

# A NOTE ON VAGUE IDEALS OF A NEAR ALGEBRA

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**Abstract:** This paper introduces the notion of vague ideal. Vague left ideal and vague right ideal of a near-algebra.

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of fuzzy subset was introduced by Zadeh [8] and many authors have considered several extension work in fuzzy sets. Gau and Buehrer[3] was the first to study the notion of vague set. Eswarlal and et al. [2] initiated the study of vague field and vague vector space etc. The concept of near-algebras was introduced by Brown [1], and fuzzy algebras over a fuzzy field is redefined by Gu and Lu [4]. Further, Narsimha Swamy [5] considered the notion of fuzzy ideals of a near-ring. Srinivas and Narasimha Swamy [7] developed the concept of fuzzy near-algebra over a fuzzy field and also discussed fuzzy ideals. Recently, Narsimhaswamy and et al.[6] introduced the notion of vague near-algebra over a vague field. Hence in present study, we proposed the new concept of vague ideals of a near-algebra.

## 2. Preliminaries

For the sake of continuity we recall some basic definitions.

**Definition 1.** [3] A vague set  $F$  in the universe of discourse  $X$  is a pair  $(t_F, f_F)$ , where  $t_F : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ ,  $f_F : X \rightarrow [0,1]$  are mappings such that  $t_F(x) + f_F(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in X$ . The functions  $t_F$  and  $f_F$  are called true membership function and false membership function in  $[0, 1]$  respectively. The interval  $[t_F(x), 1 - f_F(x)]$  is called the vague value of  $x$  in  $F$  and it is denoted by  $V_F(x)$ , i.e.  $V_F(x) = [t_F(x), 1 - f_F(x)]$ .

**Definition 2.** [6] Let  $X$  be a field and  $Y$  be a near-algebra over  $X$ . Let  $F$  be a vague field of  $X$  and  $\Omega$  be a vague set of  $Y$ . Then  $\Omega$  is a vague near-algebra of  $Y$  over  $F$  if it satisfies the conditions:

- (i)  $V_\Omega(l_1 + l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ ,
- (ii)  $V_\Omega(\lambda l_1) \geq \min(V_F(\lambda), V_\Omega(l_1))$ ,
- (iii)  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ ,
- (iv)  $V_F(1) \geq V_\Omega(l_1) \forall l_1, l_2 \in Y$  and  $\lambda \in X$ .

## 3. Vague ideals

**Definition 3.** Let  $\Omega$  be a vague near-algebra of  $Y$  over a vague field  $F$  of  $X$ . Then  $\Omega$  is called an vague ideal of  $Y$ , if

- (i)  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq V_\Omega(l_1)$  and (ii)  $V_\Omega(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(i)$

i.e.,

- (i)  $t_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq t_\Omega(l_1)$  and  $1 - f_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq 1 - f_\Omega(l_1)$
- (ii)  $t_\Omega(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1) \geq t_\Omega(i)$  and  $1 - f_\Omega(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1) \geq 1 - f_\Omega(i) \forall l_1, l_2, i \in Y$ .

$\Omega$  is a vague right ideal of  $Y$  if  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq V_\Omega(l_1) \forall l_1, l_2 \in Y$ .

$\Omega$  is a vague left ideal of  $Y$  if  $V_\Omega(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(i) \forall l_1, l_2, i \in Y$ .

In other words, a vague set  $\Omega$  of a near-algebra  $Y$  over a vague field  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be vague ideal if it satisfies the conditions:

- (i)  $V_\Omega(l_1 + l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ , (ii)  $V_\Omega(\lambda l_1) \geq \min(V_F(\lambda), V_\Omega(l_1))$ ,
- (iii)  $V_F(1) \geq V_\Omega(l_1)$ , (iv)  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ ,
- (v)  $V_\Omega(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(i)$  (or equivalently  $V_\Omega(l_2 l_3 - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(l_3 - l_1)$ ) for every  $l_1, l_2, l_3, i \in Y$ , where 1 is the unity in  $X$ .

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**Example 1.** Let  $X = Z_2 = \{0, 1\}_{\oplus 2, \otimes 2}$  be a field. A vague set  $F = (t_F, f_F)$  of  $X$  defined as

$$t_F : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } t_F(m) = \begin{cases} 0.9, & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0.8, & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$f_F : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f_F(m) = \begin{cases} 0.1, & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0.2, & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases}$$

For any  $m, n \in X$ , we get  $V_F(m-n) \geq V_F(m) \wedge V_F(n)$  and  $n \neq 0, V_F(mn^{-1}) \geq V_F(m) \wedge V_F(n)$ . Thus  $F$  is a vague field of  $X$ .

Let  $Y = \{0, p, q, r\}$  be a set with two binary operations “+” and “·” as follows:

+	0	p	q	r
0	0	p	q	r
p	0	r	q	
q	r	0	p	
r	q	p	0	

·	0	p	q	r
0	0	0	0	0
p	0	q	0	q
q	0	0	0	0
r	0	q	0	q

Define a scalar multiplication on  $Y$  by  $0 \cdot z = 0, 1 \cdot z = z$  for each  $z \in Y, 0,1 \in X$ .

Then it is clear that  $Y$  is a near-algebra over a field  $X$ .

A vague set  $\Omega = (t_\Omega, f_\Omega)$  of  $Y$  defined as  
 $t_\Omega : Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $t_\Omega(z) = \begin{cases} 0.6, & \text{if } z = 0 \\ 0.3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and

$f_\Omega : Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f_\Omega(z) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & \text{if } z = 0 \\ 0.7, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

For any  $\lambda_i \in X$  and  $l_1, l_2, i \in Y$ . Further (i)  $V_\Omega(l_1+l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ , (ii)  $V_\Omega(\lambda l_1) \geq \min(V_F(\lambda), V_\Omega(l_1))$ , (iii)  $V_F(1) \geq V_\Omega(1)$ , (iv)  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ , (v)  $V_\Omega(l_2(l_1+i)-l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(i)$  (or equivalently  $V_\Omega(l_2 l_3 - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(l_3 - l_1)$ ) Where 1 is the unity in  $X$ .  
 Hence  $\Omega$  is called a vague ideal of  $Y$ .

**Example 2.** Consider  $X$  and  $Y$  as in above example 1. A vague set  $F = (t_F, f_F)$  of  $X$  defined as

$t_F : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $t_F(m) = \begin{cases} 0.8, & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0.7, & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases}$  and

$f_F : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f_F(m) = \begin{cases} 0.2, & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0.3, & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases}$

For any  $m, n \in X$ , we get  $V_F(m-n) \geq V_F(m) \wedge V_F(n)$  and  $n \neq 0, V_F(mn^{-1}) \geq V_F(m) \wedge V_F(n)$ .  
 Thus  $F$  is a vague field of  $X$ .

And also it is clear that  $Y$  is a near-algebra over a field  $X$  (“·” by example 1).

A vague set  $\Omega = (t_\Omega, f_\Omega)$  of  $Y$  defined as  
 $t_\Omega : Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $t_\Omega(z) = \begin{cases} 0.6, & \text{if } z = 0 \\ 0.4, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and

$f_\Omega : Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f_\Omega(z) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & \text{if } z = 0 \\ 0.6, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

For any  $\lambda_i \in X$  and  $l_1, l_2, i \in Y$ . Further (i)  $V_\Omega(l_1+l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ , (ii)  $V_\Omega(\lambda l_1) \geq \min(V_F(\lambda), V_\Omega(l_1))$ , (iii)  $V_F(1) \geq V_\Omega(1)$ , (iv)  $V_\Omega(l_1 l_2) \geq \min(V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2))$ , (v)  $V_\Omega(l_2(l_1+i)-l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(i)$  (or equivalently  $V_\Omega(l_2 l_3 - l_2 l_1) \geq V_\Omega(l_3 - l_1)$ ) Where 1 is the unity in  $X$ .  
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**4. Main Results**

Throughout this section  $X$  stands for field and  $Y$  stands for near-algebra (right) over the field  $X$  otherwise it mentioned.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a vague ideal of a near-algebra  $Y$  over a vague field  $F$  of  $X$ . Then each level subset  $\Omega_t = \{l_1 \in Y : V_\Omega(l_1) \geq t, t \in [0, 1]\}$  is an ideal of  $Y$ , where  $V_F(\lambda) \geq t$  for any  $\lambda \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $l_1, l_2 \in \Omega_t$  and  $\lambda \in X$ . Then  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$  and  $V_\Omega(l_1) \geq t, V_\Omega(l_2) \geq t$ .  
 Since  $\Omega$  is a Vague ideal, we get  $V_\Omega(l_1 - l_2) \geq \min\{V_\Omega(l_1), V_\Omega(l_2)\} \geq \min(t, t) = t$ .  
 $\therefore l_1 - l_2 \in \Omega_t$ . Now  $V_\Omega(\lambda l_1) \geq V_F(\lambda) \wedge V_\Omega(l_1) \geq t \wedge t = t$ .  
 $\therefore \lambda l_1 \in \Omega_t$ . Thus  $\Omega_t$  is a linear subspace of  $Y$ .

Let  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$  and  $i \in \Omega_t$ . Then  $l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2l_1 \in Y$ , and  $V_{\Omega}(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2l_1) \geq V_{\Omega}(i) \geq t$ .  $\therefore l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2l_1 \in \Omega_t$ .

Thus  $\Omega_t$  is a left ideal of  $Y$ .

Let  $l_1 \in Y$ ,  $i \in \Omega_t$ . Then  $V_{\Omega}(il_1) \geq V_{\Omega}(i) \geq t$ .  $\therefore il_1 \in \Omega_t$ .

Thus  $\Omega_t$  is a right ideal of  $Y$ . Hence  $\Omega_t$  is an ideal of  $Y$ . |

**Theorem 2.** Intersection of a family of Vague ideals of a near-algebra  $Y$  is a Vague ideal of  $Y$ .

Proof. Let  $\{\Omega_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  be a family of Vague ideals of near-algebra  $Y$  over a Vague field  $F$  of  $X$ .

Let  $V_{\Omega}(l_1) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_1) = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_1)$  For every  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\Omega}(\lambda l_1 + \mu l_2) &= \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(\lambda l_1 + \mu l_2) \\ &\geq \inf_{i \in \Lambda} \{ \min(V_F(\lambda), V_{\Omega_i}(l_1)), \min(V_F(\mu), V_{\Omega_i}(l_2)) \} \\ &\geq \min(\min(V_F(\lambda), \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_1)), \min(V_F(\mu), \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_2))) \\ &= \min(\min(V_F(\lambda), V_{\Omega}(l_1)), \min(V_F(\mu), V_{\Omega}(l_2))) \end{aligned}$$

Since each  $\Omega_i$  is an ideal, we get  $V_F(1) = V_{\Omega_i}(l_1) \geq \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_1) = V_{\Omega}(l_1)$  for every  $l_1 \in Y$  and  $i \in \Lambda$ .

Now  $V_{\Omega}(l_1 l_2) = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} (V_{\Omega_i}(l_1 l_2)) \geq \inf_{i \in \Lambda} (V_{\Omega_i}(l_1)) = V_{\Omega}(l_1)$ . Thus  $\Omega$  is a vague right ideal of  $Y$ .

Let  $l_1, l_2, j \in Y$ . Then  $V_{\Omega}(l_2(l_1 + j) - l_2l_1) = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(l_2(l_1 + j) - l_2l_1) \geq \inf_{i \in \Lambda} V_{\Omega_i}(j) = V_{\Omega}(j)$ . Thus  $\Omega$  is a vague left ideal of  $Y$ .

Hence  $\Omega$  is a vague ideal of a near-algebra  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $Y$  and  $Y^1$  be two near-algebras over a field  $X$ . Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be two vague ideals of  $Y$  and  $Y^1$  respectively over a Vague field  $F$  of  $X$ . Then  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  is a vague ideal of a near-algebra  $Y \times Y^1$ .

Proof. Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be two vague ideals of near-algebras  $Y$  and  $Y^1$  respectively over a Vague field  $F$  of  $X$ . We have that  $(V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1) = \min(V_{\Omega_1}(l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1))$  where  $(l_1, l_1^1) \in Y \times Y^1$ . Also know that  $Y \times Y^1 = \{(l_2, l_2^1) : l_2 \in Y, l_2^1 \in Y^1\}$ . Let  $(l_1, l_1^1), (l_2, l_2^1) \in Y \times Y^1$  and  $\lambda \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1)(l_2, l_2^1) &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1 + l_2, l_1^1 + l_2^1) \\ &= \min(V_{\Omega_1}(l_1 + l_2), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1 + l_2^1)) \\ &\geq \min\{ \min(V_{\Omega_1}(l_1), V_{\Omega_1}(l_2)), \min(V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_2^1)) \} \\ &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1), (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_2, l_2^1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(\lambda(l_1, l_1^1)) &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(\lambda l_1, \lambda l_1^1) \\ &= \min(V_{\Omega_1}(\lambda l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(\lambda l_1^1)) \\ &\geq \min\{ \min(V_F(\lambda), V_{\Omega_1}(l_1)), \min(V_F(\lambda), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1)) \} \\ &= \min\{ (V_F(\lambda), \min(V_{\Omega_1}(l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1))) \} \\ &= \min\{ (V_F(\lambda), (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1)) \} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Omega_1$  is a Vague ideal of  $Y$ , we get  $V_F(1) \geq V_{\Omega_1}(l_1)$  for every  $l_1 \in Y$ , 1 is the unity in  $X$ . And  $\Omega_2$  is a vague ideal of  $Y^1$ , then  $V_F(1) \geq V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1)$  for every  $l_1^1 \in Y^1$

Then  $V_F(1) \geq \min\{V_{\Omega_1}(l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1)\} = (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1)$

$$\begin{aligned} (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1)(l_2, l_2^1) &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1 l_2, l_1^1 l_2^1) \\ &= \min\{V_{\Omega_1}(l_1 l_2), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1 l_2^1)\} \\ &\geq \min\{V_{\Omega_1}(l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_1^1)\} \\ &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_1, l_1^1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2}$  is a vague right ideal of  $Y \times Y^1$ . Let  $(l_1, l_1^1), (l_2, l_2^1), (i, i^1) \in Y \times Y^1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_2, l_2^1)(l_1, l_1^1) + (i, i^1) - (l_2, l_2^1)(l_1, l_1^1) &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_2, l_2^1)(l_1 + i, l_1^1 + i^1) - (l_2 l_1, l_2^1 l_1^1) \\ &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_2(l_1 + i), l_2^1(l_1^1 + i^1) - (l_2 l_1, l_2^1 l_1^1)) \\ &= (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1, l_2^1(l_1^1 + i^1) - l_2^1 l_1^1) \\ &= \min\{V_{\Omega_1}(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2 l_1), V_{\Omega_2}(l_2^1(l_1^1 + i^1) - l_2^1 l_1^1)\} \\ &= \min(V_{\Omega_1}(i), V_{\Omega_2}(i^1)) = (V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2})(i, i^1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2}$  is a vague left ideal of  $Y \times Y^1$ . Hence  $V_{\Omega_1} \times V_{\Omega_2}$  is a vague ideal of  $Y \times Y^1$

**Definition 4.** Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be two vague ideals of a zero symmetric near-algebra  $Y$ . Let  $l_1 \in Y$  then their sum is denoted by  $\Omega_1 + \Omega_2$  and is defined by  $V_{\Omega_1 + \Omega_2}(l_1) = \text{Sup}_{l_1 = l_2 + l_3} \{\min(V_{\Omega_1}(l_2), V_{\Omega_2}(l_3))\}$ , where  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$ .

Note that, if  $l_1^1 = -l_3 + l_2 + l_3$ , and then  $V_{\Omega_2}(-l_3 + l_2 + l_3) = V_{\Omega_2}(l_2)$ . That is  $V_{\Omega_2}(l_2^1) = V_{\Omega_2}(l_2)$ .

From this it is clear that  $V_{\Omega_1 + \Omega_2}(l_1) = V_{\Omega_2 + \Omega_1}(l_1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two near-algebras over a field  $X$ . Let  $f: Y \rightarrow Z$  be an onto near-algebra homomorphism. If  $\Omega$  is a vague ideal in  $Y$ , then  $f(\Omega)$  is a Vague ideal in  $Z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in Z$  and  $\lambda \in X$ . Now

(i) for all  $u, v \in Z$  and their exists  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$  such that  $u = f(l_1), v = f(l_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f(\Omega)}(u + v) &= \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_3) : l_3 \in Y, l_3 \in f^{-1}(u + v)\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{(V_{\Omega}(l_1 + l_2)) : l_1, l_2 \in Y, f(l_1) = u, f(l_2) = v\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{\min(V_{\Omega}(l_1), V_{\Omega}(l_2)) : l_1, l_2 \in Y, f(l_1) = u, f(l_2) = v\} \\ &= \min\{\text{Sup}(V_{\Omega}(l_1)) : l_1 \in Y, f(l_1) = u, \text{Sup}(V_{\Omega}(l_2)) : l_2 \in Y, f(l_2) = v\} \\ &= \min(V_{f(\Omega)}(u), V_{f(\Omega)}(v)). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For all  $u \in Z$  and  $\lambda \in X$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f(\Omega)}(\lambda u) &= \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_3) : l_3 \in Y, l_3 \in f^{-1}(\lambda u)\} \\ &\geq \text{Sup}\{(V_{\Omega}(\lambda l_3)) : l_3 \in Y, f(l_3) = u\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{\min(V_F(\lambda), V_{\Omega}(l_3)) : l_3 \in Y, f(l_3) = u\} \\ &= \min\{V_F(\lambda), \text{Sup}(V_{\Omega}(l_3)) : l_3 \in Y, f(l_3) = u\} \\ &= \min(V_F(\lambda), V_{f(\Omega)}(u)). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We have  $V_F(1) \geq V_{\Omega}(l_1)$  for every  $l_1 \in Y$ .

Then for all  $u \in Z$ ,  $V_F(1) \geq \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_3) : l_3 \in Y, l_3 \in f^{-1}(u)\} = V_{f(\Omega)}(u)$ .

(iv) For all  $u, v \in Z$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f(\Omega)}(uv) &= \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_3) : l_3 \in Y, l_3 \in f^{-1}(uv)\} \\ &\geq \text{Sup}\{(V_{\Omega}(l_1 l_2)) : l_1, l_2 \in Y, f(l_1) = u, f(l_2) = v\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_1)\} : l_1 \in Y, f(l_1) = u \\ &= V_{f(\Omega)}(u). \end{aligned}$$

(v). For all  $u, v, i \in Z$ . Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f(\Omega)}(v(u+i) - vu) &= \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_3) : l_3 \in Y, l_3 \in f^{-1}(v(u+i) - vu)\} \\ &\geq \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(l_2(l_1 + j) - l_2l_1) : l_1 \in f^{-1}(u), l_2 \in f^{-1}(v), j \in f^{-1}(i)\} \\ &\geq \text{Sup}\{V_{\Omega}(j) : j \in f^{-1}(i)\} \\ &= V_{f(\Omega)}(i). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(\Omega)$  is a vague ideal in  $Z$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two near-algebras over a field  $X$ . Let  $f: Y \rightarrow Z$  be an onto near-algebra homomorphism. If  $\Omega$  is a Vague ideal in  $Z$ , then  $f^{-1}(\Omega)$  is a Vague ideal in  $Y$ .

Proof. For all  $l_1, l_2 \in Y$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in X$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(\lambda l_1 + \mu l_2) &= V_{\Omega}(f(\lambda l_1 + \mu l_2)) \\ &= V_{\Omega}(\lambda f(l_1) + \mu f(l_2)) \\ &\geq \min(V_{\Omega}(\lambda f(l_1) + \mu f(l_2))) \\ &= \min(\min(V_{\Omega}(\lambda), V_{\Omega}(f(l_1))), \min(V_{\Omega}(\mu), V_{\Omega}(f(l_2)))) \\ &= \min(\min(V_F(\lambda), V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_1)), \min(V_F(\mu), V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_2))). \end{aligned}$$

We have  $V_F(1) \geq V_{\Omega}(l_3)$  for each  $l_3 \in Z$ . This implies for every  $l_1 \in Y$ ,  
 $V_F(1) \geq V_{\Omega}(f(l_1))$  (Since  $f(l_1) \in Z = V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_1)$ ). Now

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_1 l_2) &= V_{\Omega}(f(l_1 l_2)) \\ &= V_{\Omega}(f(l_1) f(l_2)) \\ &\geq V_{\Omega}(l_1) \\ &= V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2l_1) &= V_{\Omega}(f(l_2(l_1 + i) - l_2l_1)) \\ &= V_{\Omega}(f(l_2(l_1 + i)) - f(l_2l_1)) \\ &= (V_{\Omega}(f(l_2)(f(l_1) + f(i)) - f(l_2)f(l_1))) \\ &\geq V_{\Omega}(f(i)) \\ &= V_{f^{-1}(\Omega)}(i). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\Omega)$  is a Vague ideal in  $Y$ . □

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