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# $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroups

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, by using the concept of belonging to and quasi-coincident, the notions of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroups is introduced. We show that A is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $a \in (0, 1]$ , the cut set  $A_a$  of A is a 3-valued vague subgroup of G, and A is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $a \in (0, 0.5]$  the cut set of A is a 3-valued vague subgroup of G.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In most cases of judgements, evaluation is done by human beings (or by an intelligent agent) where there certainly is a limitation of knowledge or intellectual functionaries. Naturally, every decision-maker hesitates more or less, on every evaluation activity. To judge whether a patient has cancer or not, a doctor (the decision-maker) will hesitate because of the fact that a fraction of evaluation he thinks in favor of truthness, another fraction in favor of falseness and rest part remains undecided to him. This is the breaking philosophy in the notion of vague set theory introduced by Gau and Buehrer.

Since the concept of fuzzy group was introduced by Rosenfeld in 1971, the theories and approaches on different fuzzy algebraic structures developed rapidly. It is worth pointing out that Bhakat and Das [1] gave the concepts of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  – fuzzy subgroups by using the belong to relation ( $\in$ ) and quasi-coincident with relation (q) between a fuzzy point  $x_a$  and a fuzzy set A, and introduced the concept of ( $\in, \in \lor q$ ) – vague. Yuan et al. Clearly, in order to answer this question, the neighborhood relations between a fuzzy point  $x_a$  and an intuitionistic fuzzy set A should be built.

In this paper, we deal with the various equivalent conditions for the vague groups. This paper will be organized as follows: in Section 2, definitions and notations are given. In Section 3, based on the concept of cut sets on intuitionistic fuzzy sets presented in [5], we establish the relationship between a fuzzy point and a vague set. In section 3, we provide the summary of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague groups and the corresponding theorems are shown. In section 4,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague normal subgroups and the corresponding theorems are shown.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we present now some preliminaries of vague sets.

Let  $G = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be the universe of discourse. The membership function for fuzzy sets can take any value from the closed interval [0, 1]. Fuzzy set A is defined as the set of ordered pairs  $A = \{(x; \mu_A(x)) | x \in G\}$ , where  $\mu_A(x)$ , is the grade of membership of element x in set A. The greater  $\mu_A(x)$ , the greater is the truth of the statement that the element x belongs to the set A'. But Gau and Buehrer [4] pointed out that this single value combines the evidence for x' and the evidence against x'.

It does not indicate the evidence for x' and the evidence against x', and it does not also indicate how much there is of each. Consequently, there is a genuine necessity of a different kind of fuzzy sets which could be treated as a generalization of Zadeh's fuzzy sets [7].

**Definition 2.1** ([3]). A vague set A in the universe of discourse G is characterized by two membership functions given by:

(1) a truth membership function

$$t_A: G \to [0,1]$$

and

(2) a false membership function

$$f_A: G \to [0,1],$$

Where  $t_A(x)$  is a lower bound of the grade of membership of x derived from the evidence for x, and  $f_A(x)$  is a lower bound of the negation of x derived from the evidence against x and  $t_A(x) + f_A(x) \le 1$ 

Thus the grade of membership of x in the vague set A is bounded by a sub interval  $[t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]$  of [0, 1]. This indicates that if the actual grade of membership is  $\mu(x)$ , then

$$t_A(x) \le \mu(x) \le 1 - f_A(x)$$

The vague set A is written as

$$A = \{ (x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in U \}.$$

where the interval  $[t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]$  is called the vague value of x in A and is denoted by  $V_A(x)$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let A be a subset of R that defined by :

$$t_A(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-4}{4} & 4 < x < 6\\ \frac{10-x}{8} & 6 < x < 10\\ 374 \end{cases}$$

$$f_A(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{6-x}{2} & 4 < x < 6\\ \frac{x-6}{4} & 6 < x < 10 \end{cases}$$

then A is a vague set.

**Definition 2.3** ([2]). Let (G, \*) be a group. A vague set A of G is called vague group (VG) of G if and only if the following conditions are true:

 $f_A(xy) \ge \min\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$  and  $f_A(x^{-1}) \ge f_A(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ , i.e., 1)  $t_A(xy) \ge \min\{t_A(x), t_A(y)\}$  and  $f_A(xy) \le \max\{f_A(x)\}, f_A(y)\}$  and 2)  $t_A(x^{-1}) \ge t_A(x), f_A(x^{-1}) \le f_A(x)$ .

Let G be a universe discourse. A fuzzy point, denoted by  $x_a$  is a fuzzy set that satisfying

$$A(x) := \begin{cases} a & y = x \\ 0 & y \neq x \end{cases}$$

for any  $x, y \in G, a \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([6]). Let A be a subset over G and  $x_a$  be a fuzzy point.

1) If  $A(x) \ge a$ , then we say  $x_a$  belongs to A, and denote  $x_a \in A$ ;

- 2) If a + A(x) > 1, then we say  $x_a$  is quasi-coincident with A, and denote  $x_a q A$ ; 3)  $x_a \in \wedge A \iff x_a \in A$  and  $x_a q A$ ;
- 4)  $x_a \in \lor A \iff x_a \in A \text{ or } x_a q A.$

**Definition 2.5** ([6]). Let  $A = \{(x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in G\}$  be a vague subset over G and  $a \in [0, 1]$ , 1) We call

$$\begin{aligned} A_{a}(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 & t_{A}(x) \ge a \\ \frac{1}{2} & t_{A}(x) < a \le 1 - f_{A}(x) \\ 0 & a > 1 - f_{A}(x). \end{cases}, A_{\underline{a}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & t_{A}(x) > a \\ \frac{1}{2} & t_{A}(x) \le a < 1 - f_{A}(x) \\ 0 & a \ge 1 - f_{A}(x). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \text{ We call} \\ A_{[a]}(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 & a + t_{A}(x) \ge 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & f_{A}(x) \le a \le 1 - t_{A}(x) \\ 0 & f_{A}(x) \ge a. \end{cases}, A_{\underline{[a]}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & a + t_{A}(x) > 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & f_{A}(x) < a \le 1 - t_{A}(x) \\ 0 & f_{A}(x) \ge a. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

the a-the upper Q-cut set and a-strong upper Q-cut set of fuzzy set A, respectively.

**Remark 2.6.** (1) It is obvious that  $A_{\underline{[a]}}(x) = A_{\underline{1-a}}(x), A_{\underline{a}} \subseteq A_a$ . If a < b, then  $A_a \supseteq A_b, A_{\underline{a}} \supseteq A_{\underline{b}}, and A_{\underline{a}} \supseteq A_b$ .

(2) Let X be a set. We call the map  $A: G \to \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$  a 3- valued fuzzy set.

**Definition 2.7** ([6]). (1) Let  $[x_a \in A]$  and  $[x_a q A]$  represent the grades of membership of  $x_a \in A$  and  $x_a q A$ , respectively, then

$$[x_a \in A] := A_a(x);$$
$$[x_a q A] := A_{[a]}(x).$$

2) Let  $[x_a \in \land qA]$  and  $[x_a \in \lor qA]$  represent the grade of membership of  $x_a \in A$ and  $x_a qA$ ,  $x_a \in A$  or  $x_a qA$ , then

$$[x_a \in \land qA] := [x_a \in A] \land [x_a qA] = A_a(x) \land A_{[a]}(x)$$
  
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 $[x_a \in \lor qA] := [x_a \in A] \lor [x_a qA] = A_a(x) \lor A_{[a]}(x)$ 

**Definition 2.8** ([6]). Let  $x_a$  be a fuzzy point,  $s \in [0,1]$  and  $A = \{(x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in G\}$  be vague set of U. The neighborhood relations between a fuzzy point  $x_a$  and vague set A are related as follows:

(1) 
$$[x_a q_s A] = \begin{cases} 1 & a + t_A(x) > 2s \\ \frac{1}{2} & t_A(x) \le 2s - a < 1 - f_A(x) \\ 0 & f_A(x) + 2s \ge a + 1. \end{cases}$$
  
(2)  $[x_a \in \land q_s A] \triangleq [x_a \in A] \land [x_a q_s A];$ 

(3)  $[x_a \in \lor q_s A] \triangleq [x_a \in A] \lor [x_a q_s A].$ 

When s = 0.5,  $[x_a q_s A] = [x_a q A]$ .

By Definition 2.8 we know that  $[x_a \alpha A] \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ .

# 3. $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroups

**Definition 3.1.** Let G be a group,  $A = \{(x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in G\}$  be a vague subset of G and  $\alpha, \beta \in \{\in, q, \in \forall q, \in \land q\}, \alpha \neq \in \land q$ . A is called a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $x, y \in G$  and  $s, t \in (0, 1]$ :

(1)  $[x_s y_t \beta A] \ge [x_s \alpha A] \land [y_t \alpha A].$ (2)  $[x_s^{-1} \beta A] \ge [x_s \alpha A]$ 

(2)  $[x_s^{-1}\beta A] \ge [x_s\alpha A].$ 

**Example 3.2.** Consider the group  $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$  with respect to the binary operation 'multiplication complex number' where  $\omega$  is the an imaginary cube root of unity and let,  $A = \{\langle 1, [0.9, 0.1] \rangle, \langle \omega, [0.6, 0.2] \rangle, \langle \omega^2, [0.6, 0.2] \rangle\}$ . Then  $A = \{(x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in G\}$  is a  $(\in, \in)$ -vague subgroup of the group G.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $G = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a group with operation + as follows:

+	a	b	с	d
a	а	b	с	d
b	b	a	d	с
с	с	d	b	a
d	d	с	a	b

And let,  $A = \{ \langle a, [0.7, 0.2] \rangle, \langle b, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle c, [0.3, 0.4] \rangle, \langle d, [0.3, 0.4] \rangle \}$ . Then  $A = \{ (x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]) | x \in U \}$ 

is a  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup of G.

In Definition 3.1,  $\alpha$  can be chosen one of four kinds of relations, and  $\beta$  also can be chosen one from four kinds of relations. Next, we will discuss the properties of these kinds of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroups.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let A be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroups of G. If  $\alpha \neq \in \land q$ , then  $A_{\underline{0}}$  is a 3- value fuzzy subgroups of G, i.e.,  $\forall x, y \in G, A_{\underline{0}}(xy) \geq A_{\underline{0}}(x) \land A_{\underline{0}}(y), A_{\underline{0}}(x^{-1}) \geq A_{\underline{0}}(x)$ .

*Proof.* (1) We prove that  $A_0(x) \wedge A_0(y) = 1$  implies  $A_0(xy) = 1$ . Let  $A_{\underline{0}}(x) \wedge A_{\underline{0}}(y) = 1$ . Denote  $t = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y)$ , then there exists  $s \in (0, 1)$  such that  $0 < 1 - s < t = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y)$ . Thus,  $[x_t \in A] = A_t(x) = 1$ ,  $[y_t \in A] = A_t(y) = 1$ ,  $[x_sqA] = A_{\underline{[s]}}(x) = 1$  and  $[y_sqA] = A_{\underline{[s]}}(y) = 1$ .

(i) If  $\alpha \in \alpha \in \forall q$ , then  $[x_t \alpha A] = [y_t \alpha A] = 1$ . Thus, for  $\beta \in \{ \in, q, \in \forall q, \in \land q \}$ , we have  $1 \geq [xy\beta A] \geq [x_t \alpha A] \land [y_t \alpha A] = 1$ , i.e.,  $((xy)_t \beta A) = 1$ . Hence,  $A_t((1 - \lambda)x + \lambda y) = 1$  or  $A_{\underline{t}}(xy) = 1$ , which implies that  $t_A(xy) \geq t$ , or  $t_A(xy) > 1 - t \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $A_{\underline{0}}(xy) = 1$ .

(ii) If  $\alpha = q$ , so  $[x_s \alpha A] = [y_s \alpha A] = 1$ . Thus, for  $\beta \in \{ \in, q, \in \lor q, \in \land q \}$ , we have  $[(xy)_s \beta A] = 1$ . Hence,  $A_s(xy) = 1$  or  $A_{\underline{s}}(xy) = 1$ , which implies that  $t_A(xy) \ge s > 0$ , or  $t_A(xy) > 1 - s \ge 0$ . Therefore,  $A_{\underline{0}}(xy) = 1$ .

Second, we show that  $A_{\underline{0}}(x) \wedge A_{\underline{0}}(y) = \frac{1}{2} \Longrightarrow A_{\underline{0}}(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $A_{\underline{0}}(x) \wedge A_{\underline{0}}(y) = \frac{1}{2}$ . So  $f_A(x) < 1$  and  $f_A(y) < 1$ . Let  $s, t \in (0, 1)$  such that  $f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) < 1 - t < s < 1$ . Then  $[x_t \in A] = A_t(x) \ge \frac{1}{2}, [y_t \in A] = A_t(y) \ge \frac{1}{2}, [x_s qA] = A_{\underline{[s]}}(x) \ge \frac{1}{2}, [y_s qA] = A_{\underline{[s]}}(y) \ge \frac{1}{2}.$ 

(i) If  $\alpha \in 0$  or  $\alpha \in \forall q$ , hence  $[x_t \alpha A] \land [y_t \alpha A] \ge \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, for  $\beta \in \{\in, q, \in \forall q, \in \land q\}$ , we have  $[(xy)_t \beta A] \ge [x_t \alpha A] \land [y_t \alpha A] \ge \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence,  $A_t(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$  or  $A_{\underline{t}}(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ , which implies that  $f_A(xy) \le 1 - t < 1$  or  $f_A(xy) \le t < 1$ . Therefore,  $A_{\underline{0}}(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ .

(ii) If  $\alpha = q$ , therefore  $[x_t \alpha A] \land [y_t \alpha A] = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus for  $\beta \in \{\in, q, \in \forall q, \in \land q\}$ , we have  $[x_s y_s \beta A] \ge \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence,  $A_s(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$  or  $A_{\underline{[s]}}(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ , which implies that  $f_A(xy) \le 1 - s < 1$  or  $f_A(xy) \le s < 1$ . Therefore,  $A_{\underline{0}}(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ . By  $A_{\underline{0}}(x), A_{\underline{0}}(y),$  $A_{\underline{0}}(xy) \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$  and the proof of (i) and (ii), we know that  $A_{\underline{0}}(x) \land A_{\underline{0}}(y) \le A_{\underline{0}}(xy)$ . By similar reasoning, we have  $A_{\underline{0}}(x^{-1}) \ge A_{\underline{0}}(x)$ . Therefore,  $A_{\underline{0}}$  is a 3- vague subgroups of G.

**Lemma 3.5.** If A is an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroups of G and  $\alpha \neq \in \land q$ , then  $A_{\underline{0}}$  is a 3-vague subgroups of G, and  $f_A(e) \geq f_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* For all  $x \in G$ , we have  $xx^{-1} = e$ , hence  $f_A(e) = f_{A_0}(xx^{-1}) \ge f_{A_0}(x) \land f_{A_0}(x^{-1})$  by the Theorem 3.4,  $f_{A_0}(x) \land f_{A_0}(x^{-1}) \ge f_{A_0}(x) \land f_{A_0}(x) = f_{A_0}(x)$  thus  $f_{A_0}(e) \ge f_{A_0}(x)$ .

If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in G then  $f_A(x_n)$  is an interval  $[t_A(x_n), 1 - f_A(x_n)]$ , for any positive integer n. We define  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_A(x_n) = [\lim_{n\to\infty} t_A(x_n), 1 - \lim_{n\to\infty} f_A(x_n)]$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A_0$  be a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroups of G. If there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in G, such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_{A_0}(x_n) = [1, 1]$  then  $f_{A_0}(e) = [1, 1]$ .

*Proof.* we have  $f_{A_0}(e) \ge f_{A_0}(x)$ , for  $x \in G$ , thus  $f_{A_0}(e) \ge f_{A_0}(x_n)$  For every positive integer n. Since  $t_{A_0}(e) \le 1$  and  $1 - f_{A_0}(e) \le 1$  then we have  $f_{A_0}(e) = [t_{A_0}(e), 1 - f_{A_0}(e)] \le [1,1]$ . Consider  $f_{A_0}(e) \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} f_{A_0}(x_n) = [1,1]$  hence  $f_{A_0}(e) = [1,1]$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** If A and B are two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of a group G, then  $A \cap B$  is also an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G.

Proof.

$$t_{A\cap B}(xy^{-1}) = \min\{t_A(xy^{-1}), t_B(xy^{-1})\} \\ \ge \min\{\min\{t_A(x), t_A(y)\}, \min\{t_B(x), t_B(y)\} \\ = \min\{t_{A\cap B}(x), t_{A\cap B}(y)\}.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** If A and B are two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of a group G and  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A \cup B$  is also a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G.

**Definition 3.9.** An *I*-vague set *A* of a non-empty set *G* is a pair  $(t_A, f_A)$  where  $t_A: G \to I$  and  $f_A: G \to I$  with  $t_A(x) \leq 1 - f_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in G$ .

**Definition 3.10.** Let G be a group. An I- vague set A of a group G is called an  $I - (\alpha, \beta)$  vague group of G if:

(i)  $f_A(xy) \ge \min\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\},\$ (ii)  $f_A(x^{-1}) \ge f_A(x),$ 

for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Example 3.11.** Consider the group (Z, +). Let *I* be the unit interval [0, 1] of real numbers. Let  $a \oplus b = min\{1, a + b\}$ .

Define the I-vague set A of Z as follows:

$$f_A(x) = \begin{cases} [a_1, b_1] & x \in 4z \\ [a_2, b_2] & x \in 2z - 4z \\ [a_3, b_3] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
$$t_A(x) = \begin{cases} [c_1, d_1] & x \in 4z \\ [c_2, d_2] & x \in 2z - 4z \\ [c_3, d_3] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $[a_3, b_3] \leq [a_2, b_2] \leq [a_1, b_1], [c_1, d_1] \leq [c_2, d_2] \leq [c_3, d_3]$  and  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \in [0, 1]$  for i = 1, 2, 3. Then A is an  $I - (\alpha, \beta)$ -vague group of G.

**Definition 3.12.** Let A be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague set of a G with the true-membership function  $t_A$  and false-membership function  $f_A$ . The  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut of the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague set A is a crisp subset  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  of the set U given by  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} = \{x \in G \mid V_A(x) \ge [\alpha,\beta]\}$ , where  $\alpha \le \beta$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** If A and B be two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroups of G, then following holds:

(i)  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\delta,\theta)}$  if  $\alpha \ge \delta$  and  $\beta \le \theta$ (ii)  $A_{(1-\beta,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,1-\alpha)}$ (iii)  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ (iv)  $(A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cap B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ (v)  $(A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \supseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ (vi)  $(\cap A_i)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = \cap A_{i(\alpha,\beta)}$ (vii)  $A_{(0,1)} = 1$ 

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Then  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_A(x) \le \beta$ . Since  $\delta \le \alpha$  and  $\theta \ge \beta$ implies that  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha \ge \delta$  and  $f_A(x) \le \beta \le \theta$  thus  $t_A(x) \ge \delta$  and  $f_A(x) \le \theta$ therefore  $x \in A_{(\delta,\theta)}$ . Hence,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\delta,\theta)}$ .

(ii) Since,  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$  implies that  $1 - \beta \geq \alpha$  and  $\beta \leq \beta$ . Therefore by part (i) we get

$$(3.1) A_{(1-\beta,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

 $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$  implies that  $\beta \leq 1 - \alpha$ . Therefore by part (i) we get

$$\begin{array}{c} (3.2) \\ A_{(1-\beta,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ 378 \end{array}$$

From (3.1) and (3.2) we get that  $A_{(1-\beta,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,1-\alpha)}$ .

(iii) If  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , thus  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_A(x) \le \alpha$ . As  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $t_B(x) \ge t_A(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_B(x) \le f_A(x) \le \beta$  so  $t_B(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_B(x) \le \beta$  therefore  $x \in B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Hence  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

(iv) Since  $A \cap B = A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ . Therefore by part (i)  $(A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ and  $(A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  thus

$$(3.3) (A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cap B_{(\alpha,\beta)}.$$

Let  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cap B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  thus  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and  $x \in B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  therefore  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $f_A(x) \le \beta, t_B(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_B(x) \le \beta$  so  $t_A(x) \land t_B(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_A(x) \lor f_B(x) \le \beta$ therefore  $(t_A \cap t_B)(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $(f_A \cap f_B)(x) \le \beta$  then  $x \in (A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Thus

$$(3.4) A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cap B_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq (A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

From (3.3) and (3.4), we get that  $(A \cap B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cap B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

(V) Since  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  and  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ . Therefore by part (i)  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ and  $B_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  thus

(3.5) 
$$A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

Now, equality is hold if  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ . We show that  $(A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Let  $x \in (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  then  $(t_A \cup t_B)(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $(f_A \cup f_B)(x) \le \beta$  thus  $t_A(x) \lor t_B(x) \ge \alpha$ and  $f_A(x) \land f_B(x) \le \beta$ . If  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ , then  $f_A(x) \le 1 - t_A(x) \le 1 - \alpha = \beta$ . Implies that  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Similarly if  $t_B(x) \ge \alpha$ , then  $f_B(x) \le 1 - t_B(x) \le 1 - \alpha = \beta$ . Implies that  $x \in B_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Thus we get that  $x \in (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  so  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

$$(3.6) (A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

From (3.5) and (3.6), we get  $(A \cup B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \cup B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

(vi) If  $x \in (\cap A_i)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , then  $(\cap t_i)(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $(\cap f_i)(x) \le \beta \wedge t_i(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $(\vee f_i)(x) \le \beta$  therefore  $x \in A_{i(\alpha,\beta)}$  for all  $i \in I$ , thus  $x \in \cap A_{i(\alpha,\beta)}$  hence  $\cap A_{i(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq \cap B_{i(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

(vii) Follows from definition.

**Theorem 3.14.** Let A be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subset of a group G. Then, A is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroup of G if and only if  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a subgroup of group G for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0,1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ , where  $t_A(e) \geq \alpha$ ,  $f_A(e) \leq \beta$  and e is the identity element of G.

*Proof.*  $(\Longrightarrow)$  Let A be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroup of group G. Then the proof follows by Definition 3.11.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let A is vague subset of a group G such that  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a subgroup of group G for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0,1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . To show that A be  $(\alpha,\beta)$ - vague subgroup of group G. For this we show that

(i)  $t_A(xy) \ge t_A(x) \land t_A(y), f_A(xy) \ge f_A(x) \lor f_A(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ (ii)  $t_A(x^{-1}) = t_A(x), f_A(x^{-1}) = f_A(x)$ .

For (i) Let  $x, y \in G$  and let  $\alpha = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y)$  and  $\beta = f_A(x) \vee f_A(y)$ . Then,  $t_A(x), t_A(y) \geq \alpha$  and  $f_A(x), f_A(y) \leq \beta$ . Thus,  $t_A(x) \geq \alpha, f_A(x) \leq \beta$ , and  $t_A(y) \geq \alpha$ ,  $f_A(y) \leq \beta$ . Therefore  $x, y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and because  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is group thus  $xy \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Therefore  $t_A(xy) \geq \alpha = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y), f_A(xy) \leq \beta = f_A(x) \vee f_A(y)$  thus  $t_A(xy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y), f_A(xy) \geq f_A(x)$ . For (ii) Let  $x \in G$  and  $t_A(x) = \alpha$ ,  $f_A(x) = \beta$ . Then,  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $f_A(x) \le \beta$  is true, so  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . As  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a subgroup of G, therefore we have  $x^{-1} \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  thus  $t_A(x^{-1}) \ge \alpha$ ,  $f_A(x^{-1}) \le \beta$ . Thus  $t_A(x^{-1}) \ge \alpha = t_A(x)$  and  $f_A(x^{-1}) \le \beta = f_A(x)$ . Thus  $t_A(x) = t_A((x^{-1})^{-1}) \ge t_A(x^{-1}) \ge t_A(x)$  implies that  $t_A(x^{-1}) = t_A(x)$  and  $f_A(x) = f_A((x^{-1})^{-1}) \le f_A(x^{-1}) \ge f_A(x)$  implies that  $f_A(x^{-1}) = f_A(x)$ . Hence, Ais  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroup of group G.

**Definition 3.15.** Let A and B be any two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G and H respectively. Then the cartesian product of A and B is denoted by  $A \times B$  and is defined as;

 $A \times B = \{ \langle (x, y), t_{A \times B}(x, y), f_{A \times B}(x, y) \rangle : x \in G \text{ and } y \in H \}$ where  $t_{A \times B}(x, y) = \min\{t_A(x), t_B(y)\}$  and  $f_{A \times B}(x, y) = \max\{f_A(x), f_B(y)\}$ 

**Example 3.16.** Let  $G = \{e_1, a\}$ , where  $a^2 = e_1$  and let  $H = \{e_2, x, y, xy\}$ , where  $x^2 = y^2 = e_2$  and xy = yx.

$$\begin{split} G_1 \times H &= \{(e_1, e_2), (e_1, x), (e_1, y), (e_1, xy), (a, e_2), (a, x), (a, y), (a, xy)\}.\\ \text{Let } B &= \{\langle e_1, 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle a, 0.5, 0.2 \rangle\}, \text{ and} \end{split}$$

$$C = \{ \langle e_2, 0.9, 0.1 \rangle, \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle, \langle y, 0.7, 0.1 \rangle, \langle xy, 0.6, 0.1 \rangle \},$$

be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of  $G_1$  and H respectively. Then

 $B \times C = \{ \langle (e_1, e_2), 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle (e_1, x), 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle (e_1, y), 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \langle (e_1, xy), 0.6, 0.2 \rangle, \\ \langle (a, e_2), 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \langle (a, x), 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \langle (a, y), 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \\ \langle (a, xy), 0.5, 0.2 \rangle, \\ \text{Here } B \times C \text{ is also } (\alpha, \beta) - \text{vague subgroup of group } G \times H. \end{cases}$ 

**Theorem 3.17.** If A and B be two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G and H respectively. Then  $(A \times B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \times B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0,1]$  with  $0 \le \alpha + \beta \le 1$ 

Proof. Let  $x, y \in (A \times B)_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  if and only if  $t_{A \times B}(x, y) \geq \alpha$  and  $f_{A \times B}(x, y) \leq \beta$  and only if  $\min\{t_A(x), t_B(y)\} \geq \alpha$  and  $\max\{f_A(x), f_B(y)\} \leq \beta$  if and only if  $t_A(x) \geq \alpha, t_B(y) \geq \alpha$  and  $f_A(x) \leq \beta, f_B(y) \leq \beta$  if and only if  $t_A(x) \geq \alpha, f_A(x) \leq \beta$  and  $t_B(y) \geq \alpha, f_B(y) \leq \beta$  if and only if  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and  $y \in B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  if and only if  $x, y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \times B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.18.** (1) A is an  $(\in, \in)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $a \in [0,1]$ ,  $A_a$  is a 3-valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

(2) A is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $a \in [0, 0.5], A_a$  is a 3-valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

(3) A is an  $(\in \land q, \in)$ - vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $a \in [0.5, 1]$ ,  $A_a$  is a 3-valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

*Proof.* (1) ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Since A is an  $(\in, \in)$ -vague subgroup, then for any  $a \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in G$ ,  $[x_a y_a \in A] \ge [x_a \in A] \land [y_a \in A], [x_a^{-1} \in A] \ge [x_a \in A]$ , hence  $A_a(xy) \ge A_a(x) \land A_a(y)$  and  $A_a(x^{-1}) \ge A_a(x)$ . So A is a 3-valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

 $(\Leftarrow) \text{ for any } x, y \in G \text{ and } s, t \in [0,1], [x_s y_t \in A] = A_{s \wedge t}(xy) \geq A_{s \wedge t}(x) \wedge A_{s \wedge t}(y) \geq A_s(x) \wedge A_t(y) = [x_s \in A] \wedge [y_t \in A] \text{ and } [x_s^{-1} \in A] = A_s(x^{-1}) \geq A_s(x) = [x_s \in A]. \text{ Therefore, } A \text{ is an } (\in, \in) - \text{ vague subgroup of } G.$ 

(2) ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) since A is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ - vague subgroup, for any  $a \in [0, 0.5]$  and  $x \in G$ , we have  $[x_a y_a \in \lor qA] \ge [x_a \in A] \land [y_a \in A]$ . So  $A_a(xy) \lor A_{\underline{[a]}}(xy) \ge A_a(xy) \ge A_a(x) \land A_a(y)$ . By  $0 < a \le 0.5$ , we have that  $a \le 0 \le 1 - a$ . Thus 380

 $A_{\underline{[a]}}(xy) = A_{\underline{1-a}}(xy) \leq A_{\underline{a}}(xy) \leq A_{\underline{a}}(xy)$ . Hence  $A_{\underline{a}}(xy) \geq A_{\underline{a}}(x) \wedge A_{\underline{a}}(y)$ . Similarly, we have  $A_{\underline{a}}(x^{-1}) \geq A_{\underline{a}}(x)$ . So  $A_{\underline{a}}$  is a 3- valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

 $(\Longleftrightarrow) \text{ Let } s,t \in (0,1]. \text{ If } s \wedge t \leq 0.5, \text{ then } 1-s \wedge t \geq 0.5 \geq s \wedge t. \text{ Thus } A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) \leq A_{s \wedge t}(xy). \text{ So } [x_s y_t \in \lor qA] = A_{s \wedge t}(xy) \lor A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) = A_{s \wedge t}(xy) \geq A_{s \wedge t}(x) \land A_{s \wedge t}(y) \geq A_{s}(x) \land A_t(y) = [x_s \in A] \land [y_t \in A]. \text{ If } s \wedge t > 0.5, \text{ then let } a \in (0,1) \text{ such that } 1-s \wedge t \geq 0.5 \geq s \wedge t. \text{ Thus } A_{s \wedge t}(xy) \leq A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) \text{ and } A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) \geq A_a(xy). \text{ Hence } [xy \in \lor qA] = A_{s \wedge t}(xy) \lor A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) = A_{\underline{[s \wedge t]}}(xy) \geq A_a(x) \land A_a(y) \geq A_s(x) \land A_t(y) = [x_s \in A] \land [y_t \in A]. \text{ Hence, } [x_s y_t \in \lor qA] \geq [x_s \in A] \land [y_t \in A]. \text{ Similarly, we have } [x_s^{-1} \in \lor qA] \geq [x_s \in A]$ 

(3) ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Let  $\alpha \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $x \in G$ . Then  $A_{\underline{a}}(x) \geq A_a(x)$ . Thus  $A_a(xy) = [x_a y_a) \in A] \geq [x_a \in \land qA] \land [y_a \in \land qA] \geq A_a(x) \land A_{\underline{[a]}}(x) \land A_a(y) \land A_{\underline{[a]}}(y) \geq A_a(x) \land A_a(y)$ . Similarly, we have  $A_a(x^{-1}) \geq A_a(x)$ . So  $A_a$  is a 3- valued fuzzy subgroup of G.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For any  $x, y \in U$  and  $s, t \in (0, 1]$ , let  $a = [x_s \in \land qA] \land [y_t \in \land qA]$ .

Case 1. a = 1. Then  $t_A(x) \ge s, t_A(x) \ge 1 - s, t_A(y) \ge t$  and  $t_A(y) \ge 1 - t$ . Thus  $t_A(x) > 0.5, t_A(y) > 0.5$ . So  $t_A(xy) \ge t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \ge s \land t$ , i.e.,  $[x_sy_t \in A] = 1$ .

Case 2.  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $1 - f_A(x) \ge s \ge f_A(x)$  and  $1 - f_A(y) \ge t \ge f_A(y)$ . Therefore  $f_A(x) < 0.5, f_A(y) < 0.5$ . So  $f_A(xy) \le f_A(x) \land f_A(y)$  and  $1 - f_A(xy) \ge (1 - f_A(x)) \land (1 - f_A(y)) \ge s \land t$ . Hence  $[x_s y_t \in A] \ge \frac{1}{2}$ . So  $[x_s y_t \in A] \ge [x_s \in \land qA] \land [y_t \in \land qA]$ . Similarly, we have  $[x_s^{-1} \in A] \ge [x_s \in \land qA]$ . Therefore, A is an  $(\in \land q, \in)$ -vague subgroup of G.

**Theorem 3.19.** A is a  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ - vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $x, y \in G$ 

$$t_A(xy) \ge t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \land \frac{1}{2}, \quad t_A(x^{-1}) \ge t_A(x) \land 0.5$$
  
 $f_A(xy) \le f_A(x) \lor f_A(y) \lor \frac{1}{2}, \quad f_A(x^{-1}) \le f_A(x) \lor 0.5$ 

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $t = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y) \wedge \frac{1}{2}$ , so  $[x_ty_t \in \lor qA] \ge [x_t \in A] \wedge [y_t \in A] = 1$ , which implies that  $t_A(xy) \ge t$  or  $t_A(xy) > 1 - t \ge \frac{1}{2} \ge t$ , thus  $t_A(xy) \ge t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y) \wedge \frac{1}{2}$ . Similarly, we have  $t_A(x^{-1}) \ge t_A(x) \wedge 0.5$  and  $f_A(x^{-1}) \le t_A(x) \vee 0.5$ .

Let  $1-s = f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) \vee \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $[x_s y_s \in \vee qA] \ge [x_s \in A] \wedge [y_s \in A] \ge \frac{1}{2}$ , which implies that  $s \le 1 - f_A(xy)$  or  $f_A(xy) < s \le 1 - s$ . Furthermore,  $f_A(xy) \le 1 - s = f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) \vee \frac{1}{2}$ .

 $(\Longleftrightarrow) \text{ For any } x, y \in G \text{ and } s, t \in [0, 1], \text{ put } a = [x_s \in A] \land [y_t \in A] \text{ in the case } a = 1, \text{ suppose that } [x_sy_t \in \lor qA] \leq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ therefore } t_A(x) \geq s, t_A(y) \geq t, t_A(xy) \leq s \land t \text{ and } t_A(xy) \leq 1 - s \land t, \text{ thus } \frac{1}{2} \geq t_A(xy) \geq t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \land \frac{1}{2}. \text{ So } t_A(xy) \geq t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \geq s \land t.$  This is a contradiction with  $t_A(xy) < s \land t$ . Therefore we have  $[x_ty_t \in \lor qA] = 1.$  In the case  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have  $1 - f_A(x) \geq s, 1 - f_A(y) \geq t$  and  $1 - f_A(x) \lor f_A(y) \geq s \land t.$  Suppose that  $[x_sy_t \in \lor qA] = 0$ , then  $s \land t > 1 - f_A(xy)$  and  $f_A(xy) \geq s \land t.$  thus  $f_A(xy) > \frac{1}{2}$ , consequently  $f_A(xy) \leq f_A(x) \lor f_A(y)$  and  $1 - f_A(xy) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \lor f_A(y) \geq s \land t.$  This is a contradiction with  $1 - f_A(xy) < s \land t.$  Therefore, we have  $[x_sy_t \in \lor qA] \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Ultimately,  $[x_sy_t \in \lor qA] \geq [x_s \in A] \land [y_t \in A].$  Similarly, we have  $[x_s^{-1} \in \lor qA] \geq [x_s \in A].$  This shows that A is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup of G.

**Corollary 3.20.** A is an  $(\in \land q, \in)$ - vague subgroup of G if and only if

$$t_A(xy) \lor \frac{1}{2} \ge t_A(x) \land t_A(y), \quad t_A(x^{-1}) \lor \frac{1}{2}$$
$$f_A(xy) \land \frac{1}{2} \le f_A(x) \lor f_A(y), \quad f_A(x^{-1}) \land \frac{1}{2} \le f_A(x)$$

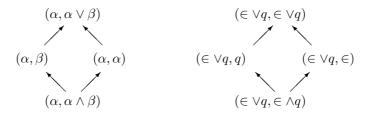
**Theorem 3.21.** A is an  $(\in \land q, \in \lor q)$ - vague subgroup of G if and only if for any  $x, y \in G$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} (1) \ f_A(xy) \leq f_A(x) \lor f_A(y) \lor \frac{1}{2} \ \theta r \ f_A(xy) \land \frac{1}{2} \leq f_A(x) \lor f_A(y), \\ (2) \ f_A(x^{-1}) \leq f_A(x) \lor \frac{1}{2}, f_A(x^{-1}) \land \frac{1}{2} \leq f_A(x), \\ (3) \ t_A(xy) \geq t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \land \frac{1}{2} \ or \ t_A(xy) \lor \frac{1}{2} \geq t_A(x) \land t_A(y), \\ (4) \ t_A(x^{-1}) \geq t_A(x) \land \frac{1}{2} \ or \ t_A(x^{-1}) \lor \frac{1}{2} \geq t_A(x). \end{array}$ 

Proof. ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) (1)Suppose that  $t_A(xy) \vee \frac{1}{2} < t = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y)$ , so  $t_A(x) \ge t > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $t_A(y) \ge t > \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus  $[x_{0.5}y_{0.5} \in \lor qA] \ge [x_{0.5} \in \land qA] \wedge [y_{0.5} \in \land qA] = 1$ , which implies that  $t_A(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2}$  or  $t_A(xy) + \frac{1}{2} > 1$ . Consequently,  $t_A(xy) \ge \frac{1}{2} \ge t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y) \wedge \frac{1}{2}$ . (3) Suppose that  $f_A(xy) \wedge \frac{1}{2} > t = 1 - s = f_A(x) \vee f_A(y)$ , so  $s \le 1 - f_A(x)$ ,  $s \le 1 - f_A(y)$  and  $s > \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore  $[x_{0.5}y_{0.5} \in \lor qA] \ge [x_{0.5} \in \land qA] \ge [x_{0.5} \in \land qA] \ge \frac{1}{2}$  which implies that  $\frac{1}{2} \le 1 - f_A(xy)$  or  $f_A(xy) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence  $f_A(xy) \le \frac{1}{2} \le f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) \vee \frac{1}{2}$ . (2, 4) can be proved similarly.

 $\begin{array}{l} (\Leftarrow) \mbox{ For any } x,y \in G \mbox{ and } s,t \in [0,1], \mbox{ put } a = [x_s \in \wedge qA] \wedge [y_t \in \wedge qA]. \mbox{ In the case } a = 1, \mbox{ hence } t_A(x) \geq s, t_A(x) \geq 1-s, t_A(y) \geq t, t_A(y) \geq 1-t, \mbox{ so, } t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y) > \frac{1}{2}. \mbox{ Suppose that } [x_sy_t \in \vee qA] \leq \frac{1}{2}, \mbox{ then } t_A(xy) < s \wedge t \mbox{ and } t_A(xy) \leq 1-s \wedge t, \mbox{ therefore } t(xy) < \frac{1}{2} < t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y). \mbox{ Furthermore, } t_A(xy) < s \wedge t \mbox{ and } t_A(xy) \wedge \frac{1}{2} \mbox{ and } t_A(xy) \vee \frac{1}{2} < t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y), \mbox{ which is a contradiction. Consequently, } [x_sy_t \in \vee qA] = 1 \mbox{ in the case } a = \frac{1}{2}, \mbox{ then } 1 - f_A(x) \geq s > f_A(x) \mbox{ or } 1 - f_A(y) \geq t > f_A(y), \mbox{ thus } f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) < \frac{1}{2}. \mbox{ Suppose that } [x_sy_t) \in \vee qA] = 0, \mbox{ so } f_A(xy) \geq s \wedge t > 1 - f_A(xy), \mbox{ thus } f_A(xy) > \frac{1}{2}. \mbox{ Furthermore, } f_A(xy) \wedge \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} > f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) \mbox{ and } f_A(xy) > f_A(x) \vee f_A(y) \vee \frac{1}{2}, \mbox{ which is a contradiction. Hence, } [x_sy_t \in \vee qA] \geq \frac{1}{2}. \mbox{ From the above we have } [x_sy_t \in \vee qA]] \geq [x_s \in \wedge qA] \wedge [y_t \in \wedge qA], \mbox{ similarly, we have } [x_s^{-1} \in \vee qA] \geq [x_s \in \wedge qA]. \mbox{ This show that } A \mbox{ is an } (\in \wedge qA, \in \vee qA)- \mbox{ vague subgroup of } G. \end{tabular}$ 

**Theorem 3.22.** Let A be a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G. Then the left diagram shows the relationship between  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroup of G, where  $\alpha, \beta$  are one of  $\in$  and q. Also we have the right diagram.



**Theorem 3.23.** If A is a  $(\in \lor qA, \in \lor qA)$ -vague subgroup of G, then A is a  $(\in, \in \lor qA)$ -vague subgroup of G.

4.  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -VAGUE NORMAL SUBGROUP

**Definition 4.1.** A  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup A of group G is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague normal subgroup of G if:

(i)  $t_A(xy) = t_A(yx)$ (ii)  $f_A(xy) = f_A(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let A be a subgroup of group G that defined by:

 $t_A(x) = t_A(e), f_A(x) = f_A(e).$ 

Then A is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup normal of group G.

**Remark 4.3.** Let A is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of group G. Then A is normal if and only if:

(i)  $t_A(g^{-1}xg) = t_A(x)$ .

(ii) $f_A(g^{-1}xg) = f_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$  and  $g \in G$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let A be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague normal subgroup of a group G. Then  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a normal subgroup of group G, where  $t_A(e) \ge \alpha$ ,  $f_A(e) \le \beta$  and e is the identity element of G.

Proof. Let  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and  $g \in G$ . Then  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha, f_A(x) \le \beta$ . Also, A be  $(\alpha,\beta)$ -vague normal subgroup of a group G. Therefore,  $t_A(g^{-1}xg) = t_A(x)$  and  $f_A(g^{-1}xg) = f_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$  and  $g \in G$ . Therefore  $t_A(g^{-1}xg) = t_A(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_A(g^{-1}xg) = f_A(x) \le \beta$  implies that  $t_A(g^{-1}xg) \ge \alpha$  and  $f_A(g^{-1}xg) \le \beta$  therefore  $g^{-1}xg \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Hence,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is normal subgroup of G.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let A and B be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague normal subgroup of group  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Then  $A \times B$  is also  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of group  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

*Proof.* Let A and B be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague normal subgroup of group  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Then by Theorem 4.4,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}, B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  are normal subgroup of  $G_1, G_2$  respectively. Thus,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}, B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is subgroup of group  $G_1 \times G_2$ . By Theorem 3.19  $A \times B$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of group  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper we have presented basic concept of vague groups. We have also the notion of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - vague subgroup and studied their properties are investigate.

We obtained the following results:

1. Among 16 kinds of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague sets, the significant ones are the  $(\in, \in)$ -vague subgroup, the  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup and the  $(\in \land q, \in)$ -vague subgroup.

2. A is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -vague subgroup of G if and only if, for any  $a \in (0, 1]$ , the cut set  $A_a$  of A is a 3-valued vague subgroup of G and A is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -vague subgroup (or  $(\in \land q, \in)$ - vague subgroup) of G if and only if for any  $a \in (0, 0.5]$  (or  $a \in (0.5, 1]$ ), the cut set of A is a 3-valued vague set of G.

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