

## FUZZY IDEALS OF PSEUDO BCI-ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** The concepts of fuzzy pseudo ideals (resp. fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideals, associative fuzzy pseudo ideals, fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideals and fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideals) in a pseudo BCI-algebra are introduced, and related properties are investigated. Conditions for a fuzzy pseudo ideal to be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal (resp. fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal) are provided. A characterization and properties of an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal are given.

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### 1. Introduction

In [3], G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu introduced the notion of a pseudo BCK-algebra as an extended notion of BCK-algebras. Y. B. Jun [4] gave a characterization of pseudo BCK-algebra, and provided conditions for a pseudo BCK-algebra to be  $\wedge$ -semi-lattice ordered (resp.  $\cap$ -semi-lattice ordered). In [6], Y. B. Jun et al. introduced the notion of (positive implicative) pseudo-ideals in a pseudo-BCK algebra, and then they investigated some of their properties. W. A. Dudek and Y. B. Jun [2] introduced the notion of pseudo BCI-algebras as an extension of BCI-algebras, and investigated some properties.

In [5], Y. B. Jun et al. introduced the concepts of pseudo-atoms, pseudo ideals and pseudo BCI-homomorphisms in pseudo BCI-algebras. They displayed characterizations of a pseudo ideal, and provided conditions for a subset to be a pseudo ideal. Y. L. Liu et al. [8] extended the ideal and congruence theory to pseudo BCK-algebras, and investigated the connections between pseudo BCK-algebras and PD (GPD)-posets. In [7], K. J. Lee and C. H. Park introduced the concepts of (associative) pseudo ideals, pseudo  $p$ -ideals, pseudo  $q$ -ideals and pseudo  $a$ -ideals in a pseudo BCI-algebra, and investigated relative properties.

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In this paper, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy pseudo ideals (resp. fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideals, associative fuzzy pseudo ideals, fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideals and fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideals) in a pseudo BCI-algebra, and investigate related properties. We provide conditions for a fuzzy pseudo ideal to be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal (resp. fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal). We give characterizations and properties of an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal.

## 2. Preliminaries

The study of BCK/BCI-algebra was initiated by K. Iséki in 1966 as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculus. Since then many researches worked extensively in this area .

An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a *BCI-algebra* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (I)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( ((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0 \right)$ ,
- (II)  $(\forall x, y \in X) \left( (x * (x * y)) * y = 0 \right)$ ,
- (III)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * x = 0)$ ,
- (IV)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y = 0 \ \& \ y * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = y)$ .

If a BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following identity:

- (V)  $(\forall x \in X) (0 * x = 0)$ ,

then  $X$  is called a *BCK-algebra*. Any BCK-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following axioms:

- (a1)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * 0 = x)$ ,
- (a2)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x \leq y \Rightarrow x * z \leq y * z, z * y \leq z * x)$ ,
- (a3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( (x * y) * z = (x * z) * y \right)$ ,
- (a4)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( (x * z) * (y * z) \leq x * y \right)$

where  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

A non-empty subset  $I$  of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies:

$$0 \in I \tag{1}$$

and

$$(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y \in I \ \& \ y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I). \tag{2}$$

A non-empty subset  $I$  of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a  *$p$ -ideal* of  $X$  (see [10]) if it satisfies (1) and

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( (x * z) * (y * z) \in I \ \& \ y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I \right). \tag{3}$$

A non-empty subset  $I$  of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a  *$q$ -ideal* of  $X$  (see [9]) if it satisfies (1) and

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( x * (y * z) \in I \ \& \ y \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in I \right). \tag{4}$$

A non-empty subset  $I$  of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called an  $a$ -ideal of  $X$  (see [9]) if it satisfies (1) and

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( (x * z) * (0 * y) \in I \ \& \ z \in I \implies y * x \in I \right). \tag{5}$$

**Definition 1.** [3] A *pseudo BCK-algebra* is a structure  $\mathfrak{X} := (X, \preceq, *, \diamond, 0)$ , where “ $\preceq$ ” is a binary relation on a set  $X$ , “ $*$ ” and “ $\diamond$ ” are binary operations on  $X$  and “ $0$ ” is an element of  $X$ , verifying the axioms: for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$(x * y) \diamond (x * z) \preceq z * y, \quad (x \diamond y) * (x \diamond z) \preceq z \diamond y, \tag{6}$$

$$x * (x \diamond y) \preceq y, \quad x \diamond (x * y) \preceq y, \tag{7}$$

$$x \preceq x, \tag{8}$$

$$0 \preceq x, \tag{9}$$

$$x \preceq y \ \& \ y \preceq x \implies x = y, \tag{10}$$

$$x \preceq y \iff x * y = 0 \iff x \diamond y = 0. \tag{11}$$

**Definition 2.** [2] A *pseudo BCI-algebra* is a structure  $\mathfrak{X} := (X, \preceq, *, \diamond, 0)$ , where “ $\preceq$ ” is a binary relation on a set  $X$ , “ $*$ ” and “ $\diamond$ ” are binary operations on  $X$  and “ $0$ ” is an element of  $X$ , verifying the axioms (6), (7), (8), (10) and (11).

**Example 1.** [5] Let  $X = [0, \infty]$  and let  $\leq$  be the usual order on  $X$ . Define binary operations “ $*$ ” and “ $\diamond$ ” on  $X$  by

$$x * y := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ \frac{2x}{\pi} \arctan \left( \ln \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) \right) & \text{if } y < x, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad x \diamond y := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ xe^{-\tan \left( \frac{\pi y}{2x} \right)} & \text{if } y < x, \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\mathfrak{X} := (X, \leq, *, \diamond, 0)$  is a pseudo BCK-algebra, and hence a pseudo BCI-algebra.

**Proposition 1.** [2, 5] *In a pseudo BCI-algebra  $\mathfrak{X}$  the following holds:*

- (b1)  $x \preceq 0 \implies x = 0$ .
- (b2)  $x \preceq y \implies z * y \preceq z * x, \ z \diamond y \preceq z \diamond x$ .
- (b3)  $x \preceq y, \ y \preceq z \implies x \preceq z$ .
- (b4)  $(x * y) \diamond z = (x \diamond z) * y$ .
- (b5)  $x * y \preceq z \iff x \diamond z \preceq y$ .
- (b6)  $(x * y) * (z * y) \preceq x * z, \ (x \diamond y) \diamond (z \diamond y) \preceq x \diamond z$ .
- (b7)  $x \preceq y \implies x * z \preceq y * z, \ x \diamond z \preceq y \diamond z$ .
- (b8)  $x * 0 = x = x \diamond 0$ .
- (b9)  $x * (x \diamond (x * y)) = x * y$  and  $x \diamond (x * (x \diamond y)) = x \diamond y$ .
- (b10)  $0 * (x \diamond y) \preceq y \diamond x$ .
- (b11)  $0 \diamond (x * y) \preceq y * x$ .
- (b12)  $0 * (x * y) = (0 \diamond x) \diamond (0 * y)$ .

$$(b13) \quad 0 \diamond (x \diamond y) = (0 * x) * (0 \diamond y).$$

**Proposition 2.** [7] *In a pseudo BCI-algebra  $\mathfrak{X}$ , we have  $0 * x = 0 \diamond x$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

In what follows, let  $\mathfrak{X} := (X, \preceq, *, \diamond, 0)$  be a pseudo BCI-algebra unless otherwise specified.

For any non-empty subset  $J$  of  $X$  and any element  $y$  of  $X$ , we denote

$$*(y, J) := \{x \in X \mid x * y \in J\} \text{ and } \diamond(y, J) := \{x \in X \mid x \diamond y \in J\}.$$

A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *pseudo ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  (see [5]) if it satisfies:

$$0 \in J, \tag{12}$$

$$(\forall y \in J) \ (*(y, J) \subseteq J \ \& \ \diamond(y, J) \subseteq J). \tag{13}$$

A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *pseudo p-ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  (see [7]) if it satisfies (12) and

$$\begin{aligned} (x * z) \diamond (y * z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies x \in J, \\ (x \diamond z) * (y \diamond z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies x \in J \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called an *associative pseudo ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  (see [7]) if it satisfies (12) and

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) \diamond z \in J \ \& \ y \diamond z \in J \implies x \in J, \\ (x \diamond y) * z \in J \ \& \ y * z \in J \implies x \in J \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *pseudo q-ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  (see [7]) if it satisfies (12) and

$$\begin{aligned} x * (y \diamond z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies x * z \in J, \\ x \diamond (y * z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies x \diamond z \in J \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *pseudo a-ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  (see [7]) if it satisfies (12) and

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) \diamond (0 * z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies z \diamond x \in J, \\ (x \diamond y) * (0 \diamond z) \in J \ \& \ y \in J \implies z * x \in J \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

### 3. Fuzzy pseudo ideals

**Definition 3.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *fuzzy pseudo ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if it satisfies:

$$(F1) \quad (\forall x \in X) \ (\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)),$$

$$(F2) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) \ (\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x*y), \mu(y)\} \ \& \ \mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x\diamond y), \mu(y)\}).$$

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Then*

$$\mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x)) \geq \mu(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . By Proposition 2,  $\mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x))$ . It follows from (8), (11), (b4), (F1) and (F2) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((0 * (0 \diamond x)) \diamond x), \mu(x) \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \mu((0 \diamond x) * (0 \diamond x)), \mu(x) \right\} = \min \{ \mu(0), \mu(x) \} = \mu(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . If  $y \preceq x$ , then  $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $y \preceq x$ , then  $y * x = 0$ , and hence  $\mu(y) \geq \min \{ \mu(y * x), \mu(x) \} = \min \{ \mu(0), \mu(x) \} = \mu(x)$ . □

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . If  $\mu^\sharp$  is a fuzzy set in  $\mathfrak{X}$  defined by  $\mu^\sharp(x) = \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $\mu^\sharp$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mu \subseteq \mu^\sharp$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x \in X$ , by using (F1),  $\mu^\sharp(0) = \mu(0) \geq \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu^\sharp(x)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . It follows from (b12), (b13) and Proposition 2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^\sharp(x * y) &= \mu(0 * (0 \diamond (x * y))) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * (x * y))) \\ &= \mu(0 \diamond ((0 \diamond x) \diamond (0 * y))) = \mu((0 * (0 \diamond x)) * (0 \diamond (0 * y))) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mu^\sharp(y) = \mu(0 * (0 \diamond y)) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * y))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ \mu^\sharp(x * y), \mu^\sharp(y) \} &= \min \left\{ \mu((0 * (0 \diamond x)) * (0 \diamond (0 * y))), \mu(0 \diamond (0 * y)) \right\} \\ &\leq \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu^\sharp(x). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using (b12) and (b13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^\sharp(x \diamond y) &= \mu(0 * (0 \diamond (x \diamond y))) = \mu(0 * ((0 * x) * (0 \diamond y))) \\ &= \mu((0 \diamond (0 * x)) \diamond (0 * (0 \diamond y))) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mu^\sharp(y) = \mu(0 * (0 \diamond y))$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ \mu^\sharp(x \diamond y), \mu^\sharp(y) \} &= \min \left\{ \mu((0 \diamond (0 * x)) \diamond (0 * (0 \diamond y))), \mu(0 * (0 \diamond y)) \right\} \\ &\leq \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x)) = \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu^\sharp(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu^\sharp$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . By Proposition 3,

$$\mu(x) \leq \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu^\sharp(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , i.e.,  $\mu \subseteq \mu^\sharp$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 4.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * z) \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y) \right\}, \\ \mu(x) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond z) * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Note that if  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a pseudo BCI-algebra satisfying  $x * y = x \diamond y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then the notions of a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal and a fuzzy  $p$ -ideal coincide.

**Theorem 2.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . For any  $x, y \in X$ , it follows from (18) and (b8) that

$$\mu(x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * 0) \diamond (y * 0)), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu(x \diamond y), \mu(y) \},$$

$$\mu(x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond 0) * (y \diamond 0)), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu(x * y), \mu(y) \},$$

and hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Then*

$$\mu(x) \geq \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x))$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . By Proposition 2,  $\mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) = \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x))$ . Taking  $y := 0$  and  $z := x$  in (18) implies that

$$\mu(x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond x) * (0 \diamond x)), \mu(0) \right\} = \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Combining Propositions 3 and 5, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ , and let  $\mu^\sharp$  be as before in Theorem 1. Then  $\mu = \mu^\sharp$ .*

We give a condition for a fuzzy pseudo ideal to be a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal.

**Theorem 3.** Every fuzzy pseudo ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * y) &\geq \mu\left((x \diamond z) * (y \diamond z)\right), \\ \mu(x \diamond y) &\geq \mu\left((x * z) \diamond (y * z)\right) \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , is a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  that satisfies (19). For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , it follows from (F2) and (19) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &\geq \min\left\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\right\} \geq \min\left\{\mu((x \diamond z) * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y)\right\}, \\ \mu(x) &\geq \min\left\{\mu(x \diamond y), \mu(y)\right\} \geq \min\left\{\mu((x * z) \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $p$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . □

**Definition 5.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called an *associative fuzzy pseudo ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &\geq \min\left\{\mu((x * y) \diamond z), \mu(y \diamond z)\right\}, \\ \mu(x) &\geq \min\left\{\mu((x \diamond y) * z), \mu(y * z)\right\} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

We provide a characterization of associative fuzzy pseudo ideals.

**Theorem 4.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if and only if the level set  $U(\mu; t) := \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t\}$  is an associative pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  when it is nonempty.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  and let  $t \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $U(\mu; t) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists  $x \in U(\mu; t)$ , and so  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x) \geq t$ . Thus  $0 \in U(\mu; t)$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $(x * y) \diamond z \in U(\mu; t)$  and  $y \diamond z \in U(\mu; t)$ . Then  $\mu(x) \geq \min\left\{\mu((x * y) \diamond z), \mu(y \diamond z)\right\}$ , and so  $x \in U(\mu; t)$ . Similarly, if  $(x \diamond y) * z \in U(\mu; t)$  and  $y * z \in U(\mu; t)$ , then  $x \in U(\mu; t)$ . Therefore  $U(\mu; t)$  is an associative pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $U(\mu; t)$  is an associative pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  when  $U(\mu; t) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $\mu(0) < \mu(x)$  for some  $x \in X$ , then there exists  $t \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\mu(0) < t \leq \mu(x)$ . It follows that  $0 \notin U(\mu; t)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Now, suppose there exist  $a, b, c \in X$  such that

$$\mu(a) < \min\left\{\mu((a * b) \diamond c), \mu(b \diamond c)\right\}.$$

We can select  $t \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\mu(a) < t \leq \min\left\{\mu((a * b) \diamond c), \mu(b \diamond c)\right\}$ . Then  $(a * b) \diamond c \in U(\mu; t)$  and  $b \diamond c \in U(\mu; t)$ , but  $a \notin U(\mu; t)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $\mu(x) \geq \min\left\{\mu((x * y) \diamond z), \mu(y \diamond z)\right\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Similarly, we can

induce the inequality  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu((x \diamond y) * z), \mu(y * z)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *If  $\mu$  is an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ , then*

$$\mu(x) \geq \mu((x * y) \diamond y) = \mu((x \diamond y) * y) \quad (21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu$  is an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . By taking  $z := y$  in (20), we have

$$\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu((x * y) \diamond y), \mu(y \diamond y)\} = \mu((x * y) \diamond y),$$

and the last equality in (21) holds by (b4).  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $\mu$  be an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Then*

$$\mu(x) \geq \mu(0 * x) = \mu(0 \diamond x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in X$ , we have  $\mu(x) \geq \mu((x * x) \diamond x) = \mu(0 \diamond x) = \mu(0 * x)$  from (21) and Proposition 2.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *Every associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an associative fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ , and let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu((x * y) \diamond 0), \mu(y \diamond 0)\} = \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\},$$

$$\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu((x \diamond y) * 0), \mu(y * 0)\} = \min\{\mu(x \diamond y), \mu(y)\},$$

by using (20) and (a8). This means that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 8.** *Every associative fuzzy pseudo ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following assertions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y) &\geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(x)\}, \\ \mu(y) &\geq \min\{\mu(x \diamond y), \mu(x)\} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . It follows from (20), (b4), Propositions 3 and 7 that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y) &\geq \min\{\mu((y * x) \diamond y), \mu(x * y)\} = \min\{\mu((y \diamond y) * x), \mu(x * y)\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(0 * x), \mu(x * y)\} \geq \min\{\mu(0 \diamond (0 * x)), \mu(x * y)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(x * y)\}, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y) &\geq \min\{\mu((y \diamond x) * y), \mu(x \diamond y)\} = \min\{\mu((y * y) \diamond x), \mu(x \diamond y)\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(0 \diamond x), \mu(x \diamond y)\} \geq \min\{\mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)), \mu(x \diamond y)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(x \diamond y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Definition 6.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * z) &\geq \min\{\mu(x * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y)\}, \\ \mu(x \diamond z) &\geq \min\{\mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y)\} \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Note that if  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a pseudo BCI-algebra satisfying  $x * y = x \diamond y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then the notions of a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal and a fuzzy  $q$ -ideal coincide.

**Theorem 6.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Taking  $z := 0$  in (23) and using (b8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \mu(x * 0) \geq \min\{\mu(x * (y \diamond 0)), \mu(y)\} = \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}, \\ \mu(x) &= \mu(x \diamond 0) \geq \min\{\mu(x \diamond (y * 0)), \mu(y)\} = \min\{\mu(x \diamond y), \mu(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . □

**Proposition 9.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following assertions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * y) &\geq \mu\left(x * (0 \diamond y)\right), \\ \mu(x \diamond y) &\geq \mu\left(x \diamond (0 * y)\right) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Putting  $z := y$  and  $y := 0$  in (23) and using (F1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * y) &\geq \min\{\mu(x * (0 \diamond y)), \mu(0)\} = \mu(x * (0 \diamond y)), \\ \mu(x \diamond y) &\geq \min\{\mu(x \diamond (0 * y)), \mu(0)\} = \mu(x \diamond (0 * y)). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Proposition 10.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following assertions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu((x * y) * z) &\geq \mu(x * (y \diamond z)), \\ \mu((x \diamond y) \diamond z) &\geq \mu(x \diamond (y * z)) \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . From (7), we know that

$$x \diamond (x * (y \diamond z)) \preceq y \diamond z \text{ and } x * (x \diamond (y * z)) \preceq y * z.$$

It follows from (8), (b4), (b7) and Proposition 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\left((x * y) * (0 \diamond z)\right) \diamond \left(x * (y \diamond z)\right)\right) &= \mu\left(\left((x * y) \diamond \left(x * (y \diamond z)\right)\right) * (0 \diamond z)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\left(x \diamond \left(x * (y \diamond z)\right)\right) * y * (0 \diamond z)\right) \geq \mu\left(\left(y \diamond z\right) * y * (0 \diamond z)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\left((y * y) \diamond z\right) * (0 \diamond z)\right) = \mu\left((0 \diamond z) * (0 \diamond z)\right) = \mu(0) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\left((x \diamond y) \diamond (0 * z)\right) * \left(x \diamond (y * z)\right)\right) &= \mu\left(\left((x \diamond y) * \left(x \diamond (y * z)\right)\right) \diamond (0 * z)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\left(x * \left(x \diamond (y * z)\right)\right) \diamond y \diamond (0 * z)\right) \geq \mu\left(\left(y * z\right) \diamond y \diamond (0 * z)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\left((y \diamond y) * z\right) \diamond (0 * z)\right) = \mu\left((0 * z) \diamond (0 * z)\right) = \mu(0). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * y * z) &\geq \mu((x * y) * (0 \diamond z)) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\mu\left(\left((x * y) * (0 \diamond z)\right) \diamond \left(x * (y \diamond z)\right)\right), \mu(x * (y \diamond z))\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{\mu(0), \mu(x * (y \diamond z))\right\} \\ &= \mu(x * (y \diamond z)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu((x \diamond y) \diamond z) &\geq \mu((x \diamond y) \diamond (0 * z)) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\mu\left(\left((x \diamond y) \diamond (0 * z)\right) * \left(x \diamond (y * z)\right)\right), \mu(x \diamond (y * z))\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{\mu(0), \mu(x \diamond (y * z))\right\} \\ &= \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \end{aligned}$$

by using Theorem 6 and Proposition 9. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we provide conditions for a fuzzy pseudo ideal to be a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal.

**Theorem 7.** *If a fuzzy pseudo ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following conditions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * y \diamond z) &\geq \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \\ \mu((x \diamond y) * z) &\geq \mu(x * (y \diamond z)) \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

*for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  that satisfies (26). For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , it follows from (F2), (b4) and (26) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * z) &\geq \min\left\{\mu\left(\left(x * z\right) \diamond y\right), \mu(y)\right\} = \min\left\{\mu\left(\left(x \diamond y\right) * z\right), \mu(y)\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{\mu\left(x * \left(y \diamond z\right)\right), \mu(y)\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x \diamond z) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond z) * y), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu((x * y) \diamond z), \mu(y) \} \\ &\geq \min \left\{ \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . □

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  which satisfies:*

$$\mu(x * y) \geq \mu(x) \text{ and } \mu(x \diamond y) \geq \mu(x) \tag{27}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . Using (F2) and (27), we have

$$\mu(x * z) \geq \mu(x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu(x * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y \diamond z) \right\} \geq \min \left\{ \mu(x * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y) \right\},$$

$$\mu(x \diamond z) \geq \mu(x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y * z) \right\} \geq \min \left\{ \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y) \right\},$$

which means that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . □

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  that satisfies (25) and*

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) ((x * y) * z = (x * z) * y \ \& \ (x \diamond y) \diamond z = (x \diamond z) \diamond y). \tag{28}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x * z) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * z) * y), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y) \} \\ &\geq \min \left\{ \mu(x * (y \diamond z)), \mu(y) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x \diamond z) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond z) \diamond y), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu((x \diamond y) \diamond z), \mu(y) \} \\ &\geq \min \left\{ \mu(x \diamond (y * z)), \mu(y) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

by using (F2), (25) and (28). Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $q$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . □

**Definition 7.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called a *fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal* of  $\mathfrak{X}$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(z * x) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond y) * (0 \diamond z)), \mu(y) \right\}, \\ \mu(z \diamond x) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * y) \diamond (0 * z)), \mu(y) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

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

**Proposition 11.** *If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ , then*

$$\mu(x) = \mu(0 * x) = \mu(0 \diamond x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . By using (8), (b8), (F1) and (29), we have

$$\mu(0 * x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond 0) * (0 \diamond 0)), \mu(0) \right\} = \mu(x)$$

and

$$\mu(0 \diamond x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * 0) \diamond (0 * 0)), \mu(0) \right\} = \mu(x),$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \mu(x \diamond 0) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((0 * 0) \diamond (0 * x)), \mu(0) \right\} \\ &= \mu(0 \diamond (0 * x)) \geq \mu(0 * x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \mu(x * 0) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((0 \diamond 0) * (0 \diamond x)), \mu(0) \right\} \\ &= \mu(0 * (0 \diamond x)) \geq \mu(0 \diamond x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu(x) = \mu(0 * x) = \mu(0 \diamond x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ , and let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\mu(x) = \mu(0 \diamond x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x * y) \diamond (0 * 0)), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu(x * y), \mu(y) \}$$

and

$$\mu(x) = \mu(0 * x) \geq \min \left\{ \mu((x \diamond y) * (0 \diamond 0)), \mu(y) \right\} = \min \{ \mu(x \diamond y), \mu(y) \},$$

by using (8), (b8), (29) and Proposition 11. This means that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy pseudo ideal of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 12.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following assertions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y * (x \diamond z)) &\geq \mu \left( (x \diamond z) * (0 \diamond y) \right), \\ \mu(y \diamond (x * z)) &\geq \mu \left( (x * z) \diamond (0 * y) \right) \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . It follows from (b8), (F1) and (29) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y * (x \diamond z)) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu(((x \diamond z) \diamond 0) * (0 \diamond y)), \mu(0) \right\} \\ &= \mu((x \diamond z) * (0 \diamond y)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y \diamond (x * z)) &\geq \min \left\{ \mu(((x * z) * 0) \diamond (0 * y)), \mu(0) \right\} \\ &= \mu((x * z) \diamond (0 * y)). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Taking  $z := 0$  in (30) and using (b8), we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.** *Every fuzzy pseudo  $a$ -ideal  $\mu$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  satisfies the following assertions:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(y * x) &\geq \mu(x * (0 \diamond y)), \\ \mu(y \diamond x) &\geq \mu(x \diamond (0 * y))\end{aligned}\tag{31}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

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