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# **Extended Pair of Vague Filters in Residuated Lattices**

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#### Abstract:

The focus of this paper is to develop the theory of vague filters on residuated lattices. Characterizations of vague filters in residuated lattice are established. We discuss some properties of vague filters in terms of its level subsets. Also the notion of extended pair of vague filter is introduced and characterize their properties.

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#### 1. Introduction

The notion of residuated lattices is initiated in order to provide a reliable logical foundation for uncertain information processing theory and establish a logical system with truth value in a relatively general lattice. The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh (1965) [19]. Since then this idea has been applied to other algebraic structures. Since the fuzzy set is single function, it cannot express the evidence of supporting and opposing. Hence the concept of vague set [6] is introduced in 1993 by W.L.Gau and Buehrer. D.J. In a vague set A, there are two membership functions: a truth membership function  $t_A$  and a false membership function  $f_A$ , where  $t_A$  and  $f_A$  are lower bound of the grade of membership respectively and  $t_A(x) + f_A(x) \le 1$ . Thus the grade of membership in a vague set A is a subinterval  $[t_A(x), 1-f_A(x)]$  of [0, 1]. Vague sets is an extension of fuzzy sets. The idea of vague sets is that the membership of every elements which can be divided into two aspects including supporting and opposing. With the development of vague set theory, some structure of algebras corresponding to vague set have been studied. R.Biswas [3] initiated the study of vague algebras by studying vague groups. T.Eswarlal [5] study the vague ideals and normal vague ideals in semirings. H.Hkam , etc [13] study the vague relations and its properties. Quotient algebras. In this paper, we introduce the concept of vague filters and we discuss some properties of Vague filters in terms of its level subsets. Also by introducing the notion of extended vague filters, it is proved that the set of all vague filters forms a bounded distributive lattice.

# 2. Preliminaries

# 2.1. Definition 2.1: [17]

A residuated lattice is an algebraic structure  $L = (L, \lor, \land, *, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  satisfying the following axioms:

- 1.  $(L, \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice
- 2. (L, \*, 1) is a commutative monoid.
- 3. (\*, 1) is an adjoint pair, i.e., for any x, y, z, w \in L,
  - i. if  $x \le y$  and  $z \le w$ , then  $x * z \le y * w$ .
  - ii. if  $x \le y$  and  $y \to z \le x \to z$  then  $z \to x \le z \to y$ .
  - iii. (adjointness condition)  $x * y \le z$  if and only if  $x \le y \rightarrow z$ .

In this paper, denote L as residuation lattice unless otherwise specified.

2.2. Definition 2.2: [20]

Let  $U \neq \phi$ . A mapping  $f: U \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a fuzzy set. Let f and g be fuzzy sets on U. Then tip- extended pair of f and g [19, 20] can be defined by

 $f^g(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \neq 1 \\ f(1) \lor g(1), & x = 1 \end{cases}$ 

 $g^f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} g(x), & x \neq 1 \\ g(1) \lor f(1), & x = 1 \end{cases}.$ 

2.3. Theorem 2.3: [17, 16]

In each residuated lattice L, the following properties hold for all x, y,  $z \in L$ :

- 1.  $(x * y) \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z).$
- 2.  $z \le x \rightarrow y \Leftrightarrow z * x \le y$ .
- 3.  $x \le y \Leftrightarrow z * x \le z * y$ .
- 4.  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ .
- 5.  $x \le y \Longrightarrow z \to x \le z \to y$ .
- 6.  $x \le y \Longrightarrow y \to z \le x \to z, y' \le x'$ .
- 7.  $y \to z \le (x \to y) \to (x \to z).$
- 8.  $y \to x \le (x \to z) \to (y \to z)$ .
- 9.  $1 \rightarrow x = x, x \rightarrow x = 1.$
- 10.  $x^m \le x^n$ , m,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \ge n$ .
- 11.  $x \le y \Leftrightarrow x \to y = 1$ .
- 12.  $0' = 1, 1' = 0, x' = x^m, x \le x^n$ .
- 13.  $x \lor y \to z = (x \to z) \land (y \to z)$ .

$$|4. \ x * \ x' = 0.$$

15.  $x \to (y \land z) = (x \to y) \land (x \to z).$ 

#### 2.4. Definition 2.4: [20]

A non-empty subset F of a residuated lattice L is called a filter of L if it satisfies

- 1.  $x, y \in F \Rightarrow x * y \in F$ .
- 2.  $x \in F, x \le y \Longrightarrow y \in F$ .

#### 2.5. Theorem 2.5: [20]

A non-empty subset F of a residuated lattice L is called a filter of L if it satisfies, for any  $x,y \in L$ ,

1.  $1 \in F$ .

2.  $x \in F, x \rightarrow y \in F \Rightarrow y \in F$ .

2.6. Note 2.6: [20]

A fuzzy set A on a residuated lattice L is a mapping from L' to [0, 1]

#### 2.7. Definition 2.7: [20]

A fuzzy set A of a residuated lattice L is called a fuzzy filter, if it satisfies, for any  $x, y \in L$ 

- 1.  $A(1) \ge A(x)$ .
- 2.  $A(x * y) \ge \min{A(x), A(y)}$ .

# 2.8. Theorem 2.8: [20]

A fuzzy set A of a residuated lattice L is a fuzzy filter, if and only if it satisfies, for any  $x, y \in L$ ,

1.  $A(1) \ge A(x)$ .

2.  $A(y) \ge \min\{A(x \rightarrow y), A(x)\}$ 

# 2.9. Definition 2.9: [3]

A Vague set A in the universe of discourse S is a Pair  $(t_A, f_A)$  where  $t_A : S \to [0,1]$  and  $f_A : S \to [0,1]$  are mappings (called truth membership function and false membership function respectively) 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 on the negation of x derived from the evidence against x and  $t_A(x) + f_A(x) \le 1 \forall x \in S$ .

#### 2.10. Definition 2.10: [18]

Let  $\delta$  be a mapping from  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  to [0, 1].  $\delta$  is called a t-norm (resp. s-norm) on [0, 1], if it satisfies the following conditions: for any x, y,  $z \in [0, 1]$ 

- 1.  $\delta(x, 1) = x$  (resp.  $\delta(x, 0) = x$ ),
- 2.  $\delta(x, y) = \delta(y, x)$ ,
- 3.  $\delta(\delta(x, y), z) = \delta(x, \delta(y, z)),$
- 4. if  $x \le y$ , then  $\delta(x, z) \le \delta(y, z)$ .

#### **3. Vague Filters on Residuated Lattice**

#### *3.1. Definition 3.1:*

A Vague set A of L is called a vague filter of L, if for any  $x, y \in L$ :

- 1.  $V_A(\mathbf{I}) \ge V_A(\mathbf{x})$
- 2.  $V_A(y) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x))$

#### 3.2. Theorem 3.2:

Let A be a vague filter of L. Then, for any x,  $y \in L$ : if  $x \le y$ , then  $V_A(x) \le V_A(y)$ .

#### > Proof:

Since  $x \le y$ , it follows that  $x \to y = I$ . Since A is a vague filter of L, we have  $V_A(y) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x))$  and  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  for any  $x, y \in L$ . Therefore  $V_A(y) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x)) = \min(V_A(x), V_A(x)) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(x)) = V_A(x)$ . Therefore  $V_A(y) \le V_A(y)$ .

#### Theorem 3.3:

Let A be a vague set on L. Then A is vague filter of L, if and only if, for any x, y,  $z \in L$   $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  and  $V_A(x \rightarrow z) \ge \min(V_A(y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)), V_A(y))$ .

#### ➤ Proof:

Let A be vague filter of L, obviously  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  and  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  and  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to (x \to z)), V_A(y))$  holds for any x, y,  $z \in L$ . Taking x = I in  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to (x \to z)), V_A(y))$ , we have  $V_A(z) = V_A(I \to z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to (I \to z)), V_A(y)) = \min(V_A(y \to z), V_A(y))$ . Since  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  holds, and so A is a vague filter of L.

#### 3.4. Theorem 3.4:

Let A be a vague set on L. Then A is a vague filter of L, if and only if, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ , A satisfies if  $x \le y$ , then  $V_A(x) \le V_A(y)$  for any x,  $y \in L$  and  $V_A(x * y) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$ .

#### • Proof:

Assume that A is a vague filter of L, obviously if  $x \le y$ , then  $V_A(x) \le V_A(y)$  holds for any  $x, y \in L$ . Since  $x \le y \to (x * y)$ , we have  $V_A(y) \to (x * y) \ge V_A(x)$ . By Definition 3.1 (2), it follows that  $V_A(x * y) \ge \min(V_A(y), V_A(y \to (x * y))) \ge \min(V_A(y), V_A(x))$ . Conversely, assume that if  $x \le y$ , then  $V_A(x) \le V_A(y)$  and  $V_A(x * y) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$  holds for any  $x, y \in L$ . Taking y = I, we get  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$ . As  $x * (x \to y) \le y$ , thus  $V_A(y) \ge V_A(x * (x \to y))$ . Therefore  $V_A(y) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(x \to y))$ . Hence A is a vague filter of L.

#### 3.5. Remark 3.5:

A vague set on L is a vague filter of L, if and only if, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ : if  $x \to (y \to z) = I$  then  $V_A(z) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$ .

#### 3.6. Remark 3.6:

A vague set on L is a vague filter of L, if and only if, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ : if  $a_n \to (a_{n-1} \to \dots \to (a_1 \to x) \dots) = I$ , then  $V_A(x) \ge \min(V_A(a_n), \dots, V_A(a_1))$ 

#### 3.7. Theorem 3.7:

A vague set on L is a vague filter of L, if and only if, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ , A satisfies Remark 3.5 and  $V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to z) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$ .

#### Proof:

If A is a vague filter of L then Remark 3.5 holds. Since  $V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to z) \to z ) \ge \min(V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to (y \to z)), V_A(y))$ . As  $(x \to (y \to z)) \to (y \to z) = x \lor (y \to z) \ge x$ , by Theorem 3.2 we have  $V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to (y \to z)) \ge V_A(x)$ . Therefore,  $V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to z) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$ . Conversely, suppose  $V_A((x \to (y \to z)) \to z) \ge \min(V_A(x), V_A(y))$  is valid. Since  $V_A(y) = V_A((I \to y) = V_A(((x \to y) \to (x \to y)) \to y) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x))$ . Hence by Definition 3.1, A is s vague filter of L.

#### 3.8. Theorem 3.8:

Let A be a vague set on L. Then A is a vague filter of L, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ , A satisfies Definition 3.1(1) and  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(y \to z))$ .

#### Proof:

Assume that A is vague filter of L. Since  $(x \to y) \le (y \to z) \to (x \to z)$ , it follows from Theorem 3.2 that  $V_A((y \to z) \to (x \to z)) \ge V_A(x \to y)$ . As A is a vague filter, so  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to z), V_A((y \to z) \to (x \to z)))$ . We have  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to z), V_A(x \to z))$ . Conversely, if  $V_A(x \to z) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(y \to z))$  for any x, y,  $z \in L$ , then  $V_A(I \to z) \ge \min(V_A(I \to y), V_A(y \to z))$  that is  $V_A(z) \ge \min(V_A(y \to z))$ . Hence by definition 3.1 A is a vague filter of L.

#### 3.9. Theorem 3.9:

Let A be a vague set on L. Then A is a vague filter of L, if and only if, for any  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\alpha + \beta \le 1$ , the sets  $U(t_A, \alpha) \neq \phi$  and  $L(1-f_A, \beta) \neq \phi$  are filters of L, where  $U(t_A, \alpha) = \{x \in L / t_A(x) \ge \alpha\}$ ,  $L(1-f_A(x), \beta) = \{x \in L / 1-f_A(x) \ge \beta\}$ .

#### ➤ Proof:

Assume A is a vague filter of L, then  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$ . By the condition  $U(t_A, \alpha) \ne \varphi$ , it follows that there exist  $a \in L$  such that  $t_A(a) \ge \alpha$ , and so  $t_A(I) \ge \alpha$ , hence  $I \in U(t_A, \alpha)$ . Let  $x, x \rightarrow y \in U(t_A, \alpha)$ , then  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $t_A(x \rightarrow y) \ge \alpha$ . Since A is a filter of L, then  $t_A(y) \ge \min(t_A(x), t_A(x \rightarrow y)) \ge \min(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . Hence  $y \in U(t_A, \alpha)$ . Therefore  $U(t_A, \alpha)$  is a filter of L. We will show that  $L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$  is a filter of L. Since A is a vague filter of L, then  $1 - f_A(I) \ge 1 - f_A(x)$ . By the condition  $L(1 - f_A(x), \beta) \ne \varphi$ , it follows that there exist  $a \in L$  such that  $1 - f_A(a) \ge \beta$ . Therefore we have  $1 - f_A(I) \ge 1 - f_A(a) \ge \beta$ . Hence  $I \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ . Let  $x, x \rightarrow y \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ , then  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ ,  $1 - f_A(x \rightarrow y) \ge \beta$ . Since A is a vague filter of L, then  $1 - f_A(y) \ge \beta$ . Hence  $I \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ . Let  $x, x \rightarrow y \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ , then  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ ,  $1 - f_A(x \rightarrow y) \ge \beta$ . Since A is a vague filter of L, then  $1 - f_A(y) \ge \beta$ . Hence  $I \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ . Let  $x, x \rightarrow y \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ , then  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ ,  $1 - f_A(x \rightarrow y) \ge \beta$ . Since A is a vague filter of L, then  $1 - f_A(y) \ge \beta$  min  $(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ . Therefore  $L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$  is a filter of L. Conversely, suppose that  $U(t_A, \alpha) \ne \varphi$  and  $L(1 - f_A(x), \beta) \ne \varphi$  are filters of L, then, for any  $x \in L$ ,  $x \in U(t_A, t_A(x))$  and  $x \in L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x)) \ge \varphi$  and  $L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x)) \ne \varphi$  are filters of L, it follows that I \in U(t\_A, t\_A(x)) and  $I \in L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x))$ . By  $U(t_A, t_A(x)) \ne \varphi$  and  $L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x)) \ne \varphi$  are filters of L, it follows that I \in U(t\_A, t\_A(x)) and  $I \in L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x))$ . By  $U(t_A, t_A(x)) \ne \varphi$  and  $L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x)) \ne \varphi$  are filters of L, it follows that I  $U(t_A, t_A(x)) = 0$  and  $I = L(1 - f_A, 1 - f_A(x))$ . Therefore  $t_A(y) \ge \alpha = \min(t_A(x), t_A(x \rightarrow y))$  and  $I = L(1 - f_A, \alpha)$  and  $x, x \rightarrow y \in L(1 - f_A, \beta)$ . And so  $y \in U(t_A, \alpha)$  and  $y \in L(1 - f_A(x), \beta)$ . Therefore  $t_A(y) \ge \alpha = \min(t_A(x), t_A(x \rightarrow y))$  and  $1 - f_A(y) \ge \beta =$ 

#### 3.10. Theorem 3.10:

Let A, B be two vague filters of L, then  $A \cap B$  is also a vague filter of L.

#### ➤ Proof:

Let x, y,  $z \in L$  such that  $z \leq x \rightarrow y$ , then  $z \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = I$ . Since A, B be two vague filters of L, we have  $V_A(y) \geq \min(V_A(z), V_A(x))$  and  $V_B(y) \geq \min(V_B(z), V_B(x))$ . Since  $V_{A \cap B}(y) = \min(V_A(y), V_B(y)) \geq \min(\min(V_A(z), V_A(x)))$ ,  $\min(V_B(z), V_B(x)) = \min(\min(V_A(z), V_B(z))) = \min(V_A(z), V_B(z))$ . Since A, B be two vague filters of L, we have  $V_A(I) \geq V_A(x)$  and  $V_B(I) \geq V_B(x)$ . Hence  $V_{A \cap B}(I) = \min(V_A(I), V_B(I)) \geq \min(V_A(x), V_B(x)) = V_{A \cap B}(x)$ . Then  $A \cap B$  is a vague filters of L.

# 3.11. Remark 3.11:

Let  $A_i$  be a family of vague sets on L, where i is an index set. Denoting C by the intersection of  $A_i$ , i.e.  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ , where  $V_C(x) = \min(V_{A_1}(x), V_{A_2}(x), \dots)$  for any  $x \in L$ .

# 3.12. Note 3.12:

Let  $A_i$  be a family of vague filters of L, where  $i \in I$ , I is an index set, then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is also a vague filters of L.

#### 3.13. Theorem 3.13:

Let A be a vague set on L. Then

a. For any  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1]$ , if  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a filter of L. Then, for any x, y,  $z \in L$ ,

 $V_A(z) \le \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x)) \text{ imply } V_A(z) \le V_A(y).$ 

b. If A satisfy Definition 3.1(1) and condition (a), then, for any  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1], A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a filter of L.

# **Proof:**

a. Assume that  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a filter of L for any  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ .

Since  $V_A(z) \leq \min(V_A(x \rightarrow y), V_A(x))$ , it follows that  $V_A(z) \leq V_A(x \rightarrow y), V_A(z) \leq V_A(x)$ . Therefore,  $x \rightarrow y \in A_{(t_A(z), 1-f_A(z))}$ ,  $x \in A_{(t_A(z), 1-f_A(z))}$ . As  $V_A(z) \in [0, 1]$ , and  $A_{(t_A(z), 1-f_A(z))}$  is a filter of L, so  $y \in A_{(t_A(z), 1-f_A(z))}$ . Thus  $V_A(z) \leq V_A(y)$ .

b. Assume A satisfy (a) and (b). For any x,  $y \in L$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $x \to y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ ,  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , therefore  $t_A(x \to y) \ge \alpha$ , 1-  $f_A(x \to y) \ge \beta$  and  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ , 1-  $f_A(x) \ge \beta$ , and so  $\min(t_A(x \to y), t_A(x)) \ge \min(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . By (a), we have  $t_A(y) \ge \alpha$  and 1-  $f_A(y) \ge \beta$ , that is,  $y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Since  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(x)$  for any  $x \in L$ , it follows that  $t_A(I) \ge \alpha$  and 1-  $f_A(I) \ge \beta$ , that is,  $I \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a filter of L.

# 3.14. Theorem 3.14:

Let A be a vague filter of L, then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1], A_{(\alpha, \beta)} (\neq \phi)$  is a filter of L.

#### Proof:

Since  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \neq \varphi$ , there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  such that  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ . And A is a vague filter of L, we have  $t_A(I) \ge t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $1 - f_A(I) \ge 1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ , therefore  $I \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Let  $x, y \in L$  and  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}, x \to y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , therefore  $t_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ ,  $t_A(x \to y) \ge \alpha$ ,  $1 - f_A(x) \ge \beta$ . Since A is a vague filter of L, thus  $t_A(y) \ge \min(t_A(x \to y), t_A(x)) \ge \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(y) \ge \min(1 - f_A(x \to y), 1 - f_A(x)) \ge \beta$ , it follows that  $y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Therefore,  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a filter of L.

#### 3.15. Remark 3.15:

From Theorem 3.14, the filter  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is also called a vague – cut filter of L.

#### 3.16. Theorem 3.16:

Any filter F of L is a vague –cut filter of some vague filter of L.

#### ➢ Proof:

Consider the vague set A of L: A = {(x,  $t_A(x) / x \in L$ }, where If  $x \in F$ ,  $V_A(x) = \alpha$ . If  $x \notin F$ ,  $V_A(x) = 0$ . where  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Since F is a filter of L, we have  $1 \in F$ . Therefore  $V_A(I) = \alpha \ge V_A(x)$ . For any x,  $y \in L$ , if  $y \in F$ , then  $V_A(y) = \alpha = \min(\alpha, \alpha) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x))$ . If  $y \notin F$ , then  $x \notin F$  or  $x \to y \notin F$ . And so  $V_A(y) = 0 = \min(0, 0) = \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x))$ . Therefore A is a vague filter of L.

#### 3.17. Theorem 3.17:

Let A be a vague filter of L. Then  $F = \{x \in L / t_A(x) = t_A(I), 1 - f_A(x) = 1 - f_A(I)\}$  is a filter of L.

#### Proof:

Since  $F = \{x \in L / t_A(x) = t_A(I), 1 - f_A(x) = 1 - f_A(I)\}$ , obviously  $I \in F$ . Let  $x \to y \in F$ ,  $x \in F$ , so  $V_A(x \to y) = V_A(x) = V_A(I)$ . Therefore  $V_A(y) \ge \min(V_A(x \to y), V_A(x)) = V_A(I)$  and  $V_A(I) \ge V_A(y)$ , then  $V_A(y) = V_A(I)$ . Thus  $y \in F$ . It follows that F is a filter of L.

#### 4. Extended Pair of Vague Filters

4.1. Remark 4.1:

Let A, B be two vague filters of L, then  $A \cap B$  is also a vague filter of L.

4.2. Remark 4.2:

For  $A \in VS(L)$ , the intersection of all vague filters containing A is called the generated fuzzy filter by A, denoted as  $\langle A \rangle$ .

# 4.3. Remark 4.3:

Let  $A \in VS$  (L). Then A is a vague filter if and only if  $x * y \le z$  implies  $V_A(x) \land V_A(y) \le V_A(z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

#### 4.4. Theorem 4.4:

Let  $A \in VS(L)$ . Define a new vague set B by  $B = [t_B, 1 - f_B]$  where  $V_B(x) = \bigvee_{a_1 * \dots a_n \le x} \{V_A(a_1) \land \dots \lor V_A(a_n)\}$ , for all  $x \in L$ . where  $a_i \in L$ ,  $n \in N$ . Then  $B = \langle A \rangle$ .

#### Proof:

We complete the proof by two steps. Firstly, we verify that B is a vague filter. For all x,  $y \in L$ , such that  $x \leq y$ , the Definition of B yields that  $V_B(x) \leq V_B(y)$ . For all x,  $y \in L$ , we have  $V_B(x) \wedge V_B(y) = \bigvee_{a_1* \dots a_n \leq x} \{V_A(a_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(a_n)\} \wedge \bigvee_{b_1* \dots b_m \leq y} \{V_A(b_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(b_m)\} = \bigvee_{a_1* \dots a_n \leq x} \bigvee_{b_1* \dots b_m \leq y} \{V_A(a_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(a_n) \wedge V_A(b_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(b_m)\}$ , where  $a_i, b_i \in L$ ,  $n, m \in N$ , for all x,  $y \in L$ .  $\leq \bigvee_{c_1* \dots c_k \leq x*y} \{V_A(c_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(c_k)\}$ ,  $c_i \in L$ ,  $k \in N$ .  $= V_B(x * y)$ , by Remark 4.3. Thus B is a vague filter. Secondly, let C be a vague filter such that  $C \supseteq A$ . By the Definition of vague filter, it holds that  $V_B(x) = \bigvee_{a_1* \dots a_n \leq x} \{V_A(a_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_A(a_n)\} \leq \bigvee_{a_1* \dots a_n \leq x} \{V_C(a_1) \wedge \dots \vee V_C(a_n)\} \leq \bigvee_{a_1* \dots a_n \leq x} \{V_C(a_1 * \dots * a_n)\} \leq V_C(x)$ . Hence  $B \subseteq C$ . Thus  $B = \langle A \rangle$ .

#### 4.5. Lemma 4.5:

Let a, b, u,  $v \in [0, 1]$  such that  $0 \le a + b \le 1$  and  $0 \le u + v \le 1$ . Then  $0 \le a \lor u + b \land v \le 1$ .

#### Proof:

Without losing the generality, we assume that  $a \le u$ . Then  $a \lor u + b \land v \le u + v \le 1$ . It obvious that  $0 \le a \lor u + b \land v$ . Thus it holds that  $0 \le a \lor u + b \land v \le 1$ .

4.6. Theorem 4.6:

Let A be a vague filter of L and for all u,  $v \in [0, 1]$  such that  $0 \le u + v \le 1$ . Then  $A^{u,v} = [t_A^{u}, 1 - f_A^{v}]$  is a vague filter, where  $t_A^u(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} t_A(\mathbf{x}), & x \neq 1 \\ t_A(1) \lor u, & x = 1 \end{cases}$ ,

$$1 - f_A^{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 - f_A(\mathbf{x}), & x \neq 0\\ 1 - f_A(0) \lor \nu, & x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

 $\triangleright$  Proof:

It follows form Lemma 3.6 that  $A^{u,v} \in VS(L)$ . Now we prove that  $A^{u,v}$  is a vague filter. If  $x \le y$ , we consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:** (y = 1). It is obvious that  $t_A^u(x) \le t_A^u(1) = t_A^u(y), 1 - f_A^v(x) \le 1 - f_A^v(0) = 1 - f_A^v(y).$ **Case 2:**  $(y \neq 1)$ . The Definition of  $A^{u,v}$  leads that  $t_A^{u}(x) = t_A(x) \le t_A(y) = t_A^{u}(y)$ ,  $1 - f_A^{v}(x) = 1 - f_A(x) \le 1 - f_A(y) = 1 - f_A^{v}(y)$ . Thus  $t_A^{u}(\mathbf{x}) \le t_A^{u}(\mathbf{y}), 1 - f_A^{v}(\mathbf{x}) \le 1 - f_A^{v}(\mathbf{y}).$ 

Let x,  $y \in L$ . We consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:** (x \* y = 1). If x = y = 1, it is obvious that  $t_A{}^u(x) \wedge t_A{}^u(y) \leq t_A{}^u(x * y)$ ,  $1 - f_A{}^v(x) \wedge 1 - f_A{}^v(y) \leq 1 - f_A{}^v(x * y)$ . If  $x = 1, y \neq 1$  or x  $\neq 1, y = 1$ , it is a contradiction. If  $x \neq 1, y \neq 1$ , it holds that  $t_A^u(x) \wedge t_A^u(y) = t_A(x) \wedge t_A(y) \leq t_A(x * y) = t_A^u(x * y), 1 - f_A^v(x) \wedge 1 - f_A^v(x) = t_A^v(x * y)$  $f_A^{\nu}(y) = 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_A(y) \le 1 - f_A(x * y) = 1 - f_A^{\nu}(x * y).$ 

**Case 2:**  $(x * y \neq 1)$ , it is a contradiction. If x = y = 1, it is a contradiction. If x = 1,  $y \neq 1$  or  $x \neq 1$ , y = 1, it is obvious that  $t_A^{u}(x) \wedge 1$  $t_A^{u}(y) \le t_A^{u}(x * y), 1 - f_A^{v}(x) \land 1 - f_A^{v}(y) \le 1 - f_A^{v}(x * y).$  If  $x \ne 1, y \ne 1$ , we have  $t_A^{u}(x) \land t_A^{u}(y) = t_A(x) \land t_A(y) \le t_A(x * y) = t_A^{u}(x * y)$ y)  $1 - f_A^{\nu}(x) \wedge 1 - f_A^{\nu}(y) = 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_A(y) \le 1 - f_A(x * y) = 1 - f_A^{\mu}(x * y)$ . And in all, it yields that  $t_A^{\mu}(x) \wedge t_A^{\mu}(y) = t_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_A^{\mu}(y) \le 1 - f_A^{\mu}(x * y) = 1 - f_A^{\mu}(x * y)$ .  $t_A(y) \le t_A(x * y) = t_A^u(x * y), 1 - f_A^v(x) \wedge 1 - f_A^v(y) = 1 - f_A(x) \wedge 1 - f_A(y) \le 1 - f_A(x * y) = 1 - f_A^u(x * y).$  Thus  $A^{u,v}$  is a vague filter.

#### 4.7. Definition 4.7:

For given A,  $B \in VS(L)$ , the operation  $\tilde{*}$  is defined by A  $\tilde{*}$  B is defined by A  $\tilde{*}$  B = [ $t_A \tilde{*} t_B$ , 1 –  $f_A \tilde{*} 1 - f_B$ ], where  $V_A \tilde{*} V_B(x) = \bigvee_{v * z \le x} \{V_A(y) \land V_B(z)\}$ .

#### 4.8. Definition 4.8:

The extended pair for vague sets A and B defined by 
$$A^B = [t_A{}^{t_B}, 1 - f_A{}^{1-f_B}]$$
,  
 $t_A{}^{t_B}(x) = \begin{cases} t_A(x), & x \neq 1 \\ t_A(1) \lor t_B(1), x = 1 \end{cases}$ ,  $1 - f_A{}^{1-f_B}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - f_A(x), & x \neq 0 \\ 1 - f_A(0) \lor 1 - f_B(0), x = 0 \end{cases}$   
 $B^A = [t_B{}^{t_A}, 1 - f_B{}^{1-f_A}]$  where  $t_B{}^{t_A}(x) = \begin{cases} t_B(x), & x \neq 1 \\ t_B(1) \lor t_A(1), x = 1 \end{cases}$ ,  $1 - f_B{}^{1-f_A}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - f_B(x), & x \neq 0 \\ 1 - f_B(0) \lor 1 - f_A(0), x = 0 \end{cases}$ .

#### 4.9. Theorem 4.9:

Let A, B  $\in$  VF(L). Then  $A^B \approx B^A \in$  VF(L). ➢ Proof:

It is obvious that  $t_A^{t_B} \approx t_B^{t_A}$  is order preserving, and  $1 - f_A^{1-f_B} \approx 1 - f_B^{1-f_A}$  is order preserving. For all  $x, y \in L$ , we have  $V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(x \ast y) = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq q \le x \ast y}} \{V_A^{V_B}(p) \land V_B^{V_A}(q)\} \ge \bigvee_{\substack{a \ast b \le x \\ c \ast d \le y}} \{V_A^{V_B}(a \ast c) \land V_B^{V_A}(b \ast d)\} \ge \bigvee_{\substack{a \ast b \le x \\ c \ast d \le y}} \{V_A^{V_B}(c) \land V_B^{V_A}(b) \land V_B^{V_A}(b)$  $(d) \} = \bigvee_{a * b \leq x} \{ V_A^{V_B}(a) \land V_B^{V_A}(b) \} \land \bigvee_{c * d \leq y} \{ V_A^{V_B}(c) \land V_B^{V_A}(d) \} = V_A^{V_B} \tilde{*} V_B^{V_A}(x) \land V_A^{V_B} \tilde{*} V_B^{V_A}(y) \text{ and hence } V_A^{V_B} \tilde{*} V_B^{V_A}(x * y) \}$  $\geq V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(\mathbf{x}) \wedge V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(\mathbf{y})$ . Thus  $A^B \approx B^A \in VF(L)$ .

4.10. Theorem 4.10:

Let A, B  $\in$  VF(L). Then  $A^B \approx B^A = \langle A \cup B \rangle$ .  $\blacktriangleright$  Proof:

It is easy to prove that A, B  $\subseteq A^B \\ \tilde{*} B^A$ , and hence A  $\cup B \subseteq A^B \\ \tilde{*} B^A$ . Thus  $\langle A \cup B \rangle \subseteq A^B \\ \tilde{*} B^A$ . Assume that C  $\in VF(L)$ such that  $A \cup B \subseteq C$ . If x = 1, we have  $t_A^{t_B} \approx t_B^{t_A}(1) = t_A(1) \lor t_B(1) \le t_C(1), 1 - f_A^{1-f_B} \approx 1 - f_B^{1-f_A}(0) = 1 - f_A(0) \land 1 - f_B(0) \le 1 - f_C(0)$ . It holds that  $V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(x) = \bigvee_{p \neq q \le x} \{V_A^{V_B}(p) \land V_B^{V_A}(q)\} = \bigvee_{p \neq q \le x} \{V_A^{V_B}(p) \land V_B^{V_A}(q)\}$  $p \neq 1, q \neq 1$  $V_B^{V_A}(\mathbf{q})\} \vee \bigvee_{p \leq x} \{V_A(p)\} \vee \bigvee_{q \leq x} \{V_B(q)\} = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq q \leq x \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} V_A(p) \wedge V_B(q)\} \vee \bigvee_{p \leq x} \{V_A(p)\} \vee \bigvee_{p \leq x} (V_A(p)) \vee \bigvee_{p \in x} (V_A(p)) \vee$  $V_{q \leq x} \{ V_B(q) \}$  $\leq$  $\bigvee_{p * q \leq x} V_{\mathcal{C}}(p) \wedge V_{\mathcal{C}}(q) \} \vee \bigvee_{p \leq x} \{V_{\mathcal{C}}(p)\} \vee \bigvee_{q \leq x} \{V_{\mathcal{C}}(q)\} = \bigvee_{p \; \tilde{*} \; q \leq x} \{V_{\mathcal{A}}(p) \wedge V_{\mathcal{B}}(q)\} \leq V_{\mathcal{C}}(x).$  It follows from Theorem 3.10 that  $A^{\mathcal{B}} \; \tilde{*} \; B^{\mathcal{A}}(p) \wedge V_{\mathcal{B}}(q)$  $p \neq 1, q \neq 1$  $= \langle A \cup B \rangle$ .

4.11. Remark 4.11: For A,B  $\in$  VF(L), then the operations  $\sqcap$  and  $\sqcup$  on VF(L) are defined by A  $\sqcap$  B=A $\cap$ B, A  $\sqcup$  B=A<sup>B</sup>  $\cong$  B<sup>A</sup>. 4.12. Theorem 4.12:

 $(VF(L), \prod, \bigcup, \emptyset, L)$  is a bounded distributive lattice.

➤ Proof:

We only verify the distributivity. Obviously, it holds that  $C \sqcap (A \cup B) \supseteq (C \sqcap A) \sqcup (C \sqcap B)$ , so we only prove  $C \sqcap (A \cup B) \subseteq (C \sqcap A) \sqcup (C \sqcap B)$ . Assume that  $x \in L$  for  $V_C \land V_A^{V_B} \cong V_B^{V_A}(x) \le (V_C \land V_A)^{V_C \land V_B} \cong (V_C \land V_B)^{V_C \land V_A}(x)$ , we consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:** (x = 1). We have  $V_C \wedge V_{A \cup B}(1) = V_C(1) \wedge V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(1) = V_C(1) \wedge (V_A(1) \vee V_B(1)) = (V_C(1) \wedge (V_A(1)) \vee (V_C(1) \wedge (V_B(1))) = (V_C \wedge (V_A(1) \vee V_B(1))) = (V_C \wedge (V_A($  $V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B} \tilde{*} ((V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(1)).$ 

**Case 2:**  $(x \neq 1)$ . It holds that  $V_C(x) \wedge V_A^{V_B} \approx V_B^{V_A}(x) = V_C(x) \wedge \bigvee_{p \approx q \leq x} \{V_A^{V_B}(p) \wedge V_B^{V_A}(q)\} =$  $\bigvee_{p \neq q \leq x} \{ V_{\mathcal{C}}(x) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}^{V_{\mathcal{B}}}(p) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}^{V_{\mathcal{A}}}(q) \} = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq q \leq x \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{ V_{\mathcal{C}}(x) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}(p) \land V_{\mathcal{C}}(x) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}(q) \} \lor \{ V_{\mathcal{C}}(x) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}^{V_{\mathcal{B}}}(1) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}(x) \} \lor$ 

 $\{V_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}^{V_{\mathcal{A}}}(1) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{x})\} = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq q \leq x \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq q \leq x \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}(p) \land V_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}(q)\} \lor \{V_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \land V_{\mathcal{C}}(1) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}^{V_{\mathcal{B}}}(1) \land V_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{x})\} \lor \{V_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}(p) \land V_{\mathcal{A}}(p)$ 

 $V_{C}(1) \wedge V_{B}^{V_{A}}(1) \wedge V_{A}(x) \} = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq q \leq x}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{B}(q)\} \vee \{V_{C}(1) \wedge (V_{A}(1) \vee V_{B}(1))\} \wedge [(V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{B}(x)) \vee (V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x))] \} = \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x)\} \wedge V_{B}(q)\} \vee \{[(V_{C}(1) \wedge (V_{A}(1)) \vee (V_{C}(1) \wedge V_{B}(1))] \wedge [(V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x))]\} \leq \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x)\} \wedge V_{B}(q)\} \vee \{[(V_{C}(1) \wedge (V_{A}(1)) \vee (V_{C}(1) \wedge V_{B}(1))] \wedge [(V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x))]\} \leq \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x)\} \wedge V_{B}(q)\} \vee \{[(V_{C}(1) \wedge (V_{A}(1)) \vee (V_{C}(1) \wedge V_{B}(1))] \wedge [(V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x))]\} \leq \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x)\} \wedge V_{B}(q)\} \vee \{V_{C}(1) \wedge (V_{A}(1)) \vee (V_{C}(1) \wedge V_{B}(1))\} \wedge [(V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x))]\} \leq \bigvee_{\substack{p \neq 1, q \neq 1 \\ p \neq 1, q \neq 1}} \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x)\} \wedge V_{A}(p) \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(p)\} \vee \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \vee \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \vee \{V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V_{A}(x)\} \wedge V_{C}(x) \wedge V$ 

 $\sum_{p \neq 1, q \neq 1}^{p \neq 1, q \neq 1} (V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(q \vee x) \} = [(V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B}(1) \wedge (V_C \wedge V_A)(p \vee x) = [(V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(1) \wedge (V_C \wedge V_B)(q \vee x)] = V_{p \neq q \leq x} \{(V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B}(p \vee x) \wedge (V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(q \vee x)\}.$  Let  $p \vee x = p'$  and  $q \vee x = q'$ . It is easy to verify that  $p' \neq q' \leq x$ , and then the above can be written as  $\bigvee_{p*q \leq x} \{ (V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B}(p) \land (V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(q) \} = (V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B} \approx (V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(x)$ . Thus  $V_C \land V_A^{V_B} \approx (V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_A}(x)$ .  $V_B^{V_A} \leq (V_C \wedge V_A)^{V_C \wedge V_B} \approx (V_C \wedge V_B)^{V_C \wedge V_A}$ , that is, the distributivity holds.

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