



A New Class Of Vague Submodule

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we define a new class of vague submodule and obtain several properties of vague submodule of a module. Further we derive the necessary and sufficient conditions for vague submodules.

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**1.Introduction:** Algebraic structures play a vital role in mathematics and numerous applications of these structures are seen in many disciplines such as computer sciences, information sciences, theoretical physics, and so on. This inspires research in various concepts of abstract algebras in fuzzy sets. There are number of generalizations of Zadeh's fuzzy[9] set theory so far reported in the literature viz., i-fuzzy theory, two-fold fuzzy theory, etc. Zhao Jianli [10] introduced and examined the notion of a fuzzy module over a ring in 1993. The notion of fuzzy groups defined by Rosen field [8] is the first application of fuzzy set theory in algebra. The concept of vague set theory was introduced by Gau and Buehrer[4] in 1993. Ranjit Biswas[7] introduced the study of vague algebra by studying vague groups. AmarendraBabu and Ramarao [1,2] has also introduced the notion of vague additive groups, vague rings and vague fields. The objective of this paper is to study the concept of vague submodule of a module and its related properties.

**2.Preliminaries**

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

- (i) A true membership function  $t_A : U \rightarrow [0,1]$  and
- (ii) A false membership function  $f_A : U \rightarrow [0,1]$

Where  $t_A(x)$  is a lower bound on the grade of membership of x derived from the "evidence for x",  $f_A(x)$  is a lower bound on the negation of x derived from the "evidence for x", and  $t_A(x) + f_A(x) \leq 1$ . Thus the grade of membership of u in the vague set A is bounded by a subinterval  $[t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]$  of [0,1]. This indicates that if the actual grade of membership of x is  $\mu(x)$ , then,  $t_A(x) \leq \mu(x) \leq 1 - f_A(x)$ . 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, denoted by  $V_A(x)$ .

**Definition 2.2:[4]** Let A and B be VSs of the form  $A = \{x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)] / x \in X\}$  and  $B = \{x, [t_B(x), 1 - f_B(x)] / x \in X\}$  Then

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $t_A(x) \leq t_B(x)$  and  $1 - f_A(x) \leq 1 - f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$
- (ii)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$
- (iii)  $A^c = \{x, f_A(x), 1 - t_A(x) / x \in X\}$
- (iv)  $A \cap B = \{x, \min(t_A(x), t_B(x)), \min(1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_B(x)) / x \in X\}$
- (v)  $A \cup B = \{x, (t_A(x) \vee t_B(x)), (1 - f_A(x) \vee 1 - f_B(x)) / x \in X\}$

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the notation  $A = \langle x, t_A, 1 - f_A \rangle$  instead of  $A = \{x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)] / x \in X\}$

**Definition 2.3:[6]** A vague set A on X is called a vague subalgebra of x if, for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $t_A(xy) \geq \min\{t_A(x), t_A(y)\}$  and  $1 - f_A(xy) \geq \min\{1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(y)\}$

**Definition 2.4:[1]** Let X be a ring and R be a vague set of X. Then R is a

vague ring of X if the following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $V_R(x + y) \leq i \max\{V_R(x), V_R(y)\}$ ,
2.  $V_R(-x) \leq \{V_R(x)$ ,
3.  $V_R(xy) \geq i \min\{V_R(x), V_R(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$

**Definition 2.5:[5]** Let f be a mapping from a set X into set Y. Let B be a vague set in Y. Then the inverse image of B i.e.  $f^{-1}[B]$ , is the vague set in X by  $V_{f^{-1}(B)}(x) = V_B(f(x)) \quad \forall x \in X$

**Definition 2.6:[5]** Let f be a mapping from a set into a set Y. Let A be a vague set Y. Then the image of A i.e.  $f[A]$  is the vague set in Y given by

$$V_{f[A]}(y) = \begin{cases} \sup\{V_A(z) : z \in f^{-1}(y)\}, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ [0, 0], & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in Y$ , where  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x / f(x) = y\}$ .

**3. Vague submodule**

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  and  $V_B = [t_B, 1 - f_B]$  be two vague submodules in M. Then we define their sum  $V_A + V_B$  as the vague submodule  $V_{A+B} = \{x, [t_{A+B}(x), 1 - f_{A+B}(x)] : x \in M\}$  where for each  $x \in M$   $t_{A+B}(x) = \vee \{t_A(y) \wedge t_B(z) : y, z \in M, x = y + z\}$  and  $1 - f_{A+B}(x) = \vee \{1 - f_A(y) \wedge 1 - f_B(z) : y, z \in M, x = y + z\}$

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  be a vague submodule in M. Then  $-V_A = [t_{-A}, 1 - f_{-A}]$ , a vague submodule in M, is defined as  $-V_A = \{x, [t_{-A}(x), 1 - f_{-A}(x)] : x \in M\}$  where,  $V_{-A}(x) = V_A(-x)$

**Definition 3.3:** For a vague submodule  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  in M and for any  $r \in R$ , we define the vague submodule  $rV_A = [t_{rA}, 1 - f_{rA}]$  in M as  $rV_A = \{x, [t_{rA}, 1 - f_{rA}] : x \in M\}$  where for each  $x \in M$   $V_{rA}(x) = \vee \{V_A(y) : y \in M, x = ry\}$

**Definition 3.4:** A vague set VA in M is called a vague submodule of M if for every  $xy \in M$  and  $r \in R$ , the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $V_A(0) = 1$ .
- (ii)  $V_A(x + y) \geq V_A(x) \wedge V_A(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in M$ ;
- (iii)  $V_A(rx) \geq V_A(x)$ , for all  $r \in R$  and  $x \in M$ ;

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  is a vague submodule in a R- module M, then  $1 \cdot V_A = V_A$  and  $(-1) \cdot V_A = -V_A$

**Proof:** It is clear that  $1 \cdot V_A = V_A$ . Now  $(-1) \cdot V_A(x) = [t_{(-1)A}(x), 1 - f_{(-1)A}(x)]$   $t_{(-1)A}(x) = \vee \{t_A(y) : y \in M, x = (-1)y\} = \vee \{t_A(y) : y \in M, y = -x\} = t_A(-x) = t_{-A}(x)$ . Similarly we get  $1 - f_{(-1)A}(x) = 1 - f_{-A}(x) \quad \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $(-1) \cdot V_A = -V_A$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  and  $V_B = [t_B, 1 - f_B]$  is a vague submodules in M with  $A \subseteq B$  then  $rA \subseteq rB$  for any  $r \in R$ .

**Proof:** Since  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $V_A(x) \leq V_B(x) \forall x \in M$ . Also for any  $r \in R$   $rVA = [tr_A, 1-fr_A]$  and  $rVB = [tr_B, 1-fr_B]$ . Now  $t_{rA}(x) = \vee \{t_A(y) : y \in M, x = ry\} \leq \vee \{t_B(y) : y \in M, x = ry\} = t_{rB}(x) \forall x \in M$ . Similarly we can obtain for  $1 - f_{rA}(x) \leq 1 - f_{rB}(x) \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $rA \subseteq rB$

**Theorem 3.7:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1-f_A]$  is a vague submodule in M. Then  $r(sV_A) = (rs)V_A$  for any  $r \in R$

**Proof:** We have  $r(sV_A) = [t_{r(sA)}, 1 - f_{r(sA)}]$  and  $(rs)V_A = [t_{(rs)A}, 1 - f_{(rs)A}]$ . Now,  $t_{r(sA)}(x) = \vee \{t_{sA}(y) : y \in M, x = ry\} = \vee \{t_A(z) : z \in M, y \in M, x = ry\} = \vee \{t_A(z) : z \in M, x = r(sz)\} = \vee \{t_A(z) : z \in M, x = (rs)z\} = t_{(rs)A}(x), \forall x \in M$ .

Similarly we can show that  $1 - f_{r(sA)}(x) = 1 - f_{(rs)A}(x) \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $r(sV_A) = (rs)V_A$  for any  $r \in R$

**Theorem 3.8:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1-f_A]$  and  $V_B = [t_B, 1-f_B]$  are vague submodules in M, then  $r(V_A + V_B) = rV_A + rV_B$  for any  $r \in R$

**Proof:** we have  $(r(V_A + V_B)) = [t_{r(A+B)}, 1 - f_{r(A+B)}]$  and  $r(V_A) + r(V_B) = [t_{rA+rB}, 1 - f_{rA+rB}]$ . Now,  $t_{r(A+B)}(x) = \vee \{t_{A+B}(y) : y \in M, x = ry\} = \vee \{t_A(z_1) \wedge t_B(z_2) : z_1, z_2 \in M, y = z_1 + z_2, y \in M, x = ry\} = \vee \{t_A(z_1) \wedge t_B(z_2) : z_1, z_2 \in M, x = rz_1 + rz_2\} = \vee \{(\vee \{t_A(z_1) : z_1 \in M, x_1 = rz_1\}) \wedge (\vee \{t_B(z_2) : z_2 \in M, x_2 = rz_2\}) : x_1 + x_2 = x\} = \vee \{t_{rA}(x_1) \wedge t_{rB}(x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, x_1 + x_2 = x\} = t_{rA+rB}(x), \forall x \in M$ .

Similarly we can show that  $1 - f_{r(A+B)}(x) = 1 - f_{rA+rB}(x), \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $r(V_A + V_B) = rV_A + rV_B$

**Theorem 3.9:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1-f_A]$  and  $V_B = [t_B, 1-f_B]$  are vague submodules in M, then  $t_{rA+sB}(rx+sy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y)$  and  $1 - f_{rA+sB}(rx+sy) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_B(y)$

**Proof:** We have  $t_{rA+sB}(rx+sy) = \vee \{t_{rA}(z_1) \wedge t_{sB}(z_2) : z_1, z_2 \in M, z_1 + z_2 = rx+sy\} \geq t_{rA}(rx) \wedge t_{sB}(sy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y) \forall x, y \in M; r, s \in R$ .

Similarly,  $1 - f_{rA+sB}(rx+sy) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_B(y) \forall r, s \in R$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $V_A = [t_A, 1-f_A], V_B = [t_B, 1-f_B]$  and  $V_C = [t_C, 1-f_C]$  are vague submodules in M, then for any  $r, s \in R$ .

- (i)  $t_C(rx+sy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y) \forall x, y \in M \Leftrightarrow t_{rA+sB} \subseteq t_C$ .
- (ii)  $1 - f_C(rx+sy) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_B(y) \forall x, y \in M \Leftrightarrow 1 - f_{rA+sB} \subseteq 1 - f_C$ .

**Proof:** Suppose we have  $t_C(rx+sy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y) \forall x, y \in M$ . Then  $t_{rA+sB}(z) = \vee \{t_{rA}(z_1) \wedge t_{sB}(z_2) : z_1, z_2 \in M, z_1 + z_2 = z\} = \vee \{(\vee \{t_A(x), x \in M, z_1 = rz\}) \wedge (\vee \{t_B(y), y \in M, z_2 = sy\}) : z_1, z_2 \in M, z_1 + z_2 = z\} = \vee \{t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y), x, y \in M, rx+sy = z\} \leq \vee \{t_C(rx+sy) : x, y \in M, rx+sy = z\} \leq t_C(z), \forall z \in M$ .

Thus  $t_{rA+sB} \subseteq t_C$ . Conversely suppose  $t_{rA+sB} \subseteq t_C$ . Then  $t_C(rx+sy) \geq t_{rA+sB}(rx+sy) \geq t_A(x) \wedge t_B(y)$ . by the above theorem. Similarly we can show that  $1 - f_C(rx+sy) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_B(y) \forall x, y \in M \Leftrightarrow 1 - f_{rA+sB} \subseteq 1 - f_C$ .

**Theorem 3.11:** If  $V_i = [t_i, 1-f_i], i \in J$ , is a collection of vague submodules in an R- module M, then  $r(\bigcup_{i \in J} V_{A_i}) = \bigcup_{i \in J} (rV_{A_i})$  for any  $r \in R$ .

**Proof:** We have  $r(\bigcup_{i \in J} V_{A_i}) = [t_{r(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i)}, 1 - f_{r(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i)}]$  and  $\bigcup_{i \in J} (rV_{A_i}) = [t_{\bigcup_{i \in J} (rA_i)}, 1 - f_{\bigcup_{i \in J} (rA_i)}]$ . Now  $t_{r(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i)}(x) = \vee \{t_{\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i}(y) : y \in M, x = ry\} = \vee \{(\bigcup_{i \in J} t_{A_i}(y)) : y \in M, x = ry\} = \bigcup_{i \in J} t_{rA_i}(x) = t_{\bigcup_{i \in J} (rA_i)}(x) \forall x \in M$ .

Hence  $t_{r(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i)} = t_{\bigcup_{i \in J} (rA_i)}$ . Similarly  $1 - f_{r(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i)} = 1 - f_{\bigcup_{i \in J} (rA_i)}$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.12:** Let M and N be two R- modules and f be a homomorphism of M into N. Let  $r, s \in R$  and  $V_A = [t_A, 1-f_A], V_B = [t_B, 1-f_B]$  be two vague set in M. Then,

- (i)  $f(V_A + V_B) = f(V_A) + f(V_B)$
- (ii)  $f(rV_A) = rf(V_A)$

$$(iii) f(rV_A + sV_B) = rf(V_A) + sf(V_B)$$

**Proof:** (i) we have  $f(V_A + V_B) = \{(y, [t_{f(A+B)}(y), 1 - f_{f(A+B)}(y)]) : y \in N\}$  and  $f(V_A) + f(V_B) = \{(y, [t_{f(A)+f(B)}(y), 1 - f_{f(A)+f(B)}(y)]) : y \in N\}$

Let  $y \in N$ . If  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  then  $t_{f(A+B)} = 0$ , Also,  $t_{f(A+B)}(y) = \vee \{t_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge t_{f(B)}(y_2) : y_1, y_2 \in N, y = y_1 + y_2\} = 0$ , since  $f^{-1}(y_1) = \phi$  or  $f^{-1}(y_2) = \phi$  as  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$ .

Thus,  $t_{f(A+B)}(y) = t_{f(A)+f(B)}(y)$  if  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  if  $f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi$  then also we have,

$$\begin{aligned} t_{f(A+B)}(y) &= \vee \{t_{A+B}(x) : x \in M, y = f(x)\} \\ &= \vee \{t_A(x_1) \wedge t_B(x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, x = x_1 + x_2, y = f(x)\} \\ &= \vee \{t_A(x_1) \wedge t_B(x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, z_1 = f(x_1), z_2 = f(x_2), z_1, z_2 \in N, y = z_1 + z_2\} \\ &= \vee \{(\vee \{t_A(x_1) : x_1 \in M, z_1 = f(x_1)\}) \wedge (\vee \{t_B(x_2) : x_2 \in M, z_2 = f(x_2)\}) : z_1, z_2 \in N, y = z_1 + z_2\} \\ &= \vee \{t_{f(A)}(z_1) \wedge t_{f(B)}(z_2) : z_1, z_2 \in N, y = z_1 + z_2\} \\ &= t_{f(A)+f(B)}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus in any case we get  $t_{f(A+B)}(y) = t_{f(A)+f(B)}(y)$ . Similarly we can obtain  $1 - f_{f(A+B)}(y) = 1 - f_{f(A)+f(B)}(y) \forall y \in N$ . Hence we have  $f(V_A + V_B) = f(V_A) + f(V_B)$

(ii) Now,  $f(rV_A) = \{(y, [t_{f(rA)}(y), 1 - f_{f(rA)}(y)]) : y \in N\}$  and  $rf(A) = \{(y, [t_{f(A)}(y), 1 - f_{f(A)}(y)]) : y \in N\}$ . Let  $y \in N$ . Then if  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  then obviously  $t_{f(rA)}(y) = 0$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} t_{f(rA)}(y) &= \vee \{t_{f(A)}(v) : v \in N, y = rv\} = 0, \text{ since } f^{-1}(v) = \phi \text{ as } f^{-1}(rv) = f^{-1}(y) = \phi. \text{ Thus} \\ t_{f(rA)}(y) &= t_{f(A)}(y) \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi. \text{ Now if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi, \text{ then} \\ t_{f(rA)}(y) &= \vee \{t_{rA}(x) : x \in M, y = f(x)\} = \vee \{t_A(ux) : u \in M, x = ru\} : x \in M, y = f(x)\} \\ &= \vee \{t_A(ux) : u \in M, y = f(ux)\} : u \in N, y = ru\} \\ &= \vee \{t_{f(A)}(v) : v \in N, y = rv\} = t_{f(A)}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get  $t_{f(rA)}(y) = t_{f(A)}(y) \forall y \in N$ . Similarly  $1 - f_{f(rA)}(y) = 1 - f_{f(A)}(y) \forall y \in N$ . Hence we get  $f(rV_A) = rf(V_A)$

(iii) This follows from (i) and (ii).

**Theorem 3.13:** Let M and N be two R-modules and f be a homomorphism of M into N. If  $V_A = [t_A, 1 - f_A]$  is a vague submodule of M, then  $f(A)$  is a vague submodule of N.

**Proof:** We have  $f(V_A) = \{(y, [t_{f(A)}(y), 1 - f_{f(A)}(y)]) : y \in N\}$ . First of all we note that  $t_{f(A)}(0) = \vee \{t_A(x) : x \in M, f(x) = 0\} = t_A(0) = 1$ . To prove the second condition of a vague submodule, Let  $y_1, y_2 \in N$ . If  $f^{-1}(y_1) = \phi$  or  $f^{-1}(y_2) = \phi$  then correspondingly  $t_{f(A)}(y_1) = 0$  or  $t_{f(A)}(y_2) = 0$ . So in this case  $t_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge t_{f(A)}(y_2) = 0$  and so  $t_{f(A)}(y_1 + y_2) \geq t_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge t_{f(A)}(y_2)$ . Now if  $f^{-1}(y_1) \neq \phi \neq f^{-1}(y_2)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} t_{f(A)}(y_1 + y_2) &= \vee \{t_A(x) : x \in M, y_1 + y_2 = f(x)\} \\ &= \vee \{t_A(x_1 + x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, y_1 + y_2 = f(x_1 + x_2)\} \\ &\geq \vee \{t_A(x_1 + x_2) : x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &= \vee \{t_A(x_1 + x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, y_1 = f(x_1), y_2 = f(x_2)\} \\ &\geq \vee \{t_A(x_1) \wedge t_A(x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in M, y_1 = f(x_1), y_2 = f(x_2)\} \\ &\geq (\vee \{t_A(x_1) : x_1 \in M, y_1 = f(x_1)\}) \wedge (\vee \{t_A(x_2) : x_2 \in M, y_2 = f(x_2)\}) \\ &= t_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge t_{f(A)}(y_2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $t_{f(A)}(y_1 + y_2) \geq t_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge t_{f(A)}(y_2) \forall y_1, y_2 \in N$ . Similarly we can prove that  $1 - f_{f(A)}(y_1 + y_2) \geq 1 - f_{f(A)}(y_1) \wedge 1 - f_{f(A)}(y_2) \forall y_1, y_2 \in N$

Now to prove the third condition of a vague submodule, let  $y \in N$ . If  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  then

$$\begin{aligned} t_{f(A)}(y) &= 0. \text{ So in this case } t_{f(A)}(ry) \geq t_{f(A)}(y). \text{ Now if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi, \text{ then} \\ t_{f(A)}(ry) &= \vee \{t_A(x) : x \in M, ry = f(x)\} \geq \vee \{t_A(rx_1) : rx_1 \in M, ry = f(rx_1)\} \\ &\geq \vee \{t_A(rx_1) : x_1 \in M, x_1 = f^{-1}(y)\} = \vee \{t_A(rx_1) : x_1 \in M, y = f(x_1)\} \\ &\geq \vee \{t_A(x_1) : x_1 \in M, y = f(x_1)\} = t_{f(A)}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f(V_A)$  is a vague submodule of N.

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