

# Fuzzy Weakly Implicative Ideals of Bck-Algebras

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we investigated the relation between the ideals of BCK-algebras and fuzzy ideals. We defined the weakly implicative ideals of BCK-algebras and obtained some properties. We proved some results for the fuzzy weakly implicative ideals of bounded commutative BCK-algebras. We also investigated that the weakly implicative ideals are similar to the fuzzy positive implicative ideals.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In [11] Ougen extended the concept of fuzzy sets to BCK-algebras in general. In [3] Hoo has seen some general properties for fuzzy ideals of BCI and MV-algebras (or bounded commutative BCK-algebras). We shall adopt the definition and terminology of [2] and [3].

We review some fuzzy logic concepts. We shall write  $a \wedge b$  for  $\min\{a, b\}$  and  $a \vee b$  for  $\max\{a, b\}$  for any two real numbers  $a, b$  and denote the closed unit interval by  $[0, 1]$ . A fuzzy subset of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is a function  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a BCK-algebra. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (2)  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(x * y) \wedge \mu(y)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** [3] Let  $X$  be a BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  a fuzzy ideal in  $X$ . Then

- (1)  $x \leq y$  implies  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(y)$ ,
- (2)  $\mu(x * y) \geq \mu(x * z) \wedge \mu(z * y)$ ,
- (3)  $\mu(x * y) = \mu(0)$  implies  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(y)$ ,
- (4)  $\mu(x * y) \wedge \mu(y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$ ,
- (5) if  $X$  is bounded, then  $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(1 * x) = \mu(1)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (6) if  $x \geq y$ , then  $\mu(x) = \mu(x * y) \wedge \mu(y)$ .

For a given fuzzy set  $\mu$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , let  $\mu_t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t\}$ . This could be an empty set. In fact,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal if and only if for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_t$  is either empty or an ideal of  $X$ .

For a given fuzzy ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ ,  $X_\mu = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$  is an ideal of  $X$ . And if  $I$  is an ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ , then the characteristic function of  $I$ ,  $\chi_I: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , and  $I = X_{\chi_I}$ . We can check these facts easily.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $X$  be a commutative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  a fuzzy set in  $X$ .  $\mu$  is a *fuzzy prime ideal* of  $X$  if it is non-constant and  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

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**Proposition 1.4.** [3] *If  $X$  is commutative then a non-constant*

*fuzzy subset  $\alpha$  of  $X$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if and only if for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha_t$  is either empty or a prime ideal of  $X$  if it is proper.*

**Proposition 1.5.** *Let  $X$  be a BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .*

*Then we always have*

$$\mu((x * z) * z) \geq \mu((x * y) * z) \wedge \mu(y * z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

*Hence every ideal of  $X$  is weakly implicative.*

**Proof:** By (2) Proposition 1.2, we have  $\mu((x * z) * z) \geq \mu((x * z) * y) \wedge \mu(y * z) = \mu((x * y) * z) \wedge \mu(y * z)$ . Suppose that  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$  and  $(x * y) * z \in I$  and  $y * z \in I$ . Consider the fuzzy ideal  $\chi_I$  of  $X$ . Then,  $I = X_{\chi_I}$ . Thus  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = \chi_I(0) = \chi_I(y * z)$ . This means that  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = 1 = \chi_I(y * z)$ . Hence  $\chi_I((x * z) * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z) = 1$ . Therefore  $(x * z) * z \in X_{\chi_I} = I$ , proving that  $I$  is weakly implicative.

From above Proposition, for the weakly implicativeity of ideals of BCK-algebra, we can define followings.

**Definition 1.6.** Given a BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$ , a nonempty subset  $I$  of  $X$  is said to be a *weakly implicative ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies the followings:

- (1)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (2)  $(x * y) * z \in I$  and  $y * z \in I$  imply  $(x * z) * z \in I$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $X$  be a BCK-algebra. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy weakly implicative ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies the followings:

- (1)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (2)  $\mu((x * z) * z) \geq \mu((x * y) * z) \wedge \mu(y * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $X$  be a BCK-algebra. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy positive implicative ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (2)  $\mu(x * z) \geq \mu((x * y) * z) \wedge \mu(y * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.9.** *Let  $X$  be a BCK-algebra. Then*

- (1)  *$I$  is a positive implicative ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ ,*
- (2) *if  $X$  is commutative, then  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof:**(1) Suppose that  $I$  is a positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . Then  $0 \in I$ . So  $\chi_I(0) = 1$ . We claim that  $\chi_I(x * z) \geq \chi_I(x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z)$ . If  $(x * y) * z, y * z \in I$ , then  $x * z \in I$ . Then  $\chi_I(x * z) = \chi_I((x * y) * z) = \chi_I(y * z) = 1$ . Thus  $\chi_I(x * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z)$ . If  $((x * y) * z) \notin I$  or  $(y * z) \notin I$ ,  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = 0$  or  $\chi_I(y * z) = 0$ . Then  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z) = 0$ . Thus we always have, for  $x * z$ ,  $\chi_I(x * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z)$ . Hence  $\chi_I$  is a positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . Conversely, suppose the  $\chi_I$  is a positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . Since  $\chi_I(0) \geq \chi_I(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\chi_I(0) = 1$ . So  $0 \in I$ . If  $(x * y) * z, y * z \in I$ , then  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = \chi_I(y * z) = 1$ . Then  $\chi_I(x * z) = 1$ . So  $x * z \in I$ . Therefore  $I$  is a positive implicative ideal of  $X$ .

(2) Suppose that  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . We already know that  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Since  $I$  is proper,  $\chi_I$  is non-constant. Let  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$  then  $x \wedge y \in I$  and hence  $\chi_I(x \wedge y) = 1 = \chi_I(x) \vee \chi_I(y)$ . If  $x \notin I$  and  $y \notin I$  then  $x \wedge y \notin I$  and hence  $\chi_I(x \wedge y) = 0 = \chi_I(x) \vee \chi_I(y)$ . Hence  $\chi_I$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . Conversely, let  $\chi_I$  be a fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Since  $I = X_{\chi_I}$ ,  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.10.** *A nonempty subset  $I$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a weakly implicative ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$ ,  $0 \in I$ ,  $\chi_I(0) = 1$ . So  $\chi_I(0) \geq \chi_I(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . It remains to show that  $\chi_I((x * z) * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z)$ . If  $(x * y) * z, y * z \in I$ , then  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = \chi_I(y * z) = 1$  and  $(x * z) * z$  is also in  $I$ . Thus  $\chi_I((x * z) * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z)$ . If  $(x * y) * z \notin I$  or  $y * z \notin I$ , then  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z) = 0 \leq \chi_I((x * z) * z)$ . Hence  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ . Conversely, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\chi_I(x) = 0$  or  $1$ . Since  $\chi_I(0) \geq \chi_I(x)$ ,  $\chi_I(0) = 1$ . Thus  $0 \in I$ . Suppose that  $(x * y) * z, y * z \in I$ . Then  $\chi_I((x * y) * z) = \chi_I(y * z) = 1$ ,  $\chi_I((x * z) * z) \geq \chi_I((x * y) * z) \wedge \chi_I(y * z) = 1$ ,  $\chi_I((x * z) * z) = 1$ . Therefore  $((x * z) * z) \in I$ . Hence  $I$  is a weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ .

## II. FUZZY WEAKLY IMPLICATIVE IDEALS OF BOUNDED COMMUTATIVE BCK-ALGEBRAS

In this section,  $X$  will denote a bounded commutative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  a general fuzzy ideal of  $X$  which may have other properties as specified.

**Definition 2.1.** The set of nilpotent element of  $X$  is

$$N(X) = \{x \in X \mid x^n = 0 \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** [3] If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , then  $\mu(x^n) = \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

**Example 1.** For a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal, Proposition 2.2 fails. Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  which binary operation  $*$  is given by the table then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded commutative BCK-algebra with unit 2. Define a function  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by for  $a \geq b \geq c$ ,  $\mu(0) = a$ ,  $\mu(1) = b$ ,  $\mu(2) = c$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ .  $\mu(1) = b$  but  $\mu(1^2) = \mu(1 * 1) = 1\mu(1 * 1) = \mu(0) = a \neq \mu(1)$ .

*	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0
2	2	1	0

**Remark.** For  $x, y$  in a bounded commutative BCK-algebra  $X$ , define  $x \wedge y = y * (y * x) = x * (x * y)$ ,  $\bar{x} = 1 * x$  (denoted by  $N_x$ ),  $\bar{y} = 1 * y$ ,  $x \vee y = (\bar{x} * \bar{y})^- = N(N_x \wedge N_y)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$  and  $x * (x * y) = x * y$  for all  $x, y \in X$  then  $\mu(x^n) = \mu(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** This is true for  $n = 1$ . In case of  $n = 2$ , we have  $\mu(x) = \mu(1 * \bar{x}) = \mu((1 * \bar{x}) * \bar{x}) \geq \mu((1 * \bar{x}) * \bar{x}) \wedge \mu(\bar{x} * \bar{x}) = \mu(x^2)$ . But  $x^2 \leq x$  and hence  $\mu(x^2) \geq \mu(x)$ . This means that  $\mu(x^2) = \mu(x)$ . Suppose that  $n \geq 3$  and  $\mu(x^{n-1}) = \mu(x)$  Then  $\mu(x^{n-1}) = \mu(x^{n-2} * \bar{x}) = \mu(x^{n-2} * \bar{x}) * \bar{x} \geq \mu((x^{n-2} * \bar{x}) * \bar{x}) \wedge \mu(\bar{x} * \bar{x}) = \mu(x^n)$ . But  $x^n \leq x^{n-1}$  and hence  $\mu(x^n) = \mu(x^{n-1})$ . This proves that  $\mu(x^n) = \mu(x^{n-1}) = \mu(x)$ .

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $I$  be a positive (weakly) implicative ideal of  $X$ . If  $x^n \in I$  for some  $n \geq 1$  then  $x \in I$ . Hence  $N(X) \subset I$ .

**Proof:** For a positive (weakly) implicative ideal  $I$ , consider the fuzzy positive (weakly) implicative ideal  $\chi_I$  of  $X$ . Note that  $X_{\chi_I} = \{x \in X \mid \chi_I(0) = \chi_I(x)\} = I$ . If  $x^n \in I$  for some  $n \geq 1$  then  $\chi_I(x^n) = 1$ . Since  $0 \in I$  and by Theorem 2.3,  $\chi_I(x^n) = \chi_I(x) = 1$ . Hence  $x \in I$ . i.e.  $N(X) \subset I$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , then  $\mu(x \vee y) = \mu(x + y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proof:** We have  $x, y \leq x \vee y \leq x + y$ . Hence  $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \vee y) \geq \mu(x + y)$ . Now  $(x + y) * x = (x + y) \bar{x} = \bar{x} * (\bar{x} * y) = \bar{x} * (\bar{x} * y) = \bar{x} \wedge y$ . Hence  $\mu((x + y) * x) = \mu(\bar{x} \wedge y) \geq \mu(\bar{x}) \vee \mu(y)$ , since  $\bar{x} \wedge y \leq \bar{x}, y$ . This means that  $\mu(x + y) \geq \mu((x + y) * x) \wedge \mu(x) \geq (\mu(\bar{x}) \vee \mu(y)) \wedge \mu(x) \geq (\mu(\bar{x}) \vee \mu(y)) \wedge \mu(x) = (\mu(\bar{x}) \wedge \mu(x)) \vee (\mu(y) \wedge \mu(x)) = \mu(x) = \mu(1) \vee (\mu(y) \wedge \mu(x)) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$ . Using (5) of Proposition 1.2, this Proposition is proved.

**Proposition 2.6.** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , then  $\mu(x) = \mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y})$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proof:**  $\mu(x) = \mu(1 * \bar{x}) \geq \mu((1 * (1 * y)) * \bar{x}) \wedge \mu(1 * y * \bar{x}) = \mu(yx) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y})$ . But  $xy \leq x$  and  $x\bar{y} \leq x$  and hence  $\mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y}) \geq \mu(x)$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  in which the binary operation  $*$  is given by the table then  $(X, *, 0)$  is bounded commutative BCK-algebra with unit 2. Define  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(0) = a$   $\mu(1) = b$   $\mu(2) = c$  with  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Routine calculation gives that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ . If  $x = 2, y = 1$  then  $\mu(2) = c$ . But  $\mu(2 \cdot 1) \wedge \mu(2 \cdot \bar{1}) = \mu(1) \wedge \mu(1) = b$ . In fact,  $(2 * 1) * 1 \neq 1$ . Hence above proposition may not be true for a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ .

*	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0
2	2	1	0

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal of  $X$  and  $(x * y) * y = x * y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $\mu(x) = \mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y})$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ .

**Proof:** In general  $xy \leq x, x\bar{y} \leq x$ . So  $\mu(xy) \geq \mu(x)$  and  $\mu(x\bar{y}) \geq \mu(x)$ . Hence  $\mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y}) \geq \mu(x)$ . We claim that  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y})$ .  $\mu(x) = \mu(1 * \bar{x}) = \mu((1 * \bar{x}) * \bar{x}) \geq \mu((1 * (1 * y)) * \bar{x}) \wedge \mu((1 * y) * \bar{x}) = \mu(yx) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y}) = \mu(xy) \wedge \mu(x\bar{y})$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $I$  be a positive implicative ideal of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $x \in I$  if and only if  $xy \in I$  and  $x\bar{y} \in I$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be given and the binary operation  $*$  of  $X$  is defined by the table. Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded commutative BCK-algebra with unit 3. It is easy to show that a nonempty subset  $\{0, 2\}$  of  $X$  is a weakly implicative ideal of  $X$ .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
2	2	1	0	0
3	3	2	1	9

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $I$  be a weakly implicative ideal of  $X$  and  $(x * y) * y = x * y$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ . Then  $x \in I$  if and only if  $xy \in I$  and  $x\bar{y} \in I$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $x \in X$ . Since  $I$  is a weakly implicative ideal of  $X, \chi_I$  is also a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal. By Theorem 2.7,  $\chi_I(x) = \chi_I(xy) \wedge \chi_I(x\bar{y})$ .  $\chi_I(xy) = \chi_I(x\bar{y}) = 1$ . Hence  $xy \in I$  and  $x\bar{y} \in I$ . Conversely, suppose that  $xy \in I$  and  $x\bar{y} \in I$ , then  $\chi_I(xy) = \chi_I(x\bar{y}) = 1$ . Since  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative ideal,  $\chi_I(x) = \chi_I(xy) \wedge \chi_I(x\bar{y}) = 1$ . Therefore  $x \in I$ .

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $X$  which is both weakly implicative and prime ideal of  $X$ , then for each  $x \in X$ , either  $x \in I$  or  $\bar{x} \in I$ .

**Proof:**  $(x * y) \wedge (y * x) = 0$  imply  $(x * \bar{x}) = 0 \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a prime ideal, either  $x * \bar{x} \in I$  or  $\bar{x} * x \in I$ . So either  $x^2 \in I$  or  $\bar{x}^2 \in I$  or  $\bar{x}^2 \in I$ . By Corollary 2.4,  $x \in I$  or  $\bar{x} \in I$ .

**Corollary 2.11.** Suppose that  $\mu$  is both fuzzy weakly implicative and fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Then the followings hold for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

- (1)  $\mu(x \vee y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$ ,
- (2)  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$ ,
- (3)  $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(1)$ ,
- (4)  $\mu(x) \vee \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(0)$ .

**Proof:** (1) It is clear by Proposition 2.5.

(2) Since  $x \wedge y \leq x, y, \mu(x \wedge y) \geq \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$ . We claim that  $\mu(x \wedge y) \leq \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$ . Note that  $\mu(x(x \wedge y)) = \mu(x * y)$  and similarly  $\mu(y * (x \wedge y)) = \mu(y * x)$ . But  $(x * y) \wedge (y * x) = 0$ . Hence  $(x * y) \wedge (y * x) \in X_\mu$  which is prime by Proposition 1.4. Thus either  $x * y \in$

$X_\mu$  or  $y * x \in X_\mu$  i.e.  $\mu(x * (x \wedge y)) = 0$  or  $\mu(y * (x \wedge y)) = 0$ . By (3) of Proposition 1.2,  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$  or  $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$ . So  $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$ .

(3) It follows by (5) of Proposition 1.2 Since  $X$  is bounded,  $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(1 * x) = \mu(1)$ .

(4) Let  $I = X_\mu$ . Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy weakly implicative and prime ideal of  $X$ , by Theorem 2.10, either  $x \in I$  or  $\bar{x} \in I$  then  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(0)$ . Thus  $\mu(x) \vee \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(0)$ .

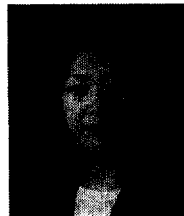
**Corollary 2.12.** *If  $\mu$  is both fuzzy weakly implicative and fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , then  $Im\mu = \{\mu(0), \mu(1)\}$ .*

**Proof:** By above theorem,  $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(1)$ ,  $\mu(x) \vee \mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(0)$ . Then for all  $x \in X$ , either  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(x) = \mu(1)$ . So  $Im\mu = \{\mu(0), \mu(1)\}$ .

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