# Product Fuzzy Graphs

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#### **Summary**

In this paper, we introduce product fuzzy graphs and prove several results which are analogous to fuzzy graphs. We conclude by giving a necessary and sufficient condition for a product partial fuzzy sub graph to be the multiplication of two product partial fuzzy sub graphs.

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# 1. Introduction

Fuzzy graphs were introduced by Rosenfeld [5]. Since then lots of works on fuzzy graphs have been carried out. We have replaced 'minimum' in the definition of fuzzy graph by 'product' and call the resulting structure product fuzzy graph. We show that many of the results which are found in [4], [3] and [6] hold good for product fuzzy graphs. We note that the usual definition of cartesian product of two fuzzy graphs [4] cannot be directly extended to product fuzzy graphs since the resulting structure fails to be a product fuzzy graph. This has resulted in the introduction of multiplication of product fuzzy graphs. We give a necessary and sufficient condition for a product partial fuzzy sub graph to be the multiplication of two product partial fuzzy sub graphs.

# 2. Definitions and Main results

**Definition 2.1** Let G be a graph whose vertex set is  $V, \mu$  be a fuzzy subset of V and  $\rho$  be a fuzzy subset of  $V \times V$ . We call  $(\mu, \rho)$  a product partial fuzzy sub graph of G (in short, a product fuzzy graph) if  $\rho$   $(x, y) \le \mu$   $(x) \times \mu$  (y) for all  $x, y \in V$ .

**Remark:** If  $(\mu, \rho)$  is a product fuzzy graph, then since  $\mu$  (x) and  $\mu$  (y) are less than or equal to 1, it follows that  $\rho$   $(x, y) \le \mu$   $(x) \times \mu$   $(y) \le \mu$   $(x) \wedge \mu$  (y) for all  $x, y \in V$ . Hence  $(\mu, \rho)$  is a fuzzy graph. Thus every product fuzzy graph is a fuzzy graph.

**Remark:** If  $(\mu, \rho)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of G whose vertex set is V, we will assume that  $\mu$   $(v) \neq 0$  for all  $v \in V$  and  $\rho$  is symmetric.

# Example 2.1

Let  $V = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mu$  be the fuzzy subset of V defined as  $\mu$  (a) = 1/4,  $\mu$  (b) = 1/2 and  $\mu$  (c) = 3/4. Let  $\rho$  be the fuzzy subset of  $V \times V$  defined as  $\rho$  (a, b) = 1/10,  $\rho$  (b, c) = 2/8 and  $\rho$  (a, c) = 2/16. It is easy to see that ( $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ ) is a product fuzzy graph and hence a fuzzy graph.

Following example shows that a fuzzy graph need not be a product fuzzy graph

# Example 2.2

Let  $V = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mu$  be the fuzzy subset of V defined as  $\mu$  (a) = 1/4,  $\mu$  (b) = 1/2 and  $\mu$  (c) = 3/4. Let  $\rho$  be the fuzzy subset of V x V defined as  $\rho$  (a, b) = 0.2,  $\rho$  (b, c) = 0.4 and  $\rho$  (a, c) = 0.2. It is easy to see that ( $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ ) is a fuzzy graph. However, it is not a product fuzzy graph. Note that  $\mu$  (a) x  $\mu$  (b) = 1/4 x 1/2 = 1/8 which is less than  $\rho$  (a, b).

**Definition 2.2** A product fuzzy graph  $(\mu, \rho)$  is said to be complete if  $\rho(x, y) = \mu(x) \times \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

**Proposition 2.1:** Let  $(\mu, \rho)$  be a complete product fuzzy graph where  $\mu$  is normal. Then  $\rho^n(x, y) = \rho(x, y)$  for all x,  $y \in V$  and for all positive integers n where for  $n \ge 2$ ,

$$\rho^{n}(x, y) = \bigvee \{\rho^{n-1}(x, z) \times \rho(z, y)\}$$
$$z \in V$$

**Proof:** We will use induction on n. Firstly, if n = 2, then for all x, y  $\epsilon$  V, we have

$$\begin{split} \rho^2\left(x,y\right) &= \vee \left\{\rho\left(x,z\right) \times \rho\left(z,y\right)\right\} \\ &z \, \epsilon \, V \\ &= \vee \left\{\left(\mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(z\right)\right) \times \left(\mu\left(z\right) \times \mu\left(y\right)\right)\right\} \\ &z \, \epsilon \, V \\ &= \vee \left\{\mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) \times \mu\left(z\right)^2\right\} \\ &z \, \epsilon \, V \end{split}$$

Since  $\mu$  (z)  $^2 \le 1$  for all z,

$$\begin{split} \mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) \times \mu\left(z\right)^{2} &\leq \mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) \text{ for all } z. \\ \text{Hence } \vee \left\{ \; \mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) \times \mu\left(z\right)^{2} \right\} &\leq \mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) \quad \text{so that} \\ \rho^{2}\left(x,y\right) &\leq \mu\left(x\right) \times \mu\left(y\right) = \rho\left(x,y\right). \end{split}$$

If  $\mu$  is normal, then  $\mu(t) = 1 \text{ for some } t. \text{ Then}$   $\rho^{2}(x, y) = \bigvee \{ \mu(x) \times \mu(y) \times \mu(z)^{2} \}$   $z \in V$   $\geq \mu(x) \times \mu(y) \times \mu(t)^{2}$   $= \mu(x) \times \mu(y) \quad \text{since } \mu(t) = 1$   $= \rho(x, y) \quad \text{since } (\mu, \rho) \text{ is complete}$ 

This together with  $\rho^2(x, y) \le \rho(x, y)$  proves that  $\rho^2(x, y) = \rho(x, y)$ .

Now assuming that  $\rho^{k}(x, y) = \rho(x, y)$ , we will prove that  $\rho^{k+1}(x, y) = \rho(x, y)$ .

We have

$$\rho^{k+1}(x, y) = \bigvee \{ \rho^k(x, z) \times \rho(z, y) \}$$

$$z \in V$$

$$= \bigvee \{ \rho(x, z) \times \rho(z, y) \} \text{by inductive hypothesis}$$

$$z \in V$$

$$= \rho^2(x, y)$$

$$= \rho(x, y) \text{ by what we have already proved}$$

We will now give an example to show that if  $\mu$  is not normal, then the above result need not be true.

**Example 2..3:** Let  $V = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mu$  be the fuzzy subset of V defined as  $\mu$  (a) = 1/4,  $\mu$  (b) = 1/2 and  $\mu$  (c) = 3/4. Let  $\rho$  be the fuzzy subset of  $V \times V$  defined as  $\rho$  (a, a) = 1/16,  $\rho$ (a, b) = 1/8,  $\rho$  (b, b) = 1/4,  $\rho$  (b, c) = 3/8,  $\rho$  (a, c) = 3/16 and  $\rho$  (c, c) = 9/16. Clearly, ( $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ ) is a complete product fuzzy graph and  $\mu$  is not normal. However,

$$\rho^{2}(a, b) = [\rho(a, a) \times \rho(a, b)] \vee [\rho(a, b) \times \rho(b, b)] \\ \vee [\rho(a, c) \times \rho(c, b)] \\ = (1/16 \times 1/8) \vee (1/8 \times 1/4) \vee (3/16 \times 3/8) \\ = 9/128 \neq \rho(a, b).$$

**Definition 2..3:** The *complement* of a product fuzzy graph  $(\mu, \rho)$  is  $(\mu^c, \rho^c)$  where

$$\mu^{c} = \mu$$
 and  $\rho^{c}(x, y) = \mu^{c}(x) \times \mu^{c}(y) - \rho(x, y)$   
=  $\mu(x) \times \mu(y) - \rho(x, y)$ .

It follows that ( $\mu^c$ ,  $\rho^c$ ) itself is a product fuzzy graph. Also

$$\begin{split} \left(\rho^{\,\,c}\,\right)^{\,\,c}(x,\,y) &= \mu\,(x) \times \mu\,(y) - \,\,\rho^{\,\,c}\,(x,\,y). \\ &= \left[\mu\,(x) \times \mu\,(y)\right] - \left[\mu\,(x) \times \mu\,(y) - \,\,\rho\,(x,\,y)\right] \\ &= \rho\,(x,\,y). \end{split}$$

**Definition 2.4:** Let  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1 = (V_1, X_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  be a product partial

fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2 = (V_2, X_2)$ . Let X' denote the set of all arcs joining the vertices of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . We further assume that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \Phi$ . Then the *join* of  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  is defined as  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  where

$$\begin{split} (\mu_1 + \ \mu_2) \, (u) &= \ \mu_1 \, (u) \text{ if } u \, \epsilon \, V_1 \\ &= \ \mu_2 \, (u) \text{ if } u \, \epsilon \, V_2 \\ \\ (\rho_1 + \ \rho_2) \, (u, v) &= \ \rho_1 \, (u, v) \text{ if } (u, v) \, \epsilon \, X_1 \\ &= \ \rho_2 \, (u, v) \text{ if } (u, v) \, \epsilon \, X_2 \\ &= \ \mu_1 \, (u) \times \mu_2 \, (v) \text{ if } (u, v) \, \epsilon \, X' \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.2:**  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of G = (V, X) where  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $X = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X'$ .

**Proof:** We have to prove that

$$\begin{split} (\rho_1 + \rho_2) \ (u, \, v) & \leq (\mu_1 + \, \mu_2) \ (u) \times (\mu_1 + \, \mu_2) \ (v) \quad \forall (u, \, v) \ \epsilon \ X. \\ If \ (u, \, v) \ \epsilon \ X_1, \ \ \text{then } u \ \text{and} \ \ v \ \ \text{belong to} \ \ V_1 \ \text{so that} \\ (\rho_1 + \rho_2) \ (u, \, v) & = \rho_1 \ (u, \, v) \ \text{and} \ (\mu_1 + \mu_2) \ (u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2) \ (v) \\ & = \mu_1 \ (u) \times \mu_1 \ (v). \end{split}$$

Hence the inequality follows from the fact that  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph. Similarly, we can prove if  $(u, v) \in X_2$ . If  $(u, v) \in X'$ , then  $u \in V_1$  and  $v \in V_2$ . Now  $(\rho_1 + \rho_2) (u, v) = \mu_1 (u) \times \mu_2 (v)$  whereas  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2) (u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2) (v) = \mu_1 (u) \times \mu_2 (v)$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 2.3:**  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is complete if and only if  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  are both complete.

**Proof:** First assuming that  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  are both complete, we will prove that  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is complete. If  $(u, v) \in X_1$ , then both u and v belong to  $V_1$ . Now  $(\rho_1 + \rho_2)$   $(u, v) = \rho_1$   $(u, v) = \mu_1$   $(u) \times \mu_1$  (v) since  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  is complete. Again,  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(v) = \mu_1$   $(u) \times \mu_1$  (v). Similarly, we can argue if  $(u, v) \in X_2$ . Suppose  $(u, v) \in X'$ . Then  $u \in V_1$  and  $v \in V_2$ . Now  $(\rho_1 + \rho_2)$   $(u, v) = \mu_1$   $(u) \times \mu_2$  (v) whereas  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(v) = \mu_1$   $(u) \times \mu_2$  (v). We have thus shown that  $(\rho_1 + \rho_2)$   $(u, v) = (\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2)$  (v) in all cases

Conversely, assuming that  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is complete, we will establish that  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  are both complete. To prove  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  is complete, we have to prove that for all  $(u, \, v) \in X_1, \, \rho_1 \, (u, \, v) = \mu_1 \, (u) \times \mu_1 \, (v)$ . But this follows from the fact that  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is complete since  $(\rho_1 + \rho_2) \, (u, \, v) = \rho_1 \, (u, \, v)$  whereas

proving that  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \rho_1 + \rho_2)$  is complete.

 $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(u) \times (\mu_1 + \mu_2)$   $(v) = \mu_1$   $(u) \times \mu_1$  (v). Similarly, we can prove that  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  is also complete.

**Proposition 2.4** Let  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  be product partial fuzzy sub graphs of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively, then the following hold.

$$\begin{split} &i.\; (\mu_1 + \mu_2\;,\; \rho_1\;+\; \rho_2)^{\;c} = (\mu_1^{\;\;c} \cup \mu_2^{\;\;c}, \, \rho_1^{\;\;c} \cup \rho_2^{\;\;c}) \\ ⅈ\; ((\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)^{\;c}, \, (\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^{\;c}) = (\; \mu_1^{\;\;c}\;+\; \mu_2^{\;\;c}\;,\; \rho_1^{\;\;c} + \rho_2^{\;\;c}\;). \end{split}$$

**Proof of (i):** If  $u \in V_1$ , then

 $\begin{array}{l} \left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)^{c}(u)=\left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)(u)=\mu_{1}\left(u\right) \ whereas \\ max \left(\mu_{1}^{c}(u),\ \mu_{2}^{c}(u)\right)=max \left(\mu_{1}\left(u\right),\ \mu_{2}\left(u\right)\right)=\mu_{1}(u). \\ Similarly, \ we \ can \ argue \ if \ u \ \epsilon \ V_{2} \ Suppose \left(u,\ v\right) \ \epsilon \ X_{1}. \\ Then \ u, \ v \ \epsilon \ V_{1} \ and \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \left(\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}\right)^{c}\left(u,\,v\right)=\left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)\left(u\right)\times\left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)\left(v\right)-\left(\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}\right)\left(u,\,v\right)\\ =\mu_{1}(\,u\,\,)\times\mu_{1}\left(v\right)-\rho_{1}(u,\,v\,)=\rho_{1}^{\ c}\left(u,\,v\right)\\ =\,\max\left(\,\rho_{1}^{\ c}\left(u,\,v\right),\,\rho_{2}^{\ c}\left(u,\,v\right)\right). \end{array}$$

Similarly, we can prove if  $(u, v) \in X_2$ . Suppose  $(u, v) \in X'$ . Then  $u \in V_1$  and  $v \in V_2$  and

$$\begin{split} \left(\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}\right)^{c}\left(u,\,v\right) &= \left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)\left(u\right)\times\left(\mu_{1}+\mu_{2}\right)\left(v\right) - \left(\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}\right)\left(u,\,v\right) \\ &= \mu_{1}\left(u\right)\times\mu_{2}\left(v\right) - \mu_{1}\left(u\right)\times\mu_{2}\left(v\right) \\ &= 0 = \max\left(\rho_{1}^{\ c}\left(u,\,v\right),\,\rho_{2}^{\ c}\left(u,\,v\right)\right). \end{split}$$

We will now prove (ii).

If 
$$u \in V_1$$
, then  $(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)^c (u) = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (u) = \mu_1 (u) = \max (\mu_1 (u), \mu_2 (u)) = \max (\mu_1^c (u), \mu_2^c (u)) = (\mu_1^c + \mu_2^c) (u)$ . Similarly, if  $u \in V_2$ .

This proves that  $(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)^c = \mu_1^c + \mu_2^c$ . To prove  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c = \rho_1^c + \rho_2^c$ , consider  $(u, v) \in X_1$ . Then  $u, v \in V_1$  and  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (u) \times (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (v)$  -  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2) (u, v) = \mu_1 (u) \times \mu_1 (v)$  -  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = \rho_1^c (u, v)$ . If  $(u, v) \in X_2$ , then  $u, v \in V_2$  and  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (u) \times (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (v)$  -  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2) (u, v) = \mu_2 (u) \times \mu_2 (v)$  -  $(\rho_2 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v)$  if  $(u, v) \in X'$ , then  $u \in V_1, v \in V_2$  and  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (u) \times (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (v)$  -  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (u) \times (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2) (v)$  -  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c (u, v) = \mu_1 (u) \times \mu_2 (v) = \mu_1^c (u) \times \mu_2^c (v)$  (note that  $(\rho_1 \cup \rho_2)^c = \rho_1^c + \rho_2^c$ .

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs whose vertex sets are  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  respectively. We will define a new graph  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  (called the product graph of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ) whose vertex set is  $V_1 \times V_2$  and whose edge set is a subset of  $(V_1 \times V_2) \times (V_1 \times V_2)$ . Let  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$ . If  $v_1 \in V_1$  and  $v_2 \in V_2$ , then define  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2) (v_1, v_2) = \mu_1(v_1) \times \mu_2(v_2)$ . Also define  $(\rho_1 \times \rho_2) ((u_1, u_2), (v_1, v_2)) = \rho_1(u_1, v_1) \times \rho_2(u_2, v_2)$  for all  $u_1, v_1 \in V_1$  and for all  $u_2, v_2 \in V_2$ .  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$  is thus a fuzzy subset of  $V_1 \times V_2$  and  $v_1 \times v_2 \in V_2$  is a fuzzy subset of  $(V_1 \times V_2) \times (V_1 \times V_2)$ .

**Proposition 2.5** ( $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$ ,  $\rho_1 \times \rho_2$ ) is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

**Proof:** For all  $u_1$ ,  $v_1 \in V_1$  and  $u_2$ ,  $v_2 \in V_2$ , we have

$$\begin{split} (\rho_1 \times \ \rho_2) \ ((u_1, \, u_2), \, (v_1 \, , \, v_2)) &= \rho_1 \ (u_1 \, , \, v_1) \times \rho_2 \ \ (u_2 \, , \, v_2) \\ &\leq & [\mu_1(u_1) \times \ \mu_1(v_1)] \times \left[\mu_2(u_2) \times \ \mu_2(v_2)\right] \\ &= & [\mu_1(u_1) \times \mu_2(u_2)] \times \left[\mu_1(v_1) \times \ \mu_2(v_2)\right] \\ &= (\mu_1 \times \ \mu_2) \ (u_1 \, , \, u_2) \times (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \ (v_1 \, , \, v_2) \end{split}$$

**Definition 2.5** The product partial fuzzy sub graph

 $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is referred to as the *multiplication* of the product partial fuzzy sub graph  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  of  $G_1$  and the product partial fuzzy sub graph  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  of  $G_2$ .

**Proposition.2.6:** Let  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$ . Then  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete if and only if both  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  are complete.

**Proof:** First assuming that  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  are both complete, we will prove that  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete. If  $u_1, v_1 \in V_1$  and  $u_2, v_2 \in V_2$ , then

$$\begin{split} \left(\rho_{1} \times \ \rho_{2}\right)\left((u_{1}, \, u_{2}), \, (v_{1} \, , \, v_{2})\right) &= \rho_{1} \, (u_{1} \, , \, v_{1}) \times \rho_{2} \, \left(u_{2} \, , \, v_{2}\right) \\ &= \left[\mu_{1}(u_{1}) \times \ \mu_{1}(v_{1})\right] \times \left[\mu_{2}(u_{2}) \times \ \mu_{2}(v_{2})\right] \\ &= \left[\mu_{1}(u_{1}) \times \ \mu_{2}(u_{2})\right] \times \left[\mu_{1}(v_{1}) \times \ \mu_{2}(v_{2})\right] \\ &= \left(\mu_{1} \times \mu_{2}\right) \left(u_{1} \, , \, u_{2}\right) \times \left(\mu_{1} \times \mu_{2}\right) \left(v_{1} \, , \, \, v_{2}\right) \end{split}$$

This proves that  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete. Conversely, assuming that  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete, we will prove that  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  both are complete. We will first show that at least one of  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  is complete. Suppose both  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  are not complete. Then there exist  $u_1, \, v_1 \in V_1$  and  $u_2, \, v_2 \in V_2$  for which the following inequalities hold.

$$\rho_1 \; (u_1 \; , \, v_1) \! < \! \mu_1(u_1) \times \; \mu_1(v_1)$$

$$\rho_2(u_2, v_2) < \mu_2(u_2) \times \mu_2(v_2)$$

Now consider

$$\begin{array}{l} ((u_1,\,u_2),\,(v_1\,\,,\,v_2))\,\epsilon\,(V_1\,\,\times\,\,V_2)\,\times\,(V_1\,\,\times\,\,V_2). \\ We\;have \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} (\rho_1 \times \ \rho_2) \ ((u_1, \, u_2), \, (v_1 \, , \, v_2)) &= \rho_1 \ (u_1 \, , \, v_1) \times \rho_2 \ (u_2 \, , \, v_2) \\ &< [\mu_1(u_1) \times \ \mu_1(v_1)] \times [\mu_2(u_2) \times \ \mu_2(v_2)] \\ &= [\mu_1(u_1) \times \ \mu_2(u_2)] \times [\mu_1(v_1) \times \ \mu_2(v_2)] \\ &= (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \ (u_1 \, , u_2) \times (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \ (v_1 \, , \, v_2) \end{split}$$

This is a contradiction since  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete. We have thus proved that at least one of  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  is complete. Without loss of generality, we will assume that  $(\mu_1, \, \rho_1)$  is complete and show that  $(\mu_2, \, \rho_2)$  is also complete. For any  $u_1, \, v_1 \in V_1$  and  $u_2, \, v_2 \in V_2$ , we have  $(\rho_1 \times \rho_2)$   $((u_1, \, u_2), \, (v_1, \, v_2)) = (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \, (u_1, \, u_2) \times (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \, (v_1, \, v_2)$  (since  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is complete) ie.  $\rho_1 \, (u_1, \, v_1) \times \rho_2 \, (u_2, \, v_2 = [\mu_1(u_1) \times \mu_2(u_2)] \times [\mu_1(v_1) \times \, \mu_2(v_2)]$  (by definition)  $= [\mu_1(u_1) \times \, \mu_1(v_1)] \times [\mu_2(u_2) \times \, \mu_2(v_2)]$   $= \rho_1 \, (u_1, \, v_1) \times [\mu_2(u_2) \times \, \mu_2(v_2)]$ 

(since  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  is complete)

We first note that  $\rho_1$   $(u_1, v_1) \neq 0$ . For, if  $\rho_1$   $(u_1, v_1) = 0$ , then

 $\begin{array}{l} (\rho_1 \times \rho_2) \; ((u_1,\,u_2),\,(v_1,\,v_2)) = \rho_1 \; (u_1\,\,,\,v_1) \times \rho_2 \;\; (u_2\,\,,\,v_2) = 0. \\ \text{ie.} \;\; (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \; (u_1,\,u_2) \times (\mu_1 \,\times \mu_2) \; (v_1\,\,,\,v_2) \end{array}$ 

=  $\mu_1(u_1) \times \mu_2(u_2) \times \mu_1(v_1) \times \mu_2(v_2) = 0$  which means at least one of  $\mu_1(u_1)$ ,  $\mu_2(u_2)$ ,  $\mu_1(v_1)$  and  $\mu_2(v_2)$  is 0. But this cannot happen (Remark 2.3). Cancelling  $\rho_1$  ( $u_1$ ,  $v_1$ ) on both sides, we obtain  $\rho_2$  ( $u_2$ ,  $v_2$ ) =  $\mu_2(u_2) \times \mu_2(v_2)$  which proves that ( $\mu_2$ ,  $\rho_2$ ) is complete.

Following example shows that one of  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  and  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  can be complete without  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  being complete.

**Example 2.4** Let  $V_1 = \{u, v\}$  and  $V = \{x, y\}$ . Define  $\mu_1(u) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_1(v) = 0.3$ ,  $\rho_1(u, u) = 0.04$ ,  $\rho_1(u, v) = \rho_1(v, u) = 0.06$  and  $\rho_1(v, v) = 0.09$ . Also define  $\mu_2(x) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_2(y) = 0.4$ ,  $\rho_2(x, x) = 0.2$ ,  $\rho_2(x, y) = \rho_2(y, x) = 0.1$  and  $\rho_2(y, y) = 0.1$ . We can easily see that  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  is complete whereas  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  is not. Now  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(u, x) = \mu_1(u) \times \mu_2(x) = 0.2 \times 0.5 = 0.1$  and  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(u, y) = \mu_1(u) \times \mu_2(y) = 0.2 \times 0.4 = 0.08$ . Hence  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(u, x) \times (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(u, y) = 0.1 \times 0.08 = 0.008$ . However,  $(\rho_1 \times \rho_2)((u, x), (u, y)) = \rho_1(u, u) \times \rho_2(x, y) = 0.04 \times 0.1 = 0.004$ . This shows that  $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$  is not complete.

**Proposition 2.7:** Let  $V_1 = \{v_{11}, v_{12}, \ldots, v_{1n}\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_{21}, v_{22}, \ldots, v_{2m}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Further, let  $(\mu, \rho)$  be the multiplication of a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$  and a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$ . Then the following equations have solutions in [0, 1].

$$\begin{split} &i.\ x_i \times y_j =\ \mu\ (v_{1i},\ v_{2j})\ (i=1,2,\dots n,\ j=1,2,\dots ,m) \\ ⅈ\ z_{ik} \times w_{jl} = \rho\ ((v_{1i},\ v_{2j}),\ (v_{1k},\ v_{2l}))\ (i,\ k=1,2,\dots n, \\ &j,\ l=1,2,\dots ,m) \end{split}$$

**Proof:** Let  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$ ,  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$  and  $(\mu, \rho) = (\mu_1 \times \mu_2, \rho_1 \times \rho_2)$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \mu &= \mu_1 \ \times \mu_2 \ \text{ and } \rho = \rho_1 \times \ \rho_2. \ \text{If } v_{1i} \ \epsilon \ V_1 \ \text{and } v_{2j} \ \epsilon \ V_2 \ , \text{ then} \\ \mu \ (v_{1i}, v_{2j}) &= (\mu_1 \ \times \mu_2) \ (v_{1i}, v_{2j}) \\ &= \ \mu_1 \ (v_{1i}) \ \times \ \mu_2 \ (v_{2j}) \\ &= \ x_i \times y_j \ \text{where } x_i = \mu_1 \ (v_{1i}) \ \ \epsilon \ [0, \, 1] \end{split}$$

 $\text{and}\ \ y_j=\ \mu_2(v_{2j})\ \ \epsilon\,[0,\,1].$  If  $v_{1i}$  ,  $v_{1k}\,\epsilon\,V_1$  and  $v_{2j}$  ,  $v_{2l}\,\epsilon\,V_2$  , then

$$\begin{split} \rho\left((v_{1i},\,v_{2j}),\,(v_{1k},\,v_{2l})\right) &= (\rho_1 \times \, \rho_2)\,((v_{1i},\,v_{2j}),\,(v_{1k},\,v_{2l})) \\ &= \rho_1\,\,(v_{1i}\,,\,v_{1k}) \times \, \rho_2\,\,(v_{2j}\,,\,v_{2l}) \\ &= z_{ik} \times w_{jl} \text{ where } z_{ik} = \, \rho_1\,(v_{1i}\,,\,v_{1k})\,\epsilon\,[0,\,1] \\ &\text{and} \quad w_{jl} = \, \rho_2\,(v_{2j}\,,\,v_{2l})\,\epsilon\,[0,\,1]. \end{split}$$

**Theorem 2.1:** Let G be the product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and let  $(\mu, \rho)$  be a product partial fuzzy sub graph of G

where  $\rho$  is normal. Let  $V_1 = \{v_{11}, v_{12}, \dots v_{1n}\}$  be the vertex set of  $G_1$  and  $V_2 = \{v_{21}, v_{22}, \dots v_{2m}\}$  be the vertex set of  $G_2$ . Suppose the following equations have solutions in [0, 1].

$$x_i \times y_j = \mu (v_{1i}, v_{2j}) (i = 1, 2, ..., j = 1, 2, ..., m)$$
  
 $z_{ik} \times w_{il} = \rho ((v_{1i}, v_{2i}), (v_{1k}, v_{2l})) (i, k=1, 2, ..., j, l=1, 2, ..., m)$ 

Then  $(\mu, \rho)$  is the multiplication of a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$  and a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$ 

**Proof:** Define 
$$\mu_1$$
:  $V_1 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $\mu_1 (v_{1i}) = x_i$ ,  $\mu_2$ :  $V_2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $\mu_2 (v_{2j}) = y_j$ ,  $\rho_1$ :  $V_1 \times V_1 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $\rho_1 (v_{1i}, v_{1k}) = z_{ik}$  and  $\rho_2$ :  $V_2 \times V_2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $\rho_2 (v_{2j}, v_{2l}) = w_{jl} (i, k = 1, 2, ...n, j, l=1, 2, ...m)$ . We

have to prove the following.

i.  $(\mu_1, \rho_1)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$ .

ii.  $(\mu_2, \rho_2)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$ .

iii.  $\mu = \mu_1 \times \mu_2$ .

iv.  $\rho = \rho_1 \times \rho_2$ .

If 
$$v_{1i}$$
,  $v_{1k} \in V_1$ , then for all  $v_{2j}$ ,  $v_{2l} \in V_2$ , we have 
$$\rho ((v_{1i}, v_{2j}), (v_{1k}, v_{2l})) \leq \mu (v_{1i}, v_{2j}) \times \mu (v_{1k}, v_{2l})$$

$$= (x_i \times y_j) \times (x_k \times y_l)$$

$$= (x_i \times x_k) \times (y_j \times y_l)$$

$$\leq x_i \times x_k \text{ since } y_j , \ y_l \leq 1$$

$$= \mu_1 (v_{1i}) \times \mu_1 (v_{1k})$$

We have thus proved the following.

$$z_{ik} \times w_{jl} \le \mu_1 (v_{1i}) \times \mu_1 (v_{1k}) \text{ for all } j, l$$
 (1)

Since  $\rho$  is normal,  $\rho$   $((v_{1p},v_{2s}),(v_{1q},v_{2t}))=1$  for some  $p,\,q,\,s$  and t. This means  $\,z_{pq}\times w_{st}=1$  implying that  $\,z_{pq}=\,w_{st}=1$  since  $\,z_{pq}$ ,  $\,w_{st}\,\,\epsilon\,[0,\,1].\,$  Replacing j by s and l by t in (1), we obtain

$$\rho_1(v_{1i}, v_{1k}) = z_{ik} = z_{ik} \times w_{st} \le \mu_1(v_{1i}) \times \mu_1(v_{1k})$$

This proves that  $(\mu_1,\;\rho_1)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1.$  Similarly, we can prove that  $(\mu_2,\;\rho_2)$  is a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2.$  If  $v_{1i}\;\epsilon\;V_1$  and  $v_{2j}\;\epsilon\;V_2\;, \text{ then } (\mu_1\times\mu_2)\;(v_{1i},\;v_{2j})=\mu_1\;(v_{1i})\times\mu_2\;(v_{2j})=x_i\times y_j=\;\mu\;(v_{1i},\;v_{2j})\;\text{proving that }\mu=\mu_1\;\times\;\mu_2\;.$ 

$$\begin{split} &\text{If } v_{1i} \text{ , } v_{1k} \ \epsilon \ V_1 \ \text{ and } v_{2j} \text{ , } v_{2l} \ \epsilon \ V_2 \text{ , then} \\ &(\rho_1 \times \rho_2) \left( (v_{1i}, v_{2j}), (v_{1k}, v_{2l}) \right) = \rho_1 \left( v_{1i} \text{ , } v_{1k} \right) \ \times \ \rho_2 \left( v_{2j} \text{ , } v_{2l} \right) \\ &= z_{ik} \times w_{jl} \\ &= \rho \left( (v_{1i}, v_{2j}), (v_{1k}, v_{2l}) \right). \end{split}$$
 This proves that  $\rho = \rho_1 \times \rho_2$ .

### 3. Conclusion:

We are able to obtain sufficient condition (Theorem 2.1) for a product partial fuzzy sub graph G to be the multiplication of a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_1$  and a product partial fuzzy sub graph of  $G_2$  under the assumption that  $\rho$  is normal. We are trying to prove this theorem without this assumption or give an example to show that the result need not be true without this assumption. If each of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  contains 3 elements, then  $V_1 \times V_2$  will contain 9 elements and  $(V_1 \times V_2) \times (V_1 \times V_2)$  will contain 81 elements. Hence algorithmic solution is sought.

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