

## **$T$ -VAGUE $n$ -ARY SUBGROUPS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduced the notion of  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups on  $n$ -ary subgroups  $(G, f)$  and have studied their related properties.

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### **1. Introduction**

Many authors from time to time have introduced a different number of generalization of Zadeh's fuzzy set theory [32] and have been applied to many branches in mathematics. The notion of vague theory first introduced by Gau and Buehrer [23]. Later vague theory of the "group" concept into "vague group" was made by Biswas [2]. This work was the first vagueness of any algebraic structure and thus opened a new direction, new exploration, new path of thinking to mathematicians, engineers, computer scientists and many others in various tests.

The study of  $n$ -ary systems was initiated by Kasner [26] in 1904, but the important study on  $n$ -ary groups was done by Dörnte [4]. The theory of  $n$ -ary systems have many applications. For example, in the theory of automata [24]  $n$ -ary semigroup and  $n$ -ary groups are used. The  $n$ -ary groupoids are applied in the theory of quantum groups [29]. Also the ternary structures in physics are described by Kerner in [25]. The first fuzzification of  $n$ -ary system was introduced by Dudek [11]. Further, the concept of fuzzy  $n$ -ary subgroups was introduced by Davvaz and Dudek [3]. The first vagueness of  $n$ -ary system was introduced by Prince Williams and Said Al-Jelihaw [30]. The aim of this paper is to introduce the notion of  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups in  $n$ -ary group  $(G, f)$  and investigate their related properties.

### **2. Preliminaries**

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A non-empty set  $G$  together with one  $n$ -ary operation  $f : G^n \rightarrow G$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , is called an  $n$ -ary groupoid and is denoted by  $(G, f)$ . According to the general convention used in the theory of  $n$ -ary groupoids the sequence of elements  $x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j$  is denoted by  $x_i^j$ . In the case  $j < i$ , it denoted the empty symbol. If  $x_{i+1} = x_{i+2} = \dots = x_{i+t} = x$ , then instead of  $x_{i+1}^{i+t}$  and we write  $\overset{(t)}{x}$ . In this convention

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1^n)$$

and

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \underbrace{x, \dots, x}_t, x_{i+t+1}, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1^i, \overset{(t)}{x}, x_{i+t+1}^n).$$

An  $n$ -ary groupoid  $(G, f)$  is called an  $(i, j)$ -associative if

$$f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = f(x_1^{j-1}, f(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1})$$

hold for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in G$ . If this identity holds for all  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ , then we say that the operation  $f$  is associative and  $(G, f)$  is called an  $n$ -ary semigroup. It is clear that an  $n$ -ary groupoid is associative if and only if it is  $(1, j)$ -associative for all  $j = 2, \dots, n$ . In the binary case (i.e.  $n=2$ ) it is usual semigroup. If for all  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and fixed  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  there exists an element  $z \in G$  such that

$$f(x_1^{i-1}, z, x_{i+1}^n) = x_0 \tag{1}$$

then we say that this equation is  $i$ -solvable or solvable at the place  $i$ . If the solution is unique, then we say that (1) is uniquely  $i$ -solvable. An  $n$ -ary groupoid  $(G, f)$  uniquely solvable for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  is called an  $n$ -ary quasigroup. An associative  $n$ -ary quasigroup is called an  $n$ -ary group.

Fixing an  $n$ -ary operation  $f$ , where  $n \geq 3$ , the elements  $a_2^{n-2}$  we obtain the new binary operation  $x \diamond y = f(x, a_2^{n-2}, y)$ . If  $(G, f)$  is an  $n$ -ary group then  $(G, \diamond)$  is a group. Choosing different elements  $a_2^{n-2}$  we obtain different groups. All these groups are isomorphic [8]. So, we can consider only group of the form

$$ret_a(G, f) = (G, \circ), \text{ where } x \circ y = f(x, \overset{(n-2)}{a}, y).$$

In this group  $e = \bar{a}, x^{-1} = f(\bar{a}, \overset{(n-3)}{a}, \bar{x}, \bar{a})$ .

In the theory of  $n$ -ary groups, the following Theorem plays an important role.

**Theorem 2.1.** [14] For any  $n$ -ary group  $(G, f)$  there exist a group  $(G, \circ)$ , its automorphism  $\varphi$  and an element  $b \in G$  such that

$$f(x_1^n) = x_1 \circ \varphi(x_2) \circ \phi^2(x_3) \circ \dots \circ \phi^{n-1}(x_n) \circ b \tag{2}$$

holds for all  $x_1^n \in G$ .

To study more about  $n$ -ary system see [5-11,13,15-22].

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**Definition 2.2.**[1] By a *t*-norm ,a function  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ satisfying the following conditions is meant:

- (T1)  $T(x, 1) = x$ ;
  - (T2)  $T(x, y) \leq T(x, z)$  if  $y \leq z$ ;
  - (T3)  $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$ ;
  - (T4)  $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$ ;
- for all  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ .

Now we generalize the domain of  $T$  to  $\prod_{i=1}^n [0, 1]$  as follows:

**Definition 2.3.** The function  $T_n = \prod_{i=1}^n [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined by:

$$T_n(\alpha_1^n) = T_n(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) = T_n(\alpha_i, T_{n-1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n)) \quad (3)$$

for all  $\alpha_1^n \in [0, 1]$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$  where  $n \leq 2, T_2 = T$ , and  $T_1 = id$ (identity).

For a *t*-norm  $T_n$  on  $\prod_{i=1}^n [0, 1]$ ,it is denoted by

$$\Delta_t = \{ \alpha \in [0, 1] \mid T_n(\alpha, \alpha, \dots, \alpha) = \alpha \}.$$

It is clear that every *t*-norm has the following property:

$$T_n(\alpha_1^n) \leq \min\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$$

for all  $\alpha_1^n \in [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 2.4.** If  $T_n$  is of the form (3),then we say  $T_n$  is a function induced by *t*-norm  $T$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [2,27] A *vague set*  $A$  in the universe of discourse  $U$  is characterized by two membership functions given by:

- (V1) A true membership function  $t_A : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,and
  - (V2) A false membership function  $f_A : U \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,
- where  $t_A(u)$  is a lower bound on the grade of membership of  $u$  derived from the “evidence for  $u$ ”,  $f_A(u)$  is a lower bound on the negation of  $u$  derived from the “evidence against  $u$ ”, and  $t_A(u) + f_A(u) \leq 1$ .

Thus the grade of membership of  $u$  in the vague set  $A$  is bounded by a subinterval  $[t_A(u), 1 - f_A(u)]$  of  $[0, 1]$ .This indicates that if the actual grade of membership  $u$  is  $\mu(u)$ ,then  $t_A(u) \leq \mu(u) \leq 1 - f_A(u)$ .

The vague set  $A$  is written as

$$A = \{ \langle u, [t_A(u), f_A(u)] \rangle \mid u \in U \},$$

where the interval  $[t_A(u), 1 - f_A(u)]$  is called the *vague value* of  $u$  in  $A$ , denoted by  $V_A(u)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [30] Let  $(G, f)$  be a *n*-ary group.A vague set  $A$  of  $G$  is called a *vague n-ary subgroup* of  $(G, f)$  if the following axioms holds:

$$(VnS1)(\forall x_1^n \in G), (V_A(f(x_1^n)) \succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(x_1), \dots, V_A(x_n)\}),$$

(VnS2)( $\forall x \in G$ ), ( $V_A(\bar{x}) \succeq V_A(x)$ ). that is,

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(f(x_1^n)) &\geq \min\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\} \\ 1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) &\geq \min\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, f_A(x_n)\} \\ t_A(\bar{x}) &\geq t_A(x) \\ 1 - f_A(\bar{x}) &\geq 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.7.**[30] Let  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$  be a 4-ary subgroup derived from additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ . Let  $A$  be the vague set in  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  defined as follows:

$$A = \{\langle 0, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 1, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 2, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 3, [0.2, 0.07] \rangle\}.$$

By routine calculations, it is clear that  $A$  is a vague 4-ary subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$ .

### 2. T-Vague n-ary subgroups

In this section, we define the notion of  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups. For our discussion, we shall use the following notations on interval arithmetic:

Let  $I[0, 1]$  denote the family of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ . We define the term “ $tmax$ ” to mean the maximum of  $n$  intervals as:

$$tmax(I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n) := T_n[\max(a_1, b_1), \max(a_2, b_2), \dots, \max(a_n, b_n)],$$

where  $I_1 = [a_1, b_1], I_2 = [a_2, b_2], \dots, I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ . Similarly, we define “ $tmin$ ”. The concept of “ $tmax$ ” and “ $tmin$ ” could be extended to define “ $tsup$ ” and “ $tin f$ ” of infinite number of elements of  $[0, 1]$ .

It is obvious that  $L = \{I[0, 1], tsup, tin f, \succeq\}$  is a lattice with universal bounds  $[0, 0]$  and  $[1, 1]$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(G, f)$  be a  $n$ -ary group. A vague set  $A$  of  $G$  is called a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$  if the following axioms holds:

$$\begin{aligned} (TVnS1)(\forall x_1^n \in G), (V_A(f(x_1^n)) \succeq tmin\{V_A(x_1), \dots, V_A(x_n)\}), \\ (TVnS2)(\forall x \in G), (V_A(\bar{x}) \succeq V_A(x)). \text{ that is,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(f(x_1^n)) &\geq T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\} \\ 1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, f_A(x_n)\} \\ t_A(\bar{x}) &\geq t_A(x) \\ 1 - f_A(\bar{x}) &\geq 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$  be a 4-ary subgroup derived from additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ . Let  $A$  be the vague set in  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  defined as follows:

$$A = \{\langle 0, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 1, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 2, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 3, [0.2, 0.07] \rangle\}$$

and we define  $f(x_1^n) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$ .

Let  $T_m : \prod_{i=1}^4 [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by as follows:

$$T_m(y_1^4) = \max\{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 - 1, 0\}$$

for all  $y_1^4 \in [0, 1]$ . Then,  $T_m$  is a function induced by  $t$ -norm. By routine calculations, it is clear that  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague 4-ary subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is an arbitrary family of  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$  then  $\bigcap A_i$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ , where  $\bigcap A_i(x) = \sup\{A_i(x) | i \in I\}$ , for all  $x \in G$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is trivial.

Recall that if  $I_1 = [a_1, b_1]$  and  $I_2 = [a_2, b_2]$  are two subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ , we can define a relation between  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  by  $I_1 \succeq I_2$  if and only if  $a_1 \geq a_2$  and  $b_1 \geq b_2$ . For  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ . Now we define  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut and  $\alpha$ -cut of a vague set.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a vague set in  $G$  with true membership function  $t_A$  and the false membership function  $f_A$ . The  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut of the vague set  $A$  is a crisp subset  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  of the set  $G$  given by

$$A_{(\alpha, \beta)} = \{x \in G | V_A(x) \succeq [\alpha, \beta]\}.$$

Clearly,  $A_{(0,0)} = G$ . The  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cuts of the vague set  $A$  are also called *vague set* of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\alpha$ -cut be a vague set  $A$  is a crisp subset  $A_\alpha$  of the set  $G$  given by  $A_\alpha = A_{(\alpha, \alpha)}$ .

Note that  $A_0 = G$ , and if  $\alpha \geq \beta$  then  $A_\alpha \subseteq A_\beta$  and  $A_{(\alpha, \alpha)} = A_\alpha$ . Equivalently, we can define the  $\alpha$ -cut as

$$A_{(\alpha)} = \{x \in G | t_A(x) \geq \alpha\}.$$

The following Theorem is a consequence of the Transfer Principle described in [28].

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a vague set of  $G$ . Then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a crisp subset of  $G$ , is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$  if and only if the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut of  $G$  is  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$  for every  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , which is called  $T$ -vague - cut subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a vague set of  $G$ . Suppose the crisp subset  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  of  $G$ , is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ . If  $x_1^n \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , then  $t_A(x_i) \geq \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(x_i) \geq \beta$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus

$$t_A(f(x_1^n)) \geq T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\} \geq \alpha,$$

and

$$1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) \geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\} \geq \beta.$$

which implies  $f(x_1^n) \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ .

For all  $x \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ , then  $t_A(x) \geq \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(x) \geq \beta$  we have  $t_A(\bar{x}) \geq t_A(x) \geq \alpha$ , and

$$1 - f_A(\bar{x}) \geq 1 - f_A(x) \geq \beta.$$

which implies  $\bar{x} \in A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . Thus  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is a  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ . Let us define  $\alpha_0 = T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\}$  and

$$\beta_0 = T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\},$$

for some  $x_1^n \in G$ . Then obviously  $x_1^n \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , consequently  $f(x_1^n) \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Thus

$$t_A(f(x_1^n)) \geq \alpha_0 = T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\}$$

and

$$1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) \geq \beta_0 = T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\}$$

Now, let  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Then  $t_A(x) = \alpha_0 \geq \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(x) = \beta_0 \geq \beta$ . Thus  $x \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Since, by the assumption,  $\bar{x} \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ ,  $t_A(\bar{x}) = \alpha_0 \geq \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(\bar{x}) = \beta_0 \geq \beta$ . Whence  $t_A(\bar{x}) \geq \alpha_0 = t_A(x)$  and  $1 - f_A(\bar{x}) \geq \alpha_0 = 1 - f_A(x)$ . This complete the proof.

Using the above theorem, we can prove the following characterization of  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups.

**Theorem 3.7.** *A vague set  $A$  in  $G$ , is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups of  $(G, f)$  if and only if the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut subset  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  of  $G$  is a  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and all  $x_1^n \in G$ ,  $A$  satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $V_A(f(x_1^n)) \geq \text{tmin}\{V_A(x_1), \dots, V_A(x_n)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $V_A(x_i) \geq \text{tmin}\{V_A(x_1), \dots, V_A(x_{i-1}), V_A(f(x_1^n)), V_A(x_{i-1}), \dots, V_A(x_n)\}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a vague  $n$ -ary subgroups of  $(G, f)$ . Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 3.6, we can prove that each non-empty  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut subset  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is closed under the operation  $f$ , that is  $x_1^n \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  implies  $f(x_1^n) \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

Now let  $x_0, x_1^{i-1}, x_{i+1}^n$ , where  $x_0 = f(x_1^{i-1}, z, x_{i+1}^n)$  for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $z \in G$  which implies  $x_0 \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Then, according to (ii), we have  $t_A(x_i) \geq \alpha$  and  $1 - f_A(x_i) \geq \beta$ . So, the equation (1) has a solution  $z \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . This mean that  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut subset  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a  $n$ -ary subgroups.

Conversely, assume that  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cut subset  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a  $n$ -ary subgroups of  $(G, f)$ . Then it is easy to prove the condition (i).

For  $x_1^n \in G$ , we define

$$\alpha_0 = T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_{i-1}), t_A(f(x_1^n)), t_A(x_{i-1}), \dots, t_A(x_n)\}.$$

and

$$\beta_0 = T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_{i-1}), 1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)), 1 - f_A(x_{i-1}), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\}.$$

Then  $x_1^{i-1}, x_{i+1}^n, f(x_1^n) \in A_{(\alpha_0,\beta_0)}$ . Whence, according to the definition of  $n$ -ary group, we conclude  $x_i \in A_{(\alpha_0,\beta_0)}$ . Thus  $t_A(x_i) \geq \alpha_0$  and  $1 - f_A(x_i) \geq \beta_0$ . This proves the condition (ii).

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $(G, f)$  and  $(G', f)$  be a  $n$ -ary groups. A mapping  $g : G \rightarrow G'$  is called a  *$n$ -ary homomorphism* if  $g(f(x_1^n)) = f(g^n(x_1^n))$ , where  $g^n(x_1^n) = (g(x_1), \dots, g(x_n))$  for all  $x_1^n \in G$ .

For any vague set  $A$  in  $G'$ , we define the *preimage* of  $A$  under  $g$ , denoted by  $g^{-1}(A)$ , is a vague set in  $G$  defined by  $g^{-1}(t_A) = t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x) = t_A(g(x))$  and

$$1 - g^{-1}(f_A) = 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x) = 1 - f_A(g(x)), \forall x \in G.$$

For any vague set  $A$  in  $G$ , we define the *image* of  $A$  under  $g$ , denoted by  $g(A)$ , is a vague set in  $G'$  defined by

$$g(t_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} t_A(x), & \text{if } g^{-1}(y) \neq \phi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(f_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_A(x), & \text{if } g^{-1}(y) \neq \phi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in G$  and  $y \in G'$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $g$  be a  $n$ -ary homomorphism mapping from  $G$  into  $G'$  with  $g(\bar{x}) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  and  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G', f)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(A)$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_1^n \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(f(x_1^n)) &= t_A(g(f(x_1^n))) = t_A(f(g^n(x_1^n))) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(g(x_1)), \dots, t_A(g(x_n))\} \\ &= T_n\{t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x_1), \dots, t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(f(x_1^n)) &= 1 - f_A(g(f(x_1^n))) = 1 - f_A(f(g^n(x_1^n))) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(g(x_1)), \dots, 1 - f_A(g(x_n))\} \\ &= T_n\{1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, for all  $x \in G$   $t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(\bar{x}) = t_A(g(\bar{x})) \geq t_A(g(x)) = t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x)$  and

$$1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(\bar{x}) = 1 - f_A(g(\bar{x})) \geq 1 - f_A(g(x)) = 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(x).$$

This completes the proof.

If we strengthen the condition of  $g$ , then we can construct the converse of Theorem 3.9 as follows.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $g$  be a  $n$ -ary homomorphism from  $G$  into  $G'$  and  $g^{-1}(A)$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ . Then  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G', f)$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G'$ , there exists  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G$  such that  $g(a_1) = x_1, \dots, g(a_n) = x_n$ . For any  $f(x_1^n) \in (G', f)$ , there exists  $f(a_1^n) \in (G, f)$  such

that  $g(f(a_1^n)) = f(x_1^n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(f(x_1^n)) &= t_A(g(f(a_1^n))) = t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(f(a_1^n)) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_1), t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_2), \dots, t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_n)\} \\ &= T_n\{t_A(g(a_1)), \dots, t_A(g(a_n))\} \\ &= T_n\{t_A(x_1), \dots, t_A(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) &= 1 - f_A(g(f(a_1^n))) = 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(f(a_1^n)) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_1), 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_2), \dots, 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a_n)\} \\ &= T_n\{1 - f_A(g(a_1)), \dots, 1 - f_A(g(a_n))\} \\ &= T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\bar{x} \in G'$ , there exists  $\bar{a} \in G$  such that  $g(\bar{a}) = \bar{x}$ , we have

$$t_A(\bar{x}) = t_A(g(\bar{a})) = t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(\bar{a}) \geq t_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a) = t_A(a) = t_A(x).$$

and  $1 - f_A(\bar{x}) = 1 - f_A(g(\bar{a})) = 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(\bar{a}) \geq 1 - f_{A_{g^{-1}}}(a) = 1 - f_A(a) = 1 - f_A(x)$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $g$  be a mapping from  $G$  into  $G'$ . If  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ , then  $g(A)$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G', f)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be a mapping from  $G$  into  $G'$  and let  $x_1^n \in G$ ,  $y_1^n \in G'$ . Noticing that  $\{x_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) | x_i \in g^{-1}(f(y_1^n))\} \subseteq \{f(x_1^n) \in G | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in g^{-1}(y_2), \dots, x_n \in g^{-1}(y_n)\}$ . we have

$$\begin{aligned} &g(t_A)(f(y_1^n)) \\ &= \sup\{t_A(x_1^n) | x_i \in g^{-1}(f(y_1^n))\} \\ &\geq \sup\{t_A(f(x_1^n)) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in g^{-1}(y_2), \dots, x_n \in g^{-1}(y_n)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{T_n\{t_A(x_1), t_A(x_2), \dots, t_A(x_n)\} | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in g^{-1}(y_2), \dots, \\ &\quad x_n \in g^{-1}(y_n)\} \\ &= T_n\{\sup\{t_A(x_1) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1)\}, \sup\{t_A(x_2) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_2)\}, \dots, \\ &\quad \sup\{t_A(x_n) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_n)\}\} \\ &\geq T_n\{g(t_A)(y_1), g(t_A)(y_2), \dots, g(t_A)(y_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &1 - g(f_A)(f(y_1^n)) \\ &= \sup\{1 - f_A(x_1^n) | x_i \in g^{-1}(f(y_1^n))\} \\ &\geq \sup\{1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in g^{-1}(y_2), \dots, x_n \in g^{-1}(y_n)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), 1 - f_A(x_2), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\} | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1), \\ &\quad x_2 \in g^{-1}(y_2), \dots, x_n \in g^{-1}(y_n)\} \\ &= T_n\{\sup\{1 - f_A(x_1) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_1)\}, \sup\{1 - f_A(x_2) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_2)\}, \dots, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \sup\{1 - f_A(x_n) | x_1 \in g^{-1}(y_n)\} \\ \geq & T_n\{1 - g(f_A)(y_1), 1 - g(f_A)(y_2), \dots, 1 - g(f_A)(y_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(t_A)(\bar{x}) &= \sup\{t_A(\bar{x}) | \bar{x} \in g^{-1}(f(\bar{y}))\} \\ &\geq \sup\{t_A(x) | x \in g^{-1}(f(y))\} \\ &= g(t_A)(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - g(f_A)(\bar{x}) &= \sup\{1 - f_A(\bar{x}) | \bar{x} \in g^{-1}(f(\bar{y}))\} \\ &\geq \sup\{1 - f_A(x) | x \in g^{-1}(f(y))\} \\ &= 1 - g(f_A)(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.12.** *A vague set A defined on group (G, .) is a T-vague subgroup if and only if*

- (1)  $V_A(xy) \geq \min\{V_A(x), V_A(y)\}$ ,
- (2)  $V_A(x) \geq \min\{V_A(y), V_A(xy)\}$ ,
- (3)  $V_A(y) \geq \min\{V_A(x), V_A(xy)\}$

holds for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let A be a T-vague n-ary subgroup of (G, f). If there exists an element a ∈ G such that  $V_A(a) \geq V_A(x)$  for every  $x \in G$ , then A is a T-vague n-ary subgroup of a group  $ret_a(G, f)$ .*

*Proof.* For all  $x, y, a \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(x \circ y) &= t_A(f(x, \overset{(n-2)}{a}, y)) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x), t_A(a), t_A(y)\} \\ &= T_n\{t_A(x), t_A(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(x \circ y) &= 1 - f_A(f(x, \overset{(n-2)}{a}, y)) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(a), 1 - f_A(y)\} \\ &= T_n\{1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, a \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(x^{-1}) &= t_A(f(\bar{a}, \overset{(n-3)}{x} \bar{x}, \bar{a})) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x), t_A(\bar{x}), t_A(a), t_A(\bar{a})\} \\ &= t_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$1 - f_A(x^{-1}) = 1 - f_A(f(\bar{a}, \overset{(n-3)}{x} \bar{x}, \bar{a}))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(\bar{x}), 1 - f_A(a), 1 - f_A(\bar{a})\} \\ &= 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

which complete the proof.

In Theorem 3.13, the assumption that  $V_A(a) \succeq V_A(x)$  cannot be omitted.

**Examples 3.14.** Let  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$  be a ternary group from Example 3.2. Define a vague set  $A$  as follows:

$$A = \{\langle 0, [0.8, 0.02] \rangle, \langle 1, [0.3, 0.05] \rangle, \langle 2, [0.3, 0.05] \rangle, \langle 3, [0.3, 0.05] \rangle\}.$$

Clearly  $A$  is a vague ternary subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$ . For  $ret_1(\mathbb{Z}_4, f)$ , we have

$$t_A(0 \circ 0) = t_A((f(0, 1, 0))) = t_A(1) = 0.3 \not\geq 0.8 = t_A(0) = T_n\{t_A(0), t_A(0)\}.$$

Hence the assumption  $V_A(a) \succeq V_A(x)$  cannot be omitted.

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $(G, f)$  be a  $n$ -ary group. If  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of a group  $ret_a(G, f)$  and  $V_A(a) \succeq V_A(x)$  for all  $a, x \in G$ , then  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

*Proof.* According to Theorem 2.1, any  $n$ -ary group can be represented of the form (2), where  $(G, \circ) = ret_a(G, f)$ ,  $\varphi(x) = f(\bar{a}, x, \overset{(n-2)}{x})$  and  $b = f(\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(\varphi(x)) &= t_A(f(\bar{a}, x, \overset{(n-2)}{x})) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(\bar{a}), t_A(x), t_A(a)\} \\ &= t_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(\varphi^2(x)) &= t_A(f(\bar{a}, \varphi(x), \overset{(n-2)}{x})) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(\bar{a}), t_A(\varphi(x)), t_A(a)\} \\ &= t_A(\varphi(x)) \\ &\geq t_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $t_A(\varphi^k(x)) \geq t_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(\varphi(x)) &= 1 - f_A(f(\bar{a}, x, \overset{(n-2)}{x})) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(\bar{a}), 1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(a)\} \\ &= 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(\varphi^2(x)) &= 1 - f_A(f(\bar{a}, \varphi(x), \overset{(n-2)}{x})) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(\bar{a}), 1 - f_A(\varphi(x)), 1 - f_A(a)\} \\ &= 1 - f_A(\varphi(x)) \\ &\geq 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $1 - f_A(\varphi^k(x)) \geq 1 - f_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $x \in G$ ,

we have  $t_A(b) = t_A(f(\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a})) \geq t_A(\bar{a}) \geq t_A(x)$  and

$$1 - f_A(b) = 1 - f_A(f(\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a})) \geq 1 - f_A(\bar{a}) \geq 1 - f_A(x).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(f(x_1^n)) &= t_A(x_1 \circ \varphi(x_2) \circ \varphi^2(x_3) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x_n) \circ b) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x_1), t_A\varphi(x_2), t_A(\varphi^2(x_3)), \dots, t_A(\varphi^{n-2}(x_n)), t_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x_1), t_A(x_2), t_A(x_3), \dots, t_A(x_n), t_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x_1), t_A(x_2), t_A(x_3), \dots, t_A(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(f(x_1^n)) &= 1 - f_A(x_1 \circ \varphi(x_2) \circ \varphi^2(x_3) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x_n) \circ b) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), 1 - f_A\varphi(x_2), 1 - f_A(\varphi^2(x_3)), \dots, \\ &\quad 1 - f_A(\varphi^{n-2}(x_n)), 1 - f_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), 1 - f_A(x_2), 1 - f_A(x_3), \dots, \\ &\quad 1 - f_A(x_n), 1 - f_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x_1), 1 - f_A(x_2), 1 - f_A(x_3), \dots, 1 - f_A(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (7) of [2], we have

$$\bar{x} = (\varphi(x) \circ \varphi^2(x) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x) \circ b)^{-1}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(\bar{x}) &= t_A\left((\varphi(x) \circ \varphi^2(x) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x) \circ b)^{-1}\right) \\ &\geq t_A(\varphi(x) \circ \varphi^2(x) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x) \circ b) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(\varphi(x)), t_A(\varphi^2(x)), \dots, t_A(\varphi^{n-2}(x)), t_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x), t_A(b)\} = t_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(\bar{x}) &= 1 - f_A\left((\varphi(x) \circ \varphi^2(x) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x) \circ b)^{-1}\right) \\ &\geq 1 - f_A(\varphi(x) \circ \varphi^2(x) \circ \dots \circ \varphi^{n-2}(x) \circ b) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(\varphi(x)), 1 - f_A(\varphi^2(x)), \dots, 1 - f_A(\varphi^{n-2}(x)), 1 - f_A(b)\} \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x), 1 - f_A(b)\} = 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.16.** *If  $(G, f)$  is a ternary group, then any T-vague subgroup of  $ret_a(G, f)$  is a T-vague ternary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{a}$  is a neutral element of a group  $ret_a(G, f)$  then  $V_A(\bar{a}) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . Thus  $V_A(\bar{a}) \geq V_A(a)$ . But in neutral group  $\bar{a} = a$  for any  $a \in G$ , whence  $V_A(a) = V_A(\bar{a}) \geq V_A(\bar{a}) \geq V_A(x)$ . So,  $V_A(a) \geq V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . This means that the assumption of Theorem 3.15 is satisfied.

**Example 3.17.** Consider the ternary group  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, f)$ , derived from the additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Let  $A$  be a  $T$ -vague subgroup of the group of  $ret_1(G, f)$  induced by subgroups  $S_1 = \{11\}, S_2 = \{5, 11\}$  and  $S_3 = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11\}$ .

Define a vague set  $A$  as follows:

$$A(x) = \begin{cases} [0.8, 0.02] & \text{if } x = 11, \\ [0.6, 0.04] & \text{if } x = 5, \\ [0.4, 0.06] & \text{if } x = 1, 3, 7, 9, \\ [0.2, 0.08] & \text{if } x \notin S_3. \end{cases}$$

Then  $t_A(\bar{5}) = t_A(7) = 0.4 \not\geq 0.6 = t_A(5)$ . Hence  $A$  is not a  $T$ -vague ternary subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, f)$ .

**Observations.** From the above Example 3.17 it follows that:

(1) There are  $T$ -vague subgroups of  $ret_a(G, f)$  which are not  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

(2) In Theorem 3.15 the assumption  $V_A(a) \succeq V_A(x)$  can not be omitted. In the above example we have  $t_A(1) = 0.4 < 0.6 = t_A(5)$ .

(3) The assumption  $V_A(a) \succeq V_A(x)$  cannot be replaced by the natural assumption  $V_A(\bar{a}) \succeq V_A(x)$ . ( $\bar{a}$  is the identity of  $ret_a(G, f)$ ).

In the above example  $\bar{1} = 11$ , then  $t_A(11) \geq t_A(x)$  and  $1 - f_A(11) \geq 1 - f_A(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $(G, f)$  be a  $n$ -ary group of  $b$ -derived from the group  $(G, \circ)$ . Any vague set  $A$  of  $(G, \circ)$  such that  $V_A(b) \succeq V_A(x)$  for every  $x \in G$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

*Proof.* The condition (TVnS1) is obvious. To prove (TVnS2), we have  $n$ -ary group  $(G, f)$   $b$ -derived from the group  $(G, \circ)$ , which implies  $\bar{x} = (x^{n-2} \circ b)^{-1}$ , where  $x^{n-2}$  is the power of  $x$  in  $(G, \circ)$ [4].

Thus, for all  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(\bar{x}) &= t_A((x^{n-2} \circ b)^{-1}) \\ &\geq T_n\{t_A(x^{n-2}), t_A(b)\} \\ &= t_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_A(\bar{x}) &= 1 - f_A((x^{n-2} \circ b)^{-1}) \\ &\geq T_n\{1 - f_A(x^{n-2}), 1 - f_A(b)\} \\ &= 1 - f_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

This complete the proof.

**Corollary 3.19.** Any  $T$ -vague group of a group  $(G, \circ)$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of a  $n$ -ary group  $(G, f)$  derived from  $(G, \circ)$ .

*Proof.* If  $n$ -ary group  $(G, f)$  is derived from the group  $(G, \circ)$  then  $b = e$ . Thus  $V_A(e) \succeq V_A(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

#### 4. $T_n$ -product of vague n-ary relations

**Definition 4.1.** A vague n-ary relation on any set  $G$  is a vague set

$$V : G^n = G \times G \times \dots \times G \text{ (n times)} \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $A$  be vague n-ary relation on any set  $G$  and  $B$  be a vague set on  $G$ . Then  $A$  is called  $T$ -vague n-ary relation on  $B$  if

$$V_A(x_1^n) \succeq tmax(V_B(x_1), V_B(x_2), \dots, V_B(x_n)).$$

for all  $x_1^n \in G$ .

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $A_1^n = A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be vague sets in  $G$ . Then direct  $T_n$ -product of  $A_1^n$  is defined by

$$(V_{A_1} \times V_{A_2} \times \dots \times V_{A_n})(x_1^n) \approx tmax(V_{A_1}(x_1), V_{A_2}(x_2), \dots, V_{A_n}(x_n)), \forall x_1^n \in G.$$

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $T_n$  be a function induced by t-norms and let  $A_1^n$  be vague sets in  $G$ . Then

- (i)  $V_{A_1} \times V_{A_2} \times \dots \times V_{A_n}$  is a  $T$ -vague n-ary relation on  $G$ ,
- (ii)  $(A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n)_{(\alpha, \beta)} = (A_1)_{(\alpha, \beta)} \times (A_2)_{(\alpha, \beta)} \times \dots \times (A_n)_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ ,  
for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* The proof is obvious.

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $T_n$  be a function induced by t-norms and let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be  $T$ -vague n-ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ . Then,  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$  is a  $T$ -vague n-ary subgroup of  $(G^n, f)$ .

*Proof.* For  $x_1^n \in G$  and  $f(x_1^n) = (f_1(x_1^n), \dots, f_n(x_1^n)) \in (G^n, f)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(f(x_1^n)) \\ &= (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(f_1(x_1^n), \dots, f_n(x_1^n)) \\ &= T_n\{t_{A_1}(f_1(x_1^n)), t_{A_2}(f_2(x_1^n)), \dots, t_{A_n}(f_n(x_1^n))\} \\ &\geq T_n\{T_n\{t_{A_1}(x_1), t_{A_1}(x_2), \dots, t_{A_1}(x_n)\}, \dots, \\ &\quad T_n\{t_{A_n}(x_1), t_{A_n}(x_2), \dots, t_{A_n}(x_n)\}\} \\ &= T_n\{(t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x_1, \dots, x_1), \dots, \\ &\quad (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x_n, \dots, x_n)\} \\ &= T_n\{(t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x_1), \dots, (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - (f_{A_1} \times f_{A_2} \times \dots \times f_{A_n})(f(x_1^n)) \\ &= (1 - f_{A_1} \times 1 - f_{A_2} \times \dots \times 1 - f_{A_n})(f_1(x_1^n), \dots, f_n(x_1^n)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= T_n\{1 - f_{A_1}(f_1(x_1^n)), 1 - f_{A_2}(f_2(x_1^n)), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(f_n(x_1^n))\} \\
 &\geq T_n\{T_n\{1 - f_{A_1}(x_1), 1 - f_{A_1}(x_2), \dots, 1 - f_{A_1}(x_n)\}, \dots, \\
 &\quad T_n\{1 - f_{A_n}(x_1), 1 - f_{A_n}(x_2), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x_n)\}\} \\
 &= T_n\{1 - (f_{A_1} \times f_{A_2} \times \dots \times f_{A_n})(x_1, \dots, x_1), \dots, \\
 &\quad 1 - (f_{A_1} \times f_{A_2} \times \dots \times f_{A_n})(x_n, \dots, x_n)\} \\
 &= T_n\{1 - (f_{A_1} \times f_{A_2} \times \dots \times f_{A_n})(x_1), \dots, 1 - (f_{A_1} \times f_{A_2} \times \dots \times f_{A_n})(x_n)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x = x_1^n, \bar{x} = \bar{x}_1^n \in G^n$  and , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(\bar{x}) &= (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \\
 &= T_n\{t_{A_1}(\bar{x}_1), \dots, t_{A_n}(\bar{x}_n)\} \\
 &\geq T_n\{t_{A_1}(x_1), \dots, t_{A_n}(x_n)\} \\
 &= (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x_1^n) \\
 &= (t_{A_1} \times t_{A_2} \times \dots \times t_{A_n})(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

The following corollary is the immediate consequence of Proposition 4.6.

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $T_n$  be a function induced by  $t$ -norms and let  $\prod_{i=1}^n (G_i, f)$  be the finite collection of  $n$ -ary subgroups and  $G = \prod_{i=1}^n G_i$  the  $T_n$ -product of  $G_i$ . Let  $A_i$  be a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G_i, f)$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then,  $A = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$  defined by*

$$V_A(x_1^n) = \prod_{i=1}^n V_{A_i}(x_1^n) \approx tmax(V_A(x_1), V_A(x_2), \dots, V_A(x_n)).$$

Then  $A$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $A_i^n$  be vague sets in  $G$ . Then, the  $T_n$ -product of  $A_i^n$ , written as

$$A_1^n(x) = \langle x, [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n}(x), 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n}(x) \rangle$$

is defined by:

$$[t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n}(x) = T_n(t_{A_1}(x), t_{A_2}(x), \dots, t_{A_n}(x))$$

and

$$1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n}(x) = T_n(1 - f_{A_1}(x), 1 - f_{A_2}(x), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x)),$$

for all  $x \in G$ , respectively.

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $A_i^n$  be  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups of  $(G, f)$ . If  $T_n^*$  is a function induced by  $t$ -norms dominates  $T_n$ , that is,*

$$T_n^*(T_n(x_1^n), T_n(y_1^n), \dots, T_n(z_1^n)) \geq T_n(T_n^*(x_1, y_1, \dots, z_1), \dots, T_n^*(x_n, y_n, \dots, z_n))$$

for all  $x_1^n, y_1^n, \dots, z_1^n \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $T_n^*$ -product of  $A_1^n$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_1^n \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(f(x_1^n)) \\ &= T_n^*(t_{A_1}(f(x_1^n)), t_{A_2}(f(x_1^n)), \dots, t_{A_n}(f(x_1^n))) \\ &\geq T_n^*(T_n(t_{A_1}(x_1), t_{A_1}(x_2), \dots, t_{A_1}(x_n)), \dots, T_n(t_{A_n}(x_1), t_{A_n}(x_2), \dots, t_{A_n}(x_n))) \\ &\geq T_n(T_n^*(t_{A_1}(x_1), t_{A_2}(x_1), \dots, t_{A_n}(x_1)), \dots, T_n^*(t_{A_1}(x_n), t_{A_2}(x_n), \dots, t_{A_n}(x_n))) \\ &= T_n([t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x_1), \dots, [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(f(x_1^n)) \\ &= T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(f(x_1^n)), 1 - f_{A_2}(f(x_1^n)), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(f(x_1^n))) \\ &\geq T_n^*(T_n(1 - f_{A_1}(x_1), 1 - f_{A_1}(x_2), \dots, 1 - f_{A_1}(x_n)), \dots, \\ &\quad T_n(1 - f_{A_n}(x_1), 1 - f_{A_n}(x_2), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x_n))) \\ &\geq T_n(T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(x_1), 1 - f_{A_2}(x_1), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x_1)), \dots, \\ &\quad T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(x_n), 1 - f_{A_2}(x_n), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x_n))) \\ &= T_n(1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x_1), \dots, 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(\bar{x}) &= T_n^*(t_{A_1}(\bar{x}), t_{A_2}(\bar{x}), \dots, t_{A_n}(\bar{x})) \\ &\geq T_n^*(t_{A_1}(x), t_{A_2}(x), \dots, t_{A_n}(x)) \\ &= [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(\bar{x}) &= T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(\bar{x}), 1 - f_{A_2}(\bar{x}), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(\bar{x})) \\ &\geq T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(x), 1 - f_{A_2}(x), \dots, 1 - f_{A_n}(x)) \\ &= 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof .

Let  $(G, f)$  and  $(G', f)$  be an  $n$ -ary groups. A mapping  $g : G \rightarrow G'$  is an onto homomorphism. Let  $T_n$  and  $T_n^*$  be functions induced by  $t$ -norms such that  $T_n^*$  dominates  $T_n$ . If  $A_1^n$  are  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ , then the  $T_n^*$ -product of  $A_1^n$  is a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup. Since every onto homomorphic inverse image of a  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup, the inverse images

$$g^{-1}(A_1), g^{-1}(A_2), \dots, g^{-1}(A_n) \tag{4}$$

and

$$\langle g^{-1}([t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_1} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_1}]_{T_n^*}), (1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_1} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_1}]_{T_n^*}) \rangle \tag{5}$$

are  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup  $(G, f)$ .

The following theorem provides the relation between (4) and (5).

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $g : G \rightarrow G'$  be an onto  $n$ -ary homomorphism of  $n$ -ary groups. Let  $T_n^*$  be a function induced by  $t$ -norm such that  $T_n^*$  dominates  $T_n$ . Let  $A_1^n$  be  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroup of  $(G, f)$ . If  $\langle [t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}, 1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*} \rangle$  is a  $T_n^*$ -product of  $A_1^n$ , and  $\langle [g^{-1}(t_{A_1}) \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_n})]_{T_n^*}, 1 - [g^{-1}(f_{A_1}) \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_n})]_{T_n^*} \rangle$  is the  $T_n^*$ -product of  $g^{-1}(\mu_1), g^{-1}(\mu_2), \dots, g^{-1}(\mu_n)$ . then

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle g^{-1}([t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}), g^{-1}(1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*}) \rangle \\ &= \langle [g^{-1}(t_{A_1}) \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_n})]_{T_n^*}, 1 - [g^{-1}(f_{A_1}) \\ & \quad \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_n})]_{T_n^*} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g^{-1}([t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*})(x) &= ([t_{A_1} \cdot t_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot t_{A_n}]_{T_n^*})(g(x)) \\ &= T_n^*(t_{A_1}(g(x)), t_{A_2}(g(x)), \dots, t_{A_n}(g(x))) \\ &= T_n^*(g^{-1}(t_{A_1})(x), g^{-1}(t_{A_2})(x), \dots, g^{-1}(t_{A_n})(x)) \\ &= [g^{-1}(t_{A_1}) \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(t_{A_n})]_{T_n^*}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - g^{-1}([f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*})(x) &= (1 - [f_{A_1} \cdot f_{A_2} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{A_n}]_{T_n^*})(g(x)) \\ &= T_n^*(1 - f_{A_1}(g(x)), 1 - f_{A_2}(g(x)), \dots, \\ & \quad 1 - f_{A_n}(g(x))) \\ &= T_n^*(1 - g^{-1}(f_{A_1})(x), 1 - g^{-1}(f_{A_2})(x), \\ & \quad \dots, 1 - g^{-1}(f_{A_n})(x)) \\ &= 1 - [g^{-1}(f_{A_1}) \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}(f_{A_n})]_{T_n^*}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

## 5. Conclusions

The  $n$ -ary group theory has many application in an automata theory, quantum theory and computer sciences problems. In this paper, we have defined  $T$ -vague  $n$ -ary subgroups and have studied some of their properties. If the unknown or undecided part  $[1 - t_A(x) - f_A(x)]$  is zero for all  $x$  (of the group  $G$ ), then the Biswas's vague group [27] is reduced to a Rosenfeld's fuzzy group [31]. It is also justified that interval-valued fuzzy sets [33] are not vague sets.

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