

A modifying operator for temporal intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices with an application to autonomous self-managing databases

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Abstract: In the current investigation, a modifying operator over temporal intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices (TIFIM) is presented. Thereafter, an example of autonomous priority-based self-managing database system using intuitionistic fuzzy logic is developed. The modifying operator is implemented for priorities updating. The priorities are changed according to three cases. In the first case, the modifying operator increases the degree of membership and decreases the degree of non-membership if the record is frequently searched. In the second case, the modifying operator decreases the degree of membership and increases the degree of non-membership if the record is rarely searched. In the third case, the modifying operator set the record priority to $\langle 0,1 \rangle$ and deleted it the record is not searched more than n days.

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1 Brief remarks on temporal intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices

The theory of index matrices (IMs) is described in [5]. IMs have assigned indices on the rows and on the columns. The values can be real numbers, logical values, intuitionistic fuzzy pairs. Intuitionistic fuzzy evaluations are based on the intuitionistic fuzzy sets and can be presented in the form of intuitionistic fuzzy pairs [7]. The theory of IFS, operations and operators are described in [3, 4]. Therefore, the types of index matrices extensions include intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices (IFIM), n -dimensional intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices (n -DIFIM), Index matrices with function-type elements (IMFE), temporal intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices (TIFIM). In the current investigation, we will use TIFIMs. Each TIFIM has three dimensions assigned with letters K, L and T , where K and L are sets of indices and T is some fixed temporal scale. The TIFIM has the following form:

$$A(T) = [K, L, T, \langle \mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle]$$

$$\equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{c|cccc} \tau & l_1 & \dots & l_j & \dots & l_n \\ \hline k_1 & \langle \mu_{k_1, l_1, \tau}, \nu_{k_1, l_1, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_1, l_j, \tau}, \nu_{k_1, l_j, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_1, l_n, \tau}, \nu_{k_1, l_n, \tau} \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_i & \langle \mu_{k_i, l_1, \tau}, \nu_{k_i, l_1, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_i, l_n, \tau}, \nu_{k_i, l_n, \tau} \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_m & \langle \mu_{k_m, l_1, \tau}, \nu_{k_m, l_1, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_m, l_j, \tau}, \nu_{k_m, l_j, \tau} \rangle & \dots & \langle \mu_{k_m, l_n, \tau}, \nu_{k_m, l_n, \tau} \rangle \end{array} \right\} | \tau \in T$$

where τ is an element of T , i.e., a time-moment for every $\tau \in T, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$:

$$\mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} + \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \in [0, 1].$$

Let us have the time-moments τ_1 and τ_2 such that $\{\tau_1, \tau_2\} \in T$ and let us have the constants $c, d \in [0, 1]$ such that $c + d \leq 1$. Therefore, we define the following modifying operator for TIFIM:

$$M(A(T), c, d) = [K, L, T, \langle \rho_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \sigma_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle],$$

where

$$\langle \rho_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \sigma_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle =$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \langle \mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} + c \cdot \frac{\tau_1 - \tau}{\tau_1} \cdot \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, d \cdot \frac{\tau}{\tau_1} \cdot \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle, & \text{if } k_i \in K, l_j \in L, \tau \in T \text{ and } \tau \leq \tau_1 \\ \langle \frac{\tau_2 - \tau}{\tau_2 - \tau_1} \cdot \mu_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, d \cdot \frac{\tau - \tau_1}{\tau_2 - \tau_1} \cdot \nu_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \rangle, & \text{if } k_i \in K, l_j \in L, \tau \in T \text{ and } \tau_1 < \tau < \tau_2 \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle, & \text{if } k_i \in K, l_j \in L, \tau \in T \text{ and } \tau \geq \tau_2 \end{array} \right.$$

We can check that $\rho_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \sigma_{k_i, l_j, \tau}, \rho_{k_i, l_j, \tau} + \sigma_{k_i, l_j, \tau} \in [0, 1]$. A geometric interpretation is shown in Figure 1.

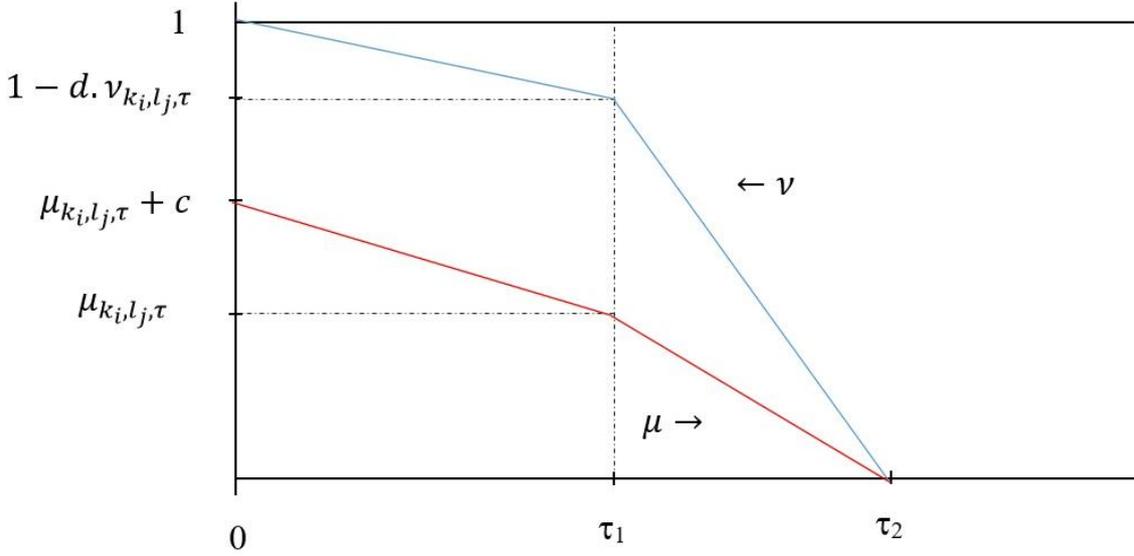


Figure 1. Geometric interpretation

In the current investigation, the searching data frequency is observed. The datasets priorities are calculated. Depending on the appropriate time-moments and the searching frequency, the database states are updated. The frequency estimation is defined using the notation of intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Similar investigation for intuitionistic fuzzy evaluations calculation while performing INSERT and UPDATE statements are discussed in [9]. Different approaches for self-managing systems are also investigated [1, 8, 11, 12, 14–17]. Generalized net models of expert systems are constructed and explained in series of papers [2, 6, 10, 13]. In the next section, knowledge from the theory of expert systems, the new modifying operator and databases are integrated to develop an example for a self-management system.

2 Autonomous priority-based self-managing database system

The presented investigation describes an autonomous priority-based self-managing database system. The system dynamically adjusts the priority of stored records based on their search frequency. It automatically reduces the priority of rarely accessed data, deletes outdated information, and reinforces the importance of frequently selected records. Through scheduled maintenance and adaptive control functions, the database maintains optimal relevance and efficiency without human intervention. The records priorities are presented in the form of intuitionistic fuzzy pairs. Therefore, an example of modifying operator over TIFIM is presented. The TIFIM is represented as a data table. The database is implemented using the *PostgreSQL* database management system. An array data type is used for the “*priority*” column. The *dataItems* table’s SQL code is presented in Figure 2. An additional rule to the “*priority*” column is assigned: its values and their sum have to be in the interval $[0, 1]$. The column *last_search* contains the information for the latest data search.

```

Query Query History
1 CREATE DATABASE DataItemsSearch;
2
3 CREATE TABLE dataItems (
4     item_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
5     content TEXT NOT NULL,
6     priority NUMERIC[2] NOT NULL DEFAULT '{0,1}',
7     last_search TIMESTAMP,
8     CHECK (
9         priority[1] >= 0 AND priority[1] <= 1 AND
10        priority[2] >= 0 AND priority[2] <= 1 AND
11        (priority[1] + priority[2]) <= 1
12    )
13 );

```

Figure 2. SQL statement for *dataItems* table

The records into the *dataItems* table are inserted. The priority field contains the intuitionistic fuzzy pairs. They are calculated according to the records searching frequency. In each time moment, the table has a different state depending on the priority field. The values are calculated dynamically. The data table is presented in Figure 3.

item_id [PK] integer	content text	priority numeric[]	last_search timestamp without time zone
22	Python tutorial	{0.8,0.2}	2026-02-17 12:00:00
23	SQL joins	{0.7,0.2}	2026-02-18 08:00:00
24	JavaScript intro	{0.6,0.3}	2025-10-01 09:00:00
25	Medical Information Systems	{0.0,1.0}	2026-02-19 12:00:00
26	Diseases	{1.0,0.0}	2026-02-20 08:00:00
27	Healthcare Report	{0.5,0.4}	2025-10-01 09:00:00
28	Artificial Intelligence	{0.8,0.2}	2026-02-26 12:00:00

Figure 3. State of the *dataItems* table for time moment *t*

The first step of the autonomous priority-based self-managing database system development is to provide the methodology for priority calculation. It has the following form:

- If the record is frequently searched, the degree of membership increases and the degree of non-membership decreases;
- If the record is infrequently, rarely searched (between *x* and *y* days), the degree of membership decreases and the degree of non-membership increases;
- If the record is non searched more than *n* days then the row is deleted after setting its priority to $\langle 0,1 \rangle$

Therefore, the next logic step is to define four functions:

- *update_priority_on_interval1()* – increase the priority when the user searches in the row;
- *update_priority_on_interval2()* – decrease priority for inactive records;
- *update_priority_on_interval3()*– setting values $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ to old records that are not searched *n* days.
- *delete_old_data()* – delete old records that are not searched *n* days.

The `update_priority_on_interval1()` function created tracks the data search and changes the priority of the selected records. Thereafter, the function have to be automated. It has to be activated of each SELECT statement execution. The searched text, the constants c and d and time interval have to be assigned in the function-calling step. They are used for degrees of membership and non-membership calculation. In the presented example a word “Artificial Intelligence” searching is performed. The value 0.1 and 0.3 are assigned to the constants c and d . After the function execution the priority of the record with $id = 7$ and content “Artificial Intelligence” is updated (Figure 4).

In the second step the `update_priority_on_interval2()` function is created. It provides functionalities for decreasing the priority of rarely searched items. In the presented example, the time interval between 7 and 30 days is considered for the rare searched items determination. Therefore, the records that satisfy the condition are considered as infrequently searched. Their priorities are decreased using the constants c and d respectively for degrees of membership and non-membership. In the presented example, the priority of the records with content not searched between 7 and 30 days is modified (Figure 5).

In the third step `update_priority_on_interval3()` function is created. It has the capabilities for setting the values $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ to the records that are not searched more than 30 days. In the function, the searched text, the constants c and d and time interval have to be assigned. In the presented example four records are modified (Figure 6).

```

39
40 -- Function for interval1 (τ ≤ τ₁)
41 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_priority_interval1(
42     search_term TEXT,
43     c NUMERIC,
44     d NUMERIC,
45     tau1 INTERVAL
46 )
47 RETURNS VOID AS $$
48 BEGIN
49     UPDATE dataitems
50     SET
51         priority = ARRAY[
52             LEAST(priority[1] + c * ((EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM (tau1 - (NOW() - last_search))) / EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM tau1))) * priority[2], 1),
53             GREATEST(d * ((EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM (NOW() - last_search)) / EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM tau1))) * priority[2], 0)
54         ],
55         last_search = CASE WHEN search_term <> '%' THEN NOW() ELSE last_search END
56     WHERE content ILIKE '%' || search_term || '%'
57     AND NOW() - last_search <= tau1;
58 END;
59 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
60
61 SELECT update_priority_interval1('Artificial Intelligence', 0.1,0.3,'7 days'::interval);
62 SELECT * FROM dataitems;

```

item_id	content	priority	last_search
1	Python tutorial		{0.8,0.2} 2026-02-17 12:00:00
2	SQL joins		{0.7,0.2} 2026-02-18 08:00:00
3	JavaScript intro		{0.6,0.3} 2025-10-01 09:00:00
4	Medical Information Systems		{0.0,1.0} 2026-02-19 12:00:00
5	Diseases		{1.0,0.0} 2026-02-20 08:00:00
6	Healthcare Report		{0.5,0.4} 2025-10-01 09:00:00
7	Artificial Intelligence	{0.8058336424794642857142,0.0424990725616071428574}	2026-03-03 10:59:50.651421

Figure 4. Function that changes the priority of the recording according to the search activities

Query Query History

```

65 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_priority_interval2(
66     search_term TEXT,
67     c NUMERIC,
68     d NUMERIC,
69     tau1 INTERVAL,
70     tau2 INTERVAL
71 )
72 RETURNS VOID AS $$
73 BEGIN
74     UPDATE dataitems
75     SET
76         priority = ARRAY[
77             LEAST(GREATEST((EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM (tau2 - (NOW() - last_search))) / EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM (tau2 - tau1))) * priority[1],0),1),
78             LEAST(GREATEST(d * ((EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM ((NOW() - last_search) - tau1)) / EXTRACT(EPOCH FROM (tau2 - tau1)))) * priority[2],0),1)
79         ]
80     WHERE content ILIKE '%' || search_term || '%'
81     AND NOW() - last_search > tau1
82     AND NOW() - last_search < tau2;
83 END;
84 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
85
86
87 SELECT update_priority_interval2('%', 0.1,0.3,'7 days'::interval,'30 days'::interval)
88 SELECT item_id,content, priority, last_search FROM dataitems

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

item_id [PK] integer	content text	priority numeric[]	last_search timestamp without time zone
1	17 JavaScript intro		{0.6,0.3} 2025-10-01 09:00:00
2	20 Healthcare Report		{0.5,0.4} 2025-10-01 09:00:00
3	21 Artificial Intelligence	{0.8116182418346560846560,0.0251452744960317460320}	2026-03-03 10:24:24.36692
4	15 Python tutorial	{0.558823974092592592592,0.018088201943055555556}	2026-02-17 12:00:00
5	16 SQL joins	{0.514333296171598228661,0.0159142888995772946862}	2026-02-18 08:00:00
6	18 Medical Information Systems	{0.0000000000000000000,0.0643540531935386473440}	2026-02-19 12:00:00
7	19 Diseases	{0.821718373412842190020,0.0000000000000000000}	2026-02-20 08:00:00

Figure 5. Function that decrease the priority of the rarely searched items

```

87 -- Function for interval3 ( $\tau \geq \tau_2$ )
88 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_priority_interval3(
89     search_term TEXT
90 )
91 RETURNS VOID AS $$
92 BEGIN
93     UPDATE dataitems
94     SET
95         priority = ARRAY[0, 1]
96     WHERE content ILIKE '%' || search_term || '%'
97     AND NOW() - last_search >= '30 days'::interval;
98 END;
99 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
100
101
102 SELECT update_priority_interval3('%');
103 SELECT * FROM dataitems;

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

item_id [PK] integer	content text	priority numeric[]	last_search timestamp without time zone
1	21 Artificial Intelligence	{0.8116182418346560846560,0.0251452744960317460320}	2026-03-03 10:24:24.36692
2	15 Python tutorial	{0.558823974092592592592,0.018088201943055555556}	2026-02-17 12:00:00
3	16 SQL joins	{0.514333296171598228661,0.0159142888995772946862}	2026-02-18 08:00:00
4	18 Medical Information Systems	{0.0000000000000000000,0.0643540531935386473440}	2026-02-19 12:00:00
5	19 Diseases	{0.821718373412842190020,0.0000000000000000000}	2026-02-20 08:00:00
6	17 JavaScript intro		{0,1} 2025-10-01 09:00:00
7	20 Healthcare Report		{0,1} 2025-10-01 09:00:00

Figure 6. Function that deletes the non-searched items

The result of the *delete_old_data()* function execution is presented in Figure 7. The records that are not searched more than a month are deleted from the *dataItems* table. The new stat of the table contains the frequently searched data according to the previously defined conditions.

In the next step, the authors present the step of the priorities updating automation. The system is set to be self-managing. The *update_priority_on_interval()* is rewritten as trigger function *trg_update_priority_on_search()* that enables autonomous self-management in the database by capturing every user search request. Upon insertion of a new search query into *search_log*, the function activates the priority recalculation algorithm. Therefore, the system will continuously adapt item priorities based on real-time user behavior, without manual intervention (Figure 8).

The tasks of decreasing priority and deleting records are atomized using *pg_cron* extension for PostgreSQL. Firstly, the extension has to be installed. Thereafter three jobs are created. The first job is used for modifying priorities of the not searched data between 7 and 30 days. The update will be every night at 2:00 pm. The second job is activated every night at 2.05 pm. The third job will delete the rarely searched data (>30 days) every night at 3:00 pm. The users can select the schedule of the defined jobs (Figure 9).

The screenshot shows a database query editor with a query window and a data output window. The query window contains the following SQL code:

```

137
138 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION delete_old_data()
139 RETURNS VOID AS $$
140 BEGIN
141     DELETE FROM dataitems
142     WHERE NOW() - last_search > INTERVAL '30 days';
143 END;
144 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
145
146 SELECT delete_old_data();
147 SELECT * FROM dataitems
148

```

The data output window shows a table with the following columns: *item_id* [PK] integer, *content* text, *priority* numeric[], and *last_search* timestamp without time zone. The table contains five rows of data:

	item_id [PK] integer	content text	priority numeric[]	last_search timestamp without time zone
1	21	Artificial Intelligence	{0.8116182418346560846560,0.0251452744960317460320}	2026-03-03 10:24:24.36692
2	15	Python tutorial	{0.558823974092592592592,0.018088201943055555556}	2026-02-17 12:00:00
3	16	SQL joins	{0.514333296171598228661,0.0159142888995772946862}	2026-02-18 08:00:00
4	18	Medical Information Systems	{0.0000000000000000000,0.0643540531935386473440}	2026-02-19 12:00:00
5	19	Diseases	{0.821718373412842190020,0.0000000000000000000}	2026-02-20 08:00:00

Figure 7. Result of the delete function execution

Query	Query History
128	
129	
130	-- Trigger-function for current moment searching
131	CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION trg_update_priority_on_search()
132	RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$
133	BEGIN
134	PERFORM update_priority_interval1(NEW.search_term, 0.1, 0.3, '7 days'::interval);
135	RETURN NEW;
136	END;
137	\$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
138	
139	-- Trigger
140	CREATE TRIGGER trg_update_priority
141	AFTER INSERT ON search_log
142	FOR EACH ROW
143	EXECUTE FUNCTION trg_update_priority_on_search();
144	

Figure 8. Trigger function *trg_update_priority_on_search()*

Query	Query History
160	
161	-- Cron tasks for automatic decay
162	CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS pg_cron;
163	
164	-- Decay second interval
165	SELECT cron.schedule(
166	'daily_decay_interval2',
167	'0 2 * * *',
168	\$\$SELECT update_priority_interval2('%', 0.1, 0.3, '7 days'::interval, '30 days'::interval);\$\$
169);
170	
171	-- Decay third interval
172	SELECT cron.schedule(
173	'daily_decay_interval3',
174	'5 2 * * *',
175	\$\$SELECT update_priority_interval3('%');\$\$
176);
177	
178	-- Delete old data
179	SELECT cron.schedule(
180	'daily_cleanup',
181	'0 3 * * *',
182	\$\$SELECT delete_old_data();\$\$
183);

Figure 9. Cron jobs

3 Conclusion

In the current investigation a modifying operator over temporal intuitionistic fuzzy index matrices is discussed. An application in the field of self-management databases is presented. The dynamic priorities are implemented. The activities related to the modifying operator are automated in the autonomous database system.

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