



# VAGUE $\hat{g}$ OPEN SETS & ITS APPLICATIONS IN VAGUE TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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## ABSTRACT

A new class of vague  $\hat{g}$  - open sets in vague topological spaces is introduced and also studied some of its basic properties. Further we obtained  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ ,  $T_{vs} \hat{g}_g$  spaces and also discussed some of its characterizations.

## KEYWORDS

Vague  $\hat{g}$  open sets,  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space,  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$  space,  $T_{vs} \hat{g}_g$  space.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1965 the fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh<sup>[14]</sup>. The theory of fuzzy topology was introduced in 1967 by C.L. Chang<sup>[4]</sup>. The concept of vague sets was first initiated by Gau and Buehrer<sup>[5]</sup>. Norman Levine<sup>[6]</sup> initiated generalized closed (briefly g-closed) sets in 1970. M.K Veera Kumar<sup>[13]</sup> introduced  $\hat{g}$  -Closed sets in topological spaces in 2000.

Here we introduced the concepts of vague  $\hat{g}$  - open sets also studied the applications of the new class and its basic properties.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1:** [2] A vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  in the universe of discourse  $X$  is characterized by two membership functions given by:

1. A true membership function  $T_{\mathcal{A}} : X \rightarrow [0,1]$  and
2. A false membership function  $F_{\mathcal{A}} : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ ,

where  $T_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$  is lower bound on the grade of membership of  $x$  derived from the "evidence for  $x$ ",  $F_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$  is a lower bound on the negation of  $x$  derived from the "evidence against  $x$ " and  $T_{\mathcal{A}}(x) + F_{\mathcal{A}}(x) \leq 1$ . Thus the grade of membership of  $x$  in the vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded by a subinterval  $[T_{\mathcal{A}}(x), 1 - F_{\mathcal{A}}(x)]$  of  $[0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.2:** [2] Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be two vague sets of the form  $\mathcal{A} = \{ \langle x, [T_{\mathcal{A}}(x), 1 - F_{\mathcal{A}}(x)] \rangle / x \in X \}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{ \langle x, [T_{\mathcal{B}}(x), 1 - F_{\mathcal{B}}(x)] \rangle / x \in X \}$  Then

- a)  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A}(x) \leq T_{\mathcal{B}}(x)$  and  $1 - F_{\mathcal{A}}(x) \leq 1 - F_{\mathcal{B}}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$

- b)  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$
- c)  $\mathcal{A}^c = \{ \langle x, F_{\mathcal{A}}(x), 1 - T_{\mathcal{A}}(x) \rangle / x \in X \}$
- d)  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \{ \langle x, \min(T_{\mathcal{A}}(x), T_{\mathcal{B}}(x)), \min(1 - F_{\mathcal{A}}(x), 1 - F_{\mathcal{B}}(x)) \rangle / x \in X \}$
- e)  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B} = \{ \langle x, \max(T_{\mathcal{A}}(x), T_{\mathcal{B}}(x)), \max(1 - F_{\mathcal{A}}(x), 1 - F_{\mathcal{B}}(x)) \rangle / x \in X \}$

### VAGUE TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

**Definition 2.3:[8]** A vague topology (VT in short) on  $X$  is a family  $\tau$  of vague sets (VS in short) in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms.

- a)  $0, 1 \in \tau$
- b)  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$ , for any  $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$
- c)  $\cup G_i \in \tau$  for any family  $\{G_i / i \in J\} \subseteq \tau$

In this case the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a vague topological space (VTS in short) and any VS in ' $\tau$ ' is known as a vague open set (VOS in short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4:[8]** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a VTS and  $\mathcal{A} = \langle x, T_{\mathcal{A}}, 1 - F_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle$  be a VS in  $X$ . Then the vague interior and a vague closure are defined by

$$V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}) = \cup \{G / G \text{ is an VOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}, V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}) = \cap \{K / K \text{ is an VCS in } X \text{ and } \mathcal{A} \subseteq K\}$$

Note:  $V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}^c) = (V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}))^c$  and  $V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}^c) = (V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}))^c$ .

**Definition 2.5:[8]** A Vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a (VSCS if  $V \text{ int } (V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A})) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ), (VSOS if  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V \text{ cl } (V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}))$ ), (VPCS if  $V \text{ cl } (V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A})) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ), (VPOS if  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V \text{ int } (V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}))$ ), (V $\alpha$ CS if  $V \text{ cl } (V \text{ int } (V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ), (V $\alpha$ OS if  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V \text{ int } (V \text{ cl } (V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A})))$ ), (VROS if  $\mathcal{A} = V \text{ int } (V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}))$ ), (VRCS if  $\mathcal{A} = V \text{ cl } (V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}))$ ),

**Definition 2.6:[9]** A vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a **vague  $\hat{g}$ -closed** sets ( $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ CS in short) if  $V \text{ cl } (\mathcal{A}) \subseteq U$  whenever  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is vague semi open set in  $X$ .

### 4. VAGUE $\hat{g}$ - OPEN SETS

We introduced the notion of vague  $\hat{g}$  open sets and studied some of their properties.

**Definition 3.1:** A vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a vague  $\hat{g}$  - open sets ( $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ OS in short) if  $V \text{ int } (\mathcal{A}) \supseteq U$  whenever  $\mathcal{A} \supseteq U$  and  $U$  is vague semi closed set in  $X$ .

The family of all  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$  OSs of an VTS  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\hat{V}\hat{G}O(X)$ .

Note that the complement of  $\mathcal{A}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{A}^c$ ) is  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$  CS,  $\mathcal{A}$  in an VTS  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$  OS in  $X$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{ \langle x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.1, 0.4] \rangle \}$ , then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{ \langle x, [0.2, 0.7], [0.3, 0.6] \rangle \}$  is a  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$  OS.

**Theorem 3.3:**

- i. Every VOS is a  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ OS.
- ii. Every  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ OS is a VSGOS.
- iii. Every  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ OS is a VGOS.
- iv. Every  $\hat{V}\hat{G}$ OS is a VRGOS.

v. Every  $\widehat{VGOS}$  is a  $VGPROS$ .

vi. Every  $\widehat{VGOS}$  is a  $V\alpha GOS$ .

**Proof:** Straight forward.

The converse of the above statements need not be true, which can be verified by the following examples.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{< x, [0.1, 0.4], [0.2, 0.3] >\}$ , then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.8], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$  is a  $V\widehat{GOS}$  but not a  $VOS$ .

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{< x, [0.6, 0.9], [0.7, 0.8] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.9, 0.9], [0.8, 0.8] >\}$  is a  $VSGOS$  but not  $V\widehat{GOS}$ .

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G_1 = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$ ,  $G_2 = \{< x, [0.5, 0.9], [0.3, 0.4] >\}$ ,  $G_3 = \{< x, [0.5, 0.9], [0.4, 0.5] >\}$ ,  $G_4 = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.3, 0.4] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.4, 0.5], [0.5, 0.6] >\}$  is a  $VGOS$  but not  $V\widehat{GOS}$ .

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{< x, [0.2, 0.7], [0.5, 0.8] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.6, 0.8], [0.6, 0.9] >\}$  is a  $VRGOS$  but not  $V\widehat{GOS}$ .

**Example 3.8:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{< x, [0.5, 0.7], [0.2, 0.7] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.4, 0.5], [0.5, 0.8] >\}$  is a  $VGPROS$  but not  $V\widehat{GOS}$ .

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X$ ,  $G = \{< x, [0.5, 0.9], [0.4, 0.8] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$  is a  $V\alpha GOS$  but not  $V\widehat{GOS}$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** The union and the intersection of any two  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$  may be a  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . This can be seen from the below example.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, 1\}$  be a VT on  $X$ ,  $G_1 = \{< x, [0.1, 0.4], [0.2, 0.3] >\}$ ,  $G_2 = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.1, 0.4] >\}$ ,  $G_3 = \{< x, [0.2, 0.5], [0.2, 0.4] >\}$ ,  $G_4 = \{< x, [0.1, 0.4], [0.1, 0.3] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.8], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$  &  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.7], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$

is a  $V\widehat{GOS}$ , but depending upon the vague points it may vary.

**Theorem 3.12:** A vague set  $\mathcal{A}$  of a VTS  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $U \subseteq Vint(\mathcal{A})$ , whenever  $U$  is a vague semi closed set and  $U \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

**Proof:** Necessity: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $U$  be a vague semi closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $U \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $U^c$  is a  $VSOS$  in  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{A}^c \subseteq U^c$ , By hypothesis,  $\mathcal{A}^c$  is a  $V\widehat{GCS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

We have  $Vcl(\mathcal{A}^c) \subseteq U^c$ , hence  $U \subseteq Vint(\mathcal{A})$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a vague set of  $X$  and let  $U \subseteq Vint(\mathcal{A})$ , whenever  $U$  is a vague semi closed set and  $U \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}^c \subseteq U^c$  and  $U^c$  is a vague semi open set. By hypothesis,  $Vcl(\mathcal{A}^c) \subseteq U^c \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}^c$  is a  $V\widehat{GCS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $V\widehat{GOS}(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.13:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a VTS, then for every  $\mathcal{A} \in V\widehat{GOS}$  and for every  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$   $\mathcal{B} \in VS(X)$ ,  $Vint(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \in V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $V\widehat{GOS}$  in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $Vint(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}^c \subseteq \mathcal{B}^c \subseteq (Vint(\mathcal{A}))^c$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}^c \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be VSOS, Since  $\mathcal{A}^c \subseteq \mathcal{B}^c \subseteq U$ , Hence  $\mathcal{A}^c \subseteq U$ . But  $\mathcal{A}^c$  is a  $V\hat{G}CS(X) \Rightarrow Vcl(\mathcal{A}^c) \subseteq U$ . Also  $\mathcal{B}^c \subseteq (Vint(\mathcal{A}))^c = Vcl(\mathcal{A}^c)$ .  $\therefore Vcl(\mathcal{B}^c) \subseteq Vcl(Vcl(\mathcal{A}^c)) \subseteq U$ .

Hence  $\mathcal{B}^c$  is a  $V\hat{G}FCS \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a  $V\hat{G}FOS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{B} \in V\hat{G}FOS(X)$ .

#### 4. Properties of $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ spaces

We introduce the following definition:

**Definition 4.1:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space if every  $V\hat{g}$ -closed set in it is vague closed.

**Example 4.2:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$ ”. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.

**Example 4.3:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.1, 0.4], [0.2, 0.3] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.8], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$ ”. Here  $(X, \tau)$  is not a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.

**Definition 4.4:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$  space if every  $Vg$ -closed set in it is  $V\hat{g}$ -closed.

**Example 4.5:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.3, 0.6], [0.6, 0.8] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.4], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$ ”. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$  space.

**Definition 4.6:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_{v_s} \hat{g}_g$  space if every  $Vsg$ -closed set in it is  $V\hat{g}$ -closed.

**Example 4.7:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.3, 0.5], [0.4, 0.6] >\}$  then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.5, 0.8], [0.4, 0.7] >\}$ ”. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_{v_s} \hat{g}_g$  space.

**Theorem 4.8:** Every  $T_{v_{\frac{1}{2}}}$  space is a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space but not conversely.

**Proof:** Follows from the result “Every vague  $\hat{g}$  closed set is vague  $g$  closed but not conversely”.

The converses of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.9:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$  as same in the example 4.2 then the vague set  $\mathcal{B} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.8], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$  is not vague closed”. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not a  $T_{v_{\frac{1}{2}}}$  space.

**Theorem 4.10:** Every  $T_{v_{\frac{1}{2}}}$  space is a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$  space but not conversely.

**Proof:** Follows from the result “Every vague closed set is vague  $\hat{g}$  closed but not conversely”.

The converses of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.11:** “ $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0, G, 1\}$  is a VT on  $X, G = \{< x, [0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$  as same in the example 4.2 then the vague set  $\mathcal{A} = \{< x, [0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5] >\}$  is  $V\hat{g}$  closed”. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$  space, but the vague set  $\mathcal{B} = \{< x, [0.2, 0.8], [0.3, 0.6] >\}$  is not vague closed”. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not a  $T_{v_{\frac{1}{2}}}$  space.

**Theorem 4.12:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a VTS and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space. Then the following statements hold.

(i) Any union of  $V\hat{g}$  CS is  $V\hat{g}$  CS.

(ii) Any intersection of  $V\hat{g}$  OS is  $V\hat{g}$  OS.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a collection of  $V\hat{g}$  CS in a  $T_v \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore every  $V\hat{g}$  CS is VCS. But the union of VCS is VCS. Hence the union of  $V\hat{g}$  CS is  $V\hat{g}$  CS in  $X$ .

(ii) It can be proved by taking the complement in (i).

**Theorem 4.13:** A VTS  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_V \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space if and only if  $V \hat{g} O(X) = VO(X)$ .

**Proof:** Necessity: Assume  $\mathcal{A}$  be  $V \hat{g} OS$  in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}^C$  is  $V \hat{g} CS$  in  $X$ . By hypothesis,  $\mathcal{A}^C$  is VCS in  $X$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  is VOS in  $X$ . Hence  $V \hat{g} O(X) = VO(X)$ .

Sufficiency: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $V \hat{g} CS$  in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}^C$  is  $V \hat{g} OS$  in  $X$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  is VCS in  $X$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_V \hat{g}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.

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