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## 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

$$A\{1\} = \{ X \in F_{nm} \mid AXA = A \}, \tag{1}$$

and

$$A\{2\} = \{X \in F_{n,m} \mid XAX = X\}, \tag{2}$$

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  $F_{m,n}^- = \{A \mid A\{1\} \neq 1\}$  $\emptyset$ ,  $A \in F_{m,n}$  \}.

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

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

$$A \xrightarrow{B} \iff A^{-}A = A^{-}B, AA^{=} = BA^{=},$$
 where  $A^{-}, A^{=} \in A\{1\}$ .

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

Let 
$$A \in F_{m,n}$$
. Write

$$AF_{n,n} = \{AX \mid X \in F_{n,n}\}, F_{m,m}A = \{YA \mid Y \in F_{m,m}\}.$$

Let  $A, B \in F_{m,n}$ . The preorder  $A \leq B$  in  $F_{m,n}$  is

defined as follow:

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

Thus,  $A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}$ , and

 $A^{=} \in A\{1\}$ . Then,

statements are equivalent: (i) A - B.

 $AA^{\wedge}B = A = BA^{\wedge}A$ .

 $A^{\wedge}A = A^{\wedge}B$ ,  $AA^{\wedge} = BA^{\wedge}$ .

ordering in  $F_{m,n}^-$ .

following.

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

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(ii) There exists  $A^{\wedge}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that

(iii) There exists  $A^{\wedge}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Set  $A^{\wedge} = A^{=}AA^{-}$  where  $A^{-}$ ,

 $A \leq B \iff AF_{n,n} \subseteq BF_{n,n}, F_{m,m}A \subseteq F_{m,m}B$ .

preorder  $A \leq B$  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

Minus partial ordering

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

**Theorem 1** Let  $A \in F_{m,n}^-$ ,  $B \in F_{m,n}$ . The following

(5)

(6)

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$$AA^{\land}B = AA^{=}AA^{-}B = AA^{-}B = AA^{-}A = A$$
,  
 $BA^{\land}A = BA^{=}AA^{-}A = BA^{=}A = AA^{=}A = A$ .

(ii) holds.

(ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iii): Since  $A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}$ ,  $A^{\wedge}A = A^{\wedge}AA^{\wedge}B = A^{\wedge}B$ ,  $AA^{\wedge} = BA^{\wedge}AA^{\wedge} = BA^{\wedge}$ . Then, (iii) holds.

(iii) ⇒ (i): It is clear.

**Lemma 1** Let  $A \in F_{m,n}^-$ ,  $B \in F_{m,n}$ . If A - B, then

- (i)  $A \prec B$ .
- (ii) There exists  $A^{\wedge}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $A = BA^{\wedge}B$ ,  $A^{\wedge} = A^{\wedge}BA^{\wedge}$ .

**Proof** (i) holds clearly by Theorem 1(ii). And, by (6) and (5) in Theorem 1,

$$BA^{\hat{}}B = BA^{\hat{}}A = A, A^{\hat{}}BA^{\hat{}} = A^{\hat{}}AA^{\hat{}} = A^{\hat{}}.$$
 (ii) holds.

**Lemma 2** Let  $A, B \in F_{m,n}^-$ . If A = B, then

- (i) For each  $B^- \in B\{1\}$ ,  $AB^-A = A$ ,  $AB^-B = A = BB^-A$ .
- (ii) For each  $A^{(1,2)} \in A\{1,2\}, B^- \in B\{1\}, B^- BA^{(1,2)} \cdot BB^- \in A\{1,2\}$ .
- (iii) There exists  $A^{\vee}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $AA^{\vee} = BA^{\vee} = AB^{-}$ ,  $A^{\vee}A = A^{\vee}B = B^{-}A$ ,  $\forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ .

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

(ii) By (i),

$$AB^{-}BA^{(1,2)}BB^{-}A = AA^{(1,2)}A = A$$
,  
 $B^{-}BA^{(1,2)}BB^{-}AB^{-}BA^{(1,2)}BB^{-} =$   
 $B^{-}BA^{(1,2)}BB^{-}AA^{(1,2)}BB^{-} =$   
 $B^{-}BA^{(1,2)}AA^{(1,2)}BB^{-} = B^{-}BA^{(1,2)}BB^{-}$ .

That is  $B^-BA^{(1,2)}BB^- \in A\{1,2\}, \forall B^- \in B\{1\}$ . (ii) holds.

(iii) Set  $A^{\vee} = B^{-}BA^{\wedge}BB^{-}$  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),

$$AA^{\vee} = AB^{-}BA^{\wedge}BB^{-} = AA^{\wedge}BB^{-} = AB^{-} =$$
  
 $BA^{\wedge}BB^{-} = BB^{-}BA^{\wedge}BB^{-} = BA^{\vee}$ .

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,

$$A \leq B \iff AB^-B = A = BB^-A, \forall B^- \in B\{1\}.$$
 (7)

**Proof** " $\Rightarrow$ ": Since  $A \leq B$ , there exist X in  $F_{n,n}$  such that

 $A=BX=BB^-BX=BB^-A, \forall B^-\in B\{1\} \ . \ \ Similarly,$  it is proved that  $A=AB^-B \ .$ 

"  $\Leftarrow$  ": Since  $A = AB^-B$ , for  $YA \in F_{m,m}A$ ,  $YA = YAB^-B \in F_{m,m}B$ . Thus,  $F_{m,m}A \subseteq F_{m,m}B$ . Similarly, it is proved that  $AF_{n,n} \subseteq BF_{n,n}$ . Thus,  $A \preceq B$ .

**Theorem 2** " " is a partial ordering in  $F_{m,n}^-$ .

**Proof** Let A = B, B = A where  $A, B \in F_{m,n}^-$ . If A = B, by Lemma 2(i),  $A = BB^-A$  for each  $B^- \in B\{1\}$ . If B = A, by Theorem 1, there exists  $B^+ \in B\{1,2\}$  such that  $B = BB^+A$ . Then,  $A = BB^+A = B$ . And, let  $A = BB^-A = B$ . Where  $A, B, C \in F_{m,n}^-$ . If A = B, by Lemma 2(iii), there exists  $A^+ \in A\{1,2\}$  such that

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

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

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

By Lemma 2(i),

$$(AA^{\vee})C = (AB^{\wedge})C = A(B^{\wedge}C) = AB^{\wedge}B =$$
  
 $A = BB^{\wedge}A = CB^{\wedge}A = CA^{\vee}A$ ,

and Lemma 2(i). Thus, A = C by Theorem 1. Therefore, " 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 B.
- (iv) There exists  $A^{\vee}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $AA^{\vee} = BA^{\vee} = AB^{-}$ ,  $A^{\vee}A = A^{\vee}B = B^{-}A$ ,  $\forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ .
  - (v) There exists  $A^{\vee}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $AA^{\vee} BB^{(1,2)}$ ,  $A^{\vee}A B^{(1,2)}B$  and  $BA^{\vee}B =$

- $A = AB^{(1,2)}A, \ \forall B^{(1,2)} \in B\{1,2\}.$
- (vi) There exists  $A^{\vee}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $AA^{\vee} \preceq^{-}$  $BB^{(1,2)}$ ,  $A^{\vee}A$   $^{-}B^{(1,2)}B$  and  $A = AB^{-}A$ ,  $\forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ .
- (vii) There exists  $X \in F_{n,m}$  such that A = BXB,  $B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$ .
  - (viii)  $A \leq B$  and  $B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$ .
  - (ix)  $A \leq B$  and  $A\{1\} \cap B\{1\} \neq \emptyset$ .
- (x) For all  $B^-, B^-, B^{(1)} \in B\{1\}$ ,  $AB^-B = BB^-A = A = AB^{(1)}A$ .
- (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  $E_m B = A = BD$ .
- (xiii) There exist  $C \in F_{m,m}$  and  $D \in F_{n,n}$  such that CA = CB = A = BD.
- (xiv) There exist  $C \in F_{m,m}$  and an idempotent fuzzy matrix  $E_n \in F_{n,n}$  such that  $CB = A = BE_n$ .
- (xv) There exist  $C \in F_{m,m}$  and  $D \in F_{n,n}$  such that CB = A = AD = BD.
- (xvi) There exist  $C \in F_{m,m}$  and  $D \in F_{n,n}$  such that CB = CA = A = AD = BD.

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): It is clear by Lemma 2(iii).

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): There exists  $A^{\vee}$  in  $A\{1,2\}$  such that  $A = AA^{\vee}A = AB^{(1,2)}A, \forall B^{(1,2)} \in B\{1,2\}$ . And  $BA^{\vee}B = BB^{(1,2)}A = BA^{\vee}A = AA^{\vee}A = A$ .

Also, we have that

$$AA^{\vee}BB^{(1,2)} = AB^{(1,2)}BB^{(1,2)} = AB^{(1,2)} =$$
  
 $AA^{\vee} = BA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}BA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}AA^{\vee}.$ 

Since  $AA^{\vee}$  is idempotent,  $AA^{\vee} \in (AA^{\vee})\{1\}$ . Write  $(AA^{\vee})^- = AA^{\vee}$ . Then,

$$(AA^{\vee})(AA^{\vee})^{-} = AA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}AA^{\vee} = (BB^{(1,2)})(AA^{\vee})^{-},$$
  
 $(AA^{\vee})^{-}(AA^{\vee}) = AA^{\vee} = AA^{\vee}BB^{(1,2)} = (AA^{\vee})^{-}BB^{(1,2)}.$ 

That is,  $AA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}$ . Similarly, we have that  $AA^{\vee} \prec B^{(1,2)}$ . Thus, (v) holds.

- (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi):  $\forall B^- \in B\{1\}$ ,  $A = AB^{(1,2)}A = BA^{\vee}B \cdot B^{(1,2)}BA^{\vee}B = BA^{\vee}BB^-BA^{\vee}B = AB^-A$ . Thus, (vi) holds.
- (vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (vii): Since  $BB^{(1,2)}$  is idempotent and  $AA^{\vee} BB^{(1,2)}$  by Lemma 2(i),

$$AA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}(BB^{(1,2)})^{-}AA^{\vee} = BB^{(1,2)}AA^{\vee}.$$

Thus,  $A = AA^{\vee}A = BB^{(1,2)}AA^{\vee}A = BB^{(1,2)}A$ .

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

$$A = AA^{\vee}A = BB^{(1,2)}AA^{\vee}AB^{(1,2)}B =$$
  
 $BB^{(1,2)}AB^{(1,2)}B = BXB$ .

where  $X = B^{(1,2)}AB^{(1,2)} \in F_{n,m}$ . And,  $A = AB^{-}A$ ,  $\forall B^{-} \in B\{1\}$ . Thus,  $B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$ . Then, (vii) holds.

- (vii)  $\Rightarrow$  (viii): Since A = BXB, it is clear that  $A \leq B$  by (6). (viii) holds.
  - (viii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ix): It is clear.
- (ix)  $\Rightarrow$  (x): By Lemma 3, since  $A \leq B$ ,  $AB^-B = A = BB^-A$ ,  $\forall B^-, B^- \in B\{1\}$ . Since  $A\{1\} \cap B\{1\} \neq \emptyset$ , there exist  $B^- \in A\{1\} \cap B\{1\}$  such that  $A = AB^-A = AB^-BB^-BB^-A = AB^-BB^{(1)}BB^-A = AB^{(1)}A$ ,  $\forall B^{(1)} \in B\{1\}$ . Thus, (x) holds.
- (x)  $\Rightarrow$  (xi): In  $AB^-B = BB^-A = A$ , set  $AB^- = E_m$ ,  $B^-A = E_n$ . Since  $AB^-A = A$ ,  $E_m$  and  $E_n$  are idempotent. Thus, (xi) holds.
  - (xi)  $\Rightarrow$  (xii): It is clear.
- (xii)  $\Rightarrow$  (xiii): Set  $C = E_m$ , then  $CA = E_m E_m B = E_m B = CB = A = BD$ . Thus, (xiii) holds.
- (xiii)  $\Rightarrow$  (xiv):  $A = AA^-A = BDA^-A, A^- \in A\{1\}$ . Set  $X = DA^-A \in F_{n,n}$ , Then,

$$X^2 = DA^-ADA^-A = DA^-CBDA^-A = DA^-CAA^-A = DA^-A = X$$
.

Thus,  $CB = A = BE_n$  where  $E_n = X$ . Therefore, (xiv) holds.

- (xiv)  $\Rightarrow$  (xv): Similar to the proof of "(xii) $\Rightarrow$  (xiii)".
- (xv)  $\Rightarrow$  (xvi): CA = CAD = CBD = AD = A. (xvi) holds.
- (xvi)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i): Let  $A^{(1,2)} \in A\{1,2\}$  , Write  $A^{\vee} = A^{(1,2)}C$  . Then,

$$AA^{\vee}A = AA^{(1,2)}CA = AA^{(1,2)}CBD =$$

$$AA^{(1,2)}AD = AD = A,$$

$$A^{\vee}AA^{\vee} = A^{(1,2)}CAA^{(1,2)}C = A^{(1,2)}CBDA^{(1,2)}C =$$

$$A^{(1,2)}ADA^{(1,2)}C = A^{(1,2)}AA^{(1,2)}C = A^{(1,2)}C = A^{(1$$

That is,  $A^{\vee} \in A\{1, 2\}$ . And,  $AA^{\vee}B = AA^{(1,2)}CB = AA^{(1,2)}A = A$ . Then,  $A^{\vee}A = A^{\vee}AA^{\vee}B = A^{\vee}B$ .

Set  $A^{\wedge} = DA^{(1,2)}$ . Similarly, we have  $A^{\wedge} \in A\{1,2\}$  and  $AA^{\wedge} = BA^{\wedge}$ . Thus,  $A^{-}B$ . Therefore, (i) holds.

**Corollary 1** Let  $A, B \in F_{m,n}^-$ .

- (i) If  $BB^- = I_m, B^- \in B\{1\}$ ,  $A^- B \iff AB^- \cdot A = A = AB^-B$ .
- (ii) If  $B^-B=I_n, B^-\in B\{1\}$ , A  $^-B\Longleftrightarrow AB^-\cdot A=A=BB^-A$ .
  - (iii) If  $B^{-1}$  exists,  $A \xrightarrow{-} B \iff AB^{-1}A = A$ .

**Corollary 2** Let  $A, B \in F_{m,n}^+$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) A B.
- (ii)  $AB^{+}A = AB^{+}B = A = BB^{+}A$ .
- (iii)  $AB^+B = A = BB^+A$ , and  $B^+A$  and  $AB^+$  are idempotent.

(iv)  $BAB^+ = A = B^+AB$ , and  $B^+A$  and  $AB^+$  are idempotent.

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# Fuzzy 矩阵集中减序的特征刻划

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摘要:在 Fuzzy 矩阵集中引进 Fuzzy 矩阵减序,减序是  $F_{m,n}^-$  中的偏序. 给出了 Fuzzy 矩阵减序的一些特征 刻划.

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