

INTERSECTING INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY DIRECTED HYPERGRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

If the edges of the Intuitionistic Fuzzy Directed Hypergraphs (IFDHGs)  $H = (V, E)$ , are pairwise not disjoint, then  $H$  is said to be an intersecting IFDHG. The definitions like essentially intersecting,  $\diamond$  – intersecting and sequentially simple intersecting IFDHGs has been defined. Some of its properties have also been analyzed. Also it has been proved that the IFDHG  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ .

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1. INTRODUCTION

Lotif. A. Zadeh introduced Fuzzy sets (FSs) in 1985[15], which are generalization of crisp sets. K.T. Atanassov introduced the concept of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets (IFSs) as an extension of FSs in 1999[1]. These sets include not only the membership of the set but also the non-membership of the set along with the degree of uncertainty. In order to expand the concept in application base, the notion of graph theory was generalized to that of a hypergraph. Claude Berge [2] introduced the concept of graph and hypergraph in 1976. In this paper, a few extensions of concepts in fuzzy hypergraphs by John N. Mordeson and Premchand S. Nair [3] have been carried out.

The paper has been organized as follows:

Section 2 deals with the definitions of fuzzy hypergraph, intuitionistic fuzzy hypergraph, IFDHG and the notations used in this paper. In section 3, a study is made on essentially intersecting,  $\diamond$  – intersecting and sequentially simple intersecting IFDHGs. Some properties of newly proposed hypergraph concepts are also discussed and it has been proved that  $H$  is strongly intersecting if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i}$  is intersecting IFDHG,  $\forall \langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)$ . Section 4, concludes the paper.

2. PRELIMINARIES

The notations used in this work are listed below:

- $H = (V, E)$  - IFDHG with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$
- $\langle \mu_i, \nu_i \rangle$  - degrees of membership and non-membership of the vertex
- $\langle \mu_{ij}, \nu_{ij} \rangle$  - degrees of membership and non-membership of the edges
- $\langle \mu_{ij}(v_i), \nu_{ij}(v_i) \rangle$  - degrees of membership and non-membership of the edges containing  $v_i$
- $h(H)$  - Height of a hypergraph  $H$
- $F(H)$  - Fundamental sequence of  $H$
- $C(H)$  - Core set of  $H$
- $H^{(r_i s_i)}$  -  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$  - level of  $H$
- $IF_p(v)$  - IF power set of  $V$
- $Tr(H)$  - Intuitionistic fuzzy transversals (IFT) of  $H$

$Tr(H^{r_i, s_i})$  -  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$  - level of  $Tr(H)$   
 $H^\square$  - Skeleton of  $H$

In this section, definitions of intuitionistic fuzzy set, intuitionistic fuzzy graph, IFDHG has been dealt with.

**Definition 2.1:** [1] Let a set  $E$  be fixed. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $V$  in  $E$  is an object of the form  $V = \{(v_i, \mu_i(v_i), \nu_i(v_i)) / v_i \in E\}$ , where the function  $\mu_i : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\nu_i : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  determine the degree of membership and the degree of non-membership of the element  $v_i \in E$ , respectively and for every  $v_i \in E, 0 \leq \mu_i(v_i) + \nu_i(v_i) \leq 1$ .

**Definition 2.2:** [14] Let  $E$  be fixed set and  $V = \{(v_i, \mu_i(v_i), \nu_i(v_i)) / v_i \in E\}$ , be an IFS. Six types of Cartesian products of  $n$  subsets<sup>1</sup>  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  of  $V$  over  $E$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_1 \times_1 V_2 \times_1 \dots \times_1 V_n &= \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \prod_{i=1}^n \nu_i) \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2 \dots v_n \in V_n\}, \\
 V_{i_1} \times_2 V_{i_2} \times_2 \dots \times_2 V_{i_n} &= \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \mu_j - \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \mu_i \mu_j \mu_k - \dots + \\
 &\quad (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq \dots \neq n} \mu_i \mu_j \mu_k \dots \mu_n + (-1)^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \prod_{i=1}^n \nu_i \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n\} \\
 V_{i_1} \times_3 V_{i_2} \times_3 \dots \times_3 V_{i_n} &= \left\{ ((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i - \sum_{i \neq j} \nu_i \nu_j + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \nu_i \nu_j \nu_k \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \dots + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq \dots \neq n} \nu_i \nu_j \nu_k \dots \nu_n + (-1)^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \nu_i \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n \right\} \\
 V_{i_1} \times_4 V_{i_2} \times_4 \dots \times_4 V_{i_n} &= \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \min(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n), \max(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n)) \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n\} \\
 V_{i_1} \times_5 V_{i_2} \times_5 \dots \times_5 V_{i_n} &= \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \max(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n), \min(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n)) \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n\} \\
 V_{i_1} \times_6 V_{i_2} \times_6 \dots \times_6 V_{i_n} &= \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i}{2}, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i}{2}) \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n\}
 \end{aligned}$$

It must be noted that  $v_i \times_s v_j$  is an IFS, where  $s = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ .

**Definition 2.3:** [4] An intuitionistic fuzzy graph (IFG) is of the form  $G = (V, E)$  where (i)  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $\mu : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\nu : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degrees of membership and non-membership of the vertex  $v_i \in V$  respectively and

$$0 \leq \mu_i(v_i) + \nu_i(v_i) \leq 1 \tag{1}$$

for every  $v_i \in V, i = 1, 2, 3 \dots n$ .

(ii)  $E \subseteq V \times V$  where  $\mu_{ij} : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\nu_{ij} : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  are such that

$$\mu_{ij} \leq \mu_i \emptyset \mu_j \tag{2}$$

$$\nu_{ij} \leq \nu_i \emptyset \nu_j \tag{3}$$

$$\text{and } 0 \leq \mu_{ij} + \nu_{ij} \leq 1 \tag{4}$$

<sup>1</sup>subsets - crisp sense

where  $\mu_{ij}$  and  $\nu_{ij}$  are the degrees of membership and non-membership of the edge  $(v_i, v_j)$ ; the values of  $\mu_i \emptyset \mu_j$  and  $\nu_i \emptyset \nu_j$  can be determined by one of the cartesian products  $\times_s, s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  given in Definition 2.2.

**Note:** Throughout this paper, it is assumed that the fifth Cartesian product in Definition 2.2

$V_{i_1} \times_5 V_{i_2} \times_5 \dots \times_5 V_{i_n} = \{((v_1, v_2 \dots v_n), \max(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n), \min(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n)) \mid v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots v_n \in V_n\}$  is used to determine the degrees of membership  $\mu_{ij}$  and non-membership  $\nu_{ij}$  of the edge  $e_{ij}$ .

**Definition 2.4:** [5] An intuitionistic fuzzy hypergraph (IFHG) is an ordered pair  $H = (V, E)$  where

- (i)  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , is a finite set of intuitionistic fuzzy vertices,
- (ii)  $E = \{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_m\}$  is a family of crisp subsets of  $V$
- (iii)  $E_j = \{(v_i, \mu_j(v_i), \nu_j(v_i)) : \mu_j(v_i), \nu_j(v_i) \geq 0 \text{ and } \mu_j(v_i), \nu_j(v_i) \leq 1\}, j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$
- (iv)  $E_j \neq \phi, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m.$

Here, the hyperedges  $E_j$  are crisp sets of intuitionistic fuzzy vertices  $\mu_j(v_i)$  and  $\nu_j(v_i)$  denote the degrees of membership and non-membership of vertex  $v_i$  to edge  $E_j$ . Thus, the elements of the incidence matrix of IFHG are of the form  $(v_{ij}, \mu_j(v_i), \nu_j(v_i))$ . The sets  $(V, E)$  are crisp sets.

**Note:** The support of an IFS  $V$  in  $E$  is denoted by  $supp(E_j) = \{v_i / \mu_{ij}(v_i) > 0 \text{ and } \nu_{ij}(v_i) > 0\}$ .

**Definition 2.5:** [6] An IFDHG  $H$  is a pair  $(V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a non - empty set of vertices and  $E$  is a set of intuitionistic fuzzy hyperarcs; an intuitionistic fuzzy hyperarc  $E_i \in E$  is defined as a pair  $t(E_i), h(E_i)$ , where  $(E_i) \subset V$ , with  $t(E_i) \neq \phi$ , is its tail, and  $h(E_i) \in V - t(E_i)$  is its head. A vertex  $s$  is said to be a source vertex in  $H$  if  $h(E_i) \neq s$ , for every  $E_i \in E$ . A vertex  $d$  is said to be a destination vertex in  $H$  if  $d \neq t(E_i)$ , for every  $E_i \in E$ .

**Definition 2.6:** [7] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG, let  $H^{r_i, s_i} = (V^{r_i, s_i}, E^{r_i, s_i})$  be the  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$ -level IFDHG of  $H$ . The sequence of real numbers  $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n; s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ , such that  $0 \leq r_i \leq h_\mu(H)$  and  $0 \leq s_i \leq h_\nu(H)$ , satisfying the properties:

- (i) If  $r_1 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \beta < s_1$  then  $E^{\alpha, \beta} = \phi$ ,
- (ii) If  $r_i + 1 \leq \alpha \leq r_i; s_i \leq \beta \leq s_i + 1$  then  $E^{\alpha, \beta} = E^{r_i, s_i}$
- (iii)  $E^{r_i, s_i} \subset E^{r_{i+1}, s_{i+1}}$

is called the fundamental sequence of  $H$ , and is denoted by  $F(H)$ . The core set of  $H$  is denoted by  $C(H)$  and is defined by  $C(H) = \{H^{r_1, s_1}, H^{r_2, s_2}, \dots, H^{r_n, s_n}\}$ . The corresponding set of  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$ - level hypergraphs  $H^{r_1, s_1} \subset H^{r_2, s_2} \subset \dots \subset H^{r_n, s_n}$  is called the  $H$  induced fundamental sequence and is denoted by  $I(H)$ . The  $\langle r_n, s_n \rangle$ - level is called the support level of  $H$  and the  $H^{r_n, s_n}$  is called the support of  $H$ .

**Definition 2.7:** [7] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG and  $C(H) = \{H^{r_1, s_1}, H^{r_2, s_2}, \dots, H^{r_n, s_n}\}$ .  $H$  is said to be ordered if  $C(H)$  is ordered. That is  $H^{r_1, s_1} \subset H^{r_2, s_2} \subset \dots \subset H^{r_n, s_n}$ . The IFDHG is said to be simply ordered if the sequence  $\{H^{r_i, s_i} / i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is simply ordered, that is if it is ordered and if whenever  $E \in H^{r_{i+1}, s_{i+1}} - H^{r_i, s_i}$  then  $E \not\subset H^{r_i, s_i}$ .

**Definition 2.8:** [9] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG with core set  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i, s_i} = (V^{r_i, s_i}, E^{r_i, s_i}) / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , where  $E(H^{r_i, s_i}) = E_i$  is the crisp edge set of the core hypergraph  $H^{r_i, s_i}$ . Let  $E(H)$  denote the crisp edge set of  $H$  defined by  $E(H) = \cup \{E_i / E_i = E(H^{r_i, s_i}); H^{r_i, s_i} \in C(H)\}$ .  $E(H)$ , a crisp hypergraph on  $V$ , is called *core aggregate hypergraph* of  $H$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}(H) = (V, E(H))$ .

**Definition 2.9:** [9] An IFDHG  $H$  is said to be an *intersecting intuitionistic fuzzy directed hypergraph*, if for each pair of intuitionistic fuzzy hyperedge  $\{E_i, E_j\} \subseteq E$ ,  $E_i \cap E_j \neq \phi$ .

**Definition 2.10:** [9] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG and  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i, s_i} = (V^{r_i, s_i}, E^{r_i, s_i}) / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , if  $H^{r_i, s_i}$  is an intersecting IFDHG for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then  $H$  is *K-intersecting IFDHG*.

**Definition 2.11:** [9] An IFDHG  $H$  is said to be *strongly intersecting*, if for any two edges  $E_i$  and  $E_j$  contain a common spike of height,  $h = h(E_i) \wedge h(E_j)$ .

**Definition 2.12:** [8] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG. A *primitive k-coloring*  $A$  of  $H$  is a partition  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k\}$  of  $V$  into  $k$ -subsets (colors) such that the support of each intuitionistic fuzzy hyperedge of  $H$  intersects atleast two colors of  $A$ , except spike edges.

**Definition 2.13:** [8] The *k-chromatic number* of an IFDHG  $H$  is the minimal number  $\chi_k(H)$ , of colors needed to produce a primitive coloring of  $H$ . The *chromatic number* of  $H$  is the minimal number,  $\chi(H)$ , of colors needed to produce a  $K$ -coloring of  $H$ .

**Theorem 2.1:** [8] If  $H$  is an ordered IFDHG and  $A$  is a primitive coloring of  $H$ , then  $A$  is a  $K$ - coloring of  $H$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** [9] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG and suppose  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i, s_i} = (V^{r_i, s_i}, E^{r_i, s_i}) / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $H$  is intersecting if and only if  $H^{r_n, s_n} = (V^{r_n, s_n}, E^{r_n, s_n})$  is intersecting.

**Theorem 2.3:** [9] Let  $H$  be an ordered IFDHG and let  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i, s_i} = (V^{r_i, s_i}, E^{r_i, s_i}) / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $H$  is intersecting if and only if  $H$  is  $K$ -intersecting.

**Theorem 2.4:** [9] If  $H^\square$  is intersecting, then  $H$  is strongly intersecting.

**Definition 2.14:** [8] A *spike reduction* of  $E_i \in F_\phi(V)$ , denoted by  $\check{E}$  is defined as

$$\check{E}(v_i) = \max_i \{ \langle r_i, s_i \rangle / |E_i^{r_i, s_i}| \geq 2, (0 \leq r_i \leq E_\mu(v_i), 0 \leq s_i \leq E_\nu(v_i)) \}.$$

**Note:**

- i) If  $A = \emptyset$  then  $\check{E}(v_i) = 0$
- ii) If  $E_i$  is spike, then  $\check{E} = \chi_0$ .

**Definition 2.15:** [8] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG and let  $\check{H} = (\check{V}, \check{E})$ , where  $\check{E} = \{\check{E}_i | E_i \in E\}$  and  $\check{V} = \cup_{E_i \in \check{E}} \text{supp}(\check{E}_i)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** [3]  $H$  is intersecting if and only if  $H$  is  $K$ -intersecting.

**Theorem 2.6:** [3] If  $H$  is a crisp intersecting hypergraph, then  $\chi(H) \leq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.7:** [3] A crisp hypergraph  $H$  is intersecting if and only if  $H \subseteq Tr(H)$ .

**Theorem 2.8:** [8] Let  $H$  be an IFDHG. Then  $H$  is strongly intersecting if and only if  $H$  is  $K$ -intersecting.

### 3. INTERSECTING IFDHG

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $H$  be an IFDHG. Then  $H$  is said to be *essentially intersecting* if  $\check{H}$  is intersecting. And  $H$  is said to be *essentially strongly intersecting* if  $\check{H}$  is strongly intersecting.

**Example 3.1:** Consider an IFDHG,  $H$  with the incidence matrix as given below:

$$H = \begin{matrix} & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 & E_4 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The corresponding graph of IFDHG  $H$  is displayed in Figure 3.1.

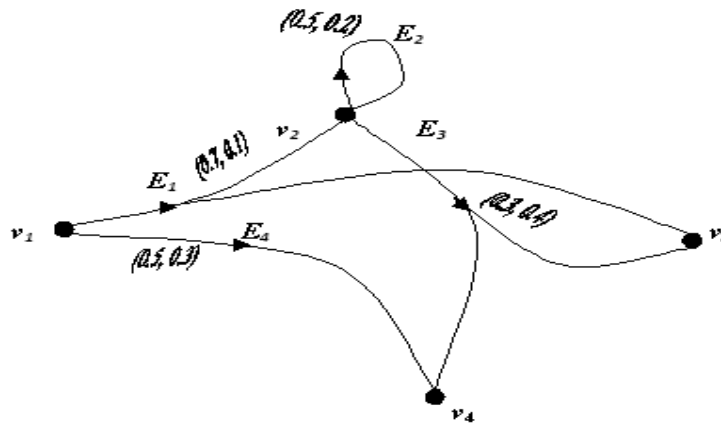


Figure-3.1: Intersecting IFDHG

Figure 3.2 depicts essentially intersecting IFDHG

$$H = \begin{matrix} & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

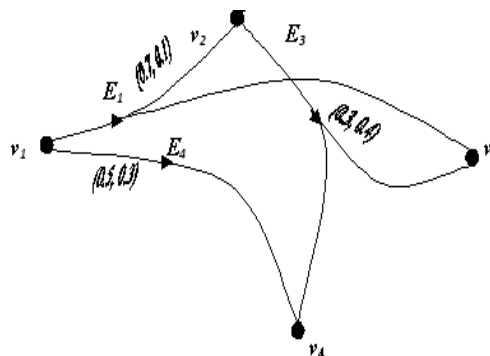


Figure-3.2: Essentially intersecting IFDHG

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $H$  be an IFDHG and  $H^\diamond = (\tilde{H})^\square$ , then  $H$  is called  $\diamond$  – intersecting if  $H^\diamond$  is intersecting.

**Note:**

- (i) For our convenience, assume  $F(H^\diamond) = \{r_1^s, r_2^s, \dots, r_k^s; s_1^s, s_2^s, \dots, s_k^s\}$ , where  $0 \leq r_i \leq h_\mu(H)$  and  $0 \leq s_i \leq h_\nu(H)$  and
- (ii)  $F(\tilde{H}) = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m; s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$ , where  $0 \leq r_i \leq h_\mu(H)$  and  $0 \leq s_i \leq h_\nu(H)$ .

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $H$  is  $\diamond$  – intersecting IFDHG, then  $H$  is essentially strongly intersecting IFDHG.

**Note:** In general, the converse need not be true.

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $H$  is ordered and essentially intersecting IFDHG, then  $\chi(H) \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $\tilde{H}$  exists, then  $\chi(H) = 1$ . Let  $(\tilde{H})^{r_m s_m} \in C(\tilde{H})$ , where  $\langle r_m, s_m \rangle \in F(H)$  will be the smallest value. Since  $\tilde{H}$  is intersecting IFDHG, it follows from theorem 2.2 that  $(\tilde{H})^{r_m s_m}$  is also intersecting. Hence by theorem 2.6  $\chi((\tilde{H})^{r_m s_m}) \leq 3$ . Also since  $H$  is ordered,  $\tilde{H}$  is also ordered. By definition 2.13 and theorem 2.1 it follows that,  $\chi((\tilde{H})^{r_m s_m}) \leq 3$  and by definition 2.14,  $\chi(\tilde{H}) \leq 3$ . Hence,  $\chi(H) = \chi(\tilde{H})$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $H$  is elementary and essentially intersecting IFDHG, then  $\chi(H) \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** Since  $H$  is ordered, the result is obvious from theorem 3.2.

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $H$  is of the form  $\mu \otimes H$  and essentially intersecting IFDHG, then  $\chi(H) \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** The result is obvious, since  $H$  is elementary.

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $H$  is  $\diamond$  – intersecting IFDHG, then  $\chi(H) \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** Given  $H^\diamond$  is intersecting. Also  $H^\diamond$  is elementary. Hence by theorem 3.3  $\chi(H) \leq 3 \Rightarrow \chi(H^\diamond) \leq 3$ . Since  $\chi(H^\diamond) = \chi(\tilde{H}) = \chi(H)$ . The result follows obviously.

**Note:** Since  $H = \tilde{H}$ ,  $K$  – coloring of skeleton  $H^\square$ , of  $H$  may not be extendible to  $K$  – coloring of  $H$ , or if extendible, then it may not use the new colors. Therefore, if  $H = \tilde{H}$  then  $\chi(H^\square) < \chi(H)$ .

**Definition 3.3:** Let  $H = \{v_i \in IF_\phi(V) | i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a finite collection of intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of  $V$  and let  $0 \leq r_i \leq h_\mu(H)$  and  $0 \leq s_i \leq h_\nu(H)$ . Then  $H|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} = \{v \in F_\phi(V) | h(v) = \langle r_i, s_i \rangle\}$  denotes the set of edges in  $K$  of height  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$ . In general,  $H^{r_i s_i}$  denotes the partial IFDHG of  $H = (V, E)$  with the edge set  $E^{r_i s_i}$  provided  $E^{r_i s_i} \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 3.4:** Let  $H_i = (V_i, E_i), i = 1, 2$  be an IFDHG. Then  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$  if every edge of  $H_1$  contains an edge  $H_2$ .

**Theorem 3.6:**  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 2.8, definition 2.11 and theorem 2.7 it is obvious that  
 $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG  $\Leftrightarrow H$  is  $K$  – intersecting IFDHG  
 $\Leftrightarrow H^{r_i s_i}$  is intersecting for all  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H), H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ .

**Theorem 3.7:**  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG if and only if for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H), H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$ .

**Proof:** Let for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H), H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$ . For each  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ , the edge set  $E(H^{r_i s_i}) = \{E^{r_i s_i} | E \in H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle}\} \subseteq \{\{\tau^{r_i s_i} | \tau \in Tr(H^{r_i s_i})\} = Tr(E(H^{r_i s_i}))\}$ . Hence,  $H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for all  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$  and by theorem 3.6,  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG.

Conversely, let  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG. And suppose  $E \in H|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle}$  where  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle$  the largest member of  $F(H)$  be. Let  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ .

To Prove:  $E^{r_i s_i}$  is the transversal of  $H^{r_i s_i}$ .

Let  $E \in H^{r_i s_i}$ . Then there exists an edge  $E_1$  of  $H$  such that  $E_1^{r_i s_i} = E$ . Since,  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG, there is a spike  $\sigma_v$  with height  $h(\sigma_v) = h(E) \wedge h(E_1) = h(E_1) \geq \langle r_i, s_i \rangle$ . And support of  $\{v\}$ , which is contained in both  $E$  and  $E_1$ . Hence,  $v \in E \cap E^{r_i s_i}$ . Thus  $E$  is a transversal of  $H$  and therefore it contains a member of  $Tr(H)$ . Therefore,  $H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$ .

By theorem 2.8, it is true that  $H$  is  $K$  – intersecting IFDHG. Again by the same theorem, it follows that  $H^{r_i s_i}$  is strongly intersecting. Hence,  $H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $H$  be an IFDHG with  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i s_i} | \langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)\}$ . Then  $H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$  if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i}|_{\langle r_i, s_i \rangle} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 3.6 and 3.7, the proof is obvious.

**Theorem 3.9:**  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i}$  is intersecting for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 2.2 and 2.8, the following equivalencies holds good.  
 $H^{r_i s_i}$  is intersecting for every  $\langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H) \Leftrightarrow E(H^{r_i s_i})$  is intersecting for each  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow H$  is  $K$  – intersecting IFDHG  
 $\Leftrightarrow H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG.

**Definition 3.5:** An IFDHG is said to be *non-trivial* if it has atleast one edge  $E$  such that  $|supp(E)| \geq 2$ .

**Definition 3.6:** An IFDHG is said to be *sequentially simple* if  $C(H) = \{H^{r_i s_i} = (V^{r_i s_i}, E^{r_i s_i}) | \langle r_i, s_i \rangle \in F(H)\}$  satisfies the property that if  $E \in E^{r_i s_i} \setminus E^{r_i s_i}$ , then  $E \not\subseteq V^{r_i s_i}$  where  $0 \leq r_i \leq h_\mu(H)$  and  $0 \leq s_i \leq h_\nu(H)$ .  $H$  is said to be *essentially sequentially simple* if  $\tilde{H}$  is *sequentially simple*.

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $H$  is an ordered IFDHG. Then the following statements holds:

- i) If  $H$  is intersecting if and only if  $H^\square$  is intersecting.
- ii)  $\tilde{H}$  is intersecting if and only if  $H^\diamond$  is intersecting.

**Proof:** Since  $H^\diamond = (\tilde{H})^\square$  and  $\tilde{H}$  is ordered whenever  $H$  is non-trivial ordered IFDHG (ii) is true. Also since  $H$  is ordered,  $supp(H) = \cup \{E(H^{r_i s_i}) | H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)\}$ . Thus,  $supp(H^\square) \subseteq supp(H)$ . Again by construction of  $H^\square$ , every member of the edge set  $E(H^{r_i s_i})$  is either a member or it contains a member of  $supp(H^\square)$ . Hence, for any two edges  $E_1, E_2 \subseteq supp(H)$  there exists corresponding edges  $E'_1, E'_2 \subseteq supp(H^\square)$  such that  $E'_1 \subseteq E_1$  and  $E'_2 \subseteq E_2$ . Therefore,  $supp(H^\square)$  is intersecting  $\Leftrightarrow supp(H)$  is intersecting. Hence (i) is proved.

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $H$  be an IFDHG. Then the following conditions holds good.

- i) If  $H^\square$  is intersecting, then  $H$  is strongly intersecting.
- ii) If  $H^\diamond$  is intersecting, then  $\tilde{H}$  is strongly intersecting.

**Proof:** It is obvious that the edge  $E$  in the core hypergraph  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$  contains a member of  $supp(H^\square)$  by the construction process explained in [8] and also by  $H^\square$  is elementary. Hence, if  $supp(H^\square)$  is intersecting, then every core hypergraph,  $H^{r_i s_i}$  of  $H$  is also intersecting. Therefore,  $H$  is  $K$  – intersecting and by theorem 2.8,  $H$  is strongly intersecting.

**Example 3.2:** Consider an IFDHG,  $H$  with the incidence matrix as given below:

$$H = \begin{matrix} & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 & E_4 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.4 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle & \langle 0.2, 0.1 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7, 0.1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0, 1 \rangle & \langle 0.3, 0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.5, 0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

In example 3.2,  $H$  is strongly intersecting.

The incidence matrix for  $H^\square$  is

$$H = \begin{matrix} & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 & E_4 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0.7,0.1 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.4 \rangle \\ \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle \\ \langle 0.7,0.1 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.4 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle \\ \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0,1 \rangle & \langle 0.3,0.4 \rangle & \langle 0.5,0.2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Here,  $H^\square$  is not intersecting.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, an attempt has been made to study the intersecting intuitionistic fuzzy directed hypergraphs. Also, essentially intersecting,  $\diamond$  – intersecting and sequentially simple intersecting IFDHGs have been defined. Some of its properties have also been analyzed. Also it has been proved that the IFDHG  $H$  is strongly intersecting IFDHG if and only if  $H^{r_i s_i} \subseteq Tr(H^{r_i s_i})$  for every  $H^{r_i s_i} \in C(H)$ .

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