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2 Cross entropy measures of bipolar and interval 3 bipolar neutrosophic sets and their application for 4 multi-attribute decision making

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15 **Abstract:** Bipolar neutrosophic set is an important extension of bipolar fuzzy set. This set is a
16 hybridization of bipolar fuzzy set and neutrosophic set. Every element of a bipolar neutrosophic
17 set consists of three independent positive membership functions and three independent negative
18 membership functions. In this paper, we develop cross entropy measures of bipolar neutrosophic
19 sets and prove its properties. We also define cross entropy measures of interval bipolar
20 neutrosophic sets and prove its properties. Thereafter, we develop two novel multi-attribute
21 decision making methods based on the proposed cross entropy measures. In the decision making
22 framework, we calculate the weighted cross entropy measures between each alternative and the
23 ideal alternative to rank the alternatives and choose the best one. We solve two illustrative
24 examples of multi-attribute decision making problems and compare the obtained result with the
25 results of other existing methods to show the applicability and effectiveness of the developed
26 method. In the end, the main conclusion and future scope of research are summarized.

27 **Keywords:** neutrosophic set; bipolar neutrosophic set; interval bipolar neutrosophic set;
28 multi-attribute decision making; cross entropy measure

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31 1. Introduction

32 According to Shannon and Weaver [1] and Shannon [2], entropy measure is an important
33 decision making apparatus for computing uncertain information. Shannon [2] introduced the
34 concept of cross entropy approach in information theory. In neutrosophic environment [3], Ye [4]
35 proposed single valued neutrosophic cross entropy measures between two single valued
36 neutrosophic sets (SVNSs) [5] by extending the concept of cross entropy and symmetric
37 discrimination information measures between two fuzzy sets [6] due to Shang and Jiang [7]. Şahin
38 [8] proposed two techniques to convert the interval neutrosophic information to single valued
39 neutrosophic information and fuzzy information. In the same study, Şahin [8] defined interval
40 neutrosophic cross entropy measure by utilizing two reduction methods. Tian *et al.* [9] developed a
41 transformation operator to convert interval neutrosophic numbers to single valued neutrosophic

42 numbers and defined cross entropy measures for two SVNSSs. In the same study, Tian *et al.* [9]
43 developed a multi-criteria decision making (MCDM) approach based on cross entropy and TOPSIS
44 [10] where the weight of the criterion is incomplete. Ye [11] pointed out that entropy measure of
45 SVNSSs defined by Ye [4] has some drawbacks in some situations. Therefore, Ye [11] proposed an
46 improved cross entropy measures of SVNSSs in order to overcome the drawbacks discussed in the
47 paper [4] and extended the concept to interval neutrosophic sets (INSs) environment [12] and
48 developed MCDM models using cross entropy measures of SVNSSs and INSs.

49 Bipolar neutrosophic sets (BNSs) was developed by Deli *et al.* [13] by hybridizing the concepts
50 of bipolar fuzzy sets [14, 15] and neutrosophic sets [3]. A BNS has two fully independent parts,
51 which are positive membership degree $T^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $I^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $F^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$, and negative
52 membership degree $T^- \rightarrow [-1, 0]$, $I^- \rightarrow [-1, 0]$, $F^- \rightarrow [-1, 0]$ where the positive membership degrees
53 T^+ , I^+ , F^+ represent truth membership degree, indeterminacy membership degree and false
54 membership degree respectively of an element and the negative membership degrees T^- , I^- , F^-
55 represent truth membership degree, indeterminacy membership degree and false membership
56 degree respectively of an element to some implicit counter property corresponding to a BNS. Deli *et al.*
57 [13] defined some operations namely score, accuracy, and certainty functions to compare BNSs
58 and provided some operators in order to aggregate BNSs. Deli and Subas [16] defined correlation
59 coefficient similarity measure for dealing with MCDM problems under single valued neutrosophic
60 setting. Şahin *et al.* [17] proposed Jaccard vector similarity measure for MCDM problems with single
61 valued neutrosophic information. Uluçay *et al.* [18] introduced Dice similarity measure, weighted
62 Dice similarity measure, hybrid vector similarity measure, weighted hybrid vector similarity
63 measure for BNSs and established a MCDM method by using the proposed similarity measures. Dey
64 *et al.* [19] investigated TOPSIS method for solving multi-attribute decision making (MADM)
65 problems with bipolar neutrosophic information where the weights of the attributes are completely
66 unknown to the decision maker. Pramanik *et al.* [20] defined projection, bidirectional projection and
67 hybrid projection measures for BNSs and proved their basic properties. In the same study, Pramanik
68 *et al.* [20], developed three new MADM methods based on the proposed projection, bidirectional
69 projection and hybrid projection measures with bipolar neutrosophic information. Wang *et al.* [21]
70 defined Frank operations of bipolar neutrosophic numbers (BNNs) and proposed Frank bipolar
71 neutrosophic Choquet Bonferroni mean operators by combining Choquet integral operators and
72 Bonferroni mean operators based on Frank operations of BNNs. In the same study, Wang *et al.* [21]
73 established MCDM method based on Frank Choquet Bonferroni operators of BNNs in bipolar
74 neutrosophic environment. Wu [22] defined several cross entropy measures between two
75 multivalued neutrosophic sets and employed the proposed method for selecting the middle-level
76 managers. In 2015, Ezhilmaran and Shankar [23] defined bipolar intuitionistic fuzzy sets, bipolar
77 intuitionistic fuzzy relations, and bipolar intuitionistic fuzzy graphs. The isomorphism of these
78 graphs and several properties of the graphs were also discussed in the same paper [23]. Mahmood *et al.*
79 [24] and Deli *et al.* [25] introduced the hybridized structure called interval bipolar neutrosophic
80 sets (IBNSs) by combining BNSs and INSs and defined some operations and operators for IBNSs.

81 In this paper, we define a cross entropy and weighted cross entropy measures of BNSs and
82 prove some of their properties and extend the concept to a cross entropy measure of IBNSs. Based on
83 the proposed cross entropy measures, we develop two new MADM methods to rank the alternatives

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84 and find the best alternative. Furthermore, two illustrative numerical examples are solved and
85 comparison analysis is given.

86 The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present some concepts regarding
87 SVNSSs, INSSs, BNSSs, IBNSSs. Section 3 proposes cross entropy and weighted cross entropy measures
88 of BNSSs and investigates their properties. In the next section, we extend cross entropy measures of
89 BNSSs to the cross entropy measures of IBNSSs and discuss its basic properties. Two novel MADM
90 methods based on the proposed cross entropy measures under bipolar and interval bipolar
91 neutrosophic setting are devoted in section 5. In section 6, two numerical examples are solved and
92 comparison with other existing methods is given. At the end of the article, conclusions and scope of
93 future work are provided.

94 2. Preliminary

95 In this section, we provide some basic definitions regarding SVNSSs, INSSs, BNSSs, IBNSSs.

96 2.1 Single valued neutrosophic sets [5]

97 A SVNSS S in U is characterized by a truth membership function $T_S(x)$, an indeterminate
98 membership function $I_S(x)$ and a falsity membership function $F_S(x)$. A SVNSS S over U is defined by

$$99 \quad S = \{x, \langle T_S(x), I_S(x), F_S(x) \rangle \mid x \in U\}$$

100 where, $T_S(x), I_S(x), F_S(x) : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $0 \leq T_S(x) + I_S(x) + F_S(x) \leq 3$ for each point $x \in U$.

101 2.2 Interval neutrosophic set [12]

102 An interval neutrosophic set P in U is expressed as given below

$$103 \quad P = \{x, \langle T_P(x), I_P(x), F_P(x) \rangle \mid x \in U\}$$

$$104 \quad = \{x, [\inf T_P(x), \sup T_P(x)]; [\inf I_P(x), \sup I_P(x)]; [\inf F_P(x), \sup F_P(x)] \mid x \in U\}$$

105 where $T_P(x), I_P(x), F_P(x)$ are the truth-membership function, indeterminacy-membership
106 function, and falsity-membership function, respectively. For each point x in
107 $U, T_P(x), I_P(x), F_P(x) \subseteq [0, 1]$ satisfying the condition $0 \leq \sup T_P(x) + \sup I_P(x) + \sup F_P(x) \leq 3$.

108 2.3 Bipolar neutrosophic set [13]

109 A BNS E in U is presented as given below.

$$110 \quad E = \{x, \langle T_E^+(x), I_E^+(x), F_E^+(x), T_E^-(x), I_E^-(x), F_E^-(x) \rangle \mid x \in U\}$$

111 where $T_E^+(x), I_E^+(x), F_E^+(x) : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $T_E^-(x), I_E^-(x), F_E^-(x) : U \rightarrow [-1, 0]$. Here,

112 $T_E^+(x), I_E^+(x), F_E^+(x)$ denote the truth membership, indeterminate membership, and falsity

113 membership functions of an element $x \in U$ corresponding to a BNS E and $T_E^-(x), I_E^-(x), F_E^-(x)$ denote

114 the truth membership, indeterminate membership, and falsity membership of an element $x \in U$ to

115 some implicit counter property corresponding to E .

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117 **Definition 1**118 Let, $E_1 = \{x, \langle T_{E_1}^+(x), I_{E_1}^+(x), F_{E_1}^+(x), T_{E_1}^-(x), I_{E_1}^-(x), F_{E_1}^-(x) \rangle \mid x \in U\}$ and $E_2 =$ 119 $\{x, \langle T_{E_2}^+(x), I_{E_2}^+(x), F_{E_2}^+(x), T_{E_2}^-(x), I_{E_2}^-(x), F_{E_2}^-(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ be any two BNSs. Then120 • $E_1 \subseteq E_2$ if and only if121 $T_{E_1}^+(x) \leq T_{E_2}^+(x), I_{E_1}^+(x) \leq I_{E_2}^+(x), F_{E_1}^+(x) \geq F_{E_2}^+(x); T_{E_1}^-(x) \geq T_{E_2}^-(x), I_{E_1}^-(x) \geq I_{E_2}^-(x), F_{E_1}^-(x) \leq F_{E_2}^-(x)$ for all122 $x \in U$.123 • $E_1 = E_2$ if and only if124 $T_{E_1}^+(x) = T_{E_2}^+(x), I_{E_1}^+(x) = I_{E_2}^+(x), F_{E_1}^+(x) = F_{E_2}^+(x); T_{E_1}^-(x) = T_{E_2}^-(x), I_{E_1}^-(x) = I_{E_2}^-(x), F_{E_1}^-(x) = F_{E_2}^-(x)$ for all $x \in U$.125 • The complement of E is $E^c = \{x, \langle T_{E^c}^+(x), I_{E^c}^+(x), F_{E^c}^+(x), T_{E^c}^-(x), I_{E^c}^-(x), F_{E^c}^-(x) \rangle \mid x \in U\}$

126 where

127 $T_{E^c}^+(x) = \{1^+\} - T_E^+(x), I_{E^c}^+(x) = \{1^+\} - I_E^+(x), F_{E^c}^+(x) = \{1^+\} - F_E^+(x);$ 128 $T_{E^c}^-(x) = \{1^-\} - T_E^-(x), I_{E^c}^-(x) = \{1^-\} - I_E^-(x), F_{E^c}^-(x) = \{1^-\} - F_E^-(x).$ 129 • The union. $E_1 \cup E_2$ is defined as follows:130 $E_1 \cup E_2 = \{\text{Max}(T_{E_1}^+(x), T_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Min}(I_{E_1}^+(x), I_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Min}(F_{E_1}^+(x), F_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Min}(T_{E_1}^-(x), T_{E_2}^-(x)), \text{Max}$ 131 $(I_{E_1}^-(x), I_{E_2}^-(x)), \text{Max}(F_{E_1}^-(x), F_{E_2}^-(x))\}, \forall x \in U$.132 • The intersection $E_1 \cap E_2$ [20] is defined as follows:133 $E_1 \cap E_2 = \{\text{Min}(T_{E_1}^+(x), T_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Max}(I_{E_1}^+(x), I_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Max}(F_{E_1}^+(x), F_{E_2}^+(x)), \text{Max}(T_{E_1}^-(x), T_{E_2}^-(x)),$ 134 $\text{Min}(I_{E_1}^-(x), I_{E_2}^-(x)), \text{Min}(F_{E_1}^-(x), F_{E_2}^-(x))\}, \forall x \in U$.135 **2.4 Interval bipolar neutrosophic sets [24, 25]**136 An IBNS $R = \{x, < [\inf T_R^+(x), \sup T_R^+(x)]; [\inf I_R^+(x), \sup I_R^+(x)]; [\inf F_R^+(x), \sup F_R^+(x)];$ 137 $[\inf T_R^-(x), \sup T_R^-(x)]; [\inf I_R^-(x), \sup I_R^-(x)]; [\inf F_R^-(x), \sup F_R^-(x)] > \mid x \in U\}$ is characterized by138 positive and negative truth-membership $T_R^+(x), T_R^-(x)$; indeterminacy-membership $I_R^+(x), I_R^-(x)$;139 falsity-membership $F_R^+(x), F_R^-(x)$ functions respectively. Here, for any $x \in U$, $T_R^+(x), I_R^+(x), F_R^+$ 140 $(x) \subseteq [0, 1]; T_R^-(x), I_R^-(x), F_R^-(x) \subseteq [-1, 0]$ with the conditions $0 \leq \sup T_R^+(x) + \sup I_R^+(x) + \sup$ 141 $F_R^+(x) \leq 3$, and $-3 \leq \sup T_R^-(x) + \sup I_R^-(x) + \sup F_R^-(x) \leq 0$.

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142 **Definition 2:** Let $R = \{x, < [\inf T_R^+(x), \sup T_R^+(x)]; [\inf I_R^+(x), \sup I_R^+(x)]; [\inf F_R^+(x), \sup F_R^+(x)];$

143 $[\inf T_R^-(x), \sup T_R^-(x)]; [\inf I_R^-(x), \sup I_R^-(x)]; [\inf F_R^-(x), \sup F_R^-(x)] > | x \in U\}$ and $S = \{x, < [\inf T_S^+(x),$

144 $\sup T_S^+(x)]; [\inf I_S^+(x), \sup I_S^+(x)]; [\inf F_S^+(x), \sup F_S^+(x)]; [\inf T_S^-(x), \sup T_S^-(x)]; [\inf I_S^-(x), \sup I_S^-(x)];$

145 $[\inf F_S^-(x), \sup F_S^-(x)] > | x \in U\}$ be two IBNSs in U . Then

146 • $R \subseteq S$ if and only if

147 $\inf T_R^+(x) \leq \inf T_S^+(x), \sup T_R^+(x) \leq \sup T_S^+(x),$

148 $\inf I_R^+(x) \geq \inf I_S^+(x), \sup I_R^+(x) \geq \sup I_S^+(x),$

149 $\inf F_R^+(x) \geq \inf F_S^+(x), \sup F_R^+(x) \geq \sup F_S^+(x),$

150 $\inf T_R^-(x) \geq \inf T_S^-(x), \sup T_R^-(x) \geq \sup T_S^-(x),$

151 $\inf I_R^-(x) \leq \inf I_S^-(x), \sup I_R^-(x) \leq \sup I_S^-(x),$

152 $\inf F_R^-(x) \leq \inf F_S^-(x), \sup F_R^-(x) \leq \sup F_S^-(x),$

153 for all $x \in U$.

154 • $R = S$ if and only if

155 $\inf T_R^+(x) = \inf T_S^+(x), \sup T_R^+(x) = \sup T_S^+(x), \inf I_R^+(x) = \inf I_S^+(x), \sup I_R^+(x) = \sup I_S^+(x),$

156 $\inf F_R^+(x) = \inf F_S^+(x), \sup F_R^+(x) = \sup F_S^+(x), \inf T_R^-(x) = \inf T_S^-(x), \sup T_R^-(x) = \sup T_S^-(x),$

157 $\inf I_R^-(x) = \inf I_S^-(x), \sup I_R^-(x) = \sup I_S^-(x), \inf F_R^-(x) = \inf F_S^-(x), \sup F_R^-(x) = \sup F_S^-(x),$

158 for all $x \in U$.

159 • The complement of R is defined as $R^c = \{x, < [\inf T_{R^c}^+(x), \sup T_{R^c}^+(x)]; [\inf I_{R^c}^+(x), \sup I_{R^c}^+(x)];$

160 $[\inf F_{R^c}^+(x), \sup F_{R^c}^+(x)]; [\inf T_{R^c}^-(x), \sup T_{R^c}^-(x)]; [\inf I_{R^c}^-(x), \sup I_{R^c}^-(x)]; [\inf F_{R^c}^-(x), \sup F_{R^c}^-(x)] > | x \in$

161 $U\}$ where

162 $\inf T_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \inf T_R^+(x), \sup T_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \sup T_R^+(x)$

163 $\inf I_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \inf I_R^+(x), \sup I_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \sup I_R^+(x)$

164 $\inf F_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \inf F_R^+(x), \sup F_{R^c}^+(x) = 1 - \sup F_R^+(x)$

165 $\inf T_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \inf T_R^-(x), \sup T_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \sup T_R^-(x)$

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$$166 \quad \inf I_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \inf I_R^-(x), \sup I_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \sup I_R^-(x)$$

$$167 \quad \inf F_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \inf F_R^-(x), \sup F_{R^c}^-(x) = -1 - \sup F_R^-(x)$$

168 for all $x \in U$. A conceptual representation of evolution of BNS and IBNS are shown in Figure 1 as
 169 given below.

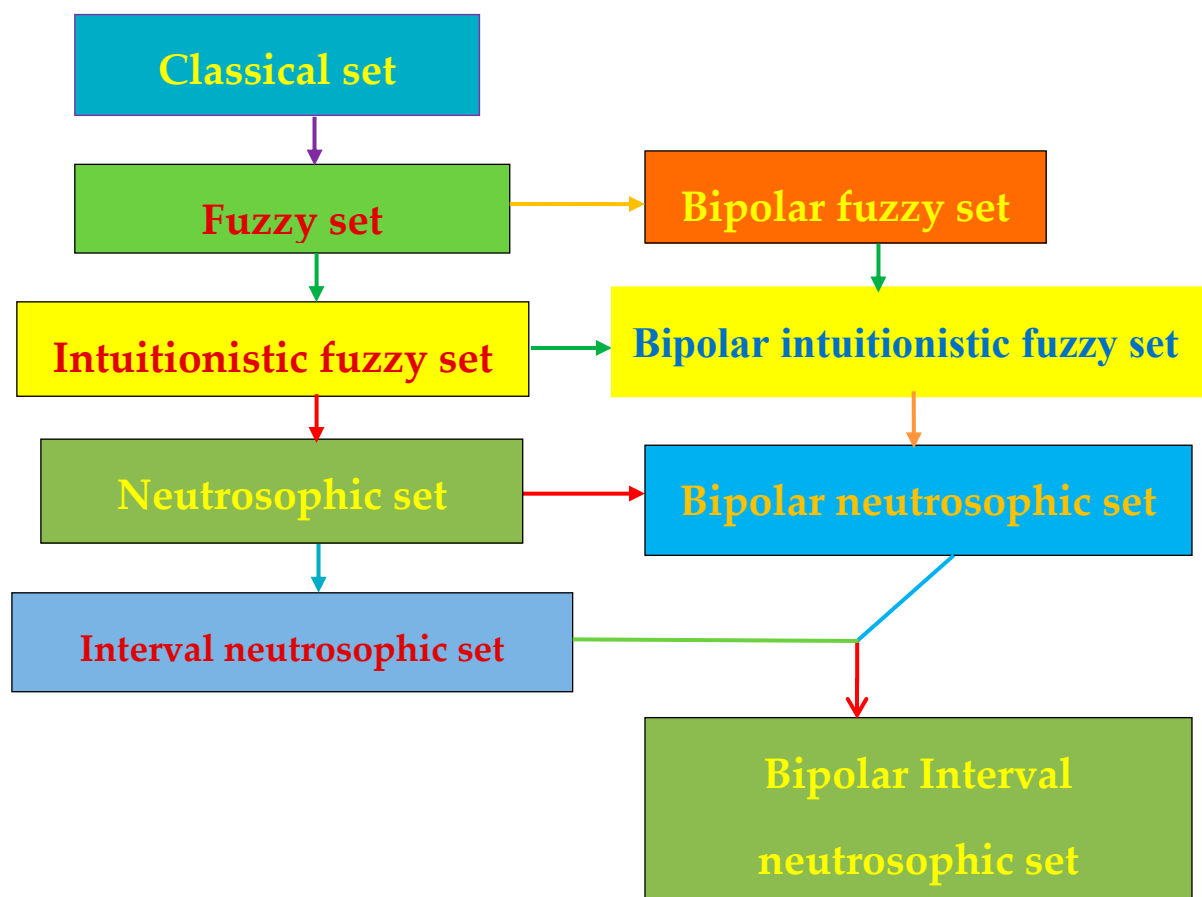


Figure1. Representation of evolution of BNS and IBNS

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170 3. Cross entropy measures of bipolar neutrosophic set

171 In this section we define cross entropy measure between two BNSs and establish some of its
172 basic properties.

173 **Definition 3:** For any two BNSs M and N in U , the cross entropy measure can be defined as
174 follows:

$$175 \quad C_B(M, N) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_M^+(x_i) + T_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{I_M^+(x_i) + I_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{[1 - I_M^+(x_i)] + [1 - I_N^+(x_i)]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{F_M^+(x_i) + F_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_M^-(x_i) + T_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(T_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(T_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_M^-(x_i) + I_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(I_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(I_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{[1 + I_M^-(x_i)] + [1 + I_N^-(x_i)]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_M^-(x_i) + F_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(F_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(F_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \quad (1)$$

177 **Theorem 1.** If $M = \langle T_M^+(x_i), I_M^+(x_i), F_M^+(x_i), T_M^-(x_i), I_M^-(x_i), F_M^-(x_i) \rangle$ and N
178 $\langle T_N^+(x_i), I_N^+(x_i), F_N^+(x_i), T_N^-(x_i), I_N^-(x_i), F_N^-(x_i) \rangle$ be two BNSs in U , then the cross entropy measure C_B
179 (M, N) satisfies the following properties:

- 180 (1) $C_B(M, N) \geq 0$
181 (2) $C_B(M, N) = 0$ if and only if $T_M(x_i) = T_N(x_i), I_M(x_i) = I_N(x_i), F_M(x_i) = F_N(x_i), \forall x \in U$.
182 (3) $C_B(M, N) = C_B(N, M)$.

183 *Proof*

184 (1) We have the inequality $\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ for all positive numbers a and b . From the
185 inequality we can easily obtain $C_B(M, N) \geq 0$.

186 (2) The inequality $\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ becomes the equality $\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ if and only
187 if $a = b$ and therefore $C_B(M, N) = 0$ if and only if $M = N$,
188 i.e., $T_M^+(x_i) = T_N^+(x_i), I_M^+(x_i) = I_N^+(x_i), F_M^+(x_i) = F_N^+(x_i), T_M^-(x_i) = T_N^-(x_i), I_M^-(x_i) = I_N^-(x_i), F_M^-(x_i) = F_N^-(x_i)$
189 $\forall x \in U$.

$$190 \quad (3) \quad C_B(M, N) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_M^+(x_i) + T_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{I_M^+(x_i) + I_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 - I_M^+(x_i)) + (1 - I_N^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{F_M^+(x_i) + F_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_M^-(x_i) + T_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(T_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(T_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_M^-(x_i) + I_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(I_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(I_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 + I_M^-(x_i)) + (1 + I_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_M^-(x_i) + F_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(F_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(F_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right]$$

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$$191 \quad = \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_N^+(x_i) + T_M^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{I_N^+(x_i) + I_M^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 - I_N^+(x_i)) + (1 - I_M^+(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{F_N^+(x_i) + F_M^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_N^-(x_i) + T_M^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(T_N^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(T_M^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_N^-(x_i) + I_M^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(I_N^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(I_M^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 + I_N^-(x_i)) + (1 + I_M^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_N^-(x_i) + F_M^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(F_N^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(F_M^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$192 \quad = C_B(N, M).$$

193 The proof is completed.

194 **Example 1.** Suppose that $M = \langle 0.7, 0.3, 0.4, -0.3, -0.5, -0.1 \rangle$ and $N = \langle 0.5, 0.2, 0.5, -0.3, -0.3, -0.2 \rangle$ be
195 two BNSs, then the cross entropy between M and N is calculated as follows:

$$196 \quad C_B(M, N) =$$

$$197 \quad \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{0.7 + 0.5}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.7} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{0.3 + 0.2}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.3} + \sqrt{0.2}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 0.3) + (1 - 0.2)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - 0.3} + \sqrt{1 - 0.2}}{2} \right)} \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{0.4 + 0.5}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.4} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.3 - 0.3)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.3)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5 - 0.3)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right)} \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 0.3) + (1 - 0.3)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - 0.3} + \sqrt{1 - 0.3}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1 - 0.2)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.2)}}{2} \right)} \end{aligned} \right] = 0.01738474.$$

198 **Definition 4:** Suppose w_i be the weight of each element $x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $w_i \in [0, 1]$ and

199 $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then the weighted cross entropy measure between any two BNSs M and N in U can be

200 defined as follows:

$$201 \quad C_B(M, N)_w =$$

$$202 \quad \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_M^+(x_i) + T_N^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{I_M^+(x_i) + I_N^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 - I_M^+(x_i)) + (1 - I_N^+(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{F_M^+(x_i) + F_N^+(x_i)}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_M^-(x_i) + T_N^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(T_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(T_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_M^-(x_i) + I_N^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(I_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(I_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 + I_M^-(x_i)) + (1 + I_N^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_M^-(x_i) + F_N^-(x_i))}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(F_M^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(F_N^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)} \end{aligned} \right] \quad (2)$$

203 **Theorem 2.** If $M = \langle T_M^+(x_i), I_M^+(x_i), F_M^+(x_i), T_M^-(x_i), I_M^-(x_i), F_M^-(x_i) \rangle$ and N

204 $\langle T_N^+(x_i), I_N^+(x_i), F_N^+(x_i), T_N^-(x_i), I_N^-(x_i), F_N^-(x_i) \rangle$ be two BNSs in U , then the weighted cross entropy

205 measure $C_B(M, N)_w$ satisfies the following properties:

$$206 \quad (1) \quad C_B(M, N)_w \geq 0$$

$$207 \quad (2) \quad C_B(M, N)_w = 0 \text{ if and only if } T_M(x_i) = T_N(x_i), I_M(x_i) = I_N(x_i), F_M(x_i) = F_N(x_i), \forall x \in U.$$

$$208 \quad (3) \quad C_B(M, N)_w = C_B(N, M)_w.$$

209 Proof is given in appendix.

210 **Example 2.** Suppose that $M = \langle 0.7, 0.3, 0.4, -0.3, -0.5, -0.1 \rangle$ and $N = \langle 0.5, 0.2, 0.5, -0.3, -0.3, -0.2 \rangle$ be
211 two BNSs and $w = 0.4$, then the weighted cross entropy between M and N is calculated as given
212 below.

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$$\begin{aligned}
213 \quad & C_B(M, N)_{w} = \\
214 \quad & 0.4 \times \left[\sqrt{\frac{0.7+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.7} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.3+0.2}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.3} + \sqrt{0.2}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1-0.3)+(1-0.2)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.3} + \sqrt{1-0.2}}{2} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \sqrt{\frac{0.4+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.4} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.3-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.3)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \sqrt{\frac{(1-0.3)+(1-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.3} + \sqrt{1-0.3}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1-0.2)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.2)}}{2} \right) \right] \\
215 \quad & = 0.006953896.
\end{aligned}$$

216 4. Cross entropy measures of IBNSs

217 This section extends the concepts of cross entropy and weighted cross entropy measures of
218 BNSs to IBNSs.

219 **Definition 5:** The cross entropy measure between any two IBNSs $R = <$

220 $[\inf T_R^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i)], [\inf I_R^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i)], [\inf F_R^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i)], [\inf T_R^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i)],$

221 $[\inf I_R^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i)], [\inf F_R^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i)] >$ and $S = < [\inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_S^+(x_i)], [\inf I_S^+(x_i),$

222 $\sup I_S^+(x_i)], [\inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_S^+(x_i)], [\inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_S^-(x_i)], [\inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_S^-(x_i)], [\inf F_S^-(x_i),$

223 $\sup F_S^-(x_i)] >$ in U can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
224 \quad & C_{IB}(R, S) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf T_R^+(x_i) + \inf T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_R^+(x_i) + \sup T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf I_R^+(x_i) + \inf I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_R^+(x_i) + \sup I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_R^+(x_i) + \inf F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sup F_R^+(x_i) + \sup F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i)) + \inf T_S^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{\inf T_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i)) + \sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i))}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i)) + \sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i))}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i)) + \inf I_S^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{\inf I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i)) + \sup I_S^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{\sup I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i)) + \sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i))}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i)) + \inf F_S^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{\inf F_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i)) + \sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i))}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i)) + \sup F_S^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{\sup F_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \right) \right) \quad (3)
\end{aligned}$$

225 **Theorem 3.** If $R = < [\inf T_R^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i)], [\inf I_R^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i)], [\inf F_R^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i)],$

226 $[\inf T_R^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i)], [\inf I_R^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i)], [\inf F_R^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i)] >$ and $S = <$

227 $[\inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_S^+(x_i)], [\inf I_S^+(x_i), \sup I_S^+(x_i)], [\inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_S^+(x_i)], [\inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_S^-(x_i)],$

228 $[\inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_S^-(x_i)], [\inf F_S^-(x_i), \sup F_S^-(x_i)] >$ be two BNSs in U , then the cross entropy measure

229 $C_{IB}(R, S)$ satisfies the following properties:

230 (1) $C_{IB}(R, S) \geq 0$

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$$\begin{aligned}
231 \quad & (2) \quad C_{IB}(R, S) = 0 \text{ for } R = S \text{ i.e., } \inf T_R^+(x_i) = \inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i) = \sup T_S^+(x_i), \inf I_R^+(x_i) = \\
232 \quad & \inf I_S^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i) = \sup I_S^+(x_i), \inf F_R^+(x_i) = \inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i) = \sup F_S^+(x_i), \inf T_R^-(x_i) = \\
233 \quad & \inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i) = \sup T_S^-(x_i), \inf I_R^-(x_i) = \inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i) = \sup I_S^-(x_i), \inf F_R^-(x_i) = \\
234 \quad & \inf F_S^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i) = \sup F_S^-(x_i) \quad \forall x \in U.
\end{aligned}$$

$$235 \quad (3) \quad C_{IB}(R, S) = C_{IB}(S, R).$$

236 *Proof*

$$237 \quad (1) \quad \text{From the inequality stated in theorem 1, we can easily get } C_{IB}(R, S) \geq 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
238 \quad & (2) \quad \text{Since } \inf T_R^+(x_i) = \inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i) = \sup T_S^+(x_i), \inf I_R^+(x_i) = \inf I_S^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i) = \\
239 \quad & \sup I_S^+(x_i), \inf F_R^+(x_i) = \inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i) = \sup F_S^+(x_i), \inf T_R^-(x_i) = \inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i) = \\
240 \quad & \sup T_S^-(x_i), \inf I_R^-(x_i) = \inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i) = \sup I_S^-(x_i), \inf F_R^-(x_i) = \inf F_S^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i) = \\
241 \quad & \sup F_S^-(x_i) \quad \forall x \in U, \text{ we have } C_{IB}(R, S) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

$$242 \quad (3) \quad C_{IB}(R, S) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf T_R^+(x_i) + \inf T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_R^+(x_i) + \sup T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf I_R^+(x_i) + \inf I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_R^+(x_i) + \sup I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_R^+(x_i) + \inf F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\sup F_R^+(x_i) + \sup F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i) + \inf T_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i) + \sup T_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i) + \inf I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf I_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i) + \sup I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i) + \inf F_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i) + \sup F_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup F_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf T_S^+(x_i) + \inf T_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_S^+(x_i) + \sup T_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf I_S^+(x_i) + \inf I_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_S^+(x_i) + \sup I_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i)) + (1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)) + (1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_S^+(x_i) + \inf F_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\sup F_S^+(x_i) + \sup F_R^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i)) + \inf T_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i)) + \sup T_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_S^-(x_i)) + \inf I_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf I_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i)) + \sup I_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i)) + (1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i)) + (1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i)) + \inf F_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_S^-(x_i)) + \sup F_R^-(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup F_S^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

243

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$= C_{IB}(S, R).$$

244 **Example 3.** Suppose that $R = \langle [0.5, 0.8], [0.4, 0.6], [0.2, 0.6], [-0.3, -0.1], [-0.5, -0.1], [-0.5, -0.2] \rangle$ and
 245 $S = \langle [0.5, 0.9], [0.4, 0.5], [0.1, 0.4], [-0.5, -0.3], [-0.7, -0.3], [-0.6, -0.3] \rangle$ be two IBNSs, the cross entropy
 246 between R and S is computed as follows:
 247

$$248 \quad C_{IB}(R, S) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{0.5+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.5} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.8+0.9}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.8} + \sqrt{0.9}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.4+0.4}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.4} + \sqrt{0.4}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.6+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.6} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \\
& \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.4] + [1-0.4]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.4} + \sqrt{[1-0.4]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.6] + [1-0.5]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.6} + \sqrt{[1-0.5]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.2+0.1}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.2} + \sqrt{0.1}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{0.6+0.4}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.6} + \sqrt{0.4}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.3-0.5)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.3)} + \sqrt{-(-0.5)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5-0.7)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.7)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.5] + [1-0.7]}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.5} + \sqrt{[1-0.7]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.1] + [1-0.3]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.1} + \sqrt{[1-0.3]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5-0.6)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.6)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.2-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.2)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$250 \quad = 0.02984616.$$

251 **Definition 6:** Let w_i be the weight of each element x_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $w_i \in [0, 1]$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$,

252 then the weighted cross entropy measure between any two IBNSs $R = \langle$

253 $[\inf T_R^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i)], [\inf I_R^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i)], [\inf F_R^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i)], [\inf T_R^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i)],$

254 $[\inf I_R^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i)], [\inf F_R^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i)] \rangle$ and $S = \langle [\inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_S^+(x_i)], [\inf I_S^+(x_i),$

255 $\sup I_S^+(x_i)], [\inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_S^+(x_i)], [\inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_S^-(x_i)], [\inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_S^-(x_i)], [\inf F_S^-(x_i),$

256 $\sup F_S^-(x_i)] \rangle$ in U can be defined as follows:

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$$\begin{aligned}
& C_{IB}(R, S)_w \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf T_R^+(x_i) + \inf T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_R^+(x_i) + \sup T_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\inf I_R^+(x_i) + \inf I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_R^+(x_i) + \sup I_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)) + (1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_R^+(x_i) + \inf F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\sup F_R^+(x_i) + \sup F_S^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i) + \inf T_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i) + \sup T_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i) + \inf I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf I_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i) + \sup I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)) + (1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i) + \inf F_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \\
& \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i) + \sup F_S^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x_i))} + \sqrt{-(\sup F_S^-(x_i))}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right) \quad (4)
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4. For any two IBNSs $R = \langle [\inf T_R^+(x_i), \sup T_R^+(x_i)], [\inf I_R^+(x_i), \sup I_R^+(x_i)], [\inf F_R^+(x_i), \sup F_R^+(x_i)], [\inf T_R^-(x_i), \sup T_R^-(x_i)], [\inf I_R^-(x_i), \sup I_R^-(x_i)], [\inf F_R^-(x_i), \sup F_R^-(x_i)] \rangle$ and $S = \langle [\inf T_S^+(x_i), \sup T_S^+(x_i)], [\inf I_S^+(x_i), \sup I_S^+(x_i)], [\inf F_S^+(x_i), \sup F_S^+(x_i)], [\inf T_S^-(x_i), \sup T_S^-(x_i)], [\inf I_S^-(x_i), \sup I_S^-(x_i)], [\inf F_S^-(x_i), \sup F_S^-(x_i)] \rangle$ be in U , the cross entropy measure $C_{IB}(R, S)_w$ also satisfies the following properties:

(1) $C_{IB}(R, S)_w \geq 0$

(2) $C_{IB}(R, S)_w = 0$ if and only if $R = S$ i.e., $\inf T_R^+(x_i) = \inf T_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup T_R^+(x_i) = \sup T_S^+(x_i)$,

$\inf I_R^+(x_i) = \inf I_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup I_R^+(x_i) = \sup I_S^+(x_i)$, $\inf F_R^+(x_i) = \inf F_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup F_R^+(x_i) = \sup F_S^+(x_i)$,

$\inf T_R^-(x_i) = \inf T_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup T_R^-(x_i) = \sup T_S^-(x_i)$, $\inf I_R^-(x_i) = \inf I_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup I_R^-(x_i) = \sup I_S^-(x_i)$,

$\inf F_R^-(x_i) = \inf F_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup F_R^-(x_i) = \sup F_S^-(x_i) \forall x \in U$.

(3) $C_{IB}(R, S)_w = C_{IB}(S, R)_w$.

Proof is given in appendix.

Example 4. Consider $R = \langle [0.5, 0.8], [0.4, 0.6], [0.2, 0.6], [-0.3, -0.1], [-0.5, -0.1], [-0.5, -0.2] \rangle$ and $S =$

$\langle [0.5, 0.9], [0.4, 0.5], [0.1, 0.4], [-0.5, -0.3], [-0.7, -0.3], [-0.6, -0.3] \rangle$ be two IBNSs, and $w = 0.3$, then the

weighted cross entropy between R and S is calculated as follows:

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$$\begin{aligned}
274 \quad C_{IB}(R, S) &= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.3 \times \left[\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt{\frac{0.5+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.5} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.8+0.9}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.8} + \sqrt{0.9}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.4+0.4}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.4} + \sqrt{0.4}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.6+0.5}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.6} + \sqrt{0.5}}{2} \right) + \\
&\sqrt{\frac{[1-0.4]+[1-0.4]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.4} + \sqrt{1-0.4}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.6]+[1-0.5]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.6} + \sqrt{1-0.5}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{0.2+0.1}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.2} + \sqrt{0.1}}{2} \right) + \\
&\sqrt{\frac{0.6+0.4}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{0.6} + \sqrt{0.4}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.3-0.5)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.3)} + \sqrt{-(-0.5)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) + \\
&\sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5-0.7)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.7)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.1-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.1)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.5]+[1-0.7]}{2}} - \\
&\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.5} + \sqrt{1-0.7}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-0.1]+[1-0.3]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.1} + \sqrt{1-0.3}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(-0.5-0.6)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.5)} + \sqrt{-(-0.6)}}{2} \right) + \\
&\sqrt{\frac{-(-0.2-0.3)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(-0.2)} + \sqrt{-(-0.3)}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right] \\
275 \quad &= 0.00895385.
\end{aligned}$$

276 5. MADM methods based on cross entropy measures

277 In this section, we propose two new MADM methods based on cross entropy measures under
 278 bipolar neutrosophic and interval bipolar neutrosophic environments. Consider $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$,
 279 ($m \geq 2$) be a discrete set of m feasible alternatives which are to be evaluated based on n attributes $C =$
 280 $\{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$, ($n \geq 2$) and w_j be the weight vector of the attributes such that $0 \leq w_j \leq 1$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n w_j = 1$.

281 5.1 MADM method based on cross entropy measures of BNS

282 The procedure for solving MADM problems under bipolar neutrosophic environment is given
 283 by the following steps

284 **Step 1.** The rating of performance value of alternative B_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$) with respect to the
 285 predefined attribute C_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$) can be expressed in terms of bipolar neutrosophic information
 286 as follows:

$$287 \quad B_i = \{C_j, <T_{B_i}^+(C_j), I_{B_i}^+(C_j), F_{B_i}^+(C_j), T_{B_i}^-(C_j), I_{B_i}^-(C_j), F_{B_i}^-(C_j)> \mid C_j \in C_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

288 where $0 \leq T_{B_i}^+(C_j) + I_{B_i}^+(C_j) + F_{B_i}^+(C_j) \leq 3$, and $-3 \leq T_{B_i}^-(C_j) + I_{B_i}^-(C_j) + F_{B_i}^-(C_j) \leq 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j$

289 $= 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let $\tilde{d}_{ij} = <T_{ij}^+, I_{ij}^+, F_{ij}^+, T_{ij}^-, I_{ij}^-, F_{ij}^->$ be the bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix whose
 290 entries are the rating values of the alternatives with respect to the attributes provided by the expert
 291 or decision maker. The bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix $[\tilde{d}_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
292 \quad [\tilde{d}_{ij}]_{m \times n} &= \begin{matrix} & C_1 & C_2 & \dots & C_n \\ \begin{matrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ B_m \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \dots & d_{1n} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & \dots & d_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ d_{m1} & d_{m2} & \dots & d_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

293 **Step 2.** The positive ideal solution (PIS) $\langle p^* = (d_1^*, d_2^*, \dots, d_n^*) \rangle$ of bipolar neutrosophic
 294 information is obtained as follows:

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$$\begin{aligned}
295 \quad p_j^* &= \langle T_j^{*+}, I_j^{*+}, F_j^{*+}, T_j^{*-}, I_j^{*-}, F_j^{*-} \rangle = \langle \{ \text{Max}(T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}(T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, \{ \text{Min}(I_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \\
296 \quad &\{ \text{Max}(I_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, \{ \text{Min}(F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}(F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, \{ \text{Min}(T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}(T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, \\
297 \quad &\{ \text{Max}(I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}(I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, \{ \text{Max}(F_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}(F_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, j = 1, 2, \dots, n;
\end{aligned}$$

298 where H_1 and H_2 represent benefit and cost type attributes respectively.

299 **Step 3.** The weighted cross entropy between an alternative B_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and the ideal
300 alternative p^* is determined by

$$\begin{aligned}
301 \quad C_B(B_i, p^*)_{w_i} &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left[\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt{\frac{T_{ij}^+ + T_j^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{T_j^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{I_{ij}^+ + I_j^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{I_j^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1 - I_{ij}^+] + [1 - I_j^{*+}]}{2}} - \\
&\left(\frac{\sqrt{[1 - I_{ij}^+]} + \sqrt{[1 - I_j^{*+}]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{F_{ij}^+ + F_j^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{F_j^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(T_{ij}^+ + T_j^{*+})}{2}} - \\
&\left(\frac{\sqrt{-(T_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-(T_j^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_{ij}^+ + I_j^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(I_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-(I_j^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1 + I_{ij}^+] + [1 + I_j^{*+}]}{2}} - \\
&\left(\frac{\sqrt{[1 + I_{ij}^+]} + \sqrt{[1 + I_j^{*+}]}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_{ij}^+ + F_j^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-(F_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-(F_j^{*+})}}{2} \right)
\end{aligned} \right] \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

302 **Step 4.** The smaller value of $C_B(B_i, p^*)_{w_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ represents that an alternative B_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots,$
303 m is closer to the PIS p^* . Therefore, an alternative with the smallest weighted cross entropy measure
304 means the best alternative.

306 5.2 MADM method based on cross entropy measures of IBNSs

307 The steps for solving MADM problems with interval bipolar neutrosophic information are
308 provided as follows.

309 **Step 1.** In interval bipolar neutrosophic environment, the rating of performance value of
310 alternative B_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$) with respect to the predefined attribute C_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$) can be
311 represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
312 \quad B_i &= \{C_j, \langle [\inf T_{B_i}^+(C_j), \sup T_{B_i}^+(C_j)], [\inf I_{B_i}^+(C_j), \sup I_{B_i}^+(C_j)], [\inf F_{B_i}^+(C_j), \sup F_{B_i}^+(C_j)], [\inf T_{B_i}^-(C_j), \\
313 \quad &\sup T_{B_i}^-(C_j)], [\inf I_{B_i}^-(C_j), \sup I_{B_i}^-(C_j)], [\inf F_{B_i}^-(C_j), \sup F_{B_i}^-(C_j)] \rangle \mid C_j \in C_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\},
\end{aligned}$$

314 where $0 \leq \sup T_{B_i}^+(C_j) + \sup I_{B_i}^+(C_j) + \sup F_{B_i}^+(C_j) \leq 3$, and $-3 \leq \sup T_{B_i}^-(C_j) + \sup I_{B_i}^-(C_j) + \sup$

315 $F_{B_i}^-(C_j) \leq 0$; $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Consider $\tilde{g}_{ij} = \langle [{}^L T_{ij}^+, {}^U T_{ij}^+], [{}^L I_{ij}^+, {}^U I_{ij}^+], [{}^L F_{ij}^+, {}^U F_{ij}^+], [{}^L T_{ij}^-, {}^U T_{ij}^-], [{}^L I_{ij}^-, {}^U I_{ij}^-],$

316 $[{}^L F_{ij}^-, {}^U F_{ij}^-] \rangle$ be the bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix whose entries are the rating values of the

317 alternatives with respect to the attributes provided by the expert or decision maker. The interval

318 bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix $[\tilde{g}_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ can be presented as follows:

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$$319 \quad [\tilde{g}_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \begin{matrix} & C_1 & C_2 & \dots & C_n \\ B_1 & g_{11} & g_{12} & \dots & g_{1n} \\ B_2 & g_{21} & g_{22} & \dots & g_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ B_m & g_{m1} & g_{m2} & \dots & g_{mn} \end{matrix}$$

320 **Step 2.** The PIS $\langle q^* = (g_1^*, g_2^*, \dots, g_n^*) \rangle$ of interval bipolar neutrosophic information is obtained as
321 follows:

$$322 \quad q_j^* = \langle [{}^L T_{ij}^{*+}, {}^U T_{ij}^{*+}], [{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}, {}^U I_{ij}^{*+}], [{}^L F_{ij}^{*+}, {}^U F_{ij}^{*+}], [{}^L T_{ij}^{*-}, {}^U T_{ij}^{*-}], [{}^L I_{ij}^{*-}, {}^U I_{ij}^{*-}], [{}^L F_{ij}^{*-}, {}^U F_{ij}^{*-}] \rangle =$$

$$323 \quad \langle \{ \text{Max}({}^L T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}({}^L T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Max}({}^U T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}({}^U T_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^L I_{ij}^+) \mid$$

$$324 \quad j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}({}^L I_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^U I_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}({}^U I_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^L F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\};$$

$$325 \quad \{ \text{Max}({}^L F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^U F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}({}^U F_{ij}^+) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^L T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\};$$

$$326 \quad \{ \text{Max}({}^L T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Min}({}^U T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Max}({}^U T_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Max}({}^L I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\};$$

$$327 \quad \{ \text{Min}({}^L I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Max}({}^U I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}({}^U I_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\}, \{ \text{Max}({}^L F_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}({}^L F_{ij}^-) \mid$$

$$328 \quad \{ \text{Max}({}^U F_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_1\}; \{ \text{Min}({}^U F_{ij}^-) \mid j \in H_2\} \rangle, j = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

329 where H_1 and H_2 represent benefit and cost type attributes respectively.

330 **Step 3.** The weighted cross entropy between an alternative B_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and the ideal
331 alternative q^* under interval bipolar neutrosophic setting is computed as follows:

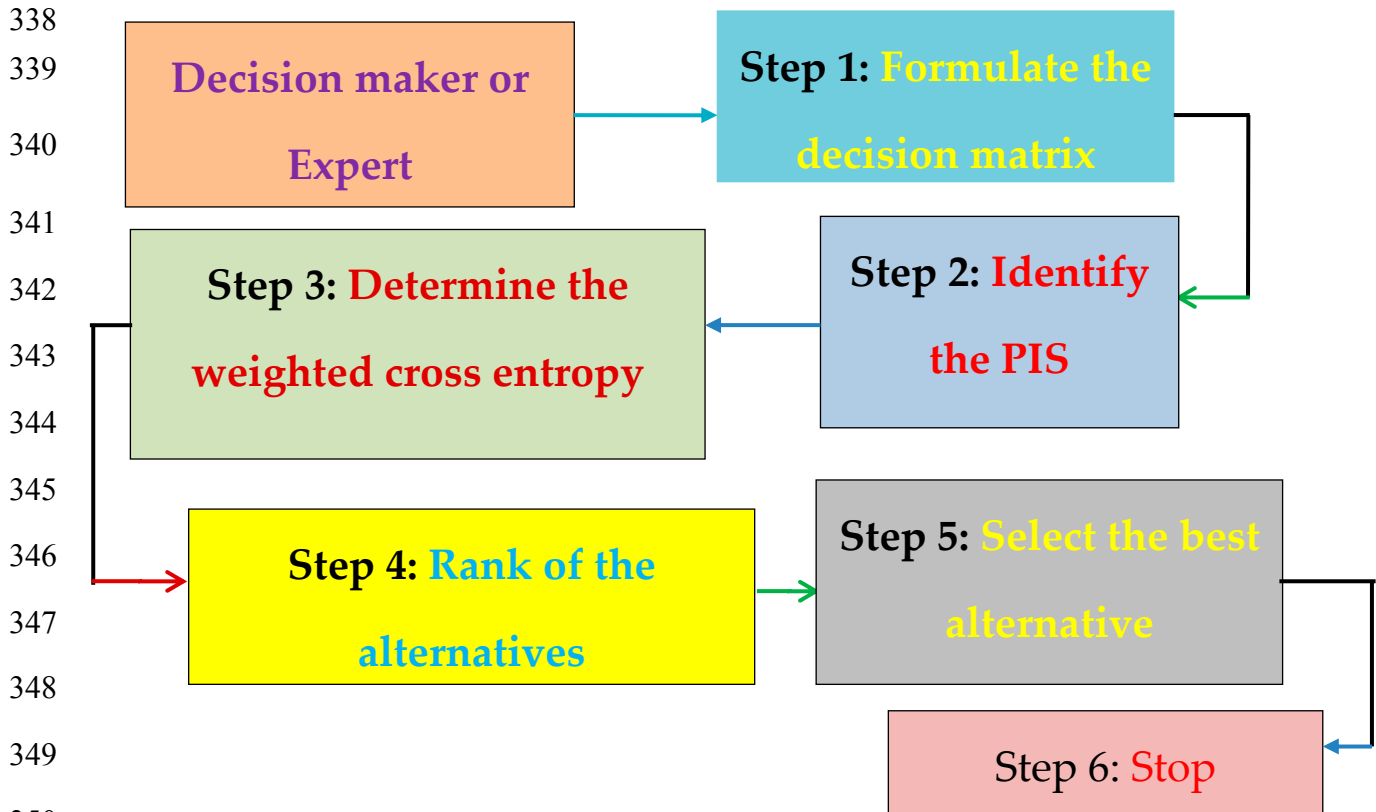
$$332 \quad C_{IB}(B_i, q^*)^w = \frac{1}{2} \times \sum_{i=1}^n w_i =$$

$$333 \quad \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{{}^L T_{ij}^+ + {}^L T_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^L T_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^L T_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{{}^U T_{ij}^+ + {}^U T_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^U T_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^U T_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{{}^L I_{ij}^+ + {}^L I_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^L I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{[1-{}^L I_{ij}^+] + [1-{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-{}^L I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{1-{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{{}^U I_{ij}^+ + {}^U I_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^U I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^U I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1-{}^U I_{ij}^+] + [1-{}^U I_{ij}^{*+}]}{2}} - \\ & \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-{}^U I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{1-{}^U I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{{}^L F_{ij}^+ + {}^L F_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^L F_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^L F_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{{}^U F_{ij}^+ + {}^U F_{ij}^{*+}}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{{}^U F_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{{}^U F_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-({}^L T_{ij}^+ + {}^L T_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \\ & \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^L T_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^L T_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-({}^U T_{ij}^+ + {}^U T_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^U T_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^U T_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-({}^L I_{ij}^+ + {}^L I_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^L I_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^L I_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-({}^U I_{ij}^+ + {}^U I_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^U I_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^U I_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1+{}^L I_{ij}^+] + [1+{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}]}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+{}^L I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{1+{}^L I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{[1+{}^U I_{ij}^+] + [1+{}^U I_{ij}^{*+}]}{2}} - \\ & \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+{}^U I_{ij}^+} + \sqrt{1+{}^U I_{ij}^{*+}}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-({}^L F_{ij}^+ + {}^L F_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^L F_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^L F_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-({}^U F_{ij}^+ + {}^U F_{ij}^{*+})}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-({}^U F_{ij}^+)} + \sqrt{-({}^U F_{ij}^{*+})}}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \quad (6)$$

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334 **Step 4.** The smaller value of $C_{IB}(B_i, p^*)_{w, i = 1, 2, \dots, m}$ indicates that an alternative $B_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$
 335 is closer to the PIS q^* . Hence, an alternative with the smallest weighted cross entropy measure will be
 336 identified as the best alternative.

337 *A conceptual model of the proposed approach is shown in Figure 2.*



351 Figure2. Conceptual model of the proposed approach

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353 6. Illustrative example

354 In this section we solve two numerical MADM problems and comparison with other existing
 355 methods is presented to verify the applicability and effectiveness of the proposed approach under
 356 bipolar neutrosophic and interval bipolar neutrosophic environments.

357 6.1 Car selection problem with bipolar neutrosophic information

358 Consider the problem discussed in [13, 18, 19, 20] where a buyer wants to purchase a car based
 359 on some predefined attributes. Suppose that there are four types cars (alternatives) $B_i, (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$
 360 are available in the market. Four attributes are taken into consideration in the decision making
 361 environment namely Fuel economy (C_1), Aerod (C_2), Comfort (C_3), Safety (C_4) to select the most
 362 desirable car. Assume the weight vector for the four attributes are known and given by $w = (w_1, w_2,$
 363 $w_3, w_4) = (0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.125)$. Therefore the bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix $\langle d_{ij} \rangle_{4 \times 4}$ can be
 364 obtained as given below.

365 The bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix $[\tilde{d}_{ij}]_{4 \times 4} =$

	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
366				
367	B ₁ <0.5, 0.7, 0.2, -0.7, -0.3, -0.6>	<0.4, 0.4, 0.5, -0.7, -0.8, -0.4>	<0.7, 0.7, 0.5, -0.8, -0.7, -0.6>	<0.1, 0.5, 0.7,
368	-0.5, -0.2, -0.8>			
369	B ₂ <0.9, 0.7, 0.5, -0.7, -0.7, -0.1>	<0.7, 0.6, 0.8, -0.7, -0.5, -0.1>	<0.9, 0.4, 0.6, -0.1, -0.7, -0.5>	<0.5, 0.2, 0.7,
370	-0.5, -0.1, -0.9>			
371	B ₃ <0.3, 0.4, 0.2, -0.6, -0.3, -0.7>	<0.2, 0.2, 0.2, -0.4, -0.7, -0.4>	<0.9, 0.5, 0.5, -0.6, -0.5, -0.2>	<0.7, 0.5, 0.3,
372	-0.4, -0.2, -0.2>			
373	B ₄ <0.9, 0.7, 0.2, -0.8, -0.6, -0.1>	<0.3, 0.5, 0.2, -0.5, -0.5, -0.2>	<0.5, 0.4, 0.5, -0.1, -0.7, -0.2>	<0.2, 0.4, 0.8,
374	-0.5, -0.5, -0.6>			
375				

376 The positive ideal bipolar neutrosophic solutions are computed from $[\tilde{d}_{ij}]_{4 \times 4}$ as follows:

$$377 \quad p^* = [<0.9, 0.4, 0.2, -0.8, -0.3, -0.1>, <0.7, 0.2, 0.2, -0.7, -0.5, -0.1>, <0.9, 0.4, 0.5, -0.8, -0.5, -0.2>, <0.7,$$

$$378 \quad 0.2, 0.3, -0.5, -0.1, -0.2>].$$

379 Using Eq. (5), the weighted cross entropy measure $C_B(B_i, p^*)_w$ is obtained as follows:

$$380 \quad C_B(B_1, p^*)_w = 0.0734, C_B(B_2, p^*)_w = 0.0688, C_B(B_3, p^*)_w = 0.0642, C_B(B_4, p^*)_w = 0.0516.$$

381 According to weighted cross entropy measure $C_B(B_i, p^*)_w$ the order of the four alternatives is B_4
 382 $\prec B_3 \prec B_2 \prec B_1$ and therefore B_4 is the best car.

383 We compare our obtained result with the results of other existing methods (see Table 1), where
 384 the known weight of the attribute is given by $w = (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4) = (0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.125)$. It is to be
 385 noted that the ranking results obtained from the other existing methods are different from the result
 386 of the proposed method in some cases. The reason is that the different authors adopted different
 387 decision making methods and thereby obtained different ranking results. However, the proposed
 388 method is simple and straightforward and can effectively solve decision making problems with
 389 bipolar neutrosophic information.

390 **Table 1.** The results of car selection problem obtained from different methods

391	Methods	Ranking results	Best option
392			
393			
394	The proposed weighted cross entropy measure	$B_4 \prec B_3 \prec B_2 \prec B_1$	B_4
395	TOPSIS method [19]	$B_1 \prec B_3 \prec B_2 \prec B_4$	B_4
396	Deli et al.'s method [13]	$B_1 \prec B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_3$	B_3
397	Projection measure [20]	$B_3 \prec B_4 \prec B_1 \prec B_2$	B_2
398	Bidirectional projection measure [20]	$B_2 \prec B_1 \prec B_4 \prec B_3$	B_3
399	Hybrid projection measure [20] with $\rho = 0.25$	$B_2 \prec B_1 \prec B_3 \prec B_4$	B_4
400	Hybrid projection measure [20] with $\rho = 0.50$	$B_3 \prec B_2 \prec B_1 \prec B_4$	B_4
401	Hybrid projection measure [20] with $\rho = 0.75$	$B_1 \prec B_3 \prec B_4 \prec B_2$	B_2
402	Hybrid projection measure [20] with $\rho = 0.90$	$B_3 \prec B_4 \prec B_2 \prec B_1$	B_1
403	Hybrid similarity measure [18] with $\rho = 0.25$	$B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_1 \prec B_3$	B_3
404	Hybrid similarity measure [18] with $\rho = 0.30$	$B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_1 \prec B_3$	B_3
405	Hybrid similarity measure [18] with $\rho = 0.60$	$B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_1 \prec B_3$	B_3

406 Hybrid similarity measure [18] with $\rho = 0.90$ $B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_3 \prec B_1$ B_1
 407

408 6.2 Interval bipolar neutrosophic MADM investment problem

409 Consider an interval bipolar neutrosophic MADM problem studied in [24] with four possible
 410 alternatives to invest a sum of money in the best choice. The four alternatives are:

- 411 > a food company (B_1),
 412 > a car company (B_2),
 413 > a arm company (B_3), and
 414 > a car computer (B_4).

415 The investment company selects the best option based on the three predefined attributes
 416 namely growth analysis (C_1), risk analysis (C_2), and environment analysis (C_3). We consider C_1, C_2 are
 417 benefit type attributes and C_3 is cost type attribute based on Ye [26]. Assume that the weight vector
 418 [24] of C_1, C_2 , and C_3 is given by $w = (w_1, w_2, w_3) = (0.35, 0.25, 0.4)$. The interval bipolar neutrosophic
 419 decision matrix $[\tilde{g}_{ij}]_{4 \times 3}$ presented by the decision maker or expert

420 Interval bipolar neutrosophic decision matrix $[\tilde{g}_{ij}]_{4 \times 3} =$

421
$$C_1$$

$$422 \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & [[0.4, 0.5], [0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.4], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.4, -0.3], [-0.5, -0.4]] \\ B_2 & [[0.6, 0.7], [0.1, 0.2], [0.2, 0.3], [-0.2, -0.1], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.7, -0.6]] \\ B_3 & [[0.3, 0.6], [0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.4], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.4, -0.3], [-0.6, -0.3]] \\ B_4 & [[0.7, 0.8], [0.0, 0.1], [0.1, 0.2], [-0.1, -0.0], [-0.2, -0.1], [-0.8, -0.7]] \end{pmatrix}$$

423
$$C_2$$

$$424 \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & [[0.4, 0.6], [0.1, 0.3], [0.2, 0.4], [-0.3, -0.1], [-0.4, -0.2], [-0.6, -0.4]] \\ B_2 & [[0.6, 0.7], [0.1, 0.2], [0.2, 0.3], [-0.2, -0.1], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.7, -0.6]] \\ B_3 & [[0.5, 0.6], [0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.4], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.4, -0.3], [-0.6, -0.5]] \\ B_4 & [[0.6, 0.7], [0.1, 0.2], [0.1, 0.3], [-0.2, -0.1], [-0.3, -0.1], [-0.7, -0.6]] \end{pmatrix}$$

425
$$C_3$$

$$426 \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & [[0.7, 0.9], [0.2, 0.3], [0.4, 0.5], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.5, -0.4], [-0.9, -0.7]] \\ B_2 & [[0.3, 0.6], [0.3, 0.5], [0.8, 0.9], [-0.5, -0.3], [-0.9, -0.8], [-0.6, -0.3]] \\ B_3 & [[0.4, 0.5], [0.2, 0.4], [0.7, 0.9], [-0.4, -0.2], [-0.9, -0.7], [-0.5, -0.4]] \\ B_4 & [[0.6, 0.7], [0.3, 0.4], [0.8, 0.9], [-0.4, -0.3], [-0.9, -0.8], [-0.7, -0.6]] \end{pmatrix}$$

427 From the matrix $[\tilde{g}_{ij}]_{4 \times 3}$ we determine positive ideal interval bipolar neutrosophic solution (q^*)

428 by using Eq. (6) as follows:

429 $q^* = \langle [0.7, 0.8], [0.0, 0.1], [0.1, 0.2], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.2, -0.1], [-0.5, -0.3]; \langle [0.6, 0.7], [0.1, 0.2], [0.1, 0.3],$
 430 $[-0.3, -0.2], [-0.3, -0.1], [-0.6, -0.4]; \langle [0.3, 0.5], [0.3, 0.5], [0.8, 0.9], [-0.3, -0.2], [-0.9, -0.8], [-0.9, -0.7].$

431 The weighted cross entropy between an alternative $B_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and the ideal alternative q^*
 432 can be obtained as given below.

433 $C_{IB}(B_1, q^*)_w = 0.0606, C_{IB}(B_2, q^*)_w = 0.0286, C_{IB}(B_3, q^*)_w = 0.0426, C_{IB}(B_4, q^*)_w = 0.0423.$

434 On the basis of weighted cross entropy measure $C_{IB}(B_i, q^*)_w$ the order of the four alternatives is
 435 $B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_3 \prec B_1$ and therefore B_2 is the best choice.

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436 Next, the comparison of the results obtained from different methods is presented in Table 2
 437 where the weight vector of the attribute is given by $w = (w_1, w_2, w_3) = (0.35, 0.25, 0.4)$. We observe that
 438 B_2 is the best option obtained by the proposed method and B_4 is the best option obtained by the
 439 method of Mahmood *et al.* [24]. The reason may be that we use interval bipolar neutrosophic cross
 440 entropy method whereas Mahmood *et al.* [24] derived the most desirable alternative based on
 441 weighted arithmetic average operator under interval bipolar neutrosophic setting.

442 **Table 2.** The results of the investment problem obtained from different methods

443 Methods	444 Ranking results	445 Best option
446 The proposed weighted cross entropy measure	$B_2 \prec B_4 \prec B_3 \prec B_1$	B_2
447 Mahmood <i>et al.</i> 's method [24]	$B_2 \prec B_3 \prec B_1 \prec B_4$	B_4

449 7. Conclusion

450 In the paper we define cross entropy and weighted cross entropy measures of bipolar
 451 neutrosophic sets and prove their basic properties. We also extend the proposed concept to interval
 452 bipolar neutrosophic environment and prove their basic properties. The proposed cross entropy
 453 measures are then employed to develop two new multi-attribute decision making models. Two
 454 illustrative numerical examples are solved and finally comparisons with existing methods are
 455 provided to demonstrate the simplicity and efficiency of the proposed approach. We hope that the
 456 proposed cross entropy measures can be effective in dealing with group decision making, weaver
 457 selection, data analysis, medical diagnosis problems. In the future, the cross entropy measures can
 458 be extended to the other environments, such as bipolar neutrosophic soft expert sets, bipolar
 459 neutrosophic refined sets.

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463 Appendix A

464 Proof of theorem 2

465 (1) From the inequality stated in theorem 1, we can easily obtain $C_B(M, N)_w \geq 0$.

466 (2) $C_B(M, N)_w = 0$ if and only if $M = N$,

467 i.e., $T_M^+(x_i) = T_N^+(x_i)$, $I_M^+(x_i) = I_N^+(x_i)$, $F_M^+(x_i) = F_N^+(x_i)$, $T_M^-(x_i) = T_N^-(x_i)$, $I_M^-(x_i) = I_N^-(x_i)$, $F_M^-(x_i) = F_N^-(x_i)$

468 $\forall x \in U$.

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$$469 \quad (3) \quad C_B(M, N)_w =$$

$$470 \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_M^+(x_i) + T_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{I_M^+(x_i) + I_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 - I_M^+(x_i)) + (1 - I_N^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{F_M^+(x_i) + F_N^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_M^-(x_i) + T_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-T_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-T_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_M^-(x_i) + I_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-I_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-I_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 + I_M^-(x_i)) + (1 + I_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_M^-(x_i) + F_N^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-F_M^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-F_N^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$471 \quad = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left[\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{T_N^+(x_i) + T_M^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{T_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{T_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{I_N^+(x_i) + I_M^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{I_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{I_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 - I_N^+(x_i)) + (1 - I_M^+(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - I_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 - I_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{F_N^+(x_i) + F_M^+(x_i)}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{F_N^+(x_i)} + \sqrt{F_M^+(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{-(T_N^-(x_i) + T_M^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-T_N^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-T_M^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(I_N^-(x_i) + I_M^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-I_N^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-I_M^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \\ & \sqrt{\frac{(1 + I_N^-(x_i)) + (1 + I_M^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + I_N^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{1 + I_M^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{-(F_N^-(x_i) + F_M^-(x_i))}{2}} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{-F_N^-(x_i)} + \sqrt{-F_M^-(x_i)}}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$472 \quad = C_B(N, M)_w.$$

473 Appendix B

474 Proof of Theorem 4

475 (1) Obviously, we can easily get $C_{IB}(R, S)_w \geq 0$.

476 (2) If $C_{IB}(R, S)_w = 0$ then $R = S$ and if $\inf T_R^+(x_i) = \inf T_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup T_R^+(x_i) = \sup T_S^+(x_i)$, $\inf I_R^+(x_i) =$

477 $\inf I_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup I_R^+(x_i) = \sup I_S^+(x_i)$, $\inf F_R^+(x_i) = \inf F_S^+(x_i)$, $\sup F_R^+(x_i) = \sup F_S^+(x_i)$, $\inf T_R^-(x_i) =$

478 $\inf T_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup T_R^-(x_i) = \sup T_S^-(x_i)$, $\inf I_R^-(x_i) = \inf I_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup I_R^-(x_i) = \sup I_S^-(x_i)$, $\inf F_R^-(x_i) =$

479 $\inf F_S^-(x_i)$, $\sup F_R^-(x_i) = \sup F_S^-(x_i) \forall x \in U$, then we have obtain $C_{IB}(R, S) = 0$.

$$480 \quad (3) \quad C_{IB}(R, S)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf T_R^+(x) + \inf T_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_R^+(x) + \sup T_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf I_R^+(x) + \inf I_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_R^+(x) + \sup I_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_R^+(x)) + (1 - \inf I_S^+(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_R^+(x)) + (1 - \sup I_S^+(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_R^+(x) + \inf F_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\sup F_R^+(x) + \sup F_S^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_R^-(x) + \inf T_S^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_R^-(x) + \sup T_S^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_R^-(x) + \inf I_S^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf I_S^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_R^-(x) + \sup I_S^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_R^-(x)) + (1 + \inf I_S^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x)} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_R^-(x)) + (1 + \sup I_S^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_R^-(x) + \inf F_S^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_R^-(x) + \sup F_S^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup F_S^-(x))} \right)}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$481 \quad = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf T_S^+(x) + \inf T_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf T_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf T_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sup T_S^+(x) + \sup T_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup T_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup T_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} \right) + \\
& \left(\sqrt{\frac{\inf I_S^+(x) + \inf I_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf I_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf I_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sup I_S^+(x) + \sup I_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup I_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup I_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} \right) + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \inf I_S^+(x)) + (1 - \inf I_R^+(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 - \inf I_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{1 - \inf I_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sup I_S^+(x)) + (1 - \sup I_R^+(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 - \sup I_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{1 - \sup I_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\inf F_S^+(x) + \inf F_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\inf F_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\inf F_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{\sup F_S^+(x) + \sup F_R^+(x)}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{\sup F_S^+(x)} + \sqrt{\sup F_R^+(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf T_S^-(x) + \inf T_R^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf T_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf T_R^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup T_S^-(x) + \sup T_R^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup T_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup T_R^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf I_S^-(x) + \inf I_R^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf I_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf I_R^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup I_S^-(x) + \sup I_R^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup I_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup I_R^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \inf I_S^-(x)) + (1 + \inf I_R^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 + \inf I_S^-(x)} + \sqrt{1 + \inf I_R^-(x)} \right)}{2} + \\
& \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sup I_S^-(x)) + (1 + \sup I_R^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{1 + \sup I_S^-(x)} + \sqrt{1 + \sup I_R^-(x)} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\inf F_S^-(x) + \inf F_R^-(x))}{2}} - \\
& \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\inf F_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\inf F_R^-(x))} \right)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{-(\sup F_S^-(x) + \sup F_R^-(x))}{2}} - \frac{\left(\sqrt{-(\sup F_S^-(x))} + \sqrt{-(\sup F_R^-(x))} \right)}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$482 \quad = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i$$

$$483 \quad = C_{IB}(R, S).$$

484 This completes the proof.

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