# Vague β-Soft Continuous and Vague b-soft Continuous Functions

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to study new classes of vague soft open sets namely vague  $\beta$ -soft open sets, vague b-soft open sets in vague soft topological spaces and discuss their relationships among vague  $\alpha$ -soft sets, vague semi-soft sets and vague pre-soft sets. The concepts of vague  $\beta$ -soft continuous functions, vague  $\beta$ -soft irresolute and vague b -soft irresolute functions have been introduced and studied.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Soft set theory was first initiated by the Russian researcher Molodtsov<sup>17</sup> in 1999. He proposed the soft set as a completely generic mathematical tool for modeling uncertainties. There are many Mathematical tools available for modeling complex systems such as probability theory, fuzzy set theory<sup>20</sup>, intuitionistic fuzzy set theory<sup>7</sup>, interval Mathematics. But there are inherent difficulties associated with each of these techniques. Moreover, all these

techniques lack in the parameterization of the tools and hence they could not be applied successfully in tackling problems especially in areas like economic, environmental and social problem domains. Soft set theory is standing in a unique way in the sense that it is free from the above difficulties and has a wider scope for many applications in a multidimensional way.

In<sup>16</sup>, Maji *et al.* introduced several operators for soft set theory and made a theoretical study of the soft set theory in more detail. Shabir and Naz<sup>18</sup> introduced the notion of soft topological spaces which are defined over an initial universal set with a fixed set of parameters and showed that a soft topological space gives a parameterized family of topological spaces. After that Kandil *et al.*<sup>15</sup> have introduced the new notions of semi-open soft sets, pre-open soft sets,  $\alpha$ -open soft sets,  $\beta$ -open soft sets and their respective continuous functions in soft topological spaces. Since then, many authors<sup>1,2,3,12</sup> have studied some stronger and weaker forms of soft open sets and their soft continuous functions in soft topological spaces. Recently, many researchers have worked to obtain new decompositions of continuity in soft topological spaces.

In 1993, Gau and Buehrer<sup>11</sup> have introduced the concept of vague sets which allow interval-based membership instead of using single point based membership values as in fuzzy sets. In 2010, vague soft set theory was initiated by Xu *et al.*<sup>19</sup> by combining the notions of vague set theory and soft set theory. They also derived some basic properties and illustrated its potential applications. Vague soft set theory is actually an extension of soft set theory. Its basic concepts and its extensions as well as some interesting applications can be found in<sup>4,5,6,8</sup>.

Recently in 2014, C.Wang and Y.Li<sup>10</sup> initiated the study of vague soft topological spaces. They defined vague soft topology on the collection  $\tau$  of vague soft sets over an initial universe with a fixed set of parameters. Consequently, they defined basic notions of vague soft topological spaces such as vague soft open and closed sets, vague soft interior, vague soft closure, vague soft boundary, vague soft connectedness and vague soft compactness. Later, V. Inthumathi *et al.*<sup>13</sup> defined vague  $\alpha$ -soft open sets and obtained its decomposition by using the notions of vague soft open sets called vague  $\beta$ -soft open sets, vague b -soft open sets in vague soft topological spaces. We also investigate some of their properties and relations between the existing vague soft open sets. Further, we define vague  $\beta$ -soft continuous functions and vague b-soft continuous functions and obtain some characterizations.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.**<sup>11</sup> A vague set  $A = \{(x_i, [t_A(x_i), 1 - f_A(x_i)]) | x_i \in X\}$  in the universe  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\}$  is characterized by a truth-membership function  $t_A: X \to [0,1]$ , and a falsemembership function  $f_A: X \to [0,1]$ , where  $t_A(x_i)$  is a lower bound on the grade of membership of  $x_i$  derived from the evidence of  $x_i, f_A(x_i)$  is the lower bound on the negation of  $x_i$  derived from the evidence against  $x_i$  and  $0 \le t_A(x_i) + f_A(x_i) \le 1$  for any  $x_i \in X$ . The grade of membership of  $x_i$  in the vague set is bounded to a subinterval  $[t_A(x_i), 1 - f_A(x_i)]$ of [0,1]. The vague value  $[t_A(x_i), 1 - f_A(x_i)]$  indicates that the exact grade of membership  $\mu_A(x_i)$  of  $x_i$  may be unknown, but it is bounded by  $t_A(x_i) \le \mu_A(x_i) \le 1$ -  $f_A(x_i)$ , where  $0 \le t_A(x_i) + f_A(x_i) \le 1$ .

**Definition 2.2.**<sup>19</sup> Let X be an initial universe set, V(X) the set of all vague sets on X, E a set of parameters, and  $A \subseteq E$ . A pair (F, A) is called a vague soft set over X, where F is a mapping given by

 $F : A \rightarrow V$  (X). The set of all vague soft sets on X is denoted by  $V\tilde{S}(X,E)$ , called vague soft classes.

**Definition 2.3.**<sup>19</sup> A vague soft set (F,A) over X is said to be a null vague soft set denoted by  $\hat{\emptyset}$ , if  $\forall e \in A$ ,  $t_{F(e)}(x) = 0$ ,  $1 - f_{F(e)}(x) = 0$ ,  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4.**<sup>19</sup> A vague soft set (F,A) over X is said to be an absolute vague soft set denoted by  $\hat{X}$ , if  $\forall e \in A$ ,  $t_{F(e)}(x) = 1$ ,  $1 - f_{F(e)}(x) = 1$ ,  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.5.**<sup>10</sup> Let X be an initial universe set, E be the nonempty set of parameters and  $\tau$  be the collection of vague soft sets over X, then  $\tau$  is said to be a vague soft topology on X if 1.  $\hat{\varphi}_E$ ,  $\hat{X}_E$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

2. the union of any number of vague soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

3. the intersection of any two vague soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The triplet  $(X,\tau,E)$  is called a vague soft topological space over X.

**Definition 2.6.**<sup>13</sup> Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a vague soft topological space and (F,E) be a vague soft set over X. Then vague soft interior of (F,E) is defined by,  $v\tilde{s}int(F,E) = \bigcup\{(G,E) / (G,E) \in \tau \text{ and } (G,E) \subseteq (F,E)\}.$ 

**Definition 2.7.**<sup>13</sup> Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a vague soft topological space and (F,E) be a vague soft set over X. Then vague soft closure of (F,E) is defined by,  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) = \bigcap\{(H,E) / (H,E) \in \tau^c \text{ and } (F,E) \subseteq (H,E)\}.$ 

**Theorem 2.8.**<sup>13</sup> Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a vague soft topological space over X, and let (F, E) and (G,E) be two vague soft sets over X. Then the following properties hold:

1.  $v\tilde{s}int(\hat{\varphi}_E) = \hat{\varphi}_E$ ,  $v\tilde{s}int(\hat{X}_E) = \hat{X}_E$ ,  $v\tilde{s}cl(\hat{\varphi}_E) = \hat{\varphi}_E$  and  $v\tilde{s}cl(\hat{X}_E) = \hat{X}_E$ .

2. 
$$vs\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq vs\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$$
.

3. (F,E)  $\in \tau$  iff v $\tilde{s}$ int(F,E)=(F,E) and (F,E)  $\in \tau^c$  iff v $\tilde{s}$ cl(F,E)=(F,E).

4.  $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)) = v\tilde{s}int(F,E)$  and  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) = v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ .

5. (F,E)  $\subseteq$  (G,E) implies  $v\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(G,E)$ ,  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ .

6.  $v\tilde{s}int((F,E) \cap (G,E)) = v\tilde{s}int(F,E) \cap v\tilde{s}int(G,E)$ .

7.  $v\tilde{s}int((F,E) \cup (G,E)) \supseteq v\tilde{s}int(F,E) \cup v\tilde{s}int(G,E).$ 

8.  $(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))^c = v\tilde{s}cl((F,E)^c)$  and  $(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))^c = v\tilde{s}int((F,E)^c)$ .

9.  $v\tilde{s}cl((F,E) \cup (G,E)) = v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \cup v\tilde{s}l(G,E)$ .

10.  $v\tilde{s}cl((F,E) \cap (G,E)) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \cap v\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ .

**Definition 2.9.**<sup>13</sup> A vague soft set (F,A) of a vague soft topological space (X, $\tau$ ,E) is said to be 1. vague semi-soft open if (F,A)  $\subseteq$  všcl(všint (F,A)).

2. vague pre-soft open if  $(F,A) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl (F,A))$ .

3. vague  $\alpha$ -soft open if (F,A)  $\subseteq$  všint(všcl(všint (F,A))).

4. vague regular-soft open if  $(F,A) = v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl (F,A))$ .

The complement of vague semi-soft open (resp., vague pre-soft open, vague  $\alpha$ -soft open, vague regular-soft open) set is called vague semi-soft closed (resp., vague pre-soft closed, vague  $\alpha$ -soft closed, vague regular-soft closed) set. And we denote the family of all vague semi-soft open sets (resp., vague pre-soft open, vague  $\alpha$ -soft open sets, vague regular-soft open, vague  $\alpha$ -soft open sets, vague regular-soft open sets) of a vague soft topological space (X, $\tau$ ,E) by VS $\tilde{SO}(X)$  (resp., VP $\tilde{SO}(X)$ , V $\alpha \tilde{SO}(X)$ , VR $\tilde{SO}(X)$  ).

Throughout this paper (X, $\tau$ ,E), (Y, $\sigma$ ,K) are denote the vague soft topological spaces on X , Y respectively.

## 3. VAGUE **B-SOFT OPEN AND VAGUE b-soft Open Sets**

**Definition 3.1.** A vague soft set (F,E) of a vague soft topological space  $(X,\tau,E)$  is said to be 1. vague  $\beta$ -soft open if (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ .

2. vague b -soft open if  $(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ .

The complement of vague  $\beta$ -soft open (resp., vague b-soft open) set is called vague  $\beta$ -soft closed (resp., vague pre-soft closed) set. We will denote the family of all vague  $\beta$ -soft open (resp., vague  $\beta$ -soft closed, vague b -soft open, vague b- soft closed) sets by  $V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$  (resp.,  $V\beta \tilde{S}C(X)$ ,  $Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ ,  $Vb\tilde{S}(X)$ ).

**Theorem 3.2.** For a vague soft set (F,E) in a vague soft topological space (X,  $\tau$ , E), 1. (F,E)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$  iff (F,E)<sup>c</sup>  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}C(X)$ . 2. (F,E)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$  iff (F,E)<sup>c</sup>  $\in Vb\tilde{S}C(X)$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a vague soft topological space and (F,E) be a vague soft set over X.

Then Vague  $\beta$ -soft interior and Vague b-soft interior of (F,E) are defined as:  $v\beta \tilde{s}int(F,E) = \cup \{(G,E) / (G,E) \in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X) \text{ and } (G,E) \subseteq (F,E)\}.$  $vb \tilde{s}int(F,E) = \cup \{(G,E) / (G,E) \in Vb \tilde{S}O(X) \text{ and } (G,E) \subseteq (F,E)\}.$ 

**Theorem 3.4.** Let (F,E) be any vague soft set in (X,  $\tau$ , E). Then i. v $\beta$ šcl((F,E)<sup>c</sup>) = (v $\beta$ šint(F,E))<sup>c</sup> and v $\beta$ šint((F,E)<sup>c</sup>) = (v $\beta$ šcl(F,E))<sup>c</sup>. ii. v $\beta$ šcl((F,E)<sup>c</sup>) = (v $\beta$ šint(F,E))<sup>c</sup> and v $\beta$ šint((F,E)<sup>c</sup>) = (v $\beta$ šcl(F,E))<sup>c</sup>. *Proof.* The proof is obvious from the above Definition 3.3.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let (F,E) be any vague soft set in (X,  $\tau$ , E). Then i. (F,E)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$  iff  $v\beta \tilde{s}int(F,E) = (F,E)$  and (F,E)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}C(X)$  iff  $v\beta \tilde{s}cl(F,E) = (F,E)$ . ii. (F,E)  $\in Vb \tilde{S}O(X)$  iff  $vb \tilde{s}int(F,E) = (F,E)$  and (F,E)  $\in Vb \tilde{S}C(X)$  iff  $vb \tilde{s}cl(F,E) = (F,E)$ .

**Remark 3.6.** Let (F,E) be a vague soft set in  $(X, \tau, E)$ . Then, i.  $v\beta \tilde{s}cl(F,E) = (F,E) \cup v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)))$ . ii.  $v\beta \tilde{s}int(F,E) = (F,E) \cap v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ .

iii.  $vb\tilde{s}cl(F,E) = (F,E) \cup [v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cap v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))].$ iv.  $vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) = (F,E) \cap [v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))].$ 

**Theorem 3.7.** In a vague soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E)$ , i. an arbitrary union of vague  $\beta$ -soft open sets is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open set. ii. an arbitrary union of vague b -soft open sets is a vague b -soft open set. *Proof.* i. Let  $\{(F_{\alpha}, E)\}$  be a collection of vague  $\beta$ -soft open sets. Then, for each  $\alpha$  $(F_{\alpha}, E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F_{\alpha}, E))).$ 

Now,  $\bigcup_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha}, E) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F_{\alpha}, E)))]$ 

 $= v\tilde{s}cl[\cup_{\alpha} v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F_{\alpha},E))]$ 

 $\subseteq$  vscl(vsint[U<sub>\alpha</sub> vscl(F<sub>\alpha</sub>,E)])

 $= v \tilde{s} cl(v \tilde{s} int(v \tilde{s} cl[\cup_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha}, E)]))$ 

⇒  $\bigcup_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha}, E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl[\bigcup_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha}, E)]))$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha} (F_{\alpha}, E)$  is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open set. ii. Let {( $G_{\alpha}, E$ )} be a collection of vague b -soft open sets. Then, for each  $\alpha$ ( $G_{\alpha}, E$ )  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(G_{\alpha}, E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(G_{\alpha}, E))$ .

Now,  $\bigcup_{\alpha} (G_{\alpha}, E) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(G_{\alpha}, E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(G_{\alpha}, E))]$ 

 $= \bigcup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(G_{\alpha}, E))] \cup \bigcup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(G_{\alpha}, E))]$ 

 $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(\cup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}cl(G_{\alpha}, E)]) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(\cup_{\alpha} [v\tilde{s}int(G_{\alpha}, E)])$ 

 $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(\cup_{\alpha}(G_{\alpha},E))) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(\cup_{\alpha}(G_{\alpha},E)))$ 

 $\Rightarrow \cup_{\alpha} (G_{\alpha}, E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(\cup_{\alpha} (G_{\alpha}, E))) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(\cup_{\alpha} (G_{\alpha}, E))) \text{ is a vague b-soft open set.}$ 

**Theorem 3.8.** If (F,E) and (G,E) are two vague soft sets over  $(X,\tau,E)$ , then the following properties are hold.

i.  $v\beta\tilde{s}int(\hat{\emptyset}_E) = \hat{\emptyset}_E$  and  $v\beta\tilde{s}int(\hat{X}_E) = \hat{X}_E$ . ii.  $vb\tilde{s}int(\hat{\emptyset}_E) = \hat{\emptyset}_E$  and  $vb\tilde{s}int(\hat{X}_E) = \hat{X}_E$ . iii.  $vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq v\beta\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ . iv.  $vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq vb\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ . v.  $(F,E) \subseteq (G,E) \Rightarrow v\beta\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq v\beta\tilde{s}int(G, E)$  and  $v\beta\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq v\beta\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ . vi.  $(F,E) \subseteq (G,E) \Rightarrow vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) \subseteq vb\tilde{s}int(G,E)$  and  $vb\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq vb\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ . vii.  $v\beta\tilde{s}int((F,E) \cap (G,E)) \subseteq v\beta\tilde{s}int(F,E) \cap v\beta\tilde{s}int(G,E)$ . viii.  $v\beta\tilde{s}cl((F,E) \cup (G,E)) \supseteq v\beta\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \cup v\beta\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ . ix.  $vb\tilde{s}int((F,E) \cap (G,E)) \subseteq vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) \cap vb\tilde{s}int(G,E)$ . x.  $vb\tilde{s}cl((F,E) \cup (G,E)) \supseteq vb\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \cup vb\tilde{s}cl(G,E)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** If (F,E) is a vague semi-soft set and (G,E) is a vague pre-soft open set in  $(X,\tau,E)$  such that  $(G,E) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(G,E))$ , then (F,E) is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open set. Proof. Since (G,E) is a vague pre-soft open set,  $(G,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(G,E))$ . By assumption,  $(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(G,E))$  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(G,E))))$ 

= vscl(vsint(vscl(G,E)))

 $\subseteq$  vscl(vsint(vscl(F,E))).

Hence, (F,E) is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open set.

**Theorem 3.10.** If (F,E) is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open and vague semi-soft closed set in (X, $\tau$ ,E), then it is vague semi-soft open.

*Proof.* Since  $(F,E) \in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$  and  $(F,E) \in VS \tilde{S}C(X)$ ,

 $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Thus there exist a vague soft open set (H,E) =  $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \in \tau$  such that (H,E)  $\subseteq (F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(H,E)$ . Hence (F,E)  $\in VS\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** If (F,E) is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open and vague  $\alpha$ -soft closed set in (X, $\tau$ ,E), then it is vague soft closed.

*Proof.* Since  $(F,E) \in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$  and  $(F,E) \in V\alpha \tilde{S}C(X)$ ,

 $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))) \subseteq (F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Then  $(F,E) = v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$  which shows that  $(F,E) \in \tau^{c}$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Every vague semi-soft open (closed) sets is vague  $\beta$ -soft open (closed) set in (X, $\tau$ ,E).

*Proof.* Let (F,E) be a vague semi-soft open set. Then, (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ . Since, (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ , (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$  ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Hence, (F,E) ∈  $V\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** Every vague pre-soft open (closed) sets is vague  $\beta$ -soft open (closed) set in (X, $\tau$ ,E).

*Proof.* Let (F,E) be a vague pre-soft open set. Then, (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))$ . Since, (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ , (F,E) ⊆  $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))$  ⊆  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Hence, (F,E) ∈  $V\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** For any vague b-soft open set (F,E) in  $(X,\tau,E)$ ,  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$  is vague regular-soft closed set.

Proof. Let (F,E) be vague b-soft open set in X. Then,

 $(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ 

 $\Rightarrow v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)))$ 

 $= v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)))$ 

- $= v \tilde{s} cl(v \tilde{s} int(v \tilde{s} cl(F,E))) \cup v \tilde{s} cl(v \tilde{s} int(F,E))$
- $= v \tilde{s} cl(v \tilde{s} int(v \tilde{s} cl(F,E))).$

Thus,  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . But  $v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ . Therefore,  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) = v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Hence  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$  is vague regular-soft closed set.

**Proposition 3.15.** If (F,E) is a vague soft set in  $(X,\tau,E)$  with  $v\tilde{s}int(F,E) = \hat{\emptyset}_E$ , then it is vague b-soft closed set.

**Proposition 3.16.** If (F,E) is a vague soft set in  $(X,\tau,E)$  with  $v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) = \hat{X}_E$ , then it is vague b -soft open set.

**Theorem 3.17.** Let (F,E) be a vague soft set in  $(X,\tau,E)$ . Then,

1.  $vb\tilde{s}int(F,E) = vs\tilde{s}int(F,E) \cup vp\tilde{s}int(F,E)$ .

2.  $vb\tilde{s}cl(F,E) = vs\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \cap vp\tilde{s}cl(F,E)$ .

*Proof.* 1. vsšint(F,E) ∪ vpšint(F,E) = [(F,E) ∩ všcl(všint(F,E))] ∪ [(F,E) ∩ všint(všcl(F,E))] = (F,E) ∩ [všcl(všint(F,E)) ∪ všint(všcl(F,E))] = vbšint(F,E).

2. vsscl(F,E) ∩ vpscl(F,E) = [(F,E) ∪ vsint(vscl(F,E))] ∩ [(F,E) ∪ vscl(vsint(F,E))] = (F,E) ∪ [vsint(vscl(F,E)) ∩ vscl(vsint(F,E))] = vbscl(F,E) .

**Theorem 3.18.** Every vague soft set (F,E) is vague b -soft open (closed) in  $(X,\tau,E)$  iff it is the union (intersection) of vague semi-soft open (closed) set and vague pre-soft open (closed) set.

**Theorem 3.19.** If (G,E) is a vague soft open set and (F,E) is a vague b -soft open set in (X, $\tau$ ,E), then (F,E)  $\cup$  (G,E) is vague b -soft open set in (X, $\tau$ ,E).

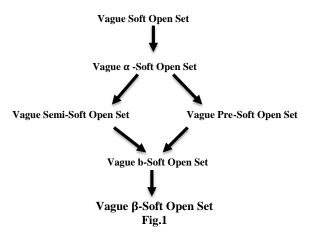
Proof. (G,E) ∪ (F,E) ⊆ vŝint(G,E) ∪ [vŝcl(vŝint(F,E)) ∪ vŝint(vŝcl(F,E))] = [vŝint(G,E) ∪ vŝcl(vŝint(F,E))] ∪ [vŝint(G, E) ∪ vŝint(vŝcl(F,E))] ⊆ [vŝcl(vŝint(G,E)) ∪ vŝcl(vŝint(F,E))] ∪ [vŝint(vŝcl(G,E)) ∪ vŝint(vŝcl(F,E))] ⊆ [vŝcl(vŝint((G,E) ∪ (F,E)))] ∪ [vŝint(vŝcl((G,E) ∪ (F,E)))]. Hence, (F,E) ∪ (G,E) is vague b -soft open set in (X,τ,E).

**Theorem 3.20.** If (G,E) is a vague  $\alpha$ -soft open set and (F,E) is a vague b-soft open set in (X, $\tau$ ,E), then (F,E)  $\cup$  (G,E) is a vague b -soft open set in (X, $\tau$ ,E). *Proof.* (G,E)  $\cup$  (F,E)  $\subseteq$  [všint(všcl(všint(G,E)))]  $\cup$  [všcl(všint(F,E))  $\cup$  všint(všcl(F,E))] = [všint(všcl(všint(G,E)))  $\cup$  všcl(všint(F,E))]  $\cup$  [všint(všcl(všint(G,E)))  $\cup$  všint(všcl(F,E))]  $\subseteq$  [všcl(všint(G,E))  $\cup$  všcl(všint(F,E))]  $\cup$  [všint(všcl(G,E))  $\cup$  všint(všcl(F,E))]  $\subseteq$  [všcl(všint((G,E)  $\cup$  (F,E)))]  $\cup$  [všint(všcl((G,E)  $\cup$  (F,E)))]. Hence, (F,E)  $\cup$  (G,E) is vague b-soft open set in (X, $\tau$ ,E).

**Theorem 3.21.** In a vague soft topological space  $(X,\tau,E)$  the followings are hold.

i. Every vague semi-soft open (closed) set is a vague b-soft open (closed) set. ii. Every vague pre-soft open (closed) set is a vague b-soft open (closed) set. iii. Every vague b-soft open (closed) set is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open (closed) set. *Proof.* i. Let (F,E)  $\in VS\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Then, (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ . But, (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))$ . Hence, (F,E)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . ii. Let (F,E)  $\in VP\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Then, (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))$ .  $\Rightarrow$  (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ . Hence, (F,E)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . iii. Let (F,E)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Then (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ . Hence, (F,E)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Then (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$ . Now, (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(F,E) \subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E)))$   $= v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E))) \cup v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(F,E))$   $= v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Thus, (F,E)  $\subseteq v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(F,E)))$ . Hence, (F,E)  $\in V\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Remark 3.22.** The following diagram shows the relationship between some stronger and weaker forms of vague soft-open sets.



**Remark 3.23.** In general, the converse of the above implications need not be true as shown by following example.

**Example 3.24.** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and let  $\tau = \{\widehat{\emptyset}_E, (F, E), \widehat{X}_E\}$  be a vague soft topological space where  $(F, E) = \{ \langle e_1, [0.3, 0.5] / x_1, [0.2, 0.4] / x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.4, 0.6] / x_1, 0.3, 0.7] / x_2 \rangle \}$ . Then

i. the vague soft set  $(G_1, E) = \{\langle e_1, [0.8, 0.9] / x_1, [0.7, 0.9] / x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.5, 0.7] / x_1, [0.5, 0.8] / x_2 \rangle\}$  is vague b-soft open set but neither vague semi-soft open set nor vague  $\alpha$ -soft open set nor vague soft open set.

ii. the vague soft set  $(G_2,E) = \{\langle e_1, [0.4,0.6]/x_1, [0.5,0.8]/x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.4,0.6]/x_1, [0.3,0.7]/x_2 \rangle\}$  is vague b-soft open set but neither vague pre-soft open set nor vague regular-soft open set.

iii. the vague soft set  $(G_3, E) = \{ \langle e_1, [0.4, 0.6] / x_1, [0.2, 0.3] / x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.2, 0.5] / x_1, [0.3, 0.7] / x_2 \rangle \}$  is vague  $\beta$ -soft open set but not vague b-soft open set.

### 4. VAGUE β-soft CONTINUOUS AND VAGUE b -soft CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

In this section, we introduce vague  $\beta$ -soft continuous and vague b-soft continuous functions and study some of their properties.

**Definition 4.1.**<sup>9</sup> Let  $V\tilde{S}$  (X,E) and  $V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) be two vague soft classes, and let u: X  $\rightarrow$  Y and p: E $\rightarrow$ K be mappings. Then a vague soft function  $g_{pu}=(u,p)$ :  $V\tilde{S}$  (X,E) $\rightarrow V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) is defined as: for

 $(F,A) \in V\tilde{S}$  (X,E), the image of (F,A) under  $g_{pu}$  denoted by  $g_{pu}$  (F,A) = (u(F), p(A)), is a vague soft set in  $V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) given by

$$t_{u(F)(\beta)}(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{\alpha \in p^{-1}(\beta) \cap A, \ x \in u^{-1}(y)} t_{F(\alpha)}(x) & \text{if } u^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$1 - f_{u(F)(\beta)}(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{\alpha \in p^{-1}(\beta) \cap A, x \in u^{-1}(y)} 1 - f_{F(\alpha)}(x) & \text{if } u^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
  
for all  $\beta \in p(A)$  and  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 4.2.** <sup>9</sup> Let  $V\tilde{S}$  (X,E) and  $V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) be two vague soft classes, and let  $g_{pu} = (u,p)$ :  $V \tilde{S}$  (X,E)  $\rightarrow V \tilde{S}$  (Y,K) be a vague soft function and (G,B) be a vague soft set in  $V \tilde{S}$  (Y,K). Then the inverse image of (G,B) under  $g_{pu}$ , denoted by  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,B) =  $(u^{-1}$  (G),  $p^{-1}$  (B)) is a vague soft set in  $V\tilde{S}$  (X,E) given by  $t_{u^{-1}(G)(\alpha)}(x) = t_{G(p(\alpha))}(u(x))$  and  $1 - f_{u^{-1}(G)(\alpha)}(x) = 1 - f_{G(p(\alpha))}(u(x))$  for all  $\alpha \in p^{-1}(B)$  and  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.3.**<sup>9</sup> Let (F,A), (G,B) be two vague soft sets in  $V\tilde{S}$  (X,E)and  $V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) respectively, and  $g_{pu} = (u,p): V\tilde{S}$  (X,E)  $\rightarrow V\tilde{S}$  (Y,K) be a vague soft function. Then 1. (F,A)  $\subseteq g_{pu}^{-1} (g_{pu} (F,A))$  and if  $g_{pu}$  is injective, the equality holds.

2.  $g_{pu}(g_{pu}^{-1}(G,B)) \subseteq (G,B)$  and if  $g_{pu}$  is surjective, the equality holds.

**Theorem 4.4.**<sup>9</sup> Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  and  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  be two vague soft topological spaces. The vague soft function  $g_{pu} : V\tilde{S}(X,E) \rightarrow V\tilde{S}(Y,K)$  is called vague soft continuous, if and only if for all  $(G,K)\in\sigma$ ,  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K)\in\tau$ .

**Definition 4.5.**<sup>14</sup> Let  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  be a vague soft function. Then  $g_{pu}$  is called; 1. vague semi-soft continuous (VS*S*-continuous in short) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  VS*S*O(X) for all (G,K)  $\in \sigma$ .

2. vague pre-soft continuous (VPŠ-continuous in short) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  V P  $\tilde{S}O(X)$  for all (G,K)  $\in \sigma$ .

3. vague  $\alpha$ -soft continuous (V $\alpha \tilde{S}$ -continuous in short) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  V $\alpha \tilde{S}O(X)$  for all (G,K)  $\in \sigma$ .

4. vague regular-soft continuous (VR $\tilde{S}$ -continuous in short) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  V R $\tilde{S}$ O(X) for all (G,K)  $\in \sigma$ .

**Definition 4.6.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague  $\beta$ -soft continuous (briefly  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous) if the inverse image of each vague soft open set of  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague  $\beta$ -soft open set in  $(X,\tau,E)$ .

**Definition 4.7.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague b -soft continuous (briefly Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous) if the inverse image of each vague soft open set of  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague b-soft open set in  $(X,\tau,E)$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $g_{pu}$ : (X, $\tau$ ,E)  $\rightarrow$  (Y, $\sigma$ ,K) be a vague soft function, then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $g_{pu}$  is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous.

2. The inverse image of each vague soft closed set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is vague  $\beta$ -soft closed in  $(X,\tau,E)$ .

3.  $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(g_{pu}^{-1}(S,K)))) \subseteq g_{pu}^{-1}(v\tilde{s}cl(G,K))$  for each vague soft set (S,K) over  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ .

4.  $g_{pu}$  (všint(všcl(všint(F,E))))  $\subseteq$  všcl( $g_{pu}$  (F,E)) for each (F,E) over (X, $\tau$ ,E).

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ : Let (H,K)  $\in \sigma^{c}$ , then (H,K)<sup>c</sup>  $\in \sigma$ . Since,  $g_{pu}$  is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous,

 $g_{pu}^{-1}$  ((H,K)<sup>c</sup>) $\in$ V $\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$ . But  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  ((H,K)<sup>c</sup>) =  $(g_{pu}^{-1}$  (H,K))<sup>c</sup>, then we have  $(g_{pu}^{-1}$  (H,K))<sup>c</sup>  $\in$ V $\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$ .

Thus,  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (H,K)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}C(X)$ .

 $2 \Rightarrow 3$ : Let (S,K) be a vague soft over (Y, $\sigma$ ,K), then  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (všcl(S,K))  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}C(X)$ .

 $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (všcl(S,K))  $\supseteq$  všint(všcl(všint( $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (všcl(S,K)))))  $\supseteq$ 

 $v\tilde{s}int(v\tilde{s}cl(v\tilde{s}int(g_{pu}^{-1}(S,K))))).$ 

 $3 \Rightarrow 4$ : Let (F,E) be a vague soft set over (X, $\tau$ ,E). Then for the vague soft set  $g_{pu}$  (F,E), we have

$$\begin{split} &\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(g_{pu}^{-1}\left(g_{pu}\left(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}\right)\right))) \subseteq g_{pu}^{-1}\left(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(g_{pu}\left(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}\right)\right) \quad (\text{By part 3}) \\ \Rightarrow &\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}))) \subseteq \text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(g_{pu}^{-1}\left(g_{pu}\left(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}\right)\right))) \subseteq g_{pu}^{-1}\left(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(g_{pu}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}))\right)) \\ \Rightarrow &g_{pu}\left(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E})))\right) \subseteq g_{pu}\left(g_{pu}^{-1}\left(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(g_{pu}\left(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}\right)\right)\right)) \subseteq \text{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(g_{pu}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{E}))). \\ 4 \Rightarrow &1 : \text{Let}\left(\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K}\right) \in \sigma. \text{ Then } g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right) \text{ is a vague soft set in } (\mathsf{X},\sigma,\mathsf{E}) \text{ . By 4, we have} \\ &g_{pu}\left(\text{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right))))) \subseteq \tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(g_{pu}\left(g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right)\right)) = \tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c)) = (\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c \text{ .} \\ \text{ That is, } &\tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(\tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{cl}(\tilde{v}\tilde{s}\text{int}(g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right))))) \subseteq g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right). \text{ Then } g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right) \in \mathbb{V}\beta\tilde{S}\mathsf{C}(X). \\ \text{ But } g_{pu}^{-1}\left((\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})^c\right) = (g_{pu}^{-1}\left(\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K})\right)^c. \text{ Thus, } g_{pu}^{-1}\left(\mathsf{G},\mathsf{K}\right) \in \mathbb{V}\beta\tilde{S}\mathsf{O}(X). \text{ Hence } g_{pu} \text{ is } \mathbb{V}\beta\tilde{S}\text{-continuous} \\ \text{function.} \\ \end{split}{}$$

**Theorem 4.9.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu}$ :  $(X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma,K)$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$  -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every vague soft closed set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is vague b-soft closed set.

*Proof.* Let (G,K) be a vague soft closed set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ , then  $(G,K)^c \in \tau$ . Since,  $g_{pu}$  is vague b-soft continuous,  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  ((G,K)<sup>c</sup>)  $\in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . But  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  ((G,K)<sup>c</sup>) =  $(g_{pu}^{-1} (G,K))^c$ , then we have  $(g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K))^c \in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Thus,  $g_{pu}^{-1} (G,K) \in Vb\tilde{S}C(X)$ .

Conversely, let (H,K) be a vague soft closed set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ . Then  $(H,K)^c$  is a vague soft open set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ . By assumption  $g_{pu}^{-1}((H,K)^c) \in Vb\tilde{S}C(X)$ . But  $g_{pu}^{-1}((H,K)^c) = (g_{pu}^{-1}(H,K))^c$ , so  $(g_{pu}^{-1}(H,K))^c \in Vb\tilde{S}C(X)$ . Thus,  $g_{pu}^{-1}(H,K) \in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence  $g_{pu}$  is  $Vb\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.10.** Every VS $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function is V $\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Assume that,  $g_{pu}: (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague semi-soft continuous function. Now let  $(G,K) \in \sigma$ . Then  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in VS\tilde{S}O(X)$ . From Theorem 3.15, we have  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in V\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is  $V\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.11.** Every VP $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $g_{pu}: (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  be a vague pre-soft continuous function and let  $(G,K) \in \sigma$ . Then  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in VP\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Since every vague pre-soft open set is vague  $\beta$ -soft open as from the

Theorem 3.16,  $g_{vu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{vu}$  is  $V\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.12.** Every  $V\tilde{S}$ -continuous function is  $Vb\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

*Proof.* Let  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  be a vague soft continuous function and let (G,K) be a vague soft open set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ . Then  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in \tau$ . And so  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is vague b-soft continuous function.

**Theorem 4.13.** Every VS*S*-continuous function is Vb*S*-continuous.

*Proof.* Assume that,  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague soft function.

1. Suppose that  $g_{pu}$  is a VS $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function and (G,K)  $\in \sigma$ . Then  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in VS\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Now from Theorem 3.25, we have  $g_{pu}^{-1} \in V$  b  $\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

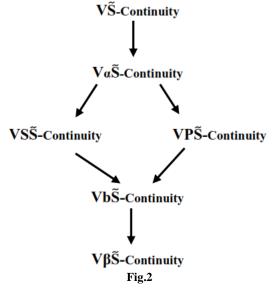
**Theorem 4.14.** Every VPS-continuous function is VbS-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $g_{pu}$ : (X,τ,E) → (Y,σ,K) be a VPŠ-continuous function and (G,K) ∈ σ, then  $g_{pu}^{-1}(G,K) \in VP\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Since every vague pre-soft open set is vague b-soft open as from the Theorem 3.25, we have  $g_{pu}^{-1} \in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is VbŠ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.15.** Every  $Vb\tilde{S}$ -continuous function is  $V\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $g_{pu}$ : (X,τ,E) → (Y,σ,K) be a Vb*S*-continuous function and (G,K) ∈ σ, then  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K) ∈ Vb*S*O(X). Since every vague b-soft open set is vague β-soft open as from the Theorem 3.25, we have  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K) ∈ Vβ*S*O(X). Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is Vβ*S*-continuous function.

Remark 4.16. As from the above results we have the following implications.



**Remark 4.17.** The converse of the above implications need not be true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 4.18.** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and let the vague soft topology  $\tau$  on X be vague soft indiscrete and the vague soft topology  $\sigma$  on Y be vague soft discrete. If  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague soft function where  $u : X \to Y$ ,  $p : E \to E$  are defined by  $u(x_1) = y_2$ ,  $u(x_2) = y_1$ ,  $u(x_3) = y_1$ ,  $p(e_1) = e_1$ ,  $p(e_2) = e_2$ , then it is Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous neither

VS $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function nor V $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Example 4.19.** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2\}$ ,  $K = \{k_1, k_2\}$  and let  $\tau = \{\hat{\emptyset}_E, (F,E), \hat{X}_E\}$  be a vague soft topological space on X where

(F,E) = { $\langle e_1, [0.4,0.6]/x_1, [0.1,0.7]/x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.2,0.5]/x_1, [0.2,0.4]/x_2 \rangle$ } and  $\sigma = {\hat{\varphi}_K, (G,K), \hat{Y}_K}$  be a vague soft topological space on Y where

 $(G,K) = \{\langle k_1, [0.4,0.6]/y_1, [0.2,0.8]/y_2 \rangle, \langle k_2, [0.4,0.6]/y_1, [0.3,0.7]/y_2 \rangle\}$ . If  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague soft function where  $u : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $p : E \rightarrow K$  are defined by  $u(x_1) = y_1$ ,  $u(x_2) = y_2$ ,  $p(e_1) = k_1$ ,  $p(e_2) = k_2$ , then it is Vb*S*-continuous not VP*S*-continuous function.

**Example 4.20.** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2\}$ ,  $K = \{k_1, k_2\}$  and let  $\tau = \{\widehat{\emptyset}_E, (F,E), \widehat{X}_E\}$  be a vague soft topological space on X where

(F,E) = { $\langle e_1, [0.3,0.5]/x_1, [0.2,0.4]/x_2 \rangle, \langle e_2, [0.4,0.6]/x_1, [0.3,0.7]/x_2 \rangle$ } and  $\sigma = \{\{\widehat{\emptyset}_K, (G,K), \widehat{Y}_K\}\)$  be a vague soft topological space on Y where

 $(G,K) = \{\langle k_1, [0.2,0.3]/y_1, [0.4,0.6]/y_2 \rangle, \langle k_2, [0.3,0.7]/y_1, [0.3,0.6]/y_2 \rangle\}$ . If  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is a vague soft function where  $u : X \to Y$ ,  $p : E \to K$  are defined by  $u(x_1) = y_2$ ,  $u(x_2) = y_1$ ,  $p(e_1) = k_1$ ,  $p(e_2) = k_2$ , then it is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous not Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Definition 4.21.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague b -soft irresolute (briefly, Vb $\tilde{S}$ -irresolute) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  Vb $\tilde{S}O(X)$  for every (G,K)  $\in$  Vb $\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Theorem 4.22.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague b -soft irresolute (briefly, Vb $\tilde{S}$ -irresolute) if the inverse image of every vague b -soft open set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is vague b -soft open set in  $(X,\tau,E)$ .

**Definition 4.23.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague b -soft open (vague b-soft closed) function if the image of every vague soft open (vague soft closed) set in  $(X,\tau,E)$  is vague b-soft open (vague b-soft closed) set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ .

**Theorem 4.24.** Every  $Vb\tilde{S}$ -irresolute function is  $Vb\tilde{S}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  be a VbS̃-irresolute function. Let (G,K) be a vague soft open set in (Y, $\sigma$ ,K). Since every vague soft open set is vague b -soft open, (G,K)  $\in$  VbS̃O(X). Thus,

 $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in$  Vb $\tilde{S}$ O(X). Hence  $g_{pu}$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.25.** Let  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K), h_{pu} : (Y,\sigma,K) \to (Z,\upsilon,R)$  be two vague soft functions. i. If  $g_{pu}$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$ - continuous and  $h_{pu}$  is vague soft continuous function then

 $h_{m\mu^{\circ}}g_{m\mu}: (X,\tau,E) \to (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

ii. If  $g_{pu}$  and  $h_{pu}$  are Vb $\tilde{S}$ - irresolute functions then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ -irresolute function.

iii. If  $g_{pu}$  is V b  $\tilde{S}$ - irresolute and  $h_{pu}$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ - continuous function.

iv. If  $g_{pu}$  is vague soft open function and  $h_{pu}$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$ -open function then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ -open function.

*Proof.* i. Let  $(H,R) \in \upsilon$ . Then  $h_{pu}^{-1}(H,R) \in \sigma$ , since  $h_{pu}$  is vague soft continuous function. Now since  $g_{pu}$  is Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function,  $(h_{pu} \circ g_{pu})^{-1}(H,R) = g_{pu}^{-1}(h_{pu}^{-1}(H,R)) \in Vb\tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu}$  is a Vb $\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

The proof of the results ii, iii and iv as similar.

**Definition 4.26.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague  $\beta$ -soft irresolute (briefly,  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -irresolute) if  $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in \nabla\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$  for every (G,K)  $\in \nabla\beta\tilde{S}O(X)$ .

**Theorem 4.27.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague  $\beta$ -soft irresolute (briefly,  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -irresolute) if the inverse image of every vague  $\beta$ -soft open set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$  is vague  $\beta$ -soft open set in  $(X,\tau,E)$ .

**Definition 4.28.** A vague soft function  $g_{pu}$ :  $(X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma,K)$  is said to be vague  $\beta$ -soft open (vague  $\beta$ -soft closed) function if the image of every vague soft open (vague soft closed) set in  $(X,\tau,E)$  is vague  $\beta$ -soft open (vague  $\beta$ -soft closed) set in  $(Y,\sigma,K)$ .

**Theorem 4.29.** Every  $V\beta \tilde{S}$ -irresolute function is  $V\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous.

Proof. Let  $g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \to (Y,\sigma,K)$  be a V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -irresolute function. Let (G,K) be a vague soft open set in (Y, $\sigma$ ,K). Since every vague soft open set is vague  $\beta$ -soft open, (G,K)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$ . Thus,

 $g_{pu}^{-1}$  (G,K)  $\in V\beta \tilde{S}O(X)$ . Hence,  $g_{pu}$  is a  $V\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 4.30.** Let  $g_{pu}$ : (X, $\tau$ ,E)  $\rightarrow$  (Y, $\sigma$ ,K),  $h_{pu}$ : (Y, $\sigma$ ,K)  $\rightarrow$  (Z, $\upsilon$ ,R) be two vague soft functions. i. If  $g_{pu}$  is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous and  $h_{pu}$  is vague soft continuous function then

 $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

ii. If  $g_{pu}$  and  $h_{pu}$  are  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$  - irresolute functions then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -irresolute function.

iii. If  $g_{pu}$  is  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$  - irresolute and  $h_{pu}$  is  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous function then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is  $\nabla\beta\tilde{S}$ -continuous function.

iv. If  $g_{pu}$  is vague soft open function and  $h_{pu}$  is V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -open function then  $h_{pu} \circ g_{pu} : (X,\tau,E) \rightarrow (Z,\upsilon,R)$  is a V $\beta \tilde{S}$ -open function.

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