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# Forecasting model based on neutrosophic logical relationship and Jaccard similarity 

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#### Abstract

Daily fluctuation trends of a stock market consist of three statuses like up, equal and down. It can be represented by a neutrosophic set which consists of three terms like the truthmembership, indeterminacy-membership and falsity-membership functions. In this paper, we propose a novel forecasting model based on neutrosophic set theory and fuzzy logical relationships between the status of history and current. Firstly, the original time series of the stock market are converted to fluctuation time series by comparing each piece of data with that of the previous day. Then, fuzzify the fluctuation time series into fuzzy-fluctuation time series in terms of the predefined up, equal and down intervals. Next, the fuzzy logical relationships can be expressed by two neutrosophic sets according to the probabilities for different statuses of each current and a certain range of corresponding histories. Finally, based on the neutrosophic logical relationships and the status of history, Jaccard similarity measure is employed to find the most proper logical rule to forecast its future. The authentic Taiwan Stock Exchange Capitalization Weighted Stock Index (TAIEX) time series datasets are used as an example to illustrate the forecasting procedure and performance comparison. The experimental results show that the proposed method can successfully forecast the stock market and other similar kinds of time series. We also apply the proposed method to forecast Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index (SHSECI) to verify its effectiveness and universality.


Keywords: Fuzzy time series; forecasting; fuzzy logical relationship; neutrosophic set; Jaccard similarity

## 1. Introduction

It is well known that there is a statistical long range dependency between the current values and historical values in different times of certain time series [1]. Therefore, many researchers have developed various models to predict the future of such time series based on the historical data sets, e.g., the regression analysis model [2], the autoregressive moving average (ARIMA) model [3], the autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (ARCH) model [4], the generalized ARCH (GARCH) model [5], and so on. However, crisp data used in those models are sometimes unavailable as such time series contains lots of uncertainties. In fact, models satisfy the constraints precisely can miss the true optimum design within the confines of practical and realistic approximations. Therefore, Song and Chissom proposed the fuzzy time series (FTS) forecasting model [6-8] to predict the future of such nonlinear and complicated problems. In a financial context, FTS approaches have been widely applied in stock index forecasting [9-13]. In order to improve the accurate forecasts for stock market indices, some researchers combine fuzzy and non-fuzzy time series with heuristic optimization
methods in forecasting strategies [14]. Other approaches even introduce neural networks and machine learning procedures to find forecasting rules from historical time series [15-17].

The major points in FTS models are related to the fuzzifying of original time series, the establishment of fuzzy logical relationships from historical training datasets and the forecasting and defuzzification of the outputs. Concerning the basic steps of fuzzifying method, various proposals have been considered to determine the effective length of intervals, e.g., the optimal interval length based on averages and distribution methods [18], the optimal interval length using statistical theory [18-24], unequal interval length method based on ratios of data [25], length determination method based on PSO techniques [10], etc. To state appropriate fuzzy logical relationships, Yu [26] proposed a weight assignation model based on the recurrent fuzzy relationships for each individual relationship. Aladag et al. [27] considered artificial neural networks as a basic high-order method for the establishment of logical relationships. Fuzzy auto regressive (AR) models and fuzzy auto regressive and moving average (ARMA) models are also widely used to reflect the recurrence and the weights of different fuzzy logical relationships [9-10, 28-37]. These obtained logical relationships will be used as rules during the forecasting process. However, the proportions of the lagged variables in AR or ARMA models only represent the general best fitness for certain training datasets, without taking into account the differences between individual relationships. Although weight assignation model considers the differences between individual relationships, it has to deal with special relationships which appear in testing dataset but never happen in training dataset. These FTS methods look for point forecasts, without taking into account the implicit uncertainty in the ex-post forecasts.

The main question concerning to forecast stock market indices is related to the trend changes. In fact, daily fluctuation trends of a stock market consist of three statuses like up, equal and down. Therefore, the relationships between historical and current statuses can be regarded as the relationships between two weighted fuzzy-fluctuation statuses. In order to deal with the indeterminate and inconsistent logical relationships, we use neutrosophic sets to represent the trends and weights of the relationships and utilize the similarity measures to look for the most consistent rules in the forecasting and defuzzification steps. The concept of neutrosophic set was originally proposed from a philosophical point of view by Smarandache [38]. A neutrosophic set is characterized independently by a truth-membership function, an indeterminacy-membership function and a falsity-membership function. Its similarity measure is a key role for decision making problems in uncertainty environments. Researchers have proposed various similarity measures and mainly applied them to decision making, e.g., Jaccard, Dice and cosine similarity measures [39], the distance-based similarity measures [40], the entropy measures [41], etc. Although neutrosophic sets have been successfully applied to decision making [39-44], they are scarcely applied to forecasting problems.

In this paper, we introduce neutrosophic sets to stock market forecasting. We propose a novel forecasting model based on neutrosophic set theory and fuzzy logical relationships between statuses of history and current. Firstly, the original time series of the stock market are converted to fluctuation time series by comparing each piece of data with that of the previous day. Then, fuzzify the fluctuation time series into fuzzy-fluctuation time series in terms of the pre-defined up, equal and down intervals. Next, the fuzzy logical relationships can be expressed by two neutrosophic sets according to the probabilities for different statuses of each current and a certain range of corresponding histories. Finally, based on the neutrosophic logical relationships and statuses of nearby history, Jaccard similarity measure is employed to find the most proper logical rule to forecast its future.

The remaining content of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 introduces some preliminaries of fuzzy-fluctuation time series and concepts and similarity measures of neutrosophic sets. Section 3 describes a novel approach for forecasting based on fuzzy-fluctuation trends and logical relationships. In Section 4, the proposed model is used to forecast the stock market using TAIEX datasets from 1997 to 2005 and SHSECI from 2007 to 2015. Conclusions and potential issues for future research are summarized in Section 5.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Definition of fuzzy-fluctuation time series (FFTS)

Song and Chissom [6-8] combined fuzzy set theory with time series and presented the definitions of fuzzy time series. In this section, we extend fuzzy time series to fuzzy-fluctuation time series (FFTS) and propose the related concepts.
Definition 1. Let $L=\left\{l_{1}, l_{2}, \ldots, l_{g}\right\}$ be a fuzzy set in the universe of discourse $U$; it can be defined by its membership function, $\mu_{L}: U \rightarrow[0,1]$, where $\mu_{L}\left(u_{i}\right)$ denotes the grade of membership of $u_{i}$ ,$U=\left\{u_{l}, u_{2}, \ldots u_{i}, \ldots, u_{l}\right\}$.

The fluctuation trends of a stock market can be expressed by a linguistic set $L=\left\{l_{1}, l_{2}, l_{3}\right\}$ $=\left\{\right.$ down, equal, up\}. The element $l_{i}$ and its subscript $i$ is strictly monotonically increasing [45], so the function can be defined as follows: $f: l_{i}=f(i)$.
Definition 2. Let $F(t)(t=1,2, \ldots, T)$ be a time series of real numbers, where $T$ is the number of the time series. $G(t)$ is defined as a fluctuation time series, where $G(t)=F(t)-F(t-1),(t=2,3, \ldots, T)$. Each element of $G(t)$ can be represented by a fuzzy set $S(t)(t=2,3, \ldots, T)$ as defined in Definition 1 . Then we call time series $G(t)$ to be fuzzified into a fuzzy-fluctuation time series (FFTS) $S(t)$.
Definition 3. Let $S(t)(t=n+1, n+2, \ldots, T, n \geq 1)$ be a FFTS. If $S(t)$ is determined by $S(t-1), S(t-2), \ldots, S(t-n)$, then the fuzzy-fluctuation logical relationship is represented by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S(t-1), S(t-2), \ldots, S(t-n) \rightarrow S(t) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and it is called the nth-order fuzzy-fluctuation logical relationship (FFLR) of the fuzzy-fluctuation time series, where $S(t-n), \ldots, S(t-2) S(t-1)$ is called the left-hand side(LHS) and $S(t)$ is called the right-hand side(RHS) of the FFLR, and $S(k)(k=t, t-1, t-2, \ldots, t-n) \in L$.

### 2.2. Basic Concept of Neutrosophic Logical Relationship (NLR)

Smarandache [38] originally presented the neutrosophic set theory. Based on neutrosophic set theory, we propose the concept of fuzzy-neutrophic logical relationship which employs the three terms of a neutrosophic set to reflect the fuzzy-fluctuation trends and weights of a nth-order FFLR.
Definition 4. Let $P_{A(t)}^{i}$ be the probabilities of each element $l_{i}\left(l_{i} \in L\right)$ in the LHS of a nth-order FFLR $S(t-1), S(t-2), \ldots, S(t-n) \rightarrow S(t)$, it can be generated by:
$P_{A(t)}^{i}=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{i, j}}{n} \quad i=1,2,3$
where $w_{i, j}=1$ if $S(t-j)=i$ and 0 otherwise. Let $X$ be a universal set, the left-hand side of a neutrosophic logical relationship is definded by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A(t)=\left\{\left\langle x, P_{A(t)}^{l}, P_{A(t)}^{2}, P_{A(t)}^{3}\right\rangle \mid x \in X\right\} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Definition 5. For $S(t)(t=n+1, n+2, \ldots, T)$ be a FFTS and $A(t)$ be the LHS of a neutrosophic logical relationship. The FFLRs with the same $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{t})$ can be grouped into a FFLRG by putting all their RHSs together as on the RHS of the FFLRG. The RHSs of the FFRLG for A(t) can be represented by a neutrosophic set as Definition 4:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{A(t)}=\left\{\left\langle x, P_{B_{A_{(t)}}}^{1}, P_{B_{A(t)}}^{2}, P_{B_{A(t)}}^{3}\right\rangle \mid x \in X\right\} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P_{B_{A(t)}}^{i}(i=1,2,3)$ represent the down, equal or up probability of the RHSs of the FFRLG for $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{t}) . \quad P_{B_{A(t)}}^{i}(i=1,2,3)$ is called the righ-hand side of a neutrosophic logical relationship.

In this way, the FFLR $S(t-1), S(t-2), \ldots, S(t-n) \rightarrow S(t)$ can be represented by a neutrosophic logical relationship (NLR) $A(t) \rightarrow B_{A(t)}$.
Definition 6 [39]. Let $A\left(t_{1}\right)$ and $A\left(t_{2}\right)$ be two neutrosophic sets. The Jaccard similarity measure between $A\left(t_{1}\right)$ and $A\left(t_{2}\right)$ in vector space is defined as follows:
$J\left(A\left(t_{1}\right), A\left(t_{2}\right)\right)=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{3} P_{A\left(t_{1}\right)}^{i} P_{A\left(t_{2}\right)}^{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{3}\left(P_{A\left(t_{1}\right)}^{i}\right)^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{3}\left(P_{A\left(t_{2}\right)}^{i}\right)^{2}-\sum_{i=1}^{3} P_{A\left(t_{1}\right)}^{i} P_{A\left(t_{2}\right)}^{i}}$

## 3. A Novel Forecasting Model Based on NLRs

In this paper, we propose a novel forecasting model based on high-order neutrosophic logical relationships and Jaccard similarity measures. In order to compare the forecasting results with other researchers' work [9,17,24,33,46-50], the authentic TAIEX (Taiwan Stock Exchange Capitalization Weighted Stock Index) is employed to illustrate the forecasting process. The data from January 1999 to October 1999 are used as training time series and the data from November 1999 to December 1999 are used as testing dataset. The basic steps of the proposed model are shown in Figure 1.


Figure 1. Flowchart of our proposed forecasting model.
Step 1: Construct FFTS for historical training data

For each element $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{t})(\mathrm{t}=1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{~T})$ in the historical training time series, its fluctuation trend is determined by $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{t})=\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{t})-\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{t}-1),(\mathrm{t}=2,3, \ldots, \mathrm{~T})$. According to the range and orientation of the fluctuations, $G(t)(t=2,3, \ldots, T)$ can be fuzzified into a linguistic set \{down, equal, up\}. Let len be the whole mean of all elements in the fluctuation time series $G(t)(t=2,3, \ldots, T)$, define $u_{1}=[-\infty,-$ len $/ 2), u_{2}=[-$ len $/ 2$, len $/ 2), u_{3}=[$ len $/ 2,+\infty]$, then $G(t)(t=2,3, \ldots, T)$ can be fuzzified into a fuzzy-fluctuation time series $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{t})(\mathrm{t}=2,3, \ldots, \mathrm{~T})$.

Step 2: Establish nth-order FFLRs for training data set
According to Definition 3, each $S(t)(t>n)$ in the historical training data set can be represented by its previous $n$ days' fuzzy-fluctuation numbers to establish the training FFLRs.

Step 3: Convert the FFLRs to NLRs
According to Definition 4, the LHS of each FFLR can be expressed by a neutrosophic set $A(t)$. Then, we can generate the RHSs $B_{A(t)}$ for different LHSs respectively as described in Definition 5. Thus, the FFLRs for the historical training dataset are converted into NLRs.

Step 4: Forecast test time series
For each observed point $F(i)$ in the test time series, we can use a neutrosophic set $A(i)$ to represent its $n$ th-order fuzzy-fluctuation trends. Then, for each $A(t)$ obtained in step 3, compare $A(i)$ with $A(t)$ respectively and find the most similar one based on the Jaccard similarity measure method described in Definition 6. Next, use the corresponding $B_{A(t)}$ as forecasting rule to predict the fluctuation value $G^{\prime}(i+1)$ of next point. Finally, get the forecasting value by $F^{\prime}(i+1)=F(i)+G^{\prime}(i+1)$.

## 4. Empirical Analysis

### 4.1. Forecasting TAIEX

Many studies use TAIEX1999 as an example to illustrate their proposed forecasting methods [9,17,24,33,46-50]. In order to compare the accuracy with their models, we also use TAIEX1999 to illustrate the proposed method.

Step 1: Calculate the fluctuation trend for each element in the historical training dataset of TAIEX1999. Then, we use the whole mean of the fluctuation numbers of the training dataset to fuzzify the fluctuation trends into FFTS. For example, the whole mean of the historical dataset of TAIEX1999 from January to October is 85. That is to say, len $=85$. For $F(1)=6152.43$ and $F(2)=6199.91, G(2)=$ $47.48, S(2)=3$. In this way, the historical training dataset can be represented by a fuzzified fluctuation dataset as shown in Appendix Table A1.

Step 2: Based on the FFTS from 5 January 1999 to 30 October shown in Table A1, the nth-order FFLRs for the forecasting model are established as shown in Table A2. The subscript $i$ is used to represent element $l_{i}$ in the FFLRs for convenience.

Step 3: In order to convert the FFLRs to NLRs, first of all, the LHSs of the FFLRs in Table A2 are represented by a neutrosophic set, respectively (shown in Table A2). Then, group the RHSs of the FFLRs with the same LHS neutrosophic set value into RHSs group. Use a neutrosophic set to represent the RHSs group. For example, the LHS of FFLR $2,3,1,1,1,2,2,3,3 \rightarrow 1$ can be represented by the neutrosophic set $(0.33,0.33,0.33)$. The detailed grouping and converting processes are shown in Figure 2.


Figure 2. Group and converting processes for FFLR 2,3,1,1,1,2,2,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$.

In this way, the FFLR $2,3,1,1,1,2,2,3,3 \rightarrow 1$ and other members of the same group is converted into a NLR $(0.33,0.33,0.33) \rightarrow(0.4,0.3,0.3)$. Therefore, the FFLRs in Table A2 can be converted into NLRs as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Neutrosophic logical relationships (NLRs) for historical training data of TAIEX1999.

| NLRs | NLRs | NLRs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(0.33,0.33,0.33) \rightarrow(0.4,0.3,0.3)$ | $(0.22,0.33,0.44) \rightarrow(0,0.6,0.4)$ | $(0.22,0.78,0) \rightarrow(0.5,0.5,0)$ |
| $(0.44,0.33,0.22) \rightarrow(0.23,0.46,0.31)$ | $(0.22,0.44,0.33) \rightarrow(0.33,0.33,0.33)$ | $(0.33,0.67,0) \rightarrow(0,0,1)$ |
| $(0.44,0.44,0.11) \rightarrow(0.4,0.33,0.27)$ | $(0.11,0.56,0.33) \rightarrow(0.17,0.5,0.33)$ | $(0.11,0.11,0.78) \rightarrow(0,1,0)$ |
| $(0.33,0.44,0.22) \rightarrow(0.54,0.23,0.23)$ | $(0.11,0.67,0.22) \rightarrow(0.17,0.33,0.5)$ | $(0,0.22,0.78) \rightarrow(0,1,0)$ |
| $(0.33,0.56,0.11) \rightarrow(0.25,0.5,0.25)$ | $(0.22,0.56,0.22) \rightarrow(0.25,0.5,0.25)$ | $(0,0.33,0.67) \rightarrow(0,1,0)$ |
| $(0.56,0.33,0.11) \rightarrow(0.36,0.27,0.36)$ | $(0.11,0.44,0.44) \rightarrow(0,0.38,0.63)$ | $(0.56,0.22,0.22) \rightarrow(0.25,0.25,0.5)$ |
| $(0.67,0.22,0.11) \rightarrow(0,1,0)$ | $(0.11,0.33,0.56) \rightarrow(0.33,0.17,0.5)$ | $(0.44,0.11,0.44) \rightarrow(0.5,0.5,0)$ |
| $(0.56,0.44,0) \rightarrow(0,0,1)$ | $(0.11,0.22,0.67) \rightarrow(0.43,0.43,0.14)$ | $(0.56,0.11,0.33) \rightarrow(1,0,0)$ |
| $(0.44,0.22,0.33) \rightarrow(0.29,0.43,0.29)$ | $(0,0.56,0.44) \rightarrow(0.33,0,0.67)$ | $(0.67,0,0.33) \rightarrow(0,1,0)$ |
| $(0.33,0.22,0.44) \rightarrow(0.31,0.38,0.31)$ | $(0,0.44,0.56) \rightarrow(0.14,0.43,0.43)$ | $(0.67,0.11,0.22) \rightarrow(0.5,0.25,0.25)$ |
| $(0.22,0.22,0.56) \rightarrow(0.25,0.25,0.5)$ | $(0.11,0.78,0.11) \rightarrow(0,0.8,0.2)$ | $(0.22,0.67,0.11) \rightarrow(0,0,1)$ |
| $(0.33,0.11,0.56) \rightarrow(0,0.5,0.5)$ | $(0,0.89,0.11) \rightarrow(0.25,0.75,0)$ |  |
| $(0.22,0.11,0.67) \rightarrow(0.29,0.29,0.43)$ | $(0.11,0.89,0) \rightarrow(0.5,0.5,0)$ |  |

Step 4: Use the NLRs obtained from historical training data to forecast the test dataset from 1 November 1999 to 30 December. For example, the forecasting value of the TAIEX on 1 November 1999 is calculated as follows:

Firstly, the 9th-order historical fuzzy-fluctuation trends 3,2,2,2,2,3,1,2,2 on 1 November 1999 can be represented by a neutrosophic set $(0.11,0.67,0.22)$. Then, use Jaccard similarity measure method as Definition 6 to choose the most optimal NLR from the NLRs listed in Table 1. Obviously, the NLR $(0.11,0.67,0.22) \rightarrow(0.17,0.33,0.5)$ is the best rule for further forecasting. Therefore, the forecasted fuzzyfluctuation number is:

$$
S^{\prime}(i+1)=(-0.17)+0.5=0.33
$$

The forecasted fluctuation from current value to next value can be obtained by defuzzifying the fluctuation fuzzy number:

$$
G^{\prime}(i+1)=S^{\prime}(i+1) \times \text { len }=0.33 \times 85=28.05
$$

Finally, the forecasted value can be obtained by current value and the fluctuation value:

$$
\mathrm{F}^{\prime}(\mathrm{i}+1)=\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{i})+\mathrm{G}^{\prime}(\mathrm{i}+1)=7854.85+28.05=7882.9
$$

The other forecasting results are shown in Table 2 and Figure 3.


Figure 3. Forecasting results from 1 November1999 to 30 December 1999.

Table 2. Forecasting results from 1 November1999 to 30 December 1999.

| Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Actual | Forecast | (Forecast-Actual) ${ }^{2}$ | Date <br> (MM/DD/YYYY) | Actual | Forecast | (Forecast-Actual) ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/1999 | 7,814.89 | 7,882.90 | 4,625.36 | 12/1/1999 | 7,766.20 | 7,720.87 | 2,054.81 |
| 11/2/1999 | 7,721.59 | 7,842.94 | 14,725.82 | 12/2/1999 | 7,806.26 | 7,766.20 | 1,604.80 |
| 11/3/1999 | 7,580.09 | 7,721.59 | 20,022.25 | 12/3/1999 | 7,933.17 | 7,797.76 | 18,335.87 |
| 11/4/1999 | 7,469.23 | 7,580.09 | 12,289.94 | 12/4/1999 | 7,964.49 | 7,924.67 | 1,585.63 |
| 11/5/1999 | 7,488.26 | 7,469.23 | 362.14 | 12/6/1999 | 7,894.46 | 7,955.99 | 3,785.94 |
| 11/6/1999 | 7,376.56 | 7,488.26 | 12,476.89 | 12/7/1999 | 7,827.05 | 7,885.96 | 3,470.39 |
| 11/8/1999 | 7,401.49 | 7,365.51 | 1,294.56 | 12/8/1999 | 7,811.02 | 7,827.05 | 256.96 |
| 11/9/1999 | 7,362.69 | 7,390.44 | 770.06 | 12/9/1999 | 7,738.84 | 7,802.52 | 4,055.14 |
| 11/10/1999 | 7,401.81 | 7,351.64 | 2,517.03 | 12/10/1999 | 7,733.77 | 7,745.64 | 140.90 |
| 11/11/1999 | 7,532.22 | 7,486.82 | 2,061.16 | 12/13/1999 | 7,883.61 | 7,707.42 | 31,042.92 |
| 11/15/1999 | 7,545.03 | 7,521.17 | 569.30 | 12/14/1999 | 7,850.14 | 7,857.26 | 50.69 |
| 11/16/1999 | 7,606.20 | 7,545.03 | 3,741.77 | 12/15/1999 | 7,859.89 | 7,823.79 | 1,303.21 |
| 11/17/1999 | 7,645.78 | 7,606.20 | 1,566.58 | 12/16/1999 | 7,739.76 | 7,859.89 | 14,431.22 |
| 11/18/1999 | 7,718.06 | 7,673.83 | 1,956.29 | 12/17/1999 | 7,723.22 | 7,728.71 | 30.14 |
| 11/19/1999 | 7,770.81 | 7,731.66 | 1,532.72 | 12/18/1999 | 7,797.87 | 7,723.22 | 5,572.62 |
| 11/20/1999 | 7,900.34 | 7,799.71 | 10,126.40 | 12/20/1999 | 7,782.94 | 7,797.87 | 222.90 |
| 11/22/1999 | 8,052.31 | 7,924.99 | 16,210.38 | 12/21/1999 | 7,934.26 | 7,782.94 | 22,897.74 |
| 11/23/1999 | 8,046.19 | 8,052.31 | 37.45 | 12/22/1999 | 8,002.76 | 7,947.86 | 3,014.01 |
| 11/24/1999 | 7,921.85 | 8,046.19 | 15,460.44 | 12/23/1999 | 8,083.49 | 8,056.32 | 738.21 |
| 11/25/1999 | 7,904.53 | 7,936.30 | 1,009.33 | 12/24/1999 | 8,219.45 | 8,137.05 | 6,789.76 |
| 11/26/1999 | 7,595.44 | 7,918.98 | 104,678.13 | 12/27/1999 | 8,415.07 | 8,233.90 | 32,822.57 |
| 11/29/1999 | 7,823.90 | 7,629.44 | 37,814.69 | 12/28/1999 | 8,448.84 | 8,390.42 | 3,412.90 |
| 11/30/1999 | 7,720.87 | 7,845.15 | 15,445.52 | Root Mean Sq | are Error(R | MSE) | 98.76 |

The forecasting performance can be assessed by comparing the difference between the forecasted values and the actual values. The widely used indicators in time series models comparisons are the mean squared error (MSE), root of the mean squared error (RMSE), mean absolute error (MAE), mean percentage error (MPE), etc. These indicators are defined by Equations (6)-(9):

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { MSE }=\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n}(\text { forecast }(t)-\operatorname{actual}(t))^{2}}{n} \\
R M S E=\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n}(\text { forecast }(t)-\operatorname{actual}(t))^{2}}{n}} \\
M A E=\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n} \mid(\text { forecast }(t)-\operatorname{actual}(t)) \mid}{n} \\
M P E=\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n} \mid(\text { forecast }(t)-\operatorname{actual}(t)) \mid / \operatorname{actual}(t)}{n} \tag{9}
\end{array}
$$

where $n$ denotes the number of values forecasted, forecast $(t)$ and $\operatorname{actual}(t)$ denote the predicted value and actual value at time $t$, respectively. With respect to the proposed method for the 9 th-order, the MSE, RMSE, MAE, and MPE are 9753.63, 98.76, 76.32, and 0.01, respectively.

Let the order number $n$ vary from 2 to 10, the RMSEs for different nth-order forecasting models are listed in Table 4. The item "Average" refers to the RMSE for the average forecasting results of these different nth-order ( $n=2,3, \ldots, 10$ ) models.

Table 4. Comparison of forecasting errors for different nth-orders .

| $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RMSE | 100.22 | 100.9 | 100.66 | 99.81 | 102.83 | 103.48 | 100.36 | 98.76 | 108.99 | 99.03 |

In practical forecasting, the average of results for different nth-order ( $\mathrm{n}=2,3, \ldots, 9$ ) forecasting models is adopted to avoid the uncertainty. The proposed method is employed to forecast the TAIEX from 1997 to 2005. The forecasting results and errors are shown in Figure 3 and Table 5.


Figure 3. The stock market fluctuation for TAIEX test dataset (1997-2005).
Table 5. RMSEs of forecast errors for TAIEX 1997 to 2005.

| Year | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RMSE | 141.89 | 119.85 | 99.03 | 128.62 | 125.64 | 66.29 | 53.2 | 56.11 | 55.83 |

Table 6 shows a comparison of RMSEs for different methods for forecasting the TAIEX1999. From this table, we can see that the performance of the proposed method is acceptable. The greatest advantage of the proposed method is that it doesn't need to determine the boundary of discourse and the intervals for number fuzzifying. Though RMSEs of some of the other methods outperform the proposed method, they often need to determine complex discretization partitioning rules or use
adaptive expectation models to justify the final forecasting results. The method proposed in this paper is simpler and easily realized by a computer program.

Table 6. A comparison of RMSEs for different methods for forecasting the TAIEX1999.

| Methods | RMSE |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yu's Method(2005) [33] | 145 |
| Hsieh et al.'s Method(2011) [50] | 94 |
| Chang et al.'s Method(2011) [47] | 100 |
| Cheng et al.'s Method(2013) [49] | 103 |
| Chen et al.'s Method(2013) [48] | 102.11 |
| Chen and Chen's Method(2015) [9] | 103.9 |
| Chen and Chen's Method(2015) [46] | 92 |
| Zhao et al.'s Method(2016) [24] | 110.85 |
| Jia et al.'s Method(2017) [17] | 99.31 |
| The Proposed Method | 99.03 |

### 4.2. Forecasting SHSECI

The SHSECI (Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index) is the most famous stock market index in China. In the following, we apply the proposed method to forecast the SHSECI from 2007 to 2015. For each year, the authentic datasets of historical daily SHSECI closing prices from January to October are used as the training data, and the datasets from November to December are used as the testing data. The RMSEs of forecast errors are shown in Table 7.

Table 7.RMSEs of forecast errors for SHSECI from 2007 to 2015.

| Year | 2007 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RMSE | 113.47 | 71.6 | 49.14 | 45.35 | 27.74 | 25.83 | 19.95 | 41.42 | 64.6 |

From Table 7, we can see that the proposed method can successfully predict the SHSECI stock market.

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, a novel forecasting model is proposed based on neutrosophic logical relationships and Jaccard similarity measure. The proposed method is based on the fluctuations of the time series. The high-order fuzzy-fluctuation logical relationships are represented by neutrosophic logical relationships. Therefore, we can use Jaccard similarity measure method to find the most optimal forecasting rules. The most advantage of this method is that it can deal with the problem of lack of rules. Experiments show that the parameters generated from the training dataset can be successfully used for future datasets as well. In order to compare the performance with that of other methods, we take the TAIEX1999 as an example. We also forecasted TAIEX1997-2005 and SHSECI 2007-2015 to verify its effectiveness and universality. In the future, we will consider other factors which might affect the fluctuation of the stock market, such as the trade volume, the beginning value, the end value, etc. We will also consider the influence of other stock markets, such as the Dow Jones, the NASDAQ, the M1b, and so on.

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## Appendix A

Table A1. Historical training data and fuzzified fluctuation data of TAIEX1999.

| Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | TAIEX | Fluctuation | Fuzzified | Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | TAIEX | Fluctuation | Fuzzified | Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | TAIEX | Fluctuation | Fuzzified |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/5/1999 | 6152.43 | - | - | 4/17/1999 | 7581.5 | 114.68 | 3 | 7/26/1999 | 7595.71 | -128.81 | 1 |
| 1/6/1999 | 6199.91 | 47.48 | 3 | 4/19/1999 | 7623.18 | 41.68 | 2 | 7/27/1999 | 7367.97 | -227.74 | 1 |
| 1/7/1999 | 6404.31 | 204.4 | 3 | 4/20/1999 | 7627.74 | 4.56 | 2 | 7/28/1999 | 7484.5 | 116.53 | 3 |
| 1/8/1999 | 6421.75 | 17.44 | 2 | 4/21/1999 | 7474.16 | -153.58 | 1 | 7/29/1999 | 7359.37 | -125.13 | 1 |
| 1/11/1999 | 6406.99 | -14.76 | 2 | 4/22/1999 | 7494.6 | 20.44 | 2 | 7/30/1999 | 7413.11 | 53.74 | 3 |
| 1/12/1999 | 6363.89 | -43.1 | 1 | 4/23/1999 | 7612.8 | 118.2 | 3 | 7/31/1999 | 7326.75 | -86.36 | 1 |
| 1/13/1999 | 6319.34 | -44.55 | 1 | 4/26/1999 | 7629.09 | 16.29 | 2 | 8/2/1999 | 7195.94 | -130.81 | 1 |
| 1/14/1999 | 6241.32 | -78.02 | 1 | 4/27/1999 | 7550.13 | -78.96 | 1 | 8/3/1999 | 7175.19 | -20.75 | 2 |
| 1/15/1999 | 6454.6 | 213.28 | 3 | 4/28/1999 | 7496.61 | -53.52 | 1 | 8/4/1999 | 7110.8 | -64.39 | 1 |
| 1/16/1999 | 6483.3 | 28.7 | 2 | 4/29/1999 | 7289.62 | -206.99 | 1 | 8/5/1999 | 6959.73 | -151.07 | 1 |
| 1/18/1999 | 6377.25 | -106.05 | 1 | 4/30/1999 | 7371.17 | 81.55 | 3 | 8/6/1999 | 6823.52 | -136.21 | 1 |
| 1/19/1999 | 6343.36 | -33.89 | 2 | 5/3/1999 | 7383.26 | 12.09 | 2 | 8/7/1999 | 7049.74 | 226.22 | 3 |
| 1/20/1999 | 6310.71 | -32.65 | 2 | 5/4/1999 | 7588.04 | 204.78 | 3 | 8/9/1999 | 7028.01 | -21.73 | 2 |
| 1/21/1999 | 6332.2 | 21.49 | 2 | 5/5/1999 | 7572.16 | -15.88 | 2 | 8/10/1999 | 7269.6 | 241.59 | 3 |
| 1/22/1999 | 6228.95 | -103.25 | 1 | 5/6/1999 | 7560.05 | -12.11 | 2 | 8/11/1999 | 7228.68 | -40.92 | 2 |
| 1/25/1999 | 6033.21 | -195.74 | 1 | 5/7/1999 | 7469.33 | -90.72 | 1 | 8/12/1999 | 7330.24 | 101.56 | 3 |
| 1/26/1999 | 6115.64 | 82.43 | 3 | 5/10/1999 | 7484.37 | 15.04 | 2 | 8/13/1999 | 7626.05 | 295.81 | 3 |
| 1/27/1999 | 6138.87 | 23.23 | 2 | 5/11/1999 | 7474.45 | -9.92 | 2 | 8/16/1999 | 8018.47 | 392.42 | 3 |
| 1/28/1999 | 6063.41 | -75.46 | 1 | 5/12/1999 | 7448.41 | -26.04 | 2 | 8/17/1999 | 8083.43 | 64.96 | 3 |
| 1/29/1999 | 5984 | -79.41 | 1 | 5/13/1999 | 7416.2 | -32.21 | 2 | 8/18/1999 | 7993.71 | -89.72 | 1 |
| 1/30/1999 | 5998.32 | 14.32 | 2 | 5/14/1999 | 7592.53 | 176.33 | 3 | 8/19/1999 | 7964.67 | -29.04 | 2 |
| 2/1/1999 | 5862.79 | -135.53 | 1 | 5/15/1999 | 7576.64 | -15.89 | 2 | 8/20/1999 | 8117.42 | 152.75 | 3 |
| 2/2/1999 | 5749.64 | -113.15 | 1 | 5/17/1999 | 7599.76 | 23.12 | 2 | 8/21/1999 | 8153.57 | 36.15 | 2 |
| 2/3/1999 | 5743.86 | -5.78 | 2 | 5/18/1999 | 7585.51 | -14.25 | 2 | 8/23/1999 | 8119.98 | -33.59 | 2 |
| 2/4/1999 | 5514.89 | -228.97 | 1 | 5/19/1999 | 7614.6 | 29.09 | 2 | 8/24/1999 | 7984.39 | -135.59 | 1 |
| 2/5/1999 | 5474.79 | -40.1 | 2 | 5/20/1999 | 7608.88 | -5.72 | 2 | 8/25/1999 | 8127.09 | 142.7 | 3 |
| 2/6/1999 | 5710.18 | 235.39 | 3 | 5/21/1999 | 7606.69 | -2.19 | 2 | 8/26/1999 | 8097.57 | -29.52 | 2 |
| 2/8/1999 | 5822.98 | 112.8 | 3 | 5/24/1999 | 7588.23 | -18.46 | 2 | 8/27/1999 | 8053.97 | -43.6 | 1 |
| 2/9/1999 | 5723.73 | -99.25 | 1 | 5/25/1999 | 7417.03 | -171.2 | 1 | 8/30/1999 | 8071.36 | 17.39 | 2 |
| 2/10/1999 | 5798 | 74.27 | 3 | 5/26/1999 | 7426.63 | 9.6 | 2 | 8/31/1999 | 8157.73 | 86.37 | 3 |
| 2/20/1999 | 6072.33 | 274.33 | 3 | 5/27/1999 | 7469.01 | 42.38 | 2 | 9/1/1999 | 8273.33 | 115.6 | 3 |
| 2/22/1999 | 6313.63 | 241.3 | 3 | 5/28/1999 | 7387.37 | -81.64 | 1 | 9/2/1999 | 8226.15 | -47.18 | 1 |
| 2/23/1999 | 6180.94 | -132.69 | 1 | 5/29/1999 | 7419.7 | 32.33 | 2 | 9/3/1999 | 8073.97 | -152.18 | 1 |
| 2/24/1999 | 6238.87 | 57.93 | 3 | 5/31/1999 | 7316.57 | -103.13 | 1 | 9/4/1999 | 8065.11 | -8.86 | 2 |


| 2/25/1999 | 6275.53 | 36.66 | 2 | 6/1/1999 | 7397.62 | 81.05 | 3 | 9/6/1999 | 8130.28 | 65.17 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/26/1999 | 6318.52 | 42.99 | 3 | 6/2/1999 | 7488.03 | 90.41 | 3 | 9/7/1999 | 7945.76 | -184.52 | 1 |
| 3/1/1999 | 6312.25 | -6.27 | 2 | 6/3/1999 | 7572.91 | 84.88 | 3 | 9/8/1999 | 7973.3 | 27.54 | 2 |
| 3/2/1999 | 6263.54 | -48.71 | 1 | 6/4/1999 | 7590.44 | 17.53 | 2 | 9/9/1999 | 8025.02 | 51.72 | 3 |
| 3/3/1999 | 6403.14 | 139.6 | 3 | 6/5/1999 | 7639.3 | 48.86 | 3 | 9/10/1999 | 8161.46 | 136.44 | 3 |
| 3/4/1999 | 6393.74 | -9.4 | 2 | 6/7/1999 | 7802.69 | 163.39 | 3 | 9/13/1999 | 8178.69 | 17.23 | 2 |
| 3/5/1999 | 6383.09 | -10.65 | 2 | 6/8/1999 | 7892.13 | 89.44 | 3 | 9/14/1999 | 8092.02 | -86.67 | 1 |
| 3/6/1999 | 6421.73 | 38.64 | 2 | 6/9/1999 | 7957.71 | 65.58 | 3 | 9/15/1999 | 7971.04 | -120.98 | 1 |
| 3/8/1999 | 6431.96 | 10.23 | 2 | 6/10/1999 | 7996.76 | 39.05 | 2 | 9/16/1999 | 7968.9 | -2.14 | 2 |
| 3/9/1999 | 6493.43 | 61.47 | 3 | 6/11/1999 | 7979.4 | -17.36 | 2 | 9/17/1999 | 7916.92 | -51.98 | 1 |
| 3/10/1999 | 6486.61 | -6.82 | 2 | 6/14/1999 | 7973.58 | -5.82 | 2 | 9/18/1999 | 8016.93 | 100.01 | 3 |
| 3/11/1999 | 6436.8 | -49.81 | 1 | 6/15/1999 | 7960 | -13.58 | 2 | 9/20/1999 | 7972.14 | -44.79 | 1 |
| 3/12/1999 | 6462.73 | 25.93 | 2 | 6/16/1999 | 8059.02 | 99.02 | 3 | 9/27/1999 | 7759.93 | -212.21 | 1 |
| 3/15/1999 | 6598.32 | 135.59 | 3 | 6/17/1999 | 8274.36 | 215.34 | 3 | 9/28/1999 | 7577.85 | -182.08 | 1 |
| 3/16/1999 | 6672.23 | 73.91 | 3 | 6/21/1999 | 8413.48 | 139.12 | 3 | 9/29/1999 | 7615.45 | 37.6 | 2 |
| 3/17/1999 | 6757.07 | 84.84 | 3 | 6/22/1999 | 8608.91 | 195.43 | 3 | 9/30/1999 | 7598.79 | -16.66 | 2 |
| 3/18/1999 | 6895.01 | 137.94 | 3 | 6/23/1999 | 8492.32 | -116.59 | 1 | 10/1/1999 | 7694.99 | 96.2 | 3 |
| 3/19/1999 | 6997.29 | 102.28 | 3 | 6/24/1999 | 8589.31 | 96.99 | 3 | 10/2/1999 | 7659.55 | -35.44 | 2 |
| 3/20/1999 | 6993.38 | -3.91 | 2 | 6/25/1999 | 8265.96 | -323.35 | 1 | 10/4/1999 | 7685.48 | 25.93 | 2 |
| 3/22/1999 | 7043.23 | 49.85 | 3 | 6/28/1999 | 8281.45 | 15.49 | 2 | 10/5/1999 | 7557.01 | -128.47 | 1 |
| 3/23/1999 | 6945.48 | -97.75 | 1 | 6/29/1999 | 8514.27 | 232.82 | 3 | 10/6/1999 | 7501.63 | -55.38 | 1 |
| 3/24/1999 | 6889.42 | -56.06 | 1 | 6/30/1999 | 8467.37 | -46.9 | 1 | 10/7/1999 | 7612 | 110.37 | 3 |
| 3/25/1999 | 6941.38 | 51.96 | 3 | 7/2/1999 | 8572.09 | 104.72 | 3 | 10/8/1999 | 7552.98 | -59.02 | 1 |
| 3/26/1999 | 7033.25 | 91.87 | 3 | 7/3/1999 | 8563.55 | -8.54 | 2 | 10/11/1999 | 7607.11 | 54.13 | 3 |
| 3/29/1999 | 6901.68 | -131.57 | 1 | 7/5/1999 | 8593.35 | 29.8 | 2 | 10/12/1999 | 7835.37 | 228.26 | 3 |
| 3/30/1999 | 6898.66 | -3.02 | 2 | 7/6/1999 | 8454.49 | -138.86 | 1 | 10/13/1999 | 7836.94 | 1.57 | 2 |
| 3/31/1999 | 6881.72 | -16.94 | 2 | 7/7/1999 | 8470.07 | 15.58 | 2 | 10/14/1999 | 7879.91 | 42.97 | 3 |
| 4/1/1999 | 7018.68 | 136.96 | 3 | 7/8/1999 | 8592.43 | 122.36 | 3 | 10/15/1999 | 7819.09 | -60.82 | 1 |
| 4/2/1999 | 7232.51 | 213.83 | 3 | 7/9/1999 | 8550.27 | -42.16 | 2 | 10/16/1999 | 7829.39 | 10.3 | 2 |
| 4/3/1999 | 7182.2 | -50.31 | 1 | 7/12/1999 | 8463.9 | -86.37 | 1 | 10/18/1999 | 7745.26 | -84.13 | 1 |
| 4/6/1999 | 7163.99 | -18.21 | 2 | 7/13/1999 | 8204.5 | -259.4 | 1 | 10/19/1999 | 7692.96 | -52.3 | 1 |
| 4/7/1999 | 7135.89 | -28.1 | 2 | 7/14/1999 | 7888.66 | -315.84 | 1 | 10/20/1999 | 7666.64 | -26.32 | 2 |
| 4/8/1999 | 7273.41 | 137.52 | 3 | 7/15/1999 | 7918.04 | 29.38 | 2 | 10/21/1999 | 7654.9 | -11.74 | 2 |
| 4/9/1999 | 7265.7 | -7.71 | 2 | 7/16/1999 | 7411.58 | -506.46 | 1 | 10/22/1999 | 7559.63 | -95.27 | 1 |
| 4/12/1999 | 7242.4 | -23.3 | 2 | 7/17/1999 | 7366.23 | -45.35 | 1 | 10/25/1999 | 7680.87 | 121.24 | 3 |
| 4/13/1999 | 7337.85 | 95.45 | 3 | 7/19/1999 | 7386.89 | 20.66 | 2 | 10/26/1999 | 7700.29 | 19.42 | 2 |
| 4/14/1999 | 7398.65 | 60.8 | 3 | 7/20/1999 | 7806.85 | 419.96 | 3 | 10/27/1999 | 7701.22 | 0.93 | 2 |
| 4/15/1999 | 7498.17 | 99.52 | 3 | 7/21/1999 | 7786.65 | -20.2 | 2 | 10/28/1999 | 7681.85 | -19.37 | 2 |
| 4/16/1999 | 7466.82 | -31.35 | 2 | 7/22/1999 | 7678.67 | -107.98 | 1 | 10/29/1999 | 7706.67 | 24.82 | 2 |
| 4/17/1999 | 7581.5 | 114.68 | 3 | 7/23/1999 | 7724.52 | 45.85 | 3 | 10/30/1999 | 7854.85 | 148.18 | 3 |

Table A2. The FFLRs and the converted left hand side of NLRs for Historical training data of TAIEX1999.

| Date (MM/DD/ YYYY) | FFLR | LHS of NLR | Date (MM/DD /YYYY) | FFLR | LHS of NLR | Date <br> (MM/DD <br> /YYYY) <br> $199 / 6 / 1$ | FFLR | LHS of NLR | Date (MM/DD/ YYYY) | FFLR | LHS of NLR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999/1/18 | 2,3,1,1,1,2,2,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.33,0.33,0.33) | 1999/4/3 | 3,3,2,2,1,3,3,1,1 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.33,0.22,0.44) | 1999/6/11 | 2,3,3,3,3,2,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.22,0.78) | 1999/8/21 | 3,2,1,3,3,3,3,2,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.11,0.22,0.67) |
| 1999/1/19 | 1,2,3,1,1,1,2,2,3 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.44,0.33,0.22) | 1999/4/6 | 1,3,3,2,2,1,3,3,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.33,0.22,0.44) | 1999/6/14 | 2,2,3,3,3,3,2,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.33,0.67) | 1999/8/23 | 2,3,2,1,3,3,3,3,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.11,0.33,0.56) |
| 1999/1/20 | 2,1,2,3,1,1,1,2,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/7 | 2,1,3,3,2,2,1,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.22,0.33,0.44) | 1999/6/15 | 2,2,2,3,3,3,3,2,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.44,0.56) | 1999/8/24 | 2,2,3,2,1,3,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.11,0.33,0.56) |
| 1999/1/21 | 2,2,1,2,3,1,1,1,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/8 | 2,2,1,3,3,2,2,1,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.22,0.44,0.33) | 1999/6/16 | 2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.56,0.44) | 1999/8/25 | 1,2,2,3,2,1,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.22,0.33,0.44) |
| 1999/1/22 | 2,2,2,1,2,3,1,1,1 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/9 | 3,2,2,1,3,3,2,2,1 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.22,0.44,0.33) | 1999/6/17 | 3,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0,0.44,0.56) | 1999/8/26 | 3,1,2,2,3,2,1,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.22,0.33,0.44) |
| 1999/1/25 | 1,2,2,2,1,2,3,1,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/12 | 2,3,2,2,1,3,3,2,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.11,0.56,0.33) | 1999/6/21 | 3,3,2,2,2,2,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0,0.44,0.56) | 1999/8/27 | 2,3,1,2,2,3,2,1,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.22,0.44,0.33) |
| 1999/1/26 | 1,1,2,2,2,1,2,3,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/13 | 2,2,3,2,2,1,3,3,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.11,0.56,0.33) | 1999/6/22 | 3,3,3,2,2,2,2,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0,0.44,0.56) | 1999/8/30 | 1,2,3,1,2,2,3,2,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.33,0.44,0.22) |
| 1999/1/27 | 3,1,1,2,2,2,1,2,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.33,0.44,0.22) | 1999/4/14 | 3,2,2,3,2,2,1,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.11,0.44,0.44) | 1999/6/23 | 3,3,3,3,2,2,2,2,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0,0.44,0.56) | 1999/8/31 | 2,1,2,3,1,2,2,3,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.22,0.56,0.22) |
| 1999/1/28 | 2,3,1,1,2,2,2,1,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.33,0.56,0.11) | 1999/4/15 | 3,3,2,2,3,2,2,1,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.11,0.44,0.44) | 1999/6/24 | 1,3,3,3,3,2,2,2,2 $\rightarrow$ 1 | (0.11,0.44,0.44) | 1999/9/1 | 3,2,1,2,3,1,2,2,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.22,0.44,0.33) |
| 1999/1/29 | 1,2,3,1,1,2,2,2,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/16 | 3,3,3,2,2,3,2,2,1 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.11, $0.44,0.44$ ) | 1999/6/25 | 3,1,3,3,3,3,2,2,2 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.11,0.33,0.56) | 1999/9/2 | $3,3,2,1,2,3,1,2,2 \rightarrow 3$ | (0.22,0.44,0.33) |
| 1999/1/30 | 1,1,2,3,1,1,2,2,2 $\rightarrow$ 1 | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/17 | 2,3,3,3,2,2,3,2,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.56,0.44) | 1999/6/28 | 1,3,1,3,3,3,3,2,2 $\rightarrow$ 1 | (0.22,0.22,0.56) | 1999/9/3 | 1,3,3,2,1,2,3,1,2 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.33,0.33,0.33) |
| 1999/2/1 | 2,1,1,2,3,1,1,2,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.44,0.44,0.11) | 1999/4/19 | 3,2,3,3,3,2,2,3,2 $\rightarrow 3$ | $(0,0.44,0.56)$ | 1999/6/29 | 2,1,3,1,3,3,3,3,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.22,0.22,0.56) | 1999/9/4 | 1,1,3,3,2,1,2,3,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.44,0.22,0.33) |
| 1999/2/2 | 1,2,1,1,2,3,1,1,2 $\rightarrow$ 1 | (0.56,0.33,0.11) | 1999/4/20 | 2,3,2,3,3,3,2,2,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | $(0,0.44,0.56)$ | 1999/6/30 | 3,2,1,3,1,3,3,3,3 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.22,0.11,0.67) | 1999/9/6 | 2,1,1,3,3,2,1,2,3 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0.33,0.33,0.33) |
| 1999/2/3 | 1,1,2,1,1,2,3,1,1 $\rightarrow 1$ | (0.67,0.22,0.11) | 1999/4/21 | 2,2,3,2,3,3,3,2,2 $\rightarrow 2$ | (0,0.56,0.44) | 1999/7/2 | 1,3,2,1,3,1,3,3,3 $\rightarrow$ 1 | (0.33,0.11,0.56) | 1999/9/7 | 3,2,1,1,3,3,2,1,2 $\rightarrow 3$ | (0.33,0.33,0.33) |
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