

# Min-Min Operation on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Matrix

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**Abstract:** In this paper Min-Min operation on IFMs and study conditions for convergence powers of transitive IFM are introduced.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Since Zadeh [11] introduction of fuzzy sets. Atanassov [1] generalized the concept of fuzzy sets into intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $A$  in  $X$  (universal set) is defined as an object of the following form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle / x \in X \}$  where the functions:  $\mu_A(x): X \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $\gamma_A(x): X \rightarrow [0,1]$  define the membership function and non-membership function of the element  $x \in X$  respectively and for every  $x \in X: 0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$ . Xu, Yager [10] defined an Intuitionistic Fuzzy Matrix (IFM).  $A = [a_{ij}]$  where  $a_{ij}$  and  $a_{ij}'$  denote the membership and non-membership value respectively.

After the introduction of Fuzzy Matrix (FM) theory using Max-Min algebra by Thomson [9], Bhowmik and Pal [3] studies the convergence of the Max-Min of an IFM by Hashimoto [4] and several others have studied the convergence of power of a fuzzy transitive matrix. Further, the Max-Min operation has been extended to IFM. Atanassov [2] used implication operators in IFSs. Sriram and Murugadas [8] used  $\leftarrow$  implication operator for IFM and studied concept of  $g$ -inverse and semi-inverse of an IFM which was a generalization of FM studied. Murugadas and Lalitha [5] used hook implication operator  $\leftarrow$  for IFS as well as IFM. Muthuraji, Sriram and Murugadas [6] used min-min composition of IFM. Riyaz Ahmad padder and Murugadas [7] Max-Max operation on Intuitionistic fuzzy Matrix.

In this paper we introduce Min-Min operation directly to IFMs which is more relevant than Max-Min operation. For example, consider two IFMs  $A$  and  $B$  such that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \langle .3, .2 \rangle & \langle .4, .1 \rangle \\ \langle .1, .5 \rangle & \langle .1, .8 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.2, 0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.6 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then Max-Min } AB = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.1, 0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.5 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then Min-Min } AB = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.2, 0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.6 \rangle \\ \langle 0.1, 0.8 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.8 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus Min-Min  $AB \leq$  Max-Min  $AB$ .

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\langle x, x' \rangle, \langle y, y' \rangle \in$  IFS then  $\langle x, x' \rangle \vee \langle y, y' \rangle = \langle \text{Min}\{x, y\}, \text{Max}\{x', y'\} \rangle$

For any two comparable elements  $\langle x, x' \rangle, \langle y, y' \rangle \in$  IFS the operation  $\langle x, x' \rangle \leftarrow \langle y, y' \rangle$  is defined as

$$\langle x, x' \rangle \leftarrow \langle y, y' \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle 1, 0 \rangle & \text{if } \langle x, x' \rangle \geq \langle y, y' \rangle \\ \langle x, x' \rangle & \text{if } \langle x, x' \rangle < \langle y, y' \rangle \end{cases}$$

For  $n \times n$  intuitionistic fuzzy matrices  $A = \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle$  and  $P = \langle p_{ij}, p_{ij}' \rangle$  then

$$A \wedge P = \langle a_{ij} \wedge p_{ij}, a_{ij}' \vee p_{ij}' \rangle$$

$$A \vee P = \langle a_{ij} \vee p_{ij}, a_{ij}' \wedge p_{ij}' \rangle$$

Here  $A \vee P, A \wedge P$  are equivalent to  $A + P, A \odot P$  the component wise additional and component wise multiplication  $A, P$  respectively.

$$A \times P = \langle a_{i1}, a_{i1}' \wedge p_{1j}, p_{1j}' \rangle \vee \langle a_{i2}, a_{i2}' \wedge p_{2j}, p_{2j}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle a_{in}, a_{in}' \wedge p_{nj}, p_{nj}' \rangle$$

$$A \overset{c}{\leftarrow} P = \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle \overset{c}{\leftarrow} \langle p_{ij}, p_{ij}' \rangle.$$

Here  $\overset{c}{\leftarrow}$  represents component wise comparison of  $A, P$  using  $\leftarrow$ .

$$A^{\circ} = I = \langle \delta_{ij}, \delta_{ij}' \rangle \text{ where } \langle \delta_{ij}, \delta_{ij}' \rangle = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \text{ if } i = j \text{ and } \langle \delta_{ij}, \delta_{ij}' \rangle = \langle 0, 1 \rangle \text{ if } i \neq j.$$

$$A^{k+1} = A^k \times A, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$A \leq P (P \geq A) \text{ if and only if } \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle \leq \langle p_{ij}, p_{ij}' \rangle \text{ for all } i, j.$$

If  $A \geq I_n$ , then  $A$  is reflexive IFM where in the  $n \times n$  identity IFM.  $A = \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle$  is weakly reflexive IFM if and only if  $\langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle \geq \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Throughout we deal with intuitionistic fuzzy matrices. A matrix  $A$  is transitive if  $A^2 \leq A$ . This matrix represents a intuitionistic fuzzy transitive relation. The above definition of transitivity is equivalent to what is called Max-Min transitivity. That is, matrix  $A = \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle$  is transitive if and only if  $\min(\langle a_{ik}, a_{ik}' \rangle, \langle a_{kj}, a_{kj}' \rangle) \leq \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle$ , for all  $k$ . This definition is most basic and seems to be convenient when intuitionistic fuzzy matrices are generalized to certain matrices over other algebras.

## III. SOME RESULTS

I define Min-Min operation on IFM and exhibit some interesting results. In the following, let  $A = [\langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle], P = [\langle p_{ij}, p_{ij}' \rangle]$  be IFM of order  $n \times n$  and the entries in  $A$  and  $P$  are comparable.

**Definition 3.1** For IFMs  $A$  and  $P$  define, the Min-Min product of  $A$  and  $P$  as

$$A \cdot P = \left( \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{ik} \wedge p_{kj} \rangle, \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{ik}' \vee p_{kj}' \rangle \right)$$

Let  $A \bullet P$  denote the Min-Min product of the IFMs  $A$  and  $P$ .

Clearly  $A \bullet P$  is also an IFM,  $\bullet$  is associative and  $\bullet$  is distributive over addition (+). Also the set of all IFM under + and  $\bullet$  from a semi-ring.

**Theorem 3.2** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  transitive matrix, then  $(A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (A \times P))^n = (A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (A \times P))^{n+1}$  for any  $n \times n$  IFMP.

*Proof.* Let  $S = \langle s_{ij}, s_{ij}' \rangle = A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (A \times P)$ , that is

$$\langle s_{ij}, s_{ij}' \rangle = \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{ik} \wedge p_{kj} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{ik}' \vee p_{kj}' \rangle \right)$$

1. Assume that there exist indices  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{n-1}$  such that

$$\langle s_{il_1}, s_{il_1}' \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_1 l_2}, s_{l_1 l_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle s_{l_{n-1} j}, s_{l_{n-1} j}' \rangle = \langle f, f' \rangle < \langle 1, 0 \rangle$$

Let  $l_o = i$  and  $l_n = j$ . Then  $l_a = l_b$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a > b$ ). We define  $\langle h, h' \rangle$  by

$$\langle h, h' \rangle = \langle a_{l_a l_{a+1}}, a_{l_a l_{a+1}}' \rangle \vee \langle r_{l_{a+1} l_{a+2}}, r_{l_{a+1} l_{a+2}}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle a_{l_{b-1} l_b}, a_{l_{b-1} l_b}' \rangle$$

where  $a > m \geq b$

$$\text{Then } \langle h, h' \rangle = \langle a_{l_{m-1} l_m}, a_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle < \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k} \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right)$$

$$\text{If } \langle a_{l_m l_m}, r_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \geq \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k}' \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right)$$

$$\langle h, h' \rangle \geq \langle a_{l_m l_m}, a_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \geq \langle a_{l_m k} \wedge p_{k l_m}, a_{l_m k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_{l_a l_{a+1}}, a_{l_a l_{a+1}}' \rangle \wedge \langle a_{l_{a+1} l_{a+2}}, a_{l_{a+1} l_{a+2}}' \rangle \wedge \dots \wedge \langle a_{l_{b-1} l_b}, a_{l_{b-1} l_b}' \rangle$$

for some  $k_1$ . Since  $\langle a_{l_{m-1} l_m}, a_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle = \langle h, h' \rangle$  we have

$$\langle a_{l_{m-1} k_1}, a_{l_{m-1} k_1}' \rangle \leq \langle a_{l_{m-1} l_m}, a_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle \wedge \langle a_{l_m k_1}, a_{l_m k_1}' \rangle = \langle h, h' \rangle$$

Thus,

$$\left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_{m-1} k} \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_{m-1} k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right) \leq \langle a_{l_{m-1} k_1}, a_{l_{m-1} k_1}' \rangle \wedge \langle p_{k_1 l_m}, p_{k_1 l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle h, h' \rangle$$

which is contradiction. So,

$$\langle a_{l_m l_m}, a_{l_m l_m}' \rangle < \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k} \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_m k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right).$$

Hence  $\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle h, h' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$

Therefore  $\langle s_{ij}^{n+1}, s_{ij}'^{n+1} \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$ .

2. Assume that there exist indices  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n$  such that

$$\langle s_{il_1}, s_{il_1}' \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_1 l_2}, s_{l_1 l_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle s_{l_n j}, s_{l_n j}' \rangle = \langle g, g' \rangle < \langle 1, 0 \rangle.$$

Let  $l_o = i$  and  $l_{n+1} = j$

(a) Assume  $l_a = l_b = l_c$  where  $a > b > c$ . Then we have

$$\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle, a > m \geq b$$

Thus,

$$\langle s_{il_m}^{(m)}, s_{il_m}'^{(m)} \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_m}^{(c-b-c)}, s_{l_m l_m}'^{(c-b-c)} \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_b}^{(b-m)}, s_{l_m l_b}'^{(b-m)} \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_c j}^{(n+1-c)}, s_{l_c j}'^{(n+1-c)} \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$$

so  $\langle s_{ij}^n, s_{ij}'^n \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$

(b) Assume  $l_a = l_b$  and  $l_c = l_d$

(i) If  $a > b > c > d$  then  $\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle, a > m \geq b$  for some  $l_m$ .

Thus,

$$\langle s_{il_m}, s_{il_m}' \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_m} (d-c-1), s_{l_m l_m}' (d-c-1) \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_c} (c-m), s_{l_m l_c}' (c-m) \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_d j} (n+1-d), s_{l_d j}' (n+1-d) \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$$

So  $\langle s_{ij}^n, s_{ij}'^n \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$ .

(ii) If  $a > c > b > d$  then  $\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle h, h' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle, a > m \geq b$  for some  $l_m$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \langle h, h' \rangle &= \langle a_{l_{m-1} l_m}, a_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle \\ &= \langle a_{l_n l_{n+1}}, a_{l_n l_{n+1}}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle a_{l_{b+1} l_b}, a_{l_{b+1} l_b}' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since it is clear that  $\langle s_{ij}^n, s_{ij}'^n \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$  for  $m \geq c$ , suppose that  $m > c$ . If

$$\langle a_{l_a l_m}, a_{l_a l_m}' \rangle \geq \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_a k} \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_a k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right)$$

Then

$$\langle g, g' \rangle \geq \langle h, h' \rangle \geq \langle a_{l_a l_m}, a_{l_a l_m}' \rangle \geq \langle a_{l_n k_1}, a_{l_n k_1}' \rangle \wedge \langle p_{k_1 l_m}, p_{k_1 l_m}' \rangle \text{ for some } k_1.$$

Thus

$$\langle a_{l_{m-1} k_1}, a_{l_{m-1} k_1}' \rangle \leq \langle a_{l_{m-1} l_m}, a_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle \vee \langle a_{l_m l_n}, a_{l_m l_n}' \rangle \wedge \langle a_{l_a k_1}, a_{l_a k_1}' \rangle = \langle h, h' \rangle$$

we have

$$\left( \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_{m-1} k} \wedge p_{k l_m} \rangle, \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l_{m-1} k}' \vee p_{k l_m}' \rangle \right) \leq \langle a_{l_{m-1} k_1}, a_{l_{m-1} k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_1 l_m}, p_{k_1 l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle h, h' \rangle$$

which contradicts the fact that

$$\langle h, h' \rangle = \langle s_{l_{m-1} l_m}, s_{l_{m-1} l_m}' \rangle < 0$$

So  $\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$ .

Hence  $\langle s_{il_a}(a), s_{il_a}'(a) \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_a l_m}, s_{l_a l_m}' \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_m}^{(m-a-2)}, s_{l_m l_m}'^{(m-a-2)} \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m j}^{(n+1-m)}, s_{l_m j}'^{(n+1-m)} \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$ .

3. If  $a > c > d > b$  then  $\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle, a > m \geq b$  for some....

It is clear that  $\langle s_{ij}(n), s_{ij}'(n) \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$  for  $m \geq c$  (or)  $d \geq m$ . Suppose that  $c \geq m \geq d$ .

By the same argument as in (ii) we have

$\langle s_{l_m l_m}, s_{l_m l_m}' \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle$  then

$$\langle s_{i_a}(a), s_{i_a}'(a) \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_{a l_m}}, s_{l_{a l_m}}' \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m l_n}^{(m-a-2)}, s_{l_m l_n}'^{(m-a-2)} \rangle \vee \langle s_{l_m j}^{(n+1-m)}, s_{l_m j}'^{(n+1-m)} \rangle \leq \langle g, g' \rangle.$$

□

**Example 3.3**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$  and  $P = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1,0.6 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \times P = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1,0.6 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \times P = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (A \times P)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4,0.5 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S^2 = S \cdot S = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $S^3 = S^2 \times S = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,0 \rangle & \langle 0.1,0.5 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3,0.5 \rangle & \langle 1,0 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

Thus we have  $S^3 = S^2$

From Theorem 3.2, we get the following two results.

**Corollary 3.4** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  transitive matrix, then  $(A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (P \times A))^n = (A \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} (P \times A))^{n+1}$  for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$ .

**Corollary 3.5** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  transitive matrix, then  $A^n = A^{n+1}$ .

We now consider conditions under which our  $n \times n$  transitive matrix  $A$  fulfills the relationship  $A^{n-1} = A$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix if  $A \wedge I \geq P \geq A$  and the Min-Min product  $A \cdot A^T \leq \langle (a_{ij}, a_{ij}') \rangle$  for some  $j$  then  $P^{n-1} = p^n$ .

*Proof.* First we know that  $P^{n-1} \leq P^n$  suppose that  $\langle p_{ij}(n-1), p_{ij}'(n-1) \rangle = \langle c, c' \rangle \leq \langle 1,0 \rangle$

Then there exist indices  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-2}$  such that  $\langle p_{i k_1}, p_{i k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_1 k_2}, p_{k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{n-2} j}, p_{k_{n-2} j}' \rangle = \langle c, c' \rangle$

Thus  $\langle a_{i k_1}, a_{i k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle a_{k_1 k_2}, a_{k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle a_{k_{n-2} j}, a_{k_{n-2} j}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$

Let  $k_0 = i$  and  $k_{n-1} = j$

(a) If  $k_a = k_b$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a > b$ ), then  $\langle p_{k_a k_a}(a-b), p_{k_a k_a}'(a-b) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$ .

Thus

$$\langle a_{k_a k_a}, a_{k_a k_a}'(a-b) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle, \langle a_{k_a k_b}, a_{k_a k_b}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

$$\langle p_{k_a k_a}, p_{k_a k_a}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle.$$

So

$$\langle p_{i k_1}, p_{i k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{i k_1 k_2}, p_{i k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{a-1} k_a}, p_{k_{a-1} k_a}' \rangle$$

$$\vee \langle p_{k_a k_a}, p_{k_a k_a}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_a k_{a+1}}, p_{k_a k_{a+1}}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{n-2} j}, p_{k_{n-2} j}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle.$$

Hence  $\langle p_{ij}(n), p_{ij}'(n) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$

(b) Suppose that  $k_a \neq k_b$  for all  $a \neq b$ . By hypothesis,

$$\langle \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l k m} \wedge a_{k m l} \rangle, \bigvee_{k=1}^n \langle a_{l k m}' \vee a_{k m l}' \rangle \rangle \geq \langle a_{a k_m k_m}, a_{k_m k_m}' \rangle \text{ for some } m.$$

$$\text{Then } \langle a_{k_m k_m}, a_{k_m k_m}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

$$\langle p_{k_m k_m}, p_{k_m k_m}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

Thus

$$\langle p_{i k_j}, p_{i k_j}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_1 k_2}, p_{k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{m-1}}, p_{k_{m-1} k_m}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_m k_m}, p_{k_m k_m}' \rangle$$

$$\vee \langle p_{k_m k_{m+1}}, p_{k_m k_{m+1}}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{n-2} j}, p_{k_{n-2} j}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

So  $\langle p_{ij}(n), p_{ij}'(n) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$

(2) Next we show that  $p^n p^{n-1}$

Let  $\langle p_{ij}(n), p_{ij}'(n) \rangle = \langle c, c' \rangle < \langle 1,0 \rangle$

Then there exists indices  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-1}$  such that  $\langle p_{i k_1}, p_{i k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_1 k_2}, p_{k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{n-1} j}, p_{k_{n-1} j}' \rangle = \langle c, c' \rangle$

Let  $k_0 = i$  and  $k_n = j$ . Then  $k_a = k_b$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a > b$ ). Thus  $\langle p_{k_a k_a}(a-b), p_{k_a k_a}'(a-b) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$

So

$$\langle a_{k_a k_a}(a-b), a_{k_a k_a}'(a-b) \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

$$\langle a_{k_a k_a}, a_{k_a k_a}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

$$\langle p_{k_a k_a}, p_{k_a k_a}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

Hence

$$\langle p_{i k_1}, p_{i k_1}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_1 k_2}, p_{k_1 k_2}' \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle p_{k_{a-1} k_a}, p_{k_{a-1} k_a}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_a k_a}(b-a-1), p_{k_a k_a}' \rangle \vee \langle p_{k_b k_{b+1}}, p_{k_b k_{b+1}}' \rangle \vee \dots$$

$$\vee \langle p_{k_{n-1} j}, p_{k_{n-1} j}' \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$$

Therefore  $\langle p_{ij}^{(n-1)}, p_{ij}'^{(n-1)} \rangle \leq \langle c, c' \rangle$ .

**Example 3.7**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix}, P = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \leq A \text{ (A is transitive)}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = A^2$$

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^2 P = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.4, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 0.2 \rangle \\ \langle 0.3, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.1, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = P^2$$

**Theorem 3.8** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  transitive matrix,  $A \wedge I \geq P \geq A$  and  $p \bullet p^T \leq \langle p_{ij}, p_{ij}' \rangle$  for some  $j$ , then  $p^{n-1} = p^n$ .

As a special case of Theorem 3.6 or Theorem 3.8 we obtain the following corollary where  $A$  is a transitive IFM.

**Corollary 3.9** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  transitive intuitionistic fuzzy matrix.

$$A \bullet A^T \leq \langle a_{ij}, a_{ij}' \rangle \text{ for some } j \text{ then } A^{n-1} = A^n.$$

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