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# A Security-by-Design Decision-Making Model for Risk Management in Autonomous Vehicles

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ABSTRACT Autonomous/self-driving vehicles have gained significant attention these days, as one of the intelligent transportation systems. However, those vehicles have risks related to their physical implementation and security against cyber threats. Therefore, this study proposes a new security-by-design model for estimating the uncertainty of autonomous vehicles and measuring cyber risks; thus it assists decision-makers in addressing the risks of the physical design and their attack surfaces. The proposed model is developed using neutrosophic sets that efficiently tackle multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) problems with extensive conflicting criteria and alternatives. The proposed model integrates MCDM, Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP), Multi-Attributive Border Approximation Area Comparison (MABAC), and Preference Ranking Organization Method for Enrichment Evaluations II (PROMETHEE II), along with single-valued neutrosophic sets (SVNSs). An illustrative case considering ten risks in self-driving vehicles is used to validate the feasibility of the proposed model. Compared to the state-of-the-art methods, the proposed model is considered consistent and reliable to deal with and represent uncertainty and incomplete risk information using neutrosophic sets.

**INDEX TERMS** Autonomous vehicles, attack surfaces, cyber threat, MCDM, AHP, MABAC, PROMETHEE II, ranking risks.

# I. INTRODUCTION

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), especially autonomous/self-driving vehicles, have become real in our era. Autonomous vehicles are one of the major categories of ITS that could result in reducing the requirements of drivers, decreasing transportation expenditures, and improving traffic flows. Those vehicles can be connected with other ones, where they are connected using communication techniques and tools which are known as vehicles everything (V2X) [1]. V2X can be represented various technological forms, including vehicle-toinfrastructure (V2I), vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), vehicle-topedestrian (V2P and vehicle-to-network (V2N) systems. In this essence, ITS contains an intelligent system, robotic, and computerized driving technology combined coherently. It is expected that autonomous vehicles are going to be used in countries, cities, and streets [2].

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Previous studies have introduced various features, advantages, and benefits of these driverless vehicles. These benefits include increased mobility for older adults and incapacities, enhancing motorists' and walkers' safety, reducing pollution, and crashes [3]. In this context, this automated technology can have manufacturing and cyber risks [4]. The risks of manufacturing are interaction among the electronic infrastructure, user, and utonomous technology that can cause troubles for the user, walkers, and anything on the road [5]. In California, rear-end crashes are considered common crashes of driverless vehicles [6]. The risks of cybersecurity include attack surfaces and vectors, where various vulnerabilities in the physical implementation of the vehicles would be exploited using various attacking techniques such as denial of service (DoS) and Distributed DoS (DDoS) attacks [7].

In 2040, autonomous vehicles are expected to be 40% of vehicles [8]. This would help recognize how people use and adapt these vehicles for achieving safety on roads [9]. The safety of the vehicles is a vital issue due to usage in different areas like transportation operations and terrorist

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intervention [10]. Being technology-dependent, driverless vehicles could imply risks. Moreover, these vehicles have a complex system that contains various risks like vehicles to infrastructure and V2V systems [11]. Consequently, there is no full security in a system that does not contain attack surfaces or vectors. When systems have interactions with humans, this would produce vulnerabilities [12]. These risks contain uncertainty and incomplete information which make it a decision problem. To do so, fuzzy sets have been developed to address the uncertainty of incomplete information and model uncertainty of cyberattacks. Fuzzy sets work with true and false (T, F) situations but cannot deal with indeterminate (I). The generalization of fuzzy sets introduces an intuitionistic fuzzy set and interval value intuitionistic fuzzy set. The interval value intuitionistic fuzzy set cannot express the inconsistency and indeterminacy information. Another drawback of the interval value intuitionistic fuzzy set that the range of membership and non-membership degrees must gratify the sum of membership and non-membership degrees within a closed interval value [0, 1] [13]. To overcome these drawbacks, the neutrosophic set is introduced with truth, falsity and indeterminacy (T, I, F) membership [13]. This can deal with inconsistency and indeterminacy of risk information. Single-valued neutrosophic sets (SVNSs) are considered a subclass of neutrosophic sets. This can be used in vague, incomplete, uncertain vagueness, and inconsistent information, and cyberattack information.

In this paper, the ranking of driverless vehicle risks is introduced as an MCDM problem with the neutrosophic sets, including AHP, MABAC, and PROMETHEE II. The main objective is to introduce our hybrid framework for ranking driverless vehicles' associated risks in uncertain circumstances. This hybridization introduces a better collective alternative than a single technique; i.e. one technique can complement the other [14]. The use of the three methods can perfectly rank the risks of autonomous vehicles.

By capturing risk information, AHP introduces the best decision by setting importance to decision-makers [15]. AHP is applied to many problems such as manufacturing processes, education, modeling attack surfaces, and their vectors [16]. Additionally, its hierarchical structure can accommodate decision-making problems in various dimensions.

MABAC is a powerful MCDM technique that is simple and precise with a systematic and straightforward computation approach. However, all criteria are assumed compensatory [17]–[18]. PROMETHEE II is constructed on non-compensatory standards. The outranking results of PROMETHEE II are calculated from pairwise judgments of alternatives in contradiction of each attribution in fewer, uncomplicated, and simple calculations [19]. The main contributions of this study can be summarized as follows:

 We employ an MCDM with a hybrid framework model of neutrosophic sets, involving AHP, MABAC and PROMETHEE II, to effectively model and rank risks associated with autonomous vehicles and accomplish high safety and security to drivers and pedestrians.

- We autonomously evaluate the risks of driverless vehicles concerning each criterion. Then, we apply the AHP method to determine the weights of criteria and apply the MABAC and PROMETHEE II methods to rank risks.
- We provide a comparative analysis with Pythagorean fuzzy AHP, TOPSIS, VIKOR to determine the proposed model's effectiveness for ranking risks of driverless vehicles.
- We introduce a sensitivity analysis to examine the credibility of the proposed model via changing the weights of criteria under ten risk scenarios for measuring the ranking of driverless vehicles constrained to these changes.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II introduces the literature review. Section III provides the definitions of the problem. Section IV presents the methodology of this study. Section V presents the application of the proposed methodology. Section VI provides a comparative analysis of previous studies. Section VII shows the sensitivity analysis. Section VIII presents managerial implications. Section IX concludes the study.

#### **II. LITERATURE REVIEW**

This section reviews the main evaluation criteria, and then the sub-criteria for each main criterion.

Transport plays a vital role in developing social and economic nationalism—transport costs enormous money to be safe and healthy for passengers and walkers [20]. Transport roads face many risks that threaten walkers and drivers [21]. Many injure and approximately 1.2 million death worldwide that cause by motor vehicle crashes on the roads [22]. Reasons for accidents vary from driver's experience in different situations, driver's awareness of road emergencies, weather conditions, traffic conditions, failure of the brake, and high speed [23], [24]. To reduce these causalities, and reducing human errors, driverless vehicles can be used in improved safe routes [25]. That is, driverless vehicles have the potential to introduce more safe roads.

There are some recent studies in the field of ITS that have been applied under many scenarios. For instance, Li et al. [26] proposed a combined trajectory planning and tracking algorithm for vehicle control under the effects of the traffic environments and human driving styles. Chen et al., [27] suggested two techniques to improve the stability of the policy model training with as little manual data as possible on end-to-end autonomous driving. Chen et al. [28] developed a deep Monte Carlo Tree Search (deep-MCTS) control method for vision-based autonomous driving for predicting driving maneuvers to assist in enhancing the stability and performance of driving control. Amini [29] introduced a data-driven simulation and training engine capable of learning end-to-end autonomous vehicle control policies using only sparse rewards for allowing virtual agents to drive along a continuum of new local trajectories.

Some studies focus on software and hardware risks in selfdriving vehicles [30]. The related software/hardware risks



could be internet crashes, failures in a Global Position System (GPS), failure in sensors, and losses in signals that could be occurred via cyberattacks [4], [31]. As a result, Bhavsar *et al.* [32] presented that 14% of sequential failure in the vehicle component and consequences found 158 per one million mi of travel failure of the infrastructure of a piece. Lee and Kolodge [33] introduced driverless vehicles' attitudes and their motivation factors. Cyber-attacks, such as DoS and DDoS, could exploit the vulnerabilities of autonomous vehicles which would corrupt the infrastructure, causing failures and harming the economy of these vehicles [34].

These risks contain uncertainty and incomplete information. Michelmore *et al.* [25] suggested assessment techniques for uncertainty to predict crashes in autonomous driving. Huang *et al.* [35] proposed a model to assess uncertainty in testing data-driven self-driving. Sener and Zmud [36] treated uncertainty in using self-driving vehicles. La Torre and Mendivil [37] made a model risk aversion of average investors and their desire to maximize the expected return with the least risk; they used the probability multi-measure to overcome uncertainty and incomplete information.

Moreover, to overcome this uncertainty and incomplete information, researchers use fuzzy sets in their studies. Zolfaghari and Mousavi [38] used the hesitant fuzzy sets and VIKOR method to rank and ordered risks of projects under uncertainty of conditions. Faizi et al. [39] used hesitant fuzzy sets as well. Hesitant fuzzy sets are a generalization of the fuzzy set to deal with the delay in decision making to rank reversal paradox and using imperfect information. The fuzzy sets can deal correctly with uncertainty. Still, they cannot deal with indeterminate values, so the researchers introduce the intuitionistic fuzzy sets and interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets that deal with uncertainty. These improvements introduce the non-membership and membership degree, unlike classical fuzzy sets [40]. The neutrosophic set is a generalization of fuzzy sets and can handle uncertainty and incomplete information as it represents the truth, indeterminate and falsity (T, I, and F). They handle problems with uncertainty, ambiguity, vague, and inconsistency. The application of neutrosophic sets has been applied in many fields, such as medical diagnoses, machine learning, optimization design, image processing, algebraic system, and computational intelligence [41]-[45]. SVN is a subclass of neutrosophic sets that can be used in the engineering field giving the ability and potential to represent inconsistent, vague, ambiguous, imperfect, incomplete, and uncertain information. Yang et al. [46] introduced the SVNSs with the rough systems and produced a hybrid model. The neutrosophic sets for conflicting criteria and alternatives are named MCDM. Yang et al. [46] introduced SVNSs with MCDM to measure the values between options and ideal choices. The neutrosophic sets use MCDM techniques to deal with uncertainty, such as AHP, VIKOR, TOPSIS, MABAC and PROMETHEE [47], [48].

Saaty developed the AHP method that can be utilized for weighting criteria and ranking alternatives in MCDM

activities [49]. AHP method is applying in many fields to assess the conflicting criteria. Lyu *et al.* [50] used the AHP method to rank the risk of construction shield tunnels in Jinan. Ilbahar *et al.* [51] applied the AHP to rank the risk assessment for occupational health and safety. Bakioglu and Atahan [52] proposed a model consisting of Pythagorean fuzzy AHP, TOPSIS, and VIKOR to rank driverless vehicles' risks. They used seven main criteria and ten criteria with eight risks. The main limitation of their study that it does not take into consideration the indeterminacy value. Also, Karasan *et al.* [10] proposed the Pythagorean fuzzy AHP to analyze driverless vehicles' risks. They used four main criteria and twenty sub-criteria main limitations of their study used the fuzzy sets and did not handle indeterminacy.

MABAC is an MCDM method proposed by Pamučar and Ćirović in 2015 [17]. MABAC is a consistent and reliable method. It stands for multi-attributive border approximation area comparison. Pamučar and Ćirović [17] used the MABAC to select the transport and handle resources. Wang *et al.* [53] applied the MABAC method with q-rung orthopedic. Wei *et al.* [54] applied the MABAC method for green supplier selection.

Brans and Vincke suggested the PROMETHEE-I and PROMETHEE-II techniques which received much attention, for their reliance on the principle of partial and total arrangement [55]. Debbarma et al. [56] applied the PROMETHEE II method to determining the optimal performance-emission trade-off vantage in a hydrogen-biohol dual fuel endeavor. Sianturi et al. [57] explored the use of the Extended PROMETHEE II method in solving the problem of determining the best students and generate more efficient decisions. They used four criteria in the determination of best student and policy makers can add other criteria. Each methodology has drawbacks in which policymakers should take into consideration [58]. A single model or technique cannot introduce a better solution for many problems [59]. Therefore, a hybrid model can effectively deal with issues than a single one. To conclude the literature review, and to the best of our knowledge, no study of ranking the risks of driverless vehicles considering different criteria and risks handling the indeterminacy value at the same time.

### **III. PROBLEM DEFINITION**

This section explains the main evaluation criteria in determining the risks that would affect self-driving vehicles, and then the sub-criteria for each major criterion. Risks of self-driving vehicles are assessed through nine sets of criteria: legislation criterion, unregulated industry criterion, financial aspects criterion, increased exposure to radiation criterion, hardware criterion, traffic criterion, accidents criterion, malfunctions criterion, and remote control and hacking criterion. The legislation criterion includes one sub-criterion, namely legislation and data protection. The unregulated industry criterion is divided into two sub-criterion, namely limited information on technology, and safety standards. The financial



aspects criterion includes three sub-criterion, namely operating cost, revenue potential, and the number of passengers.

The increased exposure to radiation criterion includes one sub-criterion, namely serious health problem. The hardware criterion contains three sub-criterions: IT infrastructure, hardware integration and requirements, and robustness. The traffic criterion includes one sub-criterion, namely Traffic crowding. The accidents criterion comprises three sub-criterions: road accidents, weather conditions, and the false security of sense to passengers. The malfunctions criterion contains three sub-criterions: human errors, software malfunctions, and mechanical malfunctions. Last, the remote control and hacking criterion includes three sub-criterions: theft of private data, hacking, and computer viruses. The main criteria and their sub-criteria are listed as follows:

## A. LEGISLATIONS S<sub>1</sub>

Consider  $S_1$  the main criterion refers to legislation and data protection.

## 1) LEGISLATION AND DATA PROTECTION S<sub>11</sub>

For driverless vehicles, responsibility is an important issue. Responsibilities are defined in situations of when malfunction, injure of walkers, damage the drivers or manufacturers [60].

#### **B.** UNREGULATED INDUSTRY S<sub>2</sub>

Consider  $S_2$  as the main criterion refers to unregulated industry and limited information of technology. The industry of driverless vehicles is unregulated which is good for developers, companies, and manufacturers but not for users and customers. With an unregulated industry, there is reduced quality, high cost, and a decrease in profit [61].

# 1) LIMITED INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGY S21

Risks can result from limited information on technology. That is, many manufacturing errors are due to a lack of driverless vehicle technology.

# 2) SAFETY STANDARD S<sub>22</sub>

Many new companies in the driverless vehicles market with no formal announced safety standards. Users must check all information about driverless vehicles.

## C. FINANCIAL ASPECTS S<sub>3</sub>

Consider  $S_3$  as the main criterion for financial aspects such as the operating cost, the number of passengers, and profit [62].

## 1) OPERATING COST S<sub>31</sub>

Risks related to the operating cost of driverless vehicles result in developers cannot add some features due to the high operation costs.

# 2) REVENUE POTENTIAL S<sub>32</sub>

Risks of driverless vehicles can occur due to expected and actual revenue. When less revenue than expected is gained, it is always harder to make upgrade decisions as it may double the chances of risks in the driverless vehicles market.

## 3) NUMBER OF PASSENGERS S33

The increased number of passengers of driverless vehicles can increase awareness of the project and attract more revenue to the project.

## D. INCREASED EXPOSURE TO RADIATION $S_4$

Consider  $S_4$  as the main criterion for risks caused by exposure to radiation.

# 1) SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM S41

Driverless vehicle components, such as GPS, sensor, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi can produce harmful radiation risks for users and customers with prolonged usage. Outcomes of electronic radiation can cause health problems like eye issues, headaches, and so on.

## E. HARDWARE S<sub>5</sub>

The hardware components of driverless vehicles may fail. So that driverless companies produce more robust components such as sensors.

#### 1) IT INFRASTRUCTURE S<sub>51</sub>

Failure risks can occur when infrastructure components fail. The infrastructure robustness depends on the technical capacity and the associated effective operations. [62].

## 2) HARDWARE INTEGRATION AND REQUIREMENTS S<sub>52</sub>

Risks can occur due to problems in hardware safety requirements, worst-case testing, functional testing under normal conditions, and incorrect specifications of the hardware. Hardware should contain the safety requirements, safety lifecycle of hardware, and testing of hardware.

## 3) ROBUSTNESS S<sub>53</sub>

Risks can occur in driverless vehicles due to the less robustness of hardware. Risks come from when the hardware of driverless vehicles is broken down.

#### F. TRAFFIC S<sub>6</sub>

Consider  $S_6$  as the main criteria regarding traffic. The system of driverless vehicles should be tested on many roads and cars. With mixed traffic, driverless vehicles can be risky and confused due to having various levels of automation [63].

# 1) TRAFFIC CROWDING S<sub>61</sub>

Traffic crowing can cause many risks for driverless vehicles.

## G. ACCIDENTS S7

Many accidents of driverless vehicles can be caused by roads, so developers should take into account all types of roads and possible problems to avoid accidents.



## ROAD ACCIDENTS S<sub>71</sub>

Accidents can occur due to problems with roads. This makes it an important risk to consider.

## 2) WEATHER CONDITIONS S<sub>72</sub>

Driverless vehicles cannot be programmed for high weather conditions consequences which may cause many accidents. Weather conditions can affect sensors and their connectivity to other devices. That is a possible risk that comes from decreasing the visible area of a driverless vehicle.

#### 3) THE FALSE SECURITY OF SENSE TO PASSENGER S<sub>73</sub>

Risks can occur due to false security of sense to passengers from driverless vehicles.

## H. MALFUNCTIONS S<sub>8</sub>

Consider  $S_8$  as the main criterion that refers to components failure in driverless vehicles.

# 1) HUMAN ERRORS S<sub>81</sub>

Malfunctions can be caused by human errors or component failure

# 2) SOFTWARE MALFUNCTIONS S<sub>82</sub>

Driverless vehicles have the risk of software failure due to bugs by developers or due to the complexity of the developed program.

# 3) MECHANICAL MALFUNCTIONS S<sub>83</sub>

Risks related to malfunctions of mechanical parts of vehicles may result in real accidents. Malfunctions can occur in self-driving vehicles more than conventional vehicles [64].

## I. REMOTE CONTROL AND HACKING S9

Consider  $S_9$  as the main criterion for remote control and hacking of driverless vehicles. Hackers may get into systems to change how the driverless vehicle system operates [63].

## 1) THEFT OF PRIVATE DATA S<sub>91</sub>

Data privacy is still an issue in such systems.

## 2) HACKING S<sub>92</sub>

Malicious hacking is one of the serious remote-control attacks which may cause many problems with driverless vehicles [52].

## 3) COMPUTER VIRUSES S93

Due to connected computer systems in driverless vehicles, a possibility of injecting viruses and other harmful programs into driverless vehicle systems.

## IV. METHODOLOGY

## A. NEUTROSOPHIC LINGUISTIC INFORMATION

In a quantitative form, it cannot evaluate many problems because it contains incomplete, vague, ambiguous,

**TABLE 1.** Single valued neutrosophic scale.

T ::	Abbreviation		SVNNs	
Linguistic term	Appreviation	T	I	F
Extremely Bad	EB	0.00	1.00	1.00
Very Very Bad	VVB	0.10	0.90	0.90
Very Bad	VB	0.20	0.85	0.80
Bad	В	0.30	0.75	0.70
Medium Bad	MB	0.40	0.65	0.60
Medium	M	0.50	0.50	0.50
Medium Good	MG	0.60	0.35	0.40
Good	G	0.70	0.25	0.30
Very Good	VG	0.80	0.15	0.20
Very Very Good	VVG	0.90	0.10	0.10
Extremely Good	EG	1.00	0.00	0.00

inconsistent, and uncertain information to assess information in qualitative form. Neutrosophic linguistic information can be used in different fields. Table 1 presents the linguistic terms that experts used to make decision matrices. The extremely bad term was expressed to the least term, and the extremely good described the highest term. Each linguistic term has the SVNSs. That includes the truth, indeterminacy, and falsity. These SVNSs convert to one crisp value to be used in the proposed model easily and smoothly.

#### B. SUGGESTED HYBRID MCDM APPROACH

MCDM handles the composite decision problems which include various conflicting criteria. MCDM procedures compute an ideal alternative or rank alternatives in which the maximum ranked is measured as the best alternative to the experts. One of the main characteristics of self-driving vehicles is their imprecision in various fields. Since the problem of ranking driverless vehicle risks has a set of selected alternatives with conflicting criteria, MCDM procedures may be efficiently applied to deal with this problem. They rank the risks involved in driverless vehicles in four primary phases by suggested methodology.

In the first phase, the objective, criteria, and risks are determined. In this field and survey of the literature, the criteria and alternatives are collected and described, making pairwise comparisons through the group of consulting experts. In the first three steps, the hierarchy tree that shows the objective from study, criteria, and alternatives is built. Then, from steps 4 to 7, the neutrosophic set steps are calculated, and a matrix of the decision matrix's opinions.

In the second phase, the AHP method is used to determine the weights of criteria from steps 8 to 11.

In the third and fourth phases, MABAC and PROMETHEE II are applied using selected criteria and risks. The rest of the steps show the suggested hybrid MCDM procedure. The proposed methodology is represented in Fig. 1.

In this work, the following MCDM procedures are implemented to rank the risks of the driverless vehicle:

- √ The MABAC method
- ✓ The PROMETHEE II method

The steps of the decision-making algorithm are briefly defined as follows:

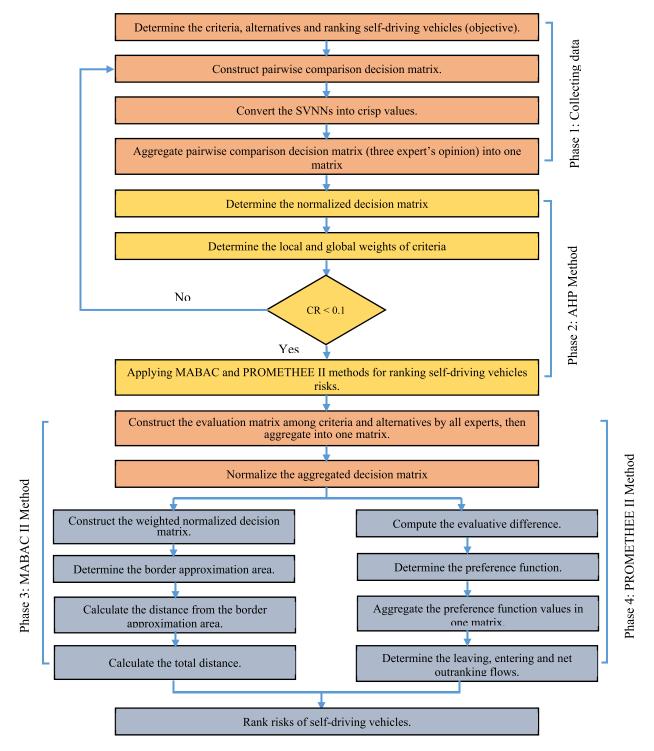


FIGURE 1. The framework of suggested methodology.

- **Step 1.** Applying the neutrosophic sets the first step is to determine the goal from this study that ranking risks of self-driving vehicles.
- **Step 2.** Collecting the main criteria and sub-criteria risks of self-driving vehicles, where x refers to criterion  $(x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, a)$ .
- **Step** 3. collecting alternatives risks of self-driving vehicles; where y refers to alternative  $(y = 1, 2, 3, \ldots)$  and o refers to several criteria and p refers to the number of alternatives and build a hierarchy tree to show the objective, main and sub-criteria, and alternatives.



*Step 4.* According to SVNNs in Table 1 [58], [65] the pairwise comparisons decision matrix that collects opinions of experts is built as:

$$\mathbf{K}^{\mathbf{M}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{k}_{11}^{\mathbf{M}} & \cdots & \mathbf{k}_{1x}^{\mathbf{M}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{k}_{y1}^{\mathbf{M}} & \cdots & \mathbf{k}_{xy}^{\mathbf{M}} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

where M indicates the number of experts.

*Step 5.* Applying the score function to convert SVNNs to crisp values as [18].

$$S(k_{xy}^{M}) = \frac{2 + T_{xy}^{M} - I_{xy}^{M} - F_{xy}^{M}}{3}$$
 (2)

 $T_{xy}^M$ ,  $I_{xy}^M$ ,  $F_{xy}^M$ , present truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the SVNNs.

**Step 6.** Combine the pairwise comparison matrix to make one matrix that aggregates the expert's opinions as:

$$k_{ab} = \frac{\sum_{M=1}^{M} k_{xy}}{M}$$
 (3)

*Step 7.* The aggregation of the pairwise comparison matrix that contains the judgments of decision-makers is built as:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & \cdots & k_{1a} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_{b1} & \cdots & k_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (4)

*Step 8.* Applying the AHP method the first step is to compute the normalize matrix from the aggregation pairwise judgments as:

$$w_y^b = \frac{w_y}{\sum_{v=1}^b w_v}; \quad y = 1, 2, 3, \dots b$$
 (5)

**Step 9.** From the normalized matrix determine the row average weights (priorities) of main and sub-criteria (local weights) as:

$$w_x = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^{a} (k_{xy})}{b}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots ...;$$
  

$$y = 1, 2, 3, \dots ...; \quad (6)$$

*Step 10.* Compute global weights of sub-criteria by multiply main criteria weights by sub-criteria (local) weights

Step 11. Check the consistency ratio (CR) to validate the opinions of experts are consistent or not by first calculate the  $lambda_{max}$  (compute the weighted columns by multiply the weights of criteria by the value of aggregation pairwise matrix, then sum the value row of weighted columns this results in the weighted sum, finally divide the weighted sum by weights of criteria) then compute the consistency index and finally calculate the CR as.

$$CR = \frac{CI}{RI} \text{ And } CI = \frac{lambda_{max} - o}{o - 1}$$
 (7)

where o refers to the number of criteria.  $lambda_{max}$  is the maximum eigenvalue. CI is a consistency index and RI is a

random index. If the CR is less or equal to 0.1 the opinion of experts is accepted otherwise the value of opinion experts not consistent then reevaluate the matrix.

**Step 12.** Starting from this step, the MABAC method is applied. Equations (1-4) are applied to construct the aggregated pairwise comparison matrix between criteria and alternatives.

**Step 13.** From the aggregation matrix between criteria and alternatives, the normalized matrix of the decision matrix is constructed as:

$$\begin{split} Z_{xy} &= \frac{k_{xy} - k_y^-}{k_y^+ - k_y^-}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a, \\ y &= 1, 2, 3, \dots ... \text{b for Beneficial criteria} \\ Z_{xy} &= \frac{k_{xy} - k_y^+}{k_y^- - k_y^+}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a, \\ y &= 1, 2, 3, \dots ... \text{b for Non } -\text{Beneficial criteria} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $k_y^- = \min(k_y)$  and  $k_y^+ = \max(k_y)$ , also  $Z_{xy}$  is normalized value. Where the beneficial criteria refers to positive criteria and the non-beneficial criteria refers to negative criteria (cost criteria)

*Step 14.* From the normalized decision matrix, the weighted normalized of the decision matrix is computed as:

$$\hat{Z}_{xy} = W_y + W_y * X_{xy}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a,$$
  
 $y = 1, 2, 3, \dots b$  (10)

*Step 15.* From the weighted normalized matrix, the border approximation area matrix is determined as:

$$R_y = (\prod_{y=1}^a \hat{Z}_{xy})^{1/a}; \quad y = 1, 2, 3, \dots b$$
 (11)

**Step 16.** Calculate the distance from the border approximation area as:

$$D_{xy} = \hat{Z}_{xy} - R_y;$$
  $x = 1, 2, 3, ... a, y = 1, 2, 3..b$  (12)

*Step 17.* The total distance from the border approximation area is determined as:

$$T_x = \sum_{y=1}^b D_{xy}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a; \ y = 1, 2, 3, \dots b$$
 (13)

*Step 18.* The risks are ranked according to the total distance value to order the risks of self-driving vehicles.

*Step 19.* Applying the PROMETHEE II method is started. The first step is to apply Eqs (1-4) to construct the aggregation pairwise comparison between criteria and alternatives.

*Step 20.* From the aggregation, the pairwise comparison matrix normalizes the decision matrix.

$$\begin{split} E_{xy} &= \frac{k_{xy} - k_y^-}{k_y^+ - k_y^-}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a, \\ y &= 1, 2, 3, \dots ... \text{b for Beneficial criteria} \\ E_{xy} &= \frac{k_y^+ - k_{xy}}{k_y^+ - k_y^-}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots a, \\ y &= 1, 2, 3, \dots ... \text{b for Non - Beneficial criteria} \end{split} \tag{15}$$

where  $k_y^- = \min(k_y)$  and  $k_y^+ = \max(k_y)$ .



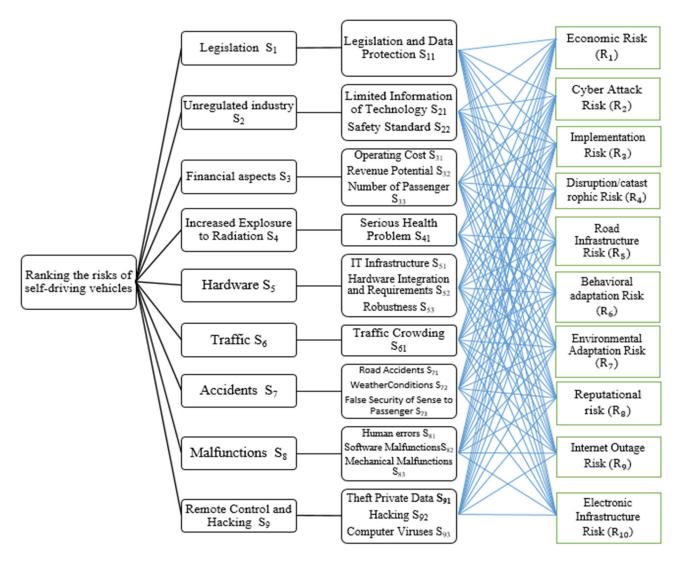


FIGURE 2. The objective, main criteria, and sub-criteria and risks hierarchy tree.

TABLE 2. The aggregated value of decision matrices between the main criteria.

Criteria	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S_4$	S <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>6</sub>	S <sub>7</sub>	S <sub>8</sub>	S <sub>9</sub>
$S_1$	0.5	0.4611	0.2833	0.71113	0.7167	0.2833	0.5	0.8317	0.7167
$S_2^-$	2.51134	0.5	0.7167	0.75003	0.2833	0.7167	0.60556	0.8167	0.2833
$S_3^-$	3.529827	1.395284	0.5	0.7167	0.750033	0.5	0.2833	0.8167	0.7167
$S_4$	1.48296	1.33833	1.39528	0.5	0.75003	0.75003	0.35553	0.7167	0.8167
$S_5$	1.39528	3.52982	1.33833	1.33833	0.5	0.7167	0.8167	0.2833	0.6778
$S_6$	3.52982	1.39528	2	1.3383	1.39528	0.5	0.75003	0.7167	0.5
$S_7$	2	1.74148	3.52982	3.0198	1.22444	1.33833	0.5	0.5	0.78336
$S_8$	1.203125	1.22444	1.22444	1.39528	3.52982	1.39528	2	0.5	0.7167
$S_9$	1.39528	3.52982	1.39528	1.22444	1.53990	2.30837	1.28138	1.39528	0.5

*Step 21.* Use the normalized matrix to compute the evaluative difference of  $y^{th}$  alternatives concerning other alternatives.

**Step 22.** Determine the preference function  $f_{\nu}(a, b)$  as.

$$f_{\mathbf{y}}(a,b) = 0 \text{ if } \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{y}} \le \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{b}\mathbf{y}} \tag{16}$$

$$f_{y}(a,b) = E_{ay} - E_{by} if E_{ay} \ge E_{by}$$
 (17)

*Step 23*. Then aggregate preference functions value in one matrix as:

$$G(a,b) = \frac{\left[\sum_{y=1}^{o} W_{y} f_{y}(a,b)\right]}{\sum_{y=1}^{o} W_{y}}$$
(18)

*Step 24.* Determine the leaving (Positive) and entering (Negative) outranking flows.



TABLE 3. Final weights for the nine main criteria and twenty sub-criteria.

Main criteria	Sub-criteria	Weights of main criteria	Weights of sub-criteria	Global weights
Legislation S <sub>1</sub>	Legislation and data protection S <sub>11</sub>	0.062	0.062	0.062
Unregulated industry S <sub>2</sub>	Limited information on technology S <sub>21</sub> Safety Standard S <sub>22</sub>	0.074	0.033 0.040	0.033 0.041
Financial aspects S <sub>3</sub>	Operating cost $S_{31}$ Revenue potential $S_{32}$ Number of passengers $S_{33}$	0.091	0.014 0.030 0.046	0.014 0.031 0.046
Increased exposure to radiation S <sub>4</sub>	Serious Health Problem S <sub>41</sub>	0.088	0.088	0.088
Hardware S <sub>5</sub>	IT infrastructure S <sub>51</sub> Hardware integration and Requirements S <sub>52</sub> Robustness S <sub>53</sub>	0.106	0.025 0.036 0.043	0.026 0.036 0.044
Traffic S <sub>6</sub>	Traffic crowding S <sub>61</sub>	0.119	0.119	0.119
Accidents S <sub>7</sub>	Road accidents $S_{71}$ Weather conditions $S_{72}$ False security of sense to passenger $S_{73}$	0.149	0.045 0.049 0.054	0.046 0.049 0.054
Malfunctions S <sub>8</sub>	Human errors $S_{81}$ Software malfunctions $S_{82}$ Mechanical malfunctions $S_{83}$	0.152	0.030 0.051 0.069	0.031 0.051 0.069
Remote control and hacking S <sub>9</sub>	Theft private data S <sub>91</sub> Hacking S <sub>92</sub> Computer viruses S <sub>93</sub>	0.159	0.044 0.052 0.061	0.045 0.053 0.062

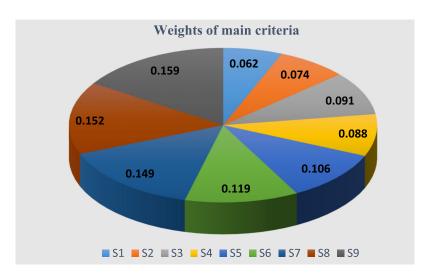


FIGURE 3. Final weights of main criteria.

The leaving flow  $\Psi^+$  is determined [59], [66] as

$$\Psi^{+} = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{b=1}^{p} G(b, a)b = 1, 2, ...p(a \neq b) \quad (19)$$

The negative flow  $\Psi^+$  is determined as.

$$\Psi^{-} = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{b=1}^{p} G(b, a)b = 1, 2, \dots, p(a \neq b)$$
 (20)

**Step 25.** The net outranking flow for each risk is determined [52], [66] as:

$$\Psi = \Psi^+ - \Psi^- \tag{21}$$

Step 26. The risks are ranked according to net outranking flow  $\Psi$ .

#### V. APPLICATION

To assess the associated risks, the nine main criteria, twenty sub-criteria, and ten alternatives are proposed based on the ones introduced in [52]. Fig. 2 shows the objective, main and sub-criteria, and risks. With three experts, using Eq (1) and using the scale in Table 1, the opinion of experts are gathered in a pairwise comparison listed in Tables (10-12). The comparison matrix of nine main criteria is proposed for the first, second, and third experts demonstrated in Table 13 to Table 18. The score function is calculated using Eq (2) to obtain the crisp values. The pairwise judgment for three experts is aggregated using Eq (3) and the aggregated decision is estimated using the (4) matrix in Table 2 for the main criteria. The normalized decision matrix is determined using Eq (5) as demonstrated in Table 19, and the row average

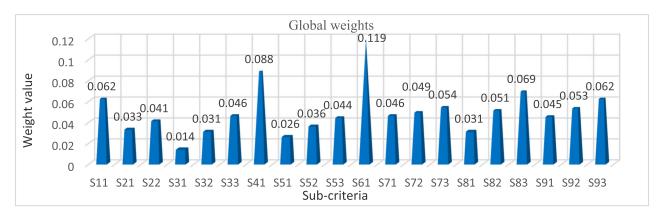


FIGURE 4. The global weights of sub-criteria.

TABLE 4. The aggregated pairwise comparison matrix of three experts for MABAC and PROMETHEE II methods.

Criteria/Risks	S <sub>11</sub>	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
$R_1$	0.4277	0.3611	0.4277	0.7833	0.6778	0.4277	0.3944	0.6444	0.4666	0.3944
$R_2$	0.6833	0.7500	0.7500	0.7167	0.2833	0.5	0.7500	0.8167	0.7500	0.8167
$R_3$	0.2833	0.7500	0.5	0.4611	0.7833	0.2833	0.7833	0.7167	0.7500	0.2499
$R_4$	0.3277	0.7833	0.3555	0.8167	0.6055	0.2499	0.4277	0.7500	0.7167	0.2833
$R_5$	0.2833	0.7167	0.2833	0.7833	0.5389	0.7167	0.3944	0.3222	0.8167	0.538
$R_6$	0.7833	0.2499	0.6778	0.7167	0.2833	0.7833	0.7833	0.2833	0.5722	0.7500
$R_7$	0.7500	0.2166	0.6444	0.8167	0.7500	0.7500	0.7833	0.3611	0.3555	0.7833
$R_8$	0.2833	0.5	0.3555	0.2499	0.8167	0.2833	0.4277	0.7833	0.6444	0.5389
$R_9$	0.2833	0.5	0.2833	0.5	0.4277	0.5389	0.7833	0.7167	0.7167	0.1833
$R_{10}$	0.816	0.8167	0.7167	0.3555	0.4277	0.8167	0.3555	0.7833	0.8167	0.7500
Criteria/Risks	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	$S_{91}$	$S_{92}$	$S_{93}$
$R_1$	0.2499	0.7500	0.7167	0.7111	0.7833	0.4277	0.2888	0.5722	0.7500	0.6055
$R_2$	0.7500	0.8167	0.7500	0.6055	0.8167	0.5778	0.7833	0.2833	0.2166	0.8167
$R_3$	0.7500	0.1833	0.1833	0.7167	0.6167	0.2833	0.7500	0.5	0.3944	0.4277
$R_4$	0.2833	0.3944	0.4611	0.7500	0.5722	0.6167	0.8167	0.6167	0.7833	0.2833
$R_5$	0.8167	0.2833	0.7167	0.5	0.2888	0.5	0.8167	0.1833	0.5	0.7833
$R_6$	0.7500	0.5722	0.3611	0.1833	0.5055	0.8167	0.5389	0.4277	0.3222	0.7167
$R_7$	0.1833	0.7500	0.4611	0.6722	0.8167	0.1833	0.3166	0.7167	0.8167	0.5
$R_8$	0.7833	0.8167	0.6778	0.2888	0.7833	0.6055	0.4611	0.8167	0.5389	0.2833
$R_9$	0.3611	0.7500	0.1833	0.2833	0.5722	0.7167	0.3555	0.4277	0.6167	0.8167
R <sub>10</sub>	0.2166	0.5	0.7500	0.7833	0.7167	0.2833	0.8167	0.6167	0.2833	0.6778

TABLE 5. The border approximation matrix for MABAC method.

Border	S <sub>11</sub>	$S_{21}$	S <sub>22</sub>	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
approximation R	0.985	0.933	0.950	0.847	0.927	0.963	1.03	0.917	0.949	0.962
Border	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	S <sub>91</sub>	S <sub>92</sub>	S <sub>93</sub>
approximation R	1.06	0.971	0.976	0.986	0.936	0.973	1.008	0.963	0.977	0.997

TABLE 6. The total distance from the border approximation area.

Total distance	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	$R_3$	R <sub>4</sub>	$R_5$
T	-17.8834	-17.5799	-17.8047	-17.8966	-17.833
Total distance	R <sub>6</sub>	R <sub>7</sub>	R <sub>8</sub>	R <sub>9</sub>	R <sub>10</sub>
T	-17.731	-17.775	-17.8106	-17.8606	-17.7662

is determined using Eq (6), then the weights of main and sub-criteria are illustrated in Table 3.

Fig. 3 shows the final weights of the main criteria and the relationship between the main criteria of the proposed model on the vertical axis and the values of the weights on the horizontal axis for each criterion. Fig. 4 depicted the global weights of sub-criteria, as it reveals the relationship between the sub-criteria of the proposed model on the vertical line and the values of the weights on the horizontal line for each criterion. The consistency is tested. CR is estimated



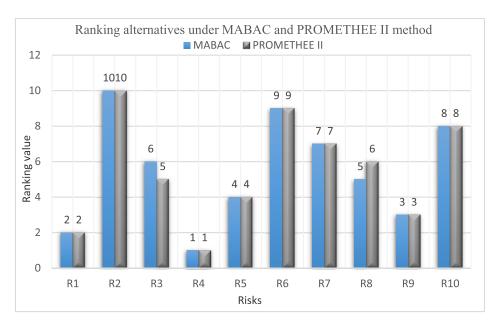


FIGURE 5. Ranking of MABAC and PROMETHEE II.

TABLE 7. The leaving, entering and net outranking flows.

Risks	Leaving outranking flows	Entering outranking flows	Net outranking flows
$R_1$	0.161594	0.253349	-0.09175
$R_2$	0.300929	0.102792	0.198137
$R_3$	0.216493	0.22853	-0.01204
$R_4$	0.162914	0.266289	-0.10338
$R_5$	0.210857	0.245701	-0.03484
$R_6$	0.273292	0.203068	0.070223
R <sub>7</sub>	0.25494	0.232378	0.022562
$R_8$	0.214574	0.22617	-0.0116
$R_9$	0.187804	0.261852	-0.07405
R <sub>10</sub>	0.257034	0.220301	0.036733

TABLE 8. The proposed and compared study ranking with different MCDM methods.

Ranki		alte	rnatives of cor	npared study	Critorio on	d migles of commoned study (marriage study)		
ng	MABAC	PROMETHEE II	TOPSIS	VICKOR				
1	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_2$	Electronic infrastructure risk R <sub>1</sub>	Hacking and Privacy Factors (C <sub>1</sub> )		
2	$\mathbb{R}_3$	$R_5$	$R_4$	$R_4$	Cyber-attack risk R <sub>2</sub>	Malicious Hacking (C <sub>11</sub> )		
3	$R_5$	$R_3$	$R_5$	$R_1$	Environmental adaptation risk R <sub>3</sub>	Information Security $(C_{12})$		
4	$R_7$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_5$	Reputational risk R <sub>4</sub>	Malfunction of AVs components (C <sub>2</sub> )		
5	$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_3$	$R_3$	Internet outage risk R <sub>5</sub>	Hardware and Software System		
6	$R_4$	$R_7$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	A6	Behavioral adaptation risk R <sub>6</sub>	Failure (C <sub>21</sub> )		
7	$R_8$	$R_6$	$R_6$	$R_7$	Road infrastructure risk R <sub>7</sub>	Mechanical failure (C <sub>22</sub> )		
						Environmental Factors (C <sub>3</sub> )		
						Infrastructure condition $(C_{31})$		
						Weather condition $(C_{32})$		
8	$R_2$	$R_8$	$R_2$	R <sub>2</sub>	Disruption/catastrophic risk R <sub>8</sub>	Traffic Congestion $(C_4)$		
o	1\(\chi_2\)	1\(\g\)	$\kappa_2$	$\kappa_2$	Distuption/catastrophic risk K <sub>8</sub>	Availability of Required Information		
						$(C_5)$		
						Social Acceptance (C <sub>6</sub> )		
						Legislation and Legal Liability (C <sub>7</sub> )		

using Eq (7). CR is set at 0.079, which is less than 0.1 to be accepted. Consequently, the weights of the criteria are consistent.

The results of MABAC started with the opinion of three experts in a comparison matrix with the scale

of SVNNs; after that, this scale is converted to a crisp value and three comparison matrices are aggregated in one matrix using Eqs. (1-4). The comparison matrix between the criteria and alternatives is listed in Table 4. From the aggregated comparison matrix, the normalized matrix

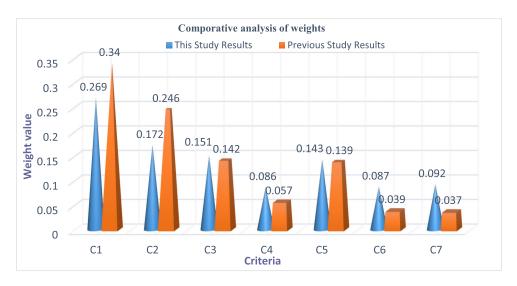


FIGURE 6. The comparative analysis of main criteria weights between pythagorean fuzzy and neutrosophic AHP.

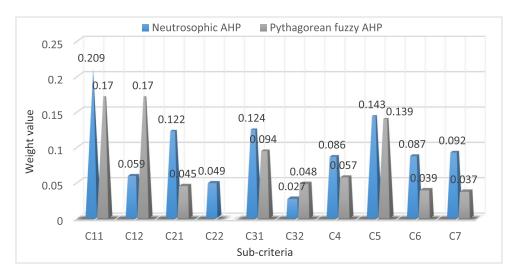


FIGURE 7. Comparative of sub-criteria global weights between pythagorean fuzzy and neutrosophic AHP.

is estimated using Eqs. (8-9). In Table 20, the normalized decision matrix for the MABAC method for positive and negative criteria, where the operating cost  $S_{31}$  is negative (non-beneficial) criteria and the rest of criteria positive (beneficial), applying Eq (9) for  $S_{31}$  and the rest Eq (8). From the normalized decision matrix, the weighted normalized decision matrix is estimated using Eq (10) as demonstrated in Table 21. The border approximation area matrix is calculated using Eq (11) as illustrated in Table 5.

The distance from the border approximation area is measured using Eq (12), as listed in Table 21. The total distance from the border approximation area is obtained from Eq (13) as demonstrated in Table 6. The ranking of alternatives by total distance is calculated. Fig. 5 shows this ranking, where the cyber-attack  $R_2$  is considered as the best alternative and has a higher ranking than the disruption risk  $R_4$ . Fig. 5 shows the relationship between the risks on the vertical

axis and the ranking values on the horizontal line for each

The PROMETHEE II results: Eqs. (1-4) is applied to obtain the aggregated pairwise comparison matrix from the opinion of three experts. Then the normalized decision matrix is estimated using Eqs. (14-15), as listed in Table 23. Eq. (15) is used for calculating negative criteria (operating cost  $S_{31}$ ) and the rest criteria are positive criteria using Eq (14). Then, the evaluative difference is estimated for  $R_1$ -  $R_2$ ,  $R_1$ -  $R_3$ ,  $R_1$ - $R_4$ ,  $R_1$ -  $R_5$ ,  $R_1$ -  $R_6$ , etc., to risk 10. Then, using Eqs. (16-17), the preference function is measured if  $R_1$ -  $R_2$  is less or equal to 0, and the preference function is zero if  $R_1$ -  $R_2 > 0$ then the preference function is  $R_1$ -  $R_2$ . The preference in the preference matrix is calculated using Eq (18), as demonstrated in Table 24. Then, the leaving and entering outranking flows are measured using Eqs. (19-20), as listed in Table 7. The net outranking flows are measured using Eq (21), as listed in Table 7.



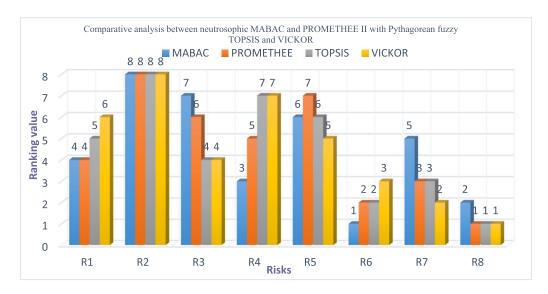


FIGURE 8. Comparative analysis of MCDM methods.

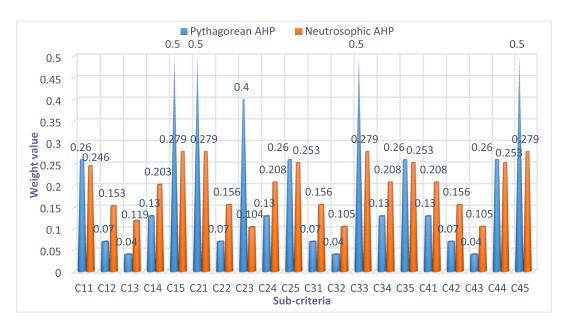


FIGURE 9. Comparative analysis between pythagorean AHP and neutrosophic AHP.

TABLE 9. The aggregation rank in differ scenarios.

Rank	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7	Scenario 8	Scenario 9	Scenario 10
1	$R_2$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_7$	$R_7$	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_7$
2	$R_6$	$R_2$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_{10}$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_6$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$R_2$
3	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_3$	$R_6$	$R_6$	$R_6$	$R_3$	$R_3$	$R_6$	$R_9$
4	$R_{10}$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_5$	$R_5$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$
5	$R_3$	$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_5$	$R_5$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_{10}$
6	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_8$	$R_8$	$R_8$	$R_9$	$R_9$	$R_8$	$R_1$
7	$R_9$	$R_8$	$R_4$	$R_3$	$R_3$	$R_3$	$R_{10}$	$R_{10}$	$R_1$	$R_5$
8	$R_5$	$R_4$	$R_{10}$	$R_9$	$R_9$	$R_9$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$R_7$	$R_9$	$R_8$
9	$R_1$	$R_9$	$R_8$	$R_1$	$R_4$	$R_4$	$R_4$	$R_4$	$R_4$	$R_3$
10	$R_4$	$R_5$	$R_5$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_5$	$R_4$

### A. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this work, three experts were asked to assess the judgment comparison by single-valued neutrosophic scale for main criteria, sub-criteria, and risks for each criterion. Then three judgment comparison matrices were used from the main criteria and each sub-criteria in three comparison

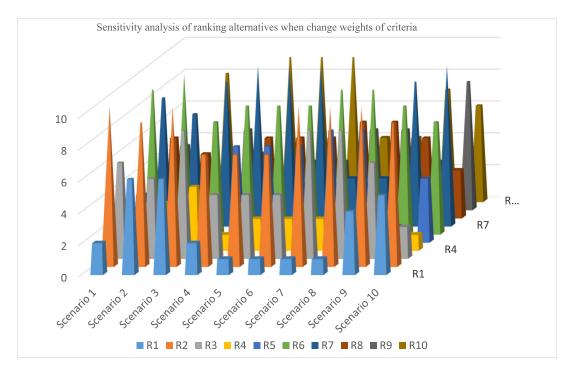


FIGURE 10. Sensitivity analysis of ranking alternatives.

TABLE 10. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for nine main criteria by first expert.

Criteria	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	S <sub>4</sub>	$S_5$	$S_6$	S <sub>7</sub>	S <sub>8</sub>	S <sub>9</sub>
$S_1$	0.5	В	В	VG	G	В	M	VG	G
$S_2$	1/B	0.5	G	VG	В	G	VG	VG	В
$S_3$	1/B	1/G	0.5	G	VG	M	В	VG	G
$S_4$	1/VG	1/VG	1/G	0.5	G	VG	M	G	VG
$S_5$	1/G	1/B	1/VG	1/G	0.5	G	VG	В	G
$S_6$	1/B	1/G	1/M	1/VG	1/G	0.5	G	G	M
$S_7$	1/M	1/VG	1/B	1/M	1/VG	1/G	0.5	M	VG
$S_8$	1/VG	1/G	1/VG	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/M	0.5	G
$_{-}$ S $_{9}$	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/VG	1/G	1/M	1/VG	1/G	0.5

TABLE 11. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for nine main criteria by second expert.

Criteria	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S_4$	$S_5$	$S_6$	S <sub>7</sub>	S <sub>8</sub>	$S_9$
S <sub>1</sub>	0.5	MB	В	VG	G	В	M	VG	G
$S_2$	1/MB	0.5	G	G	В	G	M	VG	В
$S_3$	1/B	1/G	0.5	G	VG	M	В	VG	G
$S_4$	1/VG	1/G	1/G	0.5	G	G	В	G	VG
$S_5$	1/G	1/B	1/VG	1/G	0.5	G	VG	В	VG
$S_6$	1/B	1/G	1/M	1/ <b>G</b>	1/G	0.5	G	G	В
$S_7$	1/ <b>M</b>	1/M	1/ <b>B</b>	1/B	1/VG	1/G	0.5	M	G
S <sub>8</sub>	1/VG	1/VG	1/VG	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/M	0.5	G
S <sub>9</sub>	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/VG	1/VG	1/B	1/G	1/G	0.5

matrices. Then the comparison matrices are aggregated in one matrix for main and sub-criteria. After that, the AHP method is applied.

By applying the neutrosophic AHP, the study found that traffic  $S_6$  has the highest weight in the main criteria with a value of 0.119, the legislation  $S_1$  has the least weight in the main criteria with a value equals to 0.062.

In global weights of sub-criteria, the traffic crowding criterion  $S_{61}$  has the highest weight with a value equals 0.119 and the operating cost criterion  $S_{31}$  is the least weight in global criteria with a value equals 0.014. CR is used to determine the opinions of experts are valid or not. It is found that CR equal to 0.079 which is less than 0.1; hence, we conclude that the experts' opinions are consistent. The three experts are asked to assess in a pairwise comparison matrix



TABLE 12. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for nine main criteria by third expert.

Criteria	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S_4$	$S_5$	$S_6$	$S_7$	S <sub>8</sub>	$S_9$
S <sub>1</sub>	0.5	G	В	M	G	В	M	G	VG
$S_2$	1/G	0.5	G	G	В	G	M	VG	В
$S_3$	1/B	1/G	0.5	G	G	M	В	VG	G
$S_4$	1/M	1/G	1/G	0.5	VG	G	В	G	VG
$S_5$	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/VG	0.5	G	VG	В	M
$S_6$	1/B	1/G	1/M	1/G	1/G	0.5	VG	G	G
$S_7$	1/M	1/M	1/B	1/B	1/VG	1/VG	0.5	M	VG
$S_8$	1/G	1/VG	1/VG	1/G	1/B	1/G	1/M	0.5	G
$S_9$	1/VG	1/B	1/G	1/VG	1/M	1/G	1/VG	1/G	0.5

TABLE 13. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of unregulated industry criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>
S <sub>21</sub>	0.5	VG
S <sub>22</sub>	1/VG	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>
S <sub>21</sub>	0.5	VVG
S <sub>22</sub>	1/VVG	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>
S <sub>21</sub>	0.5	VG
S <sub>22</sub>	1/VG	0.5

TABLE 14. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of financial aspects criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>
S <sub>31</sub>	0.5	В	M
S <sub>32</sub>	1/B	0.5	MB
S <sub>33</sub>	1/M	1/MB	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>
S <sub>31</sub>	0.5	M	MB
S <sub>32</sub>	1/M	0.5	M
S <sub>33</sub>	1/MB	$1/\mathbf{M}$	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>
S <sub>31</sub>	0.5	MB	В
S <sub>32</sub>	1/MB	0.4	G
S <sub>33</sub>	1/B	1/G	0.5

TABLE 15. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of hardware criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
S <sub>51</sub>	0.5	VG	M
S <sub>52</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VVG
S <sub>53</sub>	1/M	1/VVG	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
S <sub>51</sub>	0.5	VVG	VVG
S <sub>52</sub>	1/VVG	0.5	VG
S <sub>53</sub>	1/VVG	1/VG	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
S <sub>51</sub>	0.5	VG	VVG
S <sub>52</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VG
S <sub>53</sub>	1/VVG	1/VG	0.5

between criteria and alternatives. That is we have three pairwise comparison matrices. After that, the three matrices are aggregated into one matrix to allow for the application of MABAC and PROMETHEE II methods to rank risks.

In applying MABAC, start with the aggregated decision matrix. The MABAC results as follows, cyber-attack risk  $R_2$  is the highest-ranking with a total distance value equal

to -17.5799 and disruption/catastrophic risk  $R_4$  is the least ranking of alternatives with a total distance value equal to -17.8966.

The PROMETHEE II results are as follows, cyberattack risk  $R_2$  is the highest-ranking with net outranking flow value equal 0.198137 and disruption/catastrophic risk  $R_4$  is the least ranking of alternatives with a net outranking flow value equal to -0.10338.



TABLE 16. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of accidents criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>
S <sub>71</sub>	0.5	VG	VVG
S <sub>72</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VVG
S <sub>73</sub>	1/VVG	1/VVG	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>
S <sub>71</sub>	0.5	VVG	VVG
S <sub>72</sub>	1/VVG	0.5	VG
S <sub>73</sub>	1/VVG	1/VG	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>
S <sub>71</sub>	0.5	VG	VVG
S <sub>72</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VG
S <sub>73</sub>	1/VVG	1/VG	0.5

TABLE 17. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of malfunctions criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>
S <sub>81</sub>	0.5	G	В
S <sub>82</sub>	1/G	0.5	VG
S <sub>83</sub>	1/B	1/VG	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>
S <sub>81</sub>	0.5	VG	M
S <sub>82</sub>	1/VG	0.5	G
S <sub>83</sub>	1/M	1/G	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>
S <sub>81</sub>	0.5	VB	G
S <sub>82</sub>	1/VB	0.5	M
S <sub>83</sub>	1/G	1/M	0.5

TABLE 18. Evaluation pairwise comparison matrix for sub-criteria of remote control and hacking criterion by all experts.

First expert	S <sub>91</sub>	S <sub>92</sub>	S <sub>93</sub>
S <sub>91</sub>	0.5	VG	G
S <sub>92</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VG
S <sub>93</sub>	1/G	1/VG	0.5
Second expert	S <sub>91</sub>	$S_{92}$	S <sub>93</sub>
S <sub>91</sub>	0.5	VG	G
S <sub>92</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VG
S <sub>93</sub>	1/G	1/VG	0.5
Third expert	S <sub>91</sub>	$S_{92}$	S <sub>93</sub>
S <sub>91</sub>	0.5	VG	VG
S <sub>92</sub>	1/VG	0.5	VG
S <sub>93</sub>	1/VG	1/VG	0.5

TABLE 19. The normalized matrix of nine main criteria for AHP method.

Criteria	$S_1$	S <sub>2</sub>	$S_3$	$S_4$	S <sub>5</sub>	$S_6$	S <sub>7</sub>	S <sub>8</sub>	$S_9$
$S_1$	0.0284	0.0305	0.0228	0.0646	0.0670	0.0332	0.0704	0.1220	0.1305
$S_2$	0.1431	0.0330	0.0578	0.0682	0.0265	0.0842	0.0853	0.1248	0.0493
$S_3$	0.2011	0.0923	0.0403	0.0651	0.0701	0.0587	0.0399	0.1248	0.1247
$S_4$	0.0845	0.0885	0.1126	0.0454	0.0701	0.0881	0.0501	0.1095	0.1421
$S_5$	0.0795	0.2335	0.1080	0.1217	0.0467	0.0842	0.1151	0.0432	0.1179
$S_6$	0.2011	0.0923	0.1615	0.1217	0.1305	0.0587	0.1057	0.1095	0.0870
$S_7$	0.1139	0.1152	0.2850	0.2746	0.1145	0.1572	0.0704	0.0764	0.1363
$S_8$	0.0718	0.0810	0.0988	0.1269	0.3302	0.1639	0.2819	0.0764	0.1247
S <sub>9</sub>	0.0762	0.2335	0.1126	0.1113	0.1440	0.2712	0.1806	0.2132	0.0870

#### **VI. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

## A. FIRST COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The comparative analysis is used to give the proposed hybrid method robustness and effectiveness. To do so, we compared the proposed model under the neutrosophic environment with this study. It produced a model with Pythagorean fuzzy AHP, TOPSIS, and VIKOR. Comparing the previous studies with ours is detailed below. Analysis of (neutrosophic AHP and Pythagorean fuzzy AHP [52], (neutrosophic MABAC and Pythagorean fuzzy TOPSIS),



TABLE 20. The normalized decision matrix by MABAC method.

Criteria/Risks	S <sub>11</sub>	S <sub>21</sub>	$S_{22}$	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
$R_1$	0.2708	0.8889	0.3095	0.0624	0.7395	0.3137	0.0909	0.6771	0.2409	0.3333
$R_2$	0.7500	0.8889	1.000	0.1874	0	0.4411	0.9220	1	0.8554	1
$R_3$	0	0.9444	0.4642	0.6666	0.9375	0.0588	0.9999	0.8125	0.8554	0.1052
$R_4$	0.0833	0.8333	0.1547	0	0.6041	0	0.1688	0.8750	0.7831	0.1578
$R_5$	0	0.0555	0	0.0624	0.4791	0.8235	0.0909	0.0729	1	0.5614
$R_6$	0.9375	0	0.8452	0.1874	0	0.9411	0.9999	0	0.4698	0.8947
R <sub>7</sub>	0.8750	0.4722	0.7738	0	0.8750	0.8823	0.9999	0.1458	0	0.9473
$R_8$	0	0.4722	0.1547	1.062	1	0.0588	0.1688	0.9375	0.6265	0.5614
$R_9$	0	1	0	0.5937	0.2708	0.5098	0.9999	0.8125	0.7831	0
R <sub>10</sub>	1	0.3610	0.9285	0.8645	0.2708	1	0	0.9375	1	0.8947
Criteria/Risks	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	S <sub>91</sub>	S <sub>92</sub>	S <sub>93</sub>
$R_1$	0.1052	0.8947	0.9411	0.8796	0.9368	0.3859	0	0.6140	0.8889	0.6041
$R_2$	0.8947	1	1.000	0.7036	1	0.6228	0.9368	0.1578	0	1
$R_3^-$	0.8947	0	0	0.8888	0.6210	0.1578	0.8736	0.5	0.2963	0.2708
$R_4$	0.1578	0.3333	0.4901	0.9444	0.5368	0.6842	1	0.6842	0.9444	0
R <sub>5</sub>	1	0.1578	0.9411	0.5277	0	0.5	1	0	0.4722	0.9375
$R_6$	0.8947	0.6140	0.3137	0	0.4105	1	0.4736	0.3859	0.1759	0.8125
$R_7$	0	0.8947	0.4901	0.8147	1	0	0.0525	0.8421	1	0.4062
R <sub>8</sub>	0.9473	1	0.8725	0.1759	0.9368	0.6666	0.3262	1	0.5370	0
$R_9$	0.2807	0.8947	0	0.1666	0.5368	0.8421	0.12629	0.3859	0.6667	1
R <sub>10</sub>	0.0526	0.5	1.000	0.9999	0.8105	0.1578	1	0.6842	0.1111	0.7395

and (neutrosophic PROMETHEE II and Pythagorean fuzzy VIKOR results are detailed.

First, the data from the previous study [52] are used to apply our hybrid method. Then, the seven main criteria, ten global criteria, and eight risks are used. Table 8 shows the criteria and alternatives of the compared study. First, the neutrosophic set and the AHP method are applied to obtain the weights of the main criteria. This shows that the hacking and privacy factors (C<sub>1</sub>) is the highest importance and the traffic factor C<sub>4</sub> is the least important. And the reaming importance are ordered as  $C_1 > C_2 > C_3 > C_5 >$  $C_7 > C_6 > C_4$ . Fig. 6 shows the comparative analysis of criteria weights between this study (proposed model) and the previous study [52]. Fig. 6 shows the relationship between the main criteria on the vertical axis and the values of the weights on the horizontal axis. The compared study (Pythagorean fuzzy AHP) finds that  $S_1$  has the importance of the height and C<sub>7</sub> has the worst importance of the remaining criteria importance as  $C_1 > C_2 > C_3 > C_5 > C_4 > C_6 > C_7$ . Then find the sub-criteria and global criteria. By this model we found that the  $C_{11}$  has the largest weight of global criteria, and C<sub>32</sub> has the least important in global criteria. But in the compared study (Pythagorean fuzzy AHP) C22 has the highest importance and S<sub>71</sub> has the least weight of global criteria. Fig. 7 shows the global weights of sub-criteria of neutrosophic AHP and Pythagorean fuzzy AHP.

Applying the neutrosophic MABAC method to this model, the  $R_2$  (Cyber Attack Risk) has the highest risk, and the  $R_6$  (Behavioral adaptation Risk) has the least risk. When applying the PROMETHEE II method, find that  $R_2$ (Cyber Attack Risk) has the best alternative and  $R_8$  (Disruption/catastrophic Risk) has the least risk. But the compared study (Pythagorean fuzzy TOPSIS) find the  $R_2$  (Cyber Attack Risk) has the best alternative and the  $R_8$  (Disruption/catastrophic Risk) has the worst alternative, and

the Pythagorean fuzzy VICKOR method find that  $R_2$  (Cyber Attack Risk) has the height risk and  $R_8$  (Disruption/catastrophic Risk) has the least risk. Table 8 shows the proposed and compared study MCDM methods ranking. Fig. 8. Show the ranking risks under comparative methods. We conclude that the suggested hybrid model is a useful approach to deal with MCDM. The neutrosophic sets, AHP, PROMETHEE II and MABAC, are the consistent methods compared with other methods.

### **B. SECOND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

Another comparative analysis has been performed to compare between Pythagorean fuzzy AHP and neutrosophic AHP using the main and sub-criteria from [10]. In Table 25, the main and sub-criteria are presented. The analysis was made by sub-criteria. In Pythagorean fuzzy AHP sub-criteria found in  $C_1$  (Hardware Requirements) that  $C_{15}$  (Incorrect specifications of hardware) has the highest weights equal 0.5 and the least weight is  $C_{13}$  (Safety lifecycle steps for hardware) with a value of 0.04. In  $C_2$  (Hardware Integration) sub-criteria found  $C_{21}$  (Functional testing under) is the highest weight equal to 0.5 and  $C_{23}$  (Mechanical endurance test) is the least weight with 0.04. In the  $C_3$  found that  $C_{35}$  is the highest weight and  $C_{32}$  is the least weight with 0.04. In  $C_4$  found that  $C_{45}$  is the highest weight with 0.05 and  $C_{43}$  is the least weight with 0.04.

For the neutrosophic AHP results, in  $C_1$ , we found that  $C_{15}$  has the highest weight 0.279 with and  $C_{13}$  has the least weight with 0.119. In  $C_2$  found that  $C_{21}$  has the highest weight with 0.279 and  $C_{23}$  has the least weight with 0.104. In  $C_3$  (Supporting Processes) found that  $C_{33}$  (Qualification of software components) has the highest weight with 0.279 and  $C_{32}$  (Qualification of hardware components) has the least weight with 0.104. In  $C_4$  (Others) found that  $C_{45}$  (Loss of energy supply or disturbances) has the highest weight



TABLE 21. The weighted normalized decision matrix. For MABAC method.

Criteria/Risks	S <sub>11</sub>	$S_{21}$	$S_{22}$	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
$R_1$	0.0787	0.0623	0.0536	0.0148	0.0539	0.0604	0.0960	0.0436	0.0446	0.0586
$R_2$	0.1085	0.0623	0.082	0.0166	0.031	0.0662	0.1691	0.052	0.0667	0.088
$R_3$	0.062	0.0641	0.0600	0.0233	0.0600	0.0487	0.1759	0.0471	0.0667	0.0486
$R_4$	0.0671	0.0605	0.0473	0.014	0.0497	0.046	0.1028	0.048	0.0641	0.0509
$R_5$	0.062	0.0348	0.041	0.0148	0.0458	0.0838	0.0960	0.0278	0.072	0.0687
$R_6$	0.1201	0.033	0.0756	0.0166	0.031	0.0892	0.1759	0.026	0.0529	0.0833
$R_7$	0.1162	0.0485	0.0727	0.014	0.0581	0.0865	0.1759	0.0297	0.036	0.0856
$R_8$	0.062	0.0485	0.0473	0.0288	0.062	0.0487	0.1028	0.0503	0.0585	0.0687
$R_9$	0.062	0.066	0.041	0.0223	0.0393	0.0694	0.1759	0.0471	0.0641	0.044
R <sub>10</sub>	0.124	0.0210	0.0790	0.0261	0.0393	0.092	0.088	0.0503	0.072	0.0833
Criteria/Risks	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	S <sub>91</sub>	S <sub>92</sub>	S <sub>93</sub>
$R_1$	0.1315	0.0871	0.0951	0.1014	0.0600	0.0706	0.069	0.0726	0.1001	0.0994
$R_2^-$	0.2254	0.092	0.098	0.092	0.062	0.0827	0.1336	0.0521	0.053	0.124
$R_3$	0.2254	0.046	0.049	0.102	0.0502	0.0590	0.1292	0.0675	0.0687	0.0787
$R_4$	0.1377	0.0613	0.0730	0.105	0.0476	0.0858	0.138	0.0757	0.1030	0.062
$R_5$	0.238	0.0532	0.0951	0.0825	0.031	0.0765	0.138	0.045	0.0780	0.1201
$R_6$	0.2254	0.0742	0.0643	0.054	0.0437	0.102	0.1016	0.0623	0.0623	0.1123
$R_7$	0.119	0.0871	0.0730	0.0979	0.062	0.051	0.0726	0.0828	0.106	0.0871
$R_8$	0.2317	0.092	0.0917	0.0635	0.0600	0.085	0.0915	0.09	0.0814	0.062
$R_9$	0.1524	0.0871	0.049	0.0629	0.0476	0.0939	0.0777	0.0623	0.0883	0.124
R <sub>10</sub>	0.1252	0.069	0.098	0.108	0.0561	0.0590	0.138	0.0757	0.0588	0.1078

**TABLE 22.** The distance from the border approximation area.

Criteria/Risks	S <sub>11</sub>	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
$R_1$	-0.906	-0.870	-0.896	-0.848	-0.873	-0.903	-0.935	-0.873	-0.905	-0.903
$R_2$	-0.876	-0.870	-0.868	-0.847	-0.896	-0.897	-0.86	-0.865	-0.883	-0.874
$R_3$	-0.923	-0.869	-0.890	-0.840	-0.86	-0.915	-0.855	-0.870	-0.883	-0.913
$R_4$	-0.918	-0.872	-0.902	-0.849	-0.877	-0.917	-0.928	-0.868	-0.885	-0.911
$R_5$	-0.923	-0.898	-0.909	-0.848	-0.881	-0.879	-0.935	-0.889	-0.877	-0.893
$R_6$	-0.865	-0.900	-0.874	-0.847	-0.896	-0.874	-0.855	-0.891	-0.896	-0.878
$R_7$	-0.869	-0.884	-0.877	-0.849	-0.869	-0.877	-0.855	-0.887	-0.913	-0.876
$R_8$	-0.923	-0.884	-0.902	-0.834	-0.865	-0.915	-0.928	-0.867	-0.891	-0.893
$R_9$	-0.923	-0.867	-0.909	-0.841	-0.887	-0.894	-0.855	-0.870	-0.885	-0.918
$R_{10}$	-0.861	-0.912	-0.871	-0.837	-0.887	-0.871	-0.943	-0.867	-0.877	-0.878
Criteria/Risks	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	$S_{91}$	$S_{92}$	$S_{93}$
$R_1$	-0.929	-0.884	-0.881	-0.884	-0.876	-0.903	-0.939	-0.890	-0.877	-0.898
$R_2$	-0.835	-0.879	-0.878	-0.894	-0.874	-0.890	-0.874	-0.910	-0.924	-0.873
$R_3$	-0.835	-0.925	-0.927	-0.884	-0.886	-0.914	-0.879	-0.895	-0.909	-0.918
$R_4$	-0.923	-0.910	-0.903	-0.881	-0.889	-0.887	-0.870	-0.887	-0.874	-0.935
$R_5$	-0.823	-0.918	-0.881	-0.903	-0.905	-0.897	-0.870	-0.918	-0.899	-0.877
$R_6$	-0.835	-0.897	-0.911	-0.932	-0.893	-0.871	-0.906	-0.900	-0.915	-0.885
R <sub>7</sub>	-0.942	-0.884	-0.903	-0.888	-0.874	-0.922	-0.935	-0.880	-0.871	-0.910
$R_8$	-0.829	-0.879	-0.884	-0.922	-0.876	-0.888	-0.917	-0.873	-0.896	-0.935
$R_9$	-0.908	-0.884	-0.927	-0.923	-0.889	-0.879	-0.930	-0.900	-0.889	-0.873
R <sub>10</sub>	-0.935	-0.902	-0.878	-0.878	-0.880	-0.914	-0.870	-0.887	-0.919	-0.889

with 0.279 and  $C_{43}$  (Sufficiency of the resources to support the functionality) has the least value with 0.104. Fig. 9 shows the comparative analysis between Pythagorean AHP and neutrosophic AHP.

# **VII. SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS**

The rank of risks is correlated with the weights of criteria. So, this change should be assessed. In this study, we show the sensitivity of how the rank of alternatives alteration due to change weights of criteria. The weights of criteria will be changed by 5% or 50% increased or decreased. When the criterion weight increased, the remaining will decrease. Table 26 lists the ten scenarios of altering the weights of criteria. When weights increase or decrease the sum of all

weights must be equal to 1. In scenario 1, every weight of criteria is treated as equally important. The following nine other scenarios focus on legislation, unregulated industry, financial aspects, increased exposure to radiation, hardware, traffic, accidents, malfunctions, and remote control and hacking.

Ranking alternatives with different scenarios with MABAC and PROMETHEE II methods is shown in Table 27. The ranking of alternatives is different from MABAC and PROMETEE II methods and several scenarios. In scenario 1,  $R_2$  is the best alternative and  $R_4$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 2,  $R_6$  is the best alternative and  $R_5$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 3,  $R_2$  is the best alternative and  $R_5$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 4,  $R_7$  is the best alternative



TABLE 23. The normalized matrix of decision matrix by PROMETHEE II method.

Criteria/Risks	S <sub>11</sub>	S <sub>21</sub>	S <sub>22</sub>	S <sub>31</sub>	S <sub>32</sub>	S <sub>33</sub>	S <sub>41</sub>	S <sub>51</sub>	S <sub>52</sub>	S <sub>53</sub>
$R_1$	0.2708	0.8889	0.3095	0.0588	0.7395	0.3137	0.0909	0.6771	0.2409	0.3333
$R_2$	0.7500	0.8889	1.000	0.1764	0	0.4411	0.9220	1	0.8554	1
$R_3$	0	0.9444	0.4642	0.6274	0.9375	0.0588	0.9999	0.8125	0.8554	0.1052
$R_4$	0.0833	0.8333	0.1547	0	0.6041	0	0.1688	0.8750	0.7831	0.1578
$R_5$	0	0.0555	0	0.0588	0.4791	0.8235	0.0909	0.0729	1	0.5614
$R_6$	0.9375	0	0.8452	0.1764	0	0.9411	0.9999	0	0.4698	0.8947
$R_7$	0.8750	0.4722	0.7738	0	0.8750	0.8823	0.9999	0.1458	0	0.9473
$R_8$	0	0.4722	0.1547	1.0000	1	0.0588	0.1688	0.9375	0.6265	0.5614
$R_9$	0	1	0	0.5588	0.2708	0.5098	0.9999	0.8125	0.7831	0
R <sub>10</sub>	1	0.3610	0.9285	0.8137	0.2708	1	0	0.9375	1	0.8947
Criteria/Risks	S <sub>61</sub>	S <sub>71</sub>	S <sub>72</sub>	S <sub>73</sub>	S <sub>81</sub>	S <sub>82</sub>	S <sub>83</sub>	S <sub>91</sub>	S <sub>92</sub>	S <sub>93</sub>
$R_1$	0.1052	0.8947	0.9411	0.8796	0.9368	0.3859	0	0.6140	0.8889	0.6041
$R_2$	0.8947	1	1.000	0.7036	1	0.6228	0.9368	0.1578	0	1
$R_3$	0.8947	0	0	0.8888	0.6210	0.1578	0.8736	0.5	0.2963	0.2708
$R_4$	0.1578	0.3333	0.4901	0.9444	0.5368	0.6842	1	0.6842	0.9444	0
$R_5$	1	0.1578	0.9411	0.5277	0	0.5	1	0	0.4722	0.9375
$R_6$	0.8947	0.6140	0.3137	0	0.4105	1	0.4736	0.3859	0.1759	0.8125
R <sub>7</sub>	0	0.8947	0.4901	0.8147	1	0	0.0525	0.8421	1	0.4062
R <sub>8</sub>	0.9473	1	0.8725	0.1759	0.9368	0.6666	0.3262	1	0.5370	0
$R_9$	0.2807	0.8947	0	0.1666	0.5368	0.8421	0.12629	0.3859	0.6667	1
R <sub>10</sub>	0.0526	0.5	1.000	0.9999	0.8105	0.1578	1	0.6842	0.1111	0.7395

TABLE 24. The aggregation of the preference function value for PROMETHEE II method.

Risks	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	R <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>5</sub>	R <sub>6</sub>	R <sub>7</sub>	R <sub>8</sub>	$R_9$	R <sub>10</sub>
$R_1$	0	0.1000	0.2044	0.1447	0.2124	0.2253	0.0984	0.1460	0.1777	0.1449
$R_2$	0.3302	0	0.3103	0.3631	0.2594	0.2314	0.3467	0.2824	0.3651	0.2193
$R_3$	0.2826	0.0851	0	0.2210	0.2310	0.1951	0.2496	0.2027	0.2192	0.2617
$R_4$	0.1315	0.1129	0.1296	0	0.1811	0.2342	0.1851	0.1331	0.1848	0.1733
$R_5$	0.2627	0.0795	0.2031	0.2447	0	0.1692	0.30173	0.1818	0.2648	0.1898
$R_6$	0.3776	0.0803	0.2692	0.3996	0.2710	0	0.24063	0.2923	0.2724	0.2562
$R_7$	0.2156	0.1518	0.2798	0.3067	0.3598	0.1968	0	0.2938	0.2750	0.2147
$R_8$	0.2180	0.1173	0.1964	0.2183	0.2034	0.2121	0.2573	0	0.2443	0.2636
$R_9$	0.2001	0.0842	0.1634	0.2204	0.2369	0.1426	0.1890	0.1947	0	0.258
R <sub>10</sub>	0.2614	0.1136	0.3000	0.2777	0.2559	0.2205	0.2228	0.3082	0.3528	0

TABLE 25. The main and sub-criteria of comparative study.

Hardware Requirements C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>11</sub> - Hardware safety requirements						
	C <sub>12</sub> - Designing hardware for safety concerns						
	C <sub>13</sub> - Safety lifecycle steps for hardware						
	C <sub>14</sub> - Assessment of architectural constraints						
	C <sub>15</sub> – Incorrect specifications of hardware						
	C <sub>21</sub> - Functional testing under normal conditions						
	C <sub>22</sub> - Worst-case testing						
Hardware Integration C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>23</sub> - Mechanical endurance test						
	C <sub>24</sub> - Accelerated life test						
	C <sub>25</sub> - Over limit testing						
	C <sub>31</sub> - Update management						
	C <sub>32</sub> - Qualification of hardware components						
Supporting Processes C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>33</sub> - Qualification of software components						
	$C_{34}$ - Qualification of software tools						
	C <sub>35</sub> - Configuration management						
	$C_{41}$ - Correct implementation of the functionality						
Others C <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> - Robustness						
	$C_{43}$ - Sufficiency of the resources to support the functionality						
	C <sub>44</sub> – Human errors						
	C <sub>45</sub> – Loss of energy supply or disturbances						

and  $R_4$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 5,  $R_7$  is the best alternative and  $R_1$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 6,  $R_7$  is the best alternative, and  $R_1$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 7,  $R_2$  is the best alternative and  $R_1$  is the worst

alternative. In scenario 8,  $R_2$  is the best alternative, and  $R_1$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 9,  $R_2$  is the best alternative, and  $R_5$  is the worst alternative. In scenario 10,  $R_7$  is the best alternative and  $R_4$  is the worst alternative.



TABLE 26. Ten scenarios change of criteria weights.

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7	Scenario 8	Scenario 9	Scenario 10
Crite ria	Equal weights	S <sub>1</sub>	$S_2$	$S_3$	S <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>6</sub>	S <sub>7</sub>	S <sub>8</sub>	S <sub>9</sub>
$S_1$	0.111	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_2$	0.111	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_3$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_4$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_5$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_6$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
$S_7$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625	0.0625
$S_8$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5	0.0625
$S_9$	0.111	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625	0.5

TABLE 27. The ranking alternatives (risks) under ten scenario by MABAC, PROMETHEE II methods.

scenarios	Method	Rank									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Scenario 1	MABAC	$R_2$	$R_6$	$R_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_3$	$R_8$	$R_9$	$R_5$	$R_1$	$R_4$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_2$	$R_{10}$	$R_8$	$R_7$	$R_6$	$R_3$	$R_1$	$R_9$	$R_4$	$R_5$
Scenario 2	MABAC	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_1$	$R_7$	$R_1$	$R_3$	$R_8$	$R_4$	$R_9$	$R_5$
Scenario 2	PROMETHEE II	$R_6$	$R_{10}$	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_1$	$R_3$	$R_8$	$R_4$	$R_9$	$R_5$
Scenario 3	MABAC	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_3$	$R_6$	$R_1$	$R_9$	$R_4$	$R_{10}$	$R_8$	$R_5$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_6$	$R_{10}$	$R_1$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_9$	$R_8$	$R_5$
Scenario 4	MABAC	$R_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_1$	$R_4$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_{10}$	$R_7$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_1$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_4$
Scenario 5	MABAC	$R_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_1$	$R_4$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_6$	$R_7$	$R_2$	$R_{10}$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_1$	$R_8$	$R_4$	$R_5$
Scenario 6	MABAC	$R_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_9$	$R_4$	$R_1$
Scenario o	PROMETHEE II	R <sub>10</sub>	$R_2$	$R_6$	$R_7$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_1$	$R_5$	$R_4$	$R_9$
Scenario 7	MABAC	$R_2$	$R_6$	$R_3$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_9$	$R_{10}$	$R_7$	$R_4$	$R_1$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_{10}$	$R_7$	$R_5$	$R_3$	$R_8$	$R_1$	$R_9$	$R_4$
Scenario 8	MABAC	$R_2$	$R_6$	$R_3$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_9$	$R_{10}$	$R_7$	$R_4$	$R_1$
Scellario 6	PROMETHEE II	R <sub>10</sub>	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_6$	$R_1$	$R_8$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$R_3$	$R_9$
Scenario 9	MABAC	$R_2$	$R_7$	$R_6$	$R_{10}$	$R_3$	$R_8$	$R_{10}$	$R_9$	$R_4$	$R_5$
	PROMETHEE II	$R_2$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_7$	$R_4$	$R_3$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_1$	$R_9$
Scenario 10	MABAC	$R_7$	$R_2$	$R_9$	$R_6$	$R_{10}$	$R_1$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$	$R_4$
Scenario 10	PROMETHEE II	$R_7$	$R_{10}$	$R_6$	$R_2$	$R_1$	$R_{9}$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$R_8$	$R_3$

The alternatives are aggregated to obtain the best alternatives because MABAC and PROMETHEE II have different ranking of alternatives. The aggregation is applied using Z as the number of alternatives, each alternative takes Z points for being the first choice. Z-1 is the second choice [65]. The best alternative has the highest point, whilst the worst alternative has the least points and so on. Fig. 10 shows the sensitivity analysis when the weights of criteria are changed. In Table 9, the aggregation ranking for ten scenarios is given.

## **VIII. MANAGERIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Interaction environment with driverless vehicles can cause many risks so companies that are interested in producing these vehicles can consider these risks. This work introduces a hybrid methodology to rank these risks. As a result, a cyberattack is the highest risk, and disruption and catastrophic events are the least important risk. Hackers can theft the private data of passengers as well as the operating system of vehicles, so the developers of driverless vehicles can make rotten systems to prevent hackers to do these crimes.

If developers do not make these, the market of driverless vehicles is going to be negatively affected. Artificial intelligence can introduce a solution to overcome this hacking. Machine learning and deep learning are a subclass of artificial intelligence that can make a system with more security functions. The automated system can block hacking crimes and block hackers. The risks of behavior adaption, infrastructure electronics, environment adaption, and mechanical risks are serious. Before releasing driverless vehicles, companies should consider functional testing in the manufacturing process. The decision-makers should define the certifications and standards of driverless vehicles. This paper helps decision-makers, companies, managers to define the risks of driverless vehicles. This study provides driverless vehicle risks ranking.

# IX. CONCLUSION

This study aims to identify and rank various risks of self-driving vehicles and consider the indeterminacy of information, which is the gap in the previous studies. Therefore, in this study, three different MCDM methods that include AHP to obtain the weights of criteria and MABAC and PROMETHEE II for ranking the self-driving vehicle risks, have proposed with SVNSs. The sensitivity analysis suggested the validating of outcomes. The comparative analysis was introduced with Pythagorean fuzzy AHP, TOPSIS, and



VICTOR to test the proposed model's performance. Similar results are obtained from the carrying out of three methods for ranking risks of self-driving vehicles. These approaches can easily be applied to other issues. Analysis and ranking risks of driverless cars to invalidate the impact of risks and make profits of driverless vehicles in the industry are provided.

This study would allow decision-makers to consider various types of risks, including privacy data, hacking, and malfunctions software and hardware, with aggregated comparison judgment of experts and decision-makers. This study can help developers, programmers, and manufacturers that performing operations of self-driving vehicles. This study shows that cyber-attack risk R<sub>2</sub> is the best alternative (means that it is high-risk ranking), and disruption/ catastrophic risk R<sub>4</sub> is the least alternative (means that it is the least risk ranking). The ranking risks of self-driving vehicles can help companies to assign marketing, safety management, and research. The companies that make self-driving vehicles consider these risk factors to produce vehicles better and fewer risks—making this study provide a safer life for passengers and walkers. This study overcame gaps in the limited research, introduced analysis to all types of risks, and considered indeterminacy information.

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#### **APPENDIX**

See Tables 10-27.

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