

DISSOLUTION OF THE DILEMMA OR CIRCULATION PROBLEM USING THE ANALYTIC NETWORK PROCESS

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ABSTRACT

This paper presented the new method of dissolution of the dilemma or circulation problem by the ANP. The super matrix of the ANP both with the inverse matrix of the dilemma or circulation matrix and with the criteria matrix was considered. The paper showed mathematically that the eigenvector of the super-matrix serves as a solution of the dilemma or circulation problem. Moreover, the descriptive interpretation of the proposal method was performed.

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1. Introduction

There are many cases with dilemma or circulation problem where the best choice cannot be obtained based on transitive relation. Especially, the activity of the enterprise of this problem is not unusual. For instance, let's think about the product planning that draws up customer's needs based on the conception of the reversal of the value chain. In this case, the dissension and the confrontation are often seen between

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the production department near the customer, the development and the management department in a strategic standpoint. That is, there emerges an evaluation problem with the dilemma.

Arrow⁽¹⁾ (1951) proved that irrationality is generated in the society where the evaluator is composed of multiple types of people in the general possibility theorem whenever a social decision making is done from more than three choices. Such irrationality is often generated by the difference in the standpoint where each evaluator is left. So the decision-making technique to the evaluation problem with the dilemma or circulation is extremely important to the definition of Simon saying "To manage is to decide to make".

Because the AHP is one technique of the decision-makings and it requires the transitive relation, the influence of dilemma is taken into adjustment level C.I, and has been treated as a decision making stress problem. In a large close-up of the evaluation problem with dilemma in full scale, the research of the reversal problem of the order in the AHP is like the opportunity. Because the reversal of the order in the decision-making method becomes a fatal fault of the technique, Sugiura,S. & Kinoshita,E.(2005) showed the dissolution of the evaluation problem with dilemma or circulation by using the Concurrent Convergence⁽³⁾. However, the dissolution method by the ANP has not been proposed yet. This paper describes a dissolution method of the dilemma or circulation problem by using the ANP and some findings to the ANP.

2. Dissolution method of the dilemma or circulation problem

2.1 Previous method

The decision making determines man's subsequent behavior. Therefore, the method of the problem should offer the decision-maker preferable information on the alternatives and risk information according to the selection. However, there is no decision-making method that gives significant information on the evaluation problem with circulative, for instance, "Rock> Scissor", "Scissor> Rock ", "Rock > Paper".

Sugiura,S. & Kinoshita,E. (2005) classified the circulation problems into two kinds as following, Simple Circulation and Circulation by fallacy of composition, and showed the unified solution. When the alternatives are evaluated by a specific basis of selection, Simple Circulation is generated. Therefore, the rock-paper- scissors becomes Simple Circulation. When two or more decision-makers exist, and when decision maker's standpoint are different, Circulation by fallacy of composition is generated.

The dilemma or circulation problem in the AHP was taken up as an architectural issue by E.Triantapylou and by E.Kinoshita et al., with comparing two alternatives for the cancellation of the order reversal problem. For instance, three types of Japanese Sinkansen: "Kodama","Hikari", and "Nozomi" are assumed to be mutual alternatives, and "Amenity (C1)" and "Economy (C2)" are assumed to be a criterion in the illustration of Simple Circulation that Sugiura,S. & Kinoshita,E. (2005).⁽²⁾ set. In this example, is inferred the order of "Nozomi">"Kodama">"Hikari", because "Kodama" (0.68)> "Hikari" (0.32) and "Nozomi" (0.6) > "Kodama" (0.4) has been approved when "Amenity (C1)" and "Economy

(C2)" are assumed to be a criterion. But, it is impossible to set priorities between three alternatives because of "Hikari" (0.55)> "Nozomi" 0.45). (Table 1.)

Table.1. Illustration of Simple Circulation

	C1(0.8)	C2(0.2)	Value
Kodama	0.7	0.6	0.68
Hikari	0.3	0.4	0.32
	C1(0.5)	C2(0.5)	Value
Nozomi	0.9	0.3	0.6
Kodama	0.1	0.7	0.4
	C1(0.3)	C2(0.7)	Value
Hikari	0.2	0.7	0.55
Nozomi	0.8	0.3	0.45

The element not evaluated is inferred, and the evaluation by final AHP becomes the following.⁽²⁾

Table 2. Pair comparison

	Kodama	Hikari	Nozomi	Eigen value
Kodama	1	2.1250	0.6667	0.3712
Hikari	0.4706	1	1.2222	0.2749
Nozomi	1.5000	0.8182	1	0.3539

In the Concurrent Convergence by Sugiura & Kinoshita , they put it with

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2.1250 & 0.6667 \\ 0.4706 & 1 & 1.2222 \\ 1.5000 & 0.8182 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1^{XX} & M_2^{YX} & M_3^{ZX} \\ M_1^{XY} & M_2^{YY} & M_3^{ZY} \\ M_1^{XZ} & M_2^{YZ} & M_3^{ZZ} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt[3]{M_1^{XX} \cdot M_2^{XX} \cdot M_3^{XX}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{YX} \cdot M_2^{YX} \cdot M_3^{YX}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{ZX} \cdot M_2^{ZX} \cdot M_3^{ZX}} \\ \sqrt[3]{M_1^{XY} \cdot M_2^{XY} \cdot M_3^{XY}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{YY} \cdot M_2^{YY} \cdot M_3^{YY}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{ZY} \cdot M_2^{ZY} \cdot M_3^{ZY}} \\ \sqrt[3]{M_1^{XZ} \cdot M_2^{XZ} \cdot M_3^{XZ}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{YZ} \cdot M_2^{YZ} \cdot M_3^{YZ}} & \sqrt[3]{M_1^{ZZ} \cdot M_2^{ZZ} \cdot M_3^{ZZ}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1.3505 & 1.0490 \\ 0.7405 & 1 & 0.7768 \\ 0.9533 & 1.2874 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

the matrix is obtained⁽³⁾. All eigenvectors are thoroughly requested from one as for the ratio of the evaluation of final alternatives when regularizing it, and this result showed that the priority level is uniquely decided.

2.2 Proposed method

Some information needs AHP about all alternatives or ratios of the evaluation item usually. However, the paired comparison might be difficult to evaluate it. For instance, let's regard the circulative matrix in Table 1.

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Each element of a couple of comparison matrix shown by A, B and C as mentioned above.

$$U_{AHP} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1/a_1 & a_1/a_2 & b_1/b_2 \\ a_2/a_1 & a_2/a_2 & c_1/c_2 \\ b_2/b_1 & c_2/c_1 & c_2/c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A & B \\ 1/A & 1 & C \\ 1/B & 1/C & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Let's think about the ANP that sets these two matrixes by assuming the matrix that interpolates the loss of the evaluation value to be W . For instance, the element not evaluated is assumed to be 0 and the evaluated element are assumed to be 1. Then the super-matrix of the ANP will be made from the criteria matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta & W \\ U & \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.68 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.32 & 0 & 0.55 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 0.45 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The definition of this criterion matrix W is insufficient. The eigenvector of UW is $(0.3620, 0.2778, 0.3602)$, the order is maintained, and the error margin with each eigenvector is within ± 0.01 in compared with the value of Table 2. Therefore, we may obtain the same solution as Eq.(2) by the ANP, if suitable criterion matrix W is defined. Then, we think about the eigenvector of the super-matrix U based on the evaluation matrix W whose element without the evaluation is 0, by taking the matrix inverse of the dilemma or circulation .

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 \\ \frac{a_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 & \frac{a_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ 0 & \frac{a_1 b_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_2 b_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The eigenvector to the maximum eigen value k of this matrix is assumed to be x and z .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta & W \\ U & \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The overall judgement of the alternatives is shown by eigenvector z to maximum eigenvalue. Let's compare this eigenvector z and the eigenvector y at value α shown by Eq.(2).

$y_1 = \frac{B\{AC(1-\alpha)-B\}}{B(1-\alpha)-AC}$ and $y_2 = \frac{C\{B(1-\alpha)-AC\}}{AC(1-\alpha)-B}$ are element of the eigenvector is assumed to be $y(y_1, y_2, y_3)$ and $y_3 = 1$.

On the other hand, the eigenvector of z is written by $1 - \frac{1}{1-k^2} = \alpha - 1$ as $z_3 = 1$, $z(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ is eigenvalue of Eq.(5).

$$z_1 = \frac{B\{B+AC\}(1-k^2)-AC}{(B+AC)(1-k^2)-B} = \frac{B\{B-(1-\alpha)AC\}}{AC-(1-\alpha)B} = \frac{B\{(1-\alpha)AC-B\}}{(1-\alpha)B-AC} = y_1$$

$$z_2 = \frac{C\{B+AC\}(1-k^2)-B}{(B+AC)(1-k^2)-AC} = \frac{C\{AC-(1-\alpha)B\}}{B-(1-\alpha)AC} = \frac{C\{(1-\alpha)B-AC\}}{(1-\alpha)AC-B} = y_2.$$

Thus, in spite of α and k , the eigenvector of UW is the same as the eigenvector of U_{AHP} . That is, $a_{ij} = 1/a_{ji}$ is assumption in the relations between elements of AHP. Therefore, such as a dilemma or circulation problem can be solved by the proposed method by requesting the eigenvector in descriptive ANP to the maximum eigenvalue.

3. Descriptive interpretation of the proposal method

It was mathematically shown that Eq.(5) has the same eigenvector as Eq.(2). At the next stage, this method will be defined. The matrix W is

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & 0 \\ w_{21} & 0 & w_{23} \\ 0 & w_{32} & w_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

UW can be presented as follows.

$$UW = \begin{bmatrix} a_1w_{11} + b_1w_{21} & b_1w_{12} & b_1w_{23} \\ a_2w_{11} & a_2w_{12} + c_1w_{13} & c_1w_{33} \\ b_2w_{21} & c_2w_{13} & b_2w_{23} + c_2w_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Let's think about the action of W on UW in the ANP. Let's imagine the situation that there is demand W from each alternative through the evaluator T_1, T_2 and T_3 of three people giving the evaluation value indicated in Eq.(1) to the alternative "Kodama", "Hikari" and "Nozomi"

Each line of Eq.(7) is an evaluation value of alternatives, and it is possible to think each row to be an evaluation value of three virtual evaluators T_1, T_2 and T_3 . The ANP method minimizes the difference of the contradiction between alternatives and the criteria.

For instance, we think about the process of mutual evaluation as an example of alternatives "Kodama". This case where the evaluator evaluates Kodama is divided into the following four cases.

(1) The case that the evaluator T_1 gives a_1 to "Kodama" (The main factor is "Kodama")

Naturally, the other alternatives of "Hikari" and "Nozomi" will demand to review evaluation value a_1 . "Hikari" and "Nozomi" start correcting evaluation value to evaluator T_3 and T_2 . At this time, since it is b_2 and c_1 to influence the evaluation of a_1 , these two multiplications as a size of the demand and assume evaluation value a_1 review w_{11} to be $w_{11} = b_2 c_1$ now.

We may think that multiplication $a_1 w_{11}$ of evaluation value a_1 and evaluation value $a_1 w_{11}$ represents the satisfaction rating of "Kodama". So the evaluation a_1 of "Kodama" dominates this satisfaction rating, then the main factor of the satisfaction rating is "Kodama".

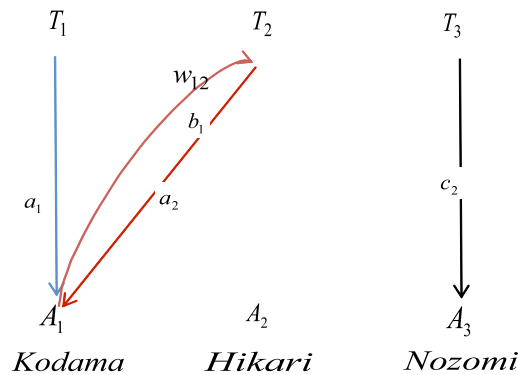
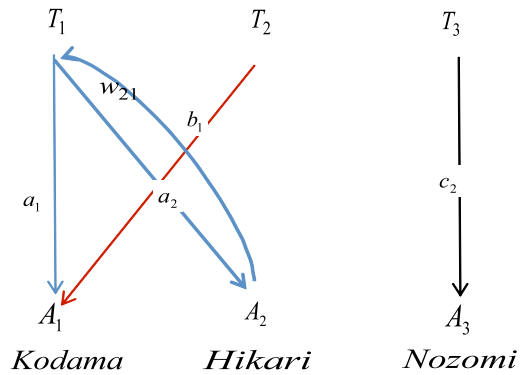
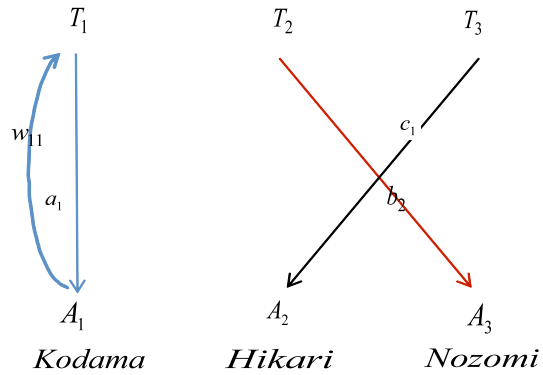
(2) The case that the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama" (The main factor is "Kodama") :

In this case, "Hikari" will demand evaluation value b_1 correction to the evaluator T_1 and "Nozomi" will demand evaluation value correction to the evaluator T_3 too.

When the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama", a_2 and c_2 influence the evaluation value b_1 . Then, the size of the demand may be cut by $w_{21} = a_2 c_2$, and then $b_1 w_{21}$ is the satisfaction rating will go up among the evaluators T_1, T_2 and T_3 to "Kodama". For example, "Kodama" becomes a main factor of the satisfaction rating because $b_1 w_{21}$ becomes $(1 - a_1) b_1 c_2$ when assuming $a_1 + a_2 = 1$.

(3) The case that the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama" (The main factor is "Hikari")

In this case, the evaluator T_1 gives a_1 to "Kodama". At this time, evaluators will evaluate either of "Hikari" or "Nozomi". The evaluator T_3 only has to evaluate "Nozomi", when the opportunity where "Hikari" receives the evaluation is abandoned. Therefore, there are only a_1 and c_2 who can be able to



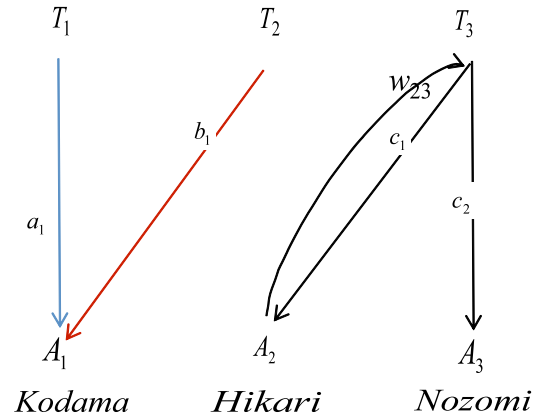
place the objection between the evaluation value of this b_1 when the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama". However, when the alternative lodges an objection not only in other evaluation values but also in its own evaluation values, the equilibrium solution cannot be made. Therefore, the equilibrium solution can be created by making the complaint only to the others' evaluations. A satisfaction rating is b_1w_{12} and leads to $b_1w_{12} = (1 - a_2)b_1c_2$. That is, "Hikari" indirectly becomes the main factor of the satisfaction rating.

(4) The case where the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama" (The main factor is "Nozomi")

The main factor of the shadow is "Nozomi" this time. Then the evaluator T_2 gives b_1 to "Kodama", a_1 and c_1 influence the evaluation value of b_1 . Then, the size of the demand may be cut by $w_{23} = a_1c_1$, and then $w_{23} = a_1c_1$ is the satisfaction rating will rise among the valuator to "Kodama".

A similar interpretation is possible for "Hikari" and "Nozomi" of the Eq.8. The criterion matrix W is a matrix of the satisfaction rating to the evaluation matrix U when interpreted like this. Assuming the evaluation value to evaluator's final alternatives to be z_1, z_2 , and z_3 , the overall evaluation of "Kodama" becomes

$$(a_1w_{11} + b_1w_{21})z_1 + a_1w_{12}z_2 + b_1w_{23}z_3 \text{ and is proportional to } z_1.$$



4. Example of application and knowledge to the ANP

4.1 Dilemma problem of Triantapyllou⁽⁴⁾

Table 3 is a case where the order reversal is caused by pointing out by Triantapyllou, E. (2001). Such a dilemma problem is caused easily when there are a lot of criteria and alternatives.

Table 3. Order reversal by Triantapyllou

	C1(4/22)	C2(9/22)	C3(9/22)	Evaluation	Normalized
A1	9/9	5/8	2/8	0.5398	0.2844
A2	1/9	8/8	5/8	0.6850	0.3609
A3	8/9	2/8	8/8	0.6730	0.3546
	A2 >	A3 >	A1		
	C1(4/22)	C2(9/22)	C3(9/22)	Evaluation	Normalized
A2	1/8	8/8	5/8	0.6875	0.4979
A3	8/8	2/8	8/8	0.6932	0.5021
	C1(4/22)	C2(9/22)	C3(9/22)	Evaluation	Normalized
A1	9/9	5/8	2/5	0.6011	0.4176
A2	1/9	8/8	5/5	0.8384	0.5824
	C1(4/22)	C2(9/22)	C3(9/22)	Evaluation	Normalized
A1	9/9	5/8	2/8	0.6932	0.4856
A3	1/9	8/8	5/8	0.7343	0.5144
	A3 >	A2 >	A1		

The main eigenvector (0.2913, 3696, 3391) is obtained, when this method is applied to the dilemma problem of Triantapyllou. By the way, the main eigenvector, in one the criteria of the super-matrix when regularizing, becomes (0.2818, 3799, 3382), and is not same as the previous eigenvector.

However, the ratio of the row is the same, even if Eq.(1) is regularized, and the value of A, B, and C of Eq.(2) doesn't change. This reason is as follows: The following equations are obtained from Eq.(5) for the main eigenvector; $Wz = kx$ and $Ux = kz$. When x is deleted;

$$\begin{aligned}
 UWz &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 \\ \frac{a_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 & \frac{a_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ 0 & \frac{a_1 b_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_2 b_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{AB}{B+AC} & \frac{ABC}{B+AC} \\ \frac{C}{B+AC} & 1 & \frac{BC}{B+AC} \\ \frac{1}{B+AC} & \frac{A}{B+AC} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Eq.(8) is obtained. That is, the ratio between elements of the row is the same, even if the row of alternatives of the super-procession is regularized, and the value of A, B, and C don't change. However, it is not significant to the regularization of the row of the criterion of the super-matrix. Because there are six variables but only three equations when the row of the criterion of the super-procession is adjusted to one. These problems can be solved if the conditions are given. This means that A, B, and C become not independent any longer. That is, the meaning is not found in adjusting the row of the criterion of the super-matrix. Regularization has been said to be natural in the AHP. In the ANP, regularization is often available. However, the case where the reversal of the order of an integrated value is caused is often generated by regularization. The illustration of Triantapyllou suggests having not to regularize the criterion-matrix easily.

4.2 Discussion of the dilemma or circulation problem with fallacy of composition

A fallacy of composition arises when the whole is inferred from the fact that each choice is appropriate of some part of the whole. In recent years, the life cycle of the commodity is short, and the development risk has risen to, since the value chain reverses and the product development is indispensable based on customers' needs. Therefore, the decision making problem is important to solve in the enterprise.

For instance, let's assume the case where the evaluation of a certain product planning separates mutually in the farm enterprise and the development section and the production department like the satisfaction rating shown in Table 4. Let's apply the proposed method to this illustration.

Table 4. Dilemma problem with fallacy of composition⁽³⁾

	Farm	Development	Production	Total
Commodity1	83	72	65	220
Commodity2	77	56	85	218
Commodity3	64	85	70	219

The enterprise evaluates the order of Commodity1(83) > Commodity2 (77) > Commodity3 (64) and the development section evaluates the order of Commodity3(85)>Commodity1(72)> Commodity2 (56). On the other hand, the evaluation of the production department evaluates the order of Commodity3(70) >Commodity2(85)>Commodity1(65).Therefore a fallacy of composition arises. Then, evaluation matrix UW is made based on Commodity1 in the first row, Commodity2 in the second row and Commodity3 in the third row.

$$UW = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1.2857 & 0.9286 \\ 0.9277 & 1 & 1.2143 \\ 0.7711 & 1.5186 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Moreover, the matrix is made by crossing the element of each line of UW .

$$\left[\frac{A^2 B^2 C}{(B + AC)^2} \quad \frac{BC^2}{(B + AC)^2} \quad \frac{A}{(B + AC)^2} \right] = [1.1939 \quad 1.1265 \quad 1.1704]$$

By neglecting the denominator of the element, $A = 1.1704$ 、 $B = 0.8769$ and $C = 1.1334$ are obtained. Finally, the same shape of Eq. (1) is obtained. Then, we consider the eigenvector of the super-matrix based on the evaluation matrix whose element without the evaluation is 0, by taking the inverse of the matrix as the evaluation matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta & W \\ U & \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5144 & 0.3980 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.4538 & 0 & 0.6020 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5312 & 0.3980 \\ 1.1704 & 0.8769 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1.1334 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This eigenvector becomes (0.3362, 0.3298, 0.3340).

By the way, if the evaluation value of the farm enterprise to Commodity1 doesn't change, an actual satisfaction rating to Commodity2 is higher than $83/1.1704 = 71$. Oppositely, if the evaluation value of the farm enterprise to Commodity2 doesn't change, an actual satisfaction rating to Commodity1 is lower than $77 \times 1.1704 = 90$. In other words, there is room to review the evaluation because the satisfaction figures to be wide. Table 5 shows the width of the evaluation, correction value in the geometric mean, the sum, and ratio. The agreement will be necessary to revise the value of each such evaluation.

Table 5. Review of evaluation value

	Review			Mean Square			Sum	Ratio
	Farm	Develop	Pro	Farm	Develop	Pro	Final	
Com1	90/83	75/74		86	74		160	0.3397
Com2	77/71		79/85	73		81	154	0.3270
Com3		86/85	70/75		85	72	157	0.3333

The obtained eigenvector $W(w_1, w_2, w_3)$ is the geometric mean. This reason is thought as follows. Multiplied by the geometric mean of B and C is shown below.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A^2 B^2 C \quad BC^2 \quad A] &= [1.1939 \quad 1.1265 \quad 1.1704] = (w_1^3 \quad w_2^3 \quad w_3^3) \\
 B &= \frac{w_1^2}{w_2 w_3^4} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{w_2^2 w_3^2}{w_1} \\
 BC &= \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3^2}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, eigenvector $z(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ and constant of proportion β of UW are used.

$$z_1 = \frac{B \{ (B + AC)(1 - k^2) - AC \}}{(B + AC)(1 - k^2) - B} = \frac{w_1}{\beta} \quad z_2 = \frac{C \{ (B + AC)(1 - k^2) - B \}}{(B + AC)(1 - k^2) - AC} = \frac{w_2}{\beta}$$

Because $z_1 z_2 = BC = \frac{w_1 w_2}{\beta^2}$ is equal to expression of Eq.(8), the constant of proportion becomes

$\beta = w_3$. Therefore, $z_1 = \frac{w_1}{w_3}$, $z_2 = \frac{w_2}{w_3}$ and $z_3 = \frac{w_3}{w_3}$ are obtained, the eigenvectors obtained by this method is always a value of the geometrical mean.

5. Conclusion.

The following findings can be obtained from this paper.

- (1) A new method to solve the dilemma or circulation problem is proposed by using the ANP, and the legitimate of which is mathematically proven.
- (2) In the ANP, regularization is often available. However, the case where the reversal of the order of an integrated value is caused is often generated by regularization. The illustration of Triantapyllou suggests having not to regularize the criterion-matrix easily.
- (3) The evaluation value is not absolute. In other words, there is room to review the evaluation because the satisfaction figures to be wide. The method is useful to revise the value of each such evaluation.

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Appendices

Calculating the eigenvector in the AHP

Let's consider the following matrix of the dilemma or circulation problem.

$$U = \begin{matrix} \text{Kodama} \\ \text{Hikari} \\ \text{Nozomi} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A1})$$

Pairs are compared from Eq. (A1), and the matrix is represented by A, B, and C.

$$U_{AHP} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1/a_1 & a_1/a_2 & b_1/b_2 \\ a_2/a_1 & a_2/a_2 & c_1/c_2 \\ b_2/b_1 & c_2/c_1 & c_2/c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A & B \\ 1/A & 1 & C \\ 1/B & 1/C & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's assume the maximum eigenvalue and the eigenvector of this matrix to be α and (y_1, y_2, y_3) .

$$y_1 + Ay_2 + By_3 = \alpha y_1 \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$y_1/A + y_2 + Cy_3 = \alpha y_2 \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$y_1/B + y_2/C + y_3 = \alpha y_3 \quad (\text{A4})$$

When Eq.(A4) from Eq.(A2) are arranged,

$$(1 - \alpha)y_1 + Ay_2 + By_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$y_1/A + (1 - \alpha)y_2 + Cy_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$y_1/B + y_2/C + (1 - \alpha)y_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A7})$$

Eq.(A5) from Eq.(A7) are obtained. From Eq.(A5) and Eq.(A7),

$$y_1 = \frac{B\{AC(1 - \alpha) - B\}}{B(1 - \alpha) - AC} y_3 \quad (\text{A8})$$

from Eq.(A6) and Eq.(A7),

$$y_2 = \frac{C\{B(1-\alpha)-AC\}}{AC(1-\alpha)-B} y_3 \tag{A9}$$

are obtained. As $y_3 = 1$,

$$y_1 = \frac{B\{AC(1-\alpha)-B\}}{B(1-\alpha)-AC} \text{ and } y_2 = \frac{C\{B(1-\alpha)-AC\}}{AC(1-\alpha)-B} \text{ are get as the eigenvector.}$$

Calculating the eigenvector in the ANP

Next, let's think about super-matrix U based on the evaluation matrix W whose element without the evaluation is 0.

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 \\ \frac{a_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 & \frac{a_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ 0 & \frac{a_1 b_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_2 b_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \end{bmatrix} \tag{A10}$$

Let's assume the maximum eigenvalue and the eigenvector of this matrix to be k and x and z in the ANP.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta & W \\ U & \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} \tag{A11}$$

From $Wz = kx$ and $Ux = kz$, $UWz = k^2 z$ is

$$UWz = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 \\ \frac{a_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 0 & \frac{a_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ 0 & \frac{a_1 b_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_2 b_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{a_1 b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_1 b_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ \frac{a_2 b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 1 & \frac{a_2 b_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \\ \frac{a_2 b_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & \frac{a_1 b_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

obtained.

$$\left(1 - k^2\right) z_1 + \frac{a_1 b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_2 + \frac{a_1 b_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A12})$$

$$\frac{a_2 b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_1 + \left(1 - k^2\right) z_2 + \frac{a_2 b_1 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$\frac{a_2 b_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_1 + \frac{a_1 b_2 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} z_2 + \left(1 - k^2\right) z_3 = 0 \quad (\text{A14})$$

From Eq.(A12) and Eq.(A14),

$$z_1 = \frac{\frac{b_1}{b_2} \left\{ \left(1 - k^2\right) - \frac{a_1 b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \right\}}{\left(1 - k^2\right) - \frac{a_2 b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2}} z_3 \text{ is obtained.}$$

From Eq.(A13) and Eq.(A14),

$$z_2 = \frac{\frac{c_1}{c_2} \left\{ \left(1 - k^2\right) - \frac{a_2 b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2} \right\}}{\left(1 - k^2\right) - \frac{a_1 b_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_2}} z_3$$

Here, when rewriting by A, B, C and $1 - \frac{1}{1 - k^2} = \beta - 1$ under the $z_3 = 1$,

$$z_1 = \frac{B \left\{ (B + AC) \left(1 - k^2\right) - AC \right\}}{(B + AC) \left(1 - k^2\right) - B} = \frac{B \{ B - (1 - \beta) AC \}}{AC - (1 - \beta) B} = \frac{B \{ (1 - \beta) AC - B \}}{(1 - \beta) B - AC} = y_1$$

$$z_2 = \frac{C \left\{ (B + AC) \left(1 - k^2\right) - B \right\}}{(B + AC) \left(1 - k^2\right) - AC} = \frac{C \{ AC - (1 - \beta) B \}}{B - (1 - \beta) AC} = \frac{C \{ (1 - \beta) B - AC \}}{(1 - \beta) AC - B} = y_2$$

Therefore, the eigenvector of Eq.(A11) becomes equivalent with the eigenvector of U_{AHP} .

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