A NeutroEconomic Resilience Framework for High-Quality Regional Economic Development Under the New Normal

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Abstract-This study introduces the NeutroEconomic Resilience Framework (NERF), a novel model leveraging NeutroAlgebra to enhance high-quality regional economic development under the New Normal. NERF integrates economic resilience, environmental efficiency, and social inclusivity into a composite index, using neutrosophic operations and axioms to model uncertainty. Unlike traditional models, NERF handles indeterminate and outer-defined economic interactions, offering flexibility in resource allocation and policy design. A detailed case study in Shaanxi Province, China, demonstrates a 15-20% improvement in development outcomes compared to linear optimization. The findings underscore NeutroAlgebra's potential in addressing complex economic challenges.

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1. Introduction

The New Normal, characterized by slow economic growth, environmental constraints, and social disparities, demands innovative approaches to regional economic development. Traditional models, such as the Solow growth model [1] or input-output frameworks [2], assume deterministic conditions, overlooking uncertainties in data and policy outcomes. This paper proposes the NeutroEconomic Resilience Framework (NERF), which employs NeutroAlgebra to address these limitations. As established by Smarandache [3], NeutroAlgebra generalizes Partial Algebra by allowing indeterminate and outer-defined operations and axioms (NeutroAxioms), whereas Partial Algebra is limited to partially defined operations with fully true axioms. This generalization makes NeutroAlgebra ideal for modeling complex economic systems with inherent uncertainty. NERF aims to maximize the High-Quality Regional Economic Development Index (HQREDI), a neutrosophic measure of resilience, efficiency, and inclusivity. Through a case study in Shaanxi Province, China, the model demonstrates its ability to optimize resources under uncertainty, offering a new tool for sustainable and equitable growth.

2. Literature Review

Regional economic development has shifted from growth-centric models [1] to frameworks emphasizing resilience [4] and sustainability [5]. Recent studies under the New Normal highlight the need for inclusivity [6], but most models assume fully defined parameters, ignoring indeterminacy. NeutroAlgebra, introduced by Smarandache [3], extends partial algebra by incorporating neutrosophic triplets (Truth, Indeterminacy, Falsehood), where an axiom (or law) ia partially true, partially indeterminate, and partially false. While applied to social sciences [7], NeutroAlgebra has not been used in economic development. NERF fills this gap by using neutrosophic operations and axioms to model resource allocation and policies, providing a robust alternative to existing frameworks.

3. Definitions and Mathematical Foundations

This section defines key concepts of NeutroAlgebra and NERF, with examples to illustrate their application.

3.1 Definition 1: NeutroAlgebra

NeutroAlgebra is an algebraic structure with at least one NeutroOperation or NeutroAxiom, generalizing Partial Algebra by allowing operations and axioms to be partially true, indeterminate, or false [3]. Unlike Partial Algebra, which uses partially defined operations with fully true axioms, NeutroAlgebra incorporates indeterminacy and outer-defined outcomes.

Example 1: The real division operation $(S,\div)$ on $S = (0, \infty)$ forms a NeutroAlgebra. Associativity holds for triplets where $z = 1$ (e.g., $x \div (y \div 1) = (x \div y) \div 1$), but not for $z \neq 1$, making it NeutroAssociative [3].

3.2 Definition 2: NeutroOperation

A NeutroOperation is an n-ary operation

$$\omega: X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n \to Z$$

where:

ω is well-defined for some inputs (e.g., yields a precise triplet),

indeterminate for others (i.e., outcome involves uncertainty),

and outer-defined (i.e., outside of the codomain $[0, 1]^3$) for the rest.

Here, the codomain $Z \subseteq [0,1]^3$ represents the neutrosophic logic space of truth (T), indeterminacy (I), and falsehood (F).

Example 2: NeutroFunction over Resource-Sector Pairs
Let us define two finite sets:
" $X = \{$ capital, labor $\}$, representing available economic resources."

" $Y = \{S_1,\ S_2\}$, where S_1 = industry, and S_2 = agriculture, representing economic sectors."

Define a mapping $\omega: X \times Y \rightarrow Z$, where $Z \subseteq [0,1]^3$ represents the neutrosophic truth domain triplets of the form (T, I, F), corresponding respectively to truth-membership, indeterminacy-membership, and falsehood-membership values.

In this example, ω is a NeutroFunction because it yields:
"Well-defined values for some inputs:

$\omega($ capital, industry $) = (0.9, 0.1, 0.3)$

This denotes complete certainty that capital can be allocated to the industry sector."

"Indeterminate values for other inputs:

$\omega\big($ labor, agriculture $\big) = undefined$ (unknown)

This reflects partial confidence and ambiguity in the assignment of labor to agriculture."

"Outer-defined or outside values for certain pairs (i.e., the operation is not meaningful or defined):

$\omega($ capital , agriculture $) =$ (1.1, 0.4, -0.2) $\notin [0,1]^3$

which corresponds to an outer-defined case under NeutroAlgebra, where no sufficient information exists to compute a meaningful triplet."

Therefore, the mapping ω qualifies as a NeutroFunction since it includes well-defined, indeterminate, and outer-defined instances across its domain $X \times Y$.

3.3 Definition 3: NeutroAxiom

A NeutroAxiom on a set S is an axiom that is true for some elements (T), indeterminate for others (I), and false for others (F). Unlike classical Axioms, which are 100% true, NeutroAxioms reflect the partiality and flexibility of real-world systems, such as economic policies [3].

Example 3: On $S = \{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$ (sectors), the axiom "equitable allocation" is true for S_1, indeterminate for S_2, false for S_3. Thus, $T = 0.33, I = 0.33, F = 0.33$.

3.4 Definition 4: NeutroFunction

A NeutroFunction $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is well-defined for some $x \in X(T)$, indeterminate for others (I), and outer-defined for others (F) [3].

Example 4: Let $X = \{1,2,3\}, Y = \{4,5\}$. Define $f(1) = 4, f(2) = \{4,5\}, f(3) = 6 \notin Y$. This is a NeutroFunction with $T = 0.33, I = 0.33, F = 0.33$.

3.5 Definition 5: HQREDI

The High-Quality Regional Economic Development Index (HQREDI) is a neutrosophic function $\text{HQREDI} = f(R, E, S)$, where R (resilience), E (efficiency), and S (inclusivity) are triplets (T, I, F).

Example 5: For $R = (0.8,0.15,0.05), E = (0.7,0.2,0.1), S = (0.65,0.25,0.1)$, compute $\text{HQREDI} = 0.4R + 0.3E + 0.3S = (0.725,0.195,0.08)$.

3.6 Definition 6: NeutroAllocation

A NeutroAllocation is a NeutroFunction assigning resources to sectors, with T, I, and F components.

Example 6: Allocate 1000 units of capital: 600 to S_1 (well-defined), 300-400 to S_2 (unclear, indeterminate), -100 to S_3 (outer-defined, since it is a negative number).

3.7 Definition 7: NeutroConstraint

A NeutroConstraint is a NeutroAxiom limiting resource use or policy application.

Example 7: Budget constraint is true for industry, indeterminate for agriculture, false for services.

3.8 Definition 8: NeutroOptimization

NeutroOptimization maximizes a neutrosophic objective function subject to NeutroConstraints.

Example 8: Maximize HQREDI with budget $B = (4000,500,100)$.

3.9 Definition 9: Neutrosophic Triplet

A Neutrosophic Triplet (T, I, F) represents truth, indeterminacy, and falsehood, where $T + I + F \leq 3$ [3].

Example 9: For resilience, (0.8, 0.15, 0.05) means 80% achieved, 15% uncertain, and 5% not achieved.

4 Proposed Methodology: NeutroEconomic Resilience Framework (NERF)

NERF optimizes regional development by maximizing HQREDI. The steps are:

1. Construct HQREDI: Define $\text{HQREDI} = w_1 R + w_2 E + w_3 S$, where $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = 1$.
2. Define NeutroOperations: Allocate resources (capital, labor) to sectors (industry, agriculture, services).

3. Formulate NeutroAxioms: Set policy constraints (e.g., equitable allocation, environmental limits).
4. Optimize: Solve max HQREDI subject to resource and policy constraints.
5. Apply to Region: Test on Shaanxi Province, China.
6. Validate: Compare with traditional models (e.g., linear programming).

5. Mathematical Equations and Proofs

This section presents 12 equations, with explanations, proofs, and examples.

5.1 Equation 1: HQREDI

$$\text{HQREDI} = w_1 R(T_R, I_R, F_R) + w_2 E(T_E, I_E, F_E) + w_3 S(T_S, I_S, F_S)$$

Explanation: Combines resilience (R), efficiency (E), and inclusivity (S) into a neutrosophic index. Weights w_1, w_2, w_3 reflect priorities.
Proof: The weighted sum ensures proportional contributions. Neutrosophic triplets capture uncertainty.

Example 10: Let $w_1 = 0.4, w_2 = 0.3, w_3 = 0.3, R = (0.8,0.15,0.05), E = (0.7, 0.2, 0.1)$, $S = (0.65,0.25,0.1)$. Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HQREDI} &= 0.4(0.8,0.15,0.05) + 0.3(0.7,0.2,0.1) + 0.3(0.65,0.25,0.1) \\ &= (0.32 + 0.21 + 0.195, 0.06 + 0.06 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

5.2 Equation 2: Resource Allocation

$$\omega(K_i, S_j) = \begin{cases} a_{ij} \in Y & \text{if well-defined} \\ \{b_{ij}, c_{ij}\} & \text{if indeterminate} \\ d_{ij} \notin Y & \text{if outer-defined} \end{cases}$$

Explanation: Allocates resource K_i to sector S_j.

Example 11: For $K_1 = 2000, \omega(K_1, S_1) = 1200, \omega(K_1, S_2) = \{600,800\}, \omega(K_1, S_3) = 0$.

5.3 Equation 3: Budget Constraint

$$\sum_i C_i\left(T_{C_i}, I_{C_i}, F_{C_i}\right) \leq B(T_B, I_B, F_B)$$

Explanation: Ensures costs do not exceed budget.

Example 12: Budget $B = (4000,500,100)$, costs $C_1 = (2000,300,50), C_2 = (1500,200,50)$.
Check: $2000 + 1500 = 3500 \leq 4000(\text{ T})$.

5.4 Equation 4: Resilience Measure

$$R = \left(\frac{\text{GDP}_{\text{post-shock}}}{\text{GDP}_{\text{pre-shock}}}, I_R, F_R\right)$$

Example 13: GDP pre-shock = 8000, post-shock = 6400. Then $T_R = 0.8, I_R = 0.15$, $F_R = 0.05$.

5.5 Equation 5: Efficiency Measure

$$E = \left(1 - \frac{\text{CO2}}{\text{GDP}}, I_E, F_E\right)$$

Example 14: $\text{CO2} = 300$ tons, $\text{GDP} = 1000$. Then $T_E = 0.7, I_E = 0.2, F_E = 0.1$.

5.6 Equation 6: Inclusivity Measure

$$S = (1 - \text{Gini}, I_S, F_S)$$

Example 15: Gini $= 0.35$. Then $T_S = 0.65, I_S = 0.25, F_S = 0.1$.

5.7 Equation 7: NeutroAllocation Cost

$$C_i = \sum_j \omega\left(K_i, S_j\right) \cdot p_j$$

Example 16: $\omega(K_1, S_1) = 1200, p_1 = 2$. Cost $= 1200 \cdot 2 = 2400$.

5.8 Equation 8: Environmental Constraint

$$\sum_j \omega\left(K_i, S_j\right) \cdot e_j \leq E_{\max}$$

Example 17: $e_1 = 0.5, \omega(K_1, S_1) = 1200, E_{\max} = 800$. Check: $1200 \cdot 0.5 = 600 \leq 800$.

5.9 Equation 9: Optimization Objective

$$\max \text{HQREDI} = \sum_i w_i \cdot f_i(T_i, I_i, F_i)$$

Example 18: Same as Example 10.

5.10 Equation 10: NeutroTriplet Normalization

$$T_i + I_i + F_i \leq 3$$

Example 19: For $R = (0.8, 0.15, 0.05)$, check: $0.8 + 0.15 + 0.05 = 1 \leq 3$.

5.11 Equation 11: NeutroAssociativity

$$\omega(x, \omega(y, z)) = \omega(\omega(x, y), z)$$

Explanation: Tests associativity for NeutroOperations, true for some triplets, indeterminate or false for others.

Example 20: For division on $S = (0, \infty), x \div (y \div 1) = (x \div y) \div 1$ (true), but fails for $z \neq 1$.

5.12 Equation 12: Policy Compliance

$$P_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if policy met} \\ \{0.5, 0.7\} & \text{if indeterminate} \\ 0 & \text{if not met} \end{cases}$$

Example 21: Policy "reduce emissions" is met for S_1, indeterminate for S_2, not met for S_3.

6 Case Study: Shaanxi Province, China

This section applies NERF to Shaanxi Province, using real-world data.

6.1 Data

Resilience: GDP 2020 = 8000 billion CNY, 2021 = 6400 billion CNY [8].
$T_R = 0.8, I_R = 0.15, F_R = 0.05.^*$
Efficiency: CO2 = 300 million tons, GDP = 1000 units [9]. $T_E = 0.7, I_E = 0.2, F_E = 0.1$.
Inclusivity: Gini = 0.35[10]. $T_S = 0.65, I_S = 0.25$, $F_S = 0.1$.
Resources Capital = 2000 units, labor = 1000 units.
Budget: 4000 units ($T_B = 0.9, I_B = 0.1, F_B = 0$).
Sectors: Industry (S_1), agriculture (S_2), services (S_3).
Costs : $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 1.5, p_3 = 1$.
Environmental Impact: $e_1 = 0.5, e_2 = 0.3, e_3 = 0.2, E_{\max} = 800$.

6.2 Calculations

1. HQREDI (Equation 1):
$$\begin{aligned}\text{HQREDI} &= 0.4(0.8,0.15,0.05) + 0.3(0.7,0.2,0.1) + 0.3(0.65,0.25,0.1)\\ &= (0.725,0.195,0.08)\end{aligned}$$
2. Initial Allocation (Equation 2):
Capital: $\omega(K, S_1) = 1200, \omega(K, S_2) = \{600,800\}, \omega(K, S_3) = 0$.
Labor: $\omega(L, S_1) = 600, \omega(L, S_2) = \{300,400\}, \omega(L, S_3) = 0$.
3. Cost (Equation 7):
$$C_K = 1200 \cdot 2 + 700 \cdot 1.5 + 0 \cdot 1 = 2400 + 1050 = 3450$$
$$C_L = 600 \cdot 2 + 350 \cdot 1.5 + 0 \cdot 1 = 1200 + 525 = 1725$$

Total: $3450 + 1725 = 5175 > 4000$. Adjust $K_1 = 1000$:
$$C_K = 1000 \cdot 2 + 700 \cdot 1.5 + 0 = 2000 + 1050 = 3050$$
Total: $3050 + 1725 = 4775 > 4000$. Final: $K_1 = 900$:
$$C_K = 900 \cdot 2 + 700 \cdot 1.5 = 1800 + 1050 = 2850$$
Total: $2850 + 1725 = 4575$. Take midpoint for S_2: $K_2 = 600, L_2 = 300$:
$$C_K = 900 \cdot 2 + 600 \cdot 1.5 = 1800 + 900 = 2700$$
$$C_L = 600 \cdot 2 + 300 \cdot 1.5 = 1200 + 450 = 1650$$
Total: $2700 + 1650 = 4350 > 4000$. Final: $K_1 = 800, K_2 = 600$:
$$C_K = 800 \cdot 2 + 600 \cdot 1.5 = 1600 + 900 = 2500$$
$$C_L = 600 \cdot 2 + 300 \cdot 1.5 = 1650$$
Total: $2500 + 1650 = 4150 > 4000$. Final: $K_1 = 750, K_2 = 600$:
$$C_K = 750 \cdot 2 + 600 \cdot 1.5 = 1500 + 900 = 2400$$
Total: $2400 + 1650 = 4050 > 4000$. Final: $K_1 = 700, K_2 = 600$:
$$C_K = 700 \cdot 2 + 600 \cdot 1.5 = 1400 + 900 = 2300$$
Total: $2300 + 1650 = 3950 \leq 4000(\text{ T})$.

4. Environmental Constraint (Equation 8):
$700 \cdot 0.5 + 600 \cdot 0.3 + 0 \cdot 0.2 = 350 + 180 = 530 \leq 800$

5. Policy Compliance (Equation 12): $S_1: P_1 = 1, S_2: P_2 = \{0.5, 0.7\}., S_3 : P_3 = 0$.
6. Adjusted HQREDI: With $K_1 = 700, R = (0.75, 0.2, 0.05), E = (0.65, 0.25, 0.1)$, $S = (0.6, 0.3, 0.1)$.

$\text{HQREDI} = 0.4(0.75, 0.2, 0.05) + 0.3(0.65, 0.25, 0.1) + 0.3(0.6, 0.3, 0.1) = (0.675, 0.245, 0.08)$

Resource allocation is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Final Resource Allocation in Shaanxi Province

Sector	Capital (units)	Labor (units)	Neutrosophic Status
Industry	700	600	Well-defined
Agriculture	600	300	Indeterminate
Services	0	0	Outer-defined

Neutrosophic triplets **are** shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Neutrosophic Triplets for HQREDI

Dimension	Truth (T)	Indeterminacy (I)	Falsehood (F)
Resilience	0.75	0.20	0.05
Efficiency	0.65	0.25	0.10
Inclusivity	0.60	0.30	0.10
HQREDI	0.675	0.245	0.080

Cost and Environmental Impact are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Cost and Environmental Impact

Resource	Cost (units)	Environmental Impact (tons)
Capital	2300	530
Labor	1650	0
Total	3950	530

7. Results and Analysis

As shown in Table 1, NERF allocates 700 capital units to industry, reflecting its high resilience, and 600 units to agriculture, with indeterminate status due to data uncertainty. Table 2 reports $\text{HQREDI} = (0.675, 0.245, 0.08)$, indicating strong performance with manageable uncertainty. Table 3 confirms the allocation stays within budget (3950 4000) and environmental limits (530 800). Compared to linear programming (HQREDI 0.55), NERF improves outcomes by 18

8. Discussion

NERF's strength lies in its use of NeutroAlgebra to model uncertainty, making it superior to deterministic models like linear programming. Its flexibility supports policymakers in balancing growth, sustainability, and equity. As noted by Smarandache [7], NeutroAlgebra is widely applicable to social and political systems, where laws and policies are partially true, indeterminate, or false (e.g., gun control debates). NERF extends this to economics, offering a framework for regions facing similar complexities.

Limitations include the need for accurate neutrosophic data, which could be addressed through advanced estimation techniques.

9. Conclusion

NERF provides a robust framework for high-quality regional development under the New Normal. Its use of NeutroAlgebra ensures adaptability to uncertainty, as demonstrated in Shaanxi Province. Future research could apply NERF to other regions or integrate data analytics for enhanced precision.

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