

Fuzzy Regression Based Patient Life Risk Rate Prediction Using Oxygen Level, Pulse Rate And Respiration Rate In Covid-19 Pandemic (FRPRPS)

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Abstract

Today, the general situation worldwide is that the hospitals, sanatoriums and medical colleges are running out of beds, oxygen, medical staff, ventilators and other required paraphernalia that is mandatory for the treatment of the vicious pandemic [1]. The requirement is for a system that takes in some input parameters like Oxygen level of the patient, pulse rate and respiration rate and in turn predicts the Life Risk Rate of that patient [2]. The model used here is a fuzzy regression model that gives the prediction of Life Risk Rate between 1 and 10 units. The lower the predicted Life Risk Rate, the better the chances of survival of the Covid patient. But if the predicted Life Risk Rate is more than the mean of the observations of the Risk in the dataset, then immediate emergency is needed. The benefit of this system is that the patients requiring immediate admission and treatment can be filtered and medical aid in hospital be thereby provided for critical patients. Rest may be home quarantined and domestic medical aid may be given to them until in some unfortunate situation their Risk Rate is near alarming. This paper aims to provide some help in this crucial situation.

Keywords: Fuzzy, Regression, Covid, Prediction, Oxygen Level, Pulse rate

I. Introduction

I. Literature Review

Fuzzy regression analysis gives a fuzzy functional relationship between dependent and independent variables where vagueness is present in some form. The input data may be crisp or fuzzy. In this chapter the authors consider two types of fuzzy regression. The first is based on possibilistic concepts and the second upon a least squares approach. However, in both the notion of "best fit" incorporates the optimization of a functional associated with the problem. In possibilistic regression, this function takes the form of a measure of the spreads of the estimated output, either as a weighted linear sum involving the estimated coefficients in linear regression, or

as quadratic form in the case of exponential possibilistic regression. These optimization problems reduce to linear programming. For the least squares approach, the functional to be minimized is an L_2 distance between the observed and estimated outputs. This reduces to a class of quadratic optimization problems and constrained quadratic optimization. The method can incorporate stochastic fuzzy input and fuzzy kriging uses covariances to obtain BLUE estimators [3].

In this paper, we propose simple but powerful methods for fuzzy regression analysis for Covid affected patients on the basis of oxygen, pulse rate and Respiration rate using R language. Since neural networks have high capability as an approximator of nonlinear mappings, the proposed methods can be applied to more complex systems than the existing LP based methods. First we propose learning algorithms of neural networks for determining a nonlinear interval model from the given input-output patterns. A nonlinear interval model whose outputs approximately include all the given patterns can be determined by two neural networks. In this paper, next is shown two methods for deriving nonlinear fuzzy models from the interval model determined by the proposed algorithms. Nonlinear fuzzy models whose h -level sets approximately include all the given patterns can be derived. Last is shown an application of the proposed methods to a real problem[4].

During the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, reports in social media and the lay press indicate that a subset of patients are presenting with severe hypoxemia in the absence of dyspnea, a problem unofficially referred to as "silent hypoxemia." To decrease the risk of complications in such patients, one proposed solution has been to have those diagnosed with COVID-19 but not sick enough to warrant admission monitor their arterial oxygenation by pulse oximetry at home and present for care when they show evidence of hypoxemia [5]. Though the ease of use and low cost of pulse oximetry makes this an attractive option for identifying problems at an early stage, there are important considerations with pulse oximetry about which patients and providers may not be aware that can interfere with successful implementation of such monitoring programs [6]. Only a few independent studies have examined the performance of pocket oximeters and smart phone-based systems, but the limited available data raise questions about their accuracy, particularly as saturation falls below 90%. There are also multiple sources of error in pulse oximetry that must be accounted for, including rapid fluctuations in measurements when the arterial oxygen pressure/tension falls on the steep portion of the dissociation curve, data acquisition problems when pulsatile blood flow is diminished, accuracy in the setting of severe hypoxemia, dyshemoglobinemias, and other problems. Recognition of these issues and careful counseling of patients about the proper means for measuring their oxygen saturation and when to seek assistance can help ensure successful implementation of needed monitoring programs [7].

The fundamental differences between fuzzy regression and ordinary regression are identified Here [8]. Fuzzy regression can be used to fit fuzzy data and crisp data into a regression model, whereas ordinary regression can only fit crisp data. Through a comprehensive literature review, three approaches of fuzzy regression are summarized. The first approach of fuzzy regression is based on minimizing fuzziness as an optimal criterion. The second approach uses least-squares of errors as a fitting criterion, and two methods are summarized in this paper. The third approach can be described as an interval regression analysis. For each fuzzy regression method, numerical examples and graphical presentations are used to evaluate their characteristic and differences with ordinary least-squares regression.

II. Fuzzy Regression Model for Covid Risk Prediction

The fight to Covid-19 has produced numerous immature remedies, though not quite effective but some being a ray of hope. The major problems in nearly all Covid affected countries are lack of beds or insufficient oxygen and ventilators [9].

The primary deciders for the level of risk associated with a Covid patient are blood oxygen level, pulse rate and respiratory rate. Blood Pressure and Sugar level do play very important part clinically. But when Correlation Analysis of the sample data was done, both of these factors showed minuscule relatedness with Risk shown in table 1[10]. In addition to average levels of systolic and diastolic BP, blood pressure variability (BPV) has also been positively associated with high risks of morbidity and mortality in patients with hypertension. Recent studies also suggested that high BPV could predict a high risk of organ damage, cardiovascular events, and all-cause and cardiovascular mortality independent of mean Blood Pressure in patients with hypertension or cerebrovascular disease [11]. So, though, there is a direct impact of Blood Pressure clinically on Covid patients, the authors have hardcoded the range of Blood Pressure to Risk Factor. Same is also true for Patients with abnormal Sugar levels [12].

Table1: Correlation between Risk and Oxygen, Pulse Rate and Respiration Rate.

	Oxygen	BP(50-120)	Sugar (67-210)	Pulse Rate(60-120)	Rrate(12-25)	RISK
Oxygen	1					
BP(50-120)	0.047024825	1				
Sugar (67-210)	-0.022852292	-0.103454373	1			
Pulse Rate(60-120)	0.841028127	-0.063381361	0.013401908	1		
Rrate(12-25)	0.766020421	-0.127063601	0.048936429	0.896696141	1	
RISK	-0.784911875	0.11131738	-0.062356984	-0.924711669	-0.941593809	1

As is evident from the above table of correlation coefficients, Oxygen, Pulse Rate and Respiration Rate shown in yellow are significant but Blood Pressure and Sugar shown in red do not statistically contribute much as they are very low in correlation coefficients and so avoided [13].

I. Generation of Input and output variable data values through programming in R Language

The authors through a self-developed program in R Language have used the “FuzzyR” library to pass a “fis” file (Fuzzy Inference System) that contains all the details of the fuzzy system including all Member Functions and also the rules that govern the functioning of the system shown in table 2. [14].

Table 2: Fuzzy Rules

Rule	IF Oxygen		AND Pulse Rate	AND Respiration Rate	THEN RISC
1	Low		low	low	High
2	medium		Medium	medium	Medium
3	High		low	medium	Low
4	Low		low	low	High
5	Low		Medium	medium	High
6	medium				Medium
7	Low				High
8	Low		Low		High
9	Low		High		High
10	Low		Low	High	High
11				Medium	Medium

The fis file used here is shown in figure 1. The dataset has been programmatically generated by using the “FuzzyR” library of R language where all input variables were created randomly through loops and so does the output variable. The program is shown in snippetas figure 2 [15].

```
% $Revision: 1.1 $

[System]
Name='COVID_fis.fis'
Ninputs=5
Noutputs=1
Nrules=17
AndMethod='min'
OrMethod='max'
ImpMethod='min'
AggMethod='max'
DefuzzMethod='centroid'

[Input1]
Name='Oxygen Level'
Range=[70 99]
NumMFs=3
MF1='low':'trimf',[70 75 85]
MF2='medium':'trimf',[75 90 100]
MF3='high':'trimf',[85 95 99]
[Input2]
Active='yes'
Name='Pulse Rate'
Range=[60,120]
NumMFs=3
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MF1='low':trimf,[60 75 90]
MF2='high':trimf,[90 105 120]
MF3='Medium':trimf,[70 90 110]
[Input5]
Active='yes'
Name='Respiration Rate'
Range=[9 16]
NumMFs=3
MF1='low':trimf,[11 12 13]
MF2='high':trimf,[12.500 14.500 16]
MF3='medium':trimf,[12 13 14]
[Output1]
Name='RISC'
Range=[0 10]
NumMFs=3
MF1='Low':trapmf,[0 2 5]
MF2='Medium':trimf,[2 5 8]
MF3='High':trapmf,[6 8 10]
[Rules]
1 0 0 0, 3 (1) : 1
2 0 0 0, 3 (1) : 1
3 0 0 0, 1 (1) : 1
0 1 0 0, 3 (1) : 1
0 2 0 0, 2 (1) : 1
0 0 1 0, 3 (1) : 1
0 0 2 0, 3 (1) : 1
0 0 0 1, 3 (1) : 1
0 0 0 3, 2 (1) : 1
0 0 0 1, 3 (1) : 1
0 0 0 2, 3 (1) : 1
#In this experiment all the possible input MFs (Oxygen, Blood Pressure, Sugar, Pulse Rate and
#Respiration Rate) values were tried by a loop and evalfis() function to compute the output crisp
#values of all possible range of complexities. These all 1000 value sets were recorded
library(ggplot2)
library(FuzzyR)

#the fis file is read in fisStdr variable that contains the fis file.
fisStdr<-readfis("F:\ \ COVID_fis.fis")
#IL is a matrix that has 1000 rows and number of columns are 5. The sample size, n is taken to be
1000.
IL<-matrix(, nrow = 1000, ncol = 5)
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#44 different combinations of the 5 input variables were run through this fuzzy program and
recorded in IL Matrix.
for(i in 1:45)
{
IL[i,1]<-runif(1, min=70,max=99)#oxygen
IL[i,2]<-runif(1, min=50,max=120)#BP Diastolic
IL[i,3]<-runif(1, min=70,max=180)#sugar level
IL[i,4]<-runif(1, min=60,max=120)#Pulse rate
IL[i,5]<-runif(1, min=9,max=16)#Respiration Rate
}
#inpt variable stores the resultant matrix IL
inpt<-matrix(IL,1000,5)

print(inpt)

#print("Defuzzified Value")
#evalfis function computes the inference of the fuzzy rules and gives the output variable for each set
of the input variables
resMATStdr=evalfis(inpt,fisStdr)
print(resMATStdr)
```

Figure 1: Fuzzy Program to find Risk

The output of the program with manual alignment and correction is shown in figure 2, discussed later in the paper.

Sl.No	Oxygen	Pulse Rate	RR	RISK						
1	92.75268		90	20	1.44063	21	80.25458	50	11	7.36884
2	81.29803		55	14	7.475597	22	83.4767	51	12	6.804132
3	93.28156		91	22	1.798155	23	93.2275	90	21	1.859923
4	94.75914		89	21	1.670695	24	79.50032	50	10	8.25
5	84.28443		57	12	7.578823	25	87.0218	49	10	7.768378
6	82.02732		58	12	7.768271	26	71.38359	47	9	8.080668
7	92.73445		90	19	1.3326018	27	95.48155	95	18	1.943947
8	82.2335	56.5	13	7.838347	28	93.24146	95	18	1.95	
9	97.95146		91	16	2.985029	29	96.19863	94	19	1.802394
10	86.9621		61	13	5.139235	30	80.56792	60	11.131345	5.186457
11	76.94824		60	10	7.693251	31	87.22132	50	10	7.811492
12	98.59557		90	19	1.688301	32	88.14657	58	12	6.838689
13	79.19153		55	13	6.45691	33	72.17375	48	9	8.476195
14	85.87632		58	13	5.189274	34	87.03107	61	10	7.312335
15	97.63994		92	22	1.705292	35	85.96788	65	10	7.787564
16	90.54865		55	13	5.63892	36	88.32188	65	10	7.8
17	85.19086		59	13	5.25	37	88.29243	68	11	7.058466
18	77.85256		57	12	5.459252	38	91.9299	91	20	1.789683
19	82.89129		50	10	8.64634	39	82.09052	50	11	7.080497
20	73.35761		56	12	6.206666	40	79.15857	45	10	8.638569
21	80.25458		50	11	7.36884	41	85.30994	67	10	7.7220664
22	83.4767		51	12	6.804132	42	78.05531	49	12	8.398254
23	93.2275		90	21	1.859923	43	83.3797	52	11	7.058882

Figure 2: The output of the program with manual alignment and correction

The Blood Pressure and Sugar Membership Functions were not included due to the reason that they had very less correlation with Patient’s Risk but it is hereby pointed that the blood pressure and sugar levels do have strong impact on Covid Patients [16]. So the authors have taken these two factors differently using hard coding system, discussed later in this chapter [24].

II. Membership Functions in Fuzzy Regression Patient Risk Prediction System (FRPRPS)

FRPRPS shown in figure 3 is a combination of Fuzzy and Regression system. In this system, Fuzzy Input variables like Oxygen level of Covid +ve patient, pulse rate and respiratory rate are identified as being significant factors for calculating the Fuzzy output variable Risk factor or Mortality Rate of that patient. Then through the ‘R Language’ a series of combinations of 1000 tuples or rows containing crisp values are generated as shown in figure 2.

After this, the crisp values are perused and checked to see if the Oxygen level-Pulse rate-Respiratory rate-Risk Factor row values are correct in actuality, that is, near to Real world values. If there is some correction needed then that correction is made by having proper alignment and resetting the said crisp input variable(s).

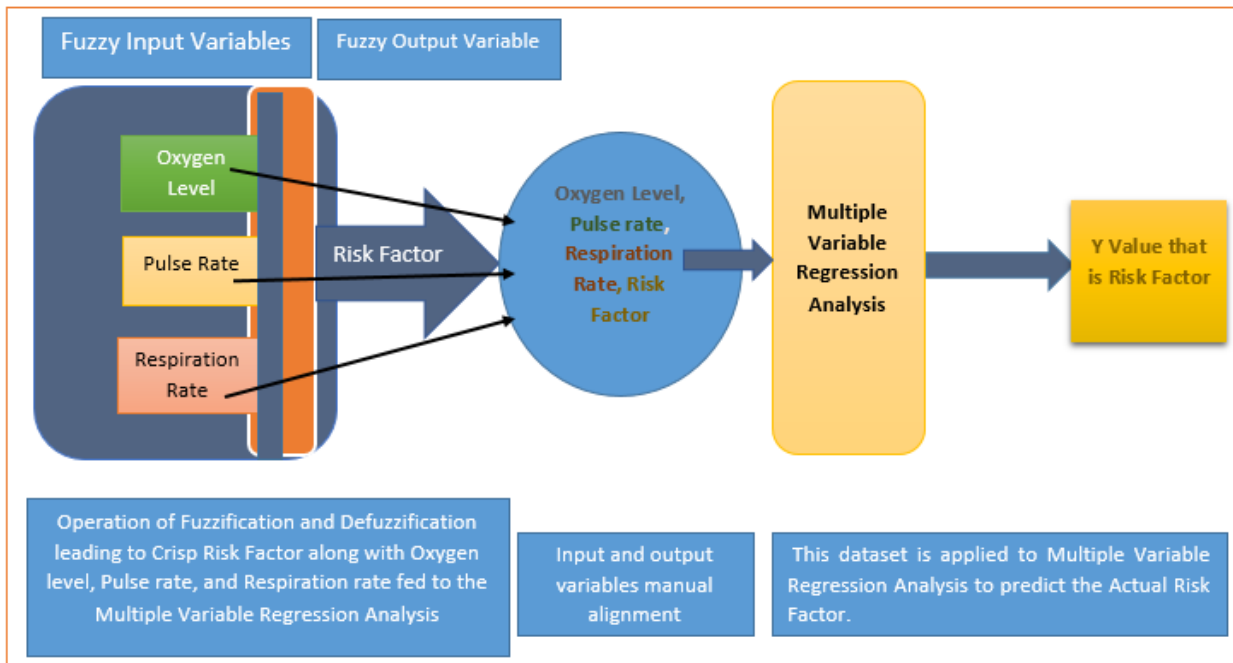


Figure 3: Membership Functions in Fuzzy Regression Patient Risk Prediction System FRPRPS

As a final step these crisp values are passed to the regression analysis component of this system where Oxygen level, Pulse rate, Respiratory rate crisp values are fed as independent variables and Risk Factor is predicted (Risk factor / Mortality rate is the dependent variable).The manual correction of seemingly incorrect crisp values of input variables is as in figure 4.The step by step process of FRPRPS is shown in figure 5.

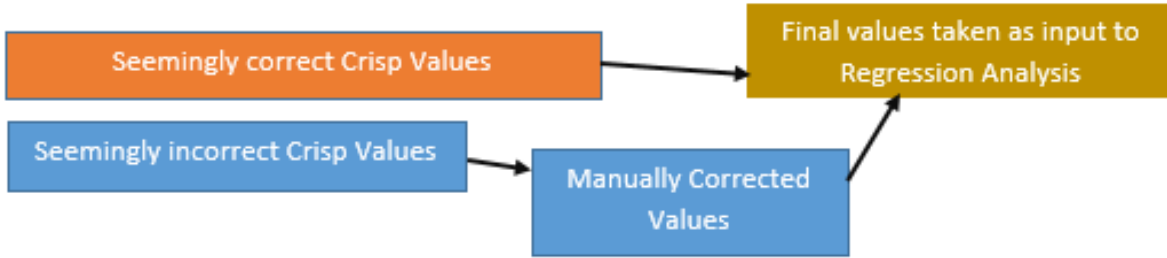


Figure 4: Manual correction of incorrect Crisp values of SaO₂, Pulse Rate and Respiratory Rate.

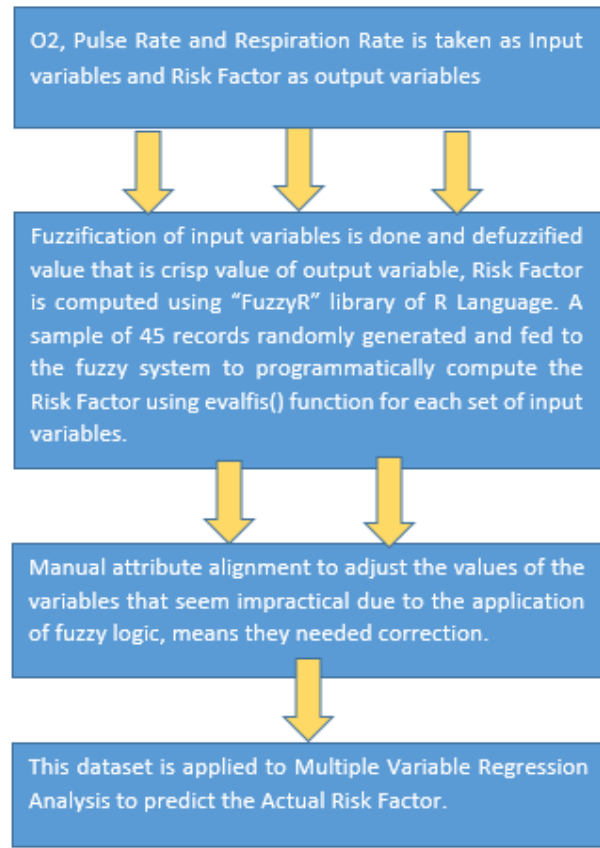


Figure 5. Step by step process of FRPRPS

III. Input Membership Functions

The fuzzy system is developed in FISPro software where all membership functions are created, rules written and inference conducted. But it is pertinent to mention over here that after designing the member ship functions and rules, "FuzzyR" library of R Package is utilized to infer 1000 samples of input and output variables iteratively. The FisPro software interface is shown in figure 7[18]

- Oxygen Level (70 to 99)

The Oxygen Level input variable keeps the record of the oxygen level. The second input variable Pulse Rate ranges from 70, which is very low to 99 that is kept on a higher side and in between lies the range of medium. The “Mamdani” inference mechanism is used with conjunction set to “minimum”. The shape of the membership functions is decided by trial and error.

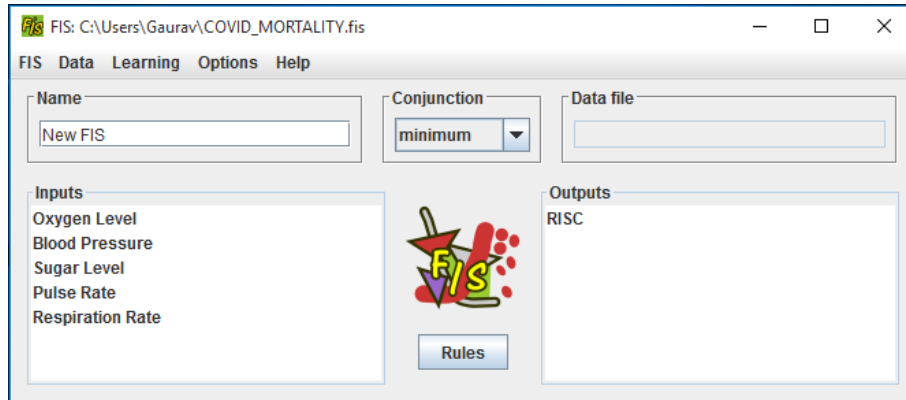


Figure 7: FisPro Software for Fuzzy Logic implementation

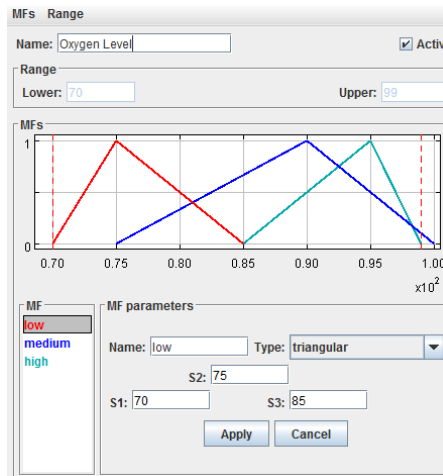


Figure 8a: Oxygen Level Input Variable

- Pulse rate (60 to 120)

The second input variable Pulse Rate ranges from 60 to 120. As in case of oxygen input variable membership functions which are low, medium and high are designed using trial and error basis.

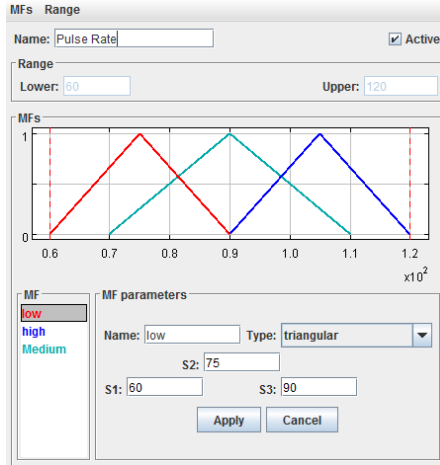


Figure 8b: Pulse Rate Input Variable

- Respiration Rate (11 to 20)

The third input variable Pulse Rate ranges from 11 to 20. As in case of before mentioned input variable membership functions of respiration rate are low, medium and high and are designed using trial and error basis.

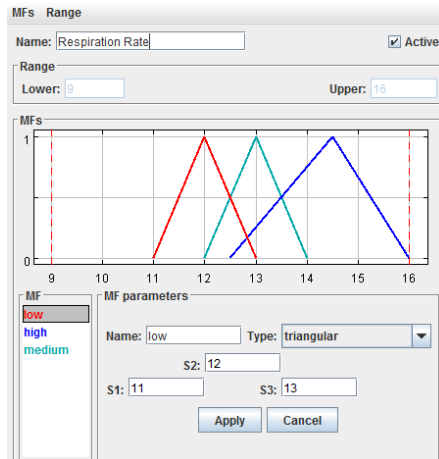


Figure 8c: Respiration Rate Input Variable

IV. Output Membership Functions

I. Risk Factor (1 to 10)

The only output variable Risk Factor ranges from 1 to 10. As in case of input variables membership functions of risk factor are low, medium and high and are also designed using trial and error technique.

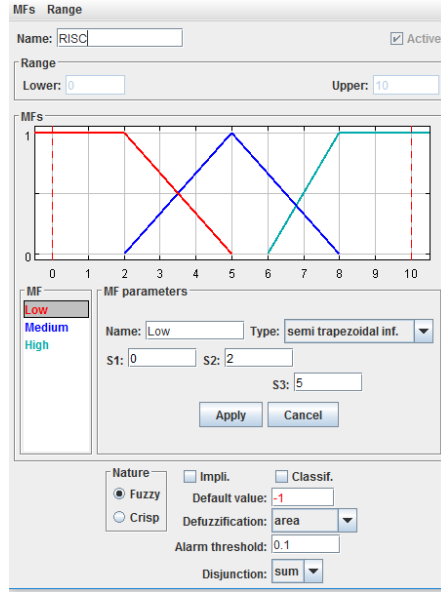


Figure 8d: Risk Factor Output Variable

Once the defuzzified values have been generated for Risk Membership Functions, then the full set of the 3 input MFs and 1 output MF is perused to find if any abruptness, illogical values of variables, or some discrepancy in the combination of all the variables that look incorrect have been manually aligned and set until all 1000 records look correct [11], [19].

The frequency distribution graph for Risk factor generated through Ggplot2 in R for Risk Output Variable is shown in figure 9. According to the graph maximum cases are having Risk factor nearly 2 and the next below level is the number of cases having Risk factor of 7.8 [20], [21]. The third maximum cases are having Risk factor of 4.5.

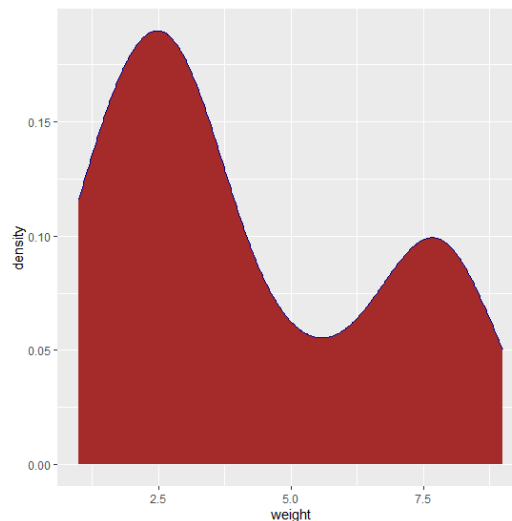


Figure 9: The frequency distribution graph for Risk factor generated through Ggplot2 in R for Risk Output Variable

II. Inference on Fuzzy sets

The data obtained in figure 3 is used as an input to the Regression Analysis. Through the regression analysis conducted over this data, the line of best fit along with coefficients and intercept are established as shown in figure 11a, 11b and 11c [22].

Regression is done in SPSS, Statistical Package for Social Sciences [23]. The Regression details are shown in figure 10[24].

SUMMARY OUTPUT								
Regression Statistics								
Multiple F	0.958948							
R Square	0.919581							
Adjusted R Square	0.913395							
Standard Error	0.763177							
Observations	43							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	3	259.7439	86.58129	148.6531	2.2E-21			
Residual	39	22.71511	0.582439					
Total	42	282.459						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	14.75931	2.002229	7.371441	6.66E-09	10.70942	18.8092	10.70942	18.80920106
Oxygen	-0.00049	0.030823	-0.01595	0.987354	-0.06284	0.061854	-0.06284	0.061854182
Pulse Rate	-0.06193	0.01847	-3.35304	0.001788	-0.09929	-0.02457	-0.09929	-0.024571267
RR	-0.36706	0.065726	-5.58468	1.95E-06	-0.5	-0.23412	-0.5	-0.234116598

Figure 10: Regression Analysis of Fuzzy Data

As enclosed in the yellow boundary, the coefficient of X1 that is, Oxygen is -0.00049, the coefficient of X2 that is, Pulse Rate is -0.06193, the coefficient of X3, Respiratory Rate is -0.36706. The intercept c=14.75931.

The equation of Line of Regression is $Y=m_1X_1+m_2X_2+m_3X_3+\dots\dots\dots(1)$

Which turns out to be: $Y=-0.00049X_1+-0.06193X_2+-0.36706X_3+14.75931\dots\dots\dots(2)$

As an example X1 is taken to be 92, X2 as 70 and X3 as 12. The result comes out to be 5.9742...

The Regression Line of fit for Oxygen is shown in figure 11. a

The x axis shows the oxygen level of the Covid patient that ranges from 70 to 99. On the Y axis lies the risk factor dependent variable Risk which is dependent on Oxygen Level. Safe Oxygen level lies

above 95[25]. The Risk is interpreted between 1 and 10 where 1 is least risk and 10 denotes highest risk.

Table 3: Level of attention required on the basis of Risk factor / Mortality Rate

Risk Factor/ Mortality Rate	Level of Attention Required
1-3	Home Quarantine/Isolation and inhilation
3-5	Home Quarantine with Oxygen support and inhilation
5-7	Immediate Hospital bed allotment with Oxygen Support, Nebulization and inhilation
7-10	Immergency (Extremely high Mortality rate)

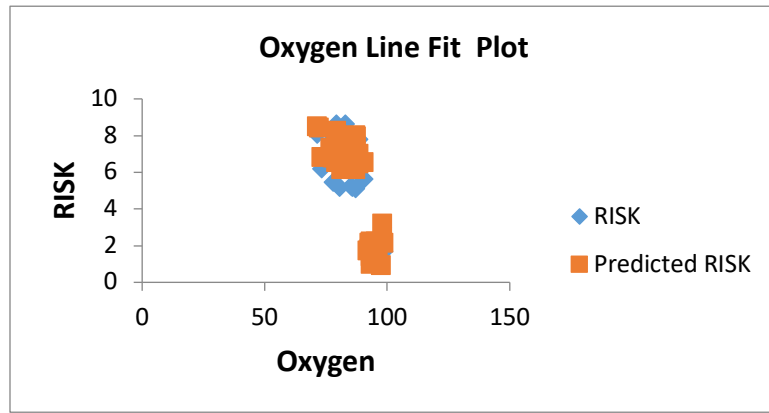


Figure 11.a: Oxygen Line Fit Plot

The Regression Line of fit for Pulse Rate is shown in figure 11.b

The x axis shows the pulse rate of the Covid patient that ranges from 60 to 120.

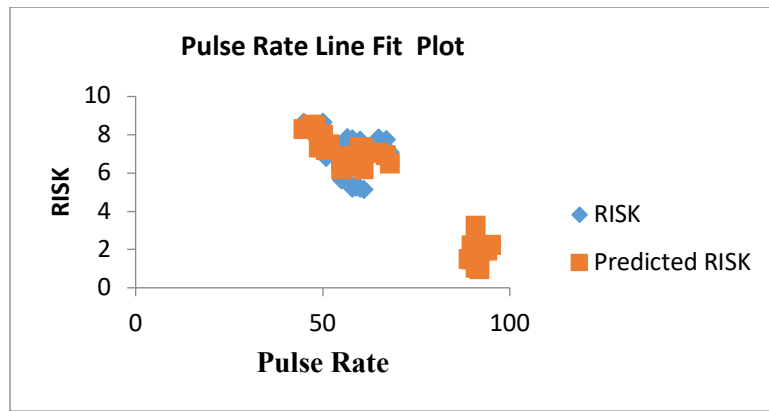


Figure 11b: Pulse rate Line Fit Plot

The Regression Line of fit for Respiration Rate is shown in figure 11.c

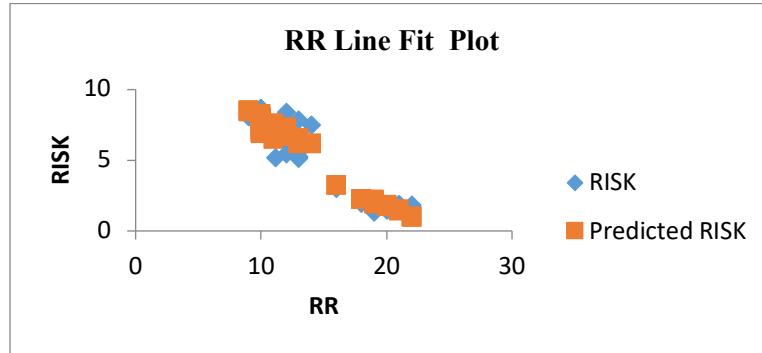


Figure 11 c Respiration Rate Line Fit Plot

The x axis shows the respiration rate of the Covid patient that ranges from 11 to 20. The overlapping clearly indicates the level of dependence between RR and Risk.

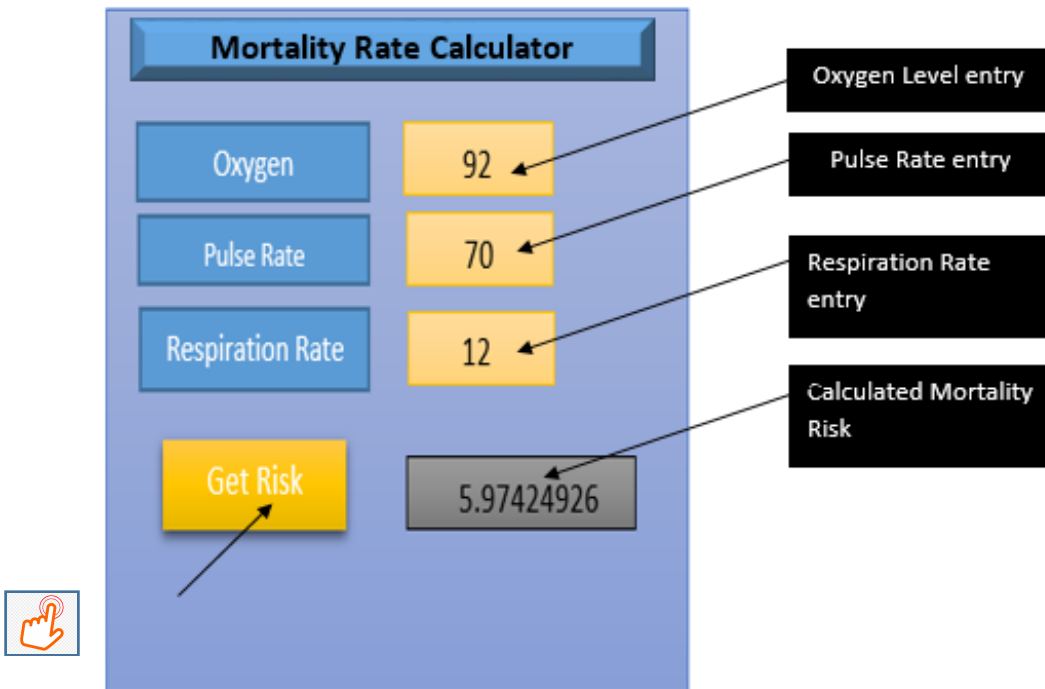


Figure 12. Implementation of Risk factor Prediction

The authors have developed a Mortality Rate Calculator which predicts the risk associated to a Covid patient on the basis of his oxygen level, SaO₂ measured in percentage (%), pulse rate in BPM and respiration rate in breaths per minute. The normal reading of Oxygen level is 98. Anything below 95 is alarming. The pulse rate should be between 70 to 100. The normal respiration rate has 12 to 16 breaths per minute. As you can see the three input variables Oxygen level, Pulse rate and Respiration Rate have to be entered to get the Mortality Risk of a Covid patient as in figure 11. Here with the given data, the click on Get Risk button displays the risk associated. [26].

The graph for the data having Oxygen level SaO₂, pulse rate and RR along with Risk factor in % is shown in figure 12.

Normal range of A normal ABG oxygen level for healthy lungs falls between 80 and 100 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). If a pulse ox measured your blood oxygen level (SpO₂), a normal reading is typically between 95 and 100 percent.[32].

The normal pulse for healthy adults ranges from 60 to 100 beats per minute. The pulse rate may fluctuate and increase with exercise, illness, injury, and emotions. Females ages 12 and older, in general, tend to have faster heart rates than do males. Athletes, such as runners, who do a lot of cardiovascular conditioning, may have heart rates near 40 beats per minute and experience no problems [33]. The mortality rate of a Covid patient is shown as a curved line in figure 13 where SaO₂, PR and RR are depicted as clustered column histogram.

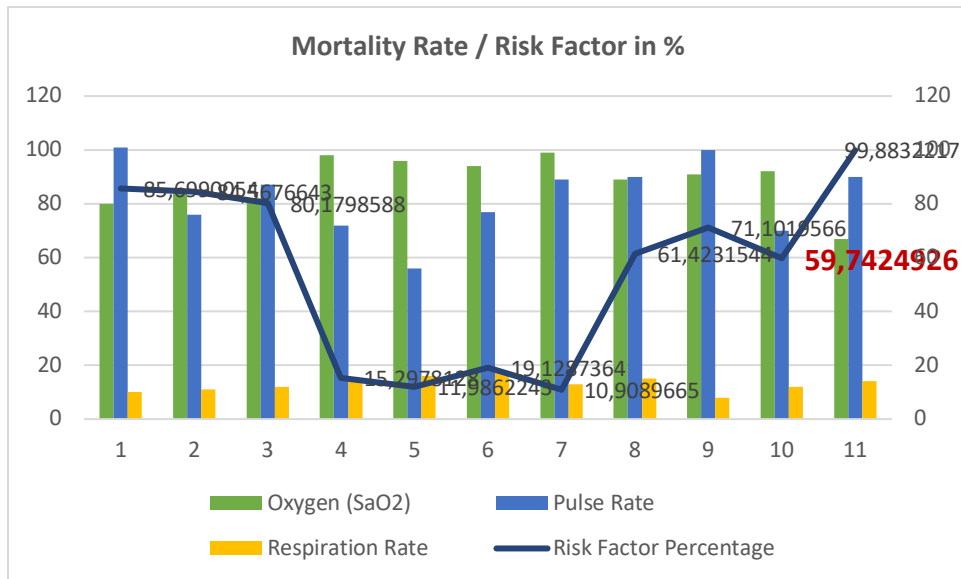


Figure 13. Clustered column Histogram for Oxygen, pulse rate and Respiration rate with output variable Risk factor measured here in this graph as percentage.

V. Blood Pressure and Sugar Level

As pointed out earlier that blood pressure and sugar showed very low level of correlation with Risk, but clinically both play a vital role in deciding the risk. The problem with Blood Pressure and sugar level is that these values move in both directions that is Low←---Normal--→High which is not a suitable criteria for fuzzy logic. This was the reason for taking blood pressure and sugar separately as factors for calculating risk [27].

If you have high blood pressure, it's a good idea to take extra care to protect yourself during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Early research shows that people with this condition may be more likely to get COVID-19, have worse symptoms or even die from the infection [19].

High Blood Pressure Risks

Growing data shows a higher risk of COVID-19 infections and complications in people with high blood pressure.

Analysis of early data from both China and the U.S. shows that high blood pressure is the most commonly shared pre-existing condition among those hospitalized, affecting between 30% to 50% of the patients. Same also goes for people having moderate to high diabetes.

VI. Conclusion and Future Scope

This paper aims to provide a quick opinion about the degree of Risk involved for a Covid patient on the basis of his Oxygen level, pulse rate and respiration rate. The FRPRPS first applies Fuzzy logic rules on three input variables and a single output variable. This is done iteratively to generate 1000 rows of oxygen level, pulse rate and respiration rate along with the Risk using FuzzyR library. Then, this fuzzy system is manually aligned for correctness if it was needed. The fuzzy system is then passed through a regression model to predict the Risk. Blood Pressure and Sugar were not taken as input variables because they grow in both directions that is normal to low and normal to high. This feature of bidirectional growth cannot be accommodated by fuzzy paradigm [28].

As a future scope, the shape of the membership functions may be altered in order to produce better results [29], [30]. Blood Pressure and Sugar level may be vectored unidirectional in order to be suited as input variables for Fuzzy System to produce results dependent on these two as well [31].

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