

# Performance Efficiency Of The Colleges Affiliated With Bharathidasan University:A Fuzzy DEA Approach

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**Abstract:** *The aim of this study is to use Fuzzy Data Envelopment Analysis to assess the efficiency of colleges affiliated with Bharathidasan University. This approach suggests a framework for evaluating the best performing colleges using a combination of input and output variables. The researcher used five uncertain input variables for this study such as the number of students, number of faculty, number of qualified faculty, number of text books in the library and students benefited from scholarships as well as two uncertain output variables such as the number of students placed on campus and the number of students enrolled for Higher Studies. By using a hybrid learning procedure, the proposed Fuzzy Inference System can construct an input-output mapping based on the form of fuzzyif-then rules and stipulated input-output data pairs. This analysis compares the colleges and assists us in determining which one is the best.*

**Keywords:** *Fuzzy Inference System, Graded Mean Integration Representation, Fuzzy Constant Returns to Scale model, Fuzzy Variable Returns to Scale model.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is a technique that focuses on a specific application of linear programming. It was created for the purpose of evaluating the performance measurement. It's been used to assess the relative performance of a group of companies that produce a variety of identical outputs from a variety of identical inputs. The DEA was introduced by Charnes, Cooper, and Rhodes in 1978 [3]. Farrell [4] developed the DEA principles in 1957. It's a performance evaluation instrument for determining the relative effectiveness of decision-making units [DMUs] in organizations. Many articles have been published on the application of DEA in real-world situations. For multi-input, multi-output production functions, the framework has been used in a variety of industries. The best performing DMU is given a unit or 100 percent efficiency score, and the performance of other DMUs is rated between 0 and 100 percent in comparison to this best performance [7 & 8].

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

According to a review of previous research literatures, DEA can be used in a variety of fields.

In 2003, Saowanee Lertworasirikul et al.,[9] develops DEA models using imprecise data represented by fuzzy sets. They discussed an approach that transforms fuzzy DEA models into possibility DEA models by using possibility measures of fuzzy events (fuzzy constraints). A taxonomy and review of the fuzzy DEA methods were discussed by Adel Hatamiet al.,[1]in 2011. Also, they present a classification scheme with four primary categories, namely, the tolerance approach, the  $\alpha$ -level based approach, the fuzzy ranking approach and the possibility approach. Loganathan et al.,[6] converted the fractional programming problem into a single objective linear programming problem in parametric form and introduced new fuzzy arithmetic and fuzzy ranking to obtain the optimal solution without converting to its equivalent crisp linear programming problem in 2019.

This analysis differs entirely from the previous studies. In this study, the researcher considered the nature of Fuzzy DEA applications and used them to assess the effectiveness of Bharathidasan University's affiliated colleges from 2015 to 2019.

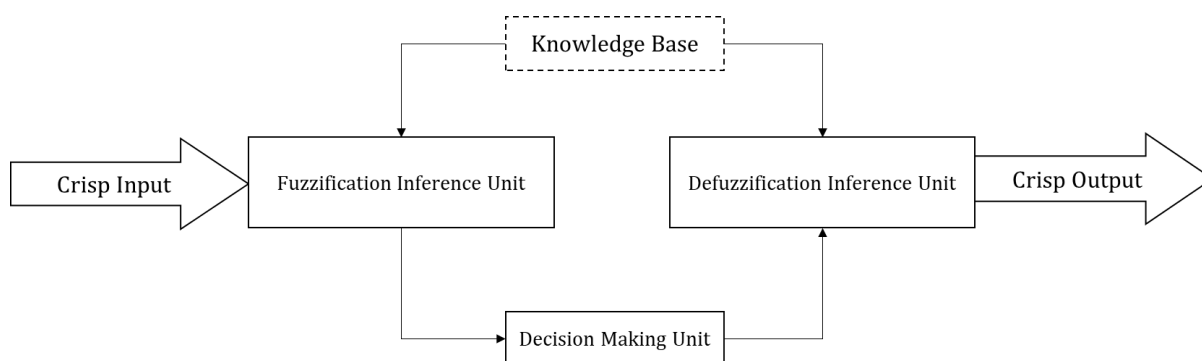
## 3. METHODOLOGY

### Fuzzy Inference System

A fuzzy inference system is composed of five functional blocks:

- i. A rule base containing a number of fuzzy IF–THEN rules.
- ii. A database which defines the membership functions of the fuzzy sets used in the fuzzy rules.
- iii. A decision-making unit which performs the inference operations on the rules.
- iv. A fuzzification inference which transforms the crisp inputs into degree of match with linguistic values.
- v. A defuzzification interface which transforms the fuzzy results of the inference into a crisp output.

Usually, the rule base and the database are jointly referred to as the knowledge base. Several types of FIS have been proposed in the literature. It is due to the differences between the specification of the consequent part and the defuzzification schemes [5].



Flowchart: 1 Fuzzy Inference System [5]

#### 4. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

##### Fractional DEA Program

Let there be N DMUs whose efficiencies have to be compared. Let us take one of the DMUs. Say the  $m^{th}$  DMU. And maximize its efficiency, according to the formula given above. Here the  $m^{th}$  DMU is the reference DMU [3].

The mathematical problem is,

$$Max E_m = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J v_{jm} y_{jm}}{\sum_{i=1}^I u_{im} x_{im}}$$

Subject to the Constraints

$$0 \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J v_{jm} y_{jn}}{\sum_{i=1}^I u_{im} x_{in}} \leq 1; n = 1, 2, K, J$$

$$v_{jm}, u_{im} \geq 0; i = 1, 2, K, I; j = 1, 2, K$$

Where,

$E_m$  is the efficiency of the  $m^{th}$  DMU,

$Y_{ij}$  is the  $j^{th}$  output of the  $m^{th}$  DMU,

$V_{jm}$  is the weight of that output,

$X_{im}$  is  $i^{th}$  the input of the  $m^{th}$  DMU,

$U_{jm}$  is the weight of that input, and

$Y_{jn}$  and  $X_{in}$  are output  $j^{th}$  and  $i^{th}$  input, respectively, of the  $n^{th}$  DMU,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

Note that here n includes m.

##### The Fuzzy DEA principles:

The observed values in real-world problems are often imprecise or vague. Imprecise or vague data may be the result of unquantifiable, incomplete and non-obtainable information. Imprecise or vague data is often expressed with bounded intervals, ordinal (rank order) data or fuzzy numbers. In recent years, many researchers have formulated fuzzy DEA models to deal with situations where some of the input and output data are imprecise or vague [1].

##### Fuzzy Fractional DEA Program

The data in the conventional CCR and BCC models assume the form of specific numerical values. However, the observed value of the input and output data are sometimes imprecise or vague. Sengupta (1992) [10, 11] was the first to introduce a fuzzy mathematical programming approach in which fuzziness was incorporated into the DEA model by defining tolerance levels on both the objective function and constraint violations.

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The mathematical problem is,

$$\text{Max } \tilde{E}_m = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J v_{jm} \tilde{y}_{jm}}{\sum_{i=1}^I u_{im} \tilde{x}_{im}}$$

Subject to the Constraints

$$0 \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J v_{jm} \tilde{y}_{jm}}{\sum_{i=1}^I u_{im} \tilde{x}_{im}} \leq 1; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, k, j$$

$$v_{jm}, u_{im} \geq 0; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k, i; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

Where,

$\tilde{E}_m$  is the efficiency of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  DMU,

$\tilde{y}_{ij}$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  fuzzy output of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  DMU,

$y_{jm}$  is the weight of that output,

$\tilde{u}_{im}$  is  $i^{\text{th}}$  the fuzzy input of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  DMU,

$x_{jm}$  is the weight of that input and

$Y_{jn}$  and  $X_{in}$  are output  $j^{\text{th}}$  and  $i^{\text{th}}$  input, respectively, of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  DMU,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

Note that here  $n$  includes  $m$ .

### Constant Returns to Scale & Variable Returns to Scale Model

The original CRS model was pertinent but to that expertise which is categorized by Constant Returns to Scale. The major promotion was extended by chance, and cooper (VRS) model to facilitate expertise that reveals the variable returns to scale. This study has used input-oriented DEA model, which emphasizes on the minimization of inputs and the maximization of outputs held at their current level and also the VRS model with varying returns to scale is believed.

#### General Form of F-CRS Model

The general form Output Maximization F-DEA [F-CRS] model can be represented in the form of Fuzzy Fractional Programming Model as follows: Here the general model is built to maximize the efficiency of the output variable:

$\tilde{v}_{jq} - j^{\text{th}}$  fuzzy output value of the  $q^{\text{th}}$  DMU

$y_{jq} - j^{\text{th}}$  output variable of the  $q^{\text{th}}$  DMU

$\tilde{u}_{iq} - i^{\text{th}}$  fuzzy input value of the  $q^{\text{th}}$  DMU

$x_{iq} - i^{\text{th}}$  input value of the  $q^{\text{th}}$  DMU

$\tilde{E}_q -$  Efficiency of the  $q^{\text{th}}$  DMU

$$\text{Max } \tilde{E}_q = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq}}{\sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq}}$$

Subject to the constraints

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq}}{\sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq}} \leq 1; \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$v_{jq}, y_{jq}, \tilde{u}_{iq}, \tilde{x}_{iq} \geq 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, s; j = 1, 2, \dots, m, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Solving this Fractional Programming Problem directly is so tedious; hence the Fractional Programming model is changed into regular Linear Programming model as identified infra:

$$\text{Max } E_q = \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq}$$

Subject to the constraints

$$\sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq} = 1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq} - \sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq} \leq 0; \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{v}_{jq}, y_{jq}, \tilde{u}_{iq}, x_{iq} \geq 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, s; j = 1, 2, \dots, m, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

The universal form of Input Minimization F-DEA [F-CRS] Linear Programming model can be interpreted as sticks with:

$$\text{Min } \tilde{E}_q = \sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq}$$

Subject to the constraints

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq} = 1; \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{v}_{jq} y_{jq} - \sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_{iq} x_{iq} \leq 0; \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{v}_{jq}, y_{jq}, \tilde{u}_{iq}, x_{iq} \geq 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, s; j = 1, 2, \dots, m, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

General form of F-VRS Model

The Fuzzy DEA envelopment program for considering variables return to scale is as follows [2]:

$$\text{Min } \theta_m$$

Subject to the Constraints

$$\tilde{Y}\lambda \geq \tilde{Y}_m; \quad \tilde{X}\lambda \leq \theta \tilde{X}_m$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n = 1;$$

$$\tilde{\lambda} \geq 0; \quad \tilde{\theta}_m \text{ free variable}$$

### Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number

A Trapezoidal fuzzy number, which represented with four points as follows,  $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ ,  $a_i \in R$ , This representation is interpreted as membershipfunction

$$\mu_A = \begin{cases} \frac{x - a_1}{a_2 - a_1} & a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ 1 & a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ \frac{a_4 - x}{a_4 - a_3} & a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

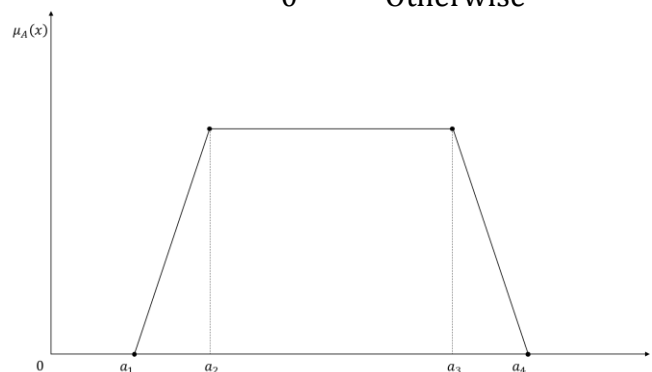


Figure: 1 Membership function of Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number

### Defuzzification

Since technical processes require clear control actions, a procedure which generates net values from one or several given fuzzy numbers.

### Graded Mean Integration representation

Chen and Hsieh propose graded mean integration representation for representing generalized fuzzy number [12, 13].

If the generalized fuzzy number  $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4; w)$ , then the graded mean h-level is  $\frac{h[L^{-1}(h)+R^{-1}(h)]}{2}$ . Where  $L^{-1}$  and  $R^{-1}$  are inverse functions of  $L$  and  $R$  [12,13].

And, the defuzzified value of the Fuzzy number  $A$  by the graded mean integration representation  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$  is defined as [12,13]

$$\mathfrak{R}(A) = \frac{\int_0^h \left[ \frac{L^{-1}(h)+R^{-1}(h)}{2} \right] dh}{\int_0^w h dh}$$

Where  $h \in (0, w)$ , and  $0 < w \leq 1$ .

If  $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$  is a trapezoidal fuzzy number. Chen and Hsieh have already found the general formulae of the representation of generalized pentagonal fuzzy number as follows [12,13]:

$$\mathfrak{R}(A) = \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3 + a_4}{6}$$

For this study, the researcher used Graded Mean Integration representation method for defuzzification [12,13].

### Data Collection and Selection of Input and Output Variables

For this research, the required data of selected Colleges under Bharathidasan University based on the availability of reputed data have been carried from the Official Website for the Academic years 2015-2019.

Reviewing the literature on the application of Fuzzy DEA, different studies have used different combination of inputs and yields. The current study considered five input variables and two output variables in order to hold an elaborate study. The variables under the study are presented in the given figure.

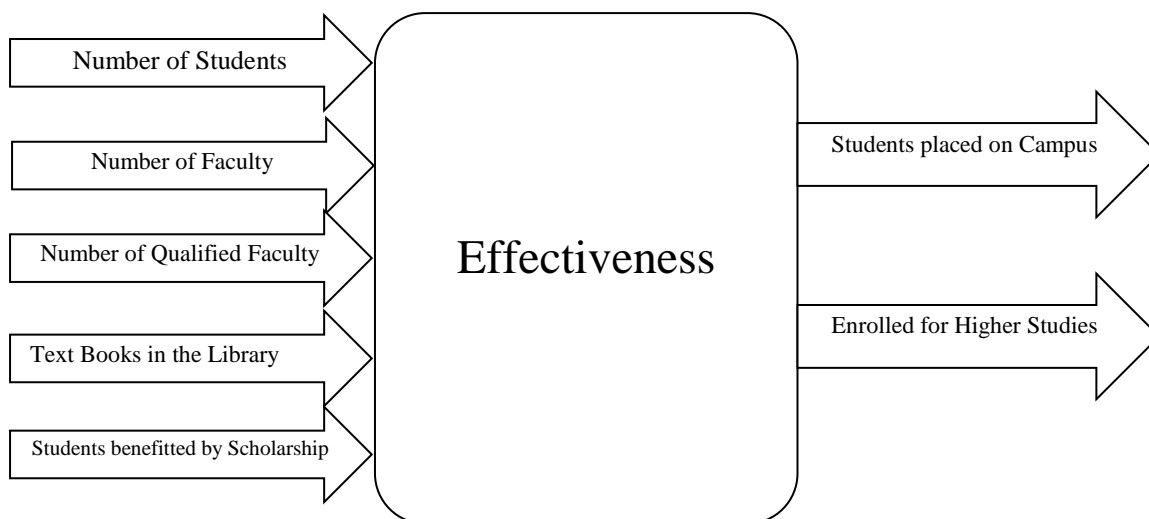


Figure: 2 Selected input and output variables

**Problem Formulation: Effectiveness**

**Fuzzy Constant Returns to Scale [Output Maximization]**

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$$Max E_{ADMC} = \frac{363x_1 + 249x_2}{1674x_3 + 45x_4 + 31x_5 + 33499x_6 + 1497x_7}$$

Subject to the Constraints,

$$\frac{114x_1 + 241x_2}{5415x_3 + 84x_4 + 53x_5 + 78155x_6 + 1210x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{304x_1 + 237x_2}{7027x_3 + 149x_4 + 93x_5 + 89354x_6 + 5319x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{284x_1 + 49x_2}{3274x_3 + 141x_4 + 32x_5 + 14577x_6 + 1253x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{230x_1 + 286x_2}{7710x_3 + 337x_4 + 124x_5 + 99700x_6 + 3302x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{356x_1 + 113x_2}{5008x_3 + 202x_4 + 40x_5 + 29944x_6 + 661x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{473x_1 + 52x_2}{2446x_3 + 99x_4 + 48x_5 + 41853x_6 + 159x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{3x_1 + 71x_2}{3146x_3 + 63x_4 + 37x_5 + 20817x_6 + 3584x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{5x_1 + 24x_2}{4182x_3 + 120x_4 + 68x_5 + 57688x_6 + 3585x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{20x_1 + 95x_2}{1794x_3 + 87x_4 + 53x_5 + 24026x_6 + 1146x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{6x_1 + 56x_2}{4383x_3 + 56x_4 + 33x_5 + 2577x_6 + 4063x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{75x_1 + 161x_2}{5012x_3 + 74x_4 + 57x_5 + 75809x_6 + 2167x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{12x_1 + 49x_2}{3445x_3 + 144x_4 + 29x_5 + 23980x_6 + 723x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{226x_1 + 411x_2}{10150x_3 + 436x_4 + 157x_5 + 177252x_6 + 3184x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{7x_1 + 88x_2}{4185x_3 + 104x_4 + 72x_5 + 46211x_6 + 4188x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{10x_1 + 125x_2}{2604x_3 + 59x_4 + 48x_5 + 32041x_6 + 1120x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{44x_1 + 100x_2}{3434x_3 + 207x_4 + 108x_5 + 97592x_6 + 1458x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{198x_1 + 122x_2}{3703x_3 + 175x_4 + 55x_5 + 40694x_6 + 2777x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{98x_1 + 154x_2}{1620x_3 + 172x_4 + 135x_5 + 51188x_6 + 2863x_7} \leq 1$$

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$$\frac{12x_1 + 77x_2}{3516x_3 + 137x_4 + 81x_5 + 65352x_6 + 4122x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{210x_1 + 181x_2}{4272x_3 + 82x_4 + 42x_5 + 47599x_6 + 2091x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{18x_1 + 352x_2}{3860x_3 + 166x_4 + 28x_5 + 29165x_6 + 390x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{246x_1 + 130x_2}{2468x_3 + 171x_4 + 72x_5 + 6980x_6 + 2357x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{189x_1 + 186x_2}{6206x_3 + 302x_4 + 104x_5 + 158909x_6 + 1042x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{41x_1 + 75x_2}{1195x_3 + 138x_4 + 30x_5 + 26505x_6 + 841x_7} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{3x_1 + 28x_2}{3475x_3 + 60x_4 + 53x_5 + 40714x_6 + 3008x_7} \leq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7 \geq 0$$

The corresponding LPP structure for the above problem can be written as follows,

$$\text{Max } E_{ADMC} = 363x_1 + 249x_2$$

Subject to the Constraints,

$$1674x_3 + 45x_4 + 31x_5 + 33499x_6 + 1497x_7 = 1$$

$$114x_1 + 241x_2 - 5415x_3 - 84x_4 - 53x_5 - 78155x_6 - 1210x_7 \leq 0$$

$$304x_1 + 237x_2 - 7027x_3 - 149x_4 - 93x_5 - 89354x_6 - 5319x_7 \leq 0$$

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$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8 \geq 0$$

**Fuzzy Variable Returns to Scale:**

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$$\text{Min } x_{28} - x_{29}$$

Subject to the constraints

$$387x_1 + 51x_2 + 29x_3 + 128x_4 + 317x_5 + 439x_6 + 705x_7 + 2x_8 + 12x_9 + x_{10} + x_{11} + 272x_{12} + 3x_{13} + 637x_{14} + x_{15} + 21x_{16} + 175x_{17} + 225x_{18} + 98x_{19} + 2x_{20} + 25x_{21} + 209x_{22} + 154x_{23} + 499x_{24} + 280x_{25} + 110x_{26} + x_{27} \geq 387$$

$$59x_1 + 461x_2 + 96x_3 + 49x_4 + 284x_5 + 136x_6 + 64x_7 + 45x_8 + 23x_9 + 45x_{10} + 42x_{11} + 158x_{12} + 33x_{13} + 494x_{14} + 91x_{15} + 107x_{16} + 100x_{17} + 165x_{18} + 154x_{19} + 51x_{20} + 134x_{21} + 204x_{22} + 262x_{23} + 198x_{24} + 186x_{25} + 73x_{26} + 56x_{27} \geq 59$$

$$1928x_1 + 5332x_2 + 7301x_3 + 1957x_4 + 8473x_5 + 5008x_6 + 2434x_7 + 3602x_8 + 4169x_9 + 1999x_{10} + 4374x_{11} + 4868x_{12} + 4008x_{13} + 10133x_{14} + 4145x_{15} + 2847x_{16} + 3330x_{17} + 3550x_{18} + 1620x_{19} + 1415x_{20} + 3673x_{21} + 3964x_{22} + 3860x_{23} + 3711x_{24} + 6063x_{25} + 813x_{26} + 3625x_{27} - 1928x_{28} + 1928x_{29} \leq 0$$

$$42x_1 + 81x_2 + 318x_3 + 141x_4 + 360x_5 + 205x_6 + 124x_7 + 56x_8 + 136x_9 + 86x_{10} + 60x_{11} + 70x_{12} + 164x_{13} + 450x_{14} + 104x_{15} + 55x_{16} + 209x_{17} + 175x_{18} + 172x_{19} + 59x_{20} + 138x_{21} + 112x_{22} + 161x_{23} + 181x_{24} + 273x_{25} + 118x_{26} + 62x_{27} - 42x_{28} + 42x_{29} \leq 0$$

$$29x_1 + 58x_2 + 106x_3 + 32x_4 + 121x_5 + 61x_6 + 52x_7 + 35x_8 + 68x_9 + 51x_{10} + 40x_{11} + 53x_{12} + 32x_{13} + 160x_{14} + 72x_{15} + 46x_{16} + 106x_{17} + 66x_{18} + 135x_{19} + 49x_{20} + 86x_{21} + 60x_{22} + 30x_{23} + 71x_{24} + 117x_{25} + 32x_{26} + 54x_{27} - 29x_{28} + 29x_{29} \leq 0$$

$$33780x_1 + 78644x_2 + 89354x_3 + 26518x_4 + 104611x_5 + 31418x_6 + 41853x_7 + 22069x_8 + 58473x_9 + 26078x_{10} + 16387x_{11} + 103556x_{12} + 24272x_{13} + 201673x_{14} + 57026x_{15} + 32203x_{16} + 98015x_{17} + 41096x_{18} + 51188x_{19} + 23971x_{20} + 66038x_{21} + 47749x_{22} + 39922x_{23} + 7981x_{24} + 160250x_{25} + 26535x_{26} + 45513x_{27} - 33780x_{28} + 33780x_{29} \leq 0$$

$$1579x_1 + 1347x_2 + 5467x_3 + 1261x_4 + 2803x_5 + 525x_6 + 326x_7 + 3868x_8 + 4347x_9 + 1392x_{10} + 5352x_{11} + 2549x_{12} + 728x_{13} + 2895x_{14} + 4319x_{15} + 1184x_{16} + 1655x_{17} + 2491x_{18} + 2863x_{19} + 3898x_{20} + 3746x_{21} + 2122x_{22} + 3255x_{23} + 2444x_{24} + 1919x_{25} + 717x_{26} + 4462x_{27} - 1579x_{28} + 1579x_{29} \leq 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{27} x_i = 1$$

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, 27$$

All Such 216 problems were generated from the collected data and solved using the software TORA.

## 5. EMPIRICAL RESULTS

### Fuzzy Constant Return to Scale [F-CCR Model]

The Fuzzy DEA performance efficiency score based on Technical Efficiency [Fuzzy Constant Returns to Scale] under the CCR Model is shown in Table 1. The Analysis reveals that among the selected 27 Colleges taken for the study two colleges attained the maximum efficiency score as 1.

Table 1: F-DEA Efficiency Score – F-CCR Model

| Name of the Institution                     | Efficiency Score           | De-fuzzified Score |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam      | 1, 1, 1, 0.48              | 0.91               |
| A.V.C. College, Mayiladuthurai              | 0.831, 1, 0.626, 0.354     | 0.74               |
| A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Tanjore       | 0.341, 0.165, 0.62, 0.622  | 0.42               |
| Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam | 1, 0.449, 0.646, 0.321     | 0.59               |
| Bishop Heber College, Trichy                | 0.323, 0.477, 1, 0.794     | 0.68               |
| Cauvery College for Women, Trichy           | 1, 1, 1, 0.879             | 0.98               |
| Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College, Perambalur | 1, 1, 1, 1                 | 1.00               |
| Govt. Arts College for Women, Pudukkottai   | 0.37, 0.284, 0.945, 0.927  | 0.63               |
| Government Arts College, Karur              | 0.051, 0.068, 0.286, 0.24  | 0.17               |
| Government Arts College, Trichy             | 0.448, 0.275, 0.589, 0.44  | 0.44               |
| Government College Women, Kumbakonam        | 1, 0.314, 0.633, 0.164     | 0.51               |
| Holy Cross College, Trichy                  | 0.427, 0.699, 0.646, 0.766 | 0.65               |
| J.J. College of Arts & Science, Pudukkottai | 0.175, 0.203, 0.71, 0.093  | 0.35               |
| Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy               | 0.38, 0.685, 0.89, 0.509   | 0.67               |
| K. N. Govt. College for Women, Thanjavur    | 0.227, 0.262, 0.493, 0.5   | 0.37               |
| Khadir Mohideen College, Adirampattinam     | 0.535, 0.515, 1, 0.699     | 0.71               |
| National College, Trichy                    | 0.254, 0.425, 0.614, 0.589 | 0.49               |
| Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti       | 0.396, 0.671, 0.472, 0.382 | 0.51               |
| Periyar E.V.R. College, Trichy              | 0.639, 1, 0.2, 1           | 0.67               |
| Poompuhar College, Melaiyur                 | 0.304, 0.412, 0.493, 0.288 | 0.40               |
| Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur | 0.154, 0.415, 0.398, 0.343 | 0.35               |
| Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College, Trichy     | 0.505, 0.721, 0.919, 0.678 | 0.74               |
| S. T. Educational Trust College, Mannargudi | 1, 1, 1, 0.978             | 1.00               |

| Name of the Institution                       | Efficiency Score        | De-fuzzified Score |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, Trichy | 1,1,1,1                 | 1.00               |
| St. Joseph's College, Trichy                  | 0.389,0.436,0.741,0.509 | 0.54               |
| Thanthai Hans Roever College, Perambalur      | 0.465,1,1,1             | 0.91               |
| Thiru. Vi. Ka. Govt. Arts College, Thiruvarur | 0.091,0.2,0.239,0.536   | 0.25               |

### Fuzzy Variable Return to Scale [F-BCC Model]

The Fuzzy DEA efficiency score based on Technical Efficiency [Fuzzy Variable Returns to Scale] under the F-BCC Model is shown in Table 2. In F-BCC Model there is an increment in the number of efficient colleges. The Analysis reveals that among the 27 colleges taken for the study, thirteen Colleges attained the maximum efficiency score as 1.

Table 2: F-DEA Efficiency Score – F-BCC Model

| Name of the Institution                       | Efficiency Score        | De-fuzzified Score |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam        | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| A.V.C. College, Mayiladuthurai                | 0.904,1,0.63,0.464      | 0.77               |
| A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Poondi          | 0.343,0.317,0.714,0.718 | 0.52               |
| Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam   | 1,1,1,1                 | 1.00               |
| Bishop Heber College, Trichy                  | 0.324,0.481,1,0.895     | 0.70               |
| Cauvery College for Women, Trichy             | 1,1,1,0.922             | 0.99               |
| Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College, Perambalur   | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| Govt. Arts College for Women, Pudukkottai     | 0.847,1,1,1             | 0.97               |
| Government Arts College, Karur                | 0.485,0.484,0.485,0.575 | 0.50               |
| Government Arts College, Trichy               | 1,1,1,0.861             | 0.98               |
| Government College Women, Kumbakonam          | 1,1,1,0.744             | 0.96               |
| Holy Cross College, Trichy                    | 0.651,0.737,0.648,0.797 | 0.70               |
| J.J. College of Arts & Science, Pudukkottai   | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy                 | 1,1,1,0.527             | 0.92               |
| K. N. Govt. College for Women, Thanjavur      | 0.526,0.554,0.541,0.694 | 0.57               |
| Khadir Mohideen College, Adirampattinam       | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| National College, Trichy                      | 0.506,0.494,0.643,0.71  | 0.58               |
| Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti         | 0.574,0.707,0.613,0.568 | 0.63               |
| Periyar E.V.R. College, Trichy                | 0.872,1,0.63,1          | 0.86               |
| Poompuhar College, Melaiyur                   | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur   | 0.446,0.558,0.481,0.537 | 0.51               |
| Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College, Trichy       | 0.714,0.816,0.942,0.918 | 0.86               |
| S. T. Educational Trust College, Mannargudi   | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, Trichy | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| St. Joseph's College, Trichy                  | 0.437,0.44,0.792,0.551  | 0.58               |
| Thanthai Hans Roever College, Perambalur      | 1,1,1,1                 | 1                  |
| Thiru. Vi. Ka. Govt. Arts College, Thiruvarur | 0.721,0.705,0.64,1      | 0.74               |

Table 3 shows that nine of the 27 colleges considered for this analysis are extremely standardized, with an efficiency score of 1.

Table 3: Efficient Countries Identified by F-CCR and F-BCC Models

| Name of the Institution                       | CRS  | VRS  | Mean Score |
|---|------|------|------------|
| A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam        | 0.91 | 1.00 | 0.96       |
| A.V.C. College, Mayiladuthurai                | 0.74 | 0.77 | 0.76       |
| A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Poondi          | 0.42 | 0.52 | 0.47       |
| Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam   | 0.59 | 1.00 | 0.79       |
| Bishop Heber College, Trichy                  | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.69       |
| Cauvery College for Women, Trichy             | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.98       |
| Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College, Perambalur   | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1          |
| Govt. Arts College for Women, Pudukkottai     | 0.63 | 0.97 | 0.80       |
| Government Arts College, Karur                | 0.17 | 0.50 | 0.33       |
| Government Arts College, Trichy               | 0.44 | 0.98 | 0.71       |
| Government College Women, Kumbakonam          | 0.51 | 0.96 | 0.73       |
| Holy Cross College, Trichy                    | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.68       |
| J.J. College of Arts & Science, Pudukkottai   | 0.35 | 1.00 | 0.67       |
| Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy                 | 0.67 | 0.92 | 0.80       |
| K. N. Govt. College for Women, Thanjavur      | 0.37 | 0.57 | 0.47       |
| Khadir Mohideen College, Adirampattinam       | 0.71 | 1.00 | 0.86       |
| National College, Trichy                      | 0.49 | 0.58 | 0.53       |
| Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti         | 0.51 | 0.63 | 0.57       |
| Periyar E.V.R. College, Trichy                | 0.67 | 0.86 | 0.76       |
| Poompuhar College, Melaiyur                   | 0.40 | 1.00 | 0.70       |
| Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur   | 0.35 | 0.51 | 0.43       |
| Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College, Trichy       | 0.74 | 0.86 | 0.80       |
| S.T Educational Trust College, Mannargudi     | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1          |
| Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, Trichy | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1          |
| St. Joseph's College, Trichy                  | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.56       |
| Thanthai Hans Roever College, Perambalur      | 0.91 | 1.00 | 0.96       |
| Thiru. Vi. Ka. Govt. Arts College, Thiruvarur | 0.25 | 0.74 | 0.49       |

## 6. CONCLUSION

The Efficiency Analysis based on Fuzzy Constant Returns to Scale reveals that two colleges such as: Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College, Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, stand first and the analysis based on the Fuzzy Variable Returns to Scale Communicates that nine Colleges such as A.D.M. College for Women, Annai College of Arts & Science, Cauvery College for Women, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts & Science, J.J. College of Arts & Science, Khadir Mohideen College, Rajah Serfoji Government College, S. T. Educational Trust College, Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, Thanthai Hans Roever College take the first place.

Comparing both the analysis one can conclude that Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts & Science, Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College and S.T Educational Trust College are the most efficient colleges.

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