

## $\beta$ -PRODUCT OF PRODUCT FUZZY GRAPHS

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

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### 1. Background

Graph theory 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 introduced by Zadeh [25] in 1965. Rosenfeld [22] in 1975, introduced 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 system differ with various levels of accuracy. Fuzzy models 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 [24], 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 [2] introduced the concept of balanced in the class of FGs and Al-Hawary and others have deeply explored this idea for many types of

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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, 19, 20, 21, 24].

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

**Definition 1.1.** [22] A fuzzy graph (simply, FG), with  $\check{U}$  as the underlying set, is a pair  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}:\check{U}\rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy subset and  $\varsigma:\check{U}\times\check{U}\rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy relation on  $\mathfrak{t}$  such that  $\varsigma(c, s) \leq \mathfrak{t}(c)\wedge\mathfrak{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ , where  $\wedge$  stands for minimum. The crisp graph of  $\mathfrak{G}$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{G}^*:(\mathfrak{t}^*, \varsigma^*)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}^* = \sup c(\mathfrak{t}) = \{c \in \check{U}:\mathfrak{t}(c) > 0\}$  and  $\varsigma^* = \sup \varsigma = \{(c, s) \in \check{U}\times\check{U}:\varsigma(c, s) > 0\}$ .  $H = (\mathfrak{t}', \varsigma')$  is a fuzzy subgraph of  $\mathfrak{G}$  if there exists  $c \in \check{U}$  such that  $\mathfrak{t}' : c \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy subset and  $\varsigma' : c \times c \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy relation on  $\mathfrak{t}'$  such that  $\varsigma(c, s) \leq \mathfrak{t}(c)\wedge\mathfrak{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in c$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [22] Two FGs  $\mathfrak{G}_1 : (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  are isomorphic if there exists a bijection  $h:\check{U}_1 \rightarrow \check{U}_2$  such that  $\mathfrak{t}_1(c) = \mathfrak{t}_2(h(c))$  for all  $c \in \check{U}_1$  and  $\varsigma_1(c, s) = \varsigma_2(h(c), h(s))$  for all  $(c, s) \in \check{E}_1$ . We then write  $\mathfrak{G}_1 \simeq \mathfrak{G}_2$  and  $h$  is called an isomorphism.

Using the operation of product instead of minimum, Ramaswamy and Poornima in [23] established PFGs.

**Definition 1.3.** [23] Let  $\mathfrak{G}^*:(\check{U}, \check{E})$  be a graph,  $\mathfrak{t}$  be a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U}$  and  $\varsigma$  be a fuzzy subset of  $\check{U}\times\check{U}$ . We call  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  a product fuzzy graph (simply, PFG) if  $\varsigma(c, s) \leq \mathfrak{t}(c)\mathfrak{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ .

The following result is immediate:

**Lemma 1.4.** Every PFG is a FG, but the converse need not be true.

**Definition 1.5.** [23] A PFG  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  is called complete if  $\varsigma(c, s) = \mathfrak{t}(c)\mathfrak{t}(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [23] A PFG  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  is called strong if  $\varsigma(c, s) = \mathfrak{t}(c)\mathfrak{t}(s)$  for all  $(c, s) \in \check{E}$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [23] The complement of a PFG  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  is  $\mathfrak{G}^c:(\mathfrak{t}^c, \varsigma^c)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}^c = \mathfrak{t}$  and

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

**Lemma 1.8.** [7] If  $\mathfrak{G}:(\mathfrak{t}, \varsigma)$  is a self-complementary PFG, then

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

**Lemma 1.9.** [7] Let  $G: (t, \varsigma)$  be a PFG such that  $\varsigma(c, s) = \frac{1}{2}t(c)t(s)$  for all  $c, s \in \check{U}$ . Then  $G$  is self-complementary.

Several types of products of two FGs were explored. The notion of  $\beta$ -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  $\beta$ -product of PFGs. We give sufficient conditions for the  $\beta$ -product of two PFGs to be strong (complete) and we show that to have at least one factor is a complete PFG, the  $\beta$ -product should be complete. Section 3 is devoted to give necessary and sufficient conditions for the  $\beta$ -product of two unbiased PFGs to be unbiased.

### 2. $\beta$ -product of PFGs

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

**Definition 2.1.** The  $\beta$ -product of two PFGs  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  is defined to be the PFG  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2 : (t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2, \varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2)$  on the vertex set  $\check{U}_1 \times \check{U}_2$ , where

$$(t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}, \check{y}) = t_1(\check{u})t_2(\check{y}), \text{ for all } (\check{u}, \check{y}) \in \check{U}_1 \times \check{U}_2 \text{ and}$$

$$(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) = \begin{cases} \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2) & \check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2 \\ \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2)t_2(\check{y}_1)t_2(\check{y}_2) & \check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \neq \check{y}_2 \\ t_1(\check{u}_1)t_1(\check{u}_2)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2) & \check{u}_1 \neq \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2 \end{cases}$$

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

**Theorem 2.2.** The  $\beta$ -product of two PFGs is a PFG.

*Proof.* Let  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  be two PFGs.

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

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1 \check{y}_2) \\ &\leq t_1(\check{u}_1)t_1(\check{u}_2)t_2(\check{y}_1)t_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: If  $\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \neq \check{y}_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) &= \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1 \check{u}_2)t_2(\check{y}_1)t_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &\leq t_1(\check{u}_1)t_1(\check{u}_2)t_2(\check{y}_1)t_2(\check{y}_2) \\ &= ((t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1))((t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1 \neq \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1 \check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , this case is similar to Case 2. □

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are strong PFGs, then  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  is a strong PFG.

*Proof.* Let  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  be two strong PFGs.

Case 1: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , then as  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are strong,

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

Case 2: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \neq \check{y}_2$ , then

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

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1 \neq \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , this case is similar to Case 2.

Thus,  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  is a strong PFG.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *If  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are fuzzy complete (strong) FGs, then  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  is a strong FG.*

We remark that if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are complete PFGs, then  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  need not be a complete PFG.

**Example 2.5.** Consider  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  where  $t_1(\check{u}) = 1, t_1(w) = 1, \varsigma_1(\check{u}, w) = 1$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  where  $t_2(c) = 1 = t_2(s)$  and  $\varsigma_2(c, s) = 1$ . Then both are complete PFGs while  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  is not a complete PFG since  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2)((\check{u}, c)(w, c)) = 0 \neq (1)(1) = (t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(\check{u}, c)(t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2)(w, c)$ .

An interesting property of complement is given next.

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are fuzzy complete graphs, then  $\overline{G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2} \simeq \overline{G_1} \boxplus_{\beta} \overline{G_2}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G : (t, \bar{\varsigma}) = \overline{G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2}, \bar{\varsigma} = \overline{\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2}, \overline{G}^* = (\check{U}, \check{E}), \overline{G_1} : (t_1, \bar{\varsigma}_1), \overline{G_1}^* = (\check{U}_1, \check{E}_1), \overline{G_2} : (t_2, \bar{\varsigma}_2), \overline{G_2}^* = (\check{U}_2, \check{E}_2)$  and  $\overline{G_1} \boxplus_{\beta} \overline{G_2} : (t_1 \boxplus_{\beta} t_2, \bar{\varsigma}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \bar{\varsigma}_2)$ . We only need to show  $\overline{\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2} = \bar{\varsigma}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \bar{\varsigma}_2$ . For any arc  $e$  in  $\check{E}$  joining nodes of  $\check{U}$ , we have the following cases:

The cases  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , then as  $G_1$  is complete,  $\bar{\varsigma}_1(e) = 0$ . On the other hand  $\overline{\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2}(e) = 0$  since  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \notin \check{E}_1$ .

The case  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \neq \check{y}_2$  and the case  $\check{u}_1 \neq \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$  are not possible to occur as both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are complete.

In all cases  $\overline{\varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2} = \bar{\varsigma}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \bar{\varsigma}_2$  and therefore,  $\overline{G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2} \simeq \overline{G_1} \boxplus_{\beta} \overline{G_2}$ .  $\square$

Next, we show that if the  $\beta$ -product of two PFGs is complete, then at least one of the two PFGs must be complete.

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $G_1 : (t_1, \varsigma_1)$  and  $G_2 : (t_2, \varsigma_2)$  are PFGs such that  $G_1 \boxplus_{\beta} G_2$  is complete, then at least  $G_1$  or  $G_2$  must be complete.*

*Proof.* Suppose to the contrary that both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are not complete. Then there exists at least one  $\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1$  and  $\check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2$  such that

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

Then we have the following cases:

Case 1: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , then  $(\varsigma_1 \boxplus_\beta \varsigma_2)((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)) = \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2) \varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2)$  and as  $G_1 \boxplus_\beta G_2$  is complete,

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

which is a contradiction.

Case2:  $\check{u}_1 \neq \check{u}_2, \check{y}_1\check{y}_2 \in \check{E}_2$ , then

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

which is a contradiction.

Case 3: If  $\check{u}_1\check{u}_2 \in \check{E}_1, \check{y}_1 \neq \check{y}_2$  is similar to Case 2. □

### 3. Unbiased FGS

We begin this section by recalling the definition of unbiased (balanced) PFGs from [7] and then proving the following lemma that we shall use to give necessary and sufficient conditions for the  $\beta$ -product of two unbiased PFGs to be unbiased.

**Definition 3.1.** [7]. The density of a PFG is  $d(G) = \frac{2 \sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}} (\varsigma(\check{u}\check{y}))}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}} (\mathfrak{t}(\check{u}) \wedge \mathfrak{t}(\check{y}))}$ .  $G$  is

unbiased (balanced) if  $d(H) \leq d(G)$  for any non-empty product fuzzy subgraphs  $H$  of  $G$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be PFGs. Then  $d(G_i) \leq d(G_1 \boxplus_\beta G_2)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  if and only if  $d(G_1) = d(G_2) = d(G_1 \boxplus_\beta G_2)$ .

*Proof.* If  $d(G_i) \leq d(G_1 \boxplus_\beta G_2)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(G_1) &= 2\left(\sum_{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1} \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2)\right) / \left(\sum_{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1} (\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1) \wedge \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2))\right) \\ &\geq 2\left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2)\right) / \left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2))\right) \\ &\geq 2\left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} \varsigma_1(\check{u}_1\check{u}_2)\varsigma_2(\check{y}_1\check{y}_2)\right) / \left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_1)\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}_2)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_1)\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}_2))\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 2\left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} \varsigma_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \varsigma_2((\check{u}_1 \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2 \check{y}_2))\right) / \left(\sum_{\substack{\check{u}_1, \check{u}_2 \in \check{U}_1 \\ \check{y}_1, \check{y}_2 \in \check{U}_2}} (\mathfrak{t}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{t}_2((\check{u}_1, \check{y}_1)(\check{u}_2, \check{y}_2)))\right) \\ &= d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence in all cases  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) \geq d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$  and thus  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ . Similarly,  $d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ . Therefore,  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ . The converse is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  be unbiased PFGs. Then  $\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2$  is unbiased if and only if  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2$  is unbiased, then  $d(\mathfrak{G}_i) \leq d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and by Lemma 3.2,  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ .

Conversely, if  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$  and  $H$  is a product fuzzy subgraph of  $\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2$ , then there exist product fuzzy subgraphs  $H_1$  of  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  and  $H_2$  of  $\mathfrak{G}_2$ . As  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  are unbiased and  $d(\mathfrak{G}_1) = d(\mathfrak{G}_2) = m_1/k_1$ , then  $d(H_1) = a_1/b_1 \leq m_1/k_1$  and  $d(H_2) = a_2/b_2 \leq m_1/k_1$ . Thus  $a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_1 \leq b_1 m_1 + b_2 m_1$  and hence  $d(H) \leq (a_1 + a_2)/(b_1 + b_2) \leq m_1/k_1 = d(\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2)$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{G}_1 \boxplus_{\beta} \mathfrak{G}_2$  is unbiased.  $\square$

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

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  be isomorphic PFGs. If one of them is unbiased, then the other is unbiased.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  is unbiased and let  $h : \check{U}_1 \rightarrow \check{U}_2$  be a bijection such that  $\mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}) = \mathfrak{t}_2(h(\check{u}))$  and  $\varsigma_1(\check{u}\check{y}) = \varsigma_2(h(\check{u})h(\check{y}))$  for all  $\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1$ . Now  $\sum_{\check{u} \in \check{U}_1} \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u}) = \sum_{\check{u} \in \check{U}_2} \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{u})$  and  $\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_1} \varsigma_1(\check{u}\check{y}) = \sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_2} \varsigma_2(\check{u}\check{y})$ . If  $H_1 = (\mathfrak{t}_1, \varsigma_1)$  is a product fuzzy subgraph of  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  with underlying set  $W$ , then  $H_2 = (\mathfrak{t}_2, \varsigma_2)$  is a product fuzzy subgraph of  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  with underlying set  $h(W)$  where  $\mathfrak{t}_2(h(\check{u})) = \mathfrak{t}_1(\check{u})$  and  $\varsigma_2(h(\check{u})h(\check{y})) = \varsigma_1(\check{u}\check{y})$  for all  $\check{u}, \check{y} \in W$ . Since  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  is unbiased,  $d(H_1) \leq d(\mathfrak{G}_2)$  and so  $2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_1} \varsigma_2(h(\check{u})h(\check{y}))}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{u}) \wedge \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}))} \leq 2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_2} \varsigma_2(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_2} (\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{u}) \wedge \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}))}$ . Hence

$$2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_1} \varsigma_1(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{u}) \wedge \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}))} \leq 2 \frac{\sum_{\check{u}\check{y} \in \check{E}_1} \varsigma_1(\check{u}\check{y})}{\sum_{\check{u}, \check{y} \in \check{U}_1} (\mathfrak{t}_2(\check{u}) \wedge \mathfrak{t}_2(\check{y}))}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  is unbiased.  $\square$

### 4. Discussion

Several types of products of two FGs were explored. We launch the conception of  $\beta$ -product of PFGs and give sufficient conditions for the  $\beta$ -product of two PFGs to be strong (complete). We also show that to have at least one factor is a complete PFG, the  $\beta$ -product should be complete. Finally, necessary and sufficient conditions for the  $\beta$ -product of two unbiased PFGs to be unbiased

are provided. As a future research, we might study  $\beta$ -product of certain types of fuzzy graphs.

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