

# Partial orderings on $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices

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## Abstract

Aim of this article is to characterize the partial orderings for the  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices. Also, using the generalized inverses, we discuss some properties for the  $T$ -ordering and minus ordering in  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices.

**Keywords:**  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrix,  $T$ -ordering, minus ordering, space ordering and inverses.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Partial ordering plays an important role in fuzzy matrices. The concept of fuzzy matrix was first introduced by Thomosan [2] in 1977 and it has further developments by various researchers. Jian Miao Chen [3] initiated the partial orderings on fuzzy matrices which is the analogue of the star ordering on complex matrices. After that, a lot of works have been done using this notion. A.R. Meenachi [1] characterizes the minus ordering on matrices in terms of their generalized inverses. Furthermore, she defines space ordering [6] on fuzzy matrices, which is a partial ordering on the set of all idempotent matrices in  $F_n$ . A crisp binary relation  $R(X, X)$  that is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive is called partial ordering [5]. The common symbol  $\leq$  is suggestive of the properties of this class of relations. Thus  $x \leq y$  denotes  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and signifies that  $x$  precedes  $y$ . The inverse partial ordering  $R^{-1}(X, X)$  is suggested by the symbol  $\geq$ . If  $y \leq x$  indicating that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R^{-1}$ , then we say that  $y$  succeeds  $x$ . If we need to distinguish several partial orderings such as P, Q and R, we use the symbols  $\leq^P$ ,  $\leq^Q$  and  $\leq^R$  respectively. In this paper, these orderings are characterized in  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices [7]. We discuss these ordering related with some inverses on  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices [8].

## 2. $T$ -ORDERING ON $K$ -IDEMPOTENT FUZZY MATRICES

**Definition 2.1.** For  $A, B \in F_{m,n}$ , the  $T$ -ordering  $A \leq^T B$  is defined as  $A \leq^T B \Leftrightarrow A^T A = A^T B$  and  $AA^T = BA^T$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $A, B \in F_{n \times n}$  and  $K$  be the associated permutation matrix of  $k$ , then  $A \leq^T B \Leftrightarrow KA \leq^T KB \Leftrightarrow AK \leq^T BK$

**Proof.**  $A \leq^T B \Leftrightarrow A^T A = A^T B$  and  $AA^T = BA^T$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T KKA = A^T KKB \text{ and } KAA^T K = KBA^T K$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (KA)^T KA = (KA)^T KB \text{ and } KA(KA)^T = KB(KA)^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow KA \leq^T KB$$

Similarly,  $A \leq^T B \Leftrightarrow A^T A = A^T B$  and  $AA^T = AA^T = BA^T$

$$\Leftrightarrow KA^T AK = KA^T BK \text{ and } AKKA^T = BKKA^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (KA)^T AK = (KA)^T BK \text{ and } AK(AK)^T = BK(AK)^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AK \leq^T BK$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A, B \in F_{m,n}$  are  $k$ -idempotent, then  $A \leq^T B$  if and only if  $A^2 \leq^T B^2$

**Proof.** Assuming that  $A \leq^T B$ , then we have

$$(i) A^T A = A^T B \text{ and } (ii) AA^T = BA^T$$

Pre multiplying by  $K$ , we have from (i)

$$KA^T AK = KA^T BK$$

$$KA^T KKA K = KA^T KKBK$$

$$(A^T)^2(A)^2 = (A^T)^2(B)^2 \tag{1}$$

From (ii),  $KAATK = KBA^TK$

$$KAKKA^TK = KBKKA^TK$$

$$(A)^2(A^T)^2 = (B)^2(A^T)^2 \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2), we have  $A^2 \leq^T B^2$

Conversely, if we assume that  $A^2 \leq^T B^2$

$$KA^2 \leq^T KB^2$$

$$KA^2K \leq^T KB^2K$$

$$A \leq^T B$$

**Remark 2.1.** If Moore – Penrose inverse of  $A$  and  $B$  exists and  $A \leq^T B$ , then we have  $AB_k^+ A = A = B_K^+ AB$  and  $A_k^+ = B_K^+ BB_K^+$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $A \leq^T B$  and  $B$  is  $k$ -idempotent, then  $A$  is also  $k$ -idempotent.

**Proof.**

$$KA^2K = KAAK$$

$$= KAB_k^+ BBB_k^+ AK$$

$$= AB_k^+ KB^2KB_k^+ A$$

$$= AB_k^+ BB_k^+ A$$

$$= AA_k^+ A$$

$$= A$$

Hence  $A$  is  $k$ -idempotent

### 3. MINUS ORDERING ON $K$ -IDEMPOTENT FUZZY MATRICES

**Definition 3.1.** For  $A \in F_{m,n}$  and  $B \in F_{m,n}$ , the minus ordering denoted as  $\overline{\prec}$  is defined as  $A \overline{\prec} B \Leftrightarrow A_k^- A = A_k^- B$  and  $AA_k^- = BA_k^-$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $A \overline{\prec} B$  With  $B$  as  $k$ -idempotent, then  $KBK \in A\{1\}$

**Proof.** Since  $B$  is  $k$ -idempotent and  $B$  is regular,

then  $B$  itself a  $g$ -inverse of  $B$ .

Hence  $B \in B\{1\}$

Since  $A \overline{\prec} B \Rightarrow B\{1\} \subseteq A\{1\}$  [6]

Therefore  $B \in A\{1\}$

Since  $B^2 = KBK$  and  $B$  is  $k$ -idempotent,  $KBK \in A\{1\}$

**Example 3.1.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here  $B$  is  $k$ -idempotent and regular

Also,  $B$  itself a  $g$ -inverse of  $B\{1\}$

Now,  $B = BA = AB$

Hence  $A \preceq B$  with respect to  $B = B_k^- \in A\{1\}$

**Remark 3.1.** For  $A \in F_{m,n}$  and  $B \in F_{m,n}$ ,  $A \preceq B \Leftrightarrow A = AA_k^- B = BA_k^- A = BA_k^- B$

**Theorem 3.2.** For  $A \in F_{m,n}$  and  $B \in F_{m,n}$  with  $A \preceq B$ , if  $B$  is  $k$ -idempotent then  $A$  is also  $k$ -idempotent.

**Proof.**  $KA^2K = KAAK$

$$\begin{aligned} &= K\{AA_k^- B\}\{BA_k^- A\}K \\ &= AA_k^- KB^2KAA_k^- \\ &= \{AA_k^- B\}A_k^- A \\ &= AA_k^- A \\ &= A \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is  $k$ -idempotent.

**Remark 3.2.** If  $A \preceq B$  with  $A$  as  $k$ -idempotent then  $B$  need not be a  $k$ -idempotent.

Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Here  $A \preceq B$  respect to  $A_k^- = A$

But  $B$  is not  $k$ -idempotent,

**Remark 3.3.** For  $A \in F_{m,n}$  and  $B \in F_{m,n}$ , the following are equivalent :

(i)  $A \preceq B$  and (ii)  $A = AA_k^- B = BA_k^- A = BA_k^- B$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices, then  $A \preceq B$  if and only if  $A^2 \preceq B^2$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $A \overline{\prec} B$ ,  $A = AA_k^- B = BA_k^- A = BA_k^- B$

$$\Leftrightarrow KAK = KAA_k^- BK = KBA_k^- AK = KBA_k^- BK$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^2 = A^2 KAA_k^- KB^2 = B^2 KA_k^- KA^2 = B^2 KA_k^- KB^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^2 = A^2 (A^2)_k^- B^2 = B^2 (A^2)_k^- A^2 = B^2 (A^2)_k^- B^2$$

Therefore  $A^2 \overline{\prec} B^2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $K$  is the associated permutation matrix of  $K$ , then for  $A, B \in F_{n \times n}$ ,  $A \overline{\prec} B \Leftrightarrow KA \overline{\prec} KB \Leftrightarrow AK \overline{\prec} BK$

**Proof.** Assuming that  $A \overline{\prec} B$ ,  $A_k^- A = A_k^- B$  and  $AA_k^- = BA_k^-$

$$\Leftrightarrow KA_k^- AK = KA_k^- BK \text{ and } KAA_k^- K = KBA_k^- K$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (AK)_k^- AK = (AK)_k^- BK \text{ and } AK(AK)_k^- = BK(AK)_k^-$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AK \overline{\prec} BK$$

Similarly,  $A \overline{\prec} B$ ,  $A_k^- KKA = A_k^- KKB$  and  $AKKA_k^- = BKKA_k^-$

$$\Leftrightarrow (KA)_k^- KA = (KA)_k^- KB \text{ and } KA(KA)_k^- = KB(KA)_k^-$$

$$\Leftrightarrow KA \overline{\prec} KB$$

#### 4. $K$ -SPACE ORDERING

Space ordering is a partial ordering on the set of all idempotent matrices in  $F_n$

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices,  $k$ -space ordering  $A \leq_k B$  is defined as  $A \leq_k B \Leftrightarrow R(A) \subseteq R(B)$  and  $\rho(A) \subseteq \rho(B)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\{A_i\}, i \in N$  be a finite set of  $k$ -idempotent matrices. Then

$A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  is  $k$ -idempotent if  $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$

**Proof.** Consider  $A_1 A_2 = A_2 A_1 = B_1^2$

Similarly,  $A_2 A_3 = A_3 A_2 = B_2^2$  and so on.

Since  $A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  are  $k$ -idempotent,

Therefore  $B_1^2, B_2^2, \dots, B_{\frac{m}{2}}^2$  are also  $k$ -idempotent.

Hence  $A = B_1^2 + B_2^2 + \dots + B_{\frac{m}{2}}^2$  is also  $k$ -idempotent.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\{A_i\}, i \in N$  be a finite set of  $k$ -idempotent matrices and if either  $R(A_i) \subseteq R(A_j)$  or  $\rho(A_i) \subseteq \rho(A_j)$ , then  $A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  is  $k$ -idempotent.

**Proof.** Taking  $R(A_i) \subseteq R(A_j)$

$$\Rightarrow R(A_1) \subseteq R(A_2), R(A_2) \subseteq R(A_3), \dots, R(A_{k-1}) \subseteq R(A_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(A_1) \subseteq R(A_2) \subseteq R(A_3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq R(A_{k-1}) \subseteq R(A_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = A_1$$

Hence  $A$  is  $k$ -idempotent.

Now  $\rho(A_i) \subseteq \rho(A_j)$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(A_1) \subseteq \rho(A_2), \rho(A_2) \subseteq \rho(A_3), \dots, \rho(A_{k-1}) \subseteq \rho(A_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(A_1) \subseteq \rho(A_2) \subseteq \rho(A_3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \rho(A_{k-1}) \subseteq \rho(A_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = A_k$$

Therefore, A is  $k$ -idempotent.

**Example 4.1.** Consider  $A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Both are being idempotent.

Hence  $\rho(A_1) \subseteq \rho(A_2)$

Here  $A = A_1$ , which is  $k$ -idempotent.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\{A_i\}, i \in N$  be a finite set of  $k$ -idempotent matrices and  $A_i \leq A_j$ , then  $A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  is  $k$ -idempotent.

**Proof.**  $A_i \leq A_j \Rightarrow A_i A_j \leq A_j$  and  $A_i \leq A_j A_i$

$$\Rightarrow K(A_i A_j)^2 K \leq A_i A_j \text{ and}$$

$$K(A_i A_j)^2 K = A_i (A_i A_j) A_j \geq A_i A_j$$

$$\Rightarrow K(A_i A_j)^2 K = A_i A_j$$

$$\Rightarrow A_i A_j \text{ is } k\text{-idempotent.}$$

Hence  $A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  is  $k$ -idempotent.

## 5. CONCLUSION

Ordering principles are crucial for categorizing and ranking real world problems. The comparability relation on fuzzy matrices is a partial ordering. Minus ordering is a partial ordering in the set of all regular fuzzy matrices. We have introduced ordering on  $k$ -idempotent fuzzy matrices and developed the theory of fuzzy matrix partial ordering. The minus ordering and  $k$ -space ordering are identical for  $k$ -idempotent matrices.



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