

1. Introduction

The theory of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh[8]. As a generalization of fuzzy set, Zadeh[9, 10, 11] introduced the concept of interval-valued fuzzy set, after that, some authors investigated the topic and obtained some meaningful conclusions. Chang[2] introduced and developed the theory of fuzzy topological spaces. In 1993 Gau and Buehrer [3] introduced the concept of vague set which was the generalization of fuzzy set with truth membership and false membership function. The vague set theory has been investigated by many authors and has been applied in different fields. In classical topology, the notion of generalized Volterra spaces was initiated and studied by Milan matejdes [5, 6].Later Thangaraj and Sundarajan[7] established the concept of fuzzy Volterra spaces. The purpose of this paper is to further extend the concept of vague set theory by introducing the concept of vague Volterra spaces along with some interesting properties.

2. Preliminaries

Definition2.1:[3] A vague set A in the universe of discourse U is characterized by two membership functions given by:

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

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 $t_A(x) + f_A(x) \le 1$. 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, $t_A(x) \le \mu(x) \le 1 - f_A(x)$. The vague set A is written as $A = \left\{ \langle x, [t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)] \rangle / u \in U \right\}$ 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:[1] Let A and B be VSs of the form $A = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left[t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)\right] \right\rangle | x \in X \right\} \right\}$ and $B = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left[t_B(x), 1 - f_B(x)\right] \right\rangle | x \in X \right\}$ Then (i) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $t_A(x) \le t_B(x)$ and $1 - f_A(x) \le 1 - f_B(x)$ for all $x \in X$ (ii) A=B if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$ (iii) $A^c = \left\{ \left\langle x, f_A(x), 1 - t_A(x) \right\rangle | x \in X \right\}$ (iv) $A \cap B = \left\{ \left\langle x, \min(t_A(x), t_B(x)), \min(1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_B(x)) \right\rangle | x \in X \right\}$ (v) $A \cup B = \left\{ \left\langle x, (t_A(x) \lor t_B(x)), (1 - f_A(x) \lor 1 - f_B(x)) \right\rangle | x \in X \right\}$

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

Definition2.3: [4] A vague topology (VT in short) on X is a family τ of VSs in X satisfying the following axioms.

- (i) $0, 1 \in \tau$ (ii) $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$, for any $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$
- (iii) $\bigcup G_i \in \tau$ for any family $\{G_i / i \in J\} \subseteq \tau$.

In this case the pair (X, τ) is called a Vague topological space (VTS in short) and any VS in τ is known as a Vague open set(VOS in short) in X. The complement A^c of a VOS A in a VTS (X, τ) is called a vague closed set (VCS in short) in X.

Definition 2.4[4] Let (X, τ) be a VTS and $A = \langle x, t_A, 1 - f_A \rangle$ be a VS in X. Then the vague interior and a vague closure are defined by Vint(A)= $\bigcup \{G/G \text{ is an VOS in X and } G \subseteq A\}$ Vcl(A)= $\bigcap \{K/K \text{ is an VCS in X and } A \subseteq K\}$ Note that for any VS A in (X, τ) , we have $VCI(A^c) = (Vint(A))^c$ and $Vint(A^c) = (VCI(A))^c$.

3. Vague Volterra space

Definition 3.1 A vague set A in a vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague dense if there exists no vague closed set B in (X, τ) such that $A \subset B \subset 1$.

Definition 3.2: A vague set A in a vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague nowhere dense set if there exists no vague open set B in (X, τ) such that $B \subset \mathcal{VCl}(A)$. That is, \mathcal{V} int $(\mathcal{VCl}(A)) = 0$.

Theorem 3.31 f A is a vague dense and vague open set in a vague topological space (X, τ) then \overline{A} is a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . **Proof:** Let A be a vague dense and vague open set in (X, τ) . Then we have $\mathcal{VCI}(A) = 1$ and \mathcal{V} int(A) = A. Now we have to show that

 $\mathcal{V}\operatorname{int}(\mathcal{V}cl(\overline{A})) = 0.$ Let $\mathcal{V}cl(\overline{A}) = \overline{\mathcal{V}\operatorname{int}(A)} = \overline{A}$ which implies that $\mathcal{V}\operatorname{int}(\mathcal{V}cl(\overline{A})) = \mathcal{V}\operatorname{int}(\overline{A}) = \overline{\mathcal{V}cl(A)} = \overline{1} = 0$ That is, $\mathcal{V}\operatorname{int}(\mathcal{V}cl(\overline{A})) = 0.$ Hence \overline{A} is vague nowhere dense set in $(X, \tau).$

Theorem 3.4:Let A be a vague set. If A is a vague closed set in (X, τ) with V int(A) = 0, then A is a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) .

Proof: Let A is a vague closed set in (X, τ) . Then $\mathcal{VCI}(A) = A$. Now \mathcal{V} int $(\mathcal{VCI}(A)) = \mathcal{V}$ int(A) = 0 and hence A is a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.5: Let A be a vague closed set in (X, τ) , then A is a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) if and only if \mathcal{V} int(A) = 0.

Proof: Let A be a vague closed set in (X, τ) , with V int(A) = 0. Then by theorem 3.4, A is a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . Conversely, let A be a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . Then V int(VCI(A)) = 0 which implies that V int(A) = 0. Since A is a vague closed, VCI(A) = A.

Theorem 3.6: If A is a vague nowhere dense set in a vague topological space (X, τ) , then $\mathcal{VCI}(A)$ is also a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) .

Proof: Let A be a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . Then, \mathcal{V} int $(\mathcal{VCI}(A)) = 0$. Now $\mathcal{VCI}(\mathcal{VCI}(A)) = \mathcal{VCI}(A)$. Hence \mathcal{V} int $(\mathcal{VCI}(\mathcal{VCI}(A))) = \mathcal{V}$ int $(\mathcal{VCI}(A)) = 0$. Therefore $\mathcal{VCI}(A)$ is also a vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) .

Definition 3.7 A vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague first category set if $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i)$, where A_i 's are vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) . Any other vague set in (X, τ) is said to be of vague second category.

Definition 3.8 A vague set A in a vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) if $A = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i)$ where $A_i \in \tau$, for $i \in I$.

Definition 3.9: A vague set A in a vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague F_{σ} -sets in (X, τ) if $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i)$ where $\overline{A_i} \in \tau$, for $i \in I$.

Definition 3.10: A vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague Volterra space if $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_{i}) = 1$, where A_{i} 's are vague dense and vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) .

Example 3.11: Let X={a,b}. Define the vague sets A, B, C and D as follows, $A = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$, $B = \{< x, [0.3, 0.7], [0.2, 0.6] >\}$, $C = \{< x, [0.1, 0.8], [0.3, 0.9] >\}$ and $D = \{< x, [0.3, 0.6], [0.1, 0.4] >\}$. Clearly $\tau = \{0, 1, A, B, C, D\}$ is a vague topology on X. thus (X, τ) is a vague topological space. Let $E = \{A \cap B \cap C\}$, $F = \{A \cap B \cap D\}$ and $G = \{A \cap B \cap C \cap D\}$ where E, F and G are vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) . Also, we have Vcl(E) = 1, Vcl(F) = 1 Vcl(G) = 1. Also we have $Vcl(E \cap F \cap G) = 1$. Therefore, is a vague Volterra space.

Theorem 3.12: A vague topological space (X, τ) is a vague Volterra space, if and only if \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A}_{i}) = 0$, where A_{i} 's are vague dense and vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) .

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a vague Volterra space and A_i's are vague dense and vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) . Then we have $\mathcal{Vcl}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$. Now $\mathcal{Vint}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A_i}) = \mathcal{Vcl}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 0$. Conversely, let $\mathcal{Vint}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A_i}) = 0$, where A_i's are vague dense and vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) .

Then $\overline{\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_{i})} = 0$ implies $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=i}^{N} A_{i}) = 1$. Hence (X, τ) is a vague Volterra space.

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Theorem 3.13Let (X, τ) be a vague topological space. If \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} A_{i}) = 0$, A_{i} 's are vague nowhere dense and a vague F_{σ} -sets in (X, τ) , then (X, τ) is a vague Volterra space.

Proof: Let \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} A_{i}) = 0$, then this implies that, $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$ int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} A_{i}) = 1$ (i.e.,) $\mathcal{V}CI(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A}_{i}) = 1$. A_i's are vague nowhere dense and vague F_{σ} -sets implies that \overline{A}_{i} 's are vague dense and a vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) , and also $\mathcal{V}CI(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A}_{i}) = 1$. Then (X, τ) is a vague Volterra space.

Definition 3.14Let A be a vague first category set in a vague topological space (X, τ) . Then \overline{A} is called a vague residual sets in (X, τ) .

Definition 3.15 A vague topological space (X, τ) is called a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space if $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$, where A_i 's are vague dense and vague residual sets in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.16:Let (X, τ) be a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space, then \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i) = 0$, where A_i 's are vague first category sets such that \mathcal{V} int $(A_i) = 0$ in (X, τ) .

Proof: Let A_i 's (i=1 to N) be vague first category set such that $\mathcal{V}int(A_j) = 0$ in (X, τ) . Then \overline{A} is vague residual sets such that $\mathcal{V}cl(\overline{A_j}) = 1$ in (X, τ) . That is \overline{A} 's are vague residual and vague dense sets in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space, $\mathcal{V}cl(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N}(\overline{A_i}) = 1$ and hence therefore, we have $\mathcal{V}int(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N}A_i) = 0$ where A_i 's are vague first category sets such that, $\mathcal{V}int(A_j) = 0$ in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.171 f each vague nowhere dense set is a vague closed set in a vague Volterra space in (X, τ) , then (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space.

Proof: Let A_i 's (i=1 to N) be vague dense set and vague residual set in (X, τ) . Since A_i 's are vague residual set, (\overline{A}_j) 'S are vague first category set in (X, τ) . Now $\overline{A}_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_{ij}$, where B_{ij} 's are vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . By hypothesis, a vague nowhere dense set B_{ij} 's are vague closed sets and hence (\overline{A}_j) 'S are vague F_{σ} sets in (X, τ) . This implies that A_i 's are vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) . Hence A_i 's are vague dense and vague G_{δ} -sets in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a vague Volterra space, $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$. Hence $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$, where A_i 's are vague dense and interval valued vague residual sets in (X, τ) implies that (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space.

Definition 3.18:Let (X, τ) be a vague topological space. Then (X, τ) is called a vague baire space if \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = 0$ where A_i 's are vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.19: Let (X, τ) be a vague topological space. Then the following are equivalent (i) (X, τ) is a vague Baire space.

(ii) $V \operatorname{int}(A) = 0$, for every vague first category set $A \operatorname{in}(X, \tau)$.

(iii) $\mathcal{V}cl(B) = 1$, for every vague residual set B in (X, τ) .

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let A be a vague first category set in (X, τ) . Then $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, where A_i 'S are vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) . Now $V \operatorname{int}(A) = V \operatorname{int}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = 0$. Since (X, τ) is a vague baire space. Therefore $V \operatorname{int}(A) = 0$. (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Let A be a vague residual set in (X, τ) . Then \overline{B} is a vague first category set in (X, τ) . By hypothesis $V \operatorname{int}(\overline{B}) = 0$ which implies that $\overline{Vcl}(\overline{B}) = 0$. Hence Vcl(B) = 1. (iii) \Rightarrow (i) Let A be a vague first category set in (X, τ) . Then $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, where A_i 'S are vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) . Now A is a vague first category set implies that \overline{A} is a vague residual set in (X, τ) . By hypothesis, we have $Vcl(\overline{A}) = 1$ which implies that $\overline{Vint}(A) = 1$. Hence $V \operatorname{int}(A) = 0$. That is, $V \operatorname{int}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = 0$, where A_i 'S are vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) . Hence (X, τ) is a vague baire space. **Theorem 3.20:** If $\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i$, is the vague set, A_i 'S are vague nowhere dense sets in a vague baire space in (X, τ) , then (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r . Volterra space.

Proof:Let (X, τ) be a vague baire space and A_i's (i=1 to N) be vague dense set and vague residual set in (X, τ) . Since A_i's are vague residual set, (\overline{A}_{i}) 's are vague first category set in (X, τ) . Now $\overline{A}_{i} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_{ii}$, where B_{ii} 's are vague nowhere dense set in (X, τ) . By hypothesis (\overline{A}_{i}) is a vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) . Let (B_{α}) 's be a vague nowhere dense sets in (X, τ) in which the first N vague nowhere dense sets be (\overline{A}_i) . Since (X, τ) is a vague baire space, \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (B_{\alpha})) = 0$. But \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A}_i) \leq \mathcal{V}$ int $(\bigcup_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} B_{\alpha})$ and \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}) = 0$. Then \mathcal{V} int $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{A}_i) = 0$. Therefore $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$ where A_i 's (i=1 to N) are vague dense set and vague residual i = 1.

set in (X, τ) . Therefore (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space.

Theorem 3.21 If a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space is a vague baire space, then $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = 1$, where where A_i's (i=1 to N) are vague residual set in

$$(\boldsymbol{X},\tau)$$

Proof: Let A_i's (i=1 to N) are vague residual set in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a vague baire space, (by theorem 3.19) $\mathcal{VCI}(A_i) = 1 \forall i$. Then A_i's are vague dense set and vague residual set in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space, $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$. Therefore, $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$ where A_i's (i=1 to N) are vague residual set in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.221 if $\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_{i}$, is a vague residual set in a vague baire space (X, τ) , where A_{i} 's (i=1 to N) are vague residual sets, then (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space.

Proof: Let A_i 's (i=1 to N) be vague dense and vague residual sets, then (X, τ) . Then, by hypothesis, $\bigcap_{j=1}^{n} A_j$ is a vague residual set in (X, τ) .Since (X, τ) is a vague baire space, therefore (by theorem 3.19) $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N} A_i) = 1$. Hence $\mathcal{VCI}(\bigcap_{i=1}^{N-1} A_i) = 1$, where A_i 's are vague dense set

and vague residual set in (X, τ) . Therefore (X, τ) is a vague \mathcal{E}_r -Volterra space.

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