



## $\alpha$ -Product of Product Fuzzy Graphs

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**ABSTRACT:** In this article, a new operation on product fuzzy graphs (PFGs) is provide; namely  $\alpha$ -product. Conditions for the  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs to be strong are provided and we prove if the  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs is complete, then one of them is strong. We also study the unbiased notion of the class of PFGs and also conditions for the  $\alpha$ -product to be unbiased are given.

**Key Words:** FG, complete PFG, unbiased PFG,  $\alpha$ -product.

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### 1. Background

Theory of graph has many applications in mathematics and economics. Since most problems of graphs are undetermined, it is necessary to handle these facets via the method of fuzzy logic. Fuzzy relations were made known by Zadeh [24]. Rosenfeld [21] in 1975, defined fuzzy graphs (simply, FG) and some ideas that are generalizations of those of graph's. Now days, this theory is having more and more applications in which the information level immanent in the set of things working together as parts of a mechanism differ with various degrees of accuracy. Fuzzy fashion are convenient as they reduce differences between long-established numerical models of expert systems and symbolic models. Peng and Mordeson [16] defined the conceptualization of FG's complement and conscious FG's operations. In [23], improved complement's definition in order to guarantee the original FG is isomorphic to complement of the complement, which concur with the case of crisp graphs. In addition, self-complementary FGs properties and the complement under FG's join, union and composition (introduced in [16]) were explored. Al-Hawary [6] introduced the concept of balanced in the class of FGs and Al-Hawary and others have deeply explored this ides for many types of FGs. For more on the foregoing concepts and those coming after ones, one can see [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,18,19,20,23].

For a non-empty finite set  $\check{U}$ , a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U}$  is a mapping  $\check{t}:\check{U}\rightarrow [0, 1]$  and a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U}\times\check{U}$  is called a fuzzy relation  $\varsigma$  on  $\check{t}$ . We assume that  $\check{U}$  is finite and  $\varsigma$  is reflexive and symmetric.

**Definition 1.1** [21] A fuzzy graph (simply, FG), with  $\check{U}$  as the underlying set, is a pair  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  where  $\check{t}:\check{U}\rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy subset and  $\varsigma : \check{U}\times\check{U}\rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy relation on  $\check{t}$  such that  $\varsigma(c, s) \leq \check{t}(c)\wedge\check{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ , where by  $\wedge$ , we mean the minimum. Its classical graph is  $\Omega^* : (\check{t}^*, \varsigma^*)$  where  $\check{t}^* = \sup c(\check{t}) = \{c \in \check{U}:\check{t}(c) > 0\}$  and  $\varsigma^* = \sup \varsigma = \{(c, s) \in \check{U}\times\check{U}:\varsigma(c, s) > 0\}$ .

**Definition 1.2** [21] Two FGs  $\Omega_1 : (\check{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\check{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  are said to be isomorphic providing the existence of a bijective  $\tau : \check{U}_1 \rightarrow \check{U}_2$  such that  $\check{t}_1(c) = \check{t}_2(\tau(c))$  for all  $c \in \check{U}_1$  and  $\varsigma_1(c, s) = \varsigma_2(\tau(c), \tau(s))$  for all  $(c, s) \in F_1$ . We then write  $\Omega_1 \simeq \Omega_2$  and  $h$  is called an isomorphism.

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Using the operation of product instead of minimum, Ramaswamy and Poornima in [22] established PFGs.

**Definition 1.3** [22] Let  $\Omega^* : (\check{U}, F)$  be a graph,  $\check{t}$  be a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U}$  and  $\varsigma$  be a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U} \times \check{U}$ .  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  is called a product fuzzy graph (simply, PFG) if  $\varsigma(c, s) \leq \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ .

Next result is immediate:

**Lemma 1.1** Every PFG is a FG.

**Definition 1.4** [22] A PFG  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  is called complete if  $\varsigma(c, s) = \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ .

**Definition 1.5** [22] A PFG  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  is called strong if  $\varsigma(c, s) = \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s)$  for all  $(c, s) \in F$ .

**Definition 1.6** [22] The complement of a PFG  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  is  $\Omega^c : (\check{t}^c, \varsigma^c)$  where  $\check{t}^c = \check{t}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\varsigma^c(c, s) &= \check{t}^c(c)\check{t}^c(s) - \varsigma(c, s) \\ &= \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s) - \varsigma(c, s).\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.2** [11] If  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  is a self-complementary PFG, then

$$\sum_{(c,s) \in F} \varsigma(c, s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(c,s) \in F} \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s).$$

**Lemma 1.3** [11] Let  $\Omega : (\check{t}, \varsigma)$  be a PFG such that  $\varsigma(c, s) = \frac{1}{2} \check{t}(c)\check{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ . Then  $\Omega$  is self-complementary.

Several types of products of two FGs were explored. The notion of  $\alpha$ -product of FGs was introduced and studied in [17] where the regularity property for this product was the main idea. In Section 2 of this paper, we launch the conception of  $\alpha$ -product of PFGs. Conditions for the  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs to be strong (complete) are established and if at least one factor is a complete PFG, the  $\alpha$ -product should be complete. Section 3 is devoted to provide equivalent conditions for the  $\alpha$ -product of two unbiased PFGs to be unbiased.

## 2. $\alpha$ -product of product fuzzy graphs

We begin this section by defining the rooted product of PFGs.

**Definition 2.1** The  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs  $\Omega_1 : (\check{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  is defined to be the PFG  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2 : (\check{t}_1 \boxplus_\alpha \check{t}_2, \varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)$  on the vertex set  $\check{U}_1 \times \check{U}_2$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}(\check{t}_1 \boxplus_\alpha \check{t}_2)(\check{u}, \check{y}) &= \check{t}_1(\check{u})\check{t}_2(\check{y}), \text{ for all } (\check{u}, \check{y}) \in \check{U}_1 \times \check{U}_2 \text{ and} \\ (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \begin{cases} \check{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\check{t}_2(\check{y}_2)\varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2) & \check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \notin F_2 \\ \check{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\check{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2) & \check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \notin F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2 \\ \check{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2) & \check{u}_1 = \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2 \\ \check{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2) & \check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 = \check{y}_2 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that the above definition is well-defined.

**Theorem 2.1** *The  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs is a PFG.*

**Proof:** Let  $\Omega_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  be two PFGs.

Case 1: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \notin F_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2)\varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2) \\ &\leq \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \notin F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , this case is similar to Case 1.

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1 = \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2) \\ &\leq \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 4: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 = \check{y}_2$ , this case is similar to Case 3. □

**Theorem 2.2** *If  $\Omega_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  are strong PFGs, then  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \Omega_2$  is a strong PFG.*

**Proof:** Let  $\Omega_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  be two strong PFGs.

Case 1: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \notin F_2$ , then as  $\Omega_1$  is strong,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2)\varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2) \\ &= \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \notin F_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , is similar to Case 1.

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1 = \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , then as  $\Omega_2$  is strong,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2) \\ &= \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 4: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 = \check{y}_2$ , this case is similar to Case 3.

Thus,  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \Omega_2$  is a strong PFG. □

**Corollary 2.1** *If  $\Omega_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  are fuzzy complete (strong) FGs, then  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \Omega_2$  is a strong FG.*

We remark that if both PFGs are complete, then their  $\alpha$ -product need not be a complete PFG.

**Example 2.1** Consider  $\Omega_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}) = .2, \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{y}) = .4, \varsigma_1(\check{u}, \check{U}) = .08$  and  $\Omega_2 : (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}_2(c) = .1 = \mathfrak{t}_2(s)$  and  $\varsigma_2(c, s) = .01$ . Then both are complete PFGs while  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \Omega_2$  is not a complete PFG since  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}, c)(\check{u}, s)) = .002 \neq (.02)(.02) = .0004 = (\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}, c)(\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{t}_2)(\check{u}, s)$ .

A nice property of complement is the following:.

**Theorem 2.3** *If  $\Omega_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are complete PFGs, then  $(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)^c \simeq \Omega_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2^c$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $\Omega : (t, \varsigma) = (\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)^c$ ,  $\bar{\varsigma} = (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)^c$ ,  $(\Omega^*)^c = (\check{U}, F^c)$ ,  $\overline{\Omega_1} : (t_1, \varsigma_1^c)$ ,  $(\Omega_1^*)^c = (\check{U}_1, F_1^c)$ ,  $\Omega_2^c : (t_2, \varsigma_2^c)$ ,  $(\Omega_2^*)^c = (\check{U}_2, (F_2)^c)$  and  $\Omega_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2^c : (t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2, \varsigma_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2^c)$ . We only need to show  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)^c = \varsigma_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2^c$ . Given an arc  $\epsilon$  joining nodes of  $\check{U}$ ,  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \notin F_2$  and  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \notin F_1, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in F_2$  are not possible to occur as both  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are complete. If  $\check{u}_1 = \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , then as  $\Omega_1$  is complete,  $\varsigma_1^c(\epsilon) = 0$ . But  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)^c(\epsilon) = 0$  since  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \notin F_1^c$  and  $\check{y}_1 \notin F_2^c$ . The case  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 = \check{y}_2$  is similar.

In all cases  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)^c = \varsigma_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2^c$  and therefore,  $(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)^c \simeq \Omega_1^c \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2^c$ .  $\square$

Next, we prove if the  $\alpha$ -product of two PFGs is complete, then both can not be not complete.

**Theorem 2.4** *If  $\Omega_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $\Omega_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are PFGs where  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is complete, then one PFG is complete.*

**Proof:** Suppose to the contrary that both PFGs are not complete. Thus there exist  $\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1$  and  $\check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) &< t_1(\check{u}_1) t_1(\check{u}_2) \text{ and} \\ \varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2) &< t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2). \end{aligned}$$

Case 1: If  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \notin F_2$ , then  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) = \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) t_2(v_1) t_2(\check{y}_2)$  and as  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is complete,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= (t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))(t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2)((\check{u}_2, v_2)) \\ &> t_1(\check{u}_1) t_1(\check{u}_2) t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) \varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

Case2:  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \notin F_1, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in F_2$  is similar.

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1 = \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in F_2$ , then as  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is complete,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\alpha \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, v_2)) &= (t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2)((\check{u}_1, v_1))(t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2)((\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) \\ &= t_1(\check{u}_1) t_1(\check{u}_2) t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &> \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) \varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

Case 4: If  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in F_1, \check{y}_1 = \check{y}_2$ , this case is similar to Case 3.  $\square$

### 3. Unbiased product fuzzy graphs

We begin this section by recalling the definition of unbiased (balanced) PFGs from [11] and then proving the following Lemma 3.1 to make it possible characterize unbiased  $\alpha$ -product of two unbiased PFGs.

**Definition 3.1** [11]. *The compactness degree of a PFG is  $cd(\Omega) = \frac{2 \sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F} (\varsigma(\check{u}\check{y}))}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}} (t(\check{u}) \wedge t(\check{y}))}$ .  $\Omega$  is unbiased if*

*$cd(\Omega) \geq cd(H)$  for any non-empty PFS  $H$  of  $\Omega$ .*

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be PFGs. Then  $cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2) \geq cd(\Omega_1)$  and  $cd(\Omega_2) \leq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  iff  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ .*

**Proof:** If  $cd(\Omega_1) \leq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  and  $cd(\Omega_2) \leq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 cd(\Omega_1) &= 2 \left( \sum_{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1} s_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) \right) / \left( \sum_{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1} (t_1(\check{u}_1) \wedge t_1(\check{u}_2)) \right) \\
 &\geq 2 \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} s_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2) \right) / \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (t_1(\check{u}_1) t_1(\check{u}_2) t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2)) \right) \\
 &\geq 2 \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} s_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2) s_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2) \right) / \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (t_1(\check{u}_1) t_1(\check{u}_2) t_2(\check{y}_1) t_2(\check{y}_2)) \right) \\
 &\geq 2 \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} s_1 \boxplus_\alpha s_2((\check{u}_1 \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2 \check{y}_2)) \right) / \left( \sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (t_1 \boxplus_\alpha t_2((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) \right) \\
 &= cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence in all cases  $cd(\Omega_1) \geq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  and thus  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ . Similarly,  $cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ . Therefore,  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ . The converse is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1** *For two unbiased PFGs  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ ,  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is unbiased if and only if  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ .*

**Proof:** If  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is unbiased, then  $cd(\Omega_1) \leq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  and  $cd(\Omega_2) \leq cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  and by Lemma 3.1,  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ .

If  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$  and  $K$  is a product FS of  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$ , then we can find product FSs  $K_i$  of  $\Omega_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with  $K \approx K_1 \boxplus_\alpha K_2$ . As  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are unbiased and  $cd(\Omega_1) = cd(\Omega_2) = m_1/k_1$ , then  $cd(K_1) = a_1/b_1 \leq m_1/k_1$  and  $cd(K_2) = a_2/b_2 \leq m_1/k_1$ . Thus  $a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_1 \leq b_1 m_1 + b_2 m_1$  and hence  $cd(K) \leq (a_1 + a_2)/(b_1 + b_2) \leq m_1/k_1 = cd(\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2)$ . Therefore,  $\Omega_1 \boxplus_\alpha \Omega_2$  is unbiased.  $\square$

We end this section with the following result which states that unbiased notion is preserved under isomorphism:

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be isomorphic PFGs. If one of them is unbiased, then the other is unbiased.*

**Proof:** Suppose  $\Omega_2$  is unbiased and let  $\epsilon: \check{U}_1 \rightarrow \check{U}_2$  be a bijection such that  $t_1(\check{u}) = t_2(\epsilon(\check{u}))$  and  $s_1(\check{u}\check{y}) = s_2(\epsilon(\check{u})\epsilon(\check{y}))$  for all  $\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1$ . Now  $\sum_{\check{u} \in \check{U}_1} t_1(\check{u}) = \sum_{\check{u} \in \check{U}_2} t_2(\check{u})$  and  $\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_1} s_1(\check{u}\check{y}) = \sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_2} s_2(\check{u}\check{y})$ . If  $K_1 = (t_1, s_1)$  is a product FS of  $\Omega_1$  with underlying set  $W$ , then  $K_2 = (t_2, s_2)$  is a product FS of  $\Omega_2$  with underlying set  $\epsilon(W)$  where  $t_2(\epsilon(\check{u})) = t_1(\check{u})$  and  $s_2(\epsilon(\check{u})\epsilon(\check{y})) = s_1(\check{u}\check{y})$  for all  $\check{u}, \check{y} \in W$ . Since  $\Omega_2$  is unbiased,  $cd(K_1) \leq cd(\Omega_2)$  and so  $2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_1} s_2(\epsilon(\check{u})\epsilon(\check{y}))}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (t_2(\check{u}) \wedge t_2(\check{y}))} \leq 2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_1} s_2(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (t_2(\check{u}) \wedge t_2(\check{y}))}$ . Hence

$$2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_1} s_1(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (t_2(\check{u}) \wedge t_2(\check{y}))} \leq 2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in F_1} s_1(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (t_2(\check{u}) \wedge t_2(\check{y}))}.$$

Therefore,  $\Omega_1$  is unbiased.  $\square$

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