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# Efficiency measurement based on novel performance measures in total productive maintenance (TPM) using a fuzzy integrated COPRAS and DEA method

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Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) has been widely recognized as a strategic tool and lean manufacturing practice for improving manufacturing performance and sustainability, and therefore it has been successfully implemented in many organizations. The evaluation of TPM efficiency can assist companies in improving their operations across a variety of dimensions. This paper aims to propose a comprehensive and systematic framework for the evaluation of TPM performance. The proposed total productive maintenance performance measurement system (TPM PMS) is divided into four phases (e.g., design, evaluate, implement, and review): i) the design of new performance measures, ii) the evaluation of the new performance measures, iii) the implementation of the new performance measures to evaluate TPM performance, and iv) the reviewing of the TPM PMS. In the design phase, different types of performance measures impacting TPM are defined and analyzed by decision-makers. In the evaluation phase, novel performance measures are evaluated using the Fuzzy Complex Proportional Assessment (FCOPRAS) method. In the implementation phase, a modified fuzzy data envelopment analysis (FDEA) is used to determine efficient and inefficient TPM performance with novel performance measures. In the review phase, TPM performance is periodically monitored, and the proposed TPM PMS is reviewed for successful implementation of TPM. A real-world case study from an international manufacturing company operating in the automotive industry is presented to demonstrate the applicability of the proposed TPM PMS. The main findings from the real-world case study showed that the proposed TPM PMS allows measuring TPM performance with different indicators especially soft ones, e.g., human-related, and supports decision makers by comparing the TPM performances of production lines and so prioritizing the most important preventive/predictive decisions and actions according to production lines, especially the ineffective ones in TPM program implementation. Therefore, this system can be considered a powerful monitoring tool and reliable evidence to make the implementation process of TPM more efficient in the real-world production environment.

## KEYWORDS

efficiency measurement, total productive maintenance, sustainable manufacturing, multi-criteria decision making, optimization, fuzzy set theory

# 1 Introduction

In today's dynamic environment, having a consistent and sustainable production system is crucial for competitiveness; accordingly, Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) has become a prominent subject as a strategic power for manufacturing organizations (Brah and Chong, 2004; Pinjala et al., 2006). In the literature, a number of studies present the relationship between TPM and manufacturing performance (McKone et al., 2001; Brah and Chong, 2004; Bartz et al., 2014; Belekoukias et al., 2014; Singh and Ahuja, 2015; Wickramasinghe and Perera, 2016). According to the results of these studies, proper implementation of TPM has a positive impact on manufacturing performance. Thus, the relevant literature has defined several critical success factors for TPM implementation (Bamber et al., 1999; Ireland and Dale, 2006). In this context, measurement of TPM performance is significantly required for continuous improvement of the TPM implementation program (Piechnicki et al., 2015). When it comes to performance evaluation in TPM, overall equipment effectiveness (OEE) has widely been used as a performance measure, because TPM aims to maximize equipment effectiveness (Schippers, 2001; Waeyenbergh and Pintelon, 2002). Although OEE has been considered a standard measure for equipment performance (Chan et al., 2005), what it captures is only the effectiveness of TPM, not its efficiency.

OEE provides productivity behavior of only individual equipment. However, the evaluation of TPM performance should include an objective and comprehensive method based on multiple inputs and outputs instead of OEE and its extensions (Muchiri and Pintelon, 2008). For this context, in the literature, a few studies have been made related to the performance measurement in TPM implementation (Park, 2002; F.-K.; Wang, 2006; Jeon et al., 2011). In these studies, Wang (2006) and Jeon et al. (2011) used Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) to measure the efficiency of TPM implementation. Furthermore, a number of studies have been conducted to identify important factors in TPM (Ljungberg, 1998; Cua et al., 2001; McKone et al., 2001; Swanson, 2001; Sharma et al., 2006; Wang, 2006; Ahuja and Khamba, 2008; Singh and Gurtu, 2022). However, the findings from these studies demonstrate that there is still a lack of a methodological approach to determining how these important factors need to be selected, evaluated, and measured in a systematic way in a maintenance performance measurement system. Additionally, recent studies have also investigated that companies should also consider human-oriented factors as critical success factors in combination with the technical and economical ones when they are implementing TPM (Arunraj et al., 2014; Bekar and Kahraman, 2016; Peach et al., 2016; Sharma et al., 2016). Based on the aforementioned gap and gained knowledge from the literature, the motivation of this study is to develop a systematic framework to measure TPM performance using novel performance indicators including quantitative and qualitative information (e.g., availability of maintenance personnel, human-oriented indicators such as competence of maintenance personnel, the experience of operators in a production line, operator reliability, training, and continuing education, new ideas generated and implemented, level of 5S and employee satisfaction indicators such as employee absenteeism, employee turn-over rate and refusal of extended

hours or overtimes). In this context, the developed framework is called the Total Productive Maintenance Performance Measurement System (TPM PMS) consisting of four phases from designing novel TPM performance indicators to reviewing the proposed TPM PMS. In each phase of the proposed framework, the different research questions are aimed to answer (e.g., what indicators are to be measured in the design phase of TPM PMS? How to evaluate the proposed indicators under some attributes in the evaluation phase of TPM PMS? How to use them to measure the performance of TPM in the implementation phase of TPM PMS? How to use TPM performance results for preventive/predictive decisions and actions in the review phase of TPM PMS? How to review and modify this system accordingly?). Overall, developing such TPM PMS is important because it allows companies to monitor their progress, identify areas for improvement, and continuously optimize their maintenance efforts to maximize equipment effectiveness and minimize downtime. This can result in lower maintenance costs, increased equipment reliability, improved product quality, and higher production capacity.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 explains related literature. Section 3 introduces the fundamentals of the proposed TPM PMS. In Section 4, an application of the proposed TPM PMS for the evaluation of TPM performance based on a real manufacturing case is presented. The results from the case study and contributions of the proposed TPM PMS are discussed in Section 5, and in the last section, conclusions are given.

## 2 State of the art

### 2.1 The positioning of the proposed TPM PMS in the literature

Park (2002) proposed a TPM analysis model including three stages. The first stage represents the effect of TPM factors on TPM performance. The second stage represents how TPM performance factors influence productivity. The third stage also represents the testing of the TPM analysis model with univariate and multivariate regression and correlation analyses and the results show that TPM performance factors improve productivity through TPM activity's characteristics. Wang (2006) suggested a simple methodology for efficiency evaluation in TPM. In this study, DEA was used to evaluate the efficiency score when the utility function considers its many attributes. A prediction model by the multiple regression method was performed to obtain the expected efficiency score for checking the performance of implementing TPM. Wang (2006) measured TPM efficiency at the factory level using the DEA method, which has some limitations. Therefore, Jeon et al. (2011) measured three types of TPM efficiency by self-directed work teams (SDWTs) using DEA. Firstly, DEA efficiency scores of SDWTs were measured for three stages (stage 1: from TPM input to TPM intermediate output; stage 2: from TPM intermediate output to TPM final output, and stage 3: from TPM input to TPM final output). Then, the relationships between the three types of efficiency scores were analyzed by Spearman correlation analysis (Gibbons and Chakraborti, 1971). SDWTs were also clustered by the three types of TPM efficiency. Based on the results of the literature

TABLE 1 The positioning of the proposed TPM PMS.

	Park (2002)	Wang (2006)	Jeon et al. (2011)	Proposed TPM performance measurement system
Efficiency measurement in TPM		√	√	√
Performance measures in TPM	√			√
New performance measures in TPM				√
Multiple inputs and outputs		√	√	√
MADM				√
Fuzzy MADM				√
Fuzzy group decision making				√
Fuzzy criteria weights				√
Fuzzy relative importance				√
Fuzzy group hierarchy				√
Fuzzy aggregation				√
Fuzzy arithmetic				√
Fuzzy ranking				√
Optimization		√	√	
Fuzzy optimization				√
Sensitivity analysis				√
Real-world manufacturing case		√	√	√

review, there are a few studies related to efficiency measurement in TPM implementation. In summary, while there are a few studies in the literature on TPM performance measurement, there are still gaps in the research that need to be addressed in order to develop best practices for TPM implementation (e.g., lack of standardization and lack of research on human factors of TPM). For instance, lack of standardization means that there is currently no widely accepted standard for TPM performance measurement, and many companies measure different metrics or use different approaches. This makes it difficult to compare results across companies and industries. Additionally, while TPM is often viewed as a technical or engineering-focused approach, there is a need for research that examines the human factors involved in TPM implementation. This includes factors such as employee engagement, training, and development as this study examines in the designing of novel performance indicators.

The aim of this study is to develop a new framework for the measurement of TPM performance based on novel performance indicators which include uncertain information or imprecise data. Fuzzy set theory, introduced by Zadeh (1965), provides a new mathematical tool to deal with the uncertainty of information (Zadeh, 2008). In the proposed TPM PMS, after the design of novel TPM performance indicators, these indicators are evaluated and measured using some methods under a fuzzy environment. For example, in the evaluation phase, since the evaluation involves multiple attributes, it can be thought of as multi-attribute decision-making (MADM) problem, and thus a

method called COMplex PROportional ASsessment of alternatives with Grey relations (COPRAS-G), which is one of the most popular MADM methods, is modified with fuzzy numbers, and thus fuzzy COMplex PROportional ASsessment of alternatives (FCOPRAS) proposed by Turanoglu Bekar and Kahraman, (2016) is used for evaluation of novel TPM performance indicators. Then, in the implementation phase, a fuzzy data envelopment analysis (FDEA), which is a mathematical programming approach for the evaluation of performance with uncertainty pertinent to the existence of qualitative data set, is utilized to evaluate TPM performance based on these indicators. The fuzzy utility degrees obtained by the FCOPRAS method are integrated into the Generalized Fuzzy Data Envelopment Analysis with Assurance Region (GFDEA/AR) models in order to find efficient and inefficient TPM performance. In these models, desirable and undesirable performance indicators (inputs and outputs) are also considered which are explained in Section 3. The positioning and contributions of the proposed TPM PMS are summarized in Table 1.

## 2.2 Literature review on FDEA methods integrated with MADM

DEA can be described as a series of models, whereas the type of returns to scale is what characterizes the two main ones: a) CRS (constant returns to scale), or CCR which is an acronym for

TABLE 2 The review on FDEA integrated with MCDM methods

FDEA integrated with MADM methods	Application problem	References
Analytic hierarchy process (AHP)	Facility layout design	Ertay et al. (2006)
AHP	Personnel selection	Lin (2010)
Delphi technique and AHP	Supplier performance evaluation	Awasthi et al., 2011
FAHP	Supplier selection	Kuo et al. (2010)
FAHP	Facility layout design with safety and ergonomic factors	Azadeh and Moradi (2014)
FAHP	Facility layout design	Azadeh et al. (2016)
Technique for order of preference by similarity to ideal solution (TOPSIS)	Selection of welding process	Mirhedayatian et al. (2013)
Multi-objective fuzzy linear programming	High-technology project selection at NASA	Tavana et al. (2013)
Grey system theory	A numerical example from the literature	Khodabakhshi et al. (2016)

Charnes, Cooper, and Rhodes (Charnes et al., 1978); and b) VRS (variable returns to scale) or BCC which is an acronym for Banker, Charnes, and Cooper (Banker et al., 1984) which is one of the broadenings of the CCR model where the efficient frontiers set is characterized by a convex curve passing through all efficient decision-making units (DMUs) and structured by both constant and -decreasing returns to scale (Faizrahnemoona et al., 2012). In brief, while the CCR model assumes that outputs always grow proportionally to inputs, in the BCC model this proportionality is not required, as a DMU may display returns to scale: a) increasing: where outputs grow proportionally more than inputs; b) constant: where there is proportionality; or c) decreasing: where outputs grow proportionately less than inputs (Mariano et al., 2015).

The traditional DEA models require accurate and precise performance data since it is a methodology focused on frontiers or boundaries (Gua and Tanaka, 2001). However, in real-world applications such as in a manufacturing system, a production process, or a service system, the observed data are volatile and complex and generally include uncertainty (Emrouznejad and Mustafa, 2012). In this context, the data with crisp numbers will not satisfy the real requirements and this restriction will diminish the practical flexibility of DEA in an application (Agarwal, 2014). Thus, imprecise or vague data can be represented with bounded intervals, ordinal (rank order) data or fuzzy numbers (Hatami-Marbini et al., 2011). Fuzzy set theory, established by Zadeh (1965), has been proven to be useful as a way to quantify imprecise and vague (expressed by linguistic variables) data in DEA models. Therefore, the DEA models with fuzzy data can more realistically represent real-world applications than the conventional DEA models (Lertworasirikul et al., 2003), which is also preferred to be used as a basis in this study. The applications of fuzzy set theory in DEA are generally classified into four groups (Lertworasirikul et al., 2003; Karsak, 2008) such as the tolerance approach, the  $\alpha$ -level based approach, the fuzzy ranking approach, and the possibility approach. Emrouznejad et al. (2014) extended this classification and attached two new groups: the fuzzy arithmetic and the fuzzy random variables and other extensions of fuzzy sets. In this study, an integrated FCOPRAS-FDEA method is conducted. Therefore, this paper examines some articles that combine different MADM methods with FDEA; and then develops hybrid methods. According to the

literature, AHP and FAHP are the most widely used MADM methods with FDEA, specifically for the application areas, which are facility layout design and supplier evaluation and selection, as summarized in Table 2. There has not been any study in the literature about the application and theory of combined FCOPRAS-FDEA methodology. Additionally, to the best knowledge of the author, this can be the first study that integrates the FCOPRAS-FDEA method to evaluate the performance of TPM with novel performance measures, which can be considered a significant contribution to the TPM literature.

### 3 Proposed TPM PMS

TPM implementation and practice is an organization-wide activity. Thus, to measure TPM implementation effectiveness, an organization-wide program is required based on some factors having an impact on TPM. In this study, the proposed TPM PMS is divided into four phases: i) the design of new performance measures, ii) the evaluation of the new performance measures, iii) the implementation of the new performance measures to evaluate TPM performance, and iv) the monitoring the TPM performance and reviewing the TPM PMS. Figure 1 shows the general overview of the proposed TPM PMS.

In the design phase, various types of indicators which might impact TPM performance are designed based on the theoretical and practical aspects. Then, these TPM performance indicators (TPM PIs) are analyzed by the experts to identify the most important ones using the nominal group technique which is a group decision-making method, and the conjoint analysis which is a MADM method based on experimental design. In the evaluation phase, the TPM PIs proposed in the design phase are evaluated by using COPRAS-G, which is one of the recently developed and most popular MADM methods. Since the proposed TPM PIs include both quantitative and qualitative data, these are represented by linguistic variables, which are essentially from the insufficient and/or imprecise nature of data as well as the subjective and evaluative preferences of the expert. To evaluate these TPM PIs, the FCOPRAS method based on fuzzy group decision-making is also proposed in this phase. In the proposed FCOPRAS method, all fuzzy



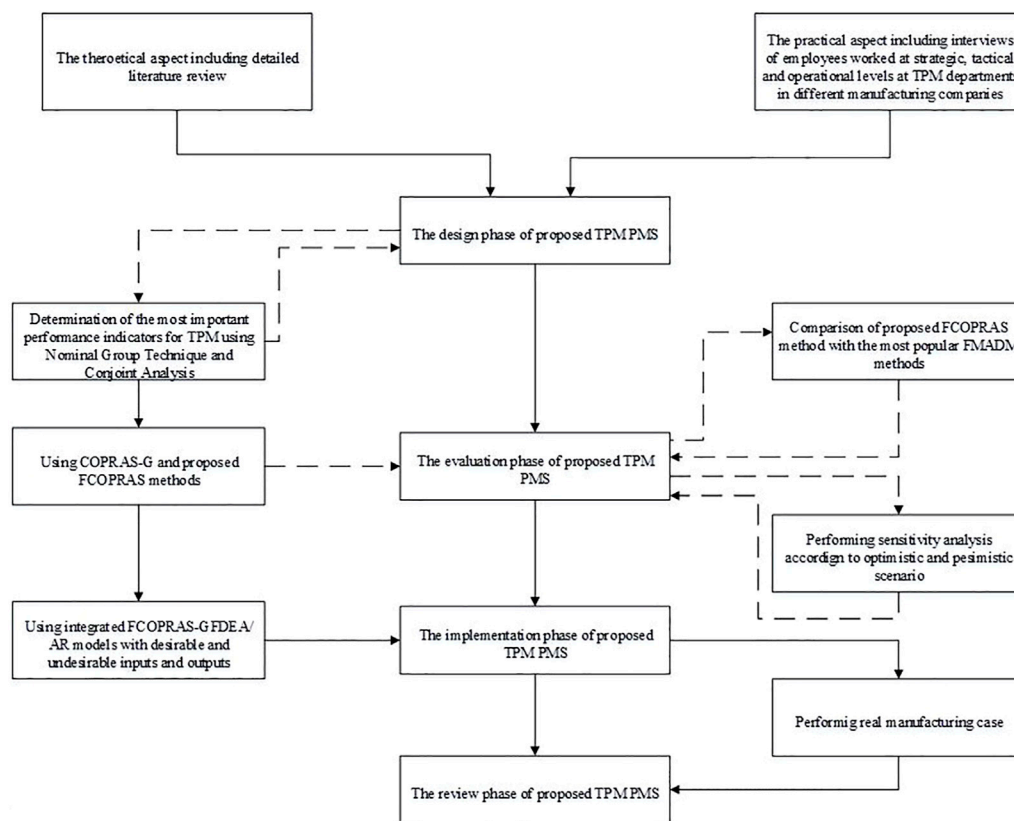


FIGURE 1  
The general overview of the proposed TPM PMS.

judgments and numbers are not converted to crisp values (or real numbers), and all calculations are performed in accordance with the fuzzy arithmetic operations and fuzzy ranking method (Turanoglu Bekar et al., 2016). In the implementation phase, the proposed TPM PIs are used to evaluate TPM performance using FDEA, which is a very effective method to evaluate the relative efficiency of decision-making units (DMUs) on the basis of multiple fuzzy inputs and outputs. The fuzzy relative significances of the proposed TPM PIs obtained by the FCOPRAS method are integrated into the FDEA models based on assurance region (AR) and undesirability approaches. In this regard, different GFDEA/AR models in the presence of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs are proposed to measure TPM performance. The flow diagram of the integrated FCOPRAS-FDEA method is also illustrated in Figure 2. Finally, in the review phase, the proposed TPM PMS is periodically monitored and reviewed. Afterward, the necessary improvement, preventive decisions, and other actions should be made for the successful implementation of TPM.

### 3.1 Mathematical description of the proposed FCOPRAS-FDEA models

The GFDEA/AR model proposed by Zhou et al. (2012) is one of the adapted models within the scope of this study. For a comprehensive overview of the GFDEA with AR, the reader is

referred to Zhou et al. (2012). The fuzzy  $\tilde{Q}_i$  values, i.e., lower and upper bounds of the utility degrees of inputs and outputs obtained from FCOPRAS are incorporated into the models which are explained in the following equations:

$$(E_{j_0})_{\alpha}^L = \max \sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^L - \delta_1 u_0 \quad (1)$$

Subject to;

$$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^L - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^U - \delta_1 u_0 \leq 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^U - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^L - \delta_1 u_0 \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, j \neq j_0 \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^U = 1, \quad (4)$$

$$QI_{pq}^L \leq \frac{v_p}{v_q} \leq QI_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, m \quad (5)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p}{u_q} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s \quad (6)$$

$$v_i \geq \varepsilon, \quad i = 1, \dots, m; \quad u_r \geq \varepsilon, \quad r = 1, \dots, s \quad (7)$$

$$\delta_1 \delta_2 (-1)^{\delta_3} u_0 \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

where  $v_i$  is the weight for the  $i$ th input,  $u_r$  is the weight for the  $r$ th output for  $i = 1, \dots, m, r = 1, \dots, s$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is a positive number less than any positive real number.  $QI_{pq}^L, QI_{pq}^U, QO_{pq}^L$ , and  $QO_{pq}^U$  are the

lower and upper bounds of the fuzzy relative significance of inputs and outputs respectively obtained from the FCOPRAS method. The parameters  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ , and  $\delta_3$  are binary ones assuming only values zero and one. In the above model, the values of these parameters are taken as zero.

In Model 1), the objective function in Eq. 1 calculates the lower bound of efficiency at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level for the  $DMU_p$ . The constraint in Eq. 2 is shown as  $\frac{\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (\tilde{Y}_{rp})_{\alpha}^L}{\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (\tilde{X}_{ip})_{\alpha}^U} \leq 1$  meaning that the ratio of the maximum value of the output data to the minimum value of the input data is less and equal than one for the  $DMU_p$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 3 is also shown as  $\frac{\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (\tilde{Y}_{rj})_{\alpha}^U}{\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (\tilde{X}_{ij})_{\alpha}^L} \leq 1$  meaning that the ratio of the maximum value of the output data to the minimum value of the input data is less and equal than one for the other DMUs at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 4 demonstrates that the sum of the maximum value of the weighted input data for the  $DMU_p$  is equal to one at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. This constraint also provides converting the fractional linear programming model to a conventional linear programming model. The constraints in Eqs 5, 6 give the assurance regions for the inputs and outputs data, respectively. Additionally, Eq. 7 provides the sign constraints for the decision variables. Finally, Eq. 8 gives the binary constraint for the parameters  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$ .

In Model 2), the objective function in Eq. 9 calculates the upper bound of the efficiency at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level for the  $DMU_p$ . The constraint in Eq. 10 gives that the ratio of the maximum value of the output data to the minimum value of the input data is less and equal than one for the  $DMU_p$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 11 also presents that the ratio of the minimum value of the output data to the maximum value of the input data is less and equal than one for the other DMUs at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 12 provides that the sum of the minimum value of the weighted input data for the  $DMU_p$  is equal to one at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraints in Eqs 13 and 14 give the assurance regions for the inputs and outputs data, respectively. Additionally, Eq. 15 provides the sign constraints for the decision variables. Finally, Eq. 16 gives the binary constraint for the parameters  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$ .

$$(E_{j_0})_{\alpha}^U = \max \sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^U - \delta_1 u_0 \quad (9)$$

Subject to;

$$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^U - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^L - \delta_1 u_0 \leq 0, \quad (10)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r (Y_{rj_0})_{\alpha}^L - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^U - \delta_1 u_0 \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, j \neq j_0 \quad (11)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_{\alpha}^L = 1, \quad (12)$$

$$QI_{pq}^L \leq \frac{v_p}{v_q} \leq QI_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, m \quad (13)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p}{u_q} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s \quad (14)$$

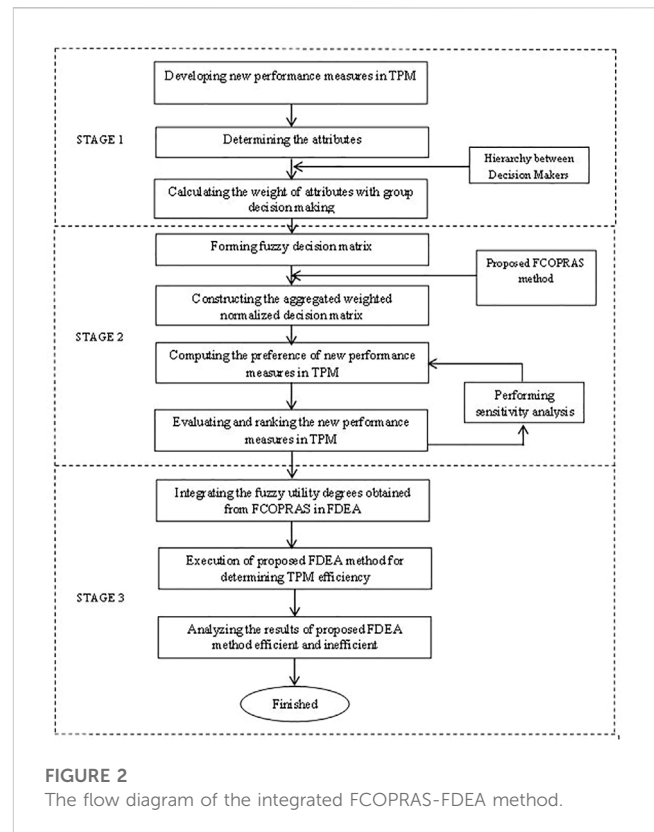


FIGURE 2  
The flow diagram of the integrated FCOPRAS-FDEA method.

$$v_i \geq \varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, m; u_r \geq \varepsilon, r = 1, \dots, s \quad (15)$$

$$\delta_1 \delta_2 (-1)^{\delta_3} u_0 \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

Secondly, Models 1) and 2) are extended by adding three different undesirability approaches. **The first approach** is the ignorance of undesirable outputs and desirable inputs. Thus, Models 1) and 2) are solved without any modifications. **The second approach** is to treat the undesirable outputs as inputs and the desirable inputs as outputs. In this way, Models 1) and 2) are solved without any modifications. Therefore, in these models, the number of inputs and outputs is only changed. Therefore, these models are called “Models 3) and 4)”. **The third approach** is to apply the FDEA model proposed by Puri and Yadav (2014) with ignorance of the desirable inputs. In this context, Models 1) and 2) are integrated with the FDEA model, and then Models 5) and 6) are obtained as demonstrated in Eqs 17–34. Here it should be also noted that Puri and Yadav (2014) used a method developed by Saati et al. (2002) to solve the FDEA model. However, Models 5) and 6) are proposed based on the approach developed by Kao and Liu (2000). In the Models 5) and 6), it is assumed that the performance of a homogeneous set of  $n$  DMUs ( $DMU_j; j = 1, \dots, n$ ) is to be measured. The performance of a DMU is characterized by a production process of  $m$  fuzzy inputs to yield  $s$  fuzzy outputs in which  $s_1$  fuzzy outputs are desirable (good) and  $s_2$  fuzzy outputs are undesirable (bad) such that  $s = s_1 + s_2$ . Let  $\tilde{Y}$  be the fuzzy output matrix consisting of positive fuzzy elements. Then the fuzzy output matrix  $\tilde{Y}$  can be decomposed as  $\tilde{Y} = [\tilde{Y}^g \tilde{Y}^b]^T$ , where  $\tilde{Y}^g$  and  $\tilde{Y}^b$  are the matrices for desirable fuzzy outputs and undesirable fuzzy

outputs respectively. Let  $\tilde{X}$  be the fuzzy input matrix consisting of positive fuzzy elements. Further, let  $\tilde{X}_{ij_0} = [(\tilde{X}_{ij_0})_\alpha^L, (\tilde{X}_{ij_0})_\alpha^U]$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) be the  $m$  fuzzy inputs used by the  $j_0$  th DMU,  $\tilde{Y}_{rj_0}^g = [(\tilde{Y}_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^L, (\tilde{Y}_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^U]$  ( $r = 1, \dots, s_1$ ) be the  $\alpha$ -level form of the  $s_1$  desirable fuzzy outputs, and  $\tilde{Y}_{pj_0}^b = [(\tilde{Y}_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^L, (\tilde{Y}_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^U]$  ( $p = 1, \dots, s_2$ ) be the  $\alpha$ -level form of the  $s_2$  undesirable fuzzy outputs produced by the  $j_0$  th DMU respectively. The lower bound  $(E_{j_0})_\alpha^L$  and the upper bound  $(E_{j_0})_\alpha^U$  of the fuzzy efficiency score of the  $j_0$  th DMU with the undesirable fuzzy outputs can be evaluated from the Models 5) and 6).

$$(E_{j_0})_\alpha^L = \max \sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^L - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^L \quad (17)$$

Subject to;

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^L - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^L - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^U \leq 0, \quad (18)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^U - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^U - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^L \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, j \neq j_0 \quad (19)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^L - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^L \geq 0, \quad (20)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^U = 1, \quad (21)$$

$$QI_{pq}^L \leq \frac{v_p}{u_q} \leq QI_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, m \quad (22)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p^g}{u_q^g} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s_1 \quad (23)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p^b}{u_q^b} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s_2 \quad (24)$$

$$v_i \geq \varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, m; u_r^g \geq \varepsilon, r = 1, \dots, s_1; u_p^b \geq \varepsilon, p = 1, \dots, s_2, \quad (25)$$

where  $u_r^g$ ,  $u_p^b$ , and  $v_i$  are the weights for the  $r$ th desirable fuzzy output,  $p$ th undesirable fuzzy output, and  $i$ th fuzzy input of the  $j_0$  th DMU respectively, and  $\varepsilon$  is the non-Archimedean infinitesimal.

In Model 5), the objective function in Eq. 17 calculates the lower bound of the efficiency at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level for the  $DMU_{j_0}$ . The constraint in Eq. 18 gives that the ratio of the lower bound of the desirable output data to the lower bound of the undesirable output data and the upper bound of the input data is less and equal than 1 for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 19 also presents that the ratio of the upper bound of the desirable output data to the upper bound of the undesirable output data and the lower bound of the input data is less and equal than 1 for the other DMUs at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 20 prevents taking negative efficiency score of the lower bound for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 21 provides that the sum of the upper bounds of the weighted input data for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  is equal to 1 at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraints in Eqs 22 and 23, and 24 give the assurance regions for the inputs and desirable and undesirable outputs data, respectively. The last constraint in Eq. 25 provides the sign constraints for the decision variables.

$$(E_{j_0})_\alpha^U = \max \sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^U - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^U \quad (26)$$

Subject to;

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^U - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^U - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^L \leq 0, \quad (27)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^L - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^L - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^U \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, j \neq j_0 \quad (28)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{s_1} u_r^g (Y_{rj_0}^g)_\alpha^U - \sum_{p=1}^{s_2} u_p^b (Y_{pj_0}^b)_\alpha^U \geq 0, \quad (29)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m v_i (X_{ij_0})_\alpha^L = 1, \quad (30)$$

$$QI_{pq}^L \leq \frac{v_p}{u_q} \leq QI_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, m \quad (31)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p^g}{u_q^g} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s_1 \quad (32)$$

$$QO_{pq}^L \leq \frac{u_p^b}{u_q^b} \leq QO_{pq}^U, \quad 1 \leq p < q = 2, \dots, s_2 \quad (33)$$

$$v_i \geq \varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, m; u_r^g \geq \varepsilon, r = 1, \dots, s_1; u_p^b \geq \varepsilon, p = 1, \dots, s_2, \quad (34)$$

where  $u_r^g$ ,  $u_p^b$ , and  $v_i$  are the weights for the  $r$ th desirable fuzzy output,  $p$ th undesirable fuzzy output and  $i$ th fuzzy input of the  $j_0$  th DMU respectively, and  $\varepsilon$  is the non-Archimedean infinitesimal.

In Model 6), the objective function in Eq. 26 calculates the upper bound of the efficiency at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level for the  $DMU_{j_0}$ . The constraint in Eq. 27 gives that the ratio of the upper bound of the desirable output data to the upper bound of the undesirable output data and the lower bound of the input data is less and equal than 1 for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 28 also presents that the ratio of the lower bound of the desirable output data to the lower bound of the undesirable output data and the upper bound of the input data is less and equal than 1 for the other DMUs at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 29 prevents taking negative efficiency score of the upper bound for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraint in Eq. 30 provides that the sum of the lower bounds of the weighted input data for the  $DMU_{j_0}$  is equal to 1 at the given  $\alpha$ -cut level. The constraints in Eqs 31–33 give the assurance regions for the inputs and desirable and undesirable outputs data, respectively. The last constraint in Eq. 34 provides the sign constraints for the decision variables.

The proposed models as mentioned above have some computational and practical implications, which are summarized below.

- They consider AR for inputs and outputs and perform together with the fuzzy multiattribute decision-making (FMADM) method, e.g., FCOPRAS, to increase their computational effort and reliability;
- They handle both desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs that are very suitable for analyzing complicated real-world problems;
- They account for the uncertainties inherent to real-world data using fuzzy sets to provide more flexibility for dealing with real-world cases;



TABLE 3 A detailed list for the proposed TPM PIs.

Category	Sub -category	Proposed TPM PIs
Operational-related	Unplanned down-time	Number of unplanned maintenance
		MTTR
		MTBF
		Reduced speed
		Reduced yield
		Quality losses
Business-related	HSE problems	Number of HSE incidents
	Organization problems and labour unrest (Employee satisfaction)	Employee absentees
		Employee turn-over rate
		Refusal of extended hours or overtimes
Human-oriented	Direct human-oriented	Competence of maintenance personnel
		Experience of operators in production line
		Operator reliability
		Training and continuing education
	Indirect human-oriented	Motivational management
		Work environment
Other	-	Availability of maintenance personnel

- Solving these models leads to a fuzzy efficiency score (i.e., optimistic and pessimistic efficiency values according to different  $\alpha$ -cut levels) for each DMU. This provides a practical and broader approach for the decision-makers.

## 4 Implementation of the proposed TPM PMS: A real manufacturing case study

This section presents a case study to implement the proposed TPM PMS in a manufacturing company that is operating in the automotive industry. Along with the core operating departments, there are support functions including the TPM department. In the TPM department, there are one lead engineer and four supervisors and 28 maintenance technicians. The overall TPM activities of this company are managed by the TPM-office. This company produces components of fuel injection systems. These components are tubular rail (CR), high pressure valve (HPV), and nozzle holder body (NHB). CR is manufactured in two segments which are “CR Machining” and “CR and Test”. HPV is manufactured in a separate assembly line and being assembled to rail in CR A&T line. NHB is manufactured in two segments as well as those “NHB Beginning of Line (BOL)” and “NHB End of Line (EOL)”. The selected production lines for this study to evaluate TPM performance, which are also called decision-making units in short DMUs, were “Rail Machining (DMU1)”, “Rail Assembly and HPV (DMU2)”, “NHB BOL (DMU3)” and “NHB EOL (DMU4)”.

Firstly, the proposed TPM performance indicators (TPM PIs) were evaluated by using the COPRAS-G and developed FCOPRAS methods, as presented in the study done by Turanoglu Bekar and Kahraman, (2016). The results obtained by the FCOPRAS method were compared with the most popular FMADM methods and its reliability is also validated by the sensitivity analysis. Afterward, these TPM PIs were classified as desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs, and then their fuzzy relative significances (i.e., fuzzy  $\hat{Q}_i$  values) obtained by the FCOPRAS were integrated into the GFDEA/AR models modified based on the three different undesirability approaches in the presence of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs as explained in details in the previous section. In this regard, the proposed models were solved to obtain fuzzy efficiencies of the DMUs as representing the production lines of the company. Then, these fuzzy efficiencies were ranked using a proper ranking method. According to the ranking results, the DMUs which have the best and the worst TPM performance values were determined. Consequently, the performance values of each production line were compared to its corresponding OEE values which have previously been measured by the company. The results from each step as explained above are summarized in the following sub-sections.

### 4.1 Proposed TPM PIs in the design phase

This section answers the question what indicators are to be measured in the design phase of TPM PMS. Turanoglu Bekar and Kahraman, (2016) proposed an outline for defining different types of PIs impacting TPM and evaluated these PIs using COPRAS-G and

**TABLE 4** Linguistic assessments for all of the criteria and their aggregated fuzzy weights.

Criteria	TPM manager	Production manager	Quality Manager	Aggregated fuzzy weights		
Specifity	VHI	VHI	VHI	0.1974	0.3056	0.5333
Measurability	HI	VHI	HI	0.1736	0.2722	0.5133
Attainability	SHI	HI	HI	0.1423	0.2306	0.4567
Practicalness	MI	HI	HI	0.1256	0.2014	0.3900
Timely	SLI	VHI	HI	0.1125	0.1847	0.3467
Cost of Measure	SHI	HI	SHI	0.1328	0.2208	0.4467
Linguistic terms for criteria		Scores (%)		Linguistic terms for alternatives		
Very Low Important (VLI)		(0, 0, 10)		Very Poor (VP)		
Low Important (LI)		(5, 15, 25)		Poor (P)		
Somewhat Low Important (SLI)		(20, 32.5, 45)		Somewhat Poor (SP)		
Medium Important (M)		(40, 50, 60)		Fair (F)		
Somewhat High Important (SHI)		(55, 67.5, 80)		Somewhat Good (SG)		
High Important (HI)		(75, 85, 95)		Good (G)		
Very High Important (VHI)		(90, 100, 100)		Very Good (VG)		

proposed FCOPRAS methods. A detailed list of the proposed TPM PIs is given in [Table 3](#).

According to [Table 3](#), “operational-related indicators” are the production losses observed while running the plant. Since these are the most common problems observed in production, they are the ones analyzed regularly. “Business-related indicators” consist of problems at the entire business level. “Organizational problems or labor unrest” are stated employee satisfaction and also may cause the production to shut down leading to production loss. “Employee satisfaction indicators” can include morale, teamwork, and industrial harmony. Some of these are “employee absentees”, “employee turnover rate”, and “refusal of extended hours or overtime” ([Parida and Chattopadhyay, 2007](#)). “HSE problems” cause production to be slowed down or stopped. An indicator of HSE problems is the number of HSE incidents ([Muchiri and Pintelon, 2010](#)). Human factors represented by maintenance technicians and other related staff (e.g., machine operators are in direct contact with the maintenance activities and efforts because of the autonomous maintenance concept in TPM) are the backbone of the maintenance system in any organization ([Ljungberg, 1998; Cabahug et al., 2004](#)). Qualified and well-trained machine operators and maintenance technicians are the driving force behind any effective maintenance measurement system ([Simoes et al., 2011](#)). As such, the effectiveness of the different facets of the performance system is very much dependent on the competency, training, and motivation of the human factor in charge of the maintenance system ([Peach et al., 2016](#)). In this context, human-oriented factors are proposed to measure TPM performance. These factors are divided into two groups, direct and indirect human-oriented factors. Proposed indicators for direct human-oriented factors are “Competence of maintenance personnel”, “experience

of operators in production line”, “operator reliability”, and “training and continuing education”. The indirect human-oriented factor is addressed from two different points such as motivation management and work environment. Proposed indicators for the motivational management and work environment are “new ideas generated and implemented”, and “5S level”, respectively. Another proposed indicator is “the availability of maintenance personnel”. This indicator is very important when breakdowns occur and should urgently be repaired. Thus, the availability of maintenance personnel needs to be looked into, because otherwise, it can act as a performance killer.

## 4.2 Evaluation of proposed TPM PIs using COPRAS-G and proposed FCOPRAS methods

This section answers the question how to evaluate the proposed indicators under some attributes in the evaluation phase of TPM PMS. The proposed TPM PIs are evaluated by COPRAS-G and the proposed FCOPRAS methods under some attributes determined by the committee according to the literature investigation. The committee consisted of three experts (TPM, Production, and Quality Managers), which were selected based on their knowledge and professional expertise about the subject under investigation according to the purposive sampling ([Palys, 2008](#)). Then, six criteria were identified, e.g., the specificity (i.e., clear and concentrated to keep away misunderstanding and it should contain measure suppositions and descriptions and be simply explained); the measurability (i.e., can be quantified and resemble other data; the attainability (i.e., is achievable, rational, and reliable under the

TABLE 5 The ranking of fuzzy  $\tilde{Q}_i$  values of alternatives according to different  $\alpha$ -cut levels.

$\alpha = 0$		$\alpha = 0.1$		$\alpha = 0.2$		$\alpha = 0.3$		$\alpha = 0.4$	
Ranking	$Q^{Tri}(\tilde{Q}_1 \dots \tilde{Q}_{17})$	Ranking	$Q^{Tri}(\tilde{Q}_1 \dots \tilde{Q}_{17})$	Ranking	$Q^{Tri}(\tilde{Q}_1 \dots \tilde{Q}_{17})$	Ranking	$Q^{Tri}(\tilde{Q}_1 \dots \tilde{Q}_{17})$	Ranking	$Q^{Tri}(\tilde{Q}_1 \dots \tilde{Q}_{17})$
$\tilde{Q}_3$	7.9179	$\tilde{Q}_3$	6.7215	$\tilde{Q}_3$	5.6150	$\tilde{Q}_3$	4.5985	$\tilde{Q}_3$	3.6718
$\tilde{Q}_7$	7.6253	$\tilde{Q}_7$	6.4400	$\tilde{Q}_7$	5.3486	$\tilde{Q}_7$	4.3512	$\tilde{Q}_7$	3.4477
$\tilde{Q}_6$	7.4971	$\tilde{Q}_6$	6.3269	$\tilde{Q}_6$	5.2502	$\tilde{Q}_6$	4.2668	$\tilde{Q}_6$	3.3770
$\tilde{Q}_5$	7.4733	$\tilde{Q}_5$	6.3059	$\tilde{Q}_5$	5.2318	$\tilde{Q}_5$	4.2511	$\tilde{Q}_5$	3.3637
$\tilde{Q}_8$	7.3494	$\tilde{Q}_8$	6.1972	$\tilde{Q}_8$	5.1378	$\tilde{Q}_1$	4.1792	$\tilde{Q}_1$	3.3581
$\tilde{Q}_4$	7.3177	$\tilde{Q}_4$	6.1785	$\tilde{Q}_4$	5.1299	$\tilde{Q}_2$	4.1792	$\tilde{Q}_2$	3.3581
$\tilde{Q}_1$	7.0904	$\tilde{Q}_1$	6.0453	$\tilde{Q}_1$	5.0749	$\tilde{Q}_4$	4.1718	$\tilde{Q}_4$	3.3043
$\tilde{Q}_2$	7.0904	$\tilde{Q}_2$	6.0453	$\tilde{Q}_2$	5.0749	$\tilde{Q}_8$	4.1710	$\tilde{Q}_8$	3.2970
$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	6.7871	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	5.6981	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	4.7003	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	3.7937	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	2.9783
$\tilde{Q}_9$	6.3965	$\tilde{Q}_9$	5.3767	$\tilde{Q}_9$	4.4413	$\tilde{Q}_9$	3.5905	$\tilde{Q}_9$	2.8241
$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	6.2869	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	5.2614	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	4.3241	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	3.4750	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	2.7140
$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	5.2901	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	4.4672	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	3.7095	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	3.0172	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	2.3902
$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	4.9003	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	4.1405	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	3.4406	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	2.8007	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	2.2208
$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	4.6474	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	3.9446	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	3.2948	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	2.6979	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	2.1538
$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	4.5992	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	3.8804	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	3.2191	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	2.6447	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	2.1219
$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	4.5030	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	3.8353	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	3.2158	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	2.6154	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	2.0735
$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	4.4199	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	3.7610	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	3.1503	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	2.5878	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	2.0692
$\tilde{Q}_3$	2.8351	$\tilde{Q}_3$	2.0882	$\tilde{Q}_3$	1.4313	$\tilde{Q}_3$	0.8643	$\tilde{Q}_3$	0.3872
$\tilde{Q}_7$	2.6382	$\tilde{Q}_1$	1.9400	$\tilde{Q}_1$	1.3430	$\tilde{Q}_1$	0.8207	$\tilde{Q}_1$	0.3730
$\tilde{Q}_1$	2.6117	$\tilde{Q}_2$	1.9400	$\tilde{Q}_2$	1.3430	$\tilde{Q}_2$	0.8207	$\tilde{Q}_2$	0.3730
$\tilde{Q}_2$	2.6117	$\tilde{Q}_7$	1.9226	$\tilde{Q}_7$	1.3011	$\tilde{Q}_7$	0.7734	$\tilde{Q}_7$	0.3397
$\tilde{Q}_6$	2.5805	$\tilde{Q}_6$	1.8775	$\tilde{Q}_6$	1.2680	$\tilde{Q}_6$	0.7519	$\tilde{Q}_6$	0.3292
$\tilde{Q}_5$	2.5697	$\tilde{Q}_5$	1.8691	$\tilde{Q}_5$	1.2618	$\tilde{Q}_5$	0.7478	$\tilde{Q}_5$	0.3272
$\tilde{Q}_4$	2.5272	$\tilde{Q}_4$	1.8407	$\tilde{Q}_4$	1.2448	$\tilde{Q}_4$	0.7393	$\tilde{Q}_4$	0.3244
$\tilde{Q}_8$	2.5157	$\tilde{Q}_8$	1.8271	$\tilde{Q}_8$	1.2312	$\tilde{Q}_8$	0.7281	$\tilde{Q}_8$	0.3177
$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	2.2540	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	1.6208	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	1.0789	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	0.6281	$\tilde{Q}_{10}$	0.2685
$\tilde{Q}_9$	2.1423	$\tilde{Q}_9$	1.5448	$\tilde{Q}_9$	1.0319	$\tilde{Q}_9$	0.6035	$\tilde{Q}_9$	0.2595
$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	2.0413	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	1.4567	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	0.9602	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	0.5520	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	0.2351
$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	1.8286	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	1.3322	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	0.9012	$\tilde{Q}_{14}$	0.5355	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	0.2329
$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	1.7008	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	1.2407	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	0.8435	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	0.5140	$\tilde{Q}_{11}$	0.2319
$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	1.6626	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	1.2243	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	0.8406	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	0.5064	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	0.2268
$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	1.6475	$\tilde{Q}_{15}$	1.2213	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	0.8389	$\tilde{Q}_{13}$	0.5005	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	0.2251
$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	1.6074	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	1.1895	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	0.8198	$\tilde{Q}_{16}$	0.4983	$\tilde{Q}_{12}$	0.2203
$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	1.5805	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	1.1493	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	0.7757	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	0.4596	$\tilde{Q}_{17}$	0.2010

TABLE 6 Results of the Spearman test.

Proposed and other FMADM methods			Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Fuzzy TOPSIS	Fuzzy ARAS	Fuzzy VIKOR	Fuzzy MULTIMOORA-1	Fuzzy MULTIMOORA-2	Fuzzy MULTIMOORA-3	Fuzzy ELECTRE I
			Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0$ )	Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0.5$ )	Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0.9$ )							
Spearman's rho	Proposed	CC	1.000	.931**	.863**	.669**	.583*	.674**	.613**	-.159	.404	.826**
	Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0$ )	Sig		.000	.000	.003	.014	.003	.009	.541	.107	.000
	Proposed	CC		1.000	.961**	.797**	.735**	.811**	.755**	.100	.596*	.922**
	Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0.5$ )	Sig			.000	.000	.001	.000	.000	.701	.012	.000
	Proposed	CC			1.000	.870**	.814**	.870**	.831**	.167	.703**	.971**
	Fuzzy COPRAS ( $\alpha = 0.9$ )	Sig				.000	.000	.000	.000	.523	.002	.000
	Fuzzy	CC				1.000	.973**	.978**	.980**	.390	.902**	.907**
	TOPSIS	Sig					.000	.000	.000	.122	.000	.000
	Fuzzy	CC					1.000	.946**	.998**	.461	.958**	.860**
	ARAS	Sig						.000	.000	.063	.000	.000
	Fuzzy	CC						1.000	.951**	.375	.880**	.897**
	VIKOR	Sig							.000	.138	.000	.000
	Fuzzy	CC							1.000	.439	.949**	.877**
	MULTIMOORA-1	Sig								.078	.000	.000
	Fuzzy	CC								1.000	.505*	.240
	MULTIMOORA-2	Sig									.039	.353
	Fuzzy	CC									1.000	.757**
	MULTIMOORA-3	Sig										.000
	Fuzzy	CC										1.000
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Correlation Coefficient is denoted by “CC”  
Significant (2-tailed) is denoted by “Sig.”  
\*\*Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)  
\*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

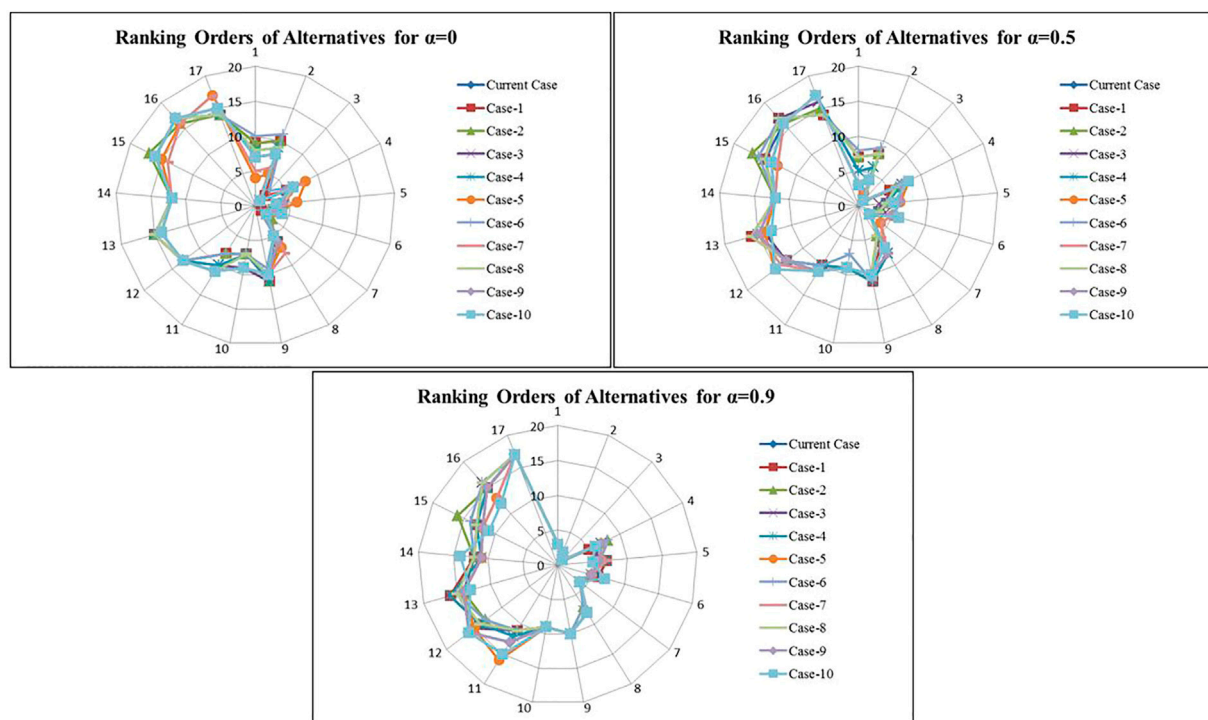


FIGURE 3

Ranking orders of alternatives for  $\alpha = 0, 0.5$ , and  $0.9$  according to ten different cases.

TABLE 7 A list for desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs and their fuzzy  $\tilde{Q}_i$  values.

The proposed TPM PIs	Inputs		Outputs		Fuzzy $\tilde{Q}_i$ values		
	Desirable	Undesirable	Desirable	Undesirable			
MTTR			✓		0.5190	1.6782	7.9868
MTBF			✓		0.5190	1.6782	7.9868
Number of unplanned maintenance				✓	0.5200	1.7112	9.5109
Number of HSE incidents				✓	0.3952	1.3957	9.4479
Reduced speed				✓	0.3972	1.4028	9.7324
Reduced yield				✓	0.4016	1.4125	9.7459
Quality defects				✓	0.4172	1.4637	9.8128
Availability of maintenance personnel	✓				0.3678	1.3566	9.6404
Competence of maintenance personnel	✓				0.2758	1.0863	8.7236
Experience of operators in production line	✓				0.2825	1.1144	9.3990
Operator reliability	✓				0.2161	0.9391	9.0335
Training and continuing education	✓				0.2417	0.9514	6.2366
New ideas generated and implemented	✓				0.2721	1.0016	5.5605
Level of 5S	✓				0.2592	1.0121	6.7909
Employee absentees		✓			0.2968	1.0435	5.1290
Employee turn-over rate		✓			0.2754	1.0048	5.0960
Refusal of extended hours or overtime		✓			0.2211	0.8614	5.9740



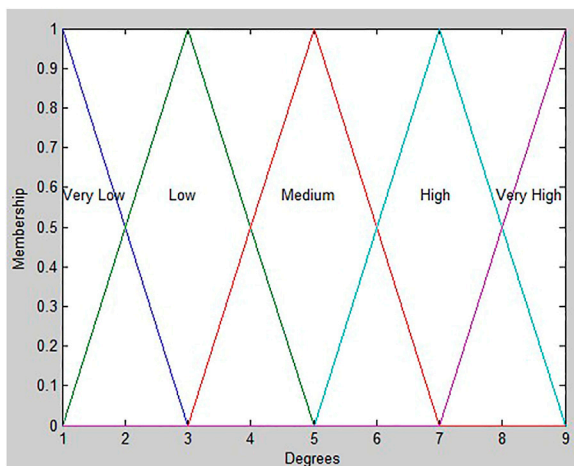


FIGURE 4

The membership functions of the inputs “availability of maintenance personnel”, “operator reliability” and “refusal of extended hours or overtimes”.

conditions expected); the practicalness (i.e., conforms to the organization’s restrictions and is profitable); the timely (i.e., is available within the time frame given); and the cost of measure. The first five criteria are benefit attributes, while the last one is cost. The committee provided linguistic assessments for the six criteria and alternatives (TPM PIs) using the scales proposed by Jamalnia and Soukhakian (2009) as given in Table 4. It should be noted that the reader is referred to the study done by Turanoglu Bekar and Kahraman, (2016) for a more detailed explanation of the steps of the methods and the obtained result. Since the hierarchy between the experts in the committee was defined, thereby they were ranked in a fuzzy way, i.e.,  $\bar{1}$ ,  $\bar{2}$ ,  $\bar{3}$ . Then, the fuzzy weights of the experts are calculated by using the Rank Reciprocal method (Malczewski, 1999). Then, the aggregated fuzzy weights of the criteria are achieved as in Table 4.

The experts gave the linguistic terms presented in Table 4 to each criterion with respect to all alternatives based on their own judgments to construct the fuzzy decision matrix. The proposed method requires aggregation, averaging and normalization process of the fuzzy decision matrix as explained in detail in Turanoglu Bekar and Kahraman, (2016). In the proposed FCOPRAS method,

TABLE 8 Fuzzy normalized values of the relevant data for inputs and outputs.

Desirable inputs (BAD- $V_i^B$ )	DMU <sub>1</sub>			DMU <sub>2</sub>			DMU <sub>3</sub>			DMU <sub>4</sub>		
Availability of maintenance personnel ( $v_1^B$ )	0.3333	0.5556	0.7778	0.1111	0.3333	0.5556	0.3333	0.5556	0.7778	0.5556	0.7778	1.0000
Competence of maintenance personnel ( $v_2^B$ )	0.9195	0.9425	0.9655	0.9540	0.9770	1.0000	0.7471	0.7701	0.7931	0.8736	0.8966	0.9195
Experience of operators in production line ( $v_3^B$ )	0.9459	0.9730	1.000	0.8378	0.8649	0.8919	0.5811	0.6081	0.6351	0.5135	0.5405	0.5676
Operator reliability ( $v_4^B$ )	0.5556	0.7778	1.0000	0.1111	0.3333	0.5556	0.3333	0.5556	0.7778	0.4444	0.7778	1.0000
Training and continuing education ( $v_5^B$ )	0.4762	0.6667	0.8571	0.6190	0.8095	1.0000	0.5238	0.7143	0.9048	0.5714	0.7619	0.9524
New ideas generated and implemented ( $v_6^B$ )	0.8000	0.9000	1.0000	0.4000	0.5000	0.6000	0.2000	0.3000	0.4000	0.3000	0.4000	0.5000
Level of 5S ( $v_7^B$ )	0.7133	0.8244	0.9356	0.7400	0.8511	0.9622	0.7778	0.8889	1.0000	0.7400	0.8511	0.9622
UNDESIRABLE INPUTS (GOOD- $V_i^G$ )	DMU <sub>1</sub>			DMU <sub>2</sub>			DMU <sub>3</sub>			DMU <sub>4</sub>		
Employee absentees ( $v_1^G$ )	0.6331	0.7698	0.9817	0.5095	0.5944	0.7133	0.4477	0.5120	0.5978	0.6407	0.7810	1.0000
Employee turn-over rate ( $v_2^G$ )	0.2000	0.3333	1.0000	0.1250	0.1667	0.2500	0.0714	0.0833	0.1000	0.1111	0.1429	0.2000
Refusal of extended hours or overtimes ( $v_3^G$ )	0.2000	0.3333	1.0000	0.1429	0.2000	0.3333	0.1111	0.1429	0.2000	0.1429	0.2000	0.3333
DESIRABLE OUTPUTS (GOOD- $U_i^G$ )	DMU <sub>1</sub>			DMU <sub>2</sub>			DMU <sub>3</sub>			DMU <sub>4</sub>		
MTTR ( $u_1^G$ )	0.2025	0.3082	0.6447	0.3289	0.3952	0.4949	0.1576	0.2722	1.0000	0.2737	0.4414	0.7206
MTBF ( $u_2^G$ )	0.5233	0.7391	0.9548	0.3417	0.4805	0.6193	0.6427	0.8210	1.0000	0.1681	0.3875	0.6068
UNDESIRABLE OUTPUTS (BAD- $U_i^B$ )	DMU <sub>1</sub>			DMU <sub>2</sub>			DMU <sub>3</sub>			DMU <sub>4</sub>		
Reduced speed ( $u_1^B$ )	0.6696	0.6858	0.7029	0.9339	0.9658	1.0000	0.7962	0.8193	0.8438	0.8955	0.9248	0.9560
Reduced yield ( $u_2^B$ )	0.8499	0.8924	0.9394	0.9048	0.9500	1.0000	0.8675	0.9108	0.9588	0.8857	0.9300	0.9789
Quality defects ( $u_3^B$ )	0.9048	0.9500	1.0000	0.1293	0.1357	0.1429	0.3016	0.3167	0.3333	0.1810	0.1900	0.2000
Number of unplanned maintenance ( $u_4^B$ )	0.4473	0.5464	0.7019	0.3238	0.3983	0.5175	0.1895	0.2330	0.3023	0.2231	0.3648	1.0000
Number of HSE incidents ( $u_5^B$ )	0.9494	0.9740	1.0000	0.4121	0.4167	0.4213	0.7143	0.7282	0.7426	0.4777	0.4839	0.4902

TABLE 9 The fuzzy efficiencies obtained by solving Models (1–6).

Models (1) and (2) based on the first approach												
DMUs	$\alpha$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
1	L	0.8182	0.8641	0.9198	0.9842	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	L	0.6263	0.6544	0.6908	0.7448	0.8057	0.8716	0.9443	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	L	0.8802	0.9296	0.9812	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	L	0.6240	0.6499	0.6781	0.7105	0.7445	0.7820	0.8243	0.8690	0.9161	0.9801	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Models (3) and (4) based on the second approach												
DMUs	$\alpha$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
1	L	0.8316	0.8705	0.9117	0.9567	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	L	0.8801	0.9135	0.9483	0.9856	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	L	0.7558	0.8014	0.8580	0.9213	0.9999	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	L	0.6705	0.7089	0.7491	0.7930	0.8435	0.8991	0.9653	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Models (5) and (6) based on the third approach												
DMUs	$\alpha$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
1	L	0.2958	0.3264	0.3611	0.3999	0.4427	0.4899	0.5420	0.59998	0.6726	0.7618	0.9396
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	L	0.2425	0.2650	0.2977	0.3452	0.4054	0.4792	0.5711	0.7417	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	L	0.8504	0.9896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	L	0.1925	0.2202	0.2526	0.2907	0.3360	0.3915	0.4608	0.5474	0.6576	0.8540	1
	U	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

all fuzzy judgments were not converted to real numbers and all calculations were performed in accordance with the fuzzy arithmetic and ranking. The ranking results of the proposed FCOPRAS method based on the different  $\alpha$ -cut levels from 0 to 0.9 are given in Table 5.

According to Table 5, the best alternative for all levels of  $\alpha$ -cut is “the number of unplanned maintenance”. When transitioning from non-deterministic conditions (e.g., levels of  $\alpha$ -cut being 0, 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3) to deterministic conditions (levels of  $\alpha$ -cut approaching to 1), the ranking orders of the alternatives change. For example, at the

deterministic conditions (e.g., levels of  $\alpha$ -cut equal 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, and 0.9), while the best three alternatives are “the number of unplanned maintenance”, “MTTR”, and “MTBF”, the worst alternative is “refusal of extended hours or overtimes” for these  $\alpha$ -cut levels. Furthermore, at the non-deterministic conditions (e.g., levels of  $\alpha$ -cut equal 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 and 0.4), while the best three alternatives are “the number of unplanned maintenance”, “quality defects”, and “reduced yield”, the worst alternative is “employee turn-over rate” for these  $\alpha$ -cut levels. As a conclusion, the other alternatives have almost the same rankings for the different levels of  $\alpha$ -cut.

TABLE 10 The ranking results of DMUs according to the models.

Models (1) and (2) based on the first approach				
DMUs	1	2	3	4
I	0.8994	0.5957	0.9492	0.4629
Ranking	2	3	1	4
Models (3) and (4) based on the second approach				
DMUs	1	2	3	4
I	0.8401	0.8986	0.7530	0.6219
Ranking	2	1	3	4
Models (5) and (6) based on the third approach				
DMUs	1	2	3	4
I	0.3798	0.4417	0.9808	0.3474
Ranking	3	2	1	4

The proposed FCOPRAS method was also compared to the other most popular FMADM methods, e.g., TOPSIS-F, fuzzy ARAS, VIKOR-F, fuzzy MULTIMOORA and fuzzy ELECTRE I (Kaya and Kahraman, 2010; Turskis and Zavadskas, 2010; Awasthi, et al., 2011; Balazentis et al., 2012; Hatami-Marbini et al., 2013; Kahraman et al., 2016). In order to measure the similarity between the ranks by the proposed FCOPRAS method and benchmarked FMADM methods, Spearman rank correlation coefficient (Gibbons and Chaakraborti, 2014) was calculated. The results of the Spearman test are given in Table 6.

According to Table 6, the minimum and maximum correlation coefficient values are provided as  $-0.159$  (fuzzy MULTIMOORA-2 that is fuzzy reference point) and  $0.826$  (fuzzy ELECTRE I) for  $\alpha = 0$ , respectively. Furthermore, the maximum and minimum correlation coefficient values are provided as  $0.1$  (fuzzy MULTIMOORA-2) and  $0.922$  (fuzzy ELECTRE I) for  $\alpha = 0.5$ . Finally, these values are yielded as  $0.167$  (fuzzy MULTIMOORA-2) and  $0.971$  (fuzzy ELECTRE I) in case of  $\alpha = 0.9$ . These values support the similarity of the results and indicate that the proposed method has high correlation or

substantial relationship with the selected most popular FMADM methods. Additionally, the correlations between fuzzy VIKOR and the proposed FCOPRAS methods for  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0.5$  and  $\alpha = 0.9$  are high ( $0.674$ ,  $0.811$  and  $0.870$ , respectively). This means that these methods produce rankings that are statistically similar since there is not enough evidence to accept the null hypothesis in accordance with significant values  $0.003$ ,  $0.000$  and  $0.000$ , respectively. In summary, the maximal correlation values can be provided by the calculation of the proposed FCOPRAS with  $\alpha = 0.5$  and  $\alpha = 0.9$ .

#### 4.2.1 Sensitivity analysis

In order to see the effects of the optimistic and pessimistic changes in the weights of the criteria, a sensitivity analysis were performed. The new weights of criteria were determined using the randomly generated linguistic assessment values for ten different cases. These cases were examined and the obtained results using by the proposed FCOPRAS method were illustrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3 shows the ranking orders of the alternatives according to the current and ten different cases for three  $\alpha$ -cut levels, e.g.,  $0$ ,  $0.5$ , and  $0.9$ . Here the current case represents the ranking order of the results obtained by the criteria weights originally assigned by the experts. When the  $\alpha$ -cut level is  $0$ , the alternative “the number of unplanned maintenance” is the best option in the current and other cases except for cases 1 and 6. In case 1, this alternative ranks as the second order and the best alternative is “quality defects”. In case 6, this alternative ranks as the third order and the best alternative is also “quality defects”. Additionally, the alternatives like “refusal of extended hours or overtimes” and “employee turn-over rate” are the worst options in most cases. Furthermore, the rank orders of the other alternatives generally change the bottom or the top order from the current order in all cases. When the  $\alpha$ -cut levels are  $0.5$  and  $0.9$ , the alternative “the number of unplanned maintenance” is still the best option in all cases for these  $\alpha$ -cut levels. The alternatives such as “refusal of extended hours or overtimes” and “employee turn-over rate” are the worst options in most cases except case 2. In this case, the worst alternative is “employee absentees”. The alternatives such as “number of HSE incidents”, “reduced speed”, “reduced yield”, “quality defects”, “availability of maintenance personnel”, “competence of maintenance personnel”, and “experience of operators in production line” take place almost in the same rank order in all cases. The rank orders of the other alternatives generally

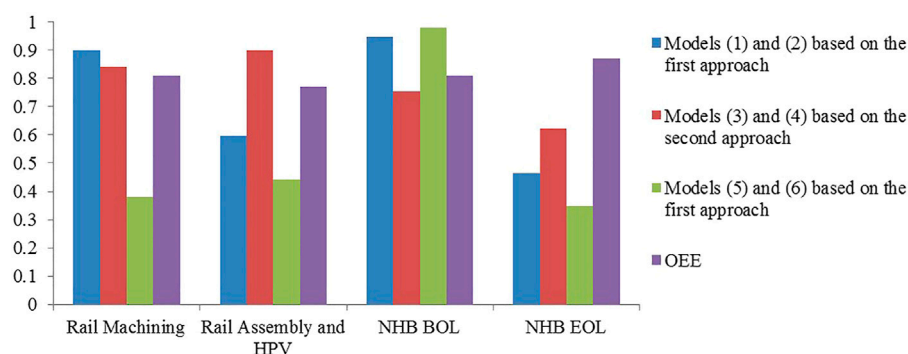


FIGURE 5

The comparisons of TPM performance values with the OEE values with respect to each DMU.

change the bottom or the top order from the current order in all cases. As a result of the sensitivity analysis, even when weights of the criteria retrieve optimistic and pessimistic values, the rank orders of the alternatives do not change considerably. This indicates that the proposed FCOPRAS method is reliable for the evaluation of the proposed TPM PIs. Additionally, this method can be also used to assess different application problems.

### 4.3 Performance evaluation of TPM using the proposed TPM PIs

This section answers the question how to use the proposed TPM PIs to measure the performance of TPM in the implementation phase of TPM PMS. The GFDEA/AR models (see section 3.1.1) that integrate the proposed FCOPRAS and FDEA methods were implemented to evaluate the performance efficiency of TPM for four production lines in other words the DMUs as described at the beginning of Section 4.

#### 4.3.1 Determination of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs

Firstly, the proposed TPM PIs (alternatives) given in Table 3 were classified as inputs and outputs, and then they were determined as desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs; Table 7 presents a list of the desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs and their corresponding fuzzy  $\tilde{Q}_i$  values (i.e., fuzzy relative significance) which were determined using the proposed FCOPRAS method.

The relevant data of “MTRR”, “MTBF”, “the number of unplanned maintenance”, “quality defects”, “the number of HSE incidents”, and “reduced yield” are crisp values, which can be treated as degenerated Triangular Fuzzy Numbers (TFNs). “Reduced speed” which cannot be assessed by exact data, is represented as TFNs. In these inputs, “new ideas generated and implemented”, “level of 5S” and “employee absentees” are crisp, which can be treated as degenerated TFNs. In addition, “employee turn-over rate” and “training and continuing education” were scored by approximate value according to production lines. Hence, they were represented as TFNs. The inputs “availability of maintenance personnel”, “operator reliability” and “refusal of extended hours or overtimes” are evaluated from the observations of the production line supervisor and team leader using fuzzy linguistic scale such as “very low”, “low”, “medium”, “high” and “very high”. The membership functions of these inputs are shown in Figure 4, which can be regarded as degenerated TFNs. The relevant data of “competence of maintenance personnel” is a crisp value, which can be treated as degenerated TFN and it was obtained from the table of ability for maintenance personnel in the company. Finally, the relevant data of the input “experience of operators in production line” was assessed according to years of relevant work experience on a specific machine and operation and also working time in the company, which is a crisp value, and can be treated as a degenerated TFN.

In order to rectify the problems due to the significant differences in the magnitude of inputs and outputs, the linear scale transformation was used to convert the various inputs and outputs scales into a comparable scale. In this context, the obtained fuzzy normalized values of all inputs and outputs regarding the DMUs are listed in Table 8.

#### 4.3.2 Solving the proposed GFDEA/AR models

The proposed GFDEA/AR models in the presence of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs, which are explained in detail in Section 3.1, were used to evaluate TPM performance for DMUs. In this context, firstly the  $\alpha$ -cut sets of inputs and outputs for each DMU were obtained using the fuzzy normalized values given in Table 8. Afterwards, the proposed Models (1–6) based on the first, second third approaches (see Section 3.3.1) were performed according to the concept of  $\alpha$ -cut for the lower and upper bounds of each DMU. Each model includes eighty-eight different mathematical models (for the lower and upper bounds of each DMU at eleven different  $\alpha$ -cut levels) and these were solved by using General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS) 23.5. By solving the proposed Models (1–6) for each DMU, the fuzzy efficiencies scores were obtained under the different  $\alpha$ -cut levels from 0 to 1 and the results are presented in Table 9.

In order to compare the fuzzy efficiency scores of DMUs as listed in Table 9, a ranking method needs to be used. In the literature, while many methods for ranking fuzzy numbers have been proposed, the area measurement method proposed by Chen and Klein (1997) is a proper method for this study, since it does not need the exact membership functions of the fuzzy numbers to be ranked. Therefore, this ranking method is implemented to evaluate the production lines according to TPM performance using the following equation:

$$I(\tilde{E}_j) = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^U - c \right) / \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \left( (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^U \right) - c \right] - \sum_{i=0}^n \left( (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^L - d \right) / \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \left( (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^L \right) - d \right], n \rightarrow \infty \quad (35)$$

where  $c = \min_{i,j} \left\{ (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^L \right\}$  and  $d = \max_{i,j} \left\{ (E_j)_{\alpha_i}^U \right\}$ . The larger the value of the ranking index  $I(\tilde{E}_j)^{jj}$  the more preferred the number is.

In this context, the ranking indices of the four fuzzy efficiency scores for each models are calculated using Eq. 35 and given in the first row of Table 9. Based on the ranking indices, the TPM performances of the four production lines are ranked accordingly.

Table 10 reveals that DMU<sub>3</sub> (NHB BOL) has the highest TPM performance value while DMU<sub>4</sub> (NHB EOL) has the lowest TPM performance value according to the ranking results of Models 1) and 2) based on the first approach. However, in Models 3) and 4) based on the second approach, the best TPM performance value is obtained by DMU<sub>2</sub> (Rail assembly and HPV) and DMU<sub>4</sub> again has the worst TPM performance value. Furthermore, DMU<sub>1</sub> (Rail machining) has the same ranking order in Models (1–4) based on the first and second approaches. In this table, according to the ranking results of Models 5) and 6) based on the third approach, the DMU<sub>3</sub> is the most efficient production line with respect to TPM performance. DMU<sub>4</sub> has also the lowest TPM performance value. As conclusion, it is observed that the production lines DMU<sub>2</sub> and DMU<sub>3</sub> together define an efficient Frontier and DMU<sub>1</sub> is the production line with the best performance followed by these production lines according to TPM performance.

## 5 Discussion

In most organizations, the performance of TPM is measured by the OEE metric which gives information about only

equipment-related performance. However, different factors such as business-related factors, external-related factors, and, especially human-related factors (e.g., operators who are most familiar with the daily operation of the equipment and maintenance personnel who are most familiar with the technical specifications and long-run performance of the equipment) have a great impact on successful implementation of TPM.

According to the literature, although several critical success factors for TPM implementation have been defined in various studies, a few studies have been made related to the performance measurement in TPM implementation (Park, 2002; F.-K; Wang, 2006; Jeon et al., 2011). Therefore, the results from this study demonstrated a standardized and systematic way of how the critical factors impacting on TPM performance can be evaluated under some conflicting attributes and how they can be further used for the measurement of TPM performance. Therefore, it can fulfill the gap in knowledge in the field, which is lack of standardization. In the following paragraphs, the contributions of the proposed TPM PMS according to its each phase.

In the design phase, the human-related factors were also identified as significant TPM PIs having an impact on TPM, which was previously studies in the literature (Arunraj et al., 2014; Bekar and Kahraman, 2016; Peach et al., 2016; Sharma et al., 2016; Turanoglu Bekar et al., 2016), and this result contributed to the research on human factors of TPM. In the evaluation phase, the proposed FCOPRAS method was applied for the evaluation of the proposed TPM PIs. The proposed FCOPRAS method was also compared to the most popular FMADM methods using Spearman's rank correlation coefficient in the evaluation phase. It is concluded that the proposed FCOPRAS method produces statistically similar rankings with the other FMADM methods in the literature. Finally, its validity and robustness were tested by using sensitivity analysis according to optimistic and pessimistic changes in the linguistic assessments of attributes. The innovative side of the proposed FCOPRAS method is that all calculations were performed in accordance with the fuzzy arithmetic operations and fuzzy ranking method, and therefore it does not include any defuzzification step for avoiding information loss.

According to the fuzzy efficiencies of the GFDEA/AR models with coexisting desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs proposed in the implementation phase, Models 3) and 4) based on the second approach gave the best fuzzy efficiencies while Models 5) and 6) based on the third approach presented the worst fuzzy efficiencies for each DMU at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level. However, Models 1) and 2) based on the first approach calculated the intermediate fuzzy efficiencies for each DMU at any given  $\alpha$ -cut level among the proposed models. Accordingly, Models 3) and 4) provided optimistic efficiency values while Models 5) and 6) gave pessimistic efficiency values. Models 1) and 2) found the efficiencies between the optimistic and pessimistic values. Consequently, the proposed models give an opportunity to see the different approaches for the performance evaluation of TPM. According to the best knowledge of the author, the GFDEA/AR models were firstly integrated with the proposed FCOPRAS method. Additionally, these models were extended in the presence of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs. Thus, the proposed models make a significant contribution to the TPM literature.

In the review phase answers to the questions about how to use TPM performance results for preventive/predictive decisions and actions and

how to review and modify this system accordingly. In this context, the comparisons were made between the TPM performance values obtained by the proposed models (I indexes as seen in Table 10) and the OEE values (the average values of 36 weeks) which were measured by the company with respect to each DMU. Figure 5 illustrates these comparisons.

As seen in Figure 5, the production lines such as "Rail Machining" and "NHB BOL" have the highest OEE values after the production line "NHB EOL" while the production line "Rail Assembly and HPV" has the lowest OEE value. However, "NHB EOL" has the lowest TPM performance value according to Models (1–6). It can be concluded that other indicators (e.g., "operator reliability", "competence of maintenance personnel", "level of 5S, etc.) have a greater impact than the operational related indicators (e.g., "reduced speed", "reduced yield", "quality defects", MTTR and MTBF) in this production line. Furthermore, the ranking orders of the production lines, namely, "Rail Machining", "NHB BOL" and "Rail Assembly and HPV" according to OEE values are similar to the ranking orders of these lines according to TPM performance values obtained by Models (1–4). Furthermore, experts responsible for the TPM program implementation in the company were invited to fill out a form with their judgments, regarding their expertise and experiences in a successful TPM implementation. In this context, in the review phase by monitoring the performance of TPM, it was validated by the experts (e.g., TPM, Production, and Quality managers) in order to control TPM plans, compare the TPM performances of production lines and so prioritize the most important preventive and predictive decisions and actions according to production lines, especially the ineffective ones in TPM program implementation. In conclusion, the real manufacturing case study as presented in the previous section demonstrated the applicability of the proposed TPM PMS. The following contributions and benefits of the proposed TPM PMS are identified from the results of the case study.

- It standardizes the performance of TPM;
- It allows measuring TPM performance with different indicators especially soft ones, e.g., human-related. Thus, it uses both quantitative and qualitative data;
- It supports a true picture of the current state of the production processes in terms of TPM performance;
- It offers a powerful control tool and reliable evidence in order to make effective decisions and actions;
- It provides a holistic and systematic approach and supports the TPM implementation process to be more effective;
- It provides important information to the annual meeting of the company;
- It is also applicable to all industries.

## 6 Conclusion

TPM has been widely implemented as a lean production tool for improving manufacturing performance in many organizations in today's competitive environment. The performance of TPM should be measured by some factors since it can make a significant contribution to companies in advancing their manufacturing operations. In this study, a new framework is proposed to measure TPM performance with novel



performance indicators. The proposed framework provides a comprehensive and systematic way to measure TPM performance since it covers all phases of a performance measurement system, namely, design, evaluation, implementation, and review. In the design phase, various types of indicators which tend to impact TPM performance were designed based on the theoretical and practical aspects. In the evaluation phase, the TPM PIs proposed in the design phase were evaluated by using the proposed FCOPRAS method. Additionally, it was compared with the most popular FMADM methods and its reliability was also represented by the sensitivity analysis. In the implementation phase, the proposed TPM PIs were used to evaluate TPM performance using FDEA which is a very effective method for evaluating the relative efficiency of DMUs on the basis of multiple fuzzy inputs and outputs. The fuzzy relative significance of the proposed TPM PIs obtained by the FCOPRAS method is integrated into the FDEA models based on AR and undesirability approaches. In this regard, different GFDEA/AR models in the presence of desirable and undesirable inputs and outputs were proposed to measure TPM performance. The results from a real-world manufacturing case study demonstrated the applicability and superiority of the integrated method based on FCOPRAS-FDEA in performance measurement for TPM.

Overall, this TPM PMS can provide valuable insights and learning opportunities for companies, and can help to improve the effectiveness of maintenance practices, increase equipment reliability, enhance product quality, optimize asset utilization using qualitative and quantitative indicators, and continuous improvement in their maintenance practices, production processes, and overall business operations. This can help to drive innovation and create a culture of continuous improvement within the organization. Thereby, in a longer term, this would contribute toward future competitiveness and sustainability of manufacturing systems. Moreover, the proposed TPM PMS can be simply applied for measuring TPM performance using different real-cases from various industries. While the proposed TPM PMS can be a valuable tool, there might be some limitations which are reliance on data accuracy (i.e., it relies on accurate and reliable data to be effective) and potential for over-reliance on the proposed TPM PIs (i.e., it can be highly focused on the indicators, which may lead to a narrow focus on short-term improvements rather than long-term goals). Therefore, for further research, the proposed TPM PMS can be used in conjunction with other improvement methodologies and business strategies. Additionally, other extensions of the fuzzy sets such as type-2, intuitionistic, multi-sets, and hesitant might be used

or different undesirability approaches might be adopted to the proposed models in the implementation phase. Using these alternative fuzzy sets and approaches can help to improve the accuracy and flexibility of fuzzy logic-based models, particularly in situations where uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity are present. This can lead to more effective decision-making and better outcomes.

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