

## An Approach For Solving Decision Making Problem In Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix

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**Abstract:** Soft set theory is a newly mathematical tool to deal with uncertain problems. It has a rich potential for application in solving practical problems in economics, social science, medical science etc. The concept of fuzzy soft sets extended fuzzy soft set to Intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets. In this paper we proposed intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices and defined different types of intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices and some operators. Finally a practical example that explains the best operating system on the laptop is analysed and demonstrate the application of the proposed decision making method.

**Key words:** Soft sets • Fuzzy soft sets • Fuzzy soft matrices • Intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices

### INTRODUCTION

Soft set theory was initiated by Russian researcher Molodtsov [1]; he proposed soft set as a completely generic mathematical tool for modeling uncertainties. Maji *et al.* [2, 3] applied this theory to several directions for dealing with the problems in uncertainty and imprecision. Pei and Miao [4] and Chen *et al.* [5] improved the work of Maji *et al.* [2, 3] and Yong *et al.* [6] initiated a matrix representation of a fuzzy soft set and applied it in decision making problems. Borah *et al.* [7] and in Neog *et al.* [8] extended fuzzy soft matrix theory and its application. Chetia *et al.* [9] proposed Intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrix theory. Rajarajeswari *et al.* [10] proposed new definitions for Intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices and its types.

Babitha and John [11] described generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets and solved multi criteria decision making problem in generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices. In this paper, a new approach is proposed to construct the decision method for the operating system on the laptops by using Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrices. The result is obtained based on the maximum value in the score matrix.

**Defenitions and Preliminaries:** The basic definitions of Intuitionistic fuzzy soft set theory that are useful for subsequent discussions are given.

**Soft Set:** Suppose that  $U$  is an initial Universe of discourse and  $E$  is a set of parameters, let  $P(U)$  denotes

the power set of  $U$ . A pair  $(F, E)$  is called a soft set over  $U$  where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $F: E \rightarrow P(U)$ . Clearly, a soft set is a mapping from parameters to  $P(U)$  and it is not a set, but a parameterized family of subsets of the Universe.

**Fuzzy Soft Set:** Let  $U$  be an initial Universe of discourse and  $E$  be the set of parameters. Let  $A \subseteq E$ . A pair  $(F, A)$  is called fuzzy soft set over  $U$  where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $F: A \rightarrow I U$ , where  $I U$  denotes the collection of all fuzzy subsets of  $U$ .

**Fuzzy Soft Matrix:** Let  $U = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_m\}$  be the Universal set and  $E$  be the set of parameters given by  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$ . Let  $A \subseteq E$  and  $(F, A)$  be a fuzzy soft set in the fuzzy soft class  $(U, E)$ . Then fuzzy soft set  $(F, A)$  in a matrix form as  $A_{m \times n} = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  or  $A = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , where,

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} (\mu_j(C_j), \nu_j(C_i)) & \text{if } e_j \in A \\ (0,1) & \text{if } e_j \notin A \end{cases}$$

$\mu_j(c_i)$  represents the membership of  $c_i$  in the Intuitionistic fuzzy set  $F(e_j)$ .  $\nu_j(c_i)$  represents the non-membership of  $c_i$  in the Intuitionistic fuzzy set  $F(e_j)$ .

### Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix Theory

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Set:** Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be the set of parameters. Let  $IF U$  denote the collection of all Intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of  $U$ . Let  $A \subseteq E$ . A pair  $(F; A)$  is called an Intuitionistic fuzzy soft set over  $U$  where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $F: A \rightarrow IF U$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Set Complement Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = (\mu_j(c_i), \nu_j(c_i)) \forall i, j$ . Then  $A^c$  is called a Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Complement Matrix if  $A^c = [d_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , where  $d_{ij} = (\nu_j(c_i), \mu_j(c_i)) \forall i, j$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Sub Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ . Then A is a intuitionistic fuzzy soft submatrix of B, denoted by  $A \subseteq B$ . if  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B$  and  $\nu_A \geq \nu_B \forall i, j$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Null (Zero) Matrix:** An intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrix of order  $m \times n$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy soft null (zero) matrix. If all its elements are (0, 1). It is denoted by  $\Phi$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Universal Matrix:** An intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrix of order  $m \times n$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy soft universal matrix if all its elements are (1, 0). It is denoted by  $U$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Equal Matrix:**  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ . Then A is equal to B, denoted by  $A = B$ . if  $\mu_A = \mu_B$  and  $\nu_A = \nu_B \forall i, j$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Transpose Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ . Then  $A^T$  is a intuitionistic fuzzy soft transpose matrix of A if  $A^T = [a_{ji}]$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Rectangular Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = (\mu_j(c_i), \nu_j(c_i))$ . Then A is called a Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft rectangular Matrix if  $m \neq n$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Upper Triangular Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = (\mu_j(c_i), \nu_j(c_i))$ . Then A is called a Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft upper rectangular Matrix if  $m = n$  and  $a_{ij} = (0, 1) \forall i > j$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Lower Triangular Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = (\mu_j(c_i), \nu_j(c_i))$ . Then A is called a Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft lower rectangular Matrix if  $m = n$  and  $a_{ij} = (0, 1) \forall i < j$ .

**Operations on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix Theory**  
**Addition and Subtraction of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix:** If  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , then we define the addition and subtraction of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrices of A and B as;

$$A + B = \{ \max[(\mu_A(a_{ij}), \mu_B(b_{ij}))], \min[\nu_A(a_{ij}), \nu_B(b_{ij})] \} \forall i, j$$

$$A - B = \{ \min[\mu_A(a_{ij}), \mu_B(b_{ij})], \max[\nu_A(a_{ij}), \nu_B(b_{ij})] \} \forall i, j.$$

**Product of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix:** If  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{n \times p}$ , then we define  $A * B$ , multiplication of A and B as  $A * B = [c_{ij}]_{m \times p}$   $S = \{ \max \min[(\mu_A(a_{ij}), \mu_B(b_{ij}))], \min \max[\nu_A(a_{ij}), \nu_B(b_{ij})] \} \forall i, j$ .

**Score Matrix:** If  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , then we define Score matrix of A and B as  $S_{(A, B)} = [d_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  where  $[d_{ij}] = V(A) - V(B)$

**Value Matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = (\mu_j(c_i), \nu_j(c_i))$ . Then we define the Value Matrix of intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrix is  $V(A) = [a_{ij}] = [(\mu_j(c_i) - \nu_j(c_i))]$ .

**Total Score:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}] \in \text{IFSM}_{m \times n}$ . Let the corresponding Value matrices be  $V(A)$ ,  $V(B)$  and their score matrix is  $S_{(A, B)} = [d_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  then we define Total Score for each  $c_i$  in  $U$  is  $S_i = \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij}$ .

**Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrices in Decision Making Algorithm**

*Step 1:* Input the intuitionistic fuzzy soft set (U, E), (V, E) and obtain the intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices G, H corresponding to (U, E) and (V, E) respectively.

*Step 2:* Write the intuitionistic fuzzy soft complement set (U, E)<sup>c</sup>, (V, E)<sup>c</sup> and obtain the intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices G<sup>c</sup>, H<sup>c</sup> corresponding to (U, E)<sup>c</sup> and (V, E)<sup>c</sup> respectively.

*Step 3:* Compute (G+H), (G<sup>c</sup>+H<sup>c</sup>), V(G+H), V(G<sup>c</sup>+H<sup>c</sup>) and  $S_{((G+H), (G^c+H^c))}$ .

*Step 4:* Compute the total score  $S_i$  for each  $L_i$ .

*Step 5:* Find  $L$  in  $S_p$  in which  $L_i$  have maximum value in  $S_i$ , then we can conclude that the laptop  $L_i$  is selected based on the laptop which has the best operating system. In case  $\max(S_i)$  occurs for more than one value, then the process will be repeating by reassessing the parameters.

**Example:** Suppose a company produces a five different types of laptops such as  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4, L_5$ . Let (U, E) and (V, E) be the Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Sets representing the selection of laptops from the Universal set  $U = \{ L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4, L_5 \}$  and let  $E = \{ e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 \}$  be the set of parameters which indicates an operating system of the given laptops, such as windows 7, windows 8, windows 10 and linux.

The customer X is going to buy a laptop which has a good rating depending upon its operating system.

Suppose that Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Set (F, S) over L, where F is the mapping  $F:L \rightarrow IF^L$ , gives a collection of an approximate description of an operating system of the laptops.

$$(U, E) = \{U(e_1) = \{(L_1, 0.6, 0.2), (L_2, 0.3, 0.5), (L_3, 0.1, 0.8), (L_4, 0.5, 0.5), (L_5, 0.1, 0.7)\}\}$$

$$U(e_2) = \{(L_1, 0.2, 0.6), (L_2, 0.7, 0.1), (L_3, 0.8, 0.1), (L_4, 0.7, 0.2), (L_5, 0.3, 0.4)\}$$

$$U(e_3) = \{(L_1, 0.6, 0.3), (L_2, 0.5, 0.2), (L_3, 0.6, 0.4), (L_4, 0.5, 0.4), (L_5, 0.7, 0.6)\}$$

$$U(e_4) = \{(L_1, 0.8, 0.2), (L_2, 0.3, 0.4), (L_3, 0.2, 0.7), (L_4, 0.5, 0.3), (L_5, 0.6, 0.3)\}$$

And,

$$(V, E) = \{V(e_1) = \{(L_1, 0.5, 0.4), (L_2, 0.5, 0.1), (L_3, 0.6, 0.2), (L_4, 0.4, 0.4), (L_5, 0.6, 0.1)\}\}$$

$$V(e_2) = \{(L_1, 0.1, 0.2), (L_2, 0.3, 0.2), (L_3, 0.3, 0.3), (L_4, 0.3, 0.7), (L_5, 0.4, 0.3)\}$$

$$V(e_3) = \{(L_1, 0.4, 0.7), (L_2, 0.8, 0.3), (L_3, 0.5, 0.5), (L_4, 0.9, 0.2), (L_5, 0.8, 0.5)\}$$

$$V(e_4) = \{(L_1, 0.7, 0.5), (L_2, 0.2, 0.7), (L_3, 0.7, 0.2), (L_4, 0.1, 0.5), (L_5, 0.2, 0.2)\}$$

The above two Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Sets are represented by the following Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Matrices respectively.

$$G = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.6,0.2) & (0.2,0.6) & (0.6,0.3) & (0.8,0.2) \\ (0.3,0.5) & (0.7,0.1) & (0.5,0.2) & (0.3,0.4) \\ (0.1,0.8) & (0.8,0.1) & (0.6,0.4) & (0.2,0.7) \\ (0.5,0.5) & (0.7,0.2) & (0.5,0.4) & (0.5,0.3) \\ (0.1,0.7) & (0.3,0.4) & (0.7,0.6) & (0.6,0.3) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$H = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.5,0.4) & (0.1,0.2) & (0.4,0.7) & (0.7,0.5) \\ (0.5,0.1) & (0.3,0.2) & (0.8,0.3) & (0.2,0.7) \\ (0.6,0.2) & (0.3,0.3) & (0.5,0.5) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.4,0.4) & (0.3,0.7) & (0.9,0.2) & (0.1,0.5) \\ (0.6,0.1) & (0.4,0.3) & (0.8,0.5) & (0.2,0.2) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The complement matrix

$$G^C = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.2,0.6) & (0.6,0.2) & (0.3,0.6) & (0.2,0.8) \\ (0.5,0.3) & (0.1,0.7) & (0.2,0.5) & (0.4,0.3) \\ (0.8,0.1) & (0.1,0.8) & (0.4,0.6) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.5,0.5) & (0.2,0.7) & (0.5,0.4) & (0.3,0.5) \\ (0.7,0.1) & (0.4,0.3) & (0.6,0.7) & (0.3,0.6) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$H^C = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.4,0.5) & (0.2,0.1) & (0.7,0.4) & (0.5,0.7) \\ (0.1,0.5) & (0.2,0.3) & (0.3,0.8) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.2,0.6) & (0.3,0.3) & (0.5,0.5) & (0.2,0.7) \\ (0.4,0.4) & (0.7,0.3) & (0.2,0.9) & (0.5,0.1) \\ (0.1,0.6) & (0.3,0.4) & (0.5,0.8) & (0.2,0.2) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The addition matrix

$$G+H = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.6,0.2) & (0.2,0.1) & (0.6,0.3) & (0.8,0.2) \\ (0.5,0.1) & (0.7,0.1) & (0.8,0.2) & (0.3,0.4) \\ (0.6,0.2) & (0.8,0.1) & (0.6,0.4) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.5,0.4) & (0.7,0.2) & (0.9,0.2) & (0.5,0.3) \\ (0.6,0.1) & (0.4,0.3) & (0.8,0.5) & (0.6,0.2) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$G^C+H^C = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.4,0.5) & (0.6,0.1) & (0.7,0.4) & (0.5,0.7) \\ (0.5,0.3) & (0.2,0.3) & (0.3,0.5) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.8,0.1) & (0.3,0.3) & (0.5,0.5) & (0.7,0.2) \\ (0.5,0.4) & (0.7,0.3) & (0.5,0.4) & (0.5,0.1) \\ (0.7,0.1) & (0.4,0.3) & (0.6,0.7) & (0.3,0.2) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The Value Matrix

$$V(G+H) = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.4) & (0.1) & (0.3) & (0.6) \\ (0.4) & (0.6) & (0.6) & -(0.1) \\ (0.4) & (0.7) & (0.2) & (0.5) \\ (0.1) & (0.5) & (0.7) & (0.2) \\ (0.5) & (0.1) & (0.3) & (0.4) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$V(G^C+H^C) = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -(0.1) & (0.5) & (0.3) & (0.2) \\ (0.2) & -(0.1) & -(0.2) & (0.5) \\ (0.7) & (0.0) & (0.0) & (0.5) \\ (0.1) & (0.4) & (0.1) & (0.4) \\ (0.6) & (0.1) & -(0.1) & (0.1) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The Score Matrix

$$S_{((G+H),(G^c+H^c))} = \begin{matrix} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0.5) & -(0.4) & (0.0) & (0.8) \\ (0.2) & (0.7) & (0.8) & -(0.6) \\ -(0.3) & (0.7) & (0.2) & (0.0) \\ (0.0) & (0.1) & (0.6) & -(0.2) \\ -(0.1) & (0.0) & (0.4) & (0.3) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Total Score} = \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 1.1 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the above result  $L_2$  has maximum value.

### CONCLUSION

Hence from the above result we can say that the Laptop  $L_2$  has the maximum value. So finally we can conclude that Mr. X will prefer to select the Laptop  $L_2$  since it has a good rating which indicates that  $L_2$ 's operating system is good compared to other four laptops. Molodtsov introduced the concept of soft sets, which is one of the recent topics developed for dealing with the uncertainties present in most of our real life situations. The parametrization tool of soft set theory enhance the flexibility of its applications. In this paper, we define intuitionistic fuzzy soft matrices some results are established in continuation to soft matrices introduced by Chagman.

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