

## ON CONTENTS OF REALIZABLE FUZZY MATRICES

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduced the concept of D-M fuzzy matrix and given methods for constructing its realization, and showed its content  $r(B_n)=n$ . Finally, we studied contents of realizable fuzzy matrices  $B_n$  and showed

$$r(B_n) \leq \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1 \quad (n \geq 4)$$

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In this paper, we used some notations and results in [1], [2], for brief, these notations and results are not listed. Please refer to [1], [2].

## 1 D-M matrix and its content

**Definition:** A matrix  $B_n = (b_{ij}) \in L^{n \times n}$  is called D-M matrix if it satisfies following conditions:

- (1)  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,
- (2)  $b_{ij} < b_{ik}$ ,  $i < k < j$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,
- (3)  $b_{ij} < b_{kj}$ ,  $i < k \leq j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Theorem 1:** Suppose that

$$B_n = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a D-M matrix, then  $r(B_n)=n$  and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ 0 & \ddots & \vdots & \\ & & & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a realization of  $B_n$ .

Proof: Because  $B_n$  is a D-N matrix, so  $B_n$  is realizable.  
Write  $AA' = C = (c_{ij})$ .

If  $i \leq j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c_{ij} &= V\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k=1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ &= V\{\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k < j\} \cup \{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq j\}\} \\ &= V\{\{a_{ik} \wedge 0\} \cup \{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq j\}\} \\ &= V\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq j\} \\ &= V\{b_{ik} \wedge b_{jk} \mid k \geq j\} \\ &= V\{b_{ik} \mid k \geq j\} \\ &= b_{ij} . \end{aligned}$$

If  $i > j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c_{ij} &= V\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k=1, \dots, n\} \\ &= V\{\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k < i\} \cup \{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq i\}\} \\ &= V\{\{0 \wedge a_{jk} \mid k < i\} \cup \{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq i\}\} \\ &= V\{a_{ik} \wedge a_{jk} \mid k \geq i\} \\ &= V\{b_{ik} \wedge b_{jk} \mid k \geq i\} \\ &= V\{b_{jk} \mid k \geq i\} \\ &= b_{ji} \\ &= b_{ij} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $C = AA' = B_n$ , therefor  $A$  is a realization of  $B_n$ . Since  $A$  only has  $n$  columns,  $r(B_n) \leq n$ . From paper (2), we have  $r(B_n) \geq n$ , therefor  $r(B_n) = n$ .

## 2 Estimation of upper bound of contents of realizable fuzzy symmetric matrices

Proposition 1: If  $B^{(i)} \in L^{n \times n}$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are realizable L-fuzzy symmetric matrices and  $A^{(i)}$  is a realization of  $B^{(i)}$ , then

$B_n = B^{(1)} + B^{(2)} + \dots + B^{(m)}$  is also realizable and  $(A^{(1)} A^{(2)} \dots A^{(m)})$  is a realization of  $B_n$ , and  $r(B_n) = r(B^{(1)} + B^{(2)} + \dots + B^{(m)}) \leq r(B^{(1)}) + r(B^{(2)}) + \dots + r(B^{(m)})$ .

Proposition 2: If  $A$  is a realization of  $B_n$ , then number of different nonzero elements of  $A$  is necessarily more than or equal to number of different nonzero elements of  $B_n$ .

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**Proposition 3:** If  $B_n$  is realizable, the  $b_{ij}$  occurs necessarily in i-th row or j-th row of its realization.

If  $b_{ij}$  occurs neither in i-th row of  $A$  nor in j-th row of  $A$ , the  $A$  is not realization of  $B_n$ .

Above propositions are obvious.

**Proposition 4:** Let

$B_n = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{n1} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  be a realizable L-fuzzy symmetric matrix, then

$$A_n = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} b_{21} \dots b_{n1} & 0 0 0 \dots 0 & 0 0 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ b_{12} 0 0 \dots 0 & b_{22} b_{32} \dots b_{n2} & 0 0 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 b_{13} 0 \dots 0 & b_{23} 0 0 \dots 0 & b_{33} b_{43} \dots b_{n3} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 0 b_{14} \dots 0 & 0 b_{24} 0 \dots 0 & b_{34} 0 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 0 0 \dots 0 & 0 0 b_{25} \dots 0 & 0 b_{35} 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 0 \dots b_{1n} 0 & 0 0 \dots b_{2n} 0 & 0 0 \dots b_{3n} 0 & \dots & b_{nn} & 0 \\ 0 0 \dots 0 b_{1n} & 0 0 \dots 0 b_{2n} & 0 0 \dots 0 b_{3n} & \dots & b_{nn} & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{A^{(1)} \quad A^{(2)} \quad A^{(3)} \quad \dots \quad A^{(n)} \quad A^{(n)}}$$

$$= (A^{(1)} \quad A^{(2)} \quad A^{(3)} \quad \dots \quad A^{(n-1)} \quad A^{(n)})$$

is a realization of  $B_n$ , and  $r(B_n) \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 1$

**Proof:** Let

$$B^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \dots 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & b_{ii} & b_{i+1,i} & b_{i+2,i} & \dots b_{i,n} & b_{i,n} \\ 0 \dots 0 & b_{i+1,i} & b_{i+2,i} & 0 & \dots 0 & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & b_{i+2,i} & 0 & b_{i+3,i} & \dots 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 \dots 0 & b_{n-i,i} & 0 & 0 & \dots b_{i,n} & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & b_{n-i} & 0 & 0 & \dots 0 & b_{i,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (i=1,2,\dots,n)$$

then  $B_n = B^{(1)} + B^{(2)} + \dots + B^{(i)} + \dots + B^{(n)}$  and  $A^{(i)}$  is a realization of  $B^{(i)}$ ,  $r(B^{(i)}) \leq n-i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,n-1$ ),  $r(B^{(n)})=1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(B_n) &= r(B^{(0)} + B^{(1)} + \dots + B^{(n)}) = r(B^{(0)}) + \dots + r(B^{(n)}) \\
 &= (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 + 1 \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 5: Suppose that

$$B_n = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a diagonally dominant matrix.}$$

If

$$B_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} & b_{1,n+1} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} & b_{2,n+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} & b_{n,n+1} \\ b_{n+1,1} & b_{n+1,2} & \dots & b_{n+1,n} & b_{n+1,n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_n & b_{1,n+1} \\ & b_{2,n+1} \\ & \vdots \\ & b_{n,n+1} \\ b_{n+1,1} & b_{n+1,2} \dots b_{n+1,n} & b_{n+1,n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

satisfies following conditions:

for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

- (1)  $b_{i,n+1} < b_{ij}$ ,
- (2)  $b_{n+1,n+1} > b_{i,n+1}$ ,
- (3)  $b_{i,n+1} \leq b_{j,n+1} \quad i < j$ ,

then  $r(B_{n+1}) \leq r(B_n) + 1$ .

**Proof:** Obviously,  $B_{n+1}$  is realizable. By using the proposition 4, we know that

$$A_{n+1} = (A^{(0)} \ A^{(1)} \ \dots \ A^{(n)} \ A^{(n+1)})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{21} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{22} & b_{23} & \dots & b_{2n} & b_{2,n+1} & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_{31} & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{32} & \dots & 0 & 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{n1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{n2} & 0 & \dots & b_{n,n+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{n+1,1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{n+1,2} & \dots & b_{n+1,n+1} & b_{n+1,n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{A^{(0)}}_{A''}, \quad \underbrace{A^{(1)}}_{A^{(2)}}, \quad \underbrace{A^{(n)}}_{A^{(n+1)}}, \quad \underbrace{A^{(n+1)}}_{A^{(n+1)}}$

is a realization of  $B_{n+1}$ .

Because  $b_{1,n+1} \wedge b_{ii} = b_{1,n+1} \wedge b_{n+1,n+1}$ , the matrix obtained by changing 0 of first row of last column of  $A_{n+1}$  for  $b_{1,n+1}$  and canceling last column of  $A''$  is also a realization

of  $B_{n+1}$  <sup>[2]</sup>.

Because  $b_{1,n+1} \wedge b_{2,n+1} \leq b_{11} \wedge b_{12}$ ,  $b_{2,n+1} \wedge b_{n+1,n+1} = b_{22} \wedge b_{2,n+1}$ , the matrix obtained by changing 0 of second row of last column of  $A_{n+1}$  for  $b_{2,n+1}$  and canceling last column of  $A^{(n)}$  is also realization of  $B_{n+1}$ . We go on doing similarly.

Finally, we change 0 of n-th row of last column of  $A_{n+1}$  for  $b_{n,n+1}$ , but we can not cancel only column of  $A^{(n)}$ .

(see proposition 3). The matrix obtained by above changing is written  $A_{n+1}^*$ , then  $A_{n+1}^*$  is a realization of  $B_{n+1}$ .

$$A_{n+1}^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccccccc} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & \dots & b_{1n} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{1,n+1} \\ b_{21} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{22} & b_{23} & \dots & b_{2n} & 0 & 0 & b_{2,n+1} \\ 0 & b_{31} & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{32} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{3,n+1} \\ 0 & 0 & b_{41} & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{42} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{4,n+1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{51} & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{5,n+1} \\ \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{m1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{m2} & 0 & \dots & b_{mn} & 0 & b_{m,n+1} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{n1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} & b_{n,n+1} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{n+1,n+1} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$A_m^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} A_n \\ \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & b_{m,n+1} \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $A_n$  is a realization of  $B_n$ . Therefor

$$r(B_{n+1}) \leq r(B_n) + 1.$$

**Theorem 2:** Suppose that  $B_n \in L^{n \times n}$  is a realizable fuzzy symmetric matrix, then

$$r(B_n) \leq \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1, \text{ for } n \geq 4.$$

**Proof:** we prove it by inductive method.

If  $n=4$ , then  $r(B_4) \leq 4 = \frac{(4-1)(4-2)}{2} + 1$  (see [2]).

Assume that

$$r(B_k) \leq \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{2} + 1 \text{ is true for } n=k.$$

If  $n=k+1$  : Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{k+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1k} & b_{1k+1} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2k} & b_{2k+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{k1} & b_{k2} & \dots & b_{kk} & b_{kk+1} \\ b_{k+11} & b_{k+12} & \dots & b_{k+k} & b_{k+k+1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1k} & 0 \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2k} & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{k1} & b_{k2} & \dots & b_{kk} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{1k+1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{1k+1} \\ 0 & b_{2k+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{2k+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{kk+1} & b_{kk+1} \\ b_{k+11} & b_{k+12} & b_{k+13} & \dots & b_{k+k} & b_{k+k+1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= B^{(1)} + B^{(2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Write

$$B_k = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1k} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{k1} & b_{k2} & \dots & b_{kk} \end{pmatrix}$$

and assume that a realization

of  $B_k$  is

$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{k1} & a_{k2} & \dots & a_{kp} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } p = \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{2} + 1.$$

Obviously,

$$A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{k1} & a_{k2} & \dots & a_{kp} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{is a realization of } B^{(1)}.$$

Write

$$A^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{1k+1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{2k+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_{3k+1} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{kk+1} \\ b_{k+k+1} & b_{k+k+2} & b_{k+k+3} & \dots & b_{k+k+k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Obviously,  $A^{(2)}$  is a realization of  $B^{(2)}$ .

Since  $B_{k+1} = B^{(1)} + B^{(2)}$ ,  $A_{k+1} = (A^{(1)} \ A^{(2)})$  is a realization of  $B_{k+1}$ , where

$$A_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1p} & b_{1,k+1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & b_{1,k+1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & b_{j,k+1} & \dots & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ a_{kk} & \dots & a_{kp} & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & b_{kk+1} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{k+1,k+1} & \dots & b_{k+1,k+1} & \dots & b_{m+1,k+1} & \dots & b_{k+1,k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{A^{(1)}}_{A^{(1)}}$        $\underbrace{A^{(2)}}_{A^{(2)}}$

has  $k+1$  rows and  $p+k$  columns. We discuss by two cases:

(1) If there are two rows in  $A^{(1)}$ , such as  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th row ( $i \neq j$ ), satisfying  $a_{ih} \wedge a_{jh} \geq b_{ik+1} \wedge b_{jk+1}$  for existing  $a h \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ , we may change 0 of  $j$ -th row of  $i$ -th column in  $A^{(2)}$  for  $b_{jk+1}$ , and cancel  $j$ -th column in  $A^{(2)}$ . the matrix obtained by above changing is written  $A^{(2)*}$ . Write  $A_{k+1}^* = (A^{(1)} \ A^{(2)*})$ , therefor  $A_{k+1}^*$  is also a realization of  $B_{k+1}$ . The number of columns of  $A_{k+1}^*$  is

$$p+(k-1) = \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{2} + 1 + (k-1) = \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{2} + k$$

$$= \frac{(k-1)k}{2} + 1 = \frac{((k+1)-1)((k+1)-2)}{2} + 1$$

thus

$$r(B_{k+1}) \leq \frac{((k+1)-1)((k+1)-2)}{2} + 1.$$

(2) If for  $\forall r, h \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  ( $r \neq h$ )

$$a_{rj} \wedge a_{hj} < b_{rk+1} \wedge b_{hk+1} \quad \text{for } j=1, 2, \dots, p,$$

we can prove that

$$r(B_{k+1}) \leq \frac{((k+1)-1)((k+1)-2)}{2} + 1$$

is also hold. (The proof is omitted) Thus

$$r(B_n) \leq \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1$$

is hold for  $n=k+1$ , therefor

$$r(B_n) \leq \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1$$

is hold for  $n \geq 4$ .

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