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New aggregation operators on group-based generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets

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Abstract

The approach of dealing with uncertainty is enhancing day-by-day with new rudiments and tools which possess their specific qualities. Usually, aggregation operators can easily manage the information in an exact manner. But each operator has different specifications in each problem. In recent few years, aggregation operators on intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets (IFSSs) or generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets (GIFSSs) have been investigated but a lot of improvement is needed to obtain more accurate results. In this research, we defined new aggregation operators on GIFSSs which are used to aggregate our multi-criteria decision-making method. Reasonably, we assigned the weights with both intuitionistic fuzzy values of IFSS and intuitionistic fuzzy values of extra input in a GIFSS, and then by establishing new aggregation operators and preparatory work of decision making in an algorithm. Then we expressed a real-life application by dint of the proposed methodology. Finally, we presented the comparisons of our work with already existing methods and techniques comprising aggregation operators.

Keywords Fuzzy sets · IFSSs · GIFSSs · Aggregation operators for GIFSSs · Multi attributes decision making

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

In the middle of the twentieth century, mathematician Lotfi Aliasker Zadeh finds out a way to represent the uncertainty of a standard set by fuzzy subset notation (Zadeh 1965). The ordinary sets are not good enough in depicting routine life matters, as they are not able to express any vagueness and

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uncertain knowledge of human beings. Conclusively the theory of fuzzy sets was build up with significant applicability in a diverse problem of routine life. This theory is derived on principles from the interval the [0, 1], where an item may belong to a set with a certain membership degree. Thus, compared to ordinary sets, it has a better tendency to compel vague information (Zimmermann 2010). Fuzzy sets made many advancements and provide dynamic features in diverse fields such as machine learning, facial pattern recognition, air conditioners, washing machines, transmission systems, control of subway systems, knowledge-based systems for multi-dimensional optimization of power systems, weather forecasting assessments, depicting methods for new product pricing or project risk evaluations, medical diagnosis and treatment plans.

A parameterized generalization of fuzzy sets known as soft sets is built upon a set-valued approximation map to model uncertain concepts by collectively considering various visible features indicated by parameters (Maji et al. 2001a; Molodtsov 1999). In the past ten years, multifarious applications of soft sets have been found out such as in algebraic systems (Acar et al. 2010; Shabir and Naz 2011), engineering designs (Hayat et al. 2020; Tiwari et al. 2017), decision makings (Cagman and Enginoglu 2010), and graph theory (Ali et al. 2017). Later in 2003, a fuzzy soft set was promoted by Maji et al. (2003) by combining the concept of fuzzy sets (Zadeh 1965) and soft sets (Molodtsov 1999). To explore the routine life issues, a huge number of different types of uncertainties have been judged by fuzzy soft sets (Roy and Maji 2007), and it has numerous applications to hand out with parameterizations and granularity (Cagman et al. 2010; Chen et al. 2005; Pei and Miao 2005).

The different portrait of it known as intuitionistic fuzzy sets (IFSs) was introduced by Bulgarian mathematician Atanassov (1986). By the property of the vagueness of IFSs, for considering unsure data, some researchers work to integrate it with influencing learning methods for better results (Garg and Kumar 2018; Liu et al. 2020; Xu and Yager 2006; Xu 2007). Notedly, aggregation operators (Xu and Yager 2006; Xu 2007), distance measures (Szmidt and Kacprzyk 2000; Wang and Xin 2005) and similarity measures (Dengfeng and Chuntian 2001; Fei et al. 2019; Liang and Shi 2003) are main operations to deal with vague information. The practical setting from IFSs is parameterized, and it appeared as intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets (or IFSSs) (Maji et al. 2001b). It found a huge number of applications in recent years (Akram and Shahzadi 2018; Bashir et al. 2012; Das and Kar 2014; Garg and Arora 2018a; Yin et al. 2012).

For ambiguous problems where IFSSs are not sufficient Agarwal investigated an extra input-based structure called generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets (or GIFSSs) (Agarwal et al. 2013), its supplementary multi-criteria decision making (MCDM) was proposed by Garg and Arora (2018b); Selvachandran et al. (2017). Another unambiguous shape of GIFSSs which clarify the different meanings of opinions of senior persons on underlying IFSS is pictured by Feng et al. (2019) and also see Hayat et al. (2018). More correctly the group-based GIFSS was proposed by Hayat et al. (2018b) and recently various applications of it have been deduced Khan et al. (2020a, b).

1.2 Motivations

The concept of GIFSS is a perspective model to define another opinion over IFSS regarding assessments and judgments of moderators (Agarwal et al. 2013). But in Agarwal's model of GIFSS, the extra input over IFSS was turned into another IFSS. The additional information seemed like a group of values rather than IFSs. After that, Khalil pointed out errors in the original concept of GIFSSs, and he gave a note on it (Khalil 2015). Thereafter, captious insight into GIFSSs was needed to determine the adequacy of the definition. In 2019, Feng gave a reformation of the definition of GIFSS (Feng et al. 2019). From this new perspective, a number of new operations for enhancing both theoretical and practical aspects of GIFSSs, such as complement, extended/restricted unions and extended/restricted intersections have been investigated (Feng et al. 2019; Hayat et al. 2018b).

The precise practical development of GIFSSs is faculty appointment problem using a scorified method (Feng et al. 2019) and finest design evaluation in design systems for a new product using AND-operation (Hayat et al. 2018). Feng's GIFSS was not enough to determine more than one assessment of moderators. On this motivation, Hayat enumerated IFSs of moderators with IFSS (or data obtained by a committee of experts) which gives GGIFSSs (Hayat et al. 2018b). To the best of our knowledge, Hayat's GGIFSS is a primary form of GIFSS and it is an unquestionably dominance notion (Hayat et al. 2018b).

In fact, with appropriate notions, an appropriate method containing a favorable mechanism is a root point in MCDM. In order to mechanize GGIFSS with MCDM, Hayat et al. (2018b) made use of the ancient ideas of operators (Xia et al. 2013; Xu and Yager 2006; Xu 2007). Normally, the most precise assembling process compels the nature of MCDM systems which assembles reliance data and acts in a compressed manner. In recent few years, aggregation operators on IFSS or GIFSS have been investigated but a lot of improvement is needed to obtain more and more accurate results. Hayat's GGIFSS-based aggregation operators (Hayat et al. 2018b) are one aspect of compelling IF information but a more approved form was required which can manage all components of GGIFSS in a very linear way. Thus an aggregation system was necessary to get precise aggregation on both IFSS and IF in GGIFSS.

Our study develops some new generalized weighted averaging (GWA) aggregation operators and generalized weighted geometric (GWG) aggregation operators acting on GGIFSS. We will provide several properties of the new operators. By advantages of new results, we will perform multi-attribute decision making on GIFSSs and their applications in real life. Finally, we will show the superiorities of our method over major existing methods.

2 Preliminaries

This section recalls some terminologies and results related to fuzzy sets, soft sets and IFSs.

2.1 Fuzzy sets

Zadeh founded fuzzy set theory based on the concept of partial membership, which allows researchers to constitute a new framework for incorporating uncertainty and vagueness.

Definition 2.1 (Zadeh 1965) The fuzzy set (or FS) \mathcal{P} is usually identified as $\mathcal{P} = \{(a, \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a)) | a \in X\}$ where $\mu_{\mathcal{P}} : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is the degree of membership.

2.2 Intuitionistic fuzzy sets

The FS was insufficient to represent non-credibility information in some real-life situations. Atanassov proposed the concept of an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS) to get over certain drawbacks of Zadeh's FSs. Notwithstanding, Atanassov's IFSs offer credible degree μ and non-credible degree ν for each element of a set. This was not the case for traditional fuzzy sets. Although the property $\mu + \nu \leq 1$ is imposed, it can hold with strict inequality $\mu + \nu < 1$ because the degree of non-credibility given by ν is not necessarily equal to μ^c . Thus any FS can be interpreted as an IFS whenever $\nu = 1 - \mu$. The formal expression of IFSs is given in the following way:

Definition 2.2 (Atanassov 1986) An IFS \mathcal{P} comprising a set *X* is expressed as:

 $\mathcal{P} = \{(a, \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a), \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a)), \forall a \in X\}$

where $0 \le \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) \le 1, 0 \le \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) \le 1$ and $\mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) + \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) \le 1$. We denote this pair as $\mathcal{P} = \langle a, \mu_{\mathcal{P}}, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \rangle$ and called as an IF value(IFV). The set of all IFSs over X is denoted by IFS(X).

The main factor included in an IFS is its hesitancy, and it is contemplated as follow:

Definition 2.3 (Atanassov 1986, 1999) A grade over credible and non-credible degrees is defined by

$$\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(a) = 1 - (\mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) + \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a)) \forall a \in X$$

and it expressed the degree of hesitancy of *a* to \mathcal{P} . Where $\mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a)$ is called credible degree and $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a)$ is called non-credible degree.

For any contrary $a \in X$, $\langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(a), \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(a) \rangle$ is a simplified form of IFV. For more on IFVs see Feng et al. (2019), Hayat et al. (2018) and Deschrijver and Kerre (2003) and the set of all IFVs over X is expressed as V.

Definition 2.4 (Atanassov 1986) Suppose $\langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \rangle \in V$ be an IFV. Then expectation account value or score of $\langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \rangle$ is a mapping from $\eta : V \to [0, 1]$, indicated as follows:

$$\eta_{\mathcal{P}} = \frac{\mu_{\mathcal{P}} - \nu_{\mathcal{P}} + 1}{2}$$

Where $\eta_{\mathcal{P}}$ is called the decision value or score value of the pair $\langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \rangle$ in \mathcal{P} .

In contrast to the integrated information on IFVs, fundamental operations are indicated as follows:

Definition 2.5 (Xu and Yager 2006; Xu 2007) Suppose $V_1 = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \rangle$, $V_2 = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}}^*, \nu_{\mathcal{P}}^* \rangle$ be two IFVs in a universe. Then we have,

- (1) $V_1 \bigoplus V_2 = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}} + \mu_{\mathcal{P}}^* \mu_{\mathcal{P}} \mu_{\mathcal{P}}^*, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \nu_{\mathcal{P}}^* \rangle$
- (2) $V_1 \bigotimes V_2 = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{P}} \mu_{\mathcal{P}}^*, \nu_{\mathcal{P}} + \nu_{\mathcal{P}}^* \nu_{\mathcal{P}} \nu_{\mathcal{P}}^* \rangle$
- (3) $\epsilon V_1 = \langle 1 (1 \mu_P)^{\epsilon}, (\nu_P)^{\epsilon} \rangle$ where ϵ is a positive real number.

Xu and Yager take an insight on aggregation instruments which are given below:

Definition 2.6 (Xu and Yager 2006; Xu 2007) Suppose $c_1, c_2, c_3, ..., c_m$ be the intuitionistic fuzzy values (IFVs) and $\phi = [\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, ..., \phi_m]$ be correlated weighted normalized vector, then,

IFWA($c_1, c_2, c_3, \ldots, c_m$) $=\phi_1^{c_1} \bigoplus \phi_2^{c_2} \bigoplus \phi_3^{c_3} \bigoplus, \ldots,$ $\bigoplus \phi_m^{c_m} = \langle 1 - \prod_i^m (1 - \mu_{c_i})^{\phi_i}, \prod_i^m v_{c_i}^{\phi_i} \rangle$

 $IFWG(c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_m) = c_1^{\mu} \bigotimes c_2^{\phi_2} \bigotimes c_3^{\phi_3} \bigotimes, \dots, \\ \bigotimes c_m^{\phi_m} = \langle \prod_i^m \mu_{c_i}^{\phi_i}, 1 - \prod_i^m (1 - v_{c_i}^{\phi_i}) \rangle$

where IFWA and IFWG are the IF weighted averaging and IF weighted geometric operators, respectively.

2.3 Soft sets

Different from fuzzy sets, a theory was built upon the basis of parameterizations by Molodtsov. It is known as the soft set theory which is built on set-valued approximate functions to show judgment into uncertain concepts by integrally considering many different scenarios expressed by parameters.

Definition 2.7 (Molodtsov 1999) Suppose *E* be the set of parameters, $\mathcal{B} \subseteq E$. An order pair $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B})$ is known as soft set on *X*, while \mathcal{H} is a map expressed by $\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{B} \to P(X)$, where P(X) denote the set of all subsets of *X*.

Jointly IFSs and soft sets provide IFSSs and its notion is as follows:

Definition 2.8 (Maji et al. 2001a) Suppose soft universe (X, E), and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq E$. An order pair $F = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{B})$ is known as IFSS on X, while \mathcal{S} is a mapping defined by $\mathcal{S} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow IFS(X)$, where \mathcal{S} is indicated as an approximate-function of the IFSS $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{B})$.

An adjustment of influential opinion with IFSS gives a more significant model to handle uncertainty.

Definition 2.9 (Feng et al. 2019) Suppose an order pair (X, E) as a soft universe, and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq E$. A triple $(\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{\alpha})$ is known as generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft set (GIFSS) on *X*. The pair $(\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B})$ is indicated as an fundamental IFSS on *X* and $\widehat{\alpha}$ is indicated as a parametric IFS in \mathcal{B} .

This depiction of GIFSS could be more important to deal with the problems in which unsure and vague information are frequent, and it increases the precision and accuracy of outputs with the opinion of an expert in the form of IFS over a set of parameters. The more general setup of GIFSS is GGIFSS, and its main finding relies on more than one crucial opinions on attributes.

Definition 2.10 (Hayat et al. 2018b) Suppose an order pair (X, E), as a soft universe and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq E$. A triple $(\widehat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ is known as group-based generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft set (GGIFSS) on X. The pair $(\widehat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{B})$ is a basic IFSS (EIFSS) on X and $\widehat{g} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_p\}$ where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_p$ are the parameterized IFSs(X) (PIFSs) of \mathcal{B} . We can say that " \widehat{g} " is a group of PIFSs examine by "p" number of experts.

The final assessments $\alpha_{d_{i'}}(i' = 1, 2, ..., p)$ of experts are crucial addition in IFSS such as sometime they can be sighted as customer's demands (see the case study (II) by Hayat et al. (2018b)).

3 New aggregation operators on generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft sets

Hayat's GGIFSS-based aggregation operators (Hayat et al. 2018b) is one aspect of compelling IF information, but a more approved form was required which can manage all components of GGIFSS in a very linear way. Certainly, an aggregation system was necessary to get specific aggregation on both IFSS and IFSs in GGIFSS. The existing operators on GGIFSS do not entirely deal with IFVs in a GGIFSS by concerning attributes. As in decision-making, all judgments oscillate between attributes until we obtain the best alternative from the final step of a MCDM method. On this fact, here we define a new class of operators which has a great influence on many MCDM models by mean of attributes.

3.1 Generalized weighted averaging (GWA) operators

In contrast of GGIFSS interpreted in Definition 2.10, a tabular formulation of it must needed to investigate underlying and above cited heading.

Definition 3.1 Let $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ be a GGIFSS over X as shown in Table 1.

Where $X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_s\}$ is the set of alternatives, $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is the set of attributes, and d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p are the set of moderators who provide their crucial assessments on IFSS. The brown part of Table 1 shows IFSS and purple part of Table 1 shows IFSS of each moderator's assessments.

Assume that $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj}(j = 1, 2, ..., n, k = 1, 2, ..., s)$ and in other words d_{0j}^k are IFVs in brown part of Table 1. Further, $d_{i'j}^k = d_{i'j}$ for i' = 1, 2, 3, ..., p and in other words $d_{i'j}^k$ are IFVs in purple part of Table 1. Let i = 0, 1, 2, ..., p. Table 1 GGIFSS $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$

$X \mid \mathcal{B}$	v_1	v_2	v_3		v_n
ξ_1	a_{11}	a_{12}	a_{13}		a_{1n}
ξ_2	a_{21}	a_{22}	a_{23}	•	a_{2n}
÷	÷	÷	÷	÷	÷
ξ_s	a_{s1}	a_{s2}	a_{s3}		a_{sn}
d_1	d_{11}	d_{12}	d_{13}		d_{1n}
d_2	d_{21}	d_{22}	d_{23}	•••	d_{2n}
÷	÷	÷	÷	÷	÷
d_p	d_{p1}	d_{p2}	d_{p3}		d_{pn}

Then a characterization of IFVs in Table 1 is given by:

$$d_{ij}^k = \begin{cases} a_{kj} & if \ i = 0\\ d_{i'j} & if \ i > 0 \end{cases}$$

Based on representation of GGIFSS in Table 1, the new aggregation operators are defined in following definition.

Definition 3.2 Let $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ be a GGIFSS over X, given in Table 1. Let $[\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n]^T$ be the weighted vector over set of attributes $\{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n\}$, such that $\varsigma_j > 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n \varsigma_j = 1$. Also consider weighted vector $[w_0, w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_p]^T$ such that $w_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=0}^p w_i = 1$, where $w_1, w_2, w_3, \ldots, w_p$ are the weights for assessments of senior persons/moderators and w_0 is a weight of whole data in IFSS given in Table 1 (see brown part). Note that w_0 is a weight for each IFV in IFSS. If we consider $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, p$ then the definition of weighted generalized averaging operators (GWA) accomplished by GGIFSS is given as follows:

$$\delta_{k} = WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn})$$

$$= IWA_{j} \begin{pmatrix} IWA_{i}(d_{01}^{k}, d_{11}^{k}, d_{21}^{k}, \dots, d_{p1}^{k}), \\ IWA_{i}(d_{02}^{k}, d_{12}^{k}, d_{22}^{k}, \dots, d_{p2}^{k}), \\ \dots, \\ IWA_{i}(d_{0n}^{k}, d_{1n}^{k}, d_{2n}^{k}, \dots, d_{pn}^{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= IWA_{j} \begin{pmatrix} IWA_{i}(a_{k1}, d_{11}, d_{21}, \dots, d_{p1}), \\ IWA_{i}(a_{k2}, d_{12}, d_{22}, \dots, d_{p2}), \\ \dots, \\ IWA_{i}(a_{kn}, d_{1n}, d_{2n}, \dots, d_{pn}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Where WA^{GGIFSS} is called weighted averaging operators over GGIFSS, and jointly the set of all GWAs is represented as $\Delta = \{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_s\}$. Moreover, IWA_i is a IWA operator

Table 2	Tabular representation
of GGIF	SS

$X \mid \mathcal{B}$	v_1 : Near to school	v_3 : Good location	v_4 : well furnished
ξ_1	$\langle 0.6, 0.2 angle$	$\langle 0.9, 0.1 angle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 angle$
ξ_2	$\langle 0.4, 0.5 angle$	$\langle 0.1, 0.3 angle$	$\langle 0.3, 0.5 angle$
ξ_3	$\langle 0.2, 0.6 angle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.9 angle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.4 angle$
ξ_4	$\langle 0.6, 0.2 angle$	$\langle 0.3, 0.3 angle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.2 \rangle$
ξ_5	$\langle 0.5, 0.1 angle$	$\langle 0.9,0 angle$	$\langle 0,1 angle$
$lpha_{d_1}$	$\langle 0.3, 0.4 angle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.4 angle$	$\langle 0.3, 0.5 angle$
$lpha_{d_2}$	$\langle 0.1, 0.9 angle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.8 angle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.5 angle$

on IFS plus set of moderators and IWA_j is IWA operator on set of parameters.

The new GWA operators aggregate the information towards attributes until the decision-IF-values of alternatives are obtained. Next, to clarify above definition, we consider an example as in the following:

Example 3.3 Let $X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_5\}$ be the set containing five houses and $E = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ where $v_i = (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$, respectively, stands for ("near to school," "near to hospital," "good location" and "well furnished"). Consider a set of attributes $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_3, v_4\} \subset E$ which is desired by Mr. X and Mrs. X to buy a house. Overall assessment values (by a committee of experts) for houses concerning each attribute in \mathcal{B} are given in IFSS (provided in brown part of Table 2). The demands of Mr. X and Mrs. X are given as IFSs α_{d_1} and α_{d_2} , respectively (provided in purple part of Table 2). Then the GGIFSS is represented in Table 2.

Now consider the set IFVs = $\{a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}\} = \{\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.9, 0.1 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle\}$ consist IFVs of house ξ_1 on attributes, respectively.

Let $w_0 = 0.29$ be the weight of whole data IFSS (provided by family of experts) and w_0 is associated with each IFV in IFSS. Also $w_1 = 0.35$ and $w_2 = 0.36$ are the weights of Mr. X and Mrs. X, respectively. Thus, we obtain a weighted vector $\{w_0/0.29, w_1/0.35, w_2/0.36\}^T$. And let $\varsigma = \{\varsigma_1/0.25, \varsigma_2/0.40, \varsigma_3/0.35\}^T$ be a weighted vector over given attributes. Then GWA is given by δ_1

$$= WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}) = I W A_j \begin{pmatrix} IWA_i(a_{11}, \alpha_{d_{11}}, \alpha_{d_{21}}), \\ IWA_i(a_{12}, \alpha_{d_{12}}, \alpha_{d_{22}}), \\ IWA_i(a_{13}, \alpha_{d_{13}}, \alpha_{d_{23}}) \end{pmatrix}$$

First we calculate,

$$IWA_i(a_{11}, \alpha_{d_{11}}, \alpha_{d_{21}}) = IWA\{\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.1, 0.9 \rangle\}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 1 - (1 - 0.6)^{0.29} (1 - 0.3)^{0.35} (1 - 0.1)^{0.36}}{(0.2)^{0.29} (0.4)^{0.35} (0.9)^{0.36}} \\ = \langle 0.348508, 0.438073 \rangle$$

$$IWA_i (a_{12}, \alpha_{d_{12}}, \alpha_{d_{22}}) \\ = IWA\{\langle 0.9, 0.1 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.8 \rangle\} \\ = \langle 0.56228, 0.343426 \rangle$$

$$IWA_i (a_{13}, \alpha_{d_{13}}, \alpha_{d_{23}}) \\ = IWA\{\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.5 \rangle, \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle\}$$

$$= \langle 0.39935, 0.46866 \rangle.$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \delta_1 &= \mathrm{WG}^{\mathrm{GGIFSS}}(\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.9, 0.1 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle) \\ &= \mathrm{IWA}_j \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.348508, 0.438073 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.56228, 0.343426 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.39935, 0.46866 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1 - 0.348508)^{0.25}(1 - 0.56228)^{0.40}(1 - 0.39935)^{0.35}, \\ (0.438073)^{0.25}(0.343426)^{0.40}(0.46866)^{0.35} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \langle 0.4599010, 0.4069328 \rangle \end{split}$$

Similarly, we can calculate δ_2 , δ_3 , δ_4 and δ_5 .

Theorem 1 Let $a_{kj} = \langle \mu_{kj}, \nu_{kj} \rangle$ and $d_{i'j} = \langle \mu_{i'j}, \nu_{i'j} \rangle$ be the IFVs, where k = 1, 2, 3, ..., s, j = 1, 2, 3, ..., n and i' = 1, 2, 3, ..., p. If we consider i = 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., p then GWA operator is given by $WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, ..., a_{kn}) =$ $\langle 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j}, \prod_{j=1}^{n} (\prod_{i=0}^{p} (\nu_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i})^{\varsigma_j} \rangle$.

Proof Suppose p = 1 and n = 2. First of all, for k = 1 we use mathematical induction on n, we have

$$WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{11}, a_{12}) = IFWA_j \left(\begin{matrix} IWA_i(d_{01}^1, d_{11}^1), \\ IWA_i(d_{02}^1, d_{12}^1) \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$= \text{IFWA}_{j} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{IWA}_{i}(a_{11}, d_{11}), \\ \text{IWA}_{i}(a_{12}, d_{12}) \end{array} \right)$$

Now, IWA_i(a₁₁, d₁₁) = $\langle 1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{11}})^{w_0} \cdot (1 - \mu_{d_{11}})^{w_1}, \nu_{a_{11}}^{w_0}, \nu_{d_{11}}^{w_1} \rangle$ IWA_i(a₁₂, d₁₂) = $\langle 1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{12}})^{w_0} \cdot (1 - \mu_{d_{12}})^{w_1}, \nu_{a_{12}}^{w_0}, \nu_{d_{12}}^{w_0} \rangle$ Thus,

$$\begin{split} &\mathsf{WA}^{\mathrm{GGIFSS}}(a_{11}, a_{12}) \\ &= \mathrm{IFWA}_{j} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{11}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{11}})^{w_{1}}, \\ v_{a_{11}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{11}}^{w_{1}} \rangle, \\ \langle 1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{12}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{12}})^{w_{1}}, \\ v_{a_{12}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{12}}^{w_{1}} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (((1 - (1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{12}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{12}})^{w_{1}}))^{\varsigma_{1}} . \\ (1 - (1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{a_{12}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{12}})^{w_{1}}))^{\varsigma_{2}}, \\ (v_{a_{11}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{11}}^{w_{1}})^{\varsigma_{1}} . (v_{a_{12}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{12}}^{w_{1}})^{\varsigma_{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (((1 - (1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{d_{10}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{11}})^{w_{1}})))^{\varsigma_{1}} . \\ (1 - (1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{d_{10}})^{w_{0}} . (1 - \mu_{d_{11}})^{w_{1}}))^{\varsigma_{2}} , \\ (v_{d_{01}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{11}}^{w_{1}})^{\varsigma_{1}} . (v_{d_{02}}^{w_{0}} . v_{d_{12}}^{w_{1}})^{\varsigma_{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1 - (1 - (1 - (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (1 - \mu_{d_{i1}})^{w_{i}})))^{\varsigma_{2}} , \\ ((\prod_{i=0}^{1} (v_{d_{i1}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{1}} . (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (v_{d_{i2}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1 - (1 - (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (1 - (1 - \mu_{d_{12}})^{w_{i}}))^{\varsigma_{2}} , \\ ((\prod_{i=0}^{1} (v_{d_{i1}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{1}} . (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (v_{d_{i2}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{2} (1 - (1 - (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (1 - \mu_{d_{i2}})^{w_{i}}))^{\varsigma_{2}} , \\ \prod_{j=1}^{2} (\prod_{i=0}^{1} (v_{d_{ij}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{j}} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

Hence the theorem is valid for n = 2. Considering that this result is fine for n = n' that is WA^{GGIFSS} $(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \ldots, a_{kn'})$ $= \langle 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n'} (1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j}, \prod_{j=1}^{n'} (\prod_{i=0}^{p} (v_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i})^{\varsigma_j})$. Then for n = n' + 1, $WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \ldots, a_{k(n'+1)}) = \langle 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{(n'+1)} (1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j}, \prod_{j=1}^{(n'+1)} (\prod_{i=0}^{p} (v_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i})^{\varsigma_j} \rangle$. So by mathematical induction Theorem 1 satisfies for all positive integer n.

Theorem 2 *Idempotency:* If $a_{kj} = a_j = a$ and $d_{i'j} = d_{i'} = a$ for all j = 1, 2, ..., n then $WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, ..., a_{kn}) = a$.

Proof Given $a_{kj} = a_j = a$ and $d_{i'j} = d_{i'} = a$ for all j = 1, 2, ..., n, i' = 1, 2, ..., p. Then,

WA^{GGIFSS}
$$(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn})$$

$$= \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{d_{ij}^{k}})^{w_{i}}) \right)^{\varsigma_{j}}, \\ \prod_{j=1}^{n} (\prod_{i=0}^{p} (\nu_{d_{ij}^{k}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{j}} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{a})\sum_{i=0}^{p} w_{i}) \right)^{\varsigma_{j}}, \\ \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left((\nu_{a}) \sum_{i=0}^{p} w_{i} \right)^{\varsigma_{j}} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(1 - (1 - (1 - \mu_{a})) \right)^{\varsigma_{j}}, \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left((\nu_{a}) \right)^{\varsigma_{j}} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 - \mu_a)^{\varsigma_j}, \prod_{j=1}^{n} (\nu_a)^{\varsigma_j} \right\rangle$$
$$= \left\langle 1 - (1 - \mu_a)^{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varsigma_j}, (\nu_a)^{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varsigma_j} \right\rangle$$
$$= \langle 1 - (1 - \mu_a), \nu_a \rangle$$
$$= \langle \mu_a, \nu_a \rangle$$
$$= a$$

Hence WA^{GGIFSS} $(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \ldots, a_{kn}) = a$.

Theorem 3 *Boundedness:* If $d_j^+ = \langle (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max}, (\nu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min} \rangle$ and $d_j^- = \langle (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min}, (\nu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max} \rangle \forall k = 1, 2, ..., s$ and i = 0, 1, 2, ..., p then $d_j^- \leq WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, ..., a_{kn})$ $\leq d_j^+$.

Proof Let $d_{ij}^k = (\mu_{ij}^k, v_{ij}^k) \forall i, j, k$ be IFVs in GGIFSS. Since $(\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min} \leq \mu_{(d_{ij}^k)} \leq (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max} \implies 1 (\mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{\min} \ge 1 - \mu_{(d_{ii}^k)} \ge 1 - (\mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{\max} \Longrightarrow$ $\prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - (\mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{\min})^{w_i} \ge \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{w_i} \ge \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{w_i}$ $(\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\max})^{w_i} \implies (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\min})^{\sum_{i=0}^p w_i = 1} \ge \prod_{i=0}^p (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\min})^{\max})^{w_i} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\max})^{w_i} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w_i} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\max})^{w_i} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w_i} \ge (1 (\mu_{(d_{i:i}^k)})^{\min}) \ge \prod_{i=0}^p (1 - \mu_{(d_{i:i}^k)})^{w_i} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i:i}^k)})^{\max}) \Longrightarrow$ $1 - (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\min}) \le 1 - \prod_{i=0}^p (1 - \mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w_i} \le 1 - (1 - \mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w$ $(\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\max}) \xrightarrow{i_j} (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\min} \le 1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w_i} \le 1$ $\prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{i:i}^k)})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j} \ge \prod_{j=0}^{n} (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i:i}^k)})^{\max})^{\varsigma_j} \implies$ $\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j} \ge (1 - (\mu_{(d_{i_i}^k)})^{\max})^{\sum_{j=0}^n \varsigma_j = 1} \Longrightarrow$ $(1-(\mu_{(d_{i:}^k)})^{\min}) \ge \prod_{j=0}^n (1-(1-\prod_{i=0}^p (1-\mu_{(d_{i:}^k)})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j} \ge$ $(1 - (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max}) \implies 1 - (1 - (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min}) \le 1 - \prod_{j=0}^n (1 - \mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min}) \le 1 - \prod_{j=0}^n (1 - \mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max})$ $(1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j} \le 1 - (1 - (\mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{\max}) \implies$ $(\mu_{(d_{i}^{k})})^{\min} \leq 1 - \prod_{j=0}^{n} (1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \mu_{(d_{i}^{k})})^{w_{i}}))^{\varsigma_{j}} \leq 1$ $(\mu_{(d_{ii}^k)})^{\max}.$

In similar way we can prove $(v_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min} \leq \prod_{j=0}^n (\prod_{i=0}^p (v_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{w_i})^{\varsigma_j} \leq (v_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max}$. This concludes the proof of the theorem, that is,

$$d_j^- \leq \mathrm{WA}^{\mathrm{GGIFSS}}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn}) \leq d_j^+.$$

Theorem 4 Monotonicity: If $d_{ij}^{\prime k}$ and d_{ij}^{k} are two IFVs such that $d_{ij}^{\prime k} \leq d_{ij}^{k}$ then, $WA^{GGIFSS}(a'_{k1}, a'_{k2}, \dots, a'_{kn}) \leq WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn}).$

Proof It can be concluded from Theorem 3.

Proposition 3.4 Let $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, A, \widehat{g})$ be a GGIFSS, given in Table 1. Then,

- (1) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all i' and j, then $\Delta = \{ \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \ldots, \langle 1, 0 \rangle \}$.
- (2) If $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all j and k, then $\Delta = \{\langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \ldots, \langle 1, 0 \rangle\}.$
- (3) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all i', j and $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all j,k, then $\Delta = \{\langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \dots, \langle 1, 0 \rangle\}.$
- (4) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all i', j and $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all $j, k, then \Delta = \{ \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \dots, \langle 0, 1 \rangle \}.$

Proof Straightforward.

3.2 Generalized weighted geometric (GWG) operators

In this section, GWG operators are computed and related axioms are investigated.

Definition 3.5 Let $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ be a GGIFSS over X, given in Table 1. Let $[\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n]^T$ be the weighted vector over set of attributes $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \ldots, v_n\}$, such that $\varsigma_j > 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n \varsigma_j = 1$. Also consider weighted vector $[w_0, w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_p]^T$ such that $w_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=0}^p w_i = 1$, where $w_1, w_2, w_3, \ldots, w_p$ are the weights for assessments of senior persons and w_0 is a weight of whole data in IFSS given in Table 1 (see brown part). If we consider $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, p$ then the definition of weighted averaging operators (GWG) accomplished by GGIFSS is given as follows:

$$WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn})$$

$$= IWG_{j} \begin{pmatrix} IWG_{i}(d_{o1}^{k}, d_{11}^{k}, d_{21}^{k}, \dots, d_{p1}^{k}), \\ IWG_{i}(d_{o2}^{k}, d_{12}^{k}, d_{22}^{k}, \dots, d_{p2}^{k}), \\ \dots, \\ IWG_{i}(d_{on}^{k}, d_{1n}^{k}, d_{2n}^{k}, \dots, d_{pn}^{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= IWG_{j} \begin{pmatrix} IWG_{i}(a_{k1}, d_{11}, d_{21}, \dots, d_{p1}), \\ IWG_{i}(a_{k2}, d_{12}, d_{22}, \dots, d_{p2}), \\ \dots, \\ IWG_{i}(a_{kn}, d_{1n}, d_{2n}, \dots, d_{pn}) \end{pmatrix}$$

where WG^{GGIFSS} is called weighted geometric operators over GGIFSS, and jointly the set of all GWGs is represented as $\Delta' = \{\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots, \delta'_s\}$. Moreover, IWG_i is a IWG operator on IFS plus set of moderators and IWG_j is IWG operator on set of parameters.

Next an example is considered to clarify above notion.

Example 3.6 Consider Example 3.3, where $IFV(\xi_4) = \{a_{41}, a_{42}, a_{43}\} = \{\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.3 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.2 \rangle\}.$

Consider same weighted vectors as given in Example 3.3. Then GWG is given by $\delta'_4 = WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{41}, a_{42}, a_{43}) = IWG_i$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathrm{IWG}_i(a_{41}, \alpha_{d_{11}}, \alpha_{d_{21}}), \\ \mathrm{IWG}_i(a_{42}, \alpha_{d_{12}}, \alpha_{d_{22}}), \\ \mathrm{IWG}_i(a_{43}, \alpha_{d_{13}}, \alpha_{d_{23}}) \end{pmatrix}$$

First we calculate,

$$IWG_{i}(a_{41}, \alpha_{d_{11}}, \alpha_{d_{21}})$$

= IWG{(0.6, 0.2), (0.3, 0.4), (0.1, 0.9)}
= $\begin{pmatrix} (0.6)^{0.29}(0.3)^{0.35}(0.6)^{0.36}, \\ 1 - (1 - 0.2)^{0.29}(1 - 0.4)^{0.35}(1 - 0.9)^{0.36} \end{pmatrix}$
= (0.4707, 0.5134)

 $\begin{aligned} \text{IWG}_{i}(a_{42}, \alpha_{d12}, \alpha_{d22}) &= \text{IWG}\{\langle 0.3, 0.3 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.8 \rangle\} \\ &= \langle 0.2249, 0.5775 \rangle \text{ IWG}_{i}(a_{43}, \alpha_{d13}, \alpha_{d23}) = \text{IWG} \\ \{\langle 0.2, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.5 \rangle, \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle\} \\ &= \langle 0.2958, 0.4269 \rangle. \end{aligned}$ Then

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S}'_{4} &= \mathrm{WG}^{\mathrm{GGIFSS}}(\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.3 \rangle, \langle 0.2, 0.2 \rangle) \\ &= \mathrm{IWG}_{j} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.4707, 0.5134 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.2249, 0.5775 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.2958, 0.4269 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (0.4707)^{0.25} (0.2249)^{0.40} (0.2958)^{0.35}, \\ 1 - (1 - 0.5134)^{0.25} (1 - 0.5775)^{0.40} (1 - 0.4269)^{0.35} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \langle 0.2977, 0.5130 \rangle \end{split}$$

Similarly, we can calculate δ_1 , δ_2 , δ_3 and δ_5 .

Theorem 5 If $a_{kj} = \langle \mu_{kj}, \nu_{kj} \rangle$ and $d_{i'j} = \langle \mu_{i'j}, \nu_{i'j} \rangle$ where k = 1, 2, 3, ..., s, j = 1, 2, 3 ..., n and i' = 1, 2, 3 ..., p be the IFVs. If we consider i = 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., p then GWG operator is given by $WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, ..., a_{kn}) = \langle \prod_{j=1}^{n} (\prod_{i=0}^{p} (\mu_{d_{ij}^{k}})^{w_{i}})^{\varsigma_{j}}, 1 \dots \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 - (1 - \prod_{j=1}^{p} (1 - w_{j})^{w_{j}}))^{\varsigma_{j}} \rangle$

$$1 - \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 - (1 - \prod_{i=0}^{p} (1 - \nu_{d_{ij}^k})^{w_i}))^{\varsigma_j}$$

Proof It is analogous to the proof of Theorem 1.

Theorem 6 *Idempotency:* If $a_{kj} = a_j = a$ and $d_{i'j} = d_{i'} = a$ for all j = 1, 2, ..., n then $WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, ..., a_{kn}) = a$.

Proof It is analogous to the proof of Theorem 2.

Theorem 7 Boundedness: If $d_j^+ = \langle (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max}, (\nu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min} \rangle$ and $d_j^- = \langle (\mu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\min}, (\nu_{(d_{ij}^k)})^{\max} \rangle \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, s$ and $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p$ then $d_j^- \leq WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn})$ $\leq d_j^+.$

Proof It is analogous to the proof of Theorem 3.

Theorem 8 Monotonicity: If $d_{ij}^{\prime k}$ and d_{ij}^{k} are two IFVs such that $d_{ij}^{\prime k} \leq d_{ij}^{k}$ then, $WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}^{\prime}, a_{k2}^{\prime}, \dots, a_{kn}^{\prime}) \leq WG^{GGIFSS}(a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn}).$

Proof It can be concluded from Theorem 4.

Proposition 3.7 Let $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, A, \widehat{g})$ be a GGIFSS, given in Table 1. Then,

- (1) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all i', j then $\Delta' = \{ \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \dots, \langle 0, 1 \rangle \}$.
- (2) If $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all j,k then $\Delta' = \{\langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \ldots, \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}.$
- (3) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all i', j and $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ for all j,k then $\Delta' = \{ \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \dots, \langle 0, 1 \rangle \}.$
- (4) If $d_{i'j} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all i', j and $d_{0j}^k = a_{kj} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ for all j,k then $\Delta' = \{\langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \dots, \langle 1, 0 \rangle\}.$

Proof It is straightforward.

4 Applications of new aggregation operators in MCDM

We express application by MCDM methodology, comprising real-life situation, to highlight the usefulness of investigated aggregation operators. Initially, we show our viewpoint containing an algorithm by dint of GGIFSS and GWA or GWG operators.

4.1 Methodology

Consider GGIFSS in Definition 3.1, where $X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, ..., \xi_s\}$ and $M = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ be the set of alternatives and attributes, respectively. GGIFSS indicates IFVs-based data, where IFSS shows the initial judgments of a committee/panel of experts on alternative $\xi_k(k = 1, 2, ..., s)$ and \hat{g} shows group of IFSs for each moderator's $(d_1, d_2, ..., d_p)$ assessments on IFSS.

Any IFV $r = \langle \mu(v), \nu(v) \rangle$ can be characterized in normalized form by:

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mu(v), \nu(v) \rangle, & \text{if } v \text{ is benefit criteria} \\ \langle \nu(v), \mu(v) \rangle, & \text{if } v \text{ is cost type criteria} \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

Consequently, the normalized GGIFSS can be formulated as it is given in Table 1.

Let $\tau'_g = (\widehat{S}', A, \widehat{g})$ be the GGIFSS. Let $[\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n]^T$ be the weighted vector over set of attributes $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \ldots, v_n\}$, such that $\varsigma_j > 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n \varsigma_j = 1$. Also consider weighted vector $[w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, \ldots, w_p]^T$ such that $w_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=0}^p w_i = 1$, where $w_1, w_2, w_3, \ldots, w_p$ are the weights for assessments of senior persons (or senior experts or moderators) and w_0 is a weight of whole data in IFSS given in Table 1 (see brown part).

Next we calculate GWA or GWG operators over GGIFSS $\tau'_g = (\widehat{S}', A, \widehat{g})$. There will be *s* number of values as δ_1 ,



Fig. 1 A flowchart of our algorithm

 $\delta_2,...,\delta_s$. On each δ_k (k = 1, 2, ..., s) calculate the scores by using score function given in Definition 2.4. Finally we will rank the alternatives according to scores.

Alternative on maximal value is optimal choice.

Consequently, we present my methodology by a systematics algorithm (see Algorithm 1) and it is depicted in Fig. 1.

Algorithm 1 Input : A set of alternatives, and Output: The optimal alternative

- 1: Consider a set of alternatives say $A = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots, \xi_s\}$ their attributes as a set $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.
- 2: Obtain IFSS on the recommendations of a committee of experts.
- 3: Obtain extra opinions of moderators or senior persons on IFSS. This formulates a GGIFSS $\tau_g = (\hat{S}, A, \hat{g})$.
- 4: Normalize $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, A, \widehat{g})$ and obtain GGIFSS $\tau_{g'} = (\widehat{S'}, A, \widehat{g'})$ in normalized form.
- Obtain the weighted vectors over set of attributes. And obtain weights for IFSS and extra inputs.
- 6: Compute GWA (or GWG) operators $\delta_k(k = 1, 2, 3, ..., s)$ on GGIFSS.
- 7: Compute score function on each operator using Definition 2.4.
- Classify alternatives on the basis of score function then foremost alternative is get on a highest score.

4.2 Real-life application

4.2.1 Case study 1

Hand sanitizer(HS) is considered as a simple and economical means of infection control in the recent years. It is

$X \mid E$	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4
ξ1	(0.4, 0.5)	$\langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle$	$\langle 0.7, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.4, 0.3)
ξ2	$\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.3, 0.6)	$\langle 0.8, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.4, 0.4)
ξ3	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$	(0.2, 0.6)	(0.4, 0.6)
ξ4	$\langle 0.6, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.1 \rangle$	(0.6, 0.4)

Table 3 IFSS (\tilde{S}, E) in tabular form

used in a wide variety of circumstances, from schools and
day-care centers to hospitals and offices and from supermar-
kets to transportation, etc. Different firms such as the World
Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Con-
trol and Prevention (CDCP) U.S. encourage the adoption of
alcoholic HS. In a recent study Jing et al. (2020) recom-
mends attributes of alcohol-based HSs as "Alcohol 60-95%,"
"Hydrogen peroxide 3%," "Glycerol and others essential
oils" and "Fragrance and colorant." In markets several types
of alcohol-based HSs are available but concentration and
amount of above essential attributes are varied.

The fundamental aim of this application is to choose an effective alcohol-based HSs to diminish transferral of coronavirus by using the proposed operators in GGIFSS environments. Let $X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4\}$ be the set consisting of four different varieties of alcohol-based HSs. The set of attributes $E = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$, where

- v_1 : Concentration of Alcohol
- v_2 : Concentration of Hydrogen peroxide
- *v*₃ : Quantity and quality of Glycerol and others essential oils
- v_4 : Quantity of fragrance and colorant

A family of experts from a health organization gives the assessments and views for alcohol-based HSs on given attributes in the form of IFSS (\tilde{S}, E)(Table 3)

Now the two senior experts d_1 and d_2 from the health organization provide opinions on IFSS (given in Table 3) as IFSs,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{d_1} &= \{ v_1 / \langle 0.4, 0.6 \rangle, v_2 / \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle, v_3 / \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle, v_4 / \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle \}, \\ \alpha_{d_2} &= \{ v_1 / \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle, v_2 / \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle, v_3 / \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle, v_4 / \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle \}, \end{aligned}$$

,respectively. Then, the information can be expanded in the form of GGIFSS $\tau_g = (\widehat{S}, E, \widehat{g})$ given in Table 4.

Let $w_0 = 0.37$ be the weight of whole data in IFSS (given in Table 4), $w_1 = 0.21$ and $w_2 = 0.42$ be the weights of senior experts or moderators. Thus we have general weighted vector $[w_0/0.37, w_1/0.21, w_2/0.42]^T$. Let $[v_1/0.38, v_2/0.19, v_3/0.21, v_4/0.22]^T$ be the weighted vectors over given parameters. The GWA operator is utilized to compel data present in Table 4, and it is

Table 4 GGIFSS $(\widehat{S}, E, \widehat{g})$ in tabular form

$X \mid E$	v_1	v_2	<i>v</i> ₃	v_4
ξ1	(0.4, 0.5)	$\langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle$	$\langle 0.7, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.4, 0.3)
ξ2	(0.6, 0.2)	(0.3, 0.6)	$\langle 0.8, 0.2 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$
ξ3	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.2, 0.6 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.6 \rangle$
ξ4	$\langle 0.6, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$
α_{d_1}	$\langle 0.4, 0.6 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$
α_{d_2}	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle$

investigated as under: $\delta_1 = WA^{GGIFSS}(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{14}) =$

 $IWA_{j} \begin{pmatrix} IWA_{i}(a_{11}, \alpha_{d_{11}}, \alpha_{d_{21}}), \\ IWA_{i}(a_{12}, \alpha_{d_{12}}, \alpha_{d_{22}}), \\ IWA_{i}(a_{13}, \alpha_{d_{13}}, \alpha_{d_{23}}), \\ IWA_{i}(a_{14}, \alpha_{d_{14}}, \alpha_{d_{24}}) \end{pmatrix}$ First we compute,

 $IWA_{i}(a_{11}, \alpha_{d11}, \alpha_{d21})$ $= IWA\{\langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle, \langle 0.4, 0.6 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle\}$ $= \langle 0.444229, 0.473037 \rangle$ $IWA_{i}(a_{12}, \alpha_{d12}, \alpha_{d22})$ $= IWA\{\langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle, \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle\}$ $= \langle 0.4602083, 0.319995 \rangle,$ $IWA_{i}(a_{13}, \alpha_{d13}, \alpha_{d23})$ $= IWA\{\langle 0.7, 0.2 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle\}$ $= \langle 0.586109, 0.274286 \rangle$ $IWA_{i}(a_{14}, \alpha_{d14}, \alpha_{d24})$ $= IWA\{\langle 0.4, 0.3 \rangle, \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle\}$ $= \langle 0.448974, 0.39494 \rangle.$

Then

$$\delta_{1} = WG^{GGIFSS}(\langle 0.4, 0.5 \rangle, \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.7, 0.2 \rangle \langle 0.4, 0.3 \rangle) \\ = IWA \begin{pmatrix} (\langle 0.444229, 0.473037 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.4602083, 0.319995 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.586109, 0.28744 \rangle, \\ \langle 0.448974, 0.39494 \rangle) \end{pmatrix} \\ = \langle 0.5185460, 0.3764410 \rangle$$

Similarly, we can compute δ_2 , δ_3 and δ_4 and IFV are (0.514018, 0.365981), (0.4475176, 0.441378), (0.524296, 0.277357), respectively.

Now, by using score functions from Definition 2.4, δ_1 , $\delta_2 \ \delta_3$ and δ_4 are transmitted into real values $\eta(\delta_1) = 0.571052$, $\eta(\delta_2) = 0.574018775$, $\eta(\delta_3) = 0.5036698$ and $\eta(\delta_4) = 0.62346925$, respectively. Thus ξ_4 is the most suitable alcohol-based HS on the assessments of both senior

Table 5 GGIFSS $(\widehat{S}, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ in tabular form

$X \mid \mathcal{B}$	v_1	v_2
ξ1	$\langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle$	$\langle 0.6, 0.2 \rangle$
ξ2	$\langle 0.6, 0.3 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle$
ξ3	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$
α_{d_1}	$\langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.3, 0.2)

experts as $\eta(\delta_4) = 0.62346925$ is the maximum score. Thus choices of alcohol-based HSs are arrange in descending order $\xi_4 > \xi_2 > \xi_1 > \xi_3$.

In case study 1, extra inputs on IFSS are crucial assessments of senior person to finalize evaluation intake. Furthermore, the purpose of these essential additional inputs can run as customers demands in several scenarios. Therefore, we investigated a different case study in the next section.

4.2.2 Case study 2

Consider Example 3.3, where crucial extra inputs are the requirements for Mr. X and Mrs. X on attributes to buy a house. Accordingly, step 3 in the introduced algorithm can be viewed as the customers' demands in place of assessments on IFSS. We can follow other steps from the presented algorithm. So that GWA are calculated as follows: $\delta_1 = \langle 0.4599010, 0.4069328 \rangle$, $\delta_2 = \langle 0.257387, 0.505308 \rangle$, $\delta_3 = \langle 0.241818, 0.568510 \rangle$, $\delta_4 = \langle 0.290061, 0.430839 \rangle$, $\delta_5 = \langle 0.411085, 0.000000 \rangle$. Scores on GWA $\delta_k (k = 1, 2, ..., s)$ using Definition 2.4 are $\eta(\delta_1) = 0.526484$, $\eta(\delta_2) = 0.376039$, $\eta(\delta_3) = 0.336654$, $\eta(\delta_4) = 0.429611$, $\eta(\delta_5) = 0.705542$, respectively. One can identify that ξ_5 is the acceptable house for both Mr. and Mrs. X. on their demands.

5 Comparisons and discussion

In this section, we analyze our method and outputs with already present methodologies.

5.1 Comparisons

In order to compare concepts of the proposed method, we compare our methodologies with recent major approaches by Feng et al. (2019) and Hayat et al. (2018b). For intended purpose, consider an example as follows:

Example 5.1 Consider GGIFSS as depicted in Table 5.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2\}$ be the set of attributes, $X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$ is the set of alternatives, α_{d_1} is IFS for a moderator's assessments on IFSS in Table 5. Consider weighted vector $W = \{w_0, w_1\} = \{0.5, 0.5\}$, where w_0 is weight over IFSS and w_1 is a weight over extra input. Intently, both weights in W are equal, reason is that we have to analogous

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Table 6 GGIFSS $(S, \mathcal{B}, \widehat{g})$ in tabular form	$X \mid \mathcal{B}$	v_1	v_2
	ξ1	$\langle 0.4, 0.3 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$
	ξ2	$\langle 0.6, 0.3 \rangle$	$\langle 0.5, 0.5 \rangle$
	ξ3	$\langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.4, 0.3 \rangle$
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the weights with other methods for purpose of comparisons. Also, let $\{0.4/v_1, 0.6/v_2\}$ be a weighted vector over set of attributes. By using proposed aggregation operators, we have $\delta_1 = 0.6794, \delta_2 = 0.6270, \delta_3 = 0.5665$ and $\xi_1 > \xi_2 > \xi_3$. Thus ξ_1 is the best and optimal choice.

- (1) Firstly, we examine our method with the framework presented by Hayat et al. (2018b). Let weighted vector {0.4/v₁, 0.6/v₂} for attributes. By GGIFSS operators defined in Hayat et al. (2018b), we have l₁ = 0.4639, l₂ = 0.4112, l₃ = 0.3258 and ξ₁ > ξ₂ > ξ₃. Thus ξ₁ is the best and optimal choice. This ranking is analogous to ranking of alternatives on proposed method.
- (2) Feng et al. (2019) presented an aggregation operatorbased MCDM method. By using their method we obtain $Z_J(\xi_1) = 0.7601, Z_J(\xi_2) = 0.6539, Z_J(\xi_3) = 0.5282$ and thus $\xi_1 > \xi_2 > \xi_3$. This ranking is analogous to ranking of alternatives on proposed method.

5.2 Advantages of proposed method

One of the prime advantages of new aggregation operators is assigning a weighted vector $\{w_0, w_1, \ldots, w_p\}$ on GGIFSS, where w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_p are the weights on IFSs of extra inputs of p number of moderators, respectively, and w_0 is a weight for IFSS-based data from a family of experts in GGIFSS. Certainly, this is a reality that preference or weights on IFSS and on extra input are reliable in several circumstances. As extra inputs are important opinions of senior experts or moderators for the final examination of evaluation (IFSS), thus in certain real-life situations their weights should be higher than w_0 . On the other hand, in some real life situations weight w_0 on IFSS is also important, the fact that it shows a preference on data (or IFSS) provided by a family of experts on crucial assessments on alternatives. Manifestly, we consider an example to show the superiority of the proposed method:

Example 5.2 Consider GGIFSS as depicted in Table 6.

Where $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2\}$ is set of attributes with weighted vector $W = \{0.4/v_1, 0.6/v_2\}, X = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$ is the set of alternatives, α_{d_1} is IFS for moderator's assessments on IFSS in Table 6. By GGIFSS operators defined in Hayat et al. (2018b), we have $\ell_1 = 0.2644, \ell_2 = 0.2591, \ell_3 =$ 0.2654 and $\xi_3 > \xi_1 > \xi_2$. It can be seen that $\alpha_{d_1} =$ $\{\langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle\}$ and IFWA $\{\langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle\} =$

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Table 7	GGIFSS	$(\widehat{S},$	\mathcal{B}, \widehat{g} in
tabular f	orm		

$X \mid \mathcal{B}$	v_1	v_2
ξ1	$\langle 0.4, 0.2 \rangle$	(0.4, 0.2)
ξ2	$\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$	$\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$
α_{d_1}	$\langle 0.4, 0.2 \rangle$	$\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$

(0.3, 0.4). Here IFWA by Hayat et al. (2018b) examined again a same IFV (0.3, 0.4).

Consider weighted vector $W = \{w_0, w_1\} = \{0.3, 0.7\}$, where w_0 is weight over IFSS and w_1 is weight over extra input. Notably, $w_0 < w_1$ demonstrate that extra input/opinion has more weightage then IFSS from assessments of family of experts. Also, let $\{0.4/v_1, 0.6/v_2\}$ be a weighted vector over set of attributes. By using proposed aggregation operators, we have $\delta_1 = 0.4834, \delta_2 =$ $0.4908, \delta_3 = 0.4831$ and $\xi_2 > \xi_1 > \xi_3$.

It concluded that if in an IFSs $\alpha_{d'_i}$ (in GGIFSS) has same IFVs with respect each attributes then method of Hayat et al. (2018b), do not give precise aggregation with respect to attributes. Therefore, the purpose of moderator's input is diminished in such a scenario. On the other hand, this new method has advantage that it aggregates IFVs linearly with respect to attributes.

Feng et al. (2019), converted the extra opinion of moderator into score value or weightage in initial stages of decision making process.

Example 5.3 Consider GGIFSS as depicted in Table 7.

By the method of Feng et al. (2019), α_{d_1} is converted into scores vector as {0.6, 0.6} and further it converted to weighted vector {0.5, 0.5}. It can be seen that alteration of α_{d_1} into weights finished the importance of memberships and non-memberships in IFVs. By using their method we obtain $Z_J(\xi_1) = 0.6$, $Z_J(\xi_2) = 0.6$, and thus it is difficult to choose the best alternative on the same value.

Now by proposed method we get $\delta_1 = 0.6132$, $\delta_2 = 0.6125$ and $\xi_1 > \xi_2$. Thus alternatives can easily be ranked on proposed method as compared to method of Feng et al. (2019). Main advantage of our procedures is that it demonstrate perceptions or weights in a reasonable way for both IFSS and IFSS in GGIFSS.

From the above two examples, it is concluded that our method works better as compared to recent approaches Feng et al. (2019) and Hayat et al. (2018b). The method of Hayat et al. (2018) has disadvantages to tackling membership and non-membership, which are shown in Hayat et al. (2018b). On the other hand, inaccuracy of the models of the GIFSS (Agarwal et al. 2013) and GGIFSS (Garg and Arora 2018b) are shown in references (Feng et al. 2019; Khalil 2015; Hayat et al. 2018b), respectively. Hence we gave advantages

and comparisons with recent prominent approaches. Consequently, the introduced results are better than recent methods of Feng et al. (2019) and Hayat et al. (2018b), and hence it is also better than others methods (Agarwal et al. 2013; Garg and Arora 2018b; Hayat et al. 2018).

The GGIFSS is a dimensionally very useful model for MCDM as it consists of components of initial judgment (as IFSS) and final judgments (as IFSs). Therefore, the proposed operators are well-defined to deal with each component of GGIFSS.

6 Conclusions

In this research, we have defined new aggregation operators (GWA) on GIFSS which are used to aggregate our work. Mainly, we have managed the weights with IFVs and their computation in a precise way. We have defined the preparatory work of decision making in an algorithm and studied its real-life application by dint of proposed methodology. Then we have presented the comparisons of our work with already existing methods and techniques comprising aggregation operators. The proposed foundation of aggregation instruments is principally possessing numerous advantages.

The way of computation of data from preferred results can sight wide applications in machine learning, applied intelligence, electrical engineering, supply chain managements, industrial designs, neural networks, and constructional engineering. This is especially because in such applications typically more experts/operators or data from different sources are available with different opinions/views. A proper aggregation of such views is thus beneficial and often necessary. Explicitly, we will define complexity analysis of algorithms to see the results in machine learning. The recognitions of a risk factor in management systems can be investigated on these key results.

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