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Interval Valued Intuitionistic Fuzzy Line Graphs

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Abstract

Objectives: In the field of graph theory, an intuitionistic fuzzy set becomes a useful tool to handle problems related to uncertainty and impreciseness. We introduced the interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy line graphs (IVFLG) and explored the results related to IVFLG.

Result: Some propositions and theorems related to IVFLG are proposed and proved, which are originated from intuitionistic fuzzy graphs (IVFG). Furthermore, Isomorphism between two IVFLGs toward their IVFGs was determined and verified.

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Introduction

After Euler was presented with the impression of Königsberg bridge problem, Graph Theory has become recognized in different academic fields like engineering, social science in medical science, and natural science. A few operations of graphs like line graph, wiener index of graph, cluster and corona operations of graph, total graph, semi-total line and edge join of graphs have been valuable in graph theory and chemical graph theory to consider the properties of boiling point, heat of evaporation, surface tension, vapor pressure, total electron energy of polymers, partition coefficients, ultrasonic sound velocity and internal energy [1–4]. The degree sequence of a graph and algebraic structure of different graphs operations were determined and its result is to the join and corona products of any number of graphs [5]. These operations are not only in classical graphs, they are more useful in fuzzy and generalizations of fuzzy graphs. The real-world problems are often full of uncertainty and

impreciseness, Zadeh introduced fuzzy sets and membership degree [6]. Based on Zadeh's work, Kaufman introduced the notion of fuzzy relations [7]. Then, Rosenfeld [8] followed the Kaufman work and he introduced fuzzy graphs.

Later, Atanassov witnessed that many problems with uncertainty and imprecision were not handled by fuzzy sets (FS) [9]. Then considering this, he added the falsehood degree to membership degree and presented intuitionistic fuzzy sets (IFS) with relations and IFG which is a generalization of FS and their applications [9–11]. In 1993, Mordeson examined the idea of fuzzy line graphs (FLG) for the first time by proving both sufficient and necessary conditions for FLG to be bijective homomorphism to its FG. And also some theorems and propositions are developed [12].

In 2011 IVFG and its properties were discussed by Akram and Dudek [13]. After that, Akram innovated IVFLG [14]. Afterward, Akram and Davvaz introduced ideas of intuitionistic fuzzy line graphs (IFLG) [15]. Moreover, IFLG and its properties are investigated in [16].

As far as, there exists no research work on the IVIFLG until now. So that, we put forward a new idea and

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definitions of IVIFLG. The novelty of our works are given as follows: (1) IVIFLG is presented and depicted with an example, (2) many propositions and Theorems on properties of IVIFLG is developed and proved, (3) further, interval-valued intuitionistic weak vertex homomorphism and interval-valued intuitionistic weak line isomorphism are proposed. For the notations not declared in this manuscript, to understand well we recommend the readers to refer [10, 12, 14, 18, 19].

Main text

We start the section with basic definitions related to IVIFLG. So that, the definitions [1–12] are the well-known definitions used to discuss the main result of this work.

Definition 1 [17] The graph of the form $G = (V, E)$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy graph (IFG) such that

- (i) $\sigma_1, \gamma_1 : V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are membership and nonmembership value of vertex set of G respectively and $0 \leq \sigma_1(v) + \gamma_1(v) \leq 1 \forall v \in V$,
- (ii) $\sigma_2, \gamma_2 : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are membership and nonmembership with $\sigma_2(v_i v_j) \leq \sigma_1(v_i) \wedge \sigma_1(v_j)$ and $\gamma_2(v_i v_j) \leq \gamma_1(v_i) \vee \gamma_1(v_j)$ and $0 \leq \sigma_2(v_i v_j) + \gamma_2(v_i v_j) \leq 1, \forall v_i v_j \in E$.

Definition 2 [20] The line graph $L(G)$ of graph G is defined as

- i. Every vertex in $L(G)$ corresponds to an edge in G ,
- ii. Pair of nodes in $L(G)$ are adjacent iff their correspondence edges $e_i, e_j \in G$ have a common vertex $v \in G$.

Definition 3 For $G = (V, E)$ is a graph with $|V| = n$ and $S_i = \{v_i, e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_p}\}$ where $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq p_i$ and $e_{ij} \in E$ has v_i as a vertex. Then (S, T) is called intersection graph where $S = \{S_i\}$ is the vertex set of (S, T) and $T = \{S_i S_j | S_i, S_j \in S; S_i \cap S_j \neq \emptyset, i \neq j\}$ is an edge set of (S, T) .

Remark The given simple graph G and its intersection graph (S, T) are isomorphic to each other ($G \cong (S, T)$).

Definition 4 [14] The line(edge) graph $L(G) = (H, J)$ is where $H = \{\{e\} \cup \{u_e, v_e\} : e \in E, u_e, v_e \in V, e = u_e v_e\}$ and $J = \{S_e S_f : e, f \in E, e \neq f, S_e \cap S_f \neq \emptyset\}$ with $S_e = \{e\} \cup \{u_e, v_e, e \in E\}$.

Definition 5 [16] Let $I = (A_1, B_1)$ is an IFG with $A_1 = (\sigma_{A_1}, \gamma_{A_1})$ and $B_1 = (\sigma_{B_1}, \gamma_{B_1})$ be IFS on V and E respectively. Then $(S, T) = (A_2, B_2)$ is an intuitionistic

fuzzy intersection graph of I whose membership and nonmembership functions are defined as

- (i) $\sigma_{A_2}(S_i) = \sigma_{A_1}(v_i),$
 $\gamma_{A_2}(S_i) = \gamma_{A_1}(v_i), \forall S_i \in S$
- (ii) $\sigma_{B_2}(S_i S_j) = \sigma_{B_1}(v_i v_j),$
 $\gamma_{B_2}(S_i S_j) = \gamma_{B_1}(v_i v_j), \forall S_i S_j \in T.$

where $A_2 = (\sigma_{A_2}, \gamma_{A_2}), B_2 = (\sigma_{B_2}, \gamma_{B_2})$ on S and T respectively.

So, IFG of the intersection graph (S, T) is isomorphic to I (means, $(S, T) \cong I$).

Definition 6 Consider $L(I^*) = (H, J)$ be line graph of $I^* = (V, E)$. Let $I = (A_1, B_1)$ be IFG of I^* where $A_1 = (\sigma_{A_1}, \gamma_{A_1})$ and $B_1 = (\sigma_{B_1}, \gamma_{B_1})$ be IFS on X and E respectively. Then we define the intuitionistic fuzzy line graph $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ of I as

- (i) $\sigma_{A_2}(S_e) = \sigma_{B_1}(e) = \sigma_{B_1}(u_e v_e),$
 $\gamma_{A_2}(S_e) = \gamma_{B_1}(e) = \gamma_{B_1}(u_e v_e),$ for all $S_e, S_e \in H$
- (ii) $\sigma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) = \sigma_{B_1}(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}(f)$
 $\gamma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) = \gamma_{B_1}(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}(f), \forall S_e S_f \in J.$

where $A_2 = (\sigma_{A_2}, \gamma_{A_2})$ and $B_2 = (\sigma_{B_2}, \gamma_{B_2})$ are IFS on H and J respectively.

The $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ of IFG I is always IFG.

Definition 7 [16] Let $I_1 = (A_1, B_1)$ and $I_2 = (A_2, B_2)$ be two IFGs. The homomorphism of $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ is mapping $\psi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that

- (i) $\sigma_{A_1}(v_i) \leq \sigma_{A_2}(\psi(v_i)), \gamma_{A_1}(v_i) \leq \gamma_{A_2}(\psi(v_i))$
- (ii) $\sigma_{B_1}(v_i, v_j) \leq \sigma_{B_2}(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)),$
 $\gamma_{B_1}(v_i, v_j) \leq \gamma_{B_2}(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)) \forall v_i \in V_1, v_i v_j \in E_1.$

Definition 8 [13] The interval valued FS A is characterized by

$$A = \{v_i, [\sigma_A^-(v_i), \sigma_A^+(v_i)] : v_i \in X\}.$$

Here, $\sigma_A^-(v_i)$ and $\sigma_A^+(v_i)$ are lower and upper interval of fuzzy subsets A of X respectively, such that $\sigma_A^-(v_i) \leq \sigma_A^+(v_i) \forall v_i \in V.$

For simplicity, we used IVFS for interval valued fuzzy set.

Definition 9 Let $A = \{[\sigma_A^-(v), \sigma_A^+(v)] : v \in X\}$ be IVFS. Then, the graph $G^* = (V, E)$ is called IVFG if the following conditions are satisfied;

$$\sigma_B^-(v_i v_j) \leq (\sigma_A^-(v_i) \wedge \sigma_A^-(v_j))$$

$$\sigma_B^+(v_i v_j) \leq (\sigma_A^+(v_i) \wedge \sigma_A^+(v_j))$$

$\forall v_i, v_j \in V, \forall v_i v_j \in E$ and where $A = [\sigma_A^-, \sigma_A^+]$, $B = [\sigma_B^-, \sigma_B^+]$ is IVFS on V and E respectively.

Definition 10 Let $G = (A_1, B_1)$ be simple IVFG. Then we define IVF intersection graph $(S, T) = (A_2, B_2)$ as follows:

- 1 A_2 and B_2 are IFS of S and T respectively,
- 2 $\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_i) = \sigma_{A_1}^-(v_i)$ and $\sigma_{A_2}^+(S_i) = \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_i), \forall S_i, S_j \in S$ and
- 3 $\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_i S_j) = \sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j)$,
 $\sigma_{B_2}^+(S_i S_j) = \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j), \forall S_i S_j \in T.$

Remark The given IVFG G and its intersection graph (S, T) are always isomorphic to each other.

Definition 11 [14] An interval valued fuzzy line graph (IVFLG) $L(G) = (A_2, B_2)$ of IVFG $G = (A_1, B_1)$ is defined as follows:

- A_2 and B_2 are IVFS of H and J respectively, where $L(G^*) = (H, J)$
- $\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_i) = \sigma_{B_1}^-(e) = \sigma_{B_1}^-(u_e v_e)$,
 $\sigma_{A_2}^+(S_i) = \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) = \sigma_{B_1}^+(u_e v_e)$,
- $\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) = \sigma_{B_1}^-(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(f)$,
 $\sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f) = \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(f)$ for all $S_e, S_f \in H, S_e S_f \in J.$

Definition 12 A graph $I = (A, B)$ with underlying fuzzy set V is IVIFG if

- (i) The map $\sigma_A, \gamma_A : V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ where $\sigma_A(v_i) = [\sigma_A^-(v_i), \sigma_A^+(v_i)]$ and $\gamma_A(v_i) = [\gamma_A^-(v_i), \gamma_A^+(v_i)]$ denote a membership degree and non membership degree of vertex $v_i \in V$, receptively such that $\sigma_A^-(v_i) \leq \sigma_A^+(v_i)$, $\gamma_A^-(v_i) \leq \gamma_A^+(v_i)$ and $0 \leq \sigma_A^+(v_i) + \gamma_A^+(v_i) \leq 1 \forall v_i \in V$,
- (ii)

The map $\sigma_B, \gamma_B : V \times V \subseteq E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ where $\sigma_B(v_i v_j) = [\sigma_B^-(v_i v_j), \sigma_B^+(v_i v_j)]$ and $\gamma_B(v_i v_j) = [\gamma_B^-(v_i v_j), \gamma_B^+(v_i v_j)]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_B^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_A^-(v_i) \wedge \sigma_A^-(v_j) \\ \sigma_B^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_A^+(v_i) \wedge \sigma_A^+(v_j) \\ \gamma_B^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_A^-(v_i) \vee \gamma_A^-(v_j) \\ \gamma_B^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_A^+(v_i) \vee \gamma_A^+(v_j) \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq \sigma_B^+(v_i v_j) + \gamma_B^+(v_i v_j) \leq 1$ and $\forall v_i v_j \in E.$

Now we start the main results of this work by introducing Interval-valued Intuitionistic Fuzzy Line Graph (IVIFLG) and providing examples.

Definition 13 An interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy line graphs (in short, IVIFLG) $L(I) = (H, J)$ of IVIFG $I = (A_1, B_1)$ is denoted by $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ and whose functions of membership and non membership defined as

- (i) A_2 and B_2 are IVIFS of H and J respectively, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_e) &= \sigma_{B_1}^-(e) = \sigma_{B_1}^-(u_e v_e) \\ \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_e) &= \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) = \sigma_{B_1}^+(u_e v_e) \\ \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_e) &= \gamma_{B_1}^-(e) = \gamma_{B_1}^-(u_e v_e) \\ \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_e) &= \gamma_{B_1}^+(e) = \gamma_{B_1}^+(u_e v_e) \quad \forall S_e \in H. \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) The edge set of $L(I)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) &= \sigma_{B_1}^-(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(f) \\ \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f) &= \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) &= \sigma_{B_1}^-(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(f) \\ \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f) &= \gamma_{B_1}^+(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(f) \end{aligned}$$

for all , $S_e S_f \in J.$

Example 14

Given IVIFG $I = (A_1, A_2)$ as shown in Fig. 1.

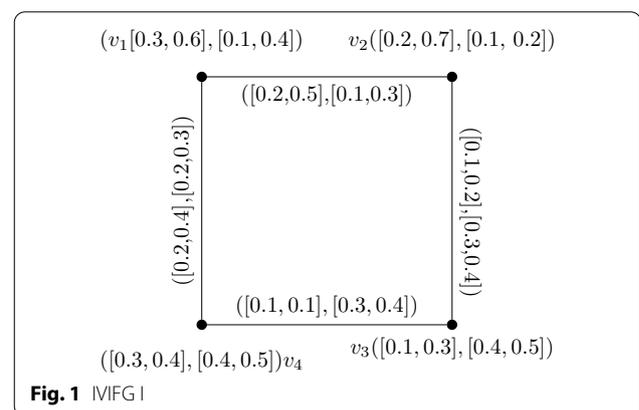


Fig. 1 MIFG I

From the given IVIFG we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_1}(v_1) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_1), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_1)] = [0.3, 0.6] \\ \sigma_{A_1}(v_2) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_2), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_2)] = [0.2, 0.7] \\ \sigma_{A_1}(v_3) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_3), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_3)] = [0.1, 0.3] \\ \sigma_{A_1}(v_4) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_4), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_4)] = [0.3, 0.4] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A_1}(v_1) &= [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v_1), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_1)] = [0.1, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{A_1}(v_2) &= [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v_2), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_2)] = [0.1, 0.2] \\ \gamma_{A_1}(v_3) &= [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v_3), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_3)] = [0.4, 0.5] \\ \gamma_{A_1}(v_4) &= [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v_4), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_4)] = [0.4, 0.5] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_1}(v_1v_2) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_1v_2), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_1v_2)] = [0.2, 0.5] \\ \sigma_{B_1}(v_2v_3) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_2v_3), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_2v_3)] = [0.1, 0.2] \\ \sigma_{B_1}(v_3v_4) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_3v_4), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_3v_4)] = [0.1, 0.1] \\ \sigma_{B_1}(v_4v_1) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_4v_1), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_4v_1)] = [0.2, 0.4] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{B_1}(v_1v_2) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_1v_2), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_1v_2)] = [0.1, 0.3] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_2v_3) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_2v_3), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_2v_3)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_3v_4) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_3v_4), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_3v_4)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_4v_1) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_4v_1), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_4v_1)] = [0.2, 0.3] \end{aligned}$$

To find IVIFLG $L(I) = (H, J)$ of I such that

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \{v_1v_2 = S_{e_1}, v_2v_3 = S_{e_2}, v_3v_4 = S_{e_3}, v_4v_1 = S_{e_4}\} \text{ and} \\ J &= \{S_{e_1}S_{e_2}, S_{e_2}S_{e_3}, S_{e_3}S_{e_4}, S_{e_4}S_{e_1}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, consider $A_2 = [\sigma_{A_2}^-, \sigma_{A_2}^+]$ and $B_2 = [\sigma_{B_2}^-, \sigma_{B_2}^+]$ are IVFS of H and J respectively. Then we have

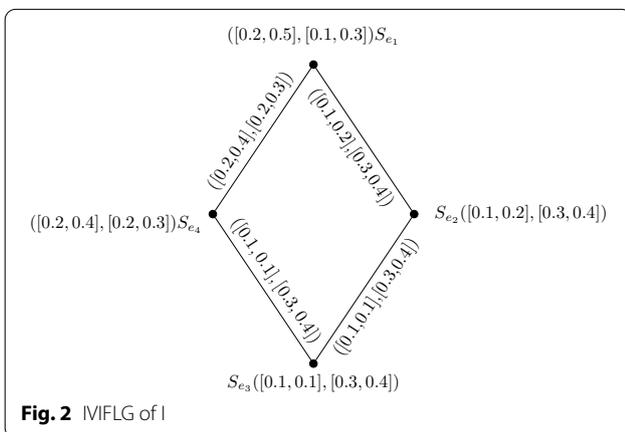


Fig. 2 IVIFLG of I

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_2}(S_{e_1}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_1), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_1)] = [0.2, 0.5] \\ \sigma_{A_2}(S_{e_2}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_2), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_2)] = [0.1, 0.2] \\ \sigma_{A_2}(S_{e_3}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_3), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_3)] = [0.1, 0.1] \\ \sigma_{A_2}(S_{e_4}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_4), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_4)] = [0.2, 0.4] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A_2}(S_{e_1}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_1), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_1)] = [0.1, 0.3] \\ \gamma_{A_2}(S_{e_2}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_2), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_2)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{A_2}(S_{e_3}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_3), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_3)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{A_2}(S_{e_4}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_4), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_4)] = [0.2, 0.3] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_2}(S_{e_1}S_{e_2}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_1) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_2), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_1) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_2)] = [0.1, 0.2] \\ \sigma_{B_2}(S_{e_2}S_{e_3}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_2) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_3), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_2) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_3)] = [0.1, 0.1] \\ \sigma_{B_2}(S_{e_3}S_{e_4}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_3) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_4), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_3) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_4)] = [0.1, 0.1] \\ \sigma_{B_2}(S_{e_2}S_{e_3}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_4) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_1), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_4) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_1)] = [0.2, 0.4] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{B_2}(S_{e_1}S_{e_2}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_1) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_2), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_1) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_2)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{B_2}(S_{e_2}S_{e_3}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_2) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_3), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_2) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_3)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{B_2}(S_{e_3}S_{e_4}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_3) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_4), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_3) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_4)] = [0.3, 0.4] \\ \gamma_{B_2}(S_{e_2}S_{e_3}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_4) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_1), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_4) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_1)] = [0.2, 0.3] \end{aligned}$$

Then L(I) of IVIFG I is shown in Fig. 2.

Proposition 15 $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ is IVIFLG corresponding to IVIFG $I = (A_1, B_1)$.

Definition 16 A homomorphism mapping $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ of two IVIFG $I_1 = (M_1, N_1)$ and $I_2 = (M_2, N_2)$, $\psi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ is defined as

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{M_1}^-(v_i) &\leq \sigma_{M_2}^-(\psi(v_i)) \\ \sigma_{M_1}^+(v_i) &\leq \sigma_{M_2}^+(\psi(v_i)) \\ \gamma_{M_1}^-(v_i) &\leq \gamma_{M_2}^-(\psi(v_i)) \\ \gamma_{M_1}^+(v_i) &\leq \gamma_{M_2}^+(\psi(v_i)) \end{aligned}$$

for all $v_i \in V_1$.

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{N_1}^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_{N_2}^-(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)) \\ \sigma_{N_1}^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_{N_2}^+(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)) \\ \gamma_{N_1}^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_{N_2}^-(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)) \\ \gamma_{N_1}^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_{N_2}^+(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)) \end{aligned}$$

for all $v_i v_j \in E_1$.

Definition 17 A bijective homomorphism $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ of IVIFG is said to be a weak vertex isomorphism, if

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{M_1}(v_i) &= [\sigma_{M_1}^-(v_i), \sigma_{M_1}^+(v_i)] \\ &= [\sigma_{M_2}^-(\psi(v_i)), \sigma_{M_2}^+(\psi(v_i))] \\ \gamma_{N_1}(v_i) &= [\gamma_{N_1}^-(v_i), \gamma_{N_1}^+(v_i)] \\ &= [\gamma_{N_2}^-(\psi(v_i)), \gamma_{N_2}^+(\psi(v_i))] \quad \forall v_i \in V_1. \end{aligned}$$

A bijective homomorphism $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ of IVIFG is said to be a weak line isomorphism if

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_1}(v_i v_j) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j)] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_j)), \sigma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_j))], \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_i v_j) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_j)), \gamma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_j))] \\ \forall v_i v_j &\in E_1. \end{aligned}$$

If $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ is a bijective homomorphism and satisfies Definition 17, ψ is said to be a weak isomorphism of IVIFGs I_1 and I_2 .

Proposition 18 The IVIFLG $L(I)$ is connected iff IVIFG I is connected graph.

Proof

Suppose $L(I)$ be connected IVIFLG of I . We need to show that necessary condition. Consider I is disconnected IVIFG. Then there exist at least two nodes of I which are not linked by path, say v_i and v_j . If we take one edge e in the first component of the edge set of I , then it does not have any edges adjacent to e in other components. Then

the IVIFLG of I is disconnected and contradicts. Therefore, I is connected.

Conversely, suppose that I is connected IVIFG. Then, there is a path among every pair of nodes. Thus by IVIFLG definition, edges which are adjacent in I are adjacent nodes in IVIFLG. Therefore, each pair of nodes in IVIFLG of I are connected by a path. Hence the proof. \square

Proposition 19 The IVIFLG of IVIFG $K_{1,n}$ is K_n which is complete IVIFG with n nodes.

Proof

For IVIFG $K_{1,n}$ let us take $v \in V(K_{1,n})$ which is adjacent to every $u_i \in V(K_{1,n})$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Implies that v is adjacent with every u_i . Thus, in IVIFLG of $K_{1,n}$ all the vertices are adjacent. This implies that it is complete. Hence the proof. \square

Example 20

Consider the IVIFG $K_{1,3}$ which vertex sets of $V = \{v, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ and edge sets $E = \{vv_1, vv_2, vv_3\}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} v &= ([0.3, 0.5], [0.1, 0.4]), \quad v_1 = ([0.3, 0.4], [0.2, 0.5]) \\ v_2 &= ([0.5, 0.8], [0.1, 0.2]), \quad v_3 = ([0.1, 0.3], [0.5, 0.7]) \\ e_1 = vv_1 &= ([0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.5]), \\ e_2 = vv_2 &= ([0.2, 0.5], [0.0, 0.3]) \\ e_3 = vv_3 &= ([0.1, 0.2], [0.3, 0.6]). \end{aligned}$$

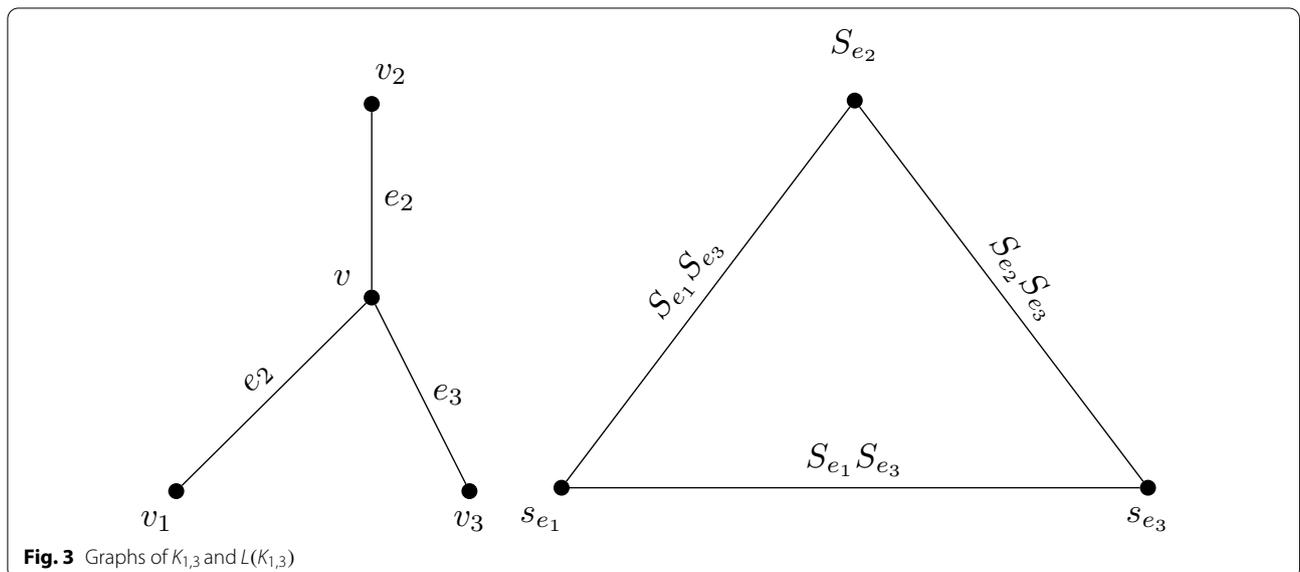


Fig. 3 Graphs of $K_{1,3}$ and $L(K_{1,3})$

Then by definition of IVIFLG, the vertex sets of $L(K_{1,3})$ is $V = \{S_{e_1}, S_{e_2}, S_{e_3}\}$ and $\{S_{e_1}S_{e_2}, S_{e_1}S_{e_3}, S_{e_2}S_{e_3}\}$ edge sets where

$$\begin{aligned} S_{e_1} &= ([0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.5]), \\ S_{e_2} &= ([0.2, 0.5], [0.0, 0.3]), \\ S_{e_3} &= ([0.1, 0.2], [0.2, 0.6]), \\ S_{e_1}S_{e_2} &= ([0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.5]), \\ S_{e_1}S_{e_3} &= ([0.2, 0.3], [0.3, 0.5]), \\ S_{e_2}S_{e_3} &= ([0.1, 0.2], [0.2, 0.6]). \end{aligned}$$

Here $L(K_{1,3})$ is complete graph K_3 .

The Fig. 3 depicts the example 20

Proposition 21 Let $L(I)$ be IVIFLG of IVIFG of I . Then $L(I^*)$ is a line graph of I^* where $I^* = (V, E)$ with underlying set V .

Proof

Given $I = (A_1, B_1)$ is IVIFG of I^* and $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ is IVIFLG of $L(I^*)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_2}(S_e) &= [\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_e), \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_e)] = [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e)], \\ \gamma_{A_2}(S_e) &= [\gamma_{A_2}^-(S_e), \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_e)] = [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e)] \quad \forall e \in E. \end{aligned}$$

This implies, $S_e \in H = \{\{e\} \cup \{u_e, v_e\} : e \in E, u_e, v_e \in V \text{ \& } e = u_e v_e\}$ if and only if $e \in E$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) &= [\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(f), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(f)] \\ \gamma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) &= [\gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(f), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(f)] \\ &\quad \forall S_e S_f \in J, \end{aligned}$$

where $J = \{S_e S_f \mid S_e \cap S_f \neq \emptyset, e, f \in E \text{ \& } e \neq f\}$. Hence, $L(I^*)$ is a line graph of I^* . \square

Proposition 22 Let $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ be IVIFLG of $L(I^*)$. Then $L(I)$ is also IVIFLG of some IVIFG $I = (A_1, B_1)$ iff

- (i) $\sigma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) = [\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)]$
 $= [\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_f), \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_f)],$
- (ii) $\gamma_{B_2}(S_e S_f) = [\gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)]$
 $= [\gamma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_f), \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_f)] \forall S_e, S_f \in H, S_e S_f \in J.$

Proof

Suppose both conditions (i) and (ii) are satisfied. i.e., $\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) = \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_f), \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f) = \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_f), \gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) = \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_f)$ and $\gamma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f) = \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_f)$ for all $S_e S_f \in W$. For every $e \in E$ we define $\sigma_{A_1}^-(S_e) = \sigma_{A_1}^-(e), \sigma_{A_1}^+(S_e) = \sigma_{A_1}^+(e), \gamma_{A_1}^-(S_e) = \gamma_{A_1}^-(e)$ and $\gamma_{A_1}^+(S_e) = \gamma_{A_1}^+(e)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) &= [\sigma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)] \\ &= [\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_f), \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \wedge \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_f)] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^-(f), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e) \wedge \sigma_{B_1}^+(f)], \\ \gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f) &= [\gamma_{B_2}^-(S_e S_f), \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_e S_f)] \\ &= [\gamma_{A_2}^-(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_f), \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_e) \vee \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_f)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^-(f), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e) \vee \gamma_{B_1}^+(f)]. \end{aligned}$$

We know that IVIFS $A_1 = ([\sigma_{A_1}^-, \sigma_{A_1}^+], [\gamma_{A_1}^-, \gamma_{A_1}^+])$ yields the properties

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_{A_1}^-(v_i) \wedge \sigma_{A_1}^-(v_j) \\ \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_i) \wedge \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_j) \\ \gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_{A_1}^-(v_i) \vee \gamma_{A_1}^-(v_j) \\ \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j) &\leq \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_i) \vee \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_j) \end{aligned}$$

will suffice. From definition of IVIFLG the converse of this statement is well known. \square

Proposition 23 An IVIFLG is always a strong IVIFG.

Proof

It is straightforward from the definition, therefore it is omitted. \square

Proposition 24 Let I_1 and I_2 IVIFGs of I_1^* and I_2^* respectively. If the mapping $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ is a weak isomorphism, then $\psi : I_1^* \rightarrow I_2^*$ is isomorphism map.

Proof

Suppose $\psi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ is a weak isomorphism. Then

$$\begin{aligned} v \in V_1 &\Leftrightarrow \psi(v) \in V_2 \quad \text{and} \\ uv \in E_1 &\Leftrightarrow \psi(u)\psi(v) \in E_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof. \square

Theorem 25 Let $I^* = (V, E)$ is connected graph and consider that $L(I) = (A_2, B_2)$ is IVIFLG corresponding to IVIFG $I = (A_1, B_1)$. Then

1. There is a map $\psi : I \rightarrow L(I)$ which is a weak isomorphism iff I^* a cyclic graph such that

$$\sigma_{A_1}(v) = [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v)] = [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e)],$$

$$\gamma_{A_1}(v) = [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v)] = [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e)]$$

,

$\forall v \in V, e \in E,$

where $A_1 = ([\sigma_{A_1}^-, \sigma_{A_1}^+], [\gamma_{A_1}^-, \gamma_{A_1}^+])$ and $B_1 = ([\sigma_{B_1}^-, \sigma_{B_1}^+], [\gamma_{B_1}^-, \gamma_{B_1}^+])$.

2. The map ψ is isomorphism if $\psi : I \rightarrow L(I)$ is a weak isomorphism.

Proof

Consider $\psi : I \rightarrow L(I)$ is a weak isomorphism. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_1}(v_i) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_i), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_i)] \\ &= [\sigma_{A_2}^-(\psi(v_i)), \sigma_{A_2}^+(\psi(v_i))] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_i) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i)), \gamma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i))] \quad \forall v_i \in V. \\ \sigma_{B_1}(v_i v_j) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j)] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)), \sigma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j))] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_i v_j) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_j), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_j)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j)), \gamma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i) \psi(v_j))] \\ &\quad \forall v_i v_j \in E. \end{aligned}$$

This follows that $I^* = (V, E)$ is a cyclic from proposition 24.

Now let $v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_n v_1$ be a cycle of I^* where vertices set $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and edges set $E = \{v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, \dots, v_n v_1\}$. Then we have IVIFS

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_1}(v_i) &= [\sigma_{A_1}^-(v_i), \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_i)] = [t_i^-, t_i^+] \\ \gamma_{A_1}(v_i) &= [\gamma_{A_1}^-(v_i), \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_i)] = [f_i^-, f_i^+] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{B_1}(v_i v_{i+1}) &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1})] = [t_i^-, t_{i+1}^+] \\ \gamma_{B_1}(v_i v_{i+1}) &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1})] = [q_i^-, q_{i+1}^+], \end{aligned}$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $v_{n+1} = v_1$. Thus, for $t_1^- = t_{n+1}^-$, $t_1^+ = t_{n+1}^+$, $f_1^- = f_{n+1}^-$, $f_1^+ = f_{n+1}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} t_i^- &\leq t_i^- \wedge t_{i+1}^-, \\ t_i^+ &\leq t_i^+ \wedge t_{i+1}^+, \\ q_i^- &\leq f_i^- \vee f_{i+1}^-, \\ q_i^+ &\leq f_i^+ \vee f_{i+1}^+. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \{S_{e_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ and} \\ J &= \{S_{e_i} S_{e_{i+1}} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}. \end{aligned}$$

And also,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{A_2}(S_{e_i}) &= [\sigma_{A_2}^-(S_{e_i}), \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_{e_i})] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_i), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_i)] \\ &= [\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1})] \\ &= [t_i^-, t_{i+1}^+] \\ \gamma_{A_2}(S_{e_i}) &= [\gamma_{A_2}^-(S_{e_i}), \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_{e_i})] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_i), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_i)] \\ &= [\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1})] \\ &= [q_i^-, q_{i+1}^+] \\ \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_{e_i} S_{e_{i+1}}) &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^+(e), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_{i+1})\} \\ &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1}), \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_{i+1} v_{i+2})\} \\ &= \min\{t_i^+, t_{i+1}^+\} \\ \sigma_{B_2}^-(S_{e_i} S_{e_{i+1}}) &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^-(e), \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_{i+1})\} \\ &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \sigma_{B_1}^-(v_{i+1} v_{i+2})\} \\ &= \min\{t_i^-, t_{i+1}^-\} \\ \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_{e_i} S_{e_{i+1}}) &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^+(e), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_{i+1})\} \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1}), \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_{i+1} v_{i+2})\} \\ &= \max\{q_i^+, q_{i+1}^+\} \\ \gamma_{B_2}^-(S_{e_i} S_{e_{i+1}}) &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^-(e), \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_{i+1})\} \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}), \gamma_{B_1}^-(v_{i+1} v_{i+2})\} \\ &= \max\{q_i^-, q_{i+1}^-\} \end{aligned}$$

where $v_{n+1} = v_1, v_{n+2} = v_2, t_1^+ = t_{n+1}^+, t_1^- = t_{n+1}^-, q_{n+1}^+ = t_1^+, q_{n+1}^- = q_1^-$, and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$\psi : V \rightarrow H$ is bijective map since $\psi : I^* \rightarrow L(I^*)$ is isomorphism. And also, ψ preserves adjacency. So that ψ persuades an alternative τ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ which $\psi(v_i) = S_{e_{\tau(i)}}$

and for $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$ then $\psi(v_i) \psi(v_{i+1}) = S_{e_{\tau(i)}} S_{e_{\tau(i+1)}}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} t_i^- &= \sigma_{A_1}^-(v_i) \leq \sigma_{A_2}^-(\psi(v_i)) = \sigma_{A_2}^-(S_{e_{\tau(i)}}) = t_{\tau(i)}^-, \\ t_i^+ &= \sigma_{A_1}^+(v_i) \leq \sigma_{A_2}^+(\psi(v_i)) = \sigma_{A_2}^+(S_{e_{\tau(i)}}) = t_{\tau(i)}^+, \\ f_i^- &= \gamma_{A_1}^-(v_i) \leq \gamma_{A_2}^-(\psi(v_i)) = \gamma_{A_2}^-(S_{e_{\tau(i)}}) = q_{\tau(i)}^-, \\ f_i^+ &= \gamma_{A_1}^+(v_i) \leq \gamma_{A_2}^+(\psi(v_i)) = \gamma_{A_2}^+(S_{e_{\tau(i)}}) = q_{\tau(i)}^+. \end{aligned}$$

And let $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$,

$$\begin{aligned} l_i^- &= \sigma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}) \leq \sigma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_{i+1})) \\ &= \sigma_{B_2}^-(S_{e_{\tau(i)}} S_{e_{\tau(i+1)}}) \\ &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^-(e_{\tau(i)}), \sigma_{B_1}^-(e_{\tau(i+1)})\} \\ &= \min\{t_{\tau(i)}^-, t_{\tau(i+1)}^-\} \\ l_i^+ &= \sigma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1}) \leq \sigma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_{i+1})) \\ &= \sigma_{B_2}^+(S_{e_{\tau(i)}} S_{e_{\tau(i+1)}}) \\ &= \min\{\sigma_{B_1}^+(e_{\tau(i)}), \sigma_{B_1}^+(e_{\tau(i+1)})\} \\ &= \min\{t_{\tau(i)}^+, t_{\tau(i+1)}^+\} \\ q_i^- &= \gamma_{B_1}^-(v_i v_{i+1}) \leq \gamma_{B_2}^-(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_{i+1})) \\ &= \gamma_{B_2}^-(S_{e_{\tau(i)}} S_{e_{\tau(i+1)}}) \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^-(e_{\tau(i)}), \gamma_{B_1}^-(e_{\tau(i+1)})\} \\ &= \max\{q_{\tau(i)}^-, q_{\tau(i+1)}^-\} \\ q_i^+ &= \gamma_{B_1}^+(v_i v_{i+1}) \leq \gamma_{B_2}^+(\psi(v_i)\psi(v_{i+1})) \\ &= \gamma_{B_2}^+(S_{e_{\tau(i)}} S_{e_{\tau(i+1)}}) \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{B_1}^+(e_{\tau(i)}), \gamma_{B_1}^+(e_{\tau(i+1)})\} \\ &= \max\{q_{\tau(i)}^+, q_{\tau(i+1)}^+\} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Which implies,

$$\begin{aligned} t_i^- \leq l_{\tau(i)}^-, \quad t_i^+ \leq l_{\tau(i)}^+ \\ f_i^- \leq q_{\tau(i)}^-, \quad f_i^+ \leq q_{\tau(i)}^+ \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} l_i^- \leq \min\{l_{\tau(i)}^-, l_{\tau(i+1)}^-\}, \quad l_i^+ \leq \min\{l_{\tau(i)}^+, l_{\tau(i+1)}^+\} \\ q_i^- \leq \max\{q_{\tau(i)}^-, q_{\tau(i+1)}^-\}, \quad q_i^+ \leq \max\{q_{\tau(i)}^+, q_{\tau(i+1)}^+\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Thus from the above equations, we obtain $l_i^- \leq l_{\tau(i)}^-, l_i^+ \leq l_{\tau(i)}^+, q_i^- \leq q_{\tau(i)}^-,$ and $q_i^+ \leq q_{\tau(i)}^+,$ and also $l_{\tau(i)}^- \leq l_{\tau(\tau(i))}^-, l_{\tau(i)}^+ \leq l_{\tau(\tau(i))}^+, q_{\tau(i)}^- \leq q_{\tau(\tau(i))}^-$ and $q_{\tau(i)}^+ \leq q_{\tau(\tau(i))}^+.$ By proceeding this process, we get

$$\begin{aligned} l_i^- \leq l_{\tau(i)}^- \leq \dots \leq l_{\tau^k(i)}^- \leq l_i^- \\ l_i^+ \leq l_{\tau(i)}^+ \leq \dots \leq l_{\tau^k(i)}^+ \leq l_i^+ \\ q_i^- \leq q_{\tau(i)}^- \leq \dots \leq q_{\tau^k(i)}^- \leq q_i^- \\ q_i^+ \leq q_{\tau(i)}^+ \leq \dots \leq q_{\tau^k(i)}^+ \leq q_i^+ \end{aligned}$$

where τ^{k+1} is the identity function. It follows $l_{\tau(i)}^- = l_{\tau(\tau(i))}^-, l_{\tau(i)}^+ = l_{\tau(\tau(i))}^+, q_{\tau(i)}^- = q_{\tau(\tau(i))}^-$ and $q_{\tau(i)}^+ = q_{\tau(\tau(i))}^+.$ Again, from Eq. 3, we get

$$\begin{aligned} l_i^- \leq l_{\tau(i+1)}^- = l_{i+1}^-, \quad l_i^+ \leq l_{\tau(i+1)}^+ = l_{i+1}^+ \\ q_i^- \leq q_{\tau(i+1)}^- = q_{i+1}^-, \quad q_i^+ \leq q_{\tau(i+1)}^+ = q_{i+1}^+. \end{aligned}$$

This implies for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$ $l_i^- = l_1^-, l_i^+ = l_1^+, q_i^- = q_1^-$ and $q_i^+ = q_1^+.$ Thus, from Eqs. 1 and 2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} l_1^- = \dots = l_n^- = t_1^- = \dots = t_n^- \\ l_1^+ = \dots = l_n^+ = t_1^+ = \dots = t_n^+ \\ q_1^- = \dots = q_n^- = f_1^- = \dots = f_n^- \\ q_1^+ = \dots = q_n^+ = f_1^+ = \dots = f_n^+. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof. \square

Theorem 26 *The IVIFLG of connected simple IVIFG I is a path graph iff I is path graph.*

Proof

Consider a path IVIFG I of with $|V(I)| = k.$ This implies I is P_k path graph and $|E(I)| = k - 1.$ Since the edge sets of I is the vertices set of IVIFLG $L(I),$ clearly $L(I)$ is a path graph with number of vertices $|V(L(I))| = k - 1$ and $|E(L(I))| = k - 2$ edges. Then it's a path graph.

Conversely, suppose $L(I)$ is a path graph. This implies that each degree of vertex $v_i \in I$ is not greater than two. If one of the degrees of vertex v_i in I is greater than two, then the edges e which incident to $v_i \in I$ would form a complete subgraph of IVIFLG $L(I)$ of more than two vertices. Therefore, the IVIFG I must be either cyclic or path graph. But, it can't be the cyclic graph since a line graph of the cyclic graph is the cyclic graph. Hence the proof. \square

Limitations

- This paper introduces only the new concept of IVIFLG which is the extension of IFLG.

- We focused only on some properties of IVFLG and not all properties are mentioned.
- Due to uncertainty and imprecise many real-world problems like networks communication, machine learning, data organization, traffic light control, computational devices, medical diagnosis, decision making, and the flow of computation is difficult to solve without using IFS, IVIF models it has become rapidly useful in the world. But, in this paper the application part is not included.

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