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# SHADOWS OF FUZZY SETS ON BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define the shadow of fuzzy sets in a uniformly convex Banach space and prove some theorems for two convex fuzzy sets. Then we shall observe that these results improve the result of Takahashi and Takahashi [3]. Moreover, we prove a theorem concerning the relationship between the shadows defined here and the fuzzy sets defined by Amemiya and Takahashi [1].

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [5], Zadeh defined the shadow of fuzzy sets in the finite dimensional real Euclidean space and proved a theorem for two convex fuzzy sets to equal each other; see also [6]. It was later shown that this result admitted a counterexample, however, Takahashi and Takahashi [3] proved the following revised version of Zadeh's result:

Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a real Hilbert space X. If both A and B are closed and  $S_H[A] = S_H[B]$  for every closed hyperplane H in X, then A = B.

Recently, Amemiya and Takahashi [1] studied the shadows of fuzzy sets in a normed linear space. They defined a fuzzy set without using the metric projection, which was in essence a generalization of the shadows of fuzzy sets, and extended the result of Takahashi and Takahashi [3] to that in a normed linear space (see Section 3).

However, their fuzzy set did not give the definition of the shadow of fuzzy sets in a normed linear space.

In this paper, we first define the shadow of fuzzy sets in a uniformly convex Banach space and prove some theorems for two convex fuzzy sets by applying the result of Amemiya and Takahashi [1]. Then, we shall observe that these theorems improve the result of Takahashi and Takahashi [3]. Moreover, we prove a theorem concerning the relationship between the shadows defined here and the fuzzy sets defined by Amemiya and Takahashi.

# 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, all linear spaces are real and  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers. Also, if X is a normed linear space, then  $X^*$  denotes its dual and, for any  $f \in X^*$  and any  $x \in X$ , (x, f) denotes the value of f at x.

Let X be a nonempty set. A fuzzy set in X is a function of X into [0, 1]. Let A be a fuzzy set in X. Then, the complement A' of A is a fuzzy set in X, which is defined by the formula

$$A'(x) = 1 - A(x)$$

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for every  $x \in X$ . Let A and B be two fuzzy sets in X. We write  $A \subset B$  if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$  for every  $x \in X$  and A = B if  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ . Let  $r \in [0, 1]$ . Then, the r-cut  $A_r$  of a fuzzy set A in X is a subset of X defined by

$$A_r = \{ x \in X : A(x) \ge r \}.$$

Let X be a topological space and let A be a fuzzy set A in X. Then, A is said to be closed if for each  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,  $A_r$  is a closed subset of X. This implies that the function  $A: X \to [0, 1]$  is upper semicontinuous. Let X be a linear space and let A be a fuzzy set A in X. Then, A is said to be convex if for each  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,  $A_r$  is a convex subset of X. This implies that the function  $A: X \to [0, 1]$  is quasi-concave.

Let X be a normed linear space and let  $S_X$  (respectively  $B_X$ ) denote the subset  $\{x \in X : ||x|| = 1\}$  (respectively  $\{x \in X : ||x|| \le 1\}$ ) of X. Then, X is said to be strictly convex if for each  $x, y \in S_X$ ,

$$x \neq y$$
 implies  $\frac{\|x+y\|}{2} < 1.$ 

X is said to be uniformly convex if for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 2]$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for each  $x, y \in S_X$ ,

$$||x - y|| \ge \varepsilon$$
 implies  $\frac{||x + y||}{2} \le 1 - \delta$ .

Moreover, the norm of X is said to be Gâteaux differentiable (and X is called smooth) if

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists for each  $x, y \in S_X$ .

We note that, if X is uniformly convex, then X is reflexive and strictly convex and that, if  $X^*$  is strictly convex, then X is smooth; see, for instance, [4]. Therefore, if X is uniformly convex, then  $X^*$  is smooth.

The duality map J of X is a set-valued map from X into the class of nonempty subsets of  $X^*$  defined by

$$J(x) = \left\{ f \in X^* : (x, f) = \|x\|^2 = \|f\|^2 \right\}$$

for every  $x \in X$ . Then, for any  $x, y \in X$  and any  $f \in J(x)$ , it is easy to see that  $||x||^2 - ||y||^2 \ge 2(x - y, f)$ . J is single-valued if and only if X is smooth. J is continuous from X to  $X^*$  supplied with the weak\* topology if X is smooth. J is surjective (in the sense that  $\bigcup_{x \in X} J(x) = X^*$ ) if and only if X is reflexive. Moreover, for any  $f \in X^*$  and any  $x \in I^*(f)$  we have I(x) = f if X is reflexive and smooth

for any  $f \in X^*$  and any  $x \in J^*(f)$ , we have J(x) = f if X is reflexive and smooth, where  $J^*$  is the duality map of  $X^*$ ; see, for instance, [4].

Let  $f: X \to (-\infty, \infty]$  be a function. Then, dom f denotes the subset  $\{x \in X : f(x) < \infty\}$  of X. f is said to be proper if dom  $f \neq \emptyset$ . Let C be a convex subset of X. Then, f is said to be convex on C if  $f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \text{dom } f \cap C$  and any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .

We know the following theorem; see, for instance, [4]:

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a reflexive Banach space. Let  $f: C \to (-\infty, \infty]$  be a proper, convex and lower semicontinuous function such that

for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of elements of C,  $f(x_n) \to \infty$  whenever  $||x_n|| \to \infty$ . Then there exists  $x_0 \in C$  such that

$$f(x_0) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in C\}.$$

Using this theorem, we immediately obtain the following; see [4] for instance:

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space X. Then, for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique element  $P_C(x)$  of C such that

$$||x - P_C(x)|| = \inf\{||x - y|| : y \in C\}.$$

The mapping  $P_C$  is said to be the metric projection from X onto C.

## 3. Shadows

First of all, we present some definitions and results concerning shadows of fuzzy sets. Let A be a fuzzy set in a Hilbert space X and let H be a closed hyperplane in X. The shadow  $S_H[A]$  of A on H is a fuzzy set in H defined by

$$S_H[A](x^*) = \sup\{A(x) : P_H(x) = x^*\}$$

for every  $x^* \in H$ , where  $P_H$  is the metric projection from X onto H; see [3, 5]. In [3], Takahashi and Takahashi proved the following revised version of Zadeh's result [5]:

Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a real Hilbert space X. If both A and B (or A' and B') are closed and  $S_H[A] = S_H[B]$  for every closed hyperplane H in X, then A = B.

Let X be a normed linear space, let  $H_0^*$  be a closed hyperplane in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and let A be a fuzzy set in X. In [1], Amemiya and Takahashi defined a fuzzy set  $\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A]$  in X by

$$\hat{S}_{H_0^*}(x) = \sup\{A(z) : z \in \hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x)\}$$

for every  $x \in X$ , where  $\hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x)$  is a subset of X defined by

$$\hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x) = \bigcap_{g \in H_0^*} \left\{ z \in X : (z,g) = (x,g) \right\}$$

for every  $x \in X$ .

Then, they proved the following theorem extending the result of Takahashi and Takahashi to that in a normed linear space:

Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a normed linear space X. If both A and B (or A' and B') are closed and  $\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A] = \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B]$  for every closed hyperplane  $H_0^*$  in X<sup>\*</sup> containing  $0 \in X^*$ , then A = B.

We should mention that the proof of this result implies that, if there exists  $x_0 \in X$ such that  $A(x_0) < B(x_0)$ , there is  $H_0^* \in \mathcal{H}_0^*$  satisfying  $\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A](x_0) < \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B](x_0)$ .

We begin with proving the following theorem by using the result of Amemiya and Takahashi described above.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a normed linear space X. If both A and B (or A' and B') are closed and if there exists  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for every closed hyperplane  $H_0^*$  in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and every  $x \in X$ ,  $\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A](x) - \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B](x) = \varepsilon$ , then  $A(x) - B(x) = \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_0^*$  be the class of all closed hyperplanes in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$ . Then, by the fact mentioned above, we infer that  $A(x) \ge B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . We set  $M_A = \sup_{x \in X} A(x)$  and then, define a convex fuzzy set C and D in X by

$$C(x) = \frac{1}{M_A + \varepsilon} A(x)$$

and by

$$D(x) = \frac{1}{M_A + \varepsilon} (B(x) + \varepsilon)$$

for every  $x \in X$ , respectively. Then we deduce from assumption that for every  $H_0^* \in \mathcal{H}_0^*$  and every  $x \in X$ ,

$$\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[C](x) = \frac{1}{M_A + \varepsilon} \sup \{ A(z) : z \in \hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x) \}$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{M_A + \varepsilon} \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A](x) = \frac{1}{M_A + \varepsilon} (\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B](x) + \varepsilon) = \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[D](x).$ 

Therefore, noting that both C and D (or C' and D') are closed, we have C = D, that is,  $A(x) = B(x) + \varepsilon$  for every  $x \in X$ .

Next, we provide the following result; see, for instance, [4].

**Proposition 3.1.** Let M be a linear subspace in a normed linear space X with a Gâteaux differentiable norm, let J be the duality map of X and let N = M + p for any  $p \in X$ , where M + p denotes the subset  $\{m + p \in X : m \in M\}$  of X. Let us fix  $x \in X$  and  $x_0 \in N$  arbitrarily. Then the following two conditions are equivalent;

- (i)  $(J(x-x_0), m) = 0$  for all  $m \in M$ ;
- (ii)  $||x x_0|| = \inf\{||x u|| : u \in N\}.$

*Proof.* For the sake of completeness, we give a proof.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Since  $||x||^2 - ||y||^2 \ge 2(x - y, J(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , it follows from the assumption that for each  $u \in N$ ,

$$||x - u||^{2} - ||x - x_{0}||^{2} \ge 2(x_{0} - u, J(x - x_{0})) = 0$$

since  $x_0 - u \in M$ . Therefore, the claim ensues.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Putting  $y = x - x_0$ , we infer from the assumption that for each  $m \in M$  and each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$||y + \lambda m|| = ||x - (x_0 - \lambda m)|| \ge ||x - x_0|| = ||y||$$

since  $x_0 - \lambda m \in N$ . Therefore, we deduce that for any  $m \in M$  and any  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$2(\lambda m, J(y+\lambda m)) \ge \|y+\lambda m\|^2 - \|y\|^2 \ge 0$$

and thus, that  $(m, J(y + \lambda m)) \geq 0$ . Since the duality map J of X is continuous from X to  $X^*$  supplied with the weak<sup>\*</sup> topology, the inequality implies, by letting  $\lambda \to +0$ , that  $(m, J(y)) \geq 0$  for all  $m \in M$ . Moreover, since M is a linear subspace in X, we have  $(-m, J(y)) \geq 0$ , that is,  $(m, J(y)) \leq 0$  for all  $m \in M$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Now, we define the shadow of fuzzy sets in a uniformly convex Banach space.

Let X be a uniformly convex Banach space and let A be a fuzzy set in X. Let  $H^*$ be a closed hyperplane in  $X^*$  and let  $H_0^*$  be a closed hyperplane in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and being parallel to  $H^*$  (in the sense that there exists  $f_0 \in X^*$  such that  $H^* = H_0^* + f_0$ . Then, the shadow  $S_{H^*}[A]$  of A on  $H^*$  is a fuzzy set in  $H^*$  defined bv

$$S_{H^*}[A](f) = \sup\{A(z) : z \in M_{H^*}(f)\}$$

for every  $f \in H^*$ , where  $M_{H^*}(f)$  is a subset of X defined by

$$M_{H^*}(f) = \bigcap_{g \in H_0^*} \left\{ z \in X : \left( z - J^*(f), g \right) = 0 \right\}$$

and  $J^*$  is the duality map of  $X^*$ .

Before stating a theorem concerning the shadows of fuzzy sets in a uniformly convex Banach space, we provide the following result; see, for instance, [2].

**Proposition 3.2.** Let X be a normed linear space, let J be the duality map of X and let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $f \in X^*$  be fixed arbitrarily. Then the following two conditions are equivalent;

- (i) There exists  $f_0 \in J(x_0)$  such that  $(u, f_0 f) \ge 0$  for all  $u \in X$ ; (ii) for any  $u \in X$  and any  $\lambda \ge 0$ ,  $||x_0 + \lambda u||^2 ||x_0||^2 \ge 2\lambda(u, f)$ .

*Proof.* For the sake of completeness, we give a proof.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $u \in X$ . Then, since  $f_0 \in J(x_0)$  and  $(u, f_0 - f) \ge 0$ , we deduce that for any  $\lambda \ge 0$ ,  $||x_0 + \lambda u||^2 - ||x_0||^2 \ge 2(\lambda u, f_0) \ge 2(\lambda u, f)$ . Therefore, the claim ensues.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $u \in X$ . If there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $||x_0 + \lambda_0 u|| = 0$ , that is,  $x_0 = -\lambda_0 u$ , we have  $(-\lambda_0 u, f_0) = (x_0, f_0) = ||x_0||^2 = \lambda_0^2 ||u||^2$  for every  $f_0 \in J(x_0)$ . Therefore, it follows from the assumption that for any  $\lambda > 0$  and any  $f_0 \in J(x_0)$ ,

$$2\lambda(u, f) \le ||x_0 + \lambda u||^2 - ||x_0||^2 = |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 ||u||^2 - |\lambda_0|^2 ||u||^2$$
  
=  $\lambda^2 ||u||^2 - 2\lambda\lambda_0 ||u||^2 = \lambda^2 ||u||^2 + 2\lambda(u, f_0)$ 

and hence, that  $\lambda \|u\|^2 + 2(u, f_0 - f) \ge 0$ . Letting  $\lambda \to +0$ , we have  $(u, f_0 - f) \ge 0$ . Otherwise, putting  $g_{\lambda} = \frac{f_{\lambda}}{\|f_{\lambda}\|}$  for any  $\lambda > 0$  and any  $f_{\lambda} \in J(x_0 + \lambda u)$ , we see at once that the elements  $g_{\lambda}$  belong to the subset  $B_{X^*}$  of  $X^*$ . Since  $B_{X^*}$  is a compact subset of X<sup>\*</sup> supplied with the weak<sup>\*</sup> topology, there exists a subnet  $\{g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}\}$  of  $\{g_{\lambda}\}$ such that  $g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}$  converges to some  $g \in B_{X^*}$  in the weak<sup>\*</sup> topology. Therefore, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0\| - \lambda_{\alpha} \|u\| &\leq \|x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u\| = (x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u, g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}) \\ &= (x_0, g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}) + \lambda_{\alpha} (u, g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}) \\ &\leq \|x_0\| + \lambda_{\alpha} (u, g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}) \leq \|x_0\| + \lambda_{\alpha} \|u\| \end{aligned}$$

and thus, that  $||x_0|| = (x_0, g)$  and ||g|| = 1. Further, we infer by assumption that

$$(\|x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u\| + \|x_0\|) \cdot \lambda_{\alpha}(u, g_{\lambda_{\alpha}}) \ge (\|x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u\| + \|x_0\|) \cdot (\|x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u\| - \|x_0\|)$$
  
=  $\|x_0 + \lambda_{\alpha} u\|^2 - \|x_0\|^2 \ge 2\lambda_{\alpha}(u, f)$ 

and consequently, that

$$\left(\|x_0 + \lambda_\alpha u\| + \|x_0\|\right) \cdot (u, g_{\lambda_\alpha}) \ge 2(u, f).$$

This implies that  $(u, ||x_0||g) \ge (u, f)$ . Hence, putting  $f_0 = ||x_0||g$ , we have  $(u, f_0 - f) \ge 0$  and  $f_0 \in J(x_0)$ . This completes the proof.

Using Proposition 3.2, we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let X be a reflexive Banach space with a Gâteaux differentiable norm and let  $H_0$  be a closed hyperplane in X containing  $0 \in X$ . Then, for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $x_0 \in H_0$  such that

$$(u, J(x) - J(x_0)) = 0$$

for all  $u \in H_0$ , where J is the duality map of X.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  be fixed arbitrarily. Then, we define a convex, continuous and real-valued function  $\varphi$  on  $H_0$  by

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{2} ||z||^2 - (z, J(x))$$

for every  $z \in H_0$ . Since

$$\varphi(z) \ge \frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2 - \|z\| \|x\| = \|z\| \left(\frac{1}{2} \|z\| - \|x\|\right)$$

we infer that, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of elements of X,  $\varphi(x_n) \to \infty$  whenever  $||x_n|| \to \infty$ . Therefore, we have  $x_0 \in H_0$  such that

 $\varphi(z) \ge \varphi(x_0)$ 

for all  $z \in H_0$ . Replacing z by  $x_0 + \lambda u$  in the above inequality, we deduce that for any  $u \in H_0$  and any  $\lambda \ge 0$ ,

$$||x_0 + \lambda u||^2 - ||x_0||^2 \ge 2\lambda (u, J(x)).$$

Hence, by Proposition 3.2, we have

$$\left(u, J(x_0) - J(x)\right) \ge 0$$

for all  $u \in H_0$ . Moreover, since  $-u \in H_0$ , we also have  $(u, J(x_0) - J(x)) \leq 0$  for all  $u \in H_0$ . This completes the proof.

Applying Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.1, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a uniformly convex Banach space X. If both A and B (or A' and B') are closed and if there exists  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for every closed hyperplane  $H_0^*$  in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and every  $x^* \in H_0^*$ ,  $S_{H_0^*}[A](x^*) - S_{H_0^*}[B](x^*) = \varepsilon$ , then  $A(x) - B(x) = \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let J (respectively  $J^*$ ) be the duality map of X (respectively  $X^*$ ) and let  $\mathcal{H}_0^*$  be the class of all closed hyperplanes in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$ . By Theorem 3.1, it is sufficient to show that for each  $H_0^* \in \mathcal{H}_0^*$  and each  $x \in X$ ,

$$\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A](x) = \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B](x) + \varepsilon.$$

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Let  $x \in X$  and let  $f \in J(x)$ . Then, by Lemma 3.1, there exists  $f_0 \in H_0^*$  such that  $(J^*(f) - J^*(f_0), g) = 0$ , that is,  $(x - J^*(f_0), g) = 0$  for all  $g \in H_0^*$ . Therefore, we infer that

$$z \in M_{H_0^*}(x) \Leftrightarrow (z - x, g) = 0 \text{ for all } g \in H_0^*$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow (z - J^*(f_0) + J^*(f_0) - x, g) = 0 \text{ for all } g \in H_0^*$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow (z - J^*(f_0), g) = 0 \text{ for all } g \in H_0^*$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow z \in M_{H_0^*}(f_0).$$

and consequently, that  $\hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x) = M_{H_0^*}(f_0)$ . Hence, it follows that

$$\hat{S}_{H_0^*}[A](x) = \sup\{A(z) : z \in \hat{M}_{H_0^*}(x)\} = \sup\{A(z) : z \in M_{H_0^*}(f_0)\} = S_{H_0^*}[A](f_0) = S_{H_0^*}[B](f_0) + \varepsilon = \hat{S}_{H_0^*}[B](x) + \varepsilon.$$

This completes the proof.

As a direct consequence of Theorem 3.2, we have the following theorem which improves the result of Takahashi and Takahashi [3].

**Theorem 3.3.** Let A and B be two convex fuzzy sets in a Hilbert space X. If both A and B (or A' and B') are closed and  $S_{H_0}[A] = S_{H_0}[B]$  for every closed hyperplane  $H_0$  in X containing  $0 \in X$ , then A = B.

Using Theorem 3.3, we have the following theorem for two closed convex subsets of a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let A and B be two closed convex subsets of a Hilbert space X. If  $A \cap H_0 = B \cap H_0$  for every closed hyperplane  $H_0$  in X containing  $0 \in X$ , then A = B.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{H}_0$  be the class of all closed hyperplanes in X containing  $0 \in X$ . We define a closed convex fuzzy set  $f_A$  in X by

$$f_A(x) = \mathbf{1}_A(x)$$

and  $f_B$  in X by

$$f_B(x) = \mathbf{1}_B(x)$$

for every  $x \in X$ . By Theorem 3.3, it is sufficient to show that  $S_{H_0}[f_A] = S_{H_0}[f_B]$ for every closed hyperplane  $H_0 \in \mathcal{H}_0$ . In order to do it, we suppose that there exist  $H_0 \in \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $x \in H_0$  such that  $S_{H_0}[f_A](x) \neq S_{H_0}[f_B](x)$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $S_{H_0}[f_A] = 1$  and  $S_{H_0}[f_B] = 0$ . Then there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $P_{H_0}(x_0) = x$  such that  $x_0 \in A$  and  $x_0 \notin B$ . If  $x_0 = 0$ , then  $x_0 \in A \cap H_0 = B \cap H_0$ . This is a contradiction. So, we suppose that  $x_0 \neq 0$ . Then we have  $p \neq 0$  such that  $(x_0, p) = 0$ . Putting  $H = \{x \in X : (x, p) = 0\}$ , it follows that  $H \in \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $x_0 \in H$ . Therefore we have  $x_0 \in A \cap H_0 = B \cap H_0$ . This is a contradiction.

At the end of this paper, we state a theorem dealing with the relationship between the shadows of fuzzy sets defined here and the fuzzy sets due to Amemiya and Takahashi [1] in a uniformly convex Banach space.

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Let X be a uniformly convex Banach space, let  $H_0^*$  be a closed hyperplane in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and let  $J^*$  be the duality map of  $X^*$ . Then we observe by Lemma 3.1 that for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $f_0 \in H_0^*$  such that

$$(x - J^*(f_0), g) = 0$$
 for all  $g \in H_0^*$ .

On the other hand, we see at once that for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $f_0 \in X^*$  such that  $J^*(f_0) = x$ , that is,

$$(x - J^*(f_0), g) = 0$$
 for all  $g \in X^*$ ;

(see Section 2.) Moreover, it is obvious from the definitions that for each  $f \in H_0^*$ ,  $M_{H_0^*}(f) = \hat{M}_{H_0^*}(J^*(f))$ . Thus, we have proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let X be a uniformly convex Banach space, let  $H_0^*$  be a closed hyperplane in  $X^*$  containing  $0 \in X^*$  and let A be a fuzzy set in X. Then the following (i) and (ii) hold:

(i) For each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $f_0 \in H_0^*$  such that

$$S_{H_0^*}[A](x) = S_{H_0^*}[A](f_0);$$

(ii) for each  $f \in H_0^*$ , there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that

$$S_{H_0^*}[A](f) = S_{H_0^*}[A](x_0)$$

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