

# More on Intuitionistic Neutrosophic Soft Sets

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**Abstract.** Intuitionistic Neutrosophic soft set theory proposed by S.Broumi and F. Smarandache [28 ], has been regarded as an effective mathematical tool to deal with uncertainties. In this paper new operations on intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets have been introduced . Some results relating to the properties of these operations have been established. Moreover ,we illustrate their interconnections between each other.

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## 1 Introduction

The theory of neutrosophic set (NS) ,which is the generalization of the classical sets, conventional fuzzy set [1], intuitionistic fuzzy set [2] and interval valued fuzzy set [3] ,was introduced by Smarandache [4]. This concept has been applied in many fields such as Databases [5,6 ], Medical diagnosis problem [7] ,Decision making problem [8],Topology [9 ],control theory [10] and so on .The concept of neutrosophic set handle indeterminate data whereas fuzzy set theory, and intuitionistic fuzzy set theory failed when the relation are indeterminate.

Later on, several researchers have extended the neutrosophic set theory, such as Bhowmik and M.Pal in [11,12] ,in their paper ,they defined “intuitionistic neutrosophic set”.In [13], A.A.Salam, S.A.Alblowi introduced another concept called “Generalized neutrosophic set”. In [14 ] , Wang et al. proposed another extension of neutrosophic set which is” single valued neutrosophic”. In 1998 a Russian researcher , Molodtsov proposed a new mathematical tool called” Soft set theory” [ 15], for dealing with uncertainty and how soft set theory is free from the parameterization inadequacy syndrome of fuzzy set theory ,rough set theory, probability theory.

In recent time, researchers have contributed a lot towards fuzzification of soft set theory which leads to a series of mathematical models such as Fuzzy soft set [17,18,19,20],generalized fuzzy soft set [ 21,22],possibility fuzzy soft set [23] and so on , thereafter ,P.K.Maji and his coworker [24] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy soft set which is based on a combination of the intuitionistic fuzzy sets and soft set models and studied the properties of intuitionistic fuzzy soft set. Later a lot of extentions of

intuitionistic fuzzy soft are appeared such as Generalized intuitionistic fuzzy soft set [25], Possibility Intuitionistic Fuzzy Soft Set [26] and so on . Few studies are focused on neutrosophication of soft set theory. In [25] P.K.Maji, first proposed a new mathematical model called “Neutrosophic Soft Set” and investigate some properties regarding neutrosophic soft union, neutrosophic soft intersection ,complement of a neutrosophic soft set ,De Morgan law etc. Furthermore , in 2013, S.Broumi and F. Smarandache [26] combined the intuitionistic neutrosophic and soft set which lead to a new mathematical model called” intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set”. They studied the notions of intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set union, intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set intersection, complement of intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set and several other properties of intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set along with examples and proofs of certain results. Also ,in [27] S.Broumi presented the concept of “Generalized neutrosophic soft set” by combining the Generalized Neutrosophic Sets [13] and Soft set Models ,studied some properties on it,and presented an application of Generalized Neutrosophic Soft Set in decision making problem.

In the present work, we have extended the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets defining new operations on it. Some properties of these operations have also been studied.

The rest of this paper is organized as follow: section II deals with some definitions related to soft set theory ,neutrosophic set,intuitionistic neutrosophic set, intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set theory. Section III deals with the necessity operation on intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set. Section IV deals with the possibility operation on intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set.Finally ,section V give the conclusion.

## II.Preliminaries

In this section we represent definitions needful for next section, we denote by  $N(u)$  the set of all intuitionistic neutrosophic set.

### 2.1 Soft Sets (see [ 15]).

Let  $U$  be a universe set and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\zeta ( U )$  denotes the power set of  $U$  and  $A \subset E$ .

**Definition 2.1.1** [15 ]. A pair  $( P, A )$  is called a soft set over  $U$ , where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $P : A \rightarrow \zeta ( U )$ . In other words, a soft set over  $U$  is a parameterized family of subsets of the universe  $U$ . For  $e \in A$ ,  $P ( e )$  may be considered as the set of  $e$ - approximate elements of the soft set  $( P,A )$ .

### 2.2 Neutrosophic Sets (see [4 ]).

Let  $U$  be an universe of discourse then the neutrosophic set  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \{ \langle x: T_{A(x)}, I_{A(x)}, F_{A(x)} \rangle, x \in U \}$ , where the functions  $T, I, F : U \rightarrow ]0,1+[$  define respectively the degree of membership (or Truth) , the degree of indeterminacy, and the

degree of non-membership (or Falsehood) of the element  $x \in U$  to the set  $A$  with the condition.

$$0 \leq T_{A(x)} + I_{A(x)} + F_{A(x)} \leq 3^+$$

From philosophical point of view, the neutrosophic set takes the value from real standard or non-standard subsets of  $]0,1^+[$ . So instead of  $]0,1^+[$  we need to take the interval  $[0,1]$  for technical applications, because  $]0,1^+[$  will be difficult to apply in the real applications such as in scientific and engineering problems.

### 2.3 Single Valued Neutrosophic Set (see [14]).

**Definition 2.3.1 (see [14]):** Let  $X$  be a space of points (objects) with generic elements in  $X$  denoted by  $x$ . An SVNS  $A$  in  $X$  is characterized by a truth-membership function  $T_A(x)$ , an indeterminacy-membership function  $I_A(x)$ , and a falsity-membership function  $F_A(x)$  for each point  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \in [0, 1]$ .

When  $X$  is continuous, an SVNS  $A$  can be written as

$$A = \int_X \frac{\langle T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle}{x}, x \in X.$$

When  $X$  is discrete, an SVNS  $A$  can be written as

$$A = \sum_1^n \frac{\langle T_A(x_i), I_A(x_i), F_A(x_i) \rangle}{x_i}, x_i \in X$$

**Definition 2.3.2 (see [4,14]).** A neutrosophic set or single valued neutrosophic set (SVNS)  $A$  is contained in another neutrosophic set  $B$  i.e.  $A \subseteq B$  if  $\forall x \in U$ ,  $T_A(x) \leq T_B(x)$ ,  $I_A(x) \geq I_B(x)$ ,  $F_A(x) \geq F_B(x)$ .

**Definition 2.3.3 (see [2]).** The complement of a neutrosophic set  $A$  is denoted by  $A^c$  and is defined as  $T_{A^c}(x) = F_{A(x)}$ ,  $I_{A^c}(x) = I_{A(x)}$ , and  $F_{A^c}(x) = T_{A(x)}$  for every  $x$  in  $X$ .

A complete study of the operations and application of neutrosophic set can be found in [4].

### 2.4 Intuitionistic Neutrosophic Set

**Definition 2.4.1 (see [11]).**

An element  $x$  of  $U$  is called significant with respect to neutrosophic set  $A$  of  $U$  if the degree of truth-membership or falsity-membership or indeterminacy-membership value, i.e.,  $T_{A(x)}$  or  $F_{A(x)}$  or  $I_{A(x)} \leq 0.5$ . Otherwise, we call it insignificant. Also, for neutrosophic set the truth-membership, indeterminacy-membership and falsity-membership all can not be significant. We define an intuitionistic neutrosophic set by  $A = \{ \langle x: T_{A(x)}, I_{A(x)}, F_{A(x)} \rangle, x \in U \}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ T_{A(x)}, F_{A(x)} \} &\leq 0.5, \\ \min \{ T_{A(x)}, I_{A(x)} \} &\leq 0.5, \\ \min \{ F_{A(x)}, I_{A(x)} \} &\leq 0.5, \text{ for all } x \in U, \\ \text{with the condition } 0 &\leq T_{A(x)} + I_{A(x)} + F_{A(x)} \leq 2. \end{aligned}$$

As an illustration, let us consider the following example.

**Example 2.4.2** Assume that the universe of discourse  $U = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , where  $x_1$  characterizes the capability,  $x_2$  characterizes the trustworthiness and  $x_3$  indicates the prices of the objects. It may be further assumed that the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  are in  $[0,1]$  and they are obtained from some questionnaires of some experts. The experts may impose their opinion in three components viz. the degree of goodness, the degree of indeterminacy and that of poorness to explain the characteristics of the objects. Suppose  $A$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic set (INS) of  $U$ , such that,

$A = \{ \langle x_1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.4 \rangle, \langle x_2, 0.4, 0.2, 0.6 \rangle, \langle x_3, 0.7, 0.3, 0.5 \rangle \}$ , where the degree of goodness of capability is 0.3, degree of indeterminacy of capability is 0.5 and degree of falsity of capability is 0.4 etc.

## 2.5 Intuitionistic Neutrosophic Soft Sets (see [28]).

**Definition 2.5.1.** Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $A \subset E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $N(U)$  denotes the set of all intuitionistic neutrosophic sets of  $U$ . The collection  $(P, A)$  is termed to be the soft intuitionistic neutrosophic set over  $U$ , where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $P : A \rightarrow N(U)$ .

**Example 2.5.2.** Let  $U$  be the set of blouses under consideration and  $E$  is the set of parameters (or qualities). Each parameter is a intuitionistic neutrosophic word or sentence involving intuitionistic neutrosophic words. Consider  $E = \{ \text{Bright, Cheap, Costly, very costly, Colorful, Cotton, Polystyrene, long sleeve, expensive} \}$ . In this case, to define a intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set means to point out Bright blouses, Cheap blouses, Blouses in Cotton and so on. Suppose that, there are five blouses in the universe  $U$  given by,  $U = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$  and the set of parameters  $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ , where each  $e_i$  is a specific criterion for blouses:

- $e_1$  stands for 'Bright',
  - $e_2$  stands for 'Cheap',
  - $e_3$  stands for 'Costly',
  - $e_4$  stands for 'Colorful',
- Suppose that,

$$P(\text{Bright}) = \{ \langle b_1, 0.5, 0.6, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b_2, 0.4, 0.7, 0.2 \rangle, \langle b_3, 0.6, 0.2, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b_4, 0.7, 0.3, 0.2 \rangle, \langle b_5, 0.8, 0.2, 0.3 \rangle \}.$$

$$P(\text{Cheap}) = \{ \langle b_1, 0.6, 0.3, 0.5 \rangle, \langle b_2, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b_3, 0.8, 0.1, 0.2 \rangle, \langle b_4, 0.7, 0.1, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b_5, 0.8, 0.3, 0.4 \rangle \}.$$

$$P(\text{Costly}) = \{ \langle b_1, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b_2, 0.6, 0.1, 0.2 \rangle, \langle b_3, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5 \rangle, \langle b_4, 0.5, 0.2, 0.6 \rangle, \langle b_5, 0.7, 0.3, 0.2 \rangle \}.$$

$$P(\text{Colorful}) = \{ \langle b_1, 0.8, 0.1, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b_2, 0.4, 0.2, 0.6 \rangle, \langle b_3, 0.3, 0.6, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b_4, 0.4, 0.8, 0.5 \rangle, \langle b_5, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 \rangle \}.$$

### Definition 2.5.3 ([28]). Containment of two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets.

For two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, B)$  over the common universe  $U$ . We say that  $(P, A)$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft subset of  $(Q, B)$  if and only if

- (i)  $A \subset B$ .
- (ii)  $P(e)$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic subset of  $Q(e)$ .

Or  $T_{P(e)}(x) \leq T_{Q(e)}(x)$ ,  $I_{P(e)}(x) \geq I_{Q(e)}(x)$ ,  $F_{P(e)}(x) \geq F_{Q(e)}(x)$ ,  $\forall e \in A, x \in U$ .

We denote this relationship by  $(P, A) \subseteq (Q, B)$ .

$(P, A)$  is said to be intuitionistic neutrosophic soft super set of  $(Q, B)$  if  $(Q, B)$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft subset of  $(P, A)$ . We denote it by  $(P, A) \supseteq (Q, B)$ .

### Definition 2.5.4 [28]. Equality of two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets.

Two INSSs  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, B)$  over the common universe  $U$  are said to be intuitionistic neutrosophic soft equal if  $(P, A)$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft subset of  $(Q, B)$  and  $(Q, B)$  is an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft subset of  $(P, A)$  which can be denoted by  $(P, A) = (Q, B)$ .

### Definition 2.5.5 [28]. Complement of an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set.

The complement of an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set  $(P, A)$  is denoted by  $(P, A)^c$  and is defined by  $(P, A)^c = (P^c, A)$ , where  $P^c : A \rightarrow N(U)$  is a mapping given by  $P^c(a) =$  intuitionistic neutrosophic soft complement with  $T_{P^c(x)} = F_{P(x)}$ ,  $I_{P^c(x)} = I_{P(x)}$  and  $F_{P^c(x)} = T_{P(x)}$ .

**Definition 2.5.6 [28]. Union of two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets.**

Let  $(P,A)$  and  $(Q,B)$  be two INSSs over the same universe  $U$ . Then the union of  $(P,A)$  and  $(Q,B)$  is denoted by ' $(P,A) \cup (Q,B)$ ' and is defined by  $(P,A) \cup (Q,B) = (K,C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and the truth-membership, indeterminacy-membership and falsity-membership of  $(K,C)$  are as follows:

$$T_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.5.7. Intersection of two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets [28].**

Let  $(P,A)$  and  $(Q,B)$  be two INSSs over the same universe  $U$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Then the intersection of  $(P,A)$  and  $(Q,B)$  is denoted by ' $(P,A) \cap (Q,B)$ ' and is defined by  $(P,A) \cap (Q,B) = (K,C)$ , where  $C = A \cap B$  and the truth-membership, indeterminacy membership and falsity-membership of  $(K,C)$  are related to those of  $(P,A)$  and  $(Q,B)$  by:

$$T_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{K(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)} , & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

In this paper we are concerned with intuitionistic neutrosophic sets whose  $T_A$ ,  $I_A$  and  $F_A$  values are single points in  $[0, 1]$  instead of subintervals/subsets in  $[0, 1]$

**III-The Necessity Operation on Intuitionistic Neutrosophic Soft Set**

In this section, we shall introduce the necessity operation on intuitionistic neutrosophic soft

set

**Remark 3.1:**  $s_A = T_A + I_A + F_A$ ,  $s_B = T_B + I_B + F_B$  .if  $s_A = s_B$  we put  $S = s_A = s_B$

**Definition 3.2.** The necessity operation on an intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set  $(P, A)$  is denoted by  $\square(P, A)$  and is defined as  $\square(P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ , where  $s_A = T + I + F$ . Here  $T_{P(e)}(m)$  is the neutrosophic membership degree that object  $m$  hold on parameter  $e$ ,  $I_{P(e)}(m)$  represent the indeterminacy function and  $P$  is a mapping  $P : A \rightarrow N(U)$ ,  $N(U)$  is the set of a intuitionistic neutrosophic sets of  $U$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let there are five objects as the universal set where  $U = \{ m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5 \}$  and the set of parameters as  $E = \{ \text{beautiful, moderate, wooden, muddy, cheap, costly} \}$  and

Let  $A = \{ \text{beautiful, moderate, wooden} \}$ . Let the attractiveness of the objects represented by the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets  $(P, A)$  is given as

$$P(\text{beautiful}) = \{ m_{1/(.6, .2, .4)}, m_{2/(.7, .3, .2)}, m_{3/(.5, .4, .4)}, m_{4/(.6, .4, .3)}, m_{5/(.8, .4, .1)} \},$$

$$P(\text{moderate}) = \{ m_{1/(.7, .3, .2)}, m_{2/(.8, .1, .1)}, m_{3/(.7, .5, .2)}, m_{4/(.8, .5, .1)}, m_{5/(1, .2, 0)} \}$$

$$\text{and } P(\text{wooden}) = \{ m_{1/(.8, .5, .1)}, m_{2/(.6, .4, 0)}, m_{3/(.6, .5, .2)}, m_{4/(.2, .3, .4)}, m_{5/(.3, .2, .5)} \}.$$

Then the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets  $\square(P, A)$  becomes as

$$P(\text{beautiful}) = \{ m_{1/(.6, .2, .6)}, m_{2/(.7, .3, .5)}, m_{3/(.5, .4, .8)}, m_{4/(.6, .4, .7)}, m_{5/(.8, .4, .5)} \},$$

$$P(\text{moderate}) = \{ m_{1/(.7, .3, .5)}, m_{2/(.8, .1, .2)}, m_{3/(.7, .5, .7)}, m_{4/(.8, .5, .6)}, m_{5/(1, .2, .2)} \}$$

$$\text{And } P(\text{wooden}) = \{ m_{1/(.8, .5, .6)}, m_{2/(.6, .4, .4)}, m_{3/(.6, .5, .7)}, m_{4/(.2, .3, .7)}, m_{5/(.3, .2, .7)} \}.$$

Let  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, B)$  be two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets over a universe  $U$  and  $A, B$  be two sets of parameters. Then we have the following propositions:

**Proposition 3.4**

- i.  $\square[(P, A) \cup (Q, B)] = \square(P, A) \cup \square(Q, B)$ .
- ii.  $\square[(P, A) \cap (Q, B)] = \square(P, A) \cap \square(Q, B)$ .
- iii.  $\square \square(P, A) = \square(P, A)$ .
- iv.  $\square[(P, A)]^n = [\square(P, A)]^n$ , for any finite positive integer  $n$ .
- v.  $\square[(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]^n = [\square(P, A) \cup \square(Q, B)]^n$ .
- vi.  $\square[(P, A) \cap (Q, B)]^n = [\square(P, A) \cap \square(Q, B)]^n$ .

Proof

$$i. \square[(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]$$

suppose  $(P, A) \cup (Q, B) = (H, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $e \in C$  and

$$s_A = T_{P(e)} + I_{P(e)} + F_{P(e)} \text{ and } s_B = T_{Q(e)} + I_{Q(e)} + F_{Q(e)}$$

$$T_{H(e)}(m) = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)}(m), & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)}(m), & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{T_{P(e)}(m), T_{Q(e)}(m)\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{H(e)}(m) = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)}(m), & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)}(m), & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)}(m), I_{Q(e)}(m)\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

Since  $\square[(P, A) \cup (Q, B)] = \square(H, C)$  and  $m \in U$ , by definition 3.2 we Have

$$T_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} s_A - T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ S - \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

For all  $e \in C = A \cup B$  and  $m \in U$ . Assume that  $\square(P, A) = \langle m, T_{P(e)(m)}, I_{P(e)(m)}, s_A - T_{P(e)(m)} \rangle, m \in U$  and

$\square(Q, A) = \langle m, T_{Q(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}, s_B - T_{Q(e)(m)} \rangle, m \in U$ . Suppose that  $\square(P, A) \cup \square(Q, B) = (O, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$ , and for all  $e \in C$  and  $m \in U$ .

$$T_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} s_A - T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{s_A - T_{P(e)(m)}, s_A - T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} s_A - T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ S - \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \text{ with } S = s_A = s_B \end{cases}$$

Consequently,  $\square(H, C)$  and  $(O, C)$  are the same intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets. Thus,  $\square((P, A) \cup (Q, B)) = \square(P, A) \cup \square(Q, B)$ .

Hence the result is proved.

(ii) and (iii) are proved analogously.

iii. Let  $(P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ .

Then  $\square (P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ .

$$\text{So } \square \square (P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}.$$

Hence the result follows.

iv. Let the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set  $(P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ .

Then for any finite positive integer  $n$

$$(P, A)^n = \{ \langle m, [T_{P(e)}(m)]^n, [I_{P(e)}(m)]^n, s_A - [F_{P(e)}(m)]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$$

$$\text{So, } \square (P, A)^n = \{ \langle m, [T_{P(e)}(m)]^n, [I_{P(e)}(m)]^n, s_A - [F_{P(e)}(m)]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}.$$

Again,  $[\square (P, A)]^n = \{ \langle m, [T_{P(e)}(m)]^n, [I_{P(e)}(m)]^n, s_A - [F_{P(e)}(m)]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$  as

$$\square (P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}.$$

Hence the result.

$$\text{v. As } (P, A)^n \cup (Q, B)^n = [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]^n$$

$$\square [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]^n = [\square [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]]^n, \quad \text{by the proposition 3.4.iv}$$

$$= [\square (P, A) \cup \square (Q, B)]^n, \quad \text{by the proposition 3.4.i}$$

$$\text{vi. As } (P, A)^n \cap (Q, B)^n = [(P, A) \cap (Q, B)]^n$$

$$\text{So, } \square [(P, A) \cap (Q, B)]^n = [\square [(P, A) \cap (Q, B)]]^n, \text{ by the proposition 3.4.iv}$$

$$= [\square (P, A) \cap \square (Q, B)]^n, \quad \text{by the proposition 3.4.ii}$$

The result is proved.

## IV-The Possibility Operation on intuitionistic Neutrosophic Soft Sets

In this section, we shall define another operation, the possibility operation on intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets.

Let  $U$  be a universal set.  $E$  be a set of parameters and  $A$  be a subset of  $E$ . Let the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set

$(P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ , where  $T_{P(e)}(m)$ ,  $I_{P(e)}(m)$ ,  $F_{P(e)}(m)$  be the membership, indeterminacy and non-membership functions respectively.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $U$  be the universal set and  $E$  be the set of parameters. The possibility operation on the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set  $(P, A)$  is denoted by  $\diamond (P, A)$  and is defined as

$$\diamond (P, A) = \{ \langle m, s_A - F_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}, \text{ where } s_A = T + I + F \text{ and } 0 \leq s_A \leq 3^+$$

**Example 4.2.** Let there are five objects as the universal set where  $U = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ . Also let the set of parameters as  $E = \{ \text{beautiful, costly, cheap, moderate, wooden, muddy} \}$  and  $A = \{ \text{costly, cheap, moderate} \}$ . The cost of the objects represented by the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets

$(P, A)$  is given as

$$P(\text{costly}) = \{ m_{1/(.7, .1, .2)}, m_{2/(.8, .3, 0)}, m_{3/(.8, .2, .1)}, m_{4/(.9, .4, 0)}, m_{5/(.6, .2, .2)} \},$$

$$P(\text{cheap}) = \{ m_{1/(.5, .3, .2)}, m_{2/(.7, .5, .1)}, m_{3/(.4, .3, .2)}, m_{4/(.8, .5, .1)}, m_{5/(.4, .4, .2)} \} \text{ and}$$

$$P(\text{moderate}) = \{ m_{1/(.8, .4, .2)}, m_{2/(.6, .1, .3)}, m_{3/(.5, .5, .1)}, m_{4/(.9, .4, 0)}, m_{5/(.7, .3, .1)} \}.$$

Then the neutrosophic soft set  $\diamond (P, A)$  is as

$$P(\text{costly}) = \{ m_{1/(.8, .1, .2)}, m_{2/(1.1, .3, 0)}, m_{3/(1, .2, .1)}, m_{4/(1.3, .4, 0)}, m_{5/(.8, .2, .2)} \},$$

$$P(\text{cheap}) = \{ m_{1/(.8, .3, .2)}, m_{2/(1.2, .5, .1)}, m_{3/(.7, .3, .2)}, m_{4/(1.3, .5, .1)}, m_{5/(.8, .4, .2)} \}$$

$$\text{and } P(\text{moderate}) = \{ m_{1/(1.2, .4, .2)}, m_{2/(.7, .1, .3)}, m_{3/(1, .5, .1)}, m_{4/(1.3, .4, 0)}, m_{5/(1, .3, .1)} \}.$$

Let  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, B)$  be two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets over the same universe  $U$  and  $A, B$  be two sets of parameters. Then we have the propositions

**Proposition 4.3**

- i.  $\diamond [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)] = \diamond (P, A) \cup \diamond (Q, B)$ .
- ii.  $\diamond [(P, A) \cap (Q, B)] = \diamond (P, A) \cap \diamond (Q, B)$ .
- iii.  $\diamond \diamond (P, A) = \diamond (P, A)$ .
- iv.  $\diamond [(P, A)]^n = [\diamond (P, A)]^n$ , for any finite positive integer n.
- v.  $\diamond [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]^n = [\diamond (P, A) \cup \diamond (Q, B)]^n$ .
- vi.  $\diamond [(P, A) \cap (Q, B)]^n = [\diamond (P, A) \cap \diamond (Q, B)]^n$ .

Proof

i.  $\diamond [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)]$

suppose  $(P, A) \cup (Q, B) = (H, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $e \in C$  and

$$s_A = T_{P(e)} + I_{P(e)} + F_{P(e)} \text{ and } s_B = T_{Q(e)} + I_{Q(e)} + F_{Q(e)}$$

$$T_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} T_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ T_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{T_{P(e)(m)}, T_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

Since  $\diamond [(P, A) \cup (Q, B)] = \diamond (H, C)$  and  $m \in U$ , by definition 4.1 we Have

$$T_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ S - \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B, \text{ with } S = s_A = s_B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{H(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

For all  $e \in C = A \cup B$  and  $m \in U$ . Assume that  $\diamond (P, A) = \langle m, s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, I_{P(e)(m)}, F_{P(e)(m)} \rangle, m \in U$  and

$\diamond(Q,A) = \{ \langle m, s_B - F_{Q(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)} \rangle, m \in U \}$ . Suppose that  $\diamond(P,A) \cup \diamond(Q,B) = (O,C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$ , and for all  $e \in C$  and  $m \in U$ .

$$T_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \max\{s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, s_B - F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ s_B - F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ S - \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B, \text{ with } S = s_A = s_B \end{cases}$$

$$I_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} I_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ I_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{I_{P(e)(m)}, I_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

$$F_{O(e)(m)} = \begin{cases} F_{P(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in A - B \\ F_{Q(e)(m)}, & \text{if } e \in B - A \\ \min\{F_{P(e)(m)}, F_{Q(e)(m)}\}, & \text{if } e \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

Consequently,  $\diamond(H,C)$  and  $(O,C)$  are the same intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets. Thus,  $\diamond((P,A) \cup (Q,B)) = \diamond(P,A) \cup \diamond(Q,B)$ .

Hence the result is proved.

(ii) and (iii) are proved analogously.

iii.  $\diamond(P,A) = \{ \langle m, s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, I_{P(e)(m)}, F_{P(e)(m)} \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ .

So  $\diamond \diamond(P,A) = \{ \langle m, s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}, I_{P(e)(m)}, F_{P(e)(m)} \rangle \mid m \in U \text{ and } e \in A \}$ .

Hence the result.

iv. For any positive finite integer  $n$ ,  $(P,A)^n = \{ \langle m, [T_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [I_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [F_{P(e)(m)}]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \} \forall e \in A$ ,

So,  $\diamond(P,A)^n = \{ \langle m, s_A - [s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [I_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [F_{P(e)(m)}]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \}$   
 $= \{ \langle m, [s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [I_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [F_{P(e)(m)}]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \} \forall e \in A$ .

Again  $[\diamond(P,A)]^n = \{ \langle m, [s_A - F_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [I_{P(e)(m)}]^n, [F_{P(e)(m)}]^n \rangle \mid m \in U \} \forall e \in A$ .

Hence the result follows.

v. As  $[(P,A) \cup (Q,B)]^n = (P,A)^n \cup (Q,B)^n$ ,

$$\diamond[(P,A) \cup (Q,B)]^n = \diamond(P,A)^n \cup \diamond(Q,B)^n$$

the result is proved

vi. As  $[(P,A) \cap (Q,B)]^n = (P,A)^n \cap (Q,B)^n$ ,

$$\diamond[(P,A) \cap (Q,B)]^n = \diamond(P,A)^n \cap \diamond(Q,B)^n$$

Hence the result follows.

For any intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set  $(P,A)$  we have the following propositions.

**Proposition 4.4**

- i.  $\diamond \square (P, A) = \square (P, A)$
- ii.  $\square \diamond (P, A) = \diamond (P, A)$

**Proof**

- i. Let  $(P, A)$  be a intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set over the universe  $U$ .  
 Then  $(P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$  where  $e \in A$ .  
 So,  $\square (P, A) = \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ , and  
 $\diamond (P, A) = \{ \langle m, s_A - F_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), F_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \diamond \square (P, A) &= \{ \langle m, s_A - (s_A - T_{P(e)}(m)), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}. \\ &= \{ \langle m, T_{P(e)}(m), I_{P(e)}(m), s_A - T_{P(e)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}. \\ &= \square (P, A). \end{aligned}$$

- ii. The proof is similar to the proof of the proposition 3.4.i.

Let  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, B)$  be two intuitionistic neutrosophic soft sets over the common universe  $U$ , then we have the following propositions:

**Proposition 3.5**

- i.  $\square [(P, A) \wedge (Q, B)] = \square (P, A) \wedge \square (Q, B)$ .
- ii.  $\square [(P, A) \vee (Q, B)] = \square (P, A) \vee \square (Q, B)$ .
- iii.  $\diamond [(P, A) \wedge (Q, B)] = \diamond (P, A) \wedge \diamond (Q, B)$ .
- iv.  $\diamond [(P, A) \vee (Q, B)] = \diamond (P, A) \vee \diamond (Q, B)$ .

**Proof**

- i. Let  $(H, A \times B) = (P, A) \wedge (Q, B)$ .

Hence,  $(H, A \times B) = \{ \langle m, T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ ,  
 where  $T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \min \{ T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ ,  $F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \max \{ F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$  and  $I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \max \{ I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \square (H, A \times B) &= \{ \langle m, T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), S - T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}, (\alpha, \beta) \in A \times B \\ &= \{ \langle m, \min (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), S - \min (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \{ \langle m, \min (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (S - T_{P(\alpha)}(m), S - T_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \{ \langle m, T_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{P(\alpha)}(m), S - T_{P(\alpha)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \text{ AND } \{ \langle m, T_{Q(\beta)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m), S - T_{Q(\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \square (P, A) \wedge \square (Q, B). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result is proved

- ii. Let  $(L, A \times B) = (P, A) \vee (Q, B)$ .

Hence,  $(L, A \times B) = \{ \langle m, T_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m), F_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ ,  
 where  $T_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \max \{ T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ ,  $I_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \min \{ I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$  and  $F_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \min \{ F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \square (L, A \times B) &= \{ \langle m, T_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m), S - T_{L(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}, \text{ for } (\alpha, \beta) \in A \times B \\ &= \{ \langle m, \max (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \min (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), S - \max (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \{ \langle m, \max (T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \min (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \min (S - T_{P(\alpha)}(m), S - T_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \{ \langle m, T_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{P(\alpha)}(m), S - T_{P(\alpha)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \text{ OR } \{ \langle m, T_{Q(\beta)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m), S - T_{Q(\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \\ &= \square (P, A) \vee \square (Q, B). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result is proved

iii. Let  $(H, A \times B) = (P, A) \wedge (Q, B)$ .

Hence,  $(H, A \times B) = \{ \langle m, T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ ,

where  $T_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \min \{ T_{P(\alpha)}(m), T_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ ,  $I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \max \{ I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ .

and  $F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) = \max \{ F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m) \}$ .

So,  $\diamond (H, A \times B) = \{ \langle m, S - F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), I_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m), F_{H(\alpha,\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$ , for  $(\alpha, \beta) \in A \times B$

$= \{ \langle m, S - \max (F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$

$= \{ \langle m, \min (S - F_{P(\alpha)}(m), S - F_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (I_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m)), \max (F_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m)) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$

$= \{ \langle m, S - F_{P(\alpha)}(m), I_{P(\alpha)}(m), F_{P(\alpha)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \} \text{ AND } \{ \langle m, S - F_{Q(\beta)}(m), I_{Q(\beta)}(m), F_{Q(\beta)}(m) \rangle \mid m \in U \}$

$= \diamond (P, A) \wedge \diamond (Q, B)$ .

Hence the result is proved

iv. The proof is similar to the proof of the proposition 3.5.iii.

## Conclusion

In the present work, We have continued to study the properties of intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set. New operations such as necessity and possibility on the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set are introduced. Some properties of these operations and their interconnection between each other are also presented and discussed. The new operations can be applied also on neutrosophic soft set [27] and generalized neutrosophic soft set [29]. We hope that the findings, in this paper will help researcher enhance the study on the intuitionistic neutrosophic soft set theory.

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