

# Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS

## Multi-Criteria Decision-Making using combined Simplified-TOPSIS method and Neutrosophics

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**Abstract**—In this paper, (1) one simplified the standard TOPSIS to new Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM) called Simplified-TOPSIS. Simplified-TOPSIS gives the same results and simplifies the calculation of the classical TOPSIS. An example is presented distinctions between Simplified-TOPSIS and classical TOPSIS are underlined. (2) extend the new Simplified-TOPSIS method to Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS using single valued Neutrosophic information. An example showing the interest of Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS to manipulate the uncertainty linked to information presented in Multi-Criteria Decision-Making.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Standard TOPSIS, the Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution method is a multi-criteria decision-making approach, was introduced by Hwang and Yoon [1]. The classical TOPSIS is one of sophisticated MCDM for solving problems with respect to crisp numbers, often involving complicated steps of calculation algorithms that are difficult to learn and apply.

In the real MCDM problems, the attribute values are always be expressed with imperfect information, however, decision-makers may prefer to use an easy, simple technique and give same result rather than complex algorithm. The objective of this paper, we present, firstly, simplified-TOPSIS, a new MCDM method that simplifies the calculation and gives the same results of traditional TOPSIS. Secondly, we introduce a hybrid method to resolve real MCDM problems with imperfect information based on Neutrosophic and simplified-TOPSIS method (Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS).

Smarandache [2,3] proposed a generalization of the Intuitionistic Fuzzy Set (IFS), called Neutrosophic Set (NS) which based on three values ( truth, indeterminacy and falsity) and able to handle incomplete information (such as uncertainty, imprecise, incomplete and inconsistent information)[4].

Wang and Smarandache [5] defined single valued Neutrosophic Set (SVNS). Broumi and Smarandache [4,6,7] offered different operators such as distance and similarity measures over the single valued Neutrosophic Set and their basic properties were studied.

Mumtaz and Smarandache [8] introduced complex Neutrosophic Set. Mumtaz et al. [9] proposed and applied the theory of Neutrosophic cubic Sets in pattern recognition area.

Bahramloo and Hoseini [10] used MCDM method in Intuitionist Fuzzy Sets, which extended by Smarandache [2] to Neutrosophic Set, for raking alternatives.

Biswas [11] summarized the definition given by Wang and Smarandache [5] of single valued Neutrosophic Set as well as the definition of some aggregation operators such as aggregated single valued Neutrosophic, weighted Neutrosophic to solve MCDM problems using extended TOPSIS.

Broumi [7] studied multiple attribute decision making by using interval Neutrosophic uncertain linguistic variables.

Peng [12] also developed a Multi-criteria decision making method based on aggregation operators and TOPSIS in multi hesitant fuzzy environment. Furthermore, Deli et al. [13] applied bipolar Neutrosophic Sets on MCDM problems.

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we present TOPSIS method. Section 3 will focus on the proposed method Simplified-TOPSIS. Afterwards, the Neutrosophic-TOPSIS in section 4. In section 5 a Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS is introduced and it is shown how it can be applied for ranking preferences. In the final section, conclusions are drawn.

### II. TOPSIS METHOD

Let us assume that  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$  is a set of Criteria, with  $n \geq 2$ ,  $A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is the set of Preferences (Alternatives), with  $m \geq 1$ ,  $a_{ij}$  the score of preference  $i$  with respect to criterion  $j$ , and let  $\omega_i$  weight of criteria  $C_i$ .

Using  $a_{ij}$  we construct the decision matrix denoted by

$$D = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

TOPSIS method summarizes as follow :

**Step 1:** The normalized decision matrix is obtained, which is given here with  $r_{ij}$ .

$$r_{ij} = a_{ij} / \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}^2 \right)^{0.5}; j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

**Step 2:** Obtain the weighted normalized decision matrix  $v_{ij}$ :

Multiply each column of the normalized decision matrix by its associated weight.

$$v_{ij} = w_j r_{ij}; j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

**Step 3:** Determine the ideal and negative ideal solutions.

$$A^+ = (v_1^+, v_2^+, \dots, v_n^+) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \max_i \{v_{ij} \mid j \in B\} \right), \\ \left( \min_i \{v_{ij} \mid j \in C\} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$A^- = (v_1^-, v_2^-, \dots, v_n^-) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \min_i \{v_{ij} \mid j \in B\} \right), \\ \left( \max_i \{v_{ij} \mid j \in C\} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

Where sets B and C are associated with the benefit and cost attribute sets, respectively.

**Step 4:** Calculate the separation measures for each alternative from the positive (negative) ideal solution.

The separation from the positive ideal alternative is

$$S_i^+ = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^+)^2 \right\}^{0.5}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Similarly, the separation from the negative ideal alternative is

$$S_i^- = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^-)^2 \right\}^{0.5}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

**Step 5:** The relative closeness to the ideal solution of each alternative is calculated as.

$$T_i = \frac{S_i^-}{(S_i^+ + S_i^-)}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

A set of alternatives can now be ranked according to the descending order of the value of  $T_i$ .

#### A. Numerical example

In the examples below we used TOPSIS to rank the four alternatives.

The table (Table I) below contains the weights of criteria (three criteria  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ ) and the decision matrix summarized by the score of preference  $A_i$  ( $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  and  $A_4$ ) with respect to criterion  $C_i$ .

TABLE I. DECISION MATRIX

$a_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	7	9	9
$A_2$	8	7	8
$A_3$	9	6	8
$A_4$	6	7	8

Calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}$  for each column, we get (Table II).

TABLE II. MULTIPLE DECISION MATRIX

$a_{ij}^2$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	49	81	81
$A_2$	64	49	64
$A_3$	81	36	64
$A_4$	36	49	64
$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}$	230	215	273

Divide each column by  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}^2)^{1/2}$  to get  $r_{ij}$

(Table III).

TABLE III. NORMALIZED DECISION MATRIX

$r_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	0.4616	0.6138	0.5447
$A_2$	0.5275	0.4774	0.4842
$A_3$	0.5934	0.4092	0.4842
$A_4$	0.3956	0.4774	0.4842
$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}$	230	215	273

Multiply each column by  $w_j$  to get  $v_{ij}$  (Table IV).

TABLE IV. WEIGHTED DECISION MATRIX

$v_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	0.3462	0.1151	0.0340
$A_2$	0.3956	0.0895	0.0303
$A_3$	0.4451	0.0767	0.0303
$A_4$	0.2967	0.0895	0.0303
$v_{\max}$	0.4451	0.1151	0.0340
$v_{\min}$	0.2967	0.0767	0.0303

The distance values from the positive and negative ideal solution and the final rankings for decision matrix are showed in Table V.

TABLE V. DISTANCE MEASURE AND RANKING COEFFICIENT

Alternative	$S_i^+$	$S_i^-$	$T_i$
$A_1$	0.0989	0.0627	0.3880
$A_2$	0.0558	0.0997	0.6412
$A_3$	0.0385	0.1484	<b>0.7938</b>
$A_4$	0.1506	0.0128	0.0783

According to values of ranking measure coefficients, the Table V indicates that better alternative is  $A_3$  and preferences are classified as  $A_3 > A_1 > A_4 > A_2$ .

III. SIMPLIFIED-TOPSIS METHOD (OUR PROPOSED METHOD)

Let consider  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$  is a set of Criteria, with  $n \geq 2$ ,  $A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is the set of Preferences (Alternatives), with  $m \geq 1$ ,  $a_{ij}$  the score of preference  $i$  with respect to criterion  $j$ , and let  $\omega_i$  weight of criteria  $C_i$ .

$$D = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Our proposed MCDM method called Simplified-TOPSIS can be described in following steps:

**Step 1:** Calculate weighted decision matrix  $v_{ij}$ .

Multiply each column of the normalized decision matrix by its associated weight

$$v_{ij} = w_j a_{ij}; j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

In our method we have not normalized the decision matrix (step1 of classical TOPSIS (section II)), but we calculate directly the weighted decision matrix  $v_{ij}$  by multiplying  $a_{ij}$  with  $\omega_j$ .

**Step 2:** Determine the maximum (largest) ideal solution (LIS) and minimum (smallest) ideal solution (SIS).

$$A^+ = (v_1^+, v_2^+, \dots, v_m^+) = \left( \max_i \{v_{ij} \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \right)$$

$$A^- = (v_1^-, v_2^-, \dots, v_m^-) = \left( \min_i \{v_{ij} \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \right)$$

**Step 3:** Calculate the sums for each line, by subtracting each number from LIS (from SIS).

$$S_i^+ = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^+)^2 \right\}^{0.5}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Similarly, we compute the sums for each line, by subtracting each number from SIS.

$$S_i^- = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^-)^2 \right\}^{0.5}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Classifying these sums which one is closer to the maximum (or is further from the minimum)

A set of alternatives can now be ranked according to the descending order of the value of sums ( $S_i^+$ ) or ( $S_i^-$ ).

**Step 4(facultative):** We can compute  $T_i$ , though the previous steps enough to rank the alternatives.

$$T_i = \frac{S_i^-}{(S_i^+ + S_i^-)}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

A. Numerical example

In order to compare the result with classical TOPSIS we use the same numerical examples used in classical TOPSIS.

TABLE VI. DECISION MATRIX

$a_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	7	9	9
$A_2$	8	7	8
$A_3$	9	6	8
$A_4$	6	7	8

One multiplies on columns with the weights 12/16, 3/16, and 1/16 respectively, and one gets:

TABLE VII. WEIGHTED DECISION MATRIX

$\omega_j a_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	12/16	3/16	1/16
$A_1$	84/16	27/16	9/16
$A_2$	96/16	21/16	8/16
$A_3$	108/16	18/16	8/16
$A_4$	72/16	21/16	8/16

We compute the sums for each line, by subtracting each number from the largest one:

$$S_{1+} = |84/16 - 108/16| + |21/16 - 27/16| + |9/16 - 9/16| = 1.5000$$

$$S_{2+} = |96/16 - 108/16| + |27/16 - 27/16| + |9/16 - 9/16| = 1.1875$$

$$S_{3+} = |108/16 - 108/16| + |18/16 - 27/16| + |8/16 - 9/16| = 0.6250$$

$$S_{4+} = |72/16 - 108/16| + |21/16 - 27/16| + |8/16 - 9/16| = 2.6875$$

Classifying these sums we get them on places:  $S_{3+}$ ,  $S_{2+}$ ,  $S_{1+}$ ,  $S_{4+}$  in the order of which one is closer to the maximum.

We compute the sums for each line, by subtracting each number from the smaller one:

$$S_{1-} = |84/16 - 72/16| + |27/16 - 18/16| + |9/16 - 8/16| = 1.3750$$

$$S_{2-} = |96/16 - 72/16| + |21/16 - 18/16| + |8/16 - 8/16| = 1.6875$$

$$S_{3-} = |108/16 - 72/16| + |18/16 - 18/16| + |8/16 - 8/16| = 2.2500$$

$$S_{4-} = |72/16 - 72/16| + |21/16 - 18/16| + |8/16 - 8/16| = 0.1875$$

Classifying these sums we get them on places:  $S_{3-}$ ,  $S_{2-}$ ,  $S_{1-}$ ,  $S_{4-}$  in the order of which one is further from the minimum.

If we compute  $T_i$ , we get the same ordering of classical TOPSIS:

$$T_1 = (S_{1-})/[(S_{1-}) + (S_{1+})] = 0.478261$$

$$T_2 = (S_{2-})/[(S_{2-}) + (S_{2+})] = 0.586957$$

$$T_3 = (S_{3-})/[(S_{3-}) + (S_{3+})] = 0.782609$$

$$T_4 = (S_{4-})/[(S_{4-}) + (S_{4+})] = 0.065217$$

The following table (Table VIII) summarized previous calculations

TABLE VIII. DISTANCE MEASURE AND RANKING COEFFICIENT

Alternative	$S_i^+$	$S_i^-$	$T_i$
$A_1$	1.5000	1.3750	0.478261
$A_2$	1.1875	1.6875	0.586957
$A_3$	0.6250	2.2500	<b>0.782609</b>
$A_4$	2.6875	0.1875	0.065217

By applying Simplified-TOPSIS, we get for  $T_3(0.782609)$ ,  $T_2(0.586957)$ ,  $T_1(0.478261)$  and  $T_4(0.065217)$ , and we got with classical TOPSIS  $T_3(0.7938)$ ,  $T_2(0.6412)$ ,  $T_1(0.3880)$  and  $T_4(0.0783)$ .

Hence the order obtained with our approach simplified-TOPSIS is the same of classical TOPSIS:  $T_3$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_4$ , with little change in values between both approaches.

#### IV. NEUTROSOPHIC TOPSIS [11]

The MCDM Neutrosophic TOPSIS approach is explained in the following steps.

**Step 1:** Construction of the aggregated single valued Neutrosophic decision matrix based on decision makers assessments

$$D = (d_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} = (T_{ij}, I_{ij}, F_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$$

Where  $T_{ij}$  denote truth,  $I_{ij}$  indeterminacy and  $F_{ij}$  falsity membership score of preference  $i$  with respect to criterion  $j$  in single valued Neutrosophic.

$w = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)$  with  $\omega_i$  a single valued Neutrosophic weight of criteria (so  $\omega_i = (a_i, b_i, c_i)$ ).

**Example 1:** For compare the results obtained by our approach Neutrosophic-simplified-TOPSIS (will be presented afterwards) with those obtained with Neutrosophic-TOPSIS, we use the example introduced by Biswas [11].

Let  $(DM_1, DM_2, DM_3, DM_4)$  four decisions makers aims to select an alternative  $A_i(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4)$  with respect six criteria  $(C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6)$ .

The Neutrosophic weight of each criterion (Table IX) and Neutrosophic decision matrix (Table X) presented respectively.

TABLE IX. CRITERIA WEIGHTS

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_1$	(0.755,0.222,0.217)	(0.887,0.113,0.107)	(0.765,0.226,0.182)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$\omega_i$	(0.692,0.277,0.251)	(0.788,0.200,0.180)	(0.700,0.272,0.244)

TABLE X. NEUTROSOPHIC DECISION MATRIX

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$A_1$	(0.864,0.136,0.081)	(0.853,0.147,0.092)	(0.800,0.200,0.150)
$A_2$	(0.667,0.333,0.277)	(0.727,0.273,0.219)	(0.667,0.333,0.277)
$A_3$	(0.880,0.120,0.067)	(0.887,0.113,0.064)	(0.834,0.166,0.112)
$A_4$	(0.667,0.333,0.277)	(0.735,0.265,0.195)	(0.768,0.232,0.180)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$A_1$	(0.704,0.296,0.241)	(0.823,0.177,0.123)	(0.864,0.136,0.081)
$A_2$	(0.744,0.256,0.204)	(0.652,0.348,0.293)	(0.608,0.392,0.336)
$A_3$	(0.779,0.256,0.204)	(0.811,0.189,0.109)	(0.850,0.150,0.092)
$A_4$	(0.727,0.273,0.221)	(0.791,0.209,0.148)	(0.808,0.192,0.127)

**Step 2:** Aggregation of the weighted Neutrosophic decision matrix

$$D^w = D \otimes W = (d_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} = (T_{ij}^w, I_{ij}^w, F_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$$

**Step 3:** Determination of the relative Neutrosophic positive ideal solution (RNPIS) and the relative negative ideal solution (RNIS) for SVNSSs.

$$T_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{T_{ij}^w | j \in B\} \right), \left( \min_i \{T_{ij}^w | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$Q_N^+ = (d_1^{w+}, d_2^{w+}, \dots, d_n^{w+})$$

$$T_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \min_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$I_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \max_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$F_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \max_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$Q_N^- = (d_1^{w-}, d_2^{w-}, \dots, d_n^{w-})$$

$$T_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \max_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$I_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \min_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

$$F_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j \in B\} \right), \left( \min_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j \in C\} \right) \right\}$$

Where sets  $B$  and  $C$  are associated with the benefit and cost attribute sets, respectively

**Step 4:** Determination of the distance measure of each alternative from the RNPIS and the RNNIS for SVNNS.

$$D_{Eu}^{i+} (d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w+}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( T_{ij}^{wj}(x) - T_{ij}^{w+}(x) \right)^2 + \\ & \left( I_{ij}^{wj}(x) - I_{ij}^{w+}(x) \right)^2 + \\ & \left( F_{ij}^{wj}(x) - F_{ij}^{w+}(x) \right)^2 \end{aligned} \right.}$$

with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

And

$$D_{Eu}^{i-} (d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w-}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( T_{ij}^{wj}(x) - T_{ij}^{w-}(x) \right)^2 + \\ & \left( I_{ij}^{wj}(x) - I_{ij}^{w-}(x) \right)^2 + \\ & \left( F_{ij}^{wj}(x) - F_{ij}^{w-}(x) \right)^2 \end{aligned} \right.}$$

**Step 5:** Determination of the relative closeness coefficient to the Neutrosophic ideal solution for SVNNS.

$$C_i^* = \frac{NS_i^-}{(NS_i^+ + NS_i^-)}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

A set of alternatives can now be ranked according to the descending order of the value of  $C_i^*$ .

Table below (Table XI) shows the results obtained by Neutrosophic-TOPSIS.

Alternative	$C_i^*$
$A_1$	0.8190
$A_2$	0.1158
$A_3$	<b>0.8605</b>
$A_4$	0.4801

Based on the values of closeness coefficient, the four alternatives are classified as  $A_3 > A_1 > A_4 > A_2$ . Then, the alternative  $A_3$  is the best solution.

#### V. NEUTROSOPHIC-SIMPLIFIED-TOPSIS (OUR PROPOSED METHOD)

**Step 1:** Building of the SVNNS decision matrix and SVNNS weight of each criterion.

$$D = (d_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} = (T_{ij}, I_{ij}, F_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & C_1 & C_2 & \dots & C_n \\ A_1 & \left( \begin{matrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \dots & d_{1n} \end{matrix} \right) \\ A_2 & \left( \begin{matrix} d_{21} & d_{22} & \dots & \vdots \end{matrix} \right) \\ \vdots & \left( \begin{matrix} \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{matrix} \right) \\ A_m & \left( \begin{matrix} d_{m1} & \dots & \dots & d_{mm} \end{matrix} \right) \end{matrix}$$

Where  $T_{ij}$  denote truth,  $I_{ij}$  indeterminacy and  $N_{ij}$  falsity membership score of preference  $i$  with respect to criterion  $j$  in single valued Neutrosophic.

$w = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)$  with  $\omega_i$  a single valued Neutrosophic weight of criteria (so  $\omega_i = (a_i, b_i, c_i)$ )

**Step 2:** Calculate SVNNS weighted decision matrix

$$D^w = D \otimes W = (d_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} = \omega_j \otimes d_{ij}^w = (T_{ij}^w, I_{ij}^w, F_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$$

$$\omega_j \otimes d_{ij} = (a_j T_{ij}, b_j + I_{ij} - b_j I_{ij}, c_j + F_{ij} - c_j F_{ij})$$

**Step 3:** Determine the maximum (larger) Neutrosophic ideal solution (LNIS) and minimum (smaller) Neutrosophic ideal solution (SNIS).

$$A_N^+ = (d_1^{w+}, d_2^{w+}, \dots, d_n^{w+})$$

$$d_j^{\omega+} = (T_j^{\omega+}, I_j^{\omega+}, F_j^{\omega+})$$

$$T_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

$$I_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

$$F_j^{w+} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

$$A_N^- = (d_1^{w-}, d_2^{w-}, \dots, d_n^{w-})$$

$$d_j^{\omega-} = (T_j^{\omega-}, I_j^{\omega-}, F_j^{\omega-})$$

$$T_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \min_i \{T_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

$$I_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{I_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

$$F_j^{w-} = \left\{ \left( \max_i \{F_{ij}^{wj} | j = 1, \dots, n\} \right) \right\}$$

**Step 4:** Calculate the Neutrosophic separation measures for each alternative from LNIS and from SNIS.

In this case we have introduced a new distance measure (definition 1) between two single-valued Neutrosophic (SVNs) using Manhattan distance [14] instead of the Euclidean distance used to calculate similarity measure between two

SVNs in literature and in Neutrosophic-TOPSIS method, the defined distance is used to calculate distance measure.

**Definition 1.** Let  $X_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $X_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$  be a SVN numbers. Then the separation measure between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  based on Manhattan distance is defined as follows:

$$D_{Manh}(X_1, X_2) = |x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| + |z_1 - z_2|$$

The separation from the maximum Neutrosophic ideal solution is :

$$D_{Manh}^{j+}(d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w+}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |T_{ij}^{wj}(x) - T_{ij}^{w+}(x)| + \\ |I_{ij}^{wj}(x) - I_{ij}^{w+}(x)| + \\ |F_{ij}^{wj}(x) - F_{ij}^{w+}(x)| \end{array} \right\}$$

with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$NS_i^+ = \sum_{j=1}^n D_{Manh}^{j+}(d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w+}) \text{ with } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Similarly, the separation from the minimum Neutrosophic ideal solution is:

$$D_{Manh}^{j-}(d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w-}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |T_{ij}^{wj}(x) - T_{ij}^{w-}(x)| + \\ |I_{ij}^{wj}(x) - I_{ij}^{w-}(x)| + \\ |F_{ij}^{wj}(x) - F_{ij}^{w-}(x)| \end{array} \right\}$$

with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$NS_i^- = \sum_{j=1}^n D_{Manh}^{j-}(d_{ij}^{wj}, d_{ij}^{w-}) \text{ with } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Ranking the alternatives according to the values of  $NS_i^-$  or according to  $1/NS_i^+$

**Step 5:** The measure ranking coefficient is calculated as.

$$NT_i = \frac{NS_i^-}{(NS_i^+ + NS_i^-)}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

A set of alternatives can now be ranked according to the descending order of the value of  $NT_i$

#### A. Numerical example

**Step 1:** Building of the SVNS decision matrix and SVNS weight of each criterion.

Let  $A_i(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4)$  a set of alternative and  $C_i(C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6)$  a set of criteria.

Let considers the following Neutrosophic weights of criteria (Table XII) and Neutrosophic decision matrix (Table XIII) respectively (used in above example 1).

TABLE XII. CRITERIA NEUTROSOPHIC WEIGHTS

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$\omega_i$	(0.755,0.222,0.217)	(0.887,0.113,0.107)	(0.765,0.226,0.182)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$\omega_i$	(0.692,0.277,0.251)	(0.788,0.200,0.180)	(0.700,0.272,0.244)

TABLE XIII. NEUTROSOPHIC DECISION MATRIX

$d_{ij}$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$A_1$	(0.864,0.136,0.081)	(0.853,0.147,0.092)	(0.800,0.200,0.150)
$A_2$	(0.667,0.333,0.277)	(0.727,0.273,0.219)	(0.667,0.333,0.277)
$A_3$	(0.880,0.120,0.067)	(0.887,0.113,0.064)	(0.834,0.166,0.112)
$A_4$	(0.667,0.333,0.277)	(0.735,0.265,0.195)	(0.768,0.232,0.180)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$A_1$	(0.704,0.296,0.241)	(0.823,0.177,0.123)	(0.864,0.136,0.081)
$A_2$	(0.744,0.256,0.204)	(0.652,0.348,0.293)	(0.608,0.392,0.336)
$A_3$	(0.779,0.256,0.204)	(0.811,0.189,0.109)	(0.850,0.150,0.092)
$A_4$	(0.727,0.273,0.221)	(0.791,0.209,0.148)	(0.808,0.192,0.127)

**Step 2:** Calculate SVNs weighted decision matrix

$$D^w = (d_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} = (T_{ij}^w, I_{ij}^w, F_{ij}^w)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$$

$$d_{ij}^w = (a_j T_{ij}, b_j + I_{ij} - b_j I_{ij}, c_j + F_{ij} - c_j F_{ij})$$

One multiplies each columns of Neutrosophic decision matrix with the weights of criteria, and one gets:

$$T_{11}^\omega = 0.864 \times 0.755 = 0.6523$$

$$I_{11}^\omega = 0.136 + 0.222 - 0.136 \times 0.222 = 0.328$$

$$F_{11}^\omega = 0.081 + 0.217 - 0.081 \times 0.217 = 0.280$$

TABLE XIV. WEIGHTED DECISION MATRIX

$d_{ij}^w$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$A_1$	(0.6523,0.328,0.28)	(0.757,0.243,0.189)	(0.612,0.381,0.305)
$A_2$	(0.504,0.481,0.434)	(0.645,0.355,0.303)	(0.510,0.484,0.409)
$A_3$	(0.664,0.315,0.269)	(0.787,0.213,0.164)	(0.638,0.354,0.274)
$A_4$	(0.504,0.481,0.434)	(0.652,0.348,0.281)	(0.588,0.406,0.329)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$A_1$	(0.487,0.491,0.432)	(0.649,0.342,0.281)	(0.605,0.371,0.305)
$A_2$	(0.515,0.462,0.404)	(0.514,0.478,0.420)	(0.426,0.557,0.498)
$A_3$	(0.539,0.462,0.404)	(0.639,0.351,0.269)	(0.595,0.381,0.314)
$A_4$	(0.503,0.474,0.417)	(0.623,0.367,0.301)	(0.566,0.412,0.340)

<sup>a</sup>. Numbers are rounded to three decimal place.

**Step 3:** Determine the maximum (larger) Neutrosophic ideal solution (LNIS) and minimum (smaller) Neutrosophic ideal solution (SNIS).

TABLE XV. MAXIMUM (LARGE) NEUTROSOPHIC IDEAL SOLUTION(LNIS)

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$d_j^{o+}$	(0.664,0.315,0.269)	(0.887,0.213,0.264)	(0.638,0.354,0.274)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$d_j^{o+}$	(0.539,0.462,0.404)	(0.649,0.341,0.294)	(0.605,0.371,0.305)

TABLE XVI. MINIMUM (SMALLER) NEUTROSOPHIC IDEAL SOLUTION (SNIS)

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$d_j^{o-}$	(0.504,0.481,0.434)	(0.645,0.355,0.303)	(0.510,0.484,0.409)
	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
$d_j^{o-}$	(0.487,0.491,0.432)	(0.514,0.478,0.420)	(0.426,0.557,0.498)

**Step 4:** Calculate the Neutrosophic separation measures for each alternative from the LNIS and from SNIS.

We compute the sums for each line, by subtracting each alternative from the larger one and by subtracting each alternative from the smaller one.

TABLE XVII. NEUTROSOPHIC SEPARATION MEASURES AND NEUTROSOPHIC MEASURE RANKING

	$NS_i^+$	$NS_i^-$	$NT_i$
$A_1$	0,324	2,07	0,86459295
$A_2$	2,31	0,084	0,03521102
$A_3$	0,047	2,347	<b>0,98021972</b>
$A_4$	1,293	1,101	0,45987356

Based on the values of coefficients of decreasing rank, four alternatives are ranked as  $A_3 > A_1 > A_4 > A_2$  as in Table XVII. Then, the alternative  $A_3$  is also the best solution.

Hence, we get the same rank of Neutrosophic-TOPSIS.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented two new MCDM methods, the first is simplified-TOPSIS, that simplifies the calculation of classical TOPSIS to a simple formulas easy to applying and a reduced number of steps and give same results of classical TOPSIS. The second is MCDM method in Neutrosophic environment, which is too simplifies the Neutrosophic-TOPSIS, extending the Simplified-TOPSIS using single valued Neutrosophic information. Maximum larger) Neutrosophic Ideal Solution (LNIS) and Minimum (smaller) Neutrosophic Ideal Solution (SNIS) are defined from weighted decision matrix. Manhattan distance Neutrosophic measure is defined and used to determine the distances of each alternative from maximum as well as minimum Neutrosophic ideal solutions, which used to calculate the measure ranking coefficient of each alternative.

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