

System of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Relational Equations

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Abstract

In this paper, we represent an intuitionistic fuzzy matrix as the Cartesian product representation of its membership and non-membership matrices. By using this representation, we introduce the concept of regularity for block IFMs and the consistency of intuitionistic fuzzy relational equations are discussed.

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Introduction

We deal with fuzzy matrices that is, matrices over the fuzzy algebra F^M and F^N with support $[0,1]$ and fuzzy operations $\{+,.\}$ defined as $a + b = \max \{a, b\}$, $a.b = \min\{a,b\}$ for all $a,b \in F^M$ and $a + b = \min \{a, b\}$, $a.b = \max\{a, b\}$ for all $a, b \in F^N$. Let $F_{m \times n}^M$ be the set of all $m \times n$ Fuzzy matrices over F . A matrix $A \in F_{m \times n}^M$ is said to be regular if there exists $X \in F_{n \times m}^M$ such that $AXA = A$, X is called a generalized inverse (g-inverse) of A . In [2], Kim and Roush have developed the theory of fuzzy matrices, under max min composition analogous to that of Boolean matrices. Cho [1] has discussed the consistency of fuzzy matrix equations, if A is regular with a g-inverse X , then $b.X$ is a solution of $x A=b$. Further every invertible matrix is regular. For more details on fuzzy matrices one may refer [4]. Regularity of block fuzzy matrices and the consistency of a fuzzy relational equation with coefficient matrix is a block fuzzy matrix are discussed in[3]. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy matrices (IFMs) as a generalization of fuzzy matrix was studied and developed by Madhumangal Pal et.al.[6]. In our earlier work, we have studied on regularity of IFM[5].

In this paper, we discuss the consistency of Intuitionistic fuzzy relational equations as a generalization of fuzzy relational equations discussed in [4]. In section 2, we present the basic definitions and required results on IFMs. In section 3, by

introducing the concept of schur complements for a block IFM and discussed the consistency of intuitionistic fuzzy relational equations of the form $xM=b$, where M is a block intuitionistic fuzzy matrix and b is an intuitionistic fuzzy vector.

Preliminaries

Let $(IF)_{m \times n}$ be the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy matrices of order $m \times n$. Let $(IF)_{m \times n}$ be the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy matrices of order $m \times n$. First we shall represent $A \in (IF)_{m \times n}$ as Cartesian product of fuzzy matrices. The Cartesian product of any two matrices $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$, denoted as $\langle A, B \rangle$ is defined as the matrix whose ij^{th} entry is the ordered pair $\langle A, B \rangle = \langle (a_{ij}, b_{ij}) \rangle$. For $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} = \langle (a_{ij\mu}, a_{ij\nu}) \rangle \in (IF)_{m \times n}$. We define $A_\mu = (a_{ij\mu}) \in F_{m \times n}^M$ as the membership part of A and $A_\nu = (a_{ij\nu}) \in F_{m \times n}^N$ as the non membership part of A . Thus A is the Cartesian product of A_μ and A_ν written as $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$ with $A_\mu \in F_{m \times n}^M$, $A_\nu \in F_{m \times n}^N$.

Here we shall follow the matrix operations on intuitionistic fuzzy matrices as defined in our earlier work [5].

For $A, B \in (IF)_{m \times n}$, if $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$ and $B = \langle B_\mu, B_\nu \rangle$, then

$$(2.1) \quad A + B = \langle A_\mu + B_\mu, A_\nu + B_\nu \rangle$$

For $A \in (IF)_{m \times p}$, $B \in (IF)_{p \times n}$ if $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$ and $B = \langle B_\mu, B_\nu \rangle$, then

$$(2.2) \quad AB = \langle A_\mu \cdot B_\mu, A_\nu \cdot B_\nu \rangle$$

$A_\mu \cdot B_\mu$ is the max min product in $F_{m \times n}^M$, $A_\nu \cdot B_\nu$ is the min max product in $F_{m \times n}^N$.

For $A \in (IF)_{m \times n}$, $R(A)$ ($C(A)$) be the space generated by the rows (columns) of A .

Let us define the order relation on $(IF)_{m \times n}$ as,

$$(2.3) \quad A \leq B \Leftrightarrow A_\mu \leq B_\mu \text{ and } A_\nu \geq B_\nu \Leftrightarrow A + B = B.$$

In the sequel, we shall make use of the following results proved in our earlier work [5].

Lemma 2.1[5]: For $A, B \in (IF)_{m \times n}$, $R(B) \subseteq R(A) \Leftrightarrow B = YA$ for some $Y \in (IF)_n$, $C(B) \subseteq C(A) \Leftrightarrow B = AX$ for some $X \in (IF)_m$.

Lemma 2.2[5]: Let $A \in (IF)_{m \times n}$ be of the form $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$. Then A is regular $\Leftrightarrow A_\mu$ is regular in $F_{m \times n}^M$ under max min composition and A_ν is regular in $F_{m \times n}^N$ under min

max composition.

Lemma 2.3[5]: If $A \in (IF)_{m \times n}$ is of the form $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$, then

(i) $R(A) = \langle R(A_\mu), R(A_\nu) \rangle$ and (ii) $C(A) = \langle C(A_\mu), C(A_\nu) \rangle$.

Consistency of $xM=b$, where M is Block Intuitionistic Fuzzy Matrix

In this section, we are concerned with a block intuitionistic fuzzy matrix of the form

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.1}$$

with the diagonal blocks A and D are regular IFMs. With respect to this partitioning a schur complement of A in M is a matrix of the form $M/A = D - CA^{\sim}B$, Where A^{\sim} is some g-inverse of A. By M/A is a intuitionistic fuzzy matrix, we mean that $CA^{\sim}B$ is invariant and $D \geq CA^{\sim}B$. Therefore

$$M/A \text{ is a fuzzy matrix} \Leftrightarrow CA^{\sim}B \text{ is invariant and } D = D + CA^{\sim}B \tag{3.2}$$

Similarly,

$$M/D = A - BD^{\sim}C \text{ is an IFM} \Leftrightarrow BD^{\sim}C \text{ is invariant and } A = A + BD^{\sim}C \tag{3.3}$$

Let M of the form (3.1) can be expressed as $M = \langle M_\mu, M_\nu \rangle$, where

$$M_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu & B_\mu \\ C_\mu & D_\mu \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} A_\nu & B_\nu \\ C_\nu & D_\nu \end{pmatrix}$$

are block intuitionistic fuzzy matrices.

Let $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$, $B = \langle B_\mu, B_\nu \rangle$, $C = \langle C_\mu, C_\nu \rangle$ and $D = \langle D_\mu, D_\nu \rangle$. Since A and D are regular, by Lemma (2.2) $A_\mu, A_\nu, D_\mu, D_\nu$ are all regular IFMs.

Lemma 3.1

For IFMs, A,B,C if A is regular. $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$ and $C(B) \subseteq C(A)$, then $CA^{\sim}B$ is invariant for all choices of g-inverses of A.

Proof

Since $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$ and $C(B) \subseteq C(A)$, by lemma (2.1), $C = YA$ and

$$B = AX \text{ for some } X, Y \in (IF)_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } CA^{\sim}B &= (YA) A^{\sim}(AX) \\ &= Y (AA^{\sim}A)X \text{ (Since A is regular)} \\ &= YAX \end{aligned}$$

Thus $CA^{\sim}B$ is invariant for all choices of g-inverses of A.

Lemma 3.2

For IFMs A, B, C , if A is regular then the following are equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} R(C) &\subseteq R(A) \\ R(C_\mu) &\subseteq R(A_\mu), R(C_\nu) \subseteq R(A_\nu) \\ C &= CA^{\sim}A \text{ for all } A^{\sim} \text{ of } A. \\ C_\mu &= C_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} A_\mu \text{ for all } A_\mu^{\sim} \text{ of } A_\mu \text{ and} \\ C_\nu &= C_\nu A_\nu^{\sim} A_\nu \text{ for all } A_\nu^{\sim} \text{ of } A_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

Proof

Let $A = \langle A_\mu, A_\nu \rangle$, $B = \langle B_\mu, B_\nu \rangle$ and $C = \langle C_\mu, C_\nu \rangle$.

(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii): Since $R(C) = \langle R(C_\mu), R(C_\nu) \rangle$ and $R(A) = \langle R(A_\mu), R(A_\nu) \rangle$.

$R(C) \subseteq R(A) \Leftrightarrow R(C_\mu) \subseteq R(A_\mu)$ and $R(C_\nu) \subseteq R(A_\nu)$. Thus (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) holds.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iv): Since A is regular, by lemma (2.2), A_μ and A_ν are regular.

$$\begin{aligned} R(C_\mu) &\subseteq R(A_\mu) \Leftrightarrow C_\mu = Y_\mu A_\mu && \text{(By lemma (2.1))} \\ \Leftrightarrow C_\mu &= Y_\mu (A_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} A_\mu) \\ \Leftrightarrow C_\mu &= C_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} A_\mu && \text{(By taking } Y_\mu = C_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner $R(C_\nu) \subseteq R(A_\nu) \Leftrightarrow C_\nu = C_\nu A_\nu^{\sim} A_\nu$. Thus (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iv) holds.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii):

Since A is regular, by lemma (2.2), A_μ, A_ν are regular.

$$\begin{aligned} R(C_\mu) &\subseteq R(A_\mu) \text{ and } R(C_\nu) \subseteq R(A_\nu) \\ \Leftrightarrow C_\mu &= Y_\mu A_\mu \text{ and } C_\nu = Y_\nu A_\nu && \text{(By lemma (2.1))} \\ \Leftrightarrow C_\mu &= Y_\mu A_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} A_\mu \text{ and } C_\nu = C_\nu A_\nu A_\nu^{\sim} A_\nu \\ \Leftrightarrow C_\mu &= Y_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} A_\mu \text{ and } C_\nu = C_\nu A_\nu^{\sim} A_\nu && \text{(by taking } Y = CA^{\sim} \text{)} \\ \Leftrightarrow C &= CA^{\sim}A. \text{ Thus (ii) } \Leftrightarrow \text{(iii) holds.} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.3

For IFMs A, B, C if A is regular then the following are equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} C(B) &\subseteq C(A) \\ C(B_\mu) &\subseteq C(A_\mu), C(B_\nu) \subseteq C(A_\nu), \\ B &= AA^{\sim}B \text{ for all } A^{\sim} \text{ of } A. \\ B_\mu &= A_\mu A_\mu^{\sim} B_\mu \text{ for all } A_\mu^{\sim} \text{ of } A_\mu \text{ and} \\ B_\nu &= A_\nu A_\nu^{\sim} B_\nu \text{ for all } A_\nu^{\sim} \text{ of } A_\nu \end{aligned}$$

Proof

Since $C(B) = R(B^T)$, A is regular $\Leftrightarrow A^T$ is regular and $A^{\sim} \in A\{1\} \Leftrightarrow (A^{\sim})^T \in A^T\{1\}$.

Lemma (3.3) follows from Lemma (3.2).

Theorem 3.4

For IFMs A, B, C if A is regular then the following are equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} R(C) &\subseteq R(A) \text{ and } C(B) \subseteq C(A) \\ C &= CA^{\sim}A \text{ and } B = AA^{\sim}B \text{ for all } A^{\sim} \text{ of } A \end{aligned}$$

$CA^{\sim}B$ is invariant, $C = C + CA^{\sim}A$ and $B = B + AA^{\sim}B$.

Proof

\Leftrightarrow (iii): This is precisely the equivalence of (i) and (iii) of lemma (3.2) and lemma (3.3).

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): This follows from lemma(3.1) and (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} C &= CA^{\sim}A \text{ and } B = AA^{\sim}B \\ \Rightarrow C &= C + CA^{\sim}A \text{ and } B = B + AA^{\sim}B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For any } A^{\sim} \in A\{1\}, CA^{\sim}B &= (CXA) A^{\sim} (AYB), \text{ for some } X, Y \in A\{1\} \\ &= C X (AA^{\sim}A) YB \\ &= CXAYB \\ &= C(XAY) B \\ &= CZB, \text{ Where } Z = XAY \in A\{1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $CA^{\sim}B$ is invariant

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii): $B = B + AA^{\sim}B$ and $C = C + CA^{\sim}A$

$$\Rightarrow B \geq AA^{\sim}B \text{ and } C \geq CA^{\sim}A.$$

Suppose $C > CA^{\sim}A$, then $CA^{\sim}B > C(A^{\sim}AA^{\sim}) B = CXB$.

Where $X = A^{\sim}AA^{\sim}$ is a g-inverse of A . This contradicts the invariance of C .

Hence $C = CA^{\sim}A$.

In the same manner, we can show that $B = AA^{\sim}B$. Thus (ii) holds.

Here, we shall discuss the consistency of the intuitionistic fuzzy matrix equation $xM = b$.

$$\text{Let } M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, x = [y \ z] \text{ and } b = [c \ d] \text{ be partitions of } x \text{ and } b \text{ respectively}$$

in confirmity with that of M .

Theorem 3.5

Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ with A and D are regular, M/A and M/D exists. $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$

and $R(B) \subseteq R(D)$. Then $xM = b$ is solvable if and only if $y.A = c$ and $z.D = d$ are solvable $c \geq dD^{\sim}C$ and $d \geq cA^{\sim}B$.

Proof

Suppose $xM = b$ is solvable and $\alpha = [\beta \ \gamma]$ is a solution. Then we get

$$\beta A + \gamma C = c \text{ and } \beta B + \gamma D = d \tag{3.4}$$

Since $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$ and $R(B) \subseteq R(D)$, by theorem (3.4), $C = CA^{\sim}A$ and $B = BD^{\sim}D$.

Substituting for C and B in (3.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \beta A + \gamma CA^{\sim}A &= c \text{ and } \beta BD^{\sim}D + \gamma D = d \\ \Rightarrow (\beta + \gamma CA^{\sim}A)A &= c \text{ and } (\beta BD^{\sim} + \gamma)D = d. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $y.A = c$, and $z.D = d$ are solvable.

Since A and D are regular, the solutions will be of the form $y = cA^-$ and $z = dD^-$

Hence $cA^- = \beta + \gamma CA^-$ and $dD^- = \beta BD^- + \gamma$

$$\Rightarrow cA^-B = \beta B + \gamma CA^-B \text{ and } dD^-C = \beta BD^-C + \gamma C \quad (3.5)$$

Since M/A and M/D exist, by (3.2) $A + BD^-C = A$ and $D + CA^-B = D$.

Substituting for A and D in (3.4) we get,

$$c = \beta A + \gamma C = \beta(A + BD^-C) + \gamma C = \beta A + \beta BD^-C + \gamma C \quad (3.6)$$

$$d = \beta B + \gamma D = \beta B + \gamma(D + CA^-B) = \beta B + \gamma D + \gamma CA^-B \quad (3.7)$$

Substituting (3.5) in (3.6) and (3.7), We get,

$$c = \beta A + dD^-C$$

$$d = \gamma D + CA^-B.$$

By intuitionistic fuzzy addition it follows that $C \geq dD^-C$ and $d \geq CA^-B$ as required.

Conversely,

Suppose $y.A = c$ and $z.C = d$ are solvable, then $y = cA^-$ and $z = dC^-$. Hence $cA^-A = y.A = c$ and $dC^-C = z.C = d$.

From the given conditions, $c \geq dD^-C$ and $d \geq cA^-B$, We get

$$c + dD^-C = c \text{ and } d + cA^-B = d$$

$$\text{Now, } [cA^- \ dD^-] \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = [cA^-A + dD^-C, cA^-B + dD^-D]$$

$$= [c + dD^-C, cA^-B + d]$$

$$= [c, d]$$

Thus $x.M = b$ is solvable. Hence the proof.

Remark 3.6

In particular, for $B = 0$ the above theorem reduces to the following

Corollary 3.7

For the matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ such that $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$ the blocks A and

D are regular IFMs, the following statements are equivalent:

$x.M = b$ is solvable

$y.A = c$, $z.D = d$ are solvable and $c \geq dD^-C$.

Proof

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose $x.M = b$ is solvable, let $\alpha = [\beta \gamma]$ be a solution. Then we get,

$$\beta.A + \gamma.C = c \text{ and } \gamma.D = d. \quad (3.8)$$

Since $R(C) \subseteq R(A)$, by theorem (3.4), $C = CA^-A$. Substituting C in (3.8) we get,
 $\beta A + \gamma CA^-A = c$ and $\gamma D = d$
 $\Rightarrow (\beta + \gamma CA^-)A = c$ and $\gamma D = d$

Therefore $y.A = c$ and $z.D = d$ are both solvable with $y = \beta + \gamma CA^-$ is a solution of $y.A = c$ and $z = \gamma$ is a solution of $z.D = d$. Since D is regular, $\gamma = dD^-$ is a solution of $z.D = d$. Now $\gamma C = dD^-C$. From $\beta A + \gamma C = c$ by addition property we get, $c \geq \gamma C = dD^-C$.

Hence (i) \Rightarrow (ii).

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose $y.A = C$ and $z.D = d$ are solvable, since both A and D are regular IFMs $y = cA^-$ and $z = dD^-$ are respectively the solutions of the equation $y.A = c$ and $z.D = d$. Hence $cA^-A = c$ and $dD^-D = d$. By addition property, $c \geq dD^-C$ implies $c + dD^-C = c$

$$\begin{aligned} [cA^- \ dD^-] \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} &= [cA^-A + dD^-C \ dD^-D] \\ &= [c + dD^-C \ d] \\ &= [c \ d] \\ &= b. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $[cA^- \ dD^-]$ is a solution of the equation $x.M = b$. Hence $x.M = b$ is solvable.

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