in green supplier selection. *Punjab University Journal of Mathematics* 54t(6):411–428 DOI 10.52280/pujm.
- Rahman K, Hezam IM, Božanić D, Puška A, Milovančević M. 2023.** Some logarithmic intuitionistic fuzzy einstein aggregation operators under confidence level. *Processes* 11(4):1298 DOI 10.3390/pr11041298.
- Riaz M, Farid HMA. 2023.** Enhancing green supply chain efficiency through linear Diophantine fuzzy soft-max aggregation operators. *Journal of Industrial Intelligence* 1(1):8–29 DOI 10.56578/jii010102.
- Riaz M, Farid HMA, Kalsoom H, Pamucar D, Chu YM. 2020.** A Robust q-rung orthopair fuzzy Einstein prioritized aggregation operators with application towards MCGDM. *Symmetry* 12(6):1058 DOI 10.3390/sym12061058.
- Riaz M, Farid HMA, Karaaslan F, Hashmi MR. 2020.** Some q-rung orthopair fuzzy hybrid aggregation operators and TOPSIS method for multi-attribute decision-making. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* 39(1):1227–1241 DOI 10.3233/JIFS-192114.
- Riaz M, Garg H, Farid HMA, Aslam M. 2021.** Novel q-rung orthopair fuzzy interaction aggregation operators and their application to low-carbon green supply chain management. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* 41(2):4109–4126 DOI 10.3233/JIFS-210506.
- Riaz M, Pamucar D, Athar Farid HM, Hashmi MR. 2020.** q-Rung orthopair fuzzy prioritized aggregation operators and their application towards green supplier chain management. *Symmetry* 12(6):976 DOI 10.3390/sym12060976.
- Saha A, Dutta D, Kar S. 2021.** Some new hybrid hesitant fuzzy weighted aggregation operators based on Archimedean and Dombi operations for multi-attribute decision making. *Neural Computing and Applications* 33(14):8753–8776 DOI 10.1007/s00521-020-05623-x.

- Senapati T, Chen G, Mesiar R, Yager RR. 2022.** Novel Aczel–Alsina operations-based interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy aggregation operators and their applications in multiple attribute decision-making process. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 37(8):5059–5081 DOI 10.1002/int.22751.
- Sitara M, Akram M, Riaz M. 2021.** Decision-making analysis based on q-rung picture fuzzy graph structures. *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Computing* 67(1–2):541–577 DOI 10.1007/s12190-020-01471-z.
- Wan S, Jiuying D, Deyan Y. 2015.** Trapezoidal intuitionistic fuzzy prioritized aggregation operators and application to multi-attribute decision making. *Iranian Journal of Fuzzy Systems* 12(4):1–32 DOI 10.22111/IJFS.2015.2083.
- Wang L, Li N. 2020.** Pythagorean fuzzy interaction power Bonferroni mean aggregation operators in multiple attribute decision making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 35(1):150–183 DOI 10.1002/int.22204.
- Wang X, Triantaphyllou E. 2008.** Ranking irregularities when evaluating alternatives by using some ELECTRE methods. *Omega* 36(1):45–63 DOI 10.1016/j.omega.2005.12.003.
- Wei G. 2017.** Pythagorean fuzzy interaction aggregation operators and their application to multiple attribute decision making. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* 33(4):2119–2132 DOI 10.3233/JIFS-162030.
- Wei G, Gao H, Wei Y. 2018.** Some q-rung orthopair fuzzy Heronian mean operators in multiple attribute decision making. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(7):1426–1458 DOI 10.1002/int.21985.
- Wei D, Meng D, Rong Y, Liu Y, Garg H, Pamucar D. 2022.** Fermatean fuzzy Schweizer–Sklar operators and BWM-entropy-based combined compromise solution approach: an application to green supplier selection. *Entropy* 24(6):776 DOI 10.3390/e24060776.
- Xu ZS. 2007.** Intuitionistic fuzzy aggregation operators. *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems* 15(6):1179–1187 DOI 10.1109/TFUZZ.2006.890678.
- Xu ZS, Xia M. 2011.** Induced generalized intuitionistic fuzzy operators. *Knowledge-Based Systems* 24(2):197–209 DOI 10.1016/j.knosys.2010.04.010.
- Xu ZS, Yager RR. 2006.** Some geometric aggregation operators based on intuitionistic fuzzy sets. *International Journal of General Systems* 35(4):417–433 DOI 10.1080/03081070600574353.
- Yager RR. 2013.** Pythagorean fuzzy subsets. In: *2013 Joint IFSA World Congress and NAFIPS Annual Meeting (IFSA/NAFIPS)*. Piscataway: IEEE, 57–61.
- Yager RR. 2016.** Generalized orthopair fuzzy sets. *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems* 25(5):1222–1230 DOI 10.1109/TFUZZ.2016.2604005.
- Yager RR, Alajlan N, Bazi Y. 2018.** Aspects of generalized orthopair fuzzy sets. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* 33(11):2154–2174 DOI 10.1002/int.22008.
- Yang Z, Garg H, Li J, Srivastava G, Cao Z. 2021.** Investigation of multiple heterogeneous relationships using a q-rung orthopair fuzzy multi-criteria decision algorithm. *Neural Computing and Applications* 33(17):10771–10786 DOI 10.1007/s00521-020-05003-5.
- Zadeh LA. 1965.** Fuzzy sets. *Information and Control* 8(3):338–353 DOI 10.1016/S0019-9958(65)90241-X.
- Zadeh LA. 1975a.** The concept of a linguistic variable and its application to approximate reasoning —I. *Information Sciences* 8(3):199–249 DOI 10.1016/0020-0255(75)90036-5.
- Zadeh LA. 1975b.** The concept of a linguistic variable and its application to approximate reasoning —II. *Information Sciences* 8(4):301–357 DOI 10.1016/0020-0255(75)90046-8.

- Zadeh LA. 1975c.** The concept of a linguistic variable and its application to approximate reasoning-III. *Information Sciences* **9(1)**:43–80 DOI [10.1016/0020-0255\(75\)90017-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/0020-0255(75)90017-1).
- Zhang X. 2016.** Multicriteria Pythagorean fuzzy decision analysis: a hierarchical QUALIFLEX approach with the closeness index-based ranking methods. *Information Sciences* **330**:104–124 DOI [10.1016/j.ins.2015.10.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ins.2015.10.012).
- Zhang H, Wei G, Chen X. 2021.** CPT-MABAC method for spherical fuzzy multiple attribute group decision making and its application to green supplier selection. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* **41(3)**:1009–1019 DOI [10.3233/JIFS-202954](https://doi.org/10.3233/JIFS-202954).
- Zhao H, Xu Z, Ni M, Liu S. 2010.** Generalized aggregation operators for intuitionistic fuzzy sets. *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* **25(1)**:1–30 DOI [10.1002/\(ISSN\)1098-111X](https://doi.org/10.1002/(ISSN)1098-111X).
- Zulqarnain RM, Xin XL, Garg H, Khan WA. 2021.** Aggregation operators of pythagorean fuzzy soft sets with their application for green supplier chain management. *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* **40(3)**:5545–5563 DOI [10.3233/JIFS-202781](https://doi.org/10.3233/JIFS-202781).