



## AN INVESTIGATION ON THE TRIPLE IDEAL CONVERGENT SEQUENCES IN FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** The notion of ideal convergence is a process of generalizing of statistical convergence which is dependent on the idea of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of subsets of the set positive integer numbers. In this study we also present the concept of ideal convergence for triple sequences in fuzzy metric spaces (FMS) in the manner of George and Veeramani and the terms of ideal Cauchy sequence and  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -Cauchy sequence in FMS and examine their some properties.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Statistical convergence for real sequence was first introduced by Fast [4] in 1951. Since then statistical convergence was investigated by more and more researchers. The concept of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, and interesting generalization of statistical convergence [4], was first presented by Kostyrko et al. [20] with use of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of subsets of the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  and further studies done in [27]. The study of ideal convergence in triple sequence has been initiated by Şahiner and Tripathy [31]. More analysis in this field and more implications of these statistical convergence and ideal convergence can be seen in [1, 11–13, 15, 22, 24–26, 28, 32–36, 39, 40].

After Zadeh's leading work in 1965, fuzzy set theory has been widely applied into practical problems. Fuzzy set theory is a very effective set for modelling uncertainty and vagueness in various problems that arise in some fields. Many authors have defined several concepts of FMS in different ways [3, 5, 16–18, 21, 23]. In [5, 6], George and Veeramani first investigated and presented the notion of fuzzy metric space with the use of continuous  $t$ -norms. Lately, several convergences in fuzzy metric spaces were studied by Gregori et al. [7–10].

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Generally, statistically convergent sequences fulfills most of the features of ordinary convergent sequences in metric spaces. For example, a statistically convergent sequence is statistically Cauchy ([29]) in an arbitrary metric space. Concordantly, we introduce studying  $\mathcal{I}$ -Cauchy and  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence concepts of triple sequences on FMS.

Here, as it can be recalled the following basic concepts from [2, 5, 18, 38] needed in the course of the paper.

**Definition 1.** *The 3-tuple  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is said to be a FMS if  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following cases for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ :*

- Case 1.  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) > 0$ ;*
- Case 2.  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = 1$  iff  $x = y$ ;*
- Case 3.  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(y, x, t)$ ;*
- Case 4.  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) * \mathcal{M}(y, z, s) \leq \mathcal{M}(x, z, t + s)$ ;*
- Case 5.  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.*

**Definition 2.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. We define open ball  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$  with centre  $x \in X$  and radius  $r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $t > 0$  as*

$$B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : \mathcal{M}(x, y, t) > 1 - r\}.$$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. We have

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}} = \{A \subset X : x \in A \text{ iff there exists } t > 0, r \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t) \subset A\}.$$

Hence  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a topology on  $X$ . George and Veeramani [5] proved that  $\{B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t) : x \in X, t > 0, r \in (0, 1)\}$  forms a base of a topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. If for every  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x_0, t) > 1 - r$  for all  $n > n_0$ , then a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x_0$ .*

**Definition 4.** *A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is called to be a Cauchy sequence if for all  $\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$  for every  $n, m \geq n_0$ .*

**Definition 5.** *When every Cauchy sequence is convergent, a FMS is called to be complete.*

**Definition 6.** ([4]) *Let  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ , put  $A_n = \{k \in A : k \leq n\}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\bar{\delta}(A) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A_n|}{n} \text{ and } \underline{\delta}(A) := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A_n|}{n}$$

*are called upper and lower asymptotic density of the set  $A$ , respectively. When  $\bar{\delta}(A) = \underline{\delta}(A)$ ,*

$$\delta(A) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A_n|}{n}$$

is called to be an asymptotic density of  $A$ . All the three densities, if they exist, are in  $[0, 1]$ .

Utilizing above information, we recall that a sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is statistical convergent to  $x$ , if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - x| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0.$$

If  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is statistically convergent to  $x$ , we show  $st\text{-}\lim x_k = x$ .

The terms of statistical convergence and statistical Cauchy for sequences in FMS have been investigated by Li et al. [19].

**Definition 7.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. if for all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$

$$\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \mathcal{M}(x_n, x_0, t) > 1 - r\}) = 1,$$

then a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called statistically convergent to  $x_0 \in X$

**Definition 8.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. If for every  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\delta(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \mathcal{M}(x_k, x_{N_0}, t) > 1 - r\}) = 1.$$

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a statistically Cauchy sequence.

Also, Şahiner et al. [30] investigated the statistical convergence for triple sequence. A function  $x : \mathbb{N}^3 = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a real triple sequence. A triple sequence  $(x_{nkl})$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is called to be converge if there exists a point  $\ell$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $|x_{nkl} - \ell| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, k, l \geq n_0$ .

**Definition 9.** If

$$\delta_3(A) = \lim_{n, k, l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A_{nkl}|}{nkl}$$

exists, then a subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  is called to have natural density  $\delta_3(A)$ . From here, if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\delta_3(\{(n, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : |x_{nkl} - \ell| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0,$$

then a real triple sequence  $x = (x_{nkl})$  is called to be statistically convergent to  $\ell$

Then, we give the terms of lacunary statistical convergence and lacunary statistical Cauchy for triple sequences in FMS as follows.

**Definition 10.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\theta_3 = \theta_{r, s, t}$  be a lacunary triple sequence. A triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is called to be lacunary statistically convergent to  $\ell \in X$ , written as  $sts_{\theta_3}\text{-}\lim x_{jkl} = \ell$ , if, for all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{r, s, t} \frac{1}{h_{r, s, t}} |\{(j, k, l) \in I_{r, s, t} : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\}| = 1.$$

**Definition 11.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\theta_3 = \theta_{r,s,t}$  be a lacunary triple sequence. A triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is said to be lacunary statistically Cauchy sequence, if, for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}', \mathcal{M}'' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $j, p \geq \mathcal{M}'', k, q \geq \mathcal{M}', l, r \geq \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\delta_{\theta_3} (\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t) > 1 - \alpha\}) = 1.$$

We recall the following some notations used in [20, 27].

**Definition 12.** A class  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^R$  of subsets of a nonempty set  $R$  is called to be an ideal in  $R$  if (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ ; (ii)  $M, N \in \mathcal{I}$  imply  $M \cup N \in \mathcal{I}$ ; (iii)  $M \in \mathcal{I}, N \subset M$  imply  $N \in \mathcal{I}$ . A non-trivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  in  $R$  is called an admissible ideal if it is different from  $P(\mathbb{N})$  and it contains all singletons, that is,  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$  for each  $x \in R$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a proper ideal in  $R$ , so  $R \notin \mathcal{I}, R \neq \emptyset$ . Then the class of sets

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}) = \{A \subset R : \exists M \in \mathcal{I} : A = R \setminus M\}$$

is a filter in  $R$ . It is said to be the filter associated with the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 13.** Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a proper ideal in  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space. The sequence  $x = (x_n)$  in  $X$  is called to be  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence to  $\xi \in X$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set  $A(\varepsilon) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : \rho(x_n, \xi) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 14.** A sequence  $x = \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  is called to be  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -convergent to  $\xi \in X$  iff there exists a set

$$K \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}), K = \{k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_p < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$$

such that  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_{k_p}, \xi) = 0$ .

**Definition 15.** ([27]) Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a linear metric space. If for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N = N(\varepsilon)$  such that  $A(\varepsilon) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : \rho(x_n, x_N) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  in  $X$  is called an  $\mathcal{I}$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Definition 16.** ([27]) Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a linear metric space. If there exists a set  $K = \{k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_p < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}, K \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I})$  such that  $\lim_{p, r \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_{k_p}, x_{k_r}) = 0$ , a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  in  $X$  is called to be  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -Cauchy sequence.

In 2008, the term of ideal convergence for triple sequences used first time by Şahiner and Tripathy [31] in 2008.

**Definition 17.** A real triple sequence  $(x_{nkl})$  is called to be  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $\ell$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\{(n, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : |x_{nkl} - \ell| \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}_3.$$

In this case, one writes  $\mathcal{I}_3\text{-lim } x_{nkl} = \ell$ .

Throughout the paper we consider the ideals of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  by  $\mathcal{I}$ ; the ideals of  $2^{\mathbb{N}^2}$  by  $\mathcal{I}_2$  and the ideals of  $2^{\mathbb{N}^3}$  by  $\mathcal{I}_3$ .

2.  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -CONVERGENCE IN FMS

The terms of ideal convergence of triple sequences with a FMS were presented in this section.

**Definition 18.** Let  $\mathcal{I}_3$  be a nontrivial ideal of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  and  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. A triple sequence  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  of elements of  $X$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergent to  $\ell \in X$  if, for each  $r \in (0, 1)$  and each  $t > 0$ ,

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3).$$

In this stution we prefer to write as  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}\text{-lim } x = \ell$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. Then, for each  $r \in (0, 1)$  and each  $t > 0$ , the following expression were equivalent:

- (i)  $\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$ .
- (ii)  $\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{I}_3$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  be a triple sequence in a FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$ . When  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergent to  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$ ,  $\ell_1 = \ell_2$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}\text{-lim } x = \ell_1$  and  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}\text{-lim } x = \ell_2$ . Let  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  be two distinct points in  $X$  and  $t > 0$ . In that case  $0 < \mathcal{M}(\ell_1, \ell_2, t) < 1$ . Let  $1 - \varepsilon \in (\mathcal{M}(\ell_1, \ell_2, t), 1)$ . For each  $1 - s \in (1 - \varepsilon, 1)$ , there exists  $1 - s$  such that  $(1 - s) * (1 - s) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ . Let

$$K_{\ell_1} = \left\{ y \in X : \mathcal{M}\left(\ell_1, y, \frac{t}{2}\right) > 1 - s \right\}$$

and

$$K_{\ell_2} = \left\{ y \in X : \mathcal{M}\left(\ell_2, y, \frac{t}{2}\right) > 1 - s \right\}.$$

We claim that  $K_{\ell_1} \cap K_{\ell_2} = \emptyset$ . Really, if there exists  $z \in K_{\ell_1} \cap K_{\ell_2}$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\ell_1, \ell_2, t) &\geq \mathcal{M}\left(\ell_1, z, \frac{t}{2}\right) * \mathcal{M}\left(z, \ell_2, \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &\geq (1 - s) * (1 - s) \geq 1 - \varepsilon \\ &> \mathcal{M}(\ell_1, \ell_2, t) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Since

$$\left\{ y \in X : \mathcal{M}\left(\ell_2, y, \frac{t}{2}\right) > 1 - s \right\} \subset \left\{ x \in X : \mathcal{M}\left(x, \ell_1, \frac{t}{2}\right) \leq 1 - s \right\},$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}\left(x_{jkl}, \ell_2, \frac{t}{2}\right) > 1 - s \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}\left(x_{jkl}, \ell_1, \frac{t}{2}\right) \leq 1 - s \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

By (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M} \left( x_{jkl}, \ell_2, \frac{t}{2} \right) > 1 - s \right\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3) \\ & \subseteq \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M} \left( x_{jkl}, \ell_1, \frac{t}{2} \right) \leq 1 - s \right\} \in \mathcal{I}_3. \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, we conclude that  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -lim must be unique. So the desired result has been obtained.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  be an admissible ideal. When triple sequence  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is convergent to  $\ell$ ,  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  ideal converges to  $\ell$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lim\{x_{jkl}\} = \ell$ . Let  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r$$

for all  $j > n_0, k > n_0, l > n_0$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\mathcal{M}} &= \{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, \varepsilon) \leq 1 - r\} \\ &\subseteq \mathbb{N}^3 - \{(j_{n_0+1}, k_{n_0+1}, l_{n_0+1}), (j_{n_0+2}, k_{n_0+2}, l_{n_0+2}), \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

and the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_3$  is admissible, this implies that  $K_{\mathcal{M}} \in \mathcal{I}_3$ . Therefore

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, \varepsilon) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3),$$

that is  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -lim  $x = \ell$ . We complete the proof.  $\square$

We gave the term of  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence of triple sequences with a FMS.

**Definition 19.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. We say that a triple sequence  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence to  $\ell \in X$  if there exists a subset  $K = \{(j_m, k_m, l_m) : j_1 < j_2 < \dots; k_1 < k_2 < \dots; l_1 < l_2 < \dots\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  such that  $K \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  (i.e.  $\mathbb{N}^3 \setminus K \in \mathcal{I}_3$ ) and  $\{x_{j_m k_m l_m}\}$  converges to  $\ell$ .*

In this stution we prefer to write  $\mathcal{I}_3^{*-M} \lim x = \ell$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  be an admissible ideal. If  $\mathcal{I}_3^{*-M} \lim x = \ell$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}} \lim x = \ell$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  be an  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence to  $\ell \in X$ . Then by definition,

$$K = \{(j_m, k_m, l_m) : j_1 < j_2 < \dots; k_1 < k_2 < \dots; l_1 < l_2 < \dots\}$$

of  $\mathbb{N}^3$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  such that  $\{x_{j_m k_m l_m}\}$  converges to  $\ell$ , so there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \ell, t) > 1 - r, \quad \forall m > N.$$

Since  $\mathcal{I}_3$  is an admissible and

$$\{(j_m, k_m, l_m) \in K : \mathcal{M}(x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - r\}$$

is contained in  $\{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{N-1}; k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{N-1}; l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_{N-1}\}$ , we get

$$\{(j_m, k_m, l_m) \in K : \mathcal{M}(x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{I}_3.$$

In this case, when we let  $H = \mathbb{N}^3 \setminus K$  it is obvious that  $H \in \mathcal{I}_3$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - r\} &\subset H \cup \\ \{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{N-1}; k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{N-1}; l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_{N-1}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Hence

$$\{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{N-1}; k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{N-1}; l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_{N-1}\} \in \mathcal{I}_3.$$

This means that

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3),$$

so,  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergent to  $\ell$ . Hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

In the example given below, the inverse of Theorem 4 is generally not provided.

**Example 1.** Let  $a * b = ab$  and for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . If for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t > 0$

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y|},$$

then  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is a FMS with the usual metric  $|\cdot|$ .

Let  $\mathbb{N}^3 = \cup_{i,j,l} \Delta_{ijl}$  be a decomposition of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  such that, for any  $(m, n, o) \in \mathbb{N}^3$ , each  $\Delta_{ijl}$  contains infinitely many  $(i, j, l)$ 's where  $i \geq m, j \geq n, l \geq o$  and  $\Delta_{ijl} \cap \Delta_{mno} = \emptyset$  for  $(i, j, l) \neq (m, n, o)$ . Now we define a sequence  $x_{mno} = \frac{1}{ijl}$  if  $(m, n, o) \in \Delta_{ijl}$ . It is immediate to see that  $\{x_{mno}\}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence to 0, but  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergence to 0.

The following definition was needed to prove that an  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergence come across with an  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence for admissible ideals with property (AP3).

**Definition 20.** An admissible ideal  $\mathcal{I}_3 \subset 2^{\mathbb{N}^3}$  is said to satisfy the condition (AP3) if for every sequence  $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint sets from  $\mathcal{I}_3$  there are sets  $B_j \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that the symmetric difference  $A_j \Delta B_j$  is a finite set for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\cup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} B_j \in \mathcal{I}_3$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  satisfy the condition (AP3). Then  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergence and  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence coincide.

*Proof.* Let  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  be an  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence. Then, by Theorem 4, this sequence is  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergence where  $\mathcal{I}_3$  need not have the (AP3) condition. Then, it is sufficient to prove that  $x = (x_{jkl})$  in  $X$  is a  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -convergence to  $\ell \in X$  under assumption that  $(x_{jkl})$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -convergence to  $\ell \in X$ . Hence by definition, for all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3).$$

Let

$$K_s = \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : 1 - \frac{1}{s+1} > \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - \frac{1}{s} \right\}.$$

Then, for  $t > 0$  and each  $s = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have that  $\{K_1, K_2, \dots\}$  is countable and  $K_s \in \mathcal{I}_3$ , and  $K_i \cap K_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . By the property (AP3), there is countable class of sets  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots\} \in \mathcal{I}_3$  such that  $K_i \Delta B_i$  is a finite set for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_i \in \mathcal{I}_3$ . From the definition of the associate filter  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  there is a set  $A \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  such that  $A = \mathbb{N}^3 \setminus B$ . To prove the theorem we should aim that the subsequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}_{(j,k,l) \in A}$  converges to  $\ell$ . Let  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  and each  $t > 0$ . Put  $q = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $\frac{1}{q} < \mu$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - \mu\} \\ & \subset \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right\} \\ & \subset \cup_{i=1}^{q+1} K_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $K_i \Delta B_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q+1$  are finite, there exists  $(j_0, k_0, l_0) \in \mathbb{N}^3$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \cup_{i=1}^{q+1} B_i \cap \{(j_0, k_0, l_0) : j \geq j_0, k \geq k_0 \text{ and } l \geq l_0\} \\ & = \cup_{i=1}^{q+1} K_i \cap \{(j_0, k_0, l_0) : j \geq j_0, k \geq k_0 \text{ and } l \geq l_0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

If  $j \geq j_0$ ,  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $l \geq l_0$  and  $(j, k, l) \in A$  then  $(j, k, l) \notin \cup_{i=1}^{q+1} B_i$ . Therefore, by (3), we have  $(j, k, l) \notin \cup_{i=1}^{q+1} K_i$ . Thus,  $j \geq j_0$ ,  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $l \geq l_0$  and  $(j, k, l) \in A$ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - \mu.$$

Since  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  is arbitrary, this shows that  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -lim  $x_{jkl} = \ell$ .  $\square$

### 3. $\mathcal{I}_3$ - AND $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -CAUCHY SEQUENCES ON FMS

Now, the terms of  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -Cauchy sequence and  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -Cauchy sequence was presented in FMS.

**Definition 21.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. A triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_3$ -Cauchy sequence if for every  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $N_1, N_2$  and  $N_3$  such that for all  $j, p \geq N_1$ ,  $k, q \geq N_2$ ,  $l, r \geq N_3$ ,

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t) > 1 - \alpha\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3).$$

In this case, it is stated that  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy.

Proceeding similarly, we get the following consequence.

**Corollary 1.** When a triple sequence in a FMS is Cauchy, it is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy.

**Definition 22.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS. A triple sequence  $x = \{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is called to be  $\mathcal{I}_3^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  if there exists a subset  $K = \{(j_m, k_m, l_m) :$



$\{j_1 < j_2 < \dots; k_1 < k_2 < \dots; l_1 < l_2 < \dots\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  such that  $K \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  and  $\{x_{j_m k_m l_m}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ , i.e., there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t) > 1 - \alpha$$

whenever  $j \geq p \geq N$ ,  $k \geq q \geq N$ ,  $l \geq r \geq N$ .

Here we can say that  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}_3^{*\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy.

Since the next theorems are respectively analogues to Theorems 4 and 5, it can be proved on same methods.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  be an admissible ideal. When a triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{*\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy, it is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy.*

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a FMS and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  satisfy the condition (AP3). When a triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy, it is also  $\mathcal{I}_3^{*\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy.*

Therefore, we now present the following theorem.

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  be a triple sequence in a FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_3$  be an arbitrary admissible ideal with property (AP3). Then  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ - $\lim x = \ell$  implies that  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy sequence.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ - $\lim x = \ell$ . Then for every  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t) > 1 - r\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3).$$

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ . Then there exists  $\alpha_1 \in (0, \alpha)$  such that  $(1 - \alpha_1) * (1 - \alpha_1) > 1 - \alpha$ . According to Theorem 5 and Definition 20, there exists a subset  $A = \{(j_m, k_m, l_m) : j_1 < j_2 < \dots; k_1 < k_2 < \dots; l_1 < l_2 < \dots\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}^3$  such that  $A \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  and  $\{x_{j_m k_m l_m}\}$  converges to  $\ell$ . Thus there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \ell, \frac{t}{2}) > 1 - \alpha_1 \text{ for every } m > N.$$

Let  $(p, q, r) \in \{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, \frac{t}{2}) > 1 - \alpha_1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(x_{pqr}, x_{j_m k_m l_m}, t) &\geq \mathcal{M}(x_{pqr}, \ell, t/2) * \mathcal{M}(x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \ell, t/2) \\ &\geq (1 - \alpha_1) * (1 - \alpha_1) > 1 - \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(p, q, r) \in \{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{j_m k_m l_m}, \frac{t}{2}) > 1 - \alpha_1\}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}\left(x_{jkl}, \ell, \frac{t}{2}\right) > 1 - \alpha_1 \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{j_m k_m l_m}, t) > 1 - \alpha_1 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Since  $\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, \frac{t}{2}) > 1 - \alpha_1\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3)$  and (4), we get that

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{j_m k_m l_m}, t) > 1 - \alpha_1\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3).$$

This indicate that the triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $X$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** But the converse of the above theorem is not necessarily true, i.e.  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy sequence does not imply  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ - $\lim x = \ell$ . This can be illustrated by the example given below.

**Example 2.** Let  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}(\delta) = \{A \subset \mathbb{N}^3 : \delta_3(A) = 0\}$  and  $X = \{x_{jkl} : (j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3\}$ , where  $x_{jkl} = 1 - \frac{1}{(j+1)(k+1)(l+1)}$  ( $j, k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ , and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  define as follows  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t)$  to be 1 for  $x = y$  and  $\min\{x, y\}$  otherwise, for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is a FMS and triple sequence  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy, but it is not  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -convergent.

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ . Therefore there exists  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)} < \alpha$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t) = x_{pqr} = 1 - \frac{1}{(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)} > 1 - \alpha$$

for all  $j > p, k > q, l > r$ . Thus

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t) > 1 - \alpha\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3(\delta)).$$

which means that  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -Cauchy sequence. Let  $\ell \in X$ . Then there exists  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\ell = x_{pqr} = 1 - \frac{1}{(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)}$ . Now, fix  $t_0 = \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{3(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t_0) = \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, x_{pqr}, t_0) = x_{pqr} = 1 - \frac{1}{(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)} \leq 1 - \alpha_0$$

for all  $j > p, k > q, l > r$ . Hence

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t_0) \leq 1 - \alpha_0\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}_3(\delta)),$$

which implies that

$$\{(j, k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : \mathcal{M}(x_{jkl}, \ell, t_0) > 1 - \alpha_0\} \in \mathcal{I}_3(\delta).$$

So  $\{x_{jkl}\}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathcal{M}}$ -convergent.

As a note, all these findings imply the similar theorems for ideal and statistically convergence and Cauchy sequences which are investigated in [19] and [26].

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