

# I-Vague Normal Groups

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**Abstract**—The notions of I-vague normal groups with membership and non-membership functions taking values in an involutory dually residuated lattice ordered semigroup are introduced which generalize the notions with truth values in a Boolean algebra as well as those usual vague sets whose membership and non-membership functions taking values in the unit interval [0, 1]. Various operations and properties are established.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

VAGUE groups are studied by M. Demirci[2]. R. Biswas[1] defined the notion of vague groups analogous to the idea of Rosenfeld [4]. He defined vague normal groups of a group and studied their properties. N. Ramakrishna[3] studied vague normal groups and introduced vague normalizer and vague centralizer.

In his paper, T. Zelalem [9] studied the concept of I-vague groups. In this paper using the definition of I-vague groups, we defined and studied I-vague normal groups where I is an involutory DRL-semigroup. To be self contained we shall recall some basic results in [5], [6], [7], [9] in this paper.

## II. DUALY RESIDUATED LATTICE ORDERED SEMIGROUP

**Definition 2.1:** [5] A system  $A = (A, +, \leq, -)$  is called a dually residuated lattice ordered semigroup (in short DRL-semigroup) if and only if

- i)  $A = (A, +)$  is a commutative semigroup with zero "0";
- ii)  $A = (A, \leq)$  is a lattice such that  
 $a + (b \cup c) = (a + b) \cup (a + c)$  and  $a + (b \cap c) = (a + b) \cap (a + c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ ;
- iii) Given  $a, b \in A$ , there exists a least  $x$  in  $A$  such that  $b + x \geq a$ , and we denote this  $x$  by  $a - b$  (for a given  $a, b$  this  $x$  is uniquely determined);
- iv)  $(a - b) \cup 0 + b \leq a \cup b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ ;
- v)  $a - a \geq 0$  for all  $a \in A$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** [5] Any DRL-semigroup is a distributive lattice.

**Definition 2.3:** [10] A DRL-semigroup  $A$  is said to be involutory if there is an element  $1 (\neq 0)$  ( $0$  is the identity w.r.t.  $+$ ) such that

- (i)  $a + (1 - a) = 1 + 1$ ;
- (ii)  $1 - (1 - a) = a$  for all  $a \in A$ .

**Theorem 2.4:** [6] In a DRL-semigroup with  $1$ ,  $1$  is unique.

**Theorem 2.5:** [6] If a DRL-semigroup contains a least element  $x$ , then  $x = 0$ . Dually, if a DRL-semigroup with  $1$  contains a largest element  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha = 1$ .

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Throughout this paper let  $I = (I, +, -, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  be a dually residuated lattice ordered semigroup satisfying  $1 - (1 - a) = a$  for all  $a \in I$ .

**Lemma 2.6:** [10] Let  $1$  be the largest element of  $I$ . Then for  $a, b \in I$

- (i)  $a + (1 - a) = 1$ .
- (ii)  $1 - a = 1 - b \iff a = b$ .
- (iii)  $1 - (a \cup b) = (1 - a) \cap (1 - b)$ .

**Lemma 2.7:** [10] Let  $I$  be complete. If  $a_\alpha \in I$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then

- (i)  $1 - \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} a_\alpha = \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} (1 - a_\alpha)$ .
- (ii)  $1 - \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} a_\alpha = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} (1 - a_\alpha)$ .

## III. I-VAGUE SETS

**Definition 3.1:** [10] An I-vague set  $A$  of a non-empty set  $G$  is a pair  $(t_A, f_A)$  where  $t_A : G \rightarrow I$  and  $f_A : G \rightarrow I$  with  $t_A(x) \leq 1 - f_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**Definition 3.2:** [10] The interval  $[t_A(x), 1 - f_A(x)]$  is called the I-vague value of  $x \in G$  and is denoted by  $V_A(x)$ .

**Definition 3.3:** [10] Let  $B_1 = [a_1, b_1]$  and  $B_2 = [a_2, b_2]$  be two I-vague values. We say  $B_1 \geq B_2$  if and only if  $a_1 \geq a_2$  and  $b_1 \geq b_2$ .

**Definition 3.4:** [10] An I-vague set  $A = (t_A, f_A)$  of  $G$  is said to be contained in an I-vague set  $B = (t_B, f_B)$  of  $G$  written as  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $t_A(x) \leq t_B(x)$  and  $f_A(x) \geq f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .  $A$  is said to be equal to  $B$  written as  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 3.5:** [10] An I-vague set  $A$  of  $G$  with  $V_A(x) = V_A(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$  is called a constant I-vague set of  $G$ .

**Definition 3.6:** [10] Let  $A$  be an I-vague set of a non empty set  $G$ . Let  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} = \{x \in G : V_A(x) \geq [\alpha, \beta]\}$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  and  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is called the  $(\alpha, \beta)$  cut of the I-vague set  $A$ .

**Definition 3.7:** Let  $S \subseteq G$ . The characteristic function of  $S$  denoted as  $\chi_S = (t_{\chi_S}, f_{\chi_S})$ , which takes values in  $I$  is defined as follows:

$$t_{\chi_S}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$f_{\chi_S}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in S \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\chi_S$  is called the I-vague characteristic set of  $S$  in  $I$ . Thus

$$V_{\chi_S}(x) = \begin{cases} [1, 1] & \text{if } x \in S; \\ [0, 0] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.8:** [10] Let  $A = (t_A, f_A)$  and  $B = (t_B, f_B)$  be I-vague sets of a set  $G$ .

(i) Their union  $A \cup B$  is defined as  $A \cup B = (t_{A \cup B}, f_{A \cup B})$  where  $t_{A \cup B}(x) = t_A(x) \vee t_B(x)$  and

$f_{A \cup B}(x) = f_A(x) \wedge f_B(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

(ii) Their intersection  $A \cap B$  is defined as  $A \cap B = (t_{A \cap B}, f_{A \cap B})$  where  $t_{A \cap B}(x) = t_A(x) \wedge t_B(x)$  and  $f_{A \cap B}(x) = f_A(x) \vee f_B(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

**Definition 3.9:** [10] Let  $B_1 = [a_1, b_1]$  and  $B_2 = [a_2, b_2]$  be I-vague values. Then

(i)  $\text{isup}\{B_1, B_2\} = [\text{sup}\{a_1, a_2\}, \text{sup}\{b_1, b_2\}]$ .

(ii)  $\text{iinf}\{B_1, B_2\} = [\text{inf}\{a_1, a_2\}, \text{inf}\{b_1, b_2\}]$ .

**Lemma 3.10:** [10] Let A and B be I-vague sets of a set G. Then  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  are also I-vague sets of G.

Let  $x \in G$ . From the definition of  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  we have

(i)  $V_{A \cup B}(x) = \text{isup}\{V_A(x), V_B(x)\}$ ;

(ii)  $V_{A \cap B}(x) = \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_B(x)\}$ .

**Definition 3.11:** [10] Let I be complete and  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  be a non empty family of I-vague sets of G where

$A_i = (t_{A_i}, f_{A_i})$ . Then

(i)  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i = (\bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} t_{A_i}, \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} f_{A_i})$

(ii)  $\bigcup_{i \in \Delta} A_i = (\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} t_{A_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} f_{A_i})$

**Lemma 3.12:** [10] Let I be complete. If  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  is a non empty family of I-vague sets of G, then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$  and

$\bigcup_{i \in \Delta} A_i$  are I-vague sets of G.

**Definition 3.13:** [10] Let I be complete and  $\{A_i = (t_{A_i}, f_{A_i}) : i \in \Delta\}$  be a non empty family of I vague sets of G. Then for each  $x \in G$ ,

(i)  $\text{isup}\{V_{A_i}(x) : i \in \Delta\} = [\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} t_{A_i}(x), \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} (1 - f_{A_i}(x))]$ .

(ii)  $\text{iinf}\{V_{A_i}(x) : i \in \Delta\} = [\bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} t_{A_i}(x), \bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} (1 - f_{A_i}(x))]$ .

#### IV. I-VAGUE GROUPS

**Definition 4.1:** [9] Let G be a group. An I-vague set A of a group G is called an I-vague group of G if

(i)  $V_A(xy) \geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in G$  and

(ii)  $V_A(x^{-1}) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**Lemma 4.2:** [9] If A is an I-vague group of a group G, then  $V_A(x) = V_A(x^{-1})$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**Lemma 4.3:** [9] If A is an I-vague group of a group G, then  $V_A(e) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**Lemma 4.4:** [9] A necessary and sufficient condition for an I-vague set A of a group G to be an I-vague group of G is that  $V_A(xy^{-1}) \geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Lemma 4.5:** [9] Let H be a subgroup of G and  $[\gamma, \delta] \leq [\alpha, \beta]$  with  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in I$  where  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\gamma \leq \delta$ . Then the I-vague set A of G defined by

$$V_A(x) = \begin{cases} [\alpha, \beta] & \text{if } x \in H \\ [\gamma, \delta] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is an I-vague group of G.

**Lemma 4.6:** [9] Let  $H \neq \emptyset$  and  $H \subseteq G$ . The I-vague characteristic set of H,  $\chi_H$  is an I-vague group of G iff H is a subgroup of G.

**Lemma 4.7:** [9] If A and B are I-vague groups of a group G, then  $A \cap B$  is also an I-vague group of G.

**Lemma 4.8:** [9] Let I be complete. If  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  is a non empty family of I-vague groups of G, then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$  is an I-vague group of G.

**Lemma 4.9:** [9] Let A be an I-vague group of G and B be a constant I-vague group of G. Then  $A \cup B$  is an I-vague group of G.

**Theorem 4.10:** [9] An I-vague set A of a group G is an I-vague group of G if and only if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , the I-vague cut  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a subgroup of G whenever it is non empty.

**Theorem 4.11:** [9] Let A be an I-vague group of a group G. If  $V_A(xy^{-1}) = V_A(e)$  for  $x, y \in G$ , then  $V_A(x) = V_A(y)$ .

**Lemma 4.12:** [9] Let A be an I-vague group of a group G. Then  $GV_A = \{x \in G : V_A(x) = V_A(e)\}$  is a subgroup of G.

#### V. I-VAGUE NORMAL GROUPS

**Definition 5.1:** Let G be a group. An I-vague group A of a group G is called an I-vague normal group of G if for all  $x, y \in G$ ,  $V_A(xy) = V_A(yx)$ .

If the group G is abelian, then every I-vague group of G is an I-vague normal group of G.

**Lemma 5.2:** Let A be an I-vague group of a group G. A is an I-vague normal group of G if and only if  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Proof:** Let A be an I-vague group of a group G. Suppose that A is an I-vague normal group of G.

Let  $x, y \in G$ . Then

$V_A(x) = V_A(xy^{-1}y) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$ . Thus

$V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

Then  $V_A(xy) = V_A(y(xy)y^{-1}) = V_A(yx)$ .

We have  $V_A(xy) = V_A(yx)$ . Hence the lemma follows.

**Lemma 5.3:** Let H be a normal subgroup of G and  $[\gamma, \delta] \leq [\alpha, \beta]$  for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in I$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\gamma \leq \delta$ . Then the I-vague set A of G defined by

$$V_A(x) = \begin{cases} [\alpha, \beta] & \text{if } x \in H \\ [\gamma, \delta] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is an I-vague normal group of G.

**Proof:** Let H be a normal subgroup of G. By lemma 4.5, A is an I-vague group of G.

We show that  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$  for every  $x, y \in G$ .

Let  $x, y \in G$ .

If  $x \in H$ , then  $yxy^{-1} \in H$ . Thus  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$ .

If  $x \notin H$ , then  $yxy^{-1} \notin H$ . Thus  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$ .

Hence  $V_A(x) = V_A(yxy^{-1})$  for every  $x, y \in G$ .

Therefore A is an I-vague normal group of G.

**Lemma 5.4:** Let  $H \neq \emptyset$ . The I-vague characteristic set of H,  $\chi_H$  is an I-vague normal group of a group G iff H is a normal subgroup of G.

**Proof:** Suppose that H is a normal subgroup of G. By Lemma 5.3,  $\chi_H$  is an I-vague normal group of G since

$$V_{\chi_H}(x) = \begin{cases} [1, 1] & \text{if } x \in H \\ [0, 0] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Conversely, suppose that  $\chi_H$  is an I-vague normal group of G. We show that H is a normal subgroup of G.

By lemma 4.6, H is a subgroup of G. Let  $y \in H$  and  $x \in G$ .

Now we prove that  $xyx^{-1} \in H$ .

$V_{X_H}(xyx^{-1}) = V_{X_H}(y) = [1, 1]$ . This implies  $xyx^{-1} \in H$ .

It follows that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Hence the lemma holds true.

**Theorem 5.5:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are I-vague normal groups of  $G$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Proof:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are I-vague groups of a group  $G$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also an I-vague group of  $G$  by lemma 4.7.

Now it remains to show that  $V_{A \cap B}(xy) = V_{A \cap B}(yx)$  for every  $x, y \in G$ . Let  $x, y \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_{A \cap B}(xy) &= \text{iinf}\{V_A(xy), V_B(xy)\} \\ &= \text{iinf}\{V_A(yx), V_B(yx)\} \\ &= V_{A \cap B}(yx). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_{A \cap B}(xy) = V_{A \cap B}(yx)$  for each  $x, y \in G$ .

Therefore  $A \cap B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Lemma 5.6:** Let  $I$  be complete. If  $\{A_i: i \in \Delta\}$  is a non empty family of I-vague normal groups of  $G$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$ . Then  $A$  is an I-vague group of  $G$  by lemma 4.8.

Now we prove that  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) = V_A(y)$  for every  $x, y \in G$ .

Let  $x, y \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_A(xyx^{-1}) &= \text{iinf}\{V_{A_i}(xyx^{-1}) : i \in \Delta\} \\ &= \text{iinf}\{V_{A_i}(y) : i \in \Delta\} \\ &= V_A(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Lemma 5.7:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague normal group of  $G$  and  $B$  be a constant I-vague group of  $G$ . Then  $A \cup B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague normal group of  $G$  and  $B$  be a constant I-vague group of  $G$ . Hence  $V_B(x) = V_B(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . By lemma 4.9,  $A \cup B$  is an I-vague group of  $G$ .

For each  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{A \cup B}(xyx^{-1}) &= \text{isup}\{V_A(yxy^{-1}), V_B(yxy^{-1})\} \\ &= \text{isup}\{V_A(x), V_B(x)\} \\ &= V_{A \cup B}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_{A \cup B}(xyx^{-1}) = V_{A \cup B}(x)$  for every  $x, y \in G$ .

Therefore  $A \cup B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Remark** Even if  $V_{A \cup B}(xyx^{-1}) = V_{A \cup B}(y)$  for I-vague normal groups  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \cup B$  is not be an I-vague group of  $G$  as we have seen in I-vague groups[9].

**Theorem 5.8:** An I-vague set  $A$  of a group  $G$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$  if and only if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , the I-vague cut  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  whenever it is non-empty.

**Proof:** By theorem 4.10, an I-vague set  $A$  of a group  $G$  is an I-vague group of  $G$  if and only if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , the I-vague cut  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  whenever it is non-empty.

Suppose that  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

Consider  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . Let  $y \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  and  $x \in G$ . We prove that  $xyx^{-1} \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ .

$y \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  implies  $V_A(y) \geq [\alpha, \beta]$ . Since  $V_A(y) = V_A(xyx^{-1})$ ,  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) \geq [\alpha, \beta]$ . Hence  $xyx^{-1} \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ , so  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Conversely, suppose that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , the non

empty set  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Now it remains to prove that  $V_A(y) = V_A(xyx^{-1})$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Suppose that  $V_A(y) = [\alpha, \beta]$ . Then  $y \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . Since  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $xyx^{-1} \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . It follows that  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) \geq [\alpha, \beta] = V_A(y)$  for all  $x \in G$ . Hence  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) \geq V_A(y)$  for all  $x \in G$ . This implies  $V_A(x^{-1}yx) \geq V_A(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Put  $xyx^{-1}$  instead of  $y$ . Hence  $V_A(x^{-1}(xyx^{-1})x) \geq V_A(xyx^{-1})$ , so  $V_A(y) \geq V_A(xyx^{-1})$ . Consequently,  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) = V_A(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Thus  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ . Hence the theorem follows.

**Theorem 5.9:** If  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ , then  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** We prove that  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

By lemma 4.12,  $GV_A = \{x \in G : V_A(x) = V_A(e)\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Now we show that  $xyx^{-1} \in GV_A$  for  $x \in G$  and  $y \in GV_A$ . Since  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ ,  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) = V_A(y)$ .  $y \in GV_A$  implies  $V_A(y) = V_A(e)$ . Hence  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) = V_A(e)$ , so  $xyx^{-1} \in GV_A$ .

Thus  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Theorem 5.10:** If  $A$  is an I-vague group of a group  $G$  and  $B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ , then  $A \cap B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $GV_A$ .

**Proof:**  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $G$  because  $A$  is an I-vague group of  $G$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are I-vague groups of  $G$ , it follows that  $A \cap B$  is an I-vague group of  $G$  by lemma 4.7. So  $A \cap B$  is an I-vague group of  $GV_A$ . Now we prove that  $V_{A \cap B}(xy) = V_{A \cap B}(yx)$  for all  $x, y \in GV_A$ .

Let  $x, y \in GV_A$ . Then  $xy, yx \in GV_A$ . Hence

$V_A(xy) = V_A(yx) = V_A(e)$ .  $V_B(xy) = V_B(yx)$  because  $B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

$V_{A \cap B}(xy) = \text{iinf}\{V_A(xy), V_B(xy)\} = \text{iinf}\{V_A(yx), V_B(yx)\} = V_{A \cap B}(yx)$ . It follows that  $V_{A \cap B}(xy) = V_{A \cap B}(yx)$  for every  $x, y \in GV_A$ . Therefore  $A \cap B$  is an I-vague normal group of  $GV_A$ .

**Theorem 5.11:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ . Then  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$  iff  $V_A([x, y]) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ .

Suppose that  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

We prove that  $V_A([x, y]) \geq V_A(x)$  for  $x, y \in G$ .

Let  $x, y \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_A([x, y]) &= V_A(x^{-1}(y^{-1}xy)) \\ &\geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x^{-1}), V_A(y^{-1}xy)\} \\ &= \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(x)\} \text{ since } A \text{ is an I-vague normal} \\ &= V_A(x) \text{ group of } G. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_A([x, y]) \geq V_A(x)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $V_A([x, y]) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . We prove that  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

Let  $x, z \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_A(x^{-1}zx) &= V_A(ex^{-1}zx) \\ &= V_A(zx^{-1}x^{-1}zx) \\ &= V_A(z[z, x]) \\ &\geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(z), V_A([z, x])\} \\ &= V_A(z) \text{ by our supposition.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_A(x^{-1}zx) \geq V_A(z)$  for  $x, z \in G$ . It implies  $V_A(xzx^{-1}) \geq V_A(z)$  for  $x, z \in G$ . Instead of  $z$  put  $x^{-1}zx$ .

Then we get  $V_A(z) \geq V_A(x^{-1}zx)$ .

Thus  $V_A(z) = V_A(x^{-1}zx)$  for every  $x, z \in G$ .  
 Therefore  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .  
 Hence the theorem follows.

**Definition 5.12:** : Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of a group  $G$ . Then the set

$N(A) = \{a \in G : V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x) \text{ for all } x \in G\}$  is called an I-vague normalizer of  $A$ .

**Theorem 5.13:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ . Then

- (i)  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $N(A)$ .
- (ii) I-vague normalizer  $N(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (iii)  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$  iff  $N(A) = G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ .

(i) We prove that  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $N(A)$ . Let  $x, a \in N(A)$ .

By definition,  $V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x)$  for all  $x, a \in N(A)$ .

Thus  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $N(A)$ .

(ii) Let  $a, b \in N(A)$ . We show that  $a^{-1} \in N(A)$  and  $ab \in N(A)$ .

Let  $a \in N(A)$ . Then  $V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

$V_A(x) = V_A(a(a^{-1}xa)a^{-1}) = V_A(a^{-1}xa)$ .

Hence  $V_A(a^{-1}xa) = V_A(x)$ , so  $a^{-1} \in N(A)$ .

Let  $a, b \in N(A)$ . Then

$V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x)$  and  $V_A(bxb^{-1}) = V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Then  $V_A(abx(ab)^{-1}) = V_A(a(bxb^{-1})a^{-1}) = V_A(bxb^{-1}) = V_A(x)$ .

Thus  $ab \in N(A)$ . Therefore  $N(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(iii) Suppose that  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

We prove that  $N(A) = G$ .

Let  $a \in G$ . Since  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ ,  $V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . It follows that  $a \in N(A)$ .

Hence  $G \subseteq N(A)$ .

Since  $N(A) \subseteq G, G = N(A)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $N(A) = G$ . For all  $a, x \in G$ ,

$V_A(axa^{-1}) = V_A(x)$ .

By definition,  $A$  is an I-vague normal group of  $G$ .

**Theorem 5.14:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of a group  $G$ .

Then  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $N(A)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ . We prove that  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $N(A)$ .

First we prove that  $GV_A \subseteq N(A)$ .

Let  $x \in GV_A$ . Then  $x \in GV_A, V_A(x) = V_A(e)$ .

For  $y \in G, V_A(xyx^{-1}) \geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(yx^{-1})\}$   
 $\geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(y)\}$   
 $= \text{iinf}\{V_A(e), V_A(y)\}$   
 $= V_A(y)$ .

Hence  $V_A(xyx^{-1}) \geq V_A(y)$  for  $y \in G$  and  $x \in GV_A$ .

$x \in GV_A$  implies  $x^{-1} \in GV_A$ . Thus  $V_A(x^{-1}yx) \geq V_A(y)$  where  $x \in GV_A$  and  $y \in G$ . Put  $xyx^{-1}$  instead of  $y$ .

We have  $V_A(x^{-1}(xyx^{-1})x) \geq V_A(xyx^{-1})$  and hence  $V_A(y) \geq V_A(xyx^{-1})$ .

Therefore  $V_A(y) = V_A(xyx^{-1})$  for each  $y \in G$ .

Thus  $x \in N(A)$ . Therefore  $GV_A \subseteq N(A)$ .

Since  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $GV_A \subseteq N(A)$ ,  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $N(A)$ .

Now we show that  $yay^{-1} \in GV_A$  for all  $a \in GV_A$  and for all  $y \in N(A)$ .

Since  $y \in N(A), V_A(yay^{-1}) = V_A(a)$ . Since  $a \in GV_A$ ,

$V_A(a) = V_A(e)$ . Hence  $V_A(yay^{-1}) = V_A(e)$ , so  $yay^{-1} \in GV_A$ . Therefore  $GV_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $N(A)$ .

**Definition 5.15:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of a group  $G$ . Then the set

$C(A) = \{a \in G : V_A([a, x]) = V_A(e) \text{ for all } x \in G\}$  is called an I-vague centralizer of  $A$ .

**Theorem 5.16:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of a group  $G$ . Then  $C(A)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague group of  $G$ . We prove that  $C(A) = \{a \in G : V_A([a, x]) = V_A(e) \text{ for all } x \in G\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Step(1) We show that  $a \in C(A)$  implies  $V_A(xa) = V_A(ax)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Let  $a \in C(A)$ . Then  $V_A([a, x]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

$V_A([a, x]) = V_A(e) \Rightarrow V_A(a^{-1}x^{-1}ax) = V_A(e)$   
 $\Rightarrow V_A((xa)^{-1}ax) = V_A(e)$   
 $\Rightarrow V_A((xa)^{-1}((ax)^{-1})^{-1}) = V_A(e)$   
 $\Rightarrow V_A((xa)^{-1}) = V_A((ax)^{-1})$  by thm 4.11  
 $\Rightarrow V_A(xa) = V_A(ax)$ .

Therefore  $V_A(xa) = V_A(ax)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Step(2) We show that  $a \in C(A)$  implies  $V_A([x, a]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

$V_A([x, a]) = V_A(x^{-1}a^{-1}xa) = V_A((x^{-1}a^{-1}xa)^{-1}) = V_A(a^{-1}x^{-1}ax) = V_A([a, x]) = V_A(e)$

Hence  $V_A([x, a]) = V_A(e)$  for each  $a \in C(A)$  and for all  $x \in G$ .

Step(3) We prove that  $C(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

We show that (i)  $a \in C(A)$  implies  $a^{-1} \in C(A)$ .

(ii)  $a, b \in C(A)$  implies  $ab \in C(A)$ .

Now proof of (i)

For all  $x \in G, V_A([a^{-1}, x]) = V_A(ax^{-1}a^{-1}x)$   
 $= V_A(x^{-1}a^{-1}xa)$  by step (1)  
 $= V_A((x^{-1}a^{-1}xa)^{-1})$   
 $= V_A(a^{-1}x^{-1}ax)$   
 $= V_A([a, x])$   
 $= V_A(e)$ .

Thus  $V_A([a^{-1}, x]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Hence we have that  $a^{-1} \in C(A)$ .

Proof of (ii) Let  $a, b \in C(A)$ . Then  $V_A([a, x]) = V_A([b, x]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

$V_A([ab, x]) = V_A((ab)^{-1}x^{-1}(ab)x)$   
 $= V_A(b^{-1}(a^{-1}x^{-1}abx))$   
 $= V_A((a^{-1}x^{-1}abx)b^{-1})$  by step(1)  
 $= V_A((a^{-1}x^{-1}ax)(x^{-1}bxb^{-1}))$   
 $= V_A([a, x][x, b^{-1}])$   
 $\geq \text{iinf}\{V_A([a, x]), V_A([x, b^{-1}])\}$   
 $= \text{iinf}\{V_A(e), V_A(e)\}$  since  $b^{-1} \in C(A)$   
 $= V_A(e)$ .

This implies  $V_A([ab, x]) \geq V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Since  $V_A(e) \geq V_A([ab, x]), V_A([ab, x]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $x \in G$ . Hence  $ab \in C(A)$ .

From (i) and (ii)  $C(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

Step(4) Now we show that  $g^{-1}ag \in C(A)$  for all  $a \in C(A)$  and for all  $g \in G$ .

That is  $V_A([g^{-1}ag, x]) = V_A(e)$  for all  $g, x \in G$  and for all  $a \in C(A)$ .

$V_A([g^{-1}ag, x]) = V_A((g^{-1}ag)^{-1}x^{-1}g^{-1}agx)$   
 $= V_A(g^{-1}a^{-1}gx^{-1}g^{-1}agx)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &=V_A(g^{-1}a^{-1}gaa^{-1}x^{-1}g^{-1}agx) \\
 &=V_A([g, a]a^{-1}(gx)^{-1}agx) \\
 &=V_A([g, a][a, gx]) \\
 &\geq \text{iinf}\{V_A([g, a]), V_A([a, gx])\} \\
 &= \text{iinf}\{V_A(e), V_A(e)\} \\
 &= V_A(e).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_A([g^{-1}ag, x]) \geq V_A(e)$ .

Since  $V_A(e) \geq V_A([g^{-1}ag, x])$ ,  $V_A([g^{-1}ag, x]) = V_A(e)$ .

This implies  $g^{-1}ag \in C(A)$ .

From step(3) and step(4), we have  $C(A)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

*Theorem 5.17:* Let  $A$  be an I-vague normal group of a group  $G$ . Then  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $C(A)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an I-vague normal group of a group  $G$ . We prove that  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $C(A)$ .

Let  $x \in GV_A$ . Then  $V_A(x) = V_A(e)$ . Consider  $V_A([x, y])$  for each  $y \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_A([x, y]) &= V_A(x^{-1}(y^{-1}xy)) \geq \text{iinf}\{V_A(x^{-1}), V_A(y^{-1}xy)\} \\
 &= \text{iinf}\{V_A(x), V_A(x)\} \\
 &= V_A(x) \\
 &= V_A(e).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_A([x, y]) \geq V_A(e)$ .

Since  $V_A(e) \geq V_A([x, y])$ ,  $V_A([x, y]) = V_A(e)$ .

By the definition of  $C(A)$ ,  $x \in C(A)$ .

Thus  $GV_A \subseteq C(A)$ . Since  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $GV_A$  is a subgroup of  $C(A)$ .

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