# Some Remarks on Sections of a Fuzzy Matrix

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ABSTRACT. The concept of sections of a fuzzy matrix was introduced by Kim & Roush. We study the relation between a fuzzy matrix and its sections. Also, we introduce the concept of  $\alpha$ -irreflexive, strongly irreflexive and circular fuzzy matrix.

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#### 1. Introduction

A Boolean matrix is a matrix with elements each has value 0 or 1. A fuzzy matrix is a matrix with elements having values in the closed interval [0,1]. The concept of sections of a fuzzy matrix was introduced by Kim and Roush<sup>[1]</sup>.

In this paper, we show that many properties of a fuzzy matrix, such as reflexive, irreflexive, transitive, nilpotent, regular and others, can be extended to all its sections. We show also that some properties of the sections of a fuzzy matrix do not extend to the original fuzzy matrix, such as regularity property.

Moreover, we define some properties of a square fuzzy matrix, such as  $\alpha$ -irreflexive, strongly irreflexive and circularity, and examine it throughout our results.

### 2. Preliminaries and Definitions

We shall begin with the following definitions.

## Definition 2.1 [2-5]

The operations  $+, \cdot, \leftarrow$  and - on [0,1] are defined as follows:

 $a + b = \max(a,b), \quad a \cdot b = \min(a,b),$ 

$$a \leftarrow b = \begin{cases} \text{if } a > b, \\ a & a \leq b, \end{cases} \qquad b \rightarrow a = a \leftarrow b,$$
$$a - b = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a > b \\ 0 & \text{if } a \leq b. \end{cases}$$

where  $a, b \in [0,1]$ .

We shall write a b instead of  $a \cdot b$ .

#### Remark.

A fuzzy relation R from X to Y is defined to be fuzzy subset of  $X \times Y$ . If X and Y are finite, we put  $X = \{x_1, ..., x_m\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, ..., y_n\}$  and  $R(x_i, y_j) = r_{ij}(r_{ij} \in [0,1])$ ,  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ , where  $I = \{1, ..., m\}$  and  $J = \{1, ..., n\}$ . So,  $R = [r_{ij}]$ ; *i.e.*, R is a fuzzy matrix. The composition of the fuzzy relations R and S on  $X \times Y$  and  $Y \times Z$ , respectively, is defined to be a fuzzy relation R o S on  $X \times Z$  such that R o  $S(x, z) = \sup_{y \in Y} y \in Y$ 

min (R(x,y), S(y,z)). The equation  $R \circ S = T$  of fuzzy relations is called fuzzy relation equation. The problem of fuzzy relation equation is "find R knowing S and T". In order to solve this problem, Sanchez<sup>[6]</sup> introduced the operations  $\leftarrow$  and  $\rightarrow$ . Note that the equation  $R \circ S = T$  can be written in fuzzy matrix form  $[r_{ij}][s_{jk}] = [t_{ik}]$ , where X and Y as above and  $Z = \{z_1, ..., z_k\}$ . The product of the fuzzy matrices is defined as in the crisp case with + and  $\cdot$  as in the above definition.

### **Definition 2.2** [2-5,7]

For fuzzy matrices  $A = [a_{ij}] (m \times n)$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] (m \times p)$ ,  $D = [d_{ij}] (p \times q)$ ,  $G = [g_{ij}] (m \times n)$  and  $R = [r_{ij}] (n \times n)$ , the following operations are defined :

$$A + G = [a_{ij} + g_{ij}], \quad A \wedge G = [a_{ij} g_{ij}],$$
$$BD = [\sum_{k=1}^{p} b_{ik} d_{kj}], \quad A - G = [a_{ij} - g_{ij}],$$
$$B \leftarrow D = \prod_{k=1}^{p} (b_{ik} \leftarrow d_{kj})], \quad B \rightarrow D = \prod_{k=1}^{p} (b_{ik} \rightarrow d_{kj}),$$
$$(\text{where } \prod_{k=1}^{n} a_{k} = a_{1} a_{2} a_{3} \qquad a,$$

 $A' = [a_{ji}] \text{ (the transpose of A), } R^{k+1} = R^k R (k = 0, 1, 2, ...),$   $A/R = A - A R, \quad \Delta R = R - R', \quad \nabla R = R \wedge R',$  $A \leq G \text{ if and only if } a_{ii} \leq g_{ii} \text{ for all } i, j.$ 

#### **Definition 2.3**<sup>[3,5,8,9]</sup>

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix R is called reflexive if and only if  $r_{ii} = 1$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. It is called  $\alpha$ -reflexive if and only if  $r_{ii} \ge \alpha$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n where  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ . It is called weakly reflexive if and only if if  $r_{ii} \ge r_{ii}$  for all i, j = 1, ..., n.

# **Definition 2.4** [2-4,7,8,10]

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix R is called irreflexive if and only if  $r_{ii} = 0$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n.

## **Definition 2.5** [2,8,10]

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix S is called symmetric if and only if  $s_{ij} = s_{ji}$  for all i, j = 1, 2, ..., n. It is called antisymmetric if and only if  $S \wedge S' \leq I_n$ , where  $I_n$  is the usual unit matrix.

#### Remark.

Note that the condition  $S \wedge S' \leq I_n$  means that  $s_{ij} \wedge s_{ji} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  and  $s_{ii} \leq 1$  for all *i*. So, if  $s_{ij} = 1$ , then  $s_{ii} = 0$ , which is the crisp case.

### Lemma 2.6<sup>[8]</sup>

Let A be an  $m \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then AA' is weakly reflexive and symmetric.

#### Proof

Let 
$$S = [s_{ij}] = AA'$$
. Then  $s_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} a_{ik} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} = a_{ik}$  for some *h*,

 $s_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} a_{jk} = a_{il} a_{jl}$  for some *l*. Therefore  $s_{ij} = a_{il} a_{jl} \le a_{il} \le a_{ik} = s_i$  Hence *S* 

is weakly reflexive. Since  $s_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} a_{jk}$ ,  $s_{ji} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{jk} a_{ik}$ ,  $s_{ij} = s_{ji}$  and so, S is symmetric.

### Corollary 2.7

If the fuzzy matrix S is symmetric, then  $S^2$  is weakly reflexive.

### Remark 2.8

All the powers  $S^k$ ; k = 1, 2, ... of a symmetric fuzzy matrix S are also symmetric and weakly reflexive.

### **Definition 2.9** [2-4,7,10]

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix N is called nilpotent if and only if  $N^n = 0$  (the zero matrix).

#### Remark

(1) Note that, if N is an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix with  $N^m = 0$  for some positive integer m, then N is nilpotent in the sense of the above definition; *i.e.*,  $N^n = 0$  (see [10]).

(2) If  $N^m = 0$  and  $N^{m-1} \neq 0$ ,  $1 \le m \le n$ , then N is called nilpotent of degree m. Note that nilpotent of degree m is nilpotent.

## **Definition 2.10**<sup>[2-5,7,8,10,11]</sup>

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix E is called idempotent if and only if  $E^2 = E$ . It is called transitive if and only if  $E^2 \leq E$ . It is called compact if and only if  $E^2 \geq E$ .

#### Remark

If E is idempotent; *i.e.*,  $E^2 = E$ , then we have  $E^3 = E^2 = E$  and  $E^4 = E^2 = E$  and so on. This means that  $E^p = E$  for all  $p \ge 2$ .

#### **Proposition 2.11**

Let E be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. If E is transitive and reflexive, then E is idempotent.

#### Proof

Since we have E is a transitive fuzzy matrix,  $E^2 \le E$ . Now, we show that  $E^2 \ge E$ .

Let  $E^2 = [e_{ij}^{(2)}]$ . Then  $e_{ij}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} e_{ik} e_{kj} \ge e_{ij} e_{ij} = e_{ij}$  (Since we have *E* is reflexive).

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### **Proposition 2.12**<sup>[4]</sup>

Let N be an irreflexive and transitive fuzzy matrix. Then N is nilpotent.

## **Definition 2.13**<sup>[1,5]</sup>

An  $m \times n$  fuzzy matrix A is called regular if and only if there exists an  $n \times m$  fuzzy matrix G such that AGA = A. Such a fuzzy matrix G is called a generalized inverse or a g-inverse of A.

#### Remark

Note that G is not unique since it is not unique in the crisp case.

### Definition 2.14<sup>[8]</sup>

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix S is called similarity if and only if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

## 3. Some Properties of Sections of Fuzzy Matrices

### **Definition 3.1**<sup>[1]</sup>

The section  $\alpha$  of a fuzzy matrix A is a Boolean matrix, denoted by  $A^{\alpha} = [a_{ij}^{\alpha}]$  such that  $a_{ij}^{\alpha} = 1$  if  $a_{ij} \ge \alpha$  and  $a_{ij}^{\alpha} = 0$  if  $a_{ij} < \alpha$ . Where  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ .

### Lemma 3.2

For  $a, b \in [0,1]$ , we have the followings :

- (1)  $a \ge b \implies a^{\alpha} \ge b^{\alpha}$ ,
- (2)  $(a b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} b^{\alpha}$ ,
- $(3) (a + b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} + b^{\alpha},$
- (4)  $(a \rightarrow b)^{\alpha} \leq a^{\alpha} \rightarrow b^{\alpha}$ ,
- (5)  $(a-b)^{\alpha} \ge a^{\alpha}-b^{\alpha}$ .

#### Proof

(1) Obvious by definition.

(2) If  $a b \ge \alpha$ , then  $(a b)^{\alpha} = 1$ ,  $a^{\alpha} b^{\alpha} = 1$ . If  $a b < \alpha$ , then  $(a b)^{\alpha} = 0$ . Since  $a b < \alpha$ , at least one of a and b is less than  $\alpha$ . So,  $a^{\alpha} b^{\alpha} = 0$ . Hence  $(a b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} b^{\alpha}$ .

(3) If  $a + b \ge \alpha$ , then  $a \ge \alpha$  or  $b \ge \alpha$  or both. So,  $(a + b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} + b^{\alpha} = 1$ . If  $a + b < \alpha$ , then  $a < \alpha$  and  $b < \alpha$ . So,  $(a + b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} + b^{\alpha} = 0$ .

(4) If  $b \ge a$ , then  $(a \to b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} \to b^{\alpha} = 1$ . If b < a, then  $(a \to b)^{\alpha} = b^{\alpha}$  and  $a^{\alpha} \to b^{\alpha} = \begin{cases} b^{\alpha} \\ 1 \end{cases}$ . So,  $(a \to b)^{\alpha} \le a^{\alpha} \to b^{\alpha}$ . (5) If  $b \ge a$ , then  $(a - b)^{\alpha} = 0^{\alpha} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$  and  $a^{\alpha} - b^{\alpha} = 0$ . If b < a,

then  $(a-b)^{\alpha} = a^{\alpha} \ge a^{\alpha} - b^{\alpha}$ . Hence  $(a-b)^{\alpha} \ge a^{\alpha} - b^{\alpha}$ .

#### **Proposition 3.3**

Let  $A = [a_{ij}] (m \times n)$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] (m \times n)$ ,  $R = [r_{ij}] (n \times n)$  and  $C = [c_{ij}] (n \times p)$  be fuzzy matrices. Then we have the following :

(1)  $A \ge B \Longrightarrow A^{\alpha} \ge B^{\alpha}$ , (2)  $(A \land B)^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} \land B^{\alpha}$ , (3)  $(A + B)^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} + B^{\alpha}$ , (4)  $(A \to C)^{\alpha} \le A^{\alpha} \to C^{\alpha}$ , (5)  $(A - B)^{\alpha} \ge A^{\alpha} - B^{\alpha}$ , (6)  $(A \ C)^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} \ C^{\alpha}$ , (7)  $(A / R)^{\alpha} \ge A^{\alpha} / R^{\alpha}$ , (8)  $(A')^{\alpha} = (A^{\alpha})'$ .

### Proof

(1), (2), (3), (5) and (8) are clear.

(4) Let  $D = A \rightarrow C$  and  $F = A^{\alpha} \rightarrow C^{\alpha}$ . Then

$$d_{ij} = \prod_{k=1}^{n} (a_{ik} \to c_{kj})^{\alpha} = (a_{ih} \to c_{hj})^{\alpha} \text{ for some } h$$

$$f_{ij} = \prod_{k=1}^{n} (a_{ik}^{\alpha} \to c_{kj}^{\alpha}) = a_{il}^{\alpha} \to c_{lj}^{\alpha} \quad \text{for some } l.$$

It follows from Lemma 3.2 that

$$f_{ij} \ge (a^{\alpha}_{ih} \rightarrow c^{\alpha}_{hj}) \ge (a_{ih} \rightarrow c_{hj})^{\alpha} = d_{ij}$$

(6) Let  $G = (A C)^{\alpha}$  and  $P = A^{\alpha} C^{\alpha}$  Then

$$g_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} c_{kj}^{\alpha} = (a_{ih} c_{hj})^{\alpha} = a_{ih}^{\alpha} c_{hj}^{\alpha}, \text{ for some } h.$$

$$p_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik}^{\alpha} c_{kj}^{\alpha} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (a_{ik} c_{kj})^{\alpha} = (\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} c_{kj})^{\alpha} = a_{ih}^{\alpha} c_{hi}^{\alpha} = g_{ij}$$
(7) Let  $H = (A / R)^{\alpha}$ . It follows from Lemma 3.2, that

$$h_{ij} = (a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} r_{kj})^{\alpha} \ge a_{ij}^{\alpha} - (\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} k_{kj})^{\alpha}.$$

Thus 
$$H \ge A^{\alpha} - (A R)^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} - A^{\alpha} R^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} / R^{\alpha}$$

## **Proposition 3.4**

Let A and B be two  $m \times n$  fuzzy matrices. Then for  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [0,1]$  with  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$  we have :

- (1)  $(A + B)^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} + B^{\alpha_2} \leq (A + B)^{\alpha_1}$
- (2)  $(A \wedge B)^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} \wedge B^{\alpha_2} \leq (A \wedge B)^{\alpha_1}$

Proof

(1) 
$$(A + B)^{\alpha_2} = A^{\alpha_2} + B^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} + B^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} + B^{\alpha_1} = (A + B)^{\alpha_1}$$
  
(2)  $(A \wedge B)^{\alpha_2} = A^{\alpha_2} \wedge B^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} \wedge B^{\alpha_2} \leq A^{\alpha_1} \wedge B^{\alpha_1} = (A \wedge B)^{\alpha_1}$ .

## Remark 3.5

The above proposition can be generalized to a finite number n of fuzzy matrices as follows :

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}^{(\alpha_{i}; i=1, \dots, n)} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right)^{\min(\alpha_{i}; i=1, \dots, n)}$$

and

$$\left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n}A_{i}\right)^{\max(\alpha_{i};i=1,\dots,n)} \leq \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n}A_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} \leq \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n}A_{i}\right)^{\min(\alpha_{i};i=1,\dots,n)}$$

## **Proposition 3.6**

For an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix A, we have

(1) 
$$\Delta A^{\alpha} \leq (\Delta A)^{\alpha}$$
  
(2)  $\nabla A^{\alpha} = (\nabla A)^{\alpha}$ 

#### Proof

(1) 
$$\Delta A^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} - (A^{\alpha})' = A^{\alpha} - (A')^{\alpha} \le (A - A')^{\alpha} = (\Delta A)^{\alpha}$$
  
(2)  $\nabla A^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} \wedge (A^{\alpha})' = A^{\alpha} \wedge (A')^{\alpha} = (A \wedge A')^{\alpha} = (\nabla A)^{\alpha}$ .

The following theorem is useful for decomposition of fuzzy matrices into its sections.

## Theorem 3.7<sup>[9]</sup>

Any fuzzy matrix A can be decomposed in the form :

$$A = \sum_{\alpha} \alpha A^{\alpha} ; 0 < \alpha \leq 1$$

Where  $\alpha A^{\alpha}$  indicates that all the elements of the Boolean matrix  $A^{\alpha}$  are multiplied by  $\alpha$ .

## Proof

Let  $T = \sum_{\alpha} \alpha A$ , *i.e.*  $t_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} \alpha a_{ij}^{\alpha}$ . But  $a_{ij}^{\alpha} = 0$  if  $a_{ij} < \alpha$ .

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Then 
$$t_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha \leq a_{ii}} \alpha = a_{ij}$$
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## 4. Relationship between a Fuzzy Matrix and Its Sections

#### **Proposition 4.1**

Let *R* be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix and  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta \in [0,1]$  such that  $\delta \leq \alpha$ . Then :

(1) R is  $\alpha$ -reflexive  $\Rightarrow R^{\delta}$  is reflexive,

(2)  $R^{\alpha}$  is reflexive  $\Rightarrow R$  is  $\alpha$ -reflexive.

#### Proof

(1) Suppose that R is  $\alpha$ -reflexive, *i.e.*,  $r_{ii} \ge \alpha$ . Since we have  $\delta \le \alpha$ ,  $r_{ii} \ge \delta$  and so,  $r_{ii}^{\delta} = 1$ . Hence  $R^{\delta}$  is reflexive for all  $\delta \le \alpha$ .

(2) Obvious from definition of  $\alpha$ -reflexivity.

### **Corollary 4.2**

R is reflexive if and only if  $R^{\delta}$  is reflexive for all  $\delta \in [0,1]$ .

## **Proposition 4.3**

Let R be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then R is weakly reflexive if and only if all its sections are weakly reflexive.

#### Proof

First, suppose that R is weakly reflexive, *i.e.*,  $r_{ii} \ge r_{ij}$ . So that  $r_{ii}^{\alpha} \ge r_{ij}^{\alpha}$  for every  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ . Hence  $R^{\alpha}$  is weakly reflexive.

Second, suppose that  $R^{\alpha}$  is weakly reflexive for every  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , *i.e.*,  $r_{ii}^{\alpha} \ge r_{ij}^{\alpha}$ . For  $\alpha = r_{ii}$  we get,  $r_{ii}^{r_{ij}} \ge r_{ij}^{r_{ij}} = 1$ . Therefore  $r_{ii} \ge r_{ij}$  and hence R is weakly reflexive.

Now, we define an  $\alpha$ -irreflexive and strongly irreflexive fuzzy matrix.

### **Definition 4.4**

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix R is called  $\alpha$ -irreflexive if and only if  $r_{ii} \leq \alpha$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. It is called strongly irreflexive if and only if  $r_{ii} \leq r_{ij}$  for all i, j = 1, 2, ..., n.

## Remark 4.5

0-irreflexive means, in fact, irreflexive.

#### **Proposition 4.6**

Let R be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix and  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta \in [0,1]$  such that  $\alpha < \delta$ . Then

(1) R is  $\alpha$ -irreflexive  $\Rightarrow R^{\alpha}$  is irreflexive,

(2)  $R^{\alpha}$  is irreflexive  $\Rightarrow R$  is  $\alpha$ -irreflexive.

#### Proof

(1) Suppose that R is  $\alpha$ -irreflexive. *i.e.*,  $r_{ii} \leq \alpha$ . We have  $\alpha < \delta$  and so,  $e_{ii} < \delta$ ,

## *i.e.*, $R^{\delta}$ is irreflexive.

(2) Obvious.

#### Corollary 4.7

Let R be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then R is irreflexive if and only if  $R^{\delta}$  is irreflexive for all  $\delta \in [0,1]$ .

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## **Proposition 4.8**

Let R be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then R is strongly irreflexive if and only if  $R^{\alpha}$  is strongly irreflexive for all  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ .

### Proof

Suppose that R is strongly irreflexive. *i.e.*,  $r_{ii} \leq r_{ij}$  for all i, j = 1, 2, ..., n. So that  $r_{ii}^{\alpha} \leq r_{ij}^{\alpha}$ . Hence  $R^{\alpha}$  is strongly irreflexive.

Conversely, suppose that  $R^{\alpha}$  is strongly irreflexive for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $r_{ii}^{\alpha} \leq r_{ij}^{\alpha}$ . Taking  $\alpha = r_{ii}$  we get  $r_{ii}^{r_{ii}} \leq r_{ij}^{r_{ii}}$ , *i.e.*,  $1 \leq r_{ii}^{r_{ii}}$ . Therefore,  $r_{ii} \geq r_{ii}$ .

#### **Proposition 4.9**

Let S be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then S is symmetric if and only if all its sections are symmetric.

## Proof

We have S is symmetric if and only if S = S' if and only if  $S^{\alpha} = (S')^{\alpha} = (S^{\alpha})'$ .

## **Proposition 4.10**

A fuzzy matrix T is transitive if and only if all its sections are transitive.

#### Proof

We have T is transitive if and only if  $T^2 \le T$  if and only if  $(TT)^{\alpha} \le T^{\alpha}$  if and only if  $(T^{\alpha})^2 \le T^{\alpha}$  if and only if  $T^{\alpha}$  is transitive.

Propositions 2.11, 4.1 and 4.10 suggest that if a fuzzy matrix E is transitive and reflexive (idempotent), then all its sections are also transitive and reflexive (idempotent). This property will apply to idempotent fuzzy matrices in the following proposition.

### **Proposition 4.11**<sup>[11]</sup>

A fuzzy matrix E is idempotent if and only if all its sections are.

#### Proof

Similar to proof of proposition 4.10.

### **Proposition 4.12**

A fuzzy matrix N is nilpotent if and only if  $N^{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  is nilpotent.

### Proof

Follows directly from  $(N^n)^{\alpha} = (N^{\alpha})^n$ .

### **Definition 4.13**

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix C is called circular if and only if  $(C^2)' \leq C$ , or more explicitly,  $c_{jk} c_{ki} \leq c_{ij}$  for every k = 1, 2, ..., n.

# **Proposition 4.14**

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix C is circular and reflexive if and only if it is similarity.

### Proof

Suppose that C is circular and reflexive. Then  $c_{ij} = c_{ij} c_{jj} \le c_{ji}$ . Also,  $c_{ji} = c_{ji} c_{ii} \le c_{ij}$ . So,  $c_{ij} = c_{ji}$  and hence C is symmetric.

Also, we have  $c_{ii}^{(2)} \leq c_{ii} = c_{ii}$ , *i.e.*, *C* is transitive. Hence *C* is similarity.

Conversely, suppose that C is similarity. Then  $c_{ij}^{(2)} \leq c_{ij} = c_{ji}$ . Hence C is circular.

## **Proposition 4.15**

An  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix C is circular if and only if all its sections are.

#### Proof

We have C is circular if and only if  $(C^2)' \leq C$  if and only if  $((C^2)')^{\alpha} \leq C^{\alpha}$  if and only if  $((C^2)^{\alpha})' \leq C^{\alpha}$  if and only if  $((C^{\alpha})^2)' \leq C^{\alpha}$ .

### **Proposition 4.16**

Let C be an  $n \times n$  fuzzy matrix. Then C is compact if and only if all its sections are.

#### Proof

We have C is compact if and only if  $C^2 \ge C$  if and only if  $(C^2)^{\alpha} \ge C^{\alpha}$  if and only if  $(C^{\alpha})^2 \ge C^{\alpha}$ .

#### **Proposition 4.17**

Let A be a regular fuzzy matrix with a g-inverse G, then  $A^{\alpha}$  is regular with a g-inverse  $G^{\alpha}$  for every  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ .

#### Proof

Since A is regular with g-inverse G, we have A = A G A. Then  $A^{\alpha} = (A G A)^{\alpha} = A^{\alpha} G^{\alpha} A^{\alpha}$ . Hence  $A^{\alpha}$  is regular and  $G^{\alpha}$  is a g-inverse of it.

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition is not true in general.

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## Example 4.18

We consider the fuzzy matrix.

$$A = \begin{array}{ccc} 0.7 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.7 \end{array}$$

Let the two sections

$$A^{0.3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{0.7} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ respectively. Since } A^{0.3} > A^{0.3}$$
we have  $G > I$ ; *i.e.*, G is reflexive

we have G > T; *i.e.*, G is relievive

So, 
$$A^{0.3} G A^{0.3} =$$
, wich contradicts the regularity of  $A^{0.3}$ .

Hence A is not regular.

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بعض الملحوظات على مقاطع المصفوفة الفازية ف . صدقي و إ . ج . إمام قسم الرياضيات ، كلية العلوم ، جامعة الزقازيق ، الزقازيق ، مصر المستخلص . فكرة مقاطع المصفوفة الفازية استنتجها كيم وروش عام ١٩٨٠م . ويتناول هذا البحث دراسة العلاقة بين المصفوفة الفازية ومقاطعها ، كما نُعرف الأفكار التالية للمصفوفة الفازية :

نعطي في القسم الأول من هذا المقال ، مقدمة نُعرَّف فيها المصفوفة الفازية والفرق بينها وبين المصفوفة البولينية Boolean matrix ، ونشير إلى ما سوف ندرسه في هذا البحث .

وفي القسم الثاني ، نذكر بعض التعاريف والنظريات الأساسية الموجودة في المراجع والتي سوف نستخدمها خلال هذا المقال .

في القسم الثالث ، نقدم العديد من خصائص المصفوفات الفازية (مع البرهان) ومدى انتقال هذه الخصائص إلى المقاطع .

في القسم الرابع ، نبرهن العديد من العلاقات بين المصفوفة ومقاطعها من حيث الأفكار المختلفة المعرفة للمصفوفة الفازية ، مثل الانعكاس والتهاثل والنقل وضد الانعكاس وضد التهاثل .