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## I. Introduction

The notion of BCK-algebras was initiated by Imai and Iseki in 1966 as a generalization of both classical and non-classical propositional calculus. The research on BCI/BCK/MV-algebras have burgeoned in the last decade. Y. B. Jun and K. H. Kim in [5] introduced the notion of n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideals in BCK-algebras. The authors defined the notion of  $PI^n$ -Noetherian BCK-algebras, and give its characterization and the normalization of an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal. Very recently using the intuitionistic fuzzy set, B. Satyanarayana et al. in [6] introduced the notion of  $PI^n$ -Noetherian and  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCK-algebras and study some of its properties. C. Lele et al. [1, 2, 3] introduced the notion of n-fold positive implicative ideals, n-fold fuzzy positive implicative-ideal and n-fold commutative ideals in BCI-algebras. In this note; we define the notion of  $PI^n$ -Noetherian and  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebras, and give its characterization. Furthermore, we study the normalization of an n-fold fuzzy positive

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implicative BCI-ideal. In the last section, using the notions of n-fold Positive Implicative and n-fold commutative ideals, we discuss two radical properties:  $PI^n$ - and  $C^n$ -radicals. This paper generalizes the corresponding results in BCK-algebras ([5], [6], [7]).

## II. Preliminaries

We recall in this section the definitions and results that will be used throughout the paper, most of the time without any further notice.

**Definition II.1.** [4] An algebra  $X = \langle X, \star, 0 \rangle$  of type  $\langle 2, 0 \rangle$ , is said to be a BCI-algebra if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in X$  :

- BCI1-  $((x \star y) \star (x \star z)) \star (z \star y) = 0$ ;
- BCI2-  $x \star 0 = x$ ;
- BCI3-  $x \star y = 0$  and  $y \star x = 0$  imply  $x = y$ .

If a BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies the condition  $0 \star x = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ ; then  $X$  is called a BCK-algebra. Hence, BCK-algebras form a subclass of BCI-algebras.

Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Throughout this paper we appoint that  $X := \langle X, \star, 0 \rangle$  denotes a BCI-algebra;  $x \star y^n := (\dots((x \star y) \star y) \star \dots) \star y$ , in which  $y$  occurs  $n$  times;  $x \star y^0 := x$  and  $x \star \prod_{i=1}^n y_i$  denotes  $(\dots((x \star y_1) \star y_2) \star \dots) \star y_n$  where  $x, y, y_i \in X$ .

For the rest of the paper  $X$  shall denote a general BCI-algebra

**Definition II.2.** [1]

Let  $X$  be a BCI-algebra.

(1) We recall that a fuzzy set of a set  $X$  is a function  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0; 1]$ .

(2) A fuzzy set in  $X$  is said to be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if:

- (i)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu(x) \geq \text{Min}\{\mu(x); \mu(y)\}$ ; for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(3) A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $\mu(x \star y^n) \geq \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}$ ; for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition II.3.** [5] A BCI-algebra  $X$  is said to satisfy the  $PI^n$ -ascending (resp.,  $PI^n$ -descending) chain condition (briefly,  $PI^n$ -ACC (resp.,  $PI^n$ -DCC)) if for every ascending (resp., descending) sequence  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$  (resp.,  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$ ) of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideals of  $X$  there

exists a natural number  $r$  such that  $A_r = A_k$  for all  $r \geq k$ . If  $X$  satisfies the  $PI^n$ -ACC (resp.,  $PI^n$ -DCC) we say that  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -Noetherian BCI-algebra (resp.  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebra).

**Theorem II.4.** Let  $\{A_k | k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a family of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideals of BCI-algebra  $X$  which is chain, that is,  $A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ . Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by:

$$\begin{cases} \mu(x) = 1 & \text{if } x \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \\ \mu(x) = \frac{k}{1+k} & \text{if } x \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $A_0$  stands for  $X$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Suppose that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}$  and  $z \in A_r \setminus A_{r+1}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $k \leq r$ . Then obviously  $z \in A_k$ . Since  $A_k$  is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal, it follows that  $x \star y^n \in A_k$  so that

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq \frac{k}{k+1} = \min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y); \mu(z)\}$$

If  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ , then  $x \star y^n \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ . Hence  $\mu(x \star y^n) = 1 = \min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y); \mu(z)\}$ .

If  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \notin \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ , then there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_i \setminus A_{i+1}$ . It follows that  $x \star y^n \in A_i$  so that

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq \frac{i}{i+1} = \min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y); \mu(z)\}.$$

Finally, assume that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \notin \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ . Then  $z \in A_j \setminus A_{j+1}$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $x \star y^n \in A_j$ , and thus

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq \frac{j}{j+1} = \min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y); \mu(z)\}$$

Consequently,  $\mu$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . ■

**Theorem II.5.** If every  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$  has a finite number of values, then  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebra.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $X$  is not a  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebra

Then there exists a strictly descending chain  $A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$  of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideals of  $X$  which does not terminates at finite steps. Hence the fuzzy set in  $X$  define by:

$$\begin{cases} \mu(x) = 1 & \text{if } x \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \\ \mu(x) = \frac{k}{1+k} & \text{if } x \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

is an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X (See Theorem II.4 ) and  $\mu$  has an infinite number of different values. This is a contradiction and hence X is a  $PI^n$ -Artinian. ■

Now we consider the converse of Theorem II.4

**Theorem II.6.** *Let X be a  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebra and let  $\mu$  be an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X. If a sequence of elements of  $Im(\mu)$  is strictly increasing, then  $\mu$  has a finite number of values.*

**Proof.**

Let  $\{t_k\}$  be a strictly increasing sequence of elements of  $Im(\mu)$ . Hence  $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq 1$ . Then by [[1], theorem 3.12]  $\mu_{t_r} := \{x \in X | \mu(x) \geq t_r\}$  is an n-fold positive implicative ideal of X for all  $r = 2, 3, \dots$ . Let  $x \in \mu_{t_r}$ . Then  $\mu(x) \geq t_r \geq t_{r-1}$ , and so  $x \in \mu_{t_{r-1}}$ . Hence  $\mu_{t_r} \subset \mu_{t_{r-1}}$ . Since  $t_{r-1} \in Im(\mu)$ , there exists  $x_{r-1} \in X$  such that  $\mu(x_{r-1}) = t_{r-1}$ . It follows that  $x_{r-1} \in \mu_{t_{r-1}}$ , but  $x_{r-1} \notin \mu_{t_r}$ . Thus  $\mu_{t_r} \subsetneq \mu_{t_{r-1}}$ , and so we obtain a strictly descending sequence  $\mu_{t_1} \supsetneq \mu_{t_2} \supsetneq \mu_{t_3} \supsetneq \dots$  of n-fold positive implicative ideals of X which is not terminating. This contradicts the assumption that X satisfies the  $PI^n$ -DCC. Consequently,  $\mu$  has a finite number of values. ■

**Corollary II.7.** *Let X be a BCI-algebra such that for any n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal  $\mu$  of X, a sequence of  $Im(\mu)$  is strictly increasing.*

*Then X be a  $PI^n$ -Artinian BCI-algebra if and only if  $\mu$  has a finite number of values.*

We note that a set is well ordered if and only if it does not contain any infinite descending sequence.

**Theorem II.8.** *The following are equivalent.*

- (a) *X is a  $PI^n$ -Noetherian BCI-algebra.*
- (b) *The set of values of any n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X is a well ordered subset of  $[0, 1]$ .*

**Proof.**

(a)  $\implies$  (b). Let  $\mu$  be an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X. Assume that the set of values of  $\mu$  is not a well-ordered subset of  $[0, 1]$ . Then there exists a strictly decreasing sequence  $\{t_k\}$  such that  $\mu(x_k) = t_k$ . It follows that  $\mu_{t_1} \subsetneq \mu_{t_2} \subsetneq \mu_{t_3} \subsetneq \dots$

is a strictly ascending chain of n-fold positive implicative ideals of X, where  $\mu_{t_r} := \{x \in X | \mu(x) \geq t_r\}$  for every  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ . This contradicts the assumption that X is  $PI^n$ -Noetherian.

(b)  $\implies$  (a). Assume that condition (a) is satisfied and X is not  $PI^n$ -Noetherian. Then there exists a strictly ascending chain  $A_1 \subsetneq A_2 \subsetneq A_3 \subsetneq \dots \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \clubsuit$

of n-fold positive implicative ideals of X. Let  $A = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} A_k$ . Then by [[2], theorem 5.15] A is an n-fold positive implicative ideal of X. Define a fuzzy set  $\nu$  in X by:

$$\begin{cases} \nu(x) = 0 & \text{if } x \notin A_k \\ \nu(x) = \frac{1}{r} & \text{if } r = \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} / x \in A_k\} \end{cases}$$

We claim that  $\nu$  is an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X. Since  $0 \in A_k$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have  $\nu(0) = 1 \geq \nu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$ .  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}$  and  $z \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $x \star y^n \in A_k$ . It follows that

$$\nu(x \star y^n) \geq \frac{1}{k} = \min\{\nu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \nu(z)\}.$$

Suppose that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_k \setminus A_{k+1}$  and  $z \in A_k \setminus A_r$  for all  $r < k$ . Since  $A_k$  is an n-fold positive implicative ideal, it follows that  $x \star y^n \in A_k$ . Hence

$$\nu(x \star y^n) \geq \frac{1}{k} \geq \frac{1}{r+1} \geq \nu(z) \text{ and,}$$

$$\nu(x \star y^n) \geq \min\{\nu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \nu(z)\}.$$

Similarly for the case  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_k \setminus A_r$  and  $z \in A_k$ . we have  $\nu(x \star y^n) \geq \min\{\nu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \nu(z)\}$ .

Thus  $\nu$  is an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X. Since the chain  $\clubsuit$  is not terminating,  $\nu$  has a strictly descending sequence of values. This contradicts the assumption that the value set of any n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal is well ordered. Therefore X is  $PI^n$ -Noetherian. This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem II.9.** *Let  $S = \{t_k | k = 1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{0\}$  where  $\{t_k\}$  is a strictly descending sequence in  $(0, 1)$ . Then a BCI-algebra X is  $PI^n$ -Noetherian if and only if for each n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal  $\mu$  of X,  $Im(\mu) \subset S$  implies that there exists a natural number k such that  $Im(\mu) \subset \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k\} \cup \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that X is a  $PI^n$ -Noetherian BCI-algebra and let  $\mu$  be an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of X. Then by Theorem II.8 we know that  $Im(\mu)$  is a well-ordered subset of  $[0, 1]$  and so the condition is necessary.

Conversely, suppose that the condition is satisfied. Assume that X is not  $PI^n$ -Noetherian. Then there exists a strictly ascending chain of n-fold positive implicative ideals

$$A_1 \subsetneq A_2 \subsetneq A_3 \subsetneq \dots$$

Define a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  by

$$\begin{cases} \mu(x) = t_1 & \text{if } x \in A_1 \\ \mu(x) = t_k & \text{if } x \in A_k \setminus A_{k-1}; k = 2, 3, \dots \\ \mu(x) = 0 & \text{if } x \in X \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \end{cases}$$

Since  $0 \in A_1$ , we have  $\mu(0) = t_1 \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If either  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)$  or  $z$  belongs to  $X \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$ , then either  $\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y))$  or  $\mu(z)$  is equal to 0 and hence

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq 0 = \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}$$

If  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_1$  and  $z \in A_1$ , then  $x \star y^n \in A_1$  and thus

$$\mu(x \star y^n) = t_1 = \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}.$$

If  $((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)) \in A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$  and  $z \in A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$ , then  $x \star y^n \in A_k$ . Hence

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq t_k = \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}$$

Assume that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_1$  and  $z \in A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$  for  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ . Then  $x \star y^n \in A_k$  and therefore

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq t_k = \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}$$

Similarly for  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) \in A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$  and  $z \in A_1$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ , we obtain

$$\mu(x \star y^n) \geq t_k = \min\{\mu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), \mu(z)\}$$

Consequently,  $\mu$  is an n-fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . This contradicts our assumption. ■

### III. Normalizations of n-fold fuzzy positive implicative BCI-ideals

**Definition III.1.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a set  $X$  is said to normal if  $\sup_{x \in X} \mu(x) = 1$ . In other words, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu(x) = 1$ .

**Example III.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  with the operation  $\star$  defined by

$\star$	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	3	2
1	1	0	3	2
2	2	2	0	3
3	3	3	2	0

Then  $X = \langle X, \star, 0 \rangle$  is a BCI-algebra.

Then the fuzzy set  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$\mu(0) = \mu(1) = 1; \mu(2) = \mu(3) = 0.5$  is a normal 2-fold fuzzy positive implicative BCI-ideal of  $X$ .

**Remark III.3.** Note that if  $\mu$  is a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , then clearly  $\mu(0) = 1$ , and hence  $\mu$  is normal if and only if  $\mu(0) = 1$ .

**Lemma III.4.** Given an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal  $\mu$  of  $X$  let  $\mu^+$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $\mu^+(x) = \mu(x) + 1 - \mu(0)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $\mu^+$  is a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$  which contains  $\mu$ .

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward ■

Using [[1], Proposition 3.10], we know that for any  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal  $I$  of  $X$ , the characteristic function  $\mu_I$  of  $I$  is a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . It is clear that  $\mu$  is a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\mu^+ = \mu$ .

**Corollary III.5** ([5], **proposition 5.5**). If  $\mu$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , then  $(\mu^+)^+ = \mu^+$ .

**Proposition III.6** ([5], **proposition 5.7**). Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideals of  $X$ . If  $\mu \subset \nu$  and  $\mu(0) = \nu(0)$ , then  $X_\mu \subset X_\nu$ .

Given an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal, we construct a new normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal.

**Theorem III.7.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$  and

let  $f : [0, \mu(0)] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be an increasing function. Let  $\mu_f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $\mu_f(x) = f(\mu(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $\mu_f$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . In particular, if  $f(\mu_f(0)) = 1$  then  $\mu_f$  is normal; and if  $f(t) \geq t$  for all  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ , then  $\mu \subset \mu_f$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and since  $f$  is increasing, we have  $\mu_f(0) = f(\mu(0)) = f(\mu(x)) = \mu_f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For any  $x, y, z \in X$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\mu_f(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y), \mu_f(z)\} &= \min\{f(\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)), f(\mu(z))\} = \\ f(\min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y), \mu(z)\}) &\leq f(\mu(x \star y^n)) = \mu_f(x \star y^n) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu_f$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . If  $f(\mu(0)) = 1$ , then clearly  $\mu_f$  is normal. Assume that  $f(t) \geq t$  for all  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ . Then  $\mu_f(x) = f(\mu(x)) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , which proves  $\mu \subset \mu_f$ .



■

**Corollary III.8.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$ ,  $\mu(0) \neq 0$  and let  $\tilde{\mu}$  be the fuzzy set of  $X$  defined by  $\tilde{\mu}(x) = \frac{\mu(x)}{\mu(0)}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a normal fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$  and  $\mu \subset \tilde{\mu}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}(X)$  denote the set of all normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideals of  $X$ .

**Lemma III.9.** Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{N}(X)$  be nonconstant such that it is a maximal element of the poset  $(\mathcal{N}(X), \subset)$ . Then  $\mu$  takes only the values 0 and 1.

**Proof.**

Since  $\mu$  is normal, we have  $\mu(0) = 1$ . Let  $x \in X$  be such that  $\mu(x) \neq 1$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\mu(x) = 0$ . If not, then there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $0 < \mu(a) < 1$ .

Define a fuzzy set in  $X$  by  $\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\mu(x) + \mu(a))$  for all  $x \in X$ . Clearly,  $\nu$  is well defined, and we get

$$\nu(0) = \frac{1}{2}[\mu(0) + \mu(a)] = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mu(a)] \geq \frac{1}{2}[\mu(x) + \mu(a)] = \nu(x); \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(x \star y^n) &= \frac{1}{2}[\mu(x \star y^n) + \mu(a)] \geq \frac{1}{2} \min\{\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y), \mu(z)\} + \frac{1}{2}\mu(a). \\ &= \min\{\frac{1}{2}[\mu(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y) + \mu(a)]; \frac{1}{2}[\mu(z) + \mu(a)]\} \\ &= \min\{\nu((x \star y^{n+1}) \star (z \star y)); \nu(z)\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\nu$  is an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . By Lemma III.4,  $\nu^+$  is a maximal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , where  $\nu^+$  is defined by  $\nu^+(x) = \nu(x) + 1 - \nu(0)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Note that

$$\nu^+(a) = \nu(a) + 1 - \nu(0) = \frac{1}{2}[\mu(a) + \mu(a)] + 1 - \frac{1}{2}[\mu(0) + \mu(a)] = \frac{1}{2}[\mu(a) + 1] > \mu(a).$$

Hence  $\nu^+(a) > \mu(a)$  and  $\nu^+(a) < 1 = \nu^+(0)$ . It follows that  $\nu^+$  is nonconstant, and  $\mu$  is not a maximal element of  $(\mathcal{N}(X), \subset)$ . This is a contradiction.

■

**Definition III.10.** An  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal  $\mu$  of  $X$  is said to be fuzzy maximal if  $\mu$  is nonconstant and  $\mu^+$  is a maximal element of the poset  $(\mathcal{N}(X), \subset)$ .

For any positive implicative ideal  $I$  of  $X$  let  $\mu_I$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by:

$$\begin{cases} \mu_I(x) = 1 & \text{if } x \in I \\ \mu_I(x) = 0 & \text{if } x \notin I \end{cases}$$

**Theorem III.11.** *Let  $\mu$  be an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . If  $\mu$  is fuzzy maximal, then*

- (a)  $\mu$  is normal,
- (b)  $\mu$  takes only the values 0 and 1,
- (c)  $\mu_{X_\mu} = \mu$ ,
- (d)  $X_\mu$  is a maximal  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $\mu$  be an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$  which is fuzzy maximal. Then  $\mu^+$  is a nonconstant maximal element of the poset  $(\mathcal{N}(X), \subset)$ . Since  $\mu \subset \mu^+$  it follows from Lemma III.9 that  $\mu = \mu^+$  takes only the values 0 and 1. This proves (a) and (b).

(c) Obviously  $\mu_{X_\mu} \subset \mu$ , and  $\mu_{X_\mu}$ , takes only the values 0 and 1. Let  $x \in X$ . If  $\mu(x) = 0$ , then  $\mu_{X_\mu} \supset \mu$ . If  $\mu(x) = 1$ , then  $x \in X_\mu$  and so  $\mu_{X_\mu}(x) = 1$ . This shows that  $\mu_{X_\mu} \supset \mu$ .

(d) Since  $\mu$  is nonconstant, by [[1], theorem 3.13]  $X_\mu$  is a proper  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . Let  $I$  be an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$  containing  $X_\mu$ . Then  $\mu = \mu_{X_\mu} \subset \mu_I$ . Since  $\mu$  and  $\mu_I$  are normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideals of  $X$  and since  $\mu = \mu^+$  is a maximal element of  $(\mathcal{N}(X), \subset)$ , we have that either  $\mu = \mu_I$  or  $\mu_I = 1$  where  $1 : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy set defined by  $1(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ . The later case implies that  $I = X$ . If  $\mu = \mu_I$ , then  $X_\mu = X_{\mu_I} = I$ . This shows that  $X_\mu$  is a maximal  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Definition III.12.** [1] *A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  has a sup property if for any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exists  $a_0 \in A$  such that  $\mu(a_0) = \text{Sup}\{\mu(a)/a \in A\}$ . Using this fact, we can prove the following result.*

**Corollary III.13.** *Let  $\mu$  be an  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . If  $\mu$  is fuzzy maximal, then  $\mu$  has a sup property*

**Definition III.14.** [1] *Let  $X, Y$  be two BCI-algebras. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a BCI-homomorphism if:  $f(x \star y) = f(x) \star f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .*

*Let  $\mu$  a fuzzy subset of  $X$ ,  $\nu$  a fuzzy subset of  $Y$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a BCI-homomorphism. The image of  $\mu$  under  $f$  denoted by  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$  defined by:*

*For all  $y \in Y$ ,  $f(\mu)(y) = \text{Sup}\{\mu(x)/x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$  if  $f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f(\mu)(y) = 0$  if  $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ .*

*The preimage of  $\nu$  under  $f$  denoted by  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy set of  $X$  defined by:*

For all  $x \in X$ ,  $f^{-1}(\nu)(x) = \nu(f(x))$ .

**Corollary III.15.** *Let  $\nu$  be a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal of  $X$ . The preimage of  $\nu$  under  $f$  is a normal  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal*

**Proof.** Using [[1], Definition 3.16] and Remark III.3. ■

**Theorem III.16.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an onto BCI-homomorphism, the image  $f(\mu)$  a normal fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal  $\mu$  with a sup property is also a normal fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal.*

**Proof.** By [1, Proposition 3.18],  $f(\mu)$  is fuzzy  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal. Using Definition III.1, it easy to prove that  $f(\mu)$  is normal. ■

**Theorem III.17.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an onto BCI-homomorphism. If  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -noetherian (resp.  $PI^n$ -artinian), then so is  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $Y$  is not  $PI^n$ -noetherian. By Theorem II.8, the set of values of  $\mu$  is not a well-ordered subset of  $[0; 1]$ , for some  $n$ -fold fuzzy positive implicative ideal  $\mu$ . Hence there exists a strictly decreasing sequence  $\{t_k\}$  such that  $\mu(x_k) = t_k$ . It follows that  $\mu_{t_1} \subsetneq \mu_{t_2} \subsetneq \mu_{t_3} \subsetneq \dots$

is a strictly ascending chain of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideals of  $Y$ , for every  $r = 1, 2, \dots$

By first homomorphism theorem [[4], corollary 1.6.7]  $X/\ker f \cong Y$ . By ([4], theorem 1.5.13) every ideal of  $X/\ker f$  is the form  $I/\ker f$ ; where  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$  with  $\ker f \subset I$ . Take any ascending chain of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal in  $Y \cong X/\ker f$  as follows:

$$\mu_{t_1}/\ker f \subsetneq \mu_{t_2}/\ker f \subsetneq \mu_{t_3}/\ker f \subsetneq \dots$$

Then  $\ker f \subset \mu_{t_1} \subsetneq \mu_{t_2} \subsetneq \mu_{t_3} \subsetneq \dots$  is a strictly ascending chain of  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal in  $X$ , for every  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $X$  is  $PI^n$ -Noetherian.

Similar arguments can be applied to artinian case. ■

#### IV. $PI^n$ -and $C^n$ -radicals

Let us discuss two radical properties in BCI-algebras. For the concepts of radical theory in BCI-algebras, please refer to ([4], [7]). By ([4], theorem 1.6.1 p. 69) we know that a homomorphic image of a BCK/BCI-algebra might not be a BCK/BCI-algebra and so it is necessary in discussion of the section to restrict that the homomorphic images of a BCI-algebra are still BCI-algebra.

**Definition IV.1.** *Let  $X$  be a nonzero BCI-algebra. If every proper ideal of  $X$  is not an  $n$ -fold positive implicative (resp.  $n$ -fold commutative) ideal of  $X$  then  $X$  is called a BCI-algebra with the property  $PI^n-$  (resp.  $C^n-$ ) or a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) algebra for short. If  $X = \{0\}$ , we appoint that  $X$  itself is a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) algebra.*

**Definition IV.2.** *Let  $X$  be a nonzero BCI-algebra and  $I$  an ideal of  $X$ . If  $I$  itself regarded as a BCI-algebra is a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ )algebra then  $I$  is called a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) ideal of  $X$ .*

**Theorem IV.3.** *Let  $X$  be a nonzero BCI-algebra and  $Y$  a homomorphic image of  $X$ . If  $X$  is a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) algebra then so is  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be a  $PI^n$ -algebra. If  $Y$  not a  $PI^n$ -algebra then there is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative proper ideal  $J$  of  $Y$ . Suppose that  $f$  is surjective homomorphism from  $X$  onto  $Y$  and  $I = f^{-1}(J)$  then  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $X$ . If  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (0 \star y) \in I$  then  $f[(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (0 \star y)] = (f(x) \star f^{n+1}(y)) \star (0 \star f(y)) \in J$  and so  $f(x \star y^n) = f(x) \star f^n(y) \in J$  by  $J$  an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $Y$  and hence  $x \star y^n \in I$ . This proves that  $I$  is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$  but  $X \neq I$ , a contradiction with  $X$  a  $PI^n$ -algebra.

Similarly we can prove the case that  $X$  is an  $C^n$ -algebra. ■

**Lemma IV.4.** ([4, Exercises 1.4.14]) *Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a BCI-algebra. The least closed ideal of  $X$  containing  $S$  is  $\langle S \cup \{0 \star x/x \in S\} \rangle$  where  $\langle S \cup \{0 \star x/x \in S\} \rangle$  is the generated ideal of  $X$  by  $S \cup \{0 \star x/x \in S\}$*

**Theorem IV.5.** *Let  $X$  be a nonzero BCI-algebra. If every nonzero homomorphic image  $X'$  of  $X$  contains at least a nonzero  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) ideal of  $X'$  then  $X$  is a  $PI^n-$ ( $C^n-$ ) algebra.*

**Proof.** if  $X$  is not a  $PI^n$ -algebra then there is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative proper ideal  $I$  of  $X$ . By ([2], theorem 5.15) and Lemma IV.4,  $J = \langle I \cup \{0 \star x/x \in I\} \rangle$  is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative proper ideal of  $X$ . On the other hand  $X/J$  (which is a nonzero homomorphic image

of  $X$  is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative algebra (see [2], theorem 5.18). By ([2], corollary 5.20), the zero ideal of  $X/J$  is  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal. Hence every nonzero ideal of  $X/J$  is not  $PI^n$ -algebra of  $X/J$ , a contradiction.

Using ([3]; Theorem 4.10, Corollary 4.12 and Proposition 4.13), we can similarly prove the other case.

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According to Theorems IV.3 and IV.5 in BCI-algebra, the property  $PI^n (C^n)$  is a radical property. In fact, every homomorphic image of a  $PI^n$ -algebra is a  $PI^n$ -algebra (See [4]).

**Definition IV.6.** *Let  $X$  be a BCI-algebra. Then the greatest  $PI^n$  closed ideal, denoted by  $PI^n(X)$  of  $X$  is called the  $PI^n$ -radical of  $X$ . If  $PI^n(X) = X$ ,  $X$  is called a  $PI^n$ -radical algebra. If  $PI^n(X) = \{0\}$ ,  $X$  is called a  $PI^n$ -semisimple algebra. For the properties  $C^n$ , we can define those corresponding concepts. It obvious that the concepts of  $PI^n$ -and  $C^n$ -algebras are the same as that of  $PI^n$ - and  $C^n$ -radical algebras respectively.*

**Example IV.7.** (1) *Every  $n$ -fold positive implicative ( $n$ -fold commutative) BCI-algebra  $X$  is  $PI^n$ -( $C^n$ )-semisimple since the zero ideal alone is the  $PI^n$ - ( $C^n$ ) ideal of  $X$ .*

(2) *Consider the BCI-algebra  $X$  whose Cayley's table is given by:*

★	0	1	a	b	c
0	0	0	a	a	a
1	1	0	a	a	a
a	a	a	0	0	0
b	b	a	1	0	0
c	c	a	1	1	0

*Then  $I = \{0, 1\}$  is  $C^1$ -ideal of  $X$ . Hence since  $PI^n(X) = I$ ,  $X$  is not  $C^1$ -radical algebra.*

**Lemma IV.8.** *Let  $X$  be a BCI-algebra. If  $I, J$  are two  $PI^n - (C^n-)$  closed ideals of  $X$  then so is  $C = \langle I \cup J \rangle$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $I, J$  are two  $PI^n$ -closed ideals of  $X$ . Without loss generality we suppose  $C = \langle I \cup J \rangle \neq \{0\}$ . Let  $D$  be a nonzero homomorphic image of  $C$  and  $K$  the kernel of the corresponding homomorphism then  $D \cong C/K$ . As  $C/K \neq \{0\}$ . we have  $I \not\subseteq K$  or  $J \not\subseteq K$ . Assume that  $I \not\subseteq K$  thus  $I \cap K \neq I$  therefore according to the second isomorphism theorem, we have

$$IK/k \cong I/I \cap K \text{ where } IK = \bigcup_{x \in I} K_x \text{ see [[4], theorem 1.6.8].}$$

By [[4], theorem 1.7.5 (1)]  $IK = \langle I \cup K \rangle$  and we have

$$\langle I \cup K \rangle / K \cong I / I \cap K \neq \{0\} \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \clubsuit \clubsuit$$

Since  $I / I \cap K$  is a homomorphism image of  $I$  and  $I$  is a  $PI^n$ -ideal of  $X$ , by Theorem IV.5  $I / I \cap K$  is a  $PI^n$ -algebra. Note that  $\langle I \cup K \rangle / K$  is an ideal of  $C / K \cong D$ , by  $(\clubsuit \clubsuit)$ , we get  $D$  contains at least a nonzero  $PI^n$ -ideal. Now by Theorem IV.3;  $C = \langle I \cup J \rangle$  is a  $PI^n$ -ideal of  $X$ .

Similarly we can prove the case that  $I, J$  are  $C^n$ -ideals of  $X$

■

**Theorem IV.9.** *Let  $X$  be a BCI-algebra and  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  all  $PI^n - (C^n -)$  closed ideal family of  $X$ . Then so is  $PI^n(X) = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  ( $C^n(X) = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ )*

**Proof.** We denote  $W = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ . Clearly  $0 \in W$ . If  $x \star y, y \in W$  then there exist  $i, j \in I$  such that  $x \star y \in A_i$  and  $y \in A_j$ . So  $x \star y, y \in C = \langle A_i \cup A_j \rangle$  and  $C$  is a  $PI^n$ -ideal of  $X$  by Lemma IV.8 hence  $x \in C \subset W$  and we already proved that  $W$  is an ideal of  $X$ . Now if  $W$  is not a  $PI^n$ -ideal of  $X$  then there is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative proper ideal  $I$  of  $W$  thus there is some  $A_i \in \{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $A_i \not\subseteq I$ , namely  $A_i \cap I \neq A_i$ . Let  $x, y \in A_i$  such that  $(x \star y^{n+1}) \star (0 \star y) \in A_i \cap I$ . Then  $x \star y^n \in I$ , since  $A_i$  is closed ideal containing  $x$  and  $y$ , we have  $x \star y^n \in A_i$ , that is  $x \star y^n \in A_i \cap I$ . Hence  $A_i \cap I$  is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $A_i$ , a contradiction with  $A_i$  a  $PI^n$ -close ideal of  $X$ . Because  $W$  is the union of all  $PI^n$ -closed ideal,  $W$  is the greatest  $PI^n$ -closed ideal of  $X$ , namely  $PI^n(X) = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

■

**Theorem IV.10.** *The  $PI^n - (C^n -)$  radical in BCI-algebras is a lower radical determined by the algebraic class  $\Omega$  consisting of all  $PI^n - (C^n -)$  algebras.*

**Proof.** We prove alone the first case, yet. Let

$\bar{\Omega} = H(\Omega)$  where  $X \in H(\Omega)$  iff  $X$  is a homomorphic image of some member of  $\Omega$ . According to Theorem IV.3,  $\bar{\Omega} = \Omega$  so  $X$  is a  $L(\Omega)$ -algebra if and only if  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -algebra where  $X$  called a  $L(\Omega)$ -algebra means that for any proper ideal  $I$  of  $X$  there is a nonzero ideal  $J$  of  $X/I$  such that  $J \in \bar{\Omega}$ . Hence the  $PI^n$ - radical is a lower radical determined by  $\Omega$ .

■

**Theorem IV.11.** *The  $PI^n - (C^n -)$  radical in BCI-algebras is an upper radical determined by the algebraic class  $M$  consisting of all  $n$ -fold positive implicative ( $n$ -fold commutative) BCI-algebras.*

**Proof.** We also prove the first case. Let  $\bar{M} = H(M)$ .

Clearly  $\overline{M} = M$ . We can easily prove that  $X$  is an UM-algebra if and only if  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -algebra where  $X$  called an UM-algebra means that every nonzero homomorphic image of  $X$  is not in  $\overline{M} = M$ . Hence the  $PI^n$ -radical is an upper radical determined by  $M$ . ■

**Theorem IV.12.** *The  $PI^n$ -radical in BCI-algebras are not the hereditary radicals.*

**Proof.** suppose that  $I = \{0, a\}$  is a BCI-algebra of order 2 in which  $a \star 0 = 0 \star a = a$  and  $0 \star 0 = a \star a = 0$ . Consider the Li's union of  $A$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  (with  $A \cap \mathbb{N} = \{0\}$ )  $X = A \cup_L \mathbb{N}$ . Define

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \star_L y = \max(0, x - y) \text{ if } x, y \in \mathbb{N} \\ x \star_L y = x \star y \text{ if } x, y \in A \\ x \star_L y = a \text{ if } x \in \mathbb{N} \\ x \star_L y = x \text{ if } y \in \mathbb{N}; x \in A \end{array} \right.$$

We can check that  $X = \langle X, \star_L, 0 \rangle$  is a BCI-algebra (see [4], example 1.3.4) and there are altogether three ideals of  $X$ :  $\{0\}$ ,  $A$  and  $X$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , take  $x = n + 1$  et  $y = 1$  then  $(x \star_L y^{n+1}) \star (0 \star y) = 0 \in A$  but  $x \star_L y^n = 1 \notin A$  so  $A$  is not an  $n$ -fold positive implicative ideal of  $X$ , hence the zero ideal of  $X$  is neither  $n$ -fold positive implicative. This prove that  $X$  is a  $PI^n$ -radical algebra (for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). However  $A$  itself regarded as a BCI-algebra is an  $n$ -fold positive implicative BCI-algebra, thus  $PI^n(A) = \{0\} \neq A$ , that is,  $A$  is  $PI^n$ -radical algebras. Therefore the  $PI^n$ -radical is not a hereditary radical. ■

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