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## **ON PSEUDO** BH-ALGEBRAS

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Abstract. As a generalization of BH-algebras, the notion of pseudo BH-algebra is introduced, and some of their properties are investigated. The notions of pseudo ideals, pseudo atoms, pseudo strong ideals, and pseudo homomorphisms in pseudo BH-algebras are introduced. Characterizations of their properties are provided. We show that every pseudo homomorphic image and preimage of a pseudo ideal is also a pseudo ideal. Any pseudo ideal of a pseudo BH-algebra can be decomposed into the union of some sets. The notion of pseudo complicated BH-algebra is introduced and some related properties are obtained.

## 1. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras ([3,4]). It is known that the class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras. BCK-algebras have several connections with other areas of investigation, such as: lattice ordered groups, MV-algebras, Wajsberg algebras, and implicative commutative semigroups. J. M. Font et al. [1] have discussed Wajsberg algebras which are term-equivalent to MV-algebras. D. Mundici [9] proved MV-algebras are categorically equivalent to bounded commutative semigroups are equivalent to a class of BCK-algebras. Y. B. Jun, E. H. Roh, and H. S. Kim [7] introduced the notion of a BHalgebra, which is a generalization of BCK/BCI-algebras. E. H. Roh and S. Y. Kim [11] estimated the number of  $BH^*$ -subalgebras of order i in a transitive  $BH^*$ -algebras by using Hao's method. G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu [2] introduced the notion of a pseudo BCK-algebra.

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Y. B. Jun characterized pseudo BCK-algebras. He found conditions for a pseudo BCK-algebra to be  $\wedge$ -semi-lattice ordered. Y. B. Jun, H.S. Kim, J. Neggers [5] introduced the notion of a pseudo *d*-algebra as a generalization of the idea of a *d*-algebra.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of pseudo BH-algebra as a generalization of BH-algebra and investigate some of their properties. We also define the notions of pseudo ideals, pseudo atoms, pseudo strong ideals, and pseudo homomorphisms in pseudo BH-algebras and provide characterizations of their properties in pseudo BH-algebras. We show that every pseudo homomorphic image and preimage of a pseudo ideal is also a pseudo ideal. Any pseudo ideal of a pseudo BH-algebra can be decomposed into the union of some sets. We introduced the notion of pseudo complicated BH-algebra and obtain some related properties.

# 2. Preliminaries

By a *BH*-algebra ([7]), we mean an algebra (X; \*, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying the following conditions:

- (I) x \* x = 0,
- (II) x \* 0 = x,
- (III) x \* y = 0 and y \* x = 0 imply x = y, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

For brevity, we also call X a BH-algebra. In X we can define a binary operation " $\leq$ " by  $x \leq y$  if and only if x \* y = 0. A non-empty subset S of a BH-algebra X is called a *subalgebra* of X if, for any  $x, y \in S$ ,  $x * y \in S$ , i.e., S is a closed under binary operation.

**Definition 2.1**([7]). A non-empty subset A of a BH-algebra X is called an *ideal* of X if it satisfies:

- (I1)  $0 \in A$ ,
- (I2)  $x * y \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply  $x \in A, \forall x, y \in X$ .

An ideal A of a BH-algebra X is said to be a *translation ideal* of X if it satisfies:

(I3)  $x * y \in A$  and  $y * x \in A$  imply  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in A$  and  $(z * x) * (z * y) \in A$ ,  $\forall x, y, z \in X$ .

Obviously,  $\{0\}$  and X are ideals of X. We will call  $\{0\}$  and X a *trivial ideal* and a *improper ideal*, respectively. An ideal A is said to be proper if  $A \neq X$ .

**Definition 2.2**([11]). A *BH*-algebra X is called a *BH*\*-algebra if it satisfies the identity (x \* y) \* x = 0 for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.3**([7]). Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a *BH*-algebra which is not a *BCK*-algebra with the following Cayley table:

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

Then  $A := \{0, 1\}$  is a translation ideal of X.

**Definition 2.4.** A non-empty subset A of a BH-algebra X is called a *strong ideal* of X if it satisfies (I1) and

(I4)  $(x * y) * z \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply  $x * z \in A, \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.5.** (1) Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be a set with the following Cayley table:

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	5
1	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	2	2	0	0	1	1
3	3	2	1	0	1	1
4	4	4	4	4	0	1
5	5	5	5	5	5	0

Then X is a *BH*-algebra which is not a *BCK/BCI*-algebra, since  $(4 * (4 * 5)) * 5 = (4 * 1) * 5 = 4 * 5 = 1 \neq 0$ . Let  $S := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . It is easy to see that S is a subalgebra and a strong ideal of X.

(2) Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  be a set with the following Cayley table:

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	4
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	2	2	0	0	0
3	3	3	1	0	0
4	4	3	4	3	0

Then X is a BH-algebra, which is not a BCK/BCI-algebra, since  $((4 * 2) * (4 * 3)) * (3 * 2) = (4 * 3) * 1 = 3 * 1 = 3 \neq 0$ . Let  $A := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Then A is a subalgebra, not an ideal, and not a strong ideal of X, since  $4 * 3 = 3 \in A$ , but  $4 \notin A$ . Let  $B := \{0, 1\}$ . It is easy to show that B is a subalgebra, an ideal of X, and not a strong ideal of X, since  $(4 * 1) * 2 = 3 * 2 = 1 \in B$ , but  $4 * 2 = 4 \notin B$ .

### 3. Pseudo *BH*-algebras

**Definition 3.1.** A *pseudo* BH-algebra is a non-empty set X with a constant 0 and two binary operations "\*" and " $\diamond$ " satisfying the following axioms:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathrm{P1}) & x \ast x = x \diamond x = 0; \\ (\mathrm{P2}) & x \ast 0 = x \diamond 0 = x; \\ (\mathrm{P3}) & x \ast y = y \diamond x = 0 \text{ imply } x = y \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \end{array}$ 

For brevity, we also call X a pseudo BH-algebra. In X we can define a binary operation " $\leq$ " by  $x \leq y$  if and only if x \* y = 0 if and only if  $x \diamond y = 0$ . Note that if (X; \*, 0) is a BH-algebra, then letting  $x \diamond y := x * y$ , produces a pseudo BH-algebra  $(X; *, \diamond, 0)$ . Hence every BH-algebra is a pseudo BH-algebra in a natural way.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X; *, \diamond, 0)$  be a pseudo *BH*-algebra and let  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq X$ . *I* is called a *pseudo subalgebra* of *X* if  $x * y, x \diamond y \in I$  whenever  $x, y \in I$ . *I* is called a *pseudo ideal* of *X* if it satisfies

(PI1)  $0 \in I$ ; (PI2)  $x * y, x \diamond y \in I$  and  $y \in I$  imply  $x \in I$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 3.3.** (1) Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following Cayley tables:

*	0	a	b	$\mathbf{c}$		$\diamond$	0	a	b	с
0	0	0	0	с	-	0	0	0	0	с
a	a	0	0	0		a	a	0	a	с
b	b	0	0	b		b	b	a	0	0
с	с	0	с	0		с	с	с	0	0

Then it is easy to show that (X; \*, 0) and  $(X; \diamond, 0)$  are not BH-algebras, but  $(X; *, \diamond, 0)$  is a pseudo BH-algebra. Let  $I := \{0, a\}$ . Then I is a pseudo subalgebra of X, but not a pseudo ideal of X since b \* a = $0, b \diamond a = a$ , and  $0, a \in I$ , but  $b \notin I$ .

(2) Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following Cayley tables:

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*	0	$\mathbf{a}$	b	$\mathbf{c}$	$\diamond$	0	$\mathbf{a}$	b	с
0	0	0	0	с	0	0	0	0	с
a	a	0	0	0	a	a	0	0	с
b	b	b	0	b	b	b	b	0	0
$\mathbf{c}$	c	0	a	0	с	c	с	0	0

Then it is easy to show that (X; \*, 0) and  $(X; \diamond, 0)$  are not *BH*-algebras, but  $(X; *, \diamond, 0)$  is a pseudo *BH*-algebra. If we let  $J := \{0, a, c\}$ , then it is both a pseudo subalgebra of X and a pseudo ideal of X.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let *I* be a pseudo ideal of a pseudo *BH*-algebra *X*. If  $x \in I$  and  $y \preceq x$ , then  $y \in I$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $x \in I$  and  $y \preceq x$ . Then y \* x = 0 and  $y \diamond x = 0$ . By (PI1) and (PI2), we have  $y \in I$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A pseudo BH-algebra (X; \*, 0) is called a *pseudo*  $BH^*$ algebra if it satisfies the identities  $(x * y) \diamond x = 0$  and  $(x \diamond y) * x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For any element of a pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra X, the initial section  $\downarrow a := \{x \in X | x \leq a\}$  is a pseudo ideal of X if and only if the following implications hold:

(i)  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x * y \leq z, y \leq z \implies x \leq z.$ (ii)  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x \diamond y \leq z, y \leq z \implies x \leq z.$ 

*Proof.* Assume that for each  $a \in X$ ,  $\downarrow a$  is a pseudo ideal of X. Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $x * y \leq z, x \diamond y \leq z$  and  $y \leq z$ . Then  $x * y \in \downarrow z$ ,  $x \diamond y \in \downarrow z$  and  $y \in \downarrow z$ . Since  $\downarrow z$  is a pseudo ideal of X, it follows from (PI2) that  $x \in \downarrow z$ , i.e.,  $x \leq z$ .

Conversely, consider  $\downarrow z$  for any  $z \in X$ . Obviously,  $0 \in \downarrow z$ . For every  $y \in \downarrow z$ , let  $a * y \leq z, a \diamond y \leq z$ . Then  $a * y \in \downarrow z$  and  $a \diamond y \in \downarrow z$ . Since  $y \in \downarrow z$ , it follows from hypothesis that  $a \leq z$ , i.e.,  $a \in \downarrow z$ . Hence  $\downarrow z$  is a pseudo ideal of X for every  $z \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** If J is a pseudo ideal of a pseudo BH-algebra X, then

(i)  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x, y \in J, z * y \leq x \implies z \in J.$ (ii)  $\forall a, b, c \in X, a, b \in J, c \diamond b \leq a \implies c \in J.$ 

*Proof.* Suppose that J is a pseudo ideal of X and let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $x, y \in J$  and  $z * y \preceq x$ . Then  $(z * y) \diamond x = 0 \in J$ . Since  $x \in J$  and J is a pseudo ideal of X, we have  $z * y \in J$ . Since  $y \in J$  and J is a pseudo ideal of X, we obtain  $z \in J$ . Thus (i) is valid.

Now let  $a, b, c \in X$  be such that  $a, b \in J$  and  $c \diamond b \preceq a$ . Then  $(c \diamond b) * a = 0 \in J$  and so  $c \diamond b \in J$ . Since  $b \in J$  and J is a pseudo ideal of X, we have  $c \in J$ . Thus (ii) is true.

**Theorem 3.8** Let *I* be a non-empty subset of a pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra *X*. Then *I* is a pseudo ideal of *X* if and only if for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $z \in X, z \diamond x \leq y, z * x \leq y$  imply  $z \in I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that I is a pseudo ideal of X and  $z \diamond x \leq y, z * x \leq y$  for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $z \in X$ . It follows from Proposition 3.4 that  $z \diamond x \in I$  and  $z * x \in I$ . Using (PI2), we have  $z \in I$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in I$ , since  $0 \diamond x \leq x$  and  $0 * x \leq x$ , we have  $0 \in I$ . Let  $x * y, x \diamond y \in I$  and  $y \in I$ . Since  $x \diamond y \leq x \diamond y$  and  $x * y \leq x * y$ , we have  $x \in I$ . Thus I is a pseudo ideal of X.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.9.** For any pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra X, the set

$$K(X) := \{ x \in X \mid 0 \preceq x \}$$

is a pseudo subalgebra of X.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in K(X)$ . Then  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 \leq y$ . Hence  $0 = 0 * y \leq x * y$  and  $0 = 0 \diamond y \leq x \diamond y$  so that  $x * y, x \diamond y \in K(X)$ . Thus K(X) is a pseudo subalgebra of X.

**Example 3.10.** In Example 3.3 (2),  $K(X) = \{0, a, b\}$  is a pseudo subalgebra of X, but not a pseudo ideal of X since  $c \diamond b = 0, c * b = a$ , and  $b \in K(X)$ , but  $c \notin K(X)$ .

**Proposition 3.11.** Let A be a pseudo ideal of a pseudo BH-algebra X. If B is a pseudo ideal of A, then it is a pseudo ideal of X.

*Proof.* Since *B* is a pseudo ideal of *A*, we have  $0 \in B$ . Let  $y, x * y, x \diamond y \in B$  for some  $x \in X$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$ , since *B* is a pseudo ideal of *A*. If  $x \in X - A$ , then  $y, x * y, x \diamond y \in B \subseteq A$  and so  $x \in A$  because *A* is a pseudo ideal of *X*. Thus  $x \in B$  since *B* is a pseudo ideal of *A*. This competes the proof.

**Definition 3.12.** An element w of a pseudo BH-algebra X is called a *pseudo atom* if for every  $x \in X$ ,  $x \preceq w$  implies x = w.

Obviously, 0 is a pseudo atom of X.

**Proposition 3.13.** Let X be a pseudo BH-algebra. If an element w of X satisfies the identity  $y * (y \diamond (w * x)) = w * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then w is a pseudo atom of X.

*Proof.* Let  $y \in X$  be such that  $y \preceq w$ . Then  $w = w * 0 = y * (y \diamond (w * 0)) = y * (y \diamond w) = y * 0 = y$ . Hence w is a pseudo atom of X.

**Lemma 3.14.** A non-zero element  $a \in X$  is a pseudo atom of X if  $\{0, a\}$  is a pseudo ideal of X.

Proof. Straightforward.

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**Lemma 3.15.** If every non-zero element of a  $BH^*$ -algebra X is a pseudo atom, then any pseudo subalgebra of X is a pseudo ideal of X.

*Proof.* Let S be a pseudo subalgebra of X and let  $x, y * x, y \diamond x \in S$ . Since  $y * x \leq y$  and  $y \diamond x \leq y$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and y is an atom of Y, we have  $y * x = y, y \diamond x = y \in S$ . Thus S is a pseudo ideal of X.  $\Box$ 

From above Lemmas we obtain the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.16.** A BH<sup>\*</sup>-algebra contains only pseudo atoms if and only if its pseudo subalgebra is a pseudo ideal.

**Definition 3.17.** A non-empty subset A of a pseudo BH-algebra X is called a *pseudo strong ideal* of X if it satisfies (PI1) and

(PI3)  $(x * y) \diamond z, y \in A$  imply  $x * z \in A$ ;

(PI3')  $(x \diamond y) * z, y \in A$  imply  $x \diamond z \in A$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Note that if X is a pseudo BH-algebra satisfying  $x * y = x \diamond y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then the notions of a pseudo strong ideal and a strong ideal coincide.

**Proposition 3.18.** In a pseudo *BH*-algebra, any pseudo strong ideal is a pseudo ideal.

*Proof.* Putting z := 0 in (PI3) and (PI3'), we have  $x * y, x \diamond y, y \in A$  imply  $x \in A$ .

**Proposition 3.19.** In a  $BH^*$ -algebra X, any pseudo ideal is a pseudo subalgebra.

*Proof.* Let A be a pseudo ideal of X. Then  $0 \in A$  and  $(x * y) \diamond x = (x \diamond y) * x = 0$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Then for any  $x \in A$ , we have  $(x * y) \diamond x, (x \diamond y) * x \in A$ , which implies  $x * y, x \diamond y \in A$ .

**Corollary 3.20.** Any pseudo strong ideal of *BH*\*-algebra is a pseudo subalgebra.

**Example 3.21.** In Example 3.3 (2),  $J := \{0, a, c\}$  is a pseudo ideal of X but not a pseudo strong ideal of X, since  $(b * a) \diamond c = b \diamond c = 0$ , and  $(b \diamond c) * a = 0 * a = 0, a \in J$ , but  $b * c = b, b \diamond a = b \notin J$ .

We provide conditions for a pseudo subalgebra to be a pseudo strong ideal.

**Proposition 3.22.** Let X be a pseudo BH-algebra. Then a pseudo subalgebra of X is a pseudo strong ideal of X if and only if  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x \in A, y * z, y \diamond z \in X - A$  imply  $(y * x) \diamond z, (y \diamond x) * z \in X - A$ .

*Proof.* Assume that a pseudo subalgebra A of X is a pseudo strong ideal of X and let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $x \in A$  and  $y * z, y \diamond z \in X - A$ . If  $(y * x) \diamond z \notin X - A$ , then  $(y * x) \diamond z \in A$ . Since A is a pseudo strong ideal of X and  $x \in A$ , we have  $y * z \in J$ . This is a contradiction. If  $(y \diamond x) * z \notin X - A$ , then  $(y \diamond x) * z \in A$ . Since A is a pseudo strong ideal of X and  $x \in A$ , we have  $y \diamond z \in A$ . Since A is a pseudo strong ideal of X and  $x \in A$ , we have  $y \diamond z \in A$ . Since A is a pseudo strong ideal of X and  $x \in A$ , we have  $y \diamond z \in A$ . This is a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x \in A, y * z, y \diamond z \in A$  imply  $(y * x) \diamond z, (y \diamond x) * z \in X - A$ . Since A is a pseudo subalgebra of X, we have  $0 \in A$ . For every  $x \in A$ , let  $(y * x) \diamond z, (y \diamond x) * z \in A$ . If  $y * z \notin A$  or  $y \diamond z \notin A$ , then  $(y * x) \diamond z$  or  $(y \diamond x) * z \in X - A$  by assumption. This is a contradiction. Hence  $y * z \in A$  and  $y \diamond z \in A$ . Thus A is a pseudo strong ideal of X.

Putting z := 0 in Proposition 3.22, we have the following Corollary.

**Corollary 3.23.** Let A be a pseudo subalgebra of a pseudo BH-algebra X. Then A is a pseudo ideal of X if and only if  $\forall x, y \in X, x \in A, y \in X - A$  imply  $y * x, y \diamond x \in X - A$ .

**Definition 3.24.** Let X and Y be a pseudo BH-algebras. A mapping  $f: X \to Y$  is called a *homomorphism* of pseudo BH-algebras if f(x\*y) = f(x) \* f(y) and  $f(x \diamond y) = f(x) \diamond f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Note that if  $f: X \to Y$  is a homomorphism of pseudo *BH*-algebras, then  $f(0_X) = 0_Y$  where  $0_X$  and  $0_Y$  are zero elements of X and Y, respectively.

**Theorem 3.25.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras. If B is a pseudo strong ideal of Y, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a pseudo strong ideal of X.

*Proof.* Assume that B is a pseudo strong ideal of Y. Obviously,  $0_X \in f^{-1}(B)$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $(x * y) \diamond z, (x \diamond y) * z, y \in f^{-1}(B)$ . Then  $(f(x) * f(y)) \diamond f(z) = f((x * y) \diamond z), f(y) \in B$ . Sine B is a pseudo strong ideal of Y, it follows from (PI3) and (PI3') that  $f(x * z) = f(x) * f(z), f(x \diamond z) = f(x) \diamond f(z) \in B$  so that  $x * z, x \diamond z \in f^{-1}(B)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a pseudo strong ideal of X.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.26.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras.

(i) If B is a pseudo ideal of Y, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a pseudo ideal of X.

(ii) If f is surjective and I is a pseudo ideal of X, then f(I) is a pseudo ideal of Y.

Proof. (i) Straightforward.

(ii) Assume that f is surjective and let I be a pseudo ideal of X. Obviously,  $0_Y \in f(I)$ . For every  $y \in f(I)$ , let  $a, b \in Y$  be such that  $a * y \in f(I), b \diamond y \in f(I)$ . Then there exist  $x_*, x_\diamond \in I$  such that  $f(x_*) = a * y$  and  $f(x_\diamond) = b \diamond y$ . Since  $y \in f(I)$ , there exists  $x_y \in I$  such that  $f(x_a) = a$  and  $f(x_\diamond) = b$ . Hence  $f(x_a * x_y) = f(x_a) * f(x_y) = a * y \in f(I)$  and  $f(x_b \diamond x_y) = f(x_b) \diamond f(x_y) = b \diamond y \in f(I)$ , which imply that  $x_a * x_y \in I$  and  $x_b * x_y \in I$ . Since I is a pseudo ideal of X, we get  $x_a, x_b \in I$  and thus  $a = f(x_a), b = f(x_b) \in f(I)$ . Therefore f(I) is a pseudo ideal of X

**Corollary 3.27.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of pseudo *BH*-algebras. Then Ker  $f := \{x \in X | f(x) = 0\}$  is a pseudo strong ideal(ideal) of X.

Proof. Straightforward.

**Proposition 3.28.** Let  $f : (X; *_1, \diamond_1, 0) \to (Y; *_2, \diamond_2, 0)$  be a homomorphism of pseudo *BH*-algebras. Then  $x *_1 y, y \diamond_1 x \in Kerf$  if and only if  $f(x) = f(y), \forall x \in X$ .

Proof. If  $x *_1 y, y \diamond_1 x \in Kerf$ , then  $f(x) *_2 f(y) = f(x *_1 y) = 0$  and  $f(y) \diamond_2 f(x) = f(y \diamond_1 x) = 0$ . Using (P3), we have f(x) = f(y).

Conversely, assume that  $f(x) = f(y), \forall x \in X$ . Then  $f(x) *_2 f(y) = f(x *_1 y) = 0$  and  $f(x) \diamond_2 f(y) = f(x \diamond_1 y) = 0$ . Hence  $x *_1 y, y \diamond_1 x \in Kerf$ .

**Proposition 3.29.** Let  $f: (X; *_1, \diamond_1, 0) \rightarrow (Y; *_2, \diamond_2, 0)$  be a homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras. If  $y \in Kerf$ , then  $x *_1 (x *_1 y), (x_1 * y) *_1 x, x \diamond_1 (x *_1 y), (x_1 *_1 y) \diamond_1 x, x *_1 (x \diamond_1 y), (x_1 *_1 y) *_1 x, x \diamond_1 (x \diamond_1 y), (x_1 \diamond_1 y) \diamond_1 x \in Kerf$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

**Lemma 3.30.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of pseudo BHalgebras. Then f is a monomorphism if and only if  $Kerf = \{0\}$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

The following theorems are easy to prove, and we omit the proofs.

**Theorem 3.31.** Let X, Y and Z be pseudo BH-algebras, and  $h: X \to Y$  be an onto homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras and  $g: X \to Z$ 

be a homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras. If  $Kerh \subseteq Kerg$ , then there exists a unique homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras  $f: Y \to Z$ satisfying  $f \circ h = g$ .

**Theorem 3.32.** Let X, Y and Z be pseudo BH-algebras, and  $g: X \to Z$  be a homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras and  $h: Y \to Z$  be an one-to-one homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras. If  $Img \subseteq Imh$ , then there exists a unique homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras  $f: X \to Y$  satisfying  $h \circ f = g$ .

Note that the standard projections from their direct product or sum of pseudo BH-algebras to their components are homomorphism of pseudo BH-algebras with kernels having the usual form.

#### 4. Pseudo Complicated BH-algebras

Let X be a pseudo BH-algebra. For any  $a, b \in X$ , we denote

$$A(a,b) := \{ x \in X | (x * a) \diamond b = 0 \}.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** If *I* is a pseudo ideal of a pseudo *BH*-algebra *X*, then  $I = \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ .

*Proof.* Let I be a pseudo ideal of a pseudo BH-algebra X. If  $a \in I$ , then  $(a * a) \diamond 0 = 0 \diamond 0 = 0$ . Hence  $a \in A(a, 0)$ . It follows that

$$I \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in I} A(a, 0) \subseteq \bigcup_{a, b \in I} A(a, b).$$

Let  $x \in \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ . Then there exist  $a, b \in I$  such that  $x \in A(a,b)$  so that  $(x * a) \diamond b = 0 \in I$ . Since I is a pseudo ideal of X, we have  $x \in I$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b) \subseteq I$ , and consequently  $I = \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ ,  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 4.2.** If *I* is a pseudo ideal of a pseudo *BH*-algebra *X*, then  $I = \bigcup_{a \in I} A(a, 0)$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.1, we have

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$$\bigcup_{a \in I} A(a, 0) \subseteq \bigcup_{a, b \in I} A(a, b) \subseteq I.$$

If  $a \in I$ , then  $a \in A(a, 0)$ , since  $(a * a) \diamond 0 = 0 \diamond 0 = 0$ . Hence  $I \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in I} A(a, 0)$ . This completes the proof.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be as in Example 3.3(2). Set  $J := \{0, a, c\}$ . Then J is a pseudo ideal of X and  $A(a, 0) = \{x \in X | (x*a) \diamond 0 = 0\} = J$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let *I* be a non-empty subset of a *BH*-algebra *X* such that  $0 \in I$  and  $I = \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ . Then *I* is a pseudo ideal of *X*.

*Proof.* Let  $x * y, x \diamond y, y \in I = \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ . Since  $(x * y) \diamond (x * y) = 0$ , we have  $x \in A(y, x * y)$  and so  $x \in I$ . Hence I is a pseudo ideal of X.  $\Box$ 

Combining Theorems 4.1 and 4.4, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.5.** Let X be a pseudo BH-algebra. Then I is a pseudo ideal of X if and only if  $I = \bigcup_{a,b \in I} A(a,b)$ .

Note that A(a, b) is not a pseudo ideal of X in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following Cayley tables:

*	0	a	b	c	$\diamond$	0	a	b	с
0	0	0	0	a	0	0	0	0	С
a	a	0	0	a	a	a	0	a	а
$\mathbf{b}$	b	0	0	$\mathbf{b}$	b	b	b	0	0
с	c	a	a	0	с	с	с	0	0

Then it is easy to show that (X; \*, 0) and  $(X; \diamond, 0)$  are not BH-algebras, but  $(X; *, \diamond, 0)$  is a pseudo BH-algebra. Let  $I := \{0, a, b\}$ . Then I is not a pseudo ideal of X since  $c * b = a, c \diamond b = 0 \in I$ , and  $a, 0 \in I$ , but  $c \notin I$ . Also  $A(a, 0) = \{x \in X | (x * a) \diamond 0 = 0\} = I$ .

A pseudo ideal I of a pseudo BH-algebra X is said to be closed if  $0 * x, 0 \diamond x \in I$  for any  $x \in I$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** Let X be a pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra. Every pseudo ideal of X is closed.

*Proof.* Since  $(0 * x) \diamond 0 = 0 * x = 0$  and  $(0 \diamond x) * 0 = 0 \diamond x = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , we have 0 \* x = 0 and  $0 \diamond x = 0$ .

**Proposition 4.8.** Let I be a subset of a pseudo BH-algebra X with the following conditions:

(ii)  $x * z, x \diamond z, y * z, y \diamond z \in I$  and  $z \in I$  imply  $x * y, x \diamond y \in I$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then I is a pseudo subalgebra (closed ideal) of X.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in I$ . By (P2), we have  $x = x * 0 = x \diamond 0 = 0$  and  $y = y * 0 = y \diamond 0$ . It follows from (ii) that  $x * y \in I$  and  $x \diamond y \in I$ . Hence I is a pseudo subalgebra of X.

Assume that I satisfies (i) and (ii). We claim that I is a pseudo closed ideal of X. Let  $x * y, x \diamond y, y \in I$ . Since  $0 * 0 = 0 \diamond 0, y * 0 = y \diamond 0$ ,

<sup>(</sup>i)  $0 \in I$ ,

and  $0 \in I$ , it follows from (ii) that  $0 * y, 0 \diamond y \in I$  which proves that I is closed. Since  $x * y, x \diamond y, 0 * y, 0 \diamond y, y \in I$ , by applying (ii) again, we obtain that  $x = x * 0 = x \diamond 0 \in I$ , so that I is a pseudo ideal of X. 

**Definition 4.9.** A pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra X is said to be *pseudo complicated* if the following condition holds:

(PC) there exist, for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $a \odot b \stackrel{notation}{=} \max\{x | x * a \preceq b\} = \max\{x | x \diamond a \preceq b\}.$ 

Note that A(a, b) is a non-empty, since  $0, a, b \in A(a, b)$ , where X is a pseudo  $BH^*$ -algebra.

**Proposition 4.10.** In a pseudo complicated BH\*-algebra, the following hold:

(i)  $z \preceq x \odot y \Leftrightarrow z * x \preceq y \Leftrightarrow z \diamond x \preceq y$ . (ii)  $a \preceq a \odot b$  and  $b \preceq a \odot b$ . (iii)  $a \odot 0 = a = 0 \odot a$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let A be a non-empty subset of a pseudo complicated  $BH^*$ -algebra X. If A is a pseudo ideal of X, then it satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in X)(y \preceq x \Rightarrow y \in A).$ (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in A) (\exists z \in A) (x \leq z, y \leq z).$ 

*Proof.* (i) Assume that A is a pseudo ideal of X. Let  $x \in A, y \in X$  with  $y \preceq x$ . Then  $y * x = y \diamond x = 0$ . Since A is a pseudo ideal of X,  $y \in A$ . Thus (i) is valid.

(ii) Let  $x, y \in A$ . Since  $(x \odot y) * x \preceq y$  and  $(x \odot y) \diamond x \preceq y$  and  $y \in A$ , it follows from (i) that  $(x \odot y) * x, (x \odot y) \diamond x \in A$ . Hence  $x \odot y \in A$ , since  $x \in A$  and A is a pseudo ideal of X. If  $z := x \odot y$ , then  $x \prec x \odot y$  and  $y \preceq x \odot y$  by Proposition 4.10(ii). This completes the proof. 

**Theorem 4.12.** Let I be a non-empty subset of a pseudo complicated BH\*-algebra. Then I is a pseudo ide al of X if and only if for all  $x, y \in I$ and  $z \in X$ ,  $z \preceq x \odot y$  imply  $z \in I$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.8 and Proposition 4.10(i).

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