

## Level operators over index matrices. Part 1: Index matrices with real non-negative elements

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**ABSTRACT:** For a given index matrix with real non-negative elements, level operators are introduced, that modify the elements of the matrix. The basic properties of these operators are studied.

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### 1 Introduction

The concept of an Index Matrix (IM) was introduced in [1] as an extension of the well-known concept of a matrix (see, e.g., [4, 5, 6]). The forms, modifications and properties of the IMs are discussed in a series of papers and the book [3]. In the first (standard) form, the IM is defined as follows (see [1, 2, 3]).

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a fixed set of indices and  $\mathcal{R}^+ = \{x|x \geq 0\}$  - the set of the real non-negative numbers.

Let operation  $\circ : \mathcal{R}^+ \times \mathcal{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^+$  be fixed.

An IM with index sets  $K$  and  $L$  ( $K, L \subset \mathcal{I}$ ) and elements from  $\mathcal{R}^+$  is called the object (see, [1, 2, 3]):

$$[K, L, \{a_{k_i, l_j}\}] \equiv \begin{array}{c|cccc} & l_1 & \dots & l_j & \dots & l_n \\ \hline k_1 & a_{k_1, l_1} & \dots & a_{k_1, l_j} & \dots & a_{k_1, l_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ k_i & a_{k_i, l_1} & \dots & a_{k_i, l_j} & \dots & a_{k_i, l_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ k_m & a_{k_m, l_1} & \dots & a_{k_m, l_j} & \dots & a_{k_m, l_n} \end{array},$$

where  $K = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$ ,  $L = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$ , and for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , and  $1 \leq j \leq n$  :  $a_{k_i, l_j} \in \mathcal{R}^+$ .

In [3], these IM are mentioned as  $\mathcal{R}$ -IMs, but here we will use only the brief form “IM”.

For the IMs

$$A = [K, L, \{a_{k_i, l_j}\}],$$

$$B = [P, Q, \{b_{p_r, q_s}\}],$$

operations that are analogous to the usual matrix operations of addition and termwise multiplication are defined, as well as other, specific ones:

**Addition**

$$A \otimes_{(\circ)} B = [K \cup P, L \cup Q, \{c_{t_u, v_w}\}],$$

where

$$c_{t_u, v_w} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } t_u = k_i \in K \text{ and } v_w = l_j \in L - Q \\ & \text{or } t_u = k_i \in K - P \text{ and } v_w = l_j \in L; \\ b_{p_r, q_s}, & \text{if } t_u = p_r \in P \text{ and } v_w = q_s \in Q - L \\ & \text{or } t_u = p_r \in P - K \text{ and } v_w = q_s \in Q; \\ a_{k_i, l_j} \circ b_{p_r, q_s}, & \text{if } t_u = k_i = p_r \in K \cap P \\ & \text{and } v_w = l_j = q_s \in L \cap Q \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Of course, here and below, if “ $\circ$ ” is substituted by “+”, then

$$a_{k_i, l_j} \circ b_{p_r, q_s} = a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s},$$

while, if “ $\circ$ ” is “max” or “min”, then

$$a_{k_i, l_j} \circ b_{p_r, q_s} = \max(a_{k_i, l_j}, b_{p_r, q_s})$$

or

$$a_{k_i, l_j} \circ b_{p_r, q_s} = \min(a_{k_i, l_j}, b_{p_r, q_s}),$$

respectively.

**Termwise multiplication**

$$A \otimes_{(\circ)} B = [K \cap P, L \cap Q, \{c_{t_u, v_w}\}],$$

where

$$c_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j} \circ b_{p_r, q_s},$$

for  $t_u = k_i = p_r \in K \cap P$  and  $v_w = l_j = q_s \in L \cap Q$ .

A lot of relations are defined over two IMs. Here, we use only three of them:

**The strict relation “inclusion about value”** is

$$A \subset_v B \text{ iff } (K = P) \& (L = Q) \& (\forall k \in K) (\forall l \in L) (a_{k, l} < b_{k, l}).$$

**The non-strict relation “inclusion about value”** is

$$A \subseteq_v B \text{ iff } (K = P) \& (L = Q) \& (\forall k \in K) (\forall l \in L) (a_{k, l} \leq b_{k, l}),$$

**Relation “equality about value”** is

$$A =_v B \text{ iff } (K = P) \& (L = Q) \& (\forall k \in K) (\forall l \in L) (a_{k, l} = b_{k, l}).$$

## 2 Definition and properties of the new operators

Let for  $K, L \subset \mathcal{I}$ :

$$O_{K,L}^* = [K, L, \{0\}],$$

denote the zero IM with index sets  $K$  and  $L$ .

Let us have the IM  $A = [K, L, \{a_{k_i, l_j}\}]$ , where  $a_{k_i, l_j} \geq 0$  is a real number. Then we define

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) = [K, L, \{b_{k_i, l_j}\}],$$

where

$$b_{k_i, l_j} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases};$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\geq(A) = [K, L, \{b_{k_i, l_j}\}],$$

where

$$b_{k_i, l_j} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} \geq \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(O_{K,L}^*) = O_{K,L}^*,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\geq(O_{K,L}^*) = O_{K,L}^*.$$

**Theorem 1.** For each IM  $A$  and for every two real numbers  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(\mathcal{L}_\beta^>(A)) = \mathcal{L}_{\max(\alpha, \beta)}^>(A),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\geq(\mathcal{L}_\beta^\geq(A)) = \mathcal{L}_{\max(\alpha, \beta)}^\geq(A).$$

**Proof.** Let the above IM  $A$  be given. Then

$$B = \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(\mathcal{L}_\beta^>(A)) = \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>([K, L, \{b_{k_i, l_j}\}]) = [K, L, \{c_{k_i, l_j}\}],$$

where

$$b_{k_i, l_j} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} > \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$c_{k_i, l_j} = \begin{cases} b_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } b_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

If  $a_{k_i, l_j} > \max(\alpha, \beta)$ , then

$$c_{k_i, l_j} = b_{k_i, l_j} = a_{k_i, l_j};$$

if  $\alpha \geq a_{k_i, l_j} > \beta$ , then  $b_{k_i, l_j} = a_{k_i, l_j}$ , but  $c_{k_i, l_j} = 0$ ; if  $\beta \geq a_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha$ , then  $b_{k_i, l_j} = 0$  and hence,  $c_{k_i, l_j} = 0$ ; if  $\min(\alpha, \beta) \geq a_{k_i, l_j}$ , then  $b_{k_i, l_j} = 0$  and hence,  $c_{k_i, l_j} = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$c_{k_i, l_j} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} > \max(\alpha, \beta) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

i.e.,

$$B = \mathcal{L}_{\max(\alpha, \beta)}^>(A).$$

The second equality is proved in the same manner. □

**Theorem 2.** Let the two IMs  $A$  and  $B$  be given and let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}^+$  be an arbitrary number. Then

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$ ,
- (b)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with positive real elements that are greater or equal to 1,
- (c)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with elements from interval  $[0, 1]$ ,
- (d)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(\max)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(\max)} B)$ ,
- (e)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(\min)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(\min)} B)$ ,
- (f)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$ ,
- (g)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \oplus_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \oplus_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with positive real elements that are greater or equal to 1,
- (h)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \oplus_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \oplus_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with elements from interval  $[0, 1]$ ,
- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \oplus_{(\max)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \oplus_{(\max)} B)$ ,
- (j)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \oplus_{(\min)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \oplus_{(\min)} B)$ .

**Proof.** (a) From definition of operation  $\oplus_{(+)}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>[K \cup P, L \cup Q, \{c_{t_u, v_w}\}], \\ &= [K \cup P, L \cup Q, \{d_{t_u, v_w}\}], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d_{t_u, v_w} = \begin{cases} c_{t_u, v_w}, & \text{if } c_{t_u, v_w} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Sequentially, we will study the different cases for  $d_{t_u, v_w}$ .

1. If  $c_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j}$ , then

$$d_{t_u, v_w} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and therefore, the elements with indices  $\langle k_i, l_j \rangle$  will coincide in the two IMs  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

2. If  $c_{t_u, v_w} = b_{p_r, q_s}$ , then

$$d_{t_u, v_w} = \begin{cases} b_{p_r, q_s}, & \text{if } b_{p_r, q_s} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and therefore, the elements with indices  $\langle k_i, l_j \rangle$  will coincide in the two IMs  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

3. If  $c_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}$ , then

$$d_{t_u, v_w} = \begin{cases} a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}, & \text{if } a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s} > \alpha \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By condition, the elements of  $A$  and  $B$  are positive. Now, there are the following four subcases:

3.1. if  $a_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha$  and  $b_{p_r, q_s} > \alpha$ , then these elements will keep their values in  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ , respectively and their sum will coincide with the value  $a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}$  in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$ .

3.2 if  $a_{k_i, l_j} > \alpha$  and  $b_{p_r, q_s} \leq \alpha$ , then only the  $a$ -element will keep its value in  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A)$ , while the  $b$ -element will obtain value 0 in  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ . Therefore, the value of  $d_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}$  in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  will be greater than its corresponding value in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

3.3 if  $a_{k_i, l_j} \leq \alpha$  and  $b_{p_r, q_s} > \alpha$ , then only the  $b$ -element will keep its value in  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ , while the  $a$ -element will obtain value 0 in  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A)$ . Therefore, the value of  $d_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}$  in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  will be greater than its corresponding value in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

3.4 if  $a_{k_i, l_j} \leq \alpha$  and  $b_{p_r, q_s} \leq \alpha$ , then the  $a$ - and  $b$ -elements will obtain value 0 in IMs  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ . Therefore, the value of  $d_{t_u, v_w} = a_{k_i, l_j} + b_{p_r, q_s}$  in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  will be equal to 0 and to its corresponding value in IM  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

4. If  $c_{t_u, v_w} = 0$ , then  $d_{t_u, v_w} = 0$  and therefore, the elements with indices  $\langle k_i, l_j \rangle$  will coincide in the two IMs  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$ .

Hence, relation  $\subseteq_v$  between the two IMs exists and when there is at least one pair of  $a$ - and  $b$ -elements for which Case 3.2 or Case 3.3 is valid, then the relation will be strict  $\subset_v$ . If some of  $a$ - or  $b$ -elements are not positive, then the relation  $\subseteq_v$  between the two IMs  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \oplus_{(+)} B)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \oplus_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B)$  can be opposite.

(b) – (j) are proved in the same manner. □

The proofs of the next assertions are analogously.

**Theorem 3.** Let the two IMs  $A$  and  $B$  be given and let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}^+$  be an arbitrary number. Then

(a)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \otimes_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \otimes_{(+)} B)$ ,

(b)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \otimes_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \otimes_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with positive real elements that are greater or equal to 1,

- (c)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \otimes_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \otimes_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with elements from interval  $[0, 1]$ ,
- (d)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \otimes_{(\max)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \otimes_{(\max)} B)$ ,
- (e)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A) \otimes_{(\min)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^>(A \otimes_{(\min)} B)$ ,
- (f)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \otimes_{(+)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \otimes_{(+)} B)$ ,
- (g)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \otimes_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) \subseteq_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \otimes_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with positive real elements that are greater or equal to 1,
- (h)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \otimes_{(\cdot)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \otimes_{(\cdot)} B)$  for IMs with elements from interval  $[0, 1]$ ,
- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \otimes_{(\max)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \otimes_{(\max)} B)$ ,
- (j)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A) \otimes_{(\min)} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(B) =_v \mathcal{L}_\alpha^{\geq}(A \otimes_{(\min)} B)$ .

### 3 Conclusion

In a next research new properties of the two operators defined over IMs will be studied. These and other operators will be defined over the IM-extensions like extended IMs, intuitionistic fuzzy IMs, extended intuitionistic fuzzy IMs, 3- and  $n$ -dimensional IMs and others.

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