# Characterizations of the Minus Ordering in Fuzzy Matrix Set 

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#### Abstract

The matrix minus ordering is introduced into fuzzy matrix set．The minus ordering is a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$．Some characterizations of the minus ordering are given．


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Let $F_{m, n}$ stand for the set of all $m \times n$ fuzzy matrices．Given $A \in F_{m, n}, A\{1\}$ and $A\{2\}$ will denote the sets of all inner and outer inverses of $A$ ，specified as

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\begin{equation*}
A\{1\}=\left\{X \in F_{n, m} \mid A X A=A\right\}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and
$A\{2\}=\left\{X \in F_{n, m} \mid X A X=X\right\}$,
write $A\{1,2\}=A\{1\} \cap A\{2\}$ ．And，$A^{-}, A^{=}$or $A^{-}$ will denote an element in $A\{1\}$ and $A^{\wedge}, A^{\vee}$ or $A^{(1,2)}$ an element in $A\{1,2\}$ ．Write $F_{m, n}^{-}=\{A \mid A\{1\} \neq$ $\left.\varnothing, A \in F_{m, n}\right\}$ ．

Now，we define the minus ordering $A \leq{ }^{-} B$ and the preorder $A \preceq B$ in $F_{m, n}$ ．

Let $A \in F_{m, n}^{-}, B \in F_{m, n}$ ．The minus ordering $A \leq$ －$B$ in $F_{m, n}$ is defined as follow：

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\begin{equation*}
A \leq^{-} B \Longleftrightarrow A^{-} A=A^{-} B, A A^{=}=B A^{=}, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A^{-}, A^{=} \in A\{1\}$ ．
It is clear that $A \leq^{-} A$ ，for each $A \in F_{m, n}^{-}$．In general，the minus ordering $A \leq{ }^{-} B$ is not a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}$ ．In section 2，We will prove that the minus ordering $A \leq{ }^{-} B$ is a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$．

Let $A \in F_{m, n}$ ．Write
$A F_{n, n}=\left\{A X \mid X \in F_{n, n}\right\}, F_{m, m} A=\left\{Y A \mid Y \in F_{m, m}\right\}$ ．
Let $A, B \in F_{m, n}$ ．The preorder $A \preceq B$ in $F_{m, n}$ is defined as follow：

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\begin{equation*}
A \preceq B \Longleftrightarrow A F_{n, n} \subseteq B F_{n, n}, F_{m, m} A \subseteq F_{m, m} B . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is clear that $A \preceq A$ ，for each $A \in F_{m, n}$ ．The preorder $A \preceq B$ in $F_{m, n}$ is not a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}$ ．In section 3，by use of this preorder in $F_{m, n}$ ，we will discuss some characterizations of the minus partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$．

## 1 Minus partial ordering

In this section，we will prove that the minus ordering is a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$．First，we have the following．

Theorem 1 Let $A \in F_{m, n}^{-}, B \in F_{m, n}$ ．The following statements are equivalent：
（i）$A \leq{ }^{-} B$ ．
（ii）There exists $A^{\wedge}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A A^{\wedge} B=A=B A^{\wedge} A$ ．
（iii）There exists $A^{\wedge}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that
$A^{\wedge} A=A^{\wedge} B, A A^{\wedge}=B A^{\wedge}$ ．
Proof（i）$\Rightarrow$（ii）：Set $A^{\wedge}=A^{=} A A^{-}$where $A^{-}$， $A^{=} \in A\{1\}$ ．Then，
$A A^{\wedge} A=A A^{-} A A^{-} A=A A^{-} A=A$,
$A^{\wedge} A A^{\wedge}=A^{-} A A^{-} A A^{=} A A^{-}=A^{=} A A^{=} A A^{-}=$

$$
A^{=} A A^{-}=A^{\wedge},
$$

Thus，$A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}$ ，and
$A A^{\wedge} B=A A^{-} A A^{-} B=A A^{-} B=A A^{-} A=A$,
$B A^{\wedge} A=B A^{=} A A^{-} A=B A^{=} A=A A^{=} A=A$.
(ii) holds.
(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Since $\quad A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}, \quad A^{\wedge} A=A^{\wedge} A A^{\wedge} B=$ $A^{\wedge} B, A A^{\wedge}=B A^{\wedge} A A^{\wedge}=B A^{\wedge}$. Then, (iii) holds.
(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): It is clear.

Lemma 1 Let $A \in F_{m, n}^{-}, B \in F_{m, n}$. If $A \leq{ }^{-} B$, then
(i) $A \preceq B$.
(ii) There exists $A^{\wedge}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A=B A^{\wedge} B, A^{\wedge}=A^{\wedge} B A^{\wedge}$.

Proof (i) holds clearly by Theorem 1(ii). And, by (6) and (5) in Theorem 1,
$B A^{\wedge} B=B A^{\wedge} A=A, A^{\wedge} B A^{\wedge}=A^{\wedge} A A^{\wedge}=A^{\wedge}$.
(ii) holds.

Lemma 2 Let $A, B \in F_{m, n}^{-}$. If $A \leq{ }^{-} B$, then
(i) For each $B^{-} \in B\{1\}, A B^{-} A=A, A B^{-} B=A=$ $B B^{-}$.
(ii) For each $A^{(1,2)} \in A\{1,2\}, B^{-} \in B\{1\}, B^{-} B A^{(1,2)}$. $B B^{-} \in A\{1,2\}$.
(iii) There exists $A^{\vee}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A A^{\vee}=$ $B A^{\vee}=A B^{-}, A^{\vee} A=A^{\vee} B=B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$.

Proof (i) By Lemma 1(ii), there exists $A^{\wedge}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A=B A^{\wedge} B, A^{\wedge}=A^{\wedge} B A^{\wedge}$. Thus, for each $B^{-} \in B\{1\}, \quad A B^{-} A=B A^{\wedge} B B^{-} B A^{\wedge} B=B A^{\wedge} B A^{\wedge} B=$ $B A^{\wedge} B=A, \quad A=B A^{\wedge} B=B B^{-} B A^{\wedge} B=B B^{-} A$. Similarly, we have that $A=A B^{-} B$. (i) holds.
(ii) By (i),
$A B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-} A=A A^{(1,2)} A=A$,
$B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-} A B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-}=$

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B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-} A A^{(1,2)} B B^{-}=
$$

$$
B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} A A^{(1,2)} B B^{-}=B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-} .
$$

That is $B^{-} B A^{(1,2)} B B^{-} \in A\{1,2\}, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$. (ii) holds.
(iii) Set $A^{\vee}=B^{-} B A^{\wedge} B B^{-}$where $A^{\wedge}$ in Lemma 1(ii). Then, $A^{\vee} \in A\{1,2\}$ by (ii). And, by Theorem 1 (ii) and Lemma 1(ii),

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\begin{gathered}
A A^{\vee}=A B^{-} B A^{\wedge} B B^{-}=A A^{\wedge} B B^{-}=A B^{-}= \\
B A^{\wedge} B B^{-}=B B^{-} B A^{\wedge} B B^{-}=B A^{\vee} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Similarly, we can obtain that $A^{\vee} A=B^{-} A=A^{\vee} B$. Thus, (iii) holds.

Lemma 3 Let $A \in F_{m, n}, B \in F_{m, n}^{-}$. Then,
$A \preceq B \Longleftrightarrow A B^{-} B=A=B B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$.
Proof $" \Rightarrow$ ": Since $A \preceq B$, there exist $X$ in $F_{n, n}$ such that
$A=B X=B B^{-} B X=B B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$. Similarly, it is proved that $A=A B^{-} B$.
$" \Leftarrow "$ : Since $A=A B^{-} B$, for $Y A \in F_{m, m} A, Y A=$ $Y A B^{-} B \in F_{m, m} B$. Thus, $F_{m, m} A \subseteq F_{m, m} B$. Similarly, it is proved that $A F_{n, n} \subseteq B F_{n, n}$. Thus, $A \preceq B$.

Theorem 2 " $\leq^{-}$" is a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$.
Proof Let $A \leq{ }^{-} B, B \leq{ }^{-} A$ where $A, B \in F_{m, n}^{-}$. If $A \leq{ }^{-} B$, by Lemma 2(i), $A=B B^{-} A$ for each $B^{-} \in B\{1\}$. If $B \leq^{-} A$, by Theorem 1 , there exists $B^{\wedge} \in B\{1,2\}$ such that $B=B B^{\wedge} A$. Then, $A=$ $B B^{\wedge} A=B$. And, let $A \leq{ }^{-} B, B \leq{ }^{-} C$ where $A, B$, $C \in F_{m, n}^{-}$. If $A \leq{ }^{-} B$, by Lemma 2(iii), there exists $A^{\vee} \in A\{1,2\}$ such that

$$
A A^{\vee}=A B^{-}, A^{\vee} A=B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}
$$

If $B \leq{ }^{-} C$, by Theorem 1(iii), there exists $B^{\wedge} \in B\{1,2\}$ such that

$$
B^{\wedge} C=B^{\wedge} B, C B^{\wedge}=B B^{\wedge} .
$$

By Lemma 2(i),

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(A A^{\vee}\right) C=\left(A B^{\wedge}\right) C=A\left(B^{\wedge} C\right)=A B^{\wedge} B= \\
A=B B^{\wedge} A=C B^{\wedge} A=C A^{\vee} A,
\end{gathered}
$$

and Lemma 2(i). Thus, $A \leq{ }^{-} C$ by Theorem 1. Therefore, " $\leq^{-}$" is a partial ordering in $F_{m, n}^{-}$.

## 2 Characterizations of the minus ordering

In this section, we discuss only fuzzy matrices in $F_{m, n}^{-}$.

Theorem 3 Let $A, B \in F_{m, n}^{-}$. The following statements are equivalent:
(i) $A \leq{ }^{-} B$.
(iv) There exists $A^{\vee}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A A^{\vee}=$ $B A^{\vee}=A B^{-}, A^{\vee} A=A^{\vee} B=B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$.
(v) There exists $A^{\vee}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that
$A A^{\vee} \leq{ }^{-} B B^{(1,2)}, \quad A^{\vee} A \leq{ }^{-} B^{(1,2)} B$ and $B A^{\vee} B=$
$A=A B^{(1,2)} A, \quad \forall B^{(1,2)} \in B\{1,2\}$.
（vi）There exists $A^{\vee}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A A^{\vee} \preceq^{-}$ $B B^{(1,2)}, A^{\vee} A \leq{ }^{-} B^{(1,2)} B$ and $A=A B^{-} A, \forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ ．
（vii）There exists $X \in F_{n, m}$ such that $A=B X B$ ， $B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$.
（viii）$A \preceq B$ and $B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$ ．
（ix）$A \preceq B$ and $A\{1\} \cap B\{1\} \neq \varnothing$ ．
（x）For all $B^{-}, B^{=}, B^{(1)} \in B\{1\}, A B^{-} B=B B^{=} A=$ $A=A B^{(1)} A$ ．
（xi）There exist an idempotent fuzzy matrix $E_{m} \in F_{m, m}$ and an idempotent fuzzy matrix $E_{n} \in F_{n, n}$ such that $E_{m} B=A=B E_{n}$ ．
（xii）There exist an idempotent fuzzy matrix $E_{m} \in F_{m, m}$ and $D \in F_{n, n}$ such that $E_{m} B=A=B D$ ．
（xiii）There exist $C \in F_{m, m}$ and $D \in F_{n, n}$ such that $C A=C B=A=B D$ ．
（xiv）There exist $C \in F_{m, m}$ and an idempotent fuzzy matrix $E_{n} \in F_{n, n}$ such that $C B=A=B E_{n}$ ．
（xv）There exist $C \in F_{m, m}$ and $D \in F_{n, n}$ such that $C B=A=A D=B D$ ．
（xvi）There exist $C \in F_{m, m}$ and $D \in F_{n, n}$ such that $C B=C A=A=A D=B D$ ．

Proof（i）$\Rightarrow$（iv）：It is clear by Lemma 2（iii）．
（iv）$\Rightarrow$（v）：There exists $A^{\vee}$ in $A\{1,2\}$ such that $A=A A^{\vee} A=A B^{(1,2)} A, \forall B^{(1,2)} \in B\{1,2\}$ ．And

$$
B A^{\vee} B=B B^{(1,2)} A=B A^{\vee} A=A A^{\vee} A=A
$$

Also，we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A A^{\vee} B B^{(1,2)}=A B^{(1,2)} B B^{(1,2)}=A B^{(1,2)}= \\
& A A^{\vee}=B A^{\vee}=B B^{(1,2)} B A^{\vee}=B B^{(1,2)} A A^{\vee} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $A A^{\vee}$ is idempotent，$A A^{\vee} \in\left(A A^{\vee}\right)\{1\}$ ．Write $\left(A A^{\vee}\right)^{-}=A A^{\vee}$ ．Then，
$\left(A A^{\vee}\right)\left(A A^{\vee}\right)^{-}=A A^{\vee}=B B^{(1,2)} A A^{\vee}=\left(B B^{(1,2)}\right)\left(A A^{\vee}\right)^{-}$,
$\left(A A^{\vee}\right)^{-}\left(A A^{\vee}\right)=A A^{\vee}=A A^{\vee} B B^{(1,2)}=\left(A A^{\vee}\right)^{-} B B^{(1,2)}$.
That is，$A A^{\vee} \leq{ }^{-} B B^{(1,2)}$ ．Similarly，we have that $A A^{\vee} \preceq^{-} B^{(1,2)} B$ ．Thus，（v）holds．
（v）$\Rightarrow$（vi）：$\forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}, \quad A=A B^{(1,2)} A=B A^{\vee} B$.
$B^{(1,2)} B A^{\vee} B=B A^{\vee} B B^{-} B A^{\vee} B=A B^{-} A$ ．Thus，（vi）holds．
（vi）$\Rightarrow$（vii）：Since $B B^{(1,2)}$ is idempotent and $A A^{\vee} \leq{ }^{-} B B^{(1,2)}$ by Lemma 2（i），
$A A^{\vee}=B B^{(1,2)}\left(B B^{(1,2)}\right)^{-} A A^{\vee}=B B^{(1,2)} A A^{\vee}$.

Thus，$A=A A^{\vee} A=B B^{(1,2)} A A^{\vee} A=B B^{(1,2)} A$ ．
Similarly，we can prove that $A=A B^{(1,2)} B$ ．Therefore，

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\begin{gathered}
A=A A^{\vee} A=B B^{(1,2)} A A^{\vee} A B^{(1,2)} B= \\
B B^{(1,2)} A B^{(1,2)} B=B X B .
\end{gathered}
$$

where $X=B^{(1,2)} A B^{(1,2)} \in F_{n, m}$ ．And，$A=A B^{-} A, \quad \forall B^{-} \in$ $B\{1\}$ ．Thus，$B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$ ．Then，（vii）holds．
（vii）$\Rightarrow$（viii）：Since $A=B X B$ ，it is clear that $A \preceq B$ by（6）．（viii）holds．
（viii）$\Rightarrow$（ix）：It is clear．
（ix）$\Rightarrow(\mathrm{x})$ ：By Lemma 3，since $A \preceq B, A B^{-} B=$ $A=B B^{=} A, \forall B^{-}, B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ ．Since $A\{1\} \cap B\{1\} \neq \varnothing$ ， there exist $B^{\sim} \in A\{1\} \cap B\{1\}$ such that $A=A B^{\sim} A=$ $A B^{-} B B^{\sim} B B^{=} A=A B^{-} B B^{(1)} B B^{=} A=A B^{(1)} A, \forall B^{(1)} \in B\{1\}$. Thus，（x）holds．
（x）$\Rightarrow$（xi）：In $A B^{-} B=B B^{-} A=A$ ，set $A B^{-}=E_{m}$ ， $B^{-} A=E_{n}$ ．Since $A B^{-} A=A, E_{m}$ and $E_{n}$ are idem－ potent．Thus，（xi）holds．
（xi）$\Rightarrow$（xii）：It is clear．
（xii）$\Rightarrow$（xiii）：Set $C=E_{m}$ ，then $C A=E_{m} E_{m} B=$ $E_{m} B=C B=A=B D$ ．Thus，（xiii）holds．

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\text { (xiii) } \Rightarrow \text { (xiv): } A=A A^{-} A=B D A^{-} A, A^{-} \in A\{1\}
$$ Set $X=D A^{-} A \in F_{n, n}$ ，Then，

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\begin{gathered}
X^{2}=D A^{-} A D A^{-} A=D A^{-} C B D A^{-} A= \\
D A^{-} C A A^{-} A=D A^{-} A=X
\end{gathered}
$$

Thus，$C B=A=B E_{n}$ where $E_{n}=X$ ．Therefore，（xiv） holds．
（xiv）$\Rightarrow(x v)$ ：Similar to the proof of＂（xii）$\Rightarrow$ （xiii）＂．

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(\mathrm{xv}) \Rightarrow(\mathrm{xvi}): C A=C A D=C B D=A D=A .(\mathrm{xvi})
$$ holds．

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\text { (xvi) } \Rightarrow(\mathrm{i}): \text { Let } A^{(1,2)} \in A\{1,2\}, \text { Write } A^{\vee}=
$$ $A^{(1,2)} C$ ．Then，

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A A^{\vee} A=A A^{(1,2)} C A=A A^{(1,2)} C B D= \\
& \quad A A^{(1,2)} A D=A D=A, \\
& A^{\vee} A A^{\vee}=A^{(1,2)} C A A^{(1,2)} C=A^{(1,2)} C B D A^{(1,2)} C= \\
& \quad A^{(1,2)} A D A^{(1,2)} C=A^{(1,2)} A A^{(1,2)} C=A^{(1,2)} C=A^{\vee}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is，$A^{\vee} \in A\{1,2\}$ ．And，$A A^{\vee} B=A A^{(1,2)} C B=A A^{(1,2)} A=$ A．Then，$A^{\vee} A=A^{\vee} A A^{\vee} B=A^{\vee} B$ ．
Set $A^{\wedge}=D A^{(1,2)}$ ．Similarly，we have $A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}$ and $A A^{\wedge}=B A^{\wedge}$ ．Thus，$A \leq{ }^{-} B$ ．Therefore，（i）holds．

Corollary 1 Let $A, B \in F_{m, n}^{-}$．
（i）If $B B^{-}=I_{m}, B^{-} \in B\{1\}, A \leq{ }^{-} B \Longleftrightarrow A B^{-}$． $A=A=A B^{-} B$ ．
（ii）If $B^{-} B=I_{n}, B^{-} \in B\{1\}, A \leq{ }^{-} B \Longleftrightarrow A B^{-}$． $A=A=B B^{-} A$ ．
（iii）If $B^{-1}$ exists，$A \leq^{-} B \Longleftrightarrow A B^{-1} A=A$ ．
Corollary 2 Let $A, B \in F_{m, n}^{+}$．Then，the following statements are equivalent：
（i）$A \leq{ }^{-} B$ ．
（ii）$A B^{+} A=A B^{+} B=A=B B^{+} A$ ．
（iii）$A B^{+} B=A=B B^{+} A$ ，and $B^{+} A$ and $A B^{+}$ are idempotent．
（iv）$B A B^{+}=A=B^{+} A B$ ，and $B^{+} A$ and $A B^{+}$ are idempotent．

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# Fuzzy 矩阵集中减序的特征刻划 

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