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Some operations (as " $\cup$ ", " $\cap$ ", "+", ".", " $\odot$ ", " $\$$ ") are defined over the Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets (IFSs) in [1-4]. Here we shall introduce a new one, and we shall show its basic properties.

Let a set  $E$  be fixed. An IFS  $A^*$  in  $E$  is an object having the form:

$$A^* = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle / x \in E \},$$

where the functions  $\mu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  define the degree of membership and the degree of non-membership of the element  $x \in E$  to the set  $A$ , which is a subset of  $E$ , respectively, and for every  $x \in E$ :

$$0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1.$$

For every two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  are valid (see [1-4]) the following definitions (let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ):

$$A \subset B \text{ iff } (\forall x \in E) (\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x) \ \& \ \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x));$$

$$A \supset B \text{ iff } B \subset A;$$

$$A = B \text{ iff } (\forall x \in E) (\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x) \ \& \ \gamma_A(x) = \gamma_B(x));$$

$$A \subset_{\square} B \text{ iff } (\forall x \in E) (\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x));$$

$$A \subset_{\diamond} B \text{ iff } (\forall x \in E) (\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x));$$

$$\bar{A} = \{ \langle x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A \cap B = \{ \langle x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x)) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A \cup B = \{ \langle x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x)) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A + B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A \cdot B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \gamma_A(x) + \gamma_B(x) - \gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A \odot B = \{ \langle x, (\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x))/2, (\gamma_A(x) + \gamma_B(x))/2 \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$A \$ B = \{ \langle x, \sqrt{\mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}, \sqrt{\gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x)} \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$\square A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle / x \in E \};$$

$$0A = \{ \langle x, 1 - \gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle / x \in E \}.$$

Here we shall define the new operation:

$$A \# B = \{ \langle x, 2 \cdot \frac{\mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)}, 2 \cdot \frac{\gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x)}{\gamma_A(x) + \gamma_B(x)} \rangle / x \in E \}$$

for which we shall accept that if  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x) = 0$ , then  $\frac{\mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)} = 0$  and if  $\gamma_A(x) = \gamma_B(x) = 0$ , then  $\frac{\gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x)}{\gamma_A(x) + \gamma_B(x)} = 0$ .

**THEOREM 1:** For every two IFSSs A and B,  $A \# B$  is an IFS.

Proof: We must prove, that for every  $x \in E$ :

$$2 \cdot \left( \frac{\mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)} + \frac{\gamma_A(x) \cdot \gamma_B(x)}{\gamma_A(x) + \gamma_B(x)} \right) \leq 1.$$

We shall use the following

**LEMMA:** If  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$  and  $a + b \leq 1, c + d \leq 1, a + c > 0, b + d > 0$ , then:

$$\frac{2 \cdot a \cdot c}{a + c} + \frac{2 \cdot b \cdot d}{b + d} \leq 1. \quad (1)$$

Obviously,

$$(a \cdot b \cdot c + a \cdot b \cdot d) + (a \cdot c \cdot d + b \cdot c \cdot d) \leq a \cdot b + c \cdot d. \quad (2)$$

Let  $a \geq c$ . If  $a \cdot d \geq b \cdot c$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot b \cdot c + a \cdot b \cdot d + a \cdot c \cdot d + b \cdot c \cdot d &= a \cdot d \cdot (b + c) + b \cdot c \cdot (a + d) \\ &\leq a \cdot d \cdot (1 - a + c) + b \cdot c \cdot (a + 1 - c) \\ &= a \cdot d + b \cdot c - (a \cdot d - b \cdot c) \cdot (a - c) \leq a \cdot d + b \cdot c, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$a \cdot b \cdot c + a \cdot b \cdot d + a \cdot c \cdot d + b \cdot c \cdot d \leq a \cdot d + b \cdot c. \quad (3)$$

Let  $a \geq c$ . If  $a \cdot d < b \cdot c$ , then obviously,  $b > d$  and

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot b \cdot c + a \cdot b \cdot d + a \cdot c \cdot d + b \cdot c \cdot d &= a \cdot d \cdot (b + c) + b \cdot c \cdot (a + d) \\ &\leq a \cdot d \cdot (b + 1 - d) + b \cdot c \cdot (1 - b + d) \\ &= a \cdot d + b \cdot c - (b \cdot c - a \cdot d) \cdot (b - d) \leq a \cdot d + b \cdot c, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (3) is valid, too.

When  $a < c$  the validity of (3) is checked analogically. Adding (2) and (3) we obtain (1), from where the validity of the Lemma follows.

From the above definitions follows the validity of

**THEOREM 2:** For every three IFSSs A, B and C:

$$(a) \ A \# B = B \# A;$$

$$(b) \ A \# B = A \# B;$$

$$(c) \ (A \cap B) \# C = (A \# C) \cap (B \# C);$$

$$(d) (A \cup B) \# C = (A \# C) \cup (B \# C);$$

The other relations between the operation "#" and the other operations are not valid.

**THEOREM 3:** For every two IFSs A and B and for every two numbers  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ :

$$(a) \square(A \# B) \supset \square A \# \square B,$$

$$(b) \diamond(A \# B) \subset \diamond A \# \diamond B,$$

$$(c) G_{\alpha, \beta}(A \# B) = G_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \# G_{\alpha, \beta}(B),$$

Easily can be seen, that the equality:

$$(A \# B) \# C = A \# (B \# C)$$

is not valid.

**THEOREM 4** (cf. [4]): For every two IFSs A and B:

$$(a) A \cdot B \subset A \cap B \subset \left\{ \begin{array}{c} A \# B \\ A \$ B \\ A @ B \end{array} \right\} \subset A \cup B \subset A + B;$$

$$(b) A \# B \subset \square A \$ B \subset \square A @ B;$$

$$(c) A @ B \subset \diamond A \$ B \subset \diamond A \# B.$$

The validities of these inclusions follow from the validity of the following inequalities for the arbitrary real numbers  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ :

$$a \cdot b \leq \min(a, b) \leq \frac{2 \cdot a \cdot b}{a + b} \leq \sqrt{a \cdot b} \leq \frac{a + b}{2} \leq \max(a, b) \leq a + b - a \cdot b.$$

This operation can be transferred to an operation on ordinary fuzzy sets as follows:

$$A \# B = \{ \langle x, \frac{2 \cdot \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)} \rangle / x \in E \}.$$

Now, Theorem 4 obtains the form:

$$A \cdot B \subset A \cap B \subset A \# B \subset A \$ B \subset A @ B \subset A \cup B \subset A + B.$$

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