

Some Special Types of Edges in Apicture Fuzzy Tree

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Abstract

In both theory and applications of fuzzy graphs, the concept of connectedness is significant. This study analyzes edges in a picture fuzzy tree into three types based on their strength such as robust edge, fragile edge and futile edge. The advantage of this classification is used to understand the fundamental structure of a picture fuzzy tree. Some theorems and properties related to these edges have been proved with examples.

Key Words

picture fuzzy graph, PF-bridge, Picture Fuzzy Tree, fragile edge, futile edge, robust edge.

Introduction

Fuzzy graphs were introduced by Rosenfeld [8], who has described the fuzzy analogue of graph theoretic concepts like paths, connectedness, cycles and trees and established some of their properties. Bhutani and Rosenfeld [2] have introduced the concept of strong edges. Sunitha [10] classified strong edges into two types namely α -Strong, β -Strong and introduced two other types of edges in fuzzy graphs which are not strong namely δ and δ^* edges. Intuitionistic fuzzy graph theory was introduced by Krassimir T. Atanassov [1]. Karunambigai and Parvathi [5] introduced intuitionistic fuzzy graph as a special case of Atanassov IFG. Parvathi. R [6] classified edges in IFG into three types namely α -strong, β -strong and δ -weak edges based on its strength.

Cuong and Kreinovich [4] proposed the picture fuzzy set which is a modified version of fuzzy set and intuitionistic fuzzy set. It is an efficient model with uncertain real-life problems, in which intuitionistic fuzzy set may fail to reveal satisfactory results. Picture fuzzy set allows the degree of positive membership, degree of neutral membership and degree of negative membership of an element. The concept of neutrality degree can be seen in situations when we face human opinions involving more answers of type: yes, abstain, no, refusal. Cen Zuo [3] introduced several types of Picture Fuzzy Graphs such as regular PFG, strong PFG, complete PFG, connected PFG and complement PFG. In graph theory, edge analysis is not very important as all edges are strong. But in PFG, it is very important to find the nature of edges. In this paper, three types of edges such as robust, fragile and futile edge, depending on the strength of connectedness between two nodes are discussed with suitable illustrations.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 contains preliminaries. In section 3, the concept of robust, fragile and futile edge is introduced with example. It is also shown that an edge (v_i, v_j) of G is an PF-bridge iff it is α - μ strong, α - η strong and α - γ strong. In section 4, some theorems and proportions in picture fuzzy tree are discussed.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, some basic definitions which are used to construct theorems and properties related to the picture fuzzy graph are given.

Definition 2.1

A fuzzy graph $G = (V, \sigma, \mu)$ is a non-empty set V together with a pair of functions $\sigma: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\mu: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\mu(v_i, v_j) \leq \sigma(v_i) \wedge \sigma(v_j)$ for all $v_i, v_j \in V$ and μ is a symmetric fuzzy relation on σ .

Definition 2.2

An Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graph is of the form $G = (V, E)$ where

(i) $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ such that the mapping $\mu_1: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is the degree of membership and the mapping $\gamma_1: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is the degree of non-membership of the element $v_i \in V$ respectively and $0 \leq \mu_1(v_i) + \gamma_1(v_i) \leq 1$ for every $v_i \in V$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$)

(ii) $E \subseteq V \times V$ where $\mu_2: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\gamma_2: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are such that

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \min[\mu_1(v_i), \mu_1(v_j)]$$

$$\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \max[\gamma_1(v_i), \gamma_1(v_j)]$$

$$\text{and } 0 \leq \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq 1, \forall (v_i, v_j) \in E, (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Here the triple $(v_i, \mu_{1i}, \gamma_{1i})$ denotes the degree of membership and degree of non-membership of the vertex v_i . The triple $(e_{ij}, \mu_{2ij}, \gamma_{2ij})$ denotes the degree of membership and degree of non-membership of the edge relation $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j)$ on V .

In an Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graph G , when $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = 0$ and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = 0$ for some i and j , then there is no edge between v_i and v_j . Otherwise there exists an edge between v_i and v_j .

Definition 2.3

A pair $G = (V, E)$ is known as a Picture Fuzzy Graph (PFG) if

(i) $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ such that $\mu_1: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\eta_1: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\gamma_1: V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ degree of Positive, neutral and negative membership function of the vertex $v_i \in V$ respectively and $0 \leq \mu_1(v_i) + \eta_1(v_i) + \gamma_1(v_i) \leq 1$ for every $v_i \in V$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(ii) $E \subseteq V \times V$ where $\mu_2: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\eta_2: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\gamma_2: V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are such that $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \min(\mu_1(v_i), \mu_1(v_j))$, $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \min(\eta_1(v_i), \eta_1(v_j))$

and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \max(\gamma_1(v_i), \gamma_1(v_j))$ where $0 \leq \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \eta_2(v_i, v_j) + \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq 1$ for every $(v_i, v_j) \in E$, $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Here the 4-tuple $(v_i, \mu_{1i}, \eta_{1i}, \gamma_{1i})$ denotes the degree of positive membership, neutral membership and negative membership of the vertex v_i and the 4-tuple $(e_{ij}, \mu_{2ij}, \eta_{2ij}, \gamma_{2ij})$ denotes the degree of positive membership, neutral membership and negative membership of the edge relation $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j)$.

Example 2.4

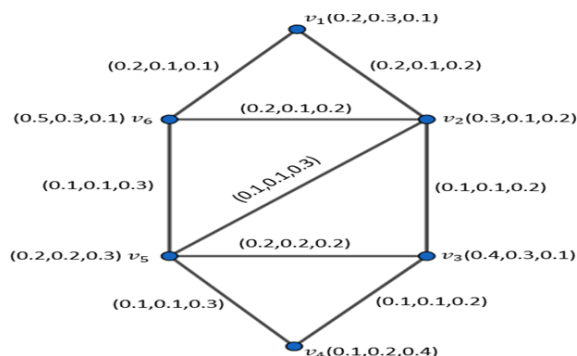


Figure 2.1

Definition 2.5

A Picture fuzzy graph $G=(V,E)$ is said to be complete, if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = \min(\mu_1(v_i), \mu_1(v_j))$, $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) = \min(\eta_1(v_i), \eta_1(v_j))$ and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = \max(\gamma_1(v_i), \gamma_1(v_j))$ for every $v_i, v_j \in V$.

Definition 2.6

Let $G = (V, E)$ be the PFG. Then the vertex cardinality of V is defined by

$$|V| = \sum_{v_i \in V} \frac{1 + \mu_1(v_i) + \eta_1(v_i) - \gamma_1(v_i)}{2}$$

for all $v_i \in V$. It is also called the order of a PFG and it is denoted by p .

Definition 2.7

Let $G = (V, E)$ be the PFG. Then the edge cardinality of E defined by

$$|E| = \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} \frac{1 + \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \eta_2(v_i, v_j) - \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)}{2}$$

for all $(v_i, v_j) \in E$. It is also called the size of a PFG.

Definition 2.8

Let $G = (V, E)$ be the PFG. Then the cardinality of G is defined to be

$$|G| = \left| \sum_{v_i \in V} \frac{1 + \mu_1(v_i) + \eta_1(v_i) - \gamma_1(v_i)}{2} + \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} \frac{1 + \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \eta_2(v_i, v_j) - \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)}{2} \right|$$

and it is denoted by q .

Definition 2.9

An edge (v_i, v_j) is called a strong edge, if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \mu_2'(v_i, v_j)$, $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \eta_2'(v_i, v_j)$ and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$ For every $v_i, v_j \in V$. Where $\mu_2'(v_i, v_j)$, $\eta_2'(v_i, v_j)$ and $\gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$ is the strength of the connectedness between v_i and v_j in the picture fuzzy graph obtained from G by deleting the edge (v_i, v_j) .

Definition 2.10

Two vertices v_i and v_j are said to be neighbors in PFG if either one of the following conditions hold.

- i) $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > 0, \eta_2(v_i, v_j) > 0, \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > 0$
- ii) $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = 0, \eta_2(v_i, v_j) \geq 0, \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > 0$
- iii) $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > 0, \eta_2(v_i, v_j) = 0, \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \geq 0$
- iv) $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \geq 0, \eta_2(v_i, v_j) > 0, \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = 0, \forall v_i, v_j \in V$.

Definition 2.11

Let v_i be a vertex in a Picture fuzzy graph $G=(V,E)$ then

$N_s(v_i) = \{v_j \in V : (v_i, v_j) \text{ is a strong edge}\}$ is called strong neighborhood of v_i .

$N_s[v_i] = N_s(v_i) \cup \{v_i\}$ is called the closed strong neighborhood of v_i .

Definition 2.12

A vertex $v_i \in V$ of the PFG $G = (V, E)$ is said to be an isolated vertex if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = 0, \eta_2(v_i, v_j) = 0$ and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = 0$ for all $v_i \in V, i.e) N(u) = \varnothing$. Thus, an isolated vertex does not dominate any other vertex in G .

3. Some Classification of Edges in a Picture Fuzzy Tree

Depending on the strength of edges (v_i, v_j) in a PFG, the following three different types of edges are introduced.

Definition 2.2.1

An edge (v_i, v_j) in G with positive membership value $\mu_2(v_i, v_j)$, neutral membership value $\eta_2(v_i, v_j)$ and negative membership value $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j)$ is called

- (i) α - μ strong edge if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (ii) α - η strong edge if $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (iii) α - γ strong edge if $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (iv) β - μ strong edge if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = \mu_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (v) β - η strong edge if $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) = \eta_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (vi) β - γ strong edge if $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = \gamma_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (vii) δ - μ weak edge if $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) < \mu_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (viii) δ - η weak edge if $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) < \eta_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$
- (ix) δ - γ weak edge if $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > \gamma_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$, for all $v_i, v_j \in V$.

With the above definitions, edges are classified into three types:

- (i) Robust edge (ii) Fragile edge (iii) Futile edge.

Definition 3.1

An edge (v_i, v_j) is called a μ -strong edge if it is either α - μ strong or β - μ strong.

Definition 3.2

An edge (v_i, v_j) is called a η -strong edge if it is either α - η strong or β - η strong.

Definition 3.3

An edge (v_i, v_j) is called a γ -strong edge if it is either α - γ strong or β - γ strong.

Definition 3.4

An edge is called a robust edge if it is μ -strong, η -strong and γ -strong.

Definition 3.5

An edge is called a fragile edge if it is either δ - μ weak or δ - η weak or δ - γ weak.

γ weak.

Definition 3.6

An edge (v_i, v_j) is called a *useful edge* if it is δ - μ weak, δ - η weak and

δ - γ weak.

Example 3.7

In figure 3.1, the edges (v_1, v_3) , (v_2, v_3) , (v_1, v_4) and (v_3, v_5) are robust edges. (v_4, v_5) is a fragile edge and (v_1, v_2) is a futile edge.

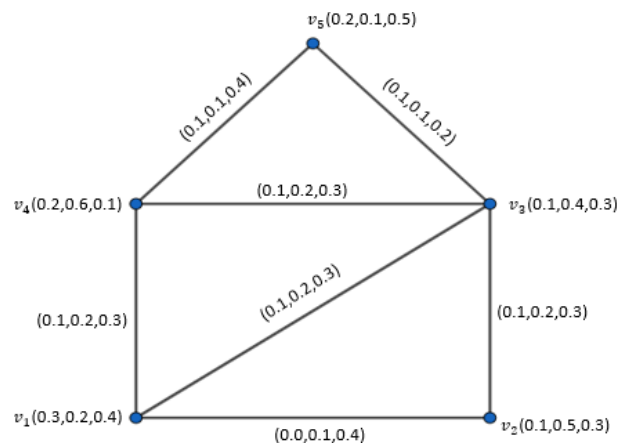


Figure 3.1

Theorem 3.9

Let $G=(V,E)$ be a PFG. Then an edge (v_i, v_j) is a PF-bridge if it is

α - μ strong, α - η strong, α - γ strong.

Proof

Let G be a PFG. Then by the definition of the PF-bridge, we have

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) < \mu_2^\infty(v_i, v_j), \eta_2(v_i, v_j) < \eta_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2^\infty(v_i, v_j), \text{ for all } v_i, v_j \in V \quad (1)$$

Since G is the connected PFG, the strength of the connectedness between v_i

and v_j is $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \mu_2^\infty(v_i, v_j)$, $\eta_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \eta_2^\infty(v_i, v_j)$ and $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \geq$

$$\gamma_2^\infty(v_i, v_j), \text{ for all } v_i, v_j \in V \quad (2)$$

Comparing (1) and (2), we have

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2^\infty(v_i, v_j), \eta_2(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2^\infty(v_i, v_j).$$

Conversely, suppose (v_i, v_j) is a α - μ strong, α - η strong and α - γ strong. Then by definition, it follows that $v_i v_j$ is the unique strongest path from v_i to v_j and the removal of (v_i, v_j) will reduce the strength of the connectedness between v_i and

v_j . Thus (v_i, v_j) is a PF-bridge.

Corollary 3.10

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a PFG. Then an edge (v_i, v_j) of G is a PF-bridge if it is a robust edge.

Remark 3.11

If an edge (v_i, v_j) in the PFG $G = (V, E)$ is a picture fuzzy bridge.

The converse need not be true.

Proposition 3.12

If an edge (v_i, v_j) in G is a PF-bridge, then

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) = \mu_2^\infty(v_i, v_j), \eta_2(v_i, v_j) = \eta_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) = \gamma_2^\infty(v_i, v_j)$$

For all $v_i, v_j \in V$.

Proof

By theorem 3.9, picture fuzzy bridge is α - μ strong, α - η strong and α - γ strong.

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j), \eta_2(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j).$$

Therefore, $\max(\mu_2(v_i, v_j), \mu_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j)) = \mu_2(v_i, v_j)$

$$\max(\eta_2(v_i, v_j), \eta_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j)) = \eta_2(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\min(\gamma_2(v_i, v_j), \gamma_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j)) = \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)$$

By the definition 2.11 and remark 2.12,

$$\mu_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \mu_2(v_i, v_j), \eta_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \eta_2(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)$$

Theorem 3.13

Let $G = (V, E)$ be the Picture fuzzy graph G . An edge (v_i, v_j) in a Picture fuzzy tree G is a robust edge iff (v_i, v_j) is an edge of the picture fuzzy spanning tree F of G .

Proof

Let (v_i, v_j) be a robust edge in G . Then by definition,

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_2(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j) \text{-----(1)}$$

$$\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2^{\prime\infty}(v_i, v_j)$$

Assume that (v_i, v_j) is not in the picture fuzzy spanning tree F , then by the definition of the picture fuzzy tree,

$$\mu_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2(v_i, v_j) \text{-----} (2)$$

$$\gamma_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\text{Also } \mu_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \leq \mu_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \leq \eta_2'(v_i, v_j) \text{-----} (3)$$

$$\gamma_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \geq \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

From (2) and (3)

$$\text{We get } \mu_2(v_i, v_j) < \mu_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_2(v_i, v_j) < \eta_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

which contradicts (1). Hence (v_i, v_j) is in the picture fuzzy spanning tree. Conversely, let (v_i, v_j) be the vertex in the picture fuzzy spanning tree F . Then (v_i, v_j) is a picture fuzzy bridge and the edge (v_i, v_j) is the unique strongest v_i - v_j path.

$$\text{Hence } \mu_2(v_i, v_j) > \mu_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_2(v_i, v_j) > \eta_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) < \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

which implies that (v_i, v_j) is a robust edge.

Corollary 3.14

Let $G = (V, E)$ be the picture fuzzy tree. An edge (v_i, v_j) is a robust edge iff (v_i, v_j) is a picture fuzzy bridge of G .

Theorem 3.15

A picture fuzzy graph $G = (V, E)$ is a picture fuzzy tree iff fragile edge does not exist in G .

Proof

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a picture fuzzy tree and let F be the maximum picture fuzzy spanning tree. Then by theorem 3.13, every edge in F is a robust edge.

Suppose (v_i, v_j) is a fragile edge in G . Then the edge (v_i, v_j) does not belong to F and by the definition of picture fuzzy tree,

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) < \mu_2'(v_i, v_j) \quad 2$$

$$\eta_2(v_i, v_j) < \eta_2'(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j) \text{-----} (1)$$

$$\text{Also } \mu_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \leq \mu_2'(v_i, v_j) \quad 2 \quad 2$$

$$\eta_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \leq \eta_2'(v_i, v_j) \text{-----} (2)$$

$$\gamma_{F_2}(v_i, v_j) \geq \gamma_2'(v_i, v_j)$$

From(1) and(2)

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) < \mu'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\eta_2(v_i, v_j) < \eta'^\infty(v_i, v_j) \quad 2$$

$$\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) > \gamma'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$$

Which implies that (v_i, v_j) is a futile edge which is a contradiction. Hence the fragile edge does not exist in G .

Conversely, suppose let us assume that there is no fragile edge in G . If there are no picture fuzzy cycles in G , then G is a picture fuzzy tree. Now assume that C_P be the picture fuzzy cycle in G . Then C_P will contain only robust edges and futile edges. Also, every edge of C_P cannot bear a robust edge. Therefore, there exists at least one futile edge in C_P . It allows that G is a picture fuzzy tree.

Remark 3.16

A picture fuzzy tree G can have a futile edge.

Theorem 3.17

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a picture fuzzy tree iff there exists a unique strong path between any two vertices in G .

Proof

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a picture fuzzy tree. Let F be the maximum spanning

tree. Then by theorem 3.13, an edge (v_i, v_j) in the picture fuzzy graph $G = (V, E)$ is a robust edge iff it is an edge of the maximum spanning tree F . Since F is a picture fuzzy tree, it contains a unique path between any two vertices. But it contains all the vertices of G . Therefore $\exists$ a unique strong path between any two vertices of F and hence it is a unique strong path in G .

4. Algorithm to Compute Strong Edges in a Picture Fuzzy Tree

1. Input the vertices $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ with their membership values μ_1, η_1 and γ_1 for any $v_i \in V$.
2. Input the edges $E = \{(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V\}$ with their membership values $\mu_2(v_i, v_j), \eta_2(v_i, v_j), \gamma_2(v_i, v_j)$ for any $(v_i, v_j) \in E$.
3. Initialize all possible paths $P_i, V_i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
4. $S_{\mu_2}(v_i, v_j) = \min \{ \mu_2(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
5. $S_{\eta_2}(v_i, v_j) = \min \{ \eta_2(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
6. $S_{\gamma_2}(v_i, v_j) = \max \{ \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
7. $\mu_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \max \{ S_{\mu_2}(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
8. $\eta_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \max \{ S_{\eta_2}(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
9. $\gamma_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j) = \min \{ S_{\gamma_2}(v_i, v_j) | v_i, v_j \in V \}$
10. Verify the condition $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \mu_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j) \& \eta_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \eta_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j) \& \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \gamma_2'^\infty(v_i, v_j)$ holds.
11. If the condition holds, determine the edge (v_i, v_j) is a strong edge.

12. If not determine the edge (v_i, v_j) is not a strong edge.
13. Repeat the same steps with remaining pair of vertices $v_i, v_j \in V$.

Conclusion

In this paper, the edges in a picture fuzzy tree are classified into robust edge, fragile edge and futile edge based on their strength. Some properties and theorems on PF-bridge and picture fuzzy tree are also studied with examples. An algorithm has been provided to compute the strong edge in picture fuzzy graph.

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