

# Trends, probability functions and fuzzy right ideals for $d$ -algebras

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## ABSTRACT

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## 1. Introduction

Imai and Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras [1,2]. Dvurečenskij and Graziano [3], Hoo [4] and Font et al. [5] have discussed BCK-algebras in connection with the areas of lattice ordered groups, MV-algebras and Wajsberg algebras. Mundici [6] proved that MV-algebras are categorically equivalent to bounded commutative BCK-algebras, and Meng [7] proved that implicative commutative semigroups are equivalent to a class of BCK-algebras. Georgescu and Iorgulescu [8] introduced the notion of pseudo-BCK algebras as an extension of BCK-algebras. Neggers and Kim introduced the notion of  $d$ -algebras which is another useful generalization of BCK-algebras, and then investigated several relations between  $d$ -algebras and BCK-algebras as well as several other relations between  $d$ -algebras and oriented digraphs [9]. After that several further aspects were studied [10–12,9]. Recently, Han et al. [13] defined several special varieties of  $d$ -algebras, such as strong  $d$ -algebras, (weakly) selective  $d$ -algebras and others, and they dealt with a generalization of  $d$ -algebras such as pre- $d$ -algebras. Much of their discussion involved the associative groupoid product  $(X, \square) = (X, *) \square (X, \circ)$  where  $x \square y = (x * y) \circ (y * x)$ . One assertion is that the squared algebra  $(X, \square, 0)$  of a pre- $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is a strong  $d$ -algebra if and only if  $(X, *, 0)$  is strong.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of a trend (probability function) on a  $d$ -algebra, and obtain an equivalent condition for a trend  $\pi_0$  with condition (j) on a standard BCK-algebra, and we obtain an example of a  $d$ -algebra such that any function  $\varphi : X \rightarrow (0, 1)$  with  $\int_0^\infty \varphi(z) dz < \infty$  is a fuzzy co-right ideal.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $d$ -algebra [9] is a non-empty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation “ $*$ ” satisfying the following axioms:

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

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Fig. 1.

For brevity we also call  $X$  a  $d$ -algebra. In  $X$  we can define a binary relation “ $\leq$ ” by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ . A BCK-algebra is a  $d$ -algebra  $X$  satisfying the following additional axioms:

- (IV)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ ,
- (V)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a poset with minimal element  $0$ . Define a binary operation “ $*$ ” on  $X$  by

$$x * y := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a BCK-algebra, called a *standard BCK-algebra*.

**Theorem 2.1** ([11]). *Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a BCK-algebra.*

- (i) *if  $x * y = 0 = y * z$ , then  $x * z = 0$ ,*
- (ii) *if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $(z * y) * (z * x) = 0$ ,*
- (iii) *if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $(x * z) * (y * z) = 0$ .*

**Definition 2.2** ([14]). Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra and  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq X$ .  $I$  is called a  $d$ -subalgebra of  $X$  if  $x * y \in I$  whenever  $x \in I$  and  $y \in I$ .  $I$  is called a BCK-ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies:

- (D<sub>0</sub>)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (D<sub>1</sub>)  $x * y \in I$  and  $y \in I$  imply  $x \in I$ .

$I$  is called a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies (D<sub>1</sub>) and

- (D<sub>2</sub>)  $x \in I$  and  $y \in X$  imply  $x * y \in I$ , i.e.,  $I * X \subseteq I$ .

It is known that, in a  $d$ -algebra  $X$ , a BCK-ideal need not be a  $d$ -subalgebra, and also a  $d$ -subalgebra need not be a BCK-ideal. Moreover,  $\{0\}$  is a  $d$ -subalgebra of any  $d$ -algebra  $X$  and every  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  is a  $d$ -subalgebra, but the converse need not be true. Note that every  $d$ -ideal of a  $d$ -algebra is a BCK-ideal, but the converse need not be true [14].

Given a poset  $P(\leq)$  it is  $A$ -free if there is no full-subposet  $X(\leq)$  of  $P(\leq)$  which is order isomorphic to the poset  $A(\leq)$ . If  $C_n$  denotes a chain of length  $n$  and if  $\bar{n}$  denotes an antichain of cardinal number  $n$ , while  $+$  denotes the disjoint union of posets, then the poset  $(C_2 + \bar{1})$  (or  $C_2 + C_1$ ) has the Hasse-diagram (Fig. 1), and may be represented as  $\{p \leq q, p \parallel r, q \parallel r\}$ , where  $a \parallel b$  denotes the relation of not being comparable (i.e.,  $a \parallel b$  if and only if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  are both false) (see [15]).

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a  $d$ -algebra  $X$ . Then a fuzzy set  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra* [1] of  $X$  if

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

for all  $x, y \in X$ . A fuzzy set  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy BCK-ideal* of  $X$  [16] if

- (F<sub>0</sub>)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$ ,
- (F<sub>1</sub>)  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$ ,

for all  $x, y \in X$ . A fuzzy set  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy  $d$ -ideal* [1] of  $X$  if it satisfies (F<sub>1</sub>) and

- (F<sub>2</sub>)  $\mu(x * y) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

It is known that, in a  $d$ -algebra, a fuzzy BCK-ideal need not be a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra, and also a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra need not be a fuzzy BCK-ideal. Moreover, every fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of a  $d$ -algebra  $X$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra, but the converse need not be true. Note that every fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of a  $d$ -algebra is a fuzzy BCK-ideal, but the converse need not be true.

**Lemma 2.3** ([1]). *If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of a  $d$ -algebra  $X$ , then  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

**Theorem 2.4** ([1]). *A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $d$ -algebra  $X$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra ( $d$ -ideal, resp.) of  $X$  if and only if, for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_\lambda = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is a  $d$ -subalgebra ( $d$ -ideal, resp.) of  $X$ , where  $\mu_\lambda \neq \emptyset$ .*

### 3. Trends and probability functions

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and let  $\pi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a mapping. We say  $\pi(x, y)$  that “ $x$  is less than or equal to  $y$ ”. Among the rules  $\pi$  may be expected to obey the following:

- (a)  $x * y = 0$  implies  $\pi(x, y) = 1$ ;
- (b)  $x * y \neq 0$  implies  $\pi(x, y) + \pi(y, x) = 1$ ;
- (c)  $y * z = 0$  implies  $\pi(x, y) \leq \pi(x, z)$ ;

- (d)  $\pi(x, z) \leq \pi(x * y, z)$ ;
- (e)  $\pi(x, y * z) \leq \pi(x, y)$

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

Let  $(X, *)$  be any groupoid. We say  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$  if it satisfies (a) and (b). A trend  $\pi$  on  $X$  is said to be a probability function on  $X$  if it satisfies (c).

- Proposition 3.1.** (i) Let  $(X, *)$  be a groupoid with axiom (I). If  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$ , then  $\pi(x, x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$ .  
 (ii) Let  $(X, *)$  be a groupoid with axiom (II). If  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$ , then  $\pi(0, x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$ .  
 (iii) If  $(X, *, 0)$  is a  $d$ -algebra and  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$ , then  $\pi(x, 0) = 0$  for any  $x \in X - \{0\}$ .  
 (iv) If  $\pi_i (i = 1, 2)$  are trends on a groupoid  $(X, *, 0)$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , then  $\pi = \alpha\pi_1 + (1 - \alpha)\pi_2$  is also a trend on  $(X, *, 0)$ .

**Proof.** (i). Given  $x \in X, x * x = 0$ . Since  $\pi$  is a trend, we have  $\pi(x, x) = 1$ . (ii). Since  $0 * x = 0, \pi(0, x) = 1$ . (iii). Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra. We claim that  $x * 0 \neq 0$  for any  $x \in X - \{0\}$ . Assume that there is an  $x$  in  $X - \{0\}$  such that  $x * 0 = 0$ . Since  $0 * x = 0$ , by (III) we obtain  $x = 0$ , a contradiction. Since  $\pi$  is a trend,  $1 = \pi(x, 0) + \pi(0, x) = \pi(x, 0) + 1$  and hence  $\pi(x, 0) = 0$  for any  $x \in X - \{0\}$ . (iv). If  $x * y = 0$ , then  $\pi_i(x, y) = 1$  and hence  $(\alpha\pi_1 + (1 - \alpha)\pi_2)(x, y) = \alpha\pi_1(x, y) + (1 - \alpha)\pi_2(x, y) = \alpha + (1 - \alpha) = 1$ . If  $x * y \neq 0$ , then  $\pi_i(x, y) + \pi_i(y, x) = 1$  and hence  $(\alpha\pi_1 + (1 - \alpha)\pi_2)(x, y) + (\alpha\pi_1 + (1 - \alpha)\pi_2)(y, x) = \alpha[\pi_1(x, y) + \pi_1(y, x)] + (1 - \alpha)[\pi_2(x, y) + \pi_2(y, x)] = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra. If  $T(X) := \{ \pi \mid \pi \text{ is a trend on } X \}$ , then  $T(X) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Define a map  $\pi_0 : X^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\pi_0(x, y) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y * x = 0, y \neq x, \\ 1 & \text{if } x * y = 0, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x * y \neq 0 \neq y * x. \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to see that  $\pi_0$  is a trend on  $X$ .  $\square$

Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra and let  $P(X) := \{ \pi \mid \pi \text{ is a probability function on } X \}$ . Then the trend  $\pi_0$  need not be a probability function on  $X$ . See the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Consider a  $d$ -algebra  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  with the following table:

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	a
b	b	b	0	0
c	c	c	a	0

Since  $b * c = 0, a * c = a, c * a = c, a * b = 0, b * a = b$ , we have  $\pi_0(a, c) = 1/2, \pi_0(a, b) = 1$ , i.e.,  $\pi_0(a, b) > 1/2 = \pi_0(a, c)$  proving that  $\pi_0 \notin P(X)$ .

Given a  $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$ , we classify 3 cases: (i)  $P(X) = \emptyset$ ; (ii)  $P(X) \neq \emptyset, \pi_0 \notin P(X)$ ; (iii)  $\pi_0 \in P(X)$ .

A  $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is said to be  $d$ -transitive [9] if  $x * y = 0 = y * z$  implies  $x * z = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $(X, *, 0)$  is a  $d$ -transitive  $d$ -algebra, then  $\pi_0 \in P(X)$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\pi_0$  is not a probability function on  $X$ . Then there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that  $y * z = 0$ , but  $\pi_0(x, y) > \pi_0(x, z)$ . Case 1:  $\pi_0(x, y) = 1, \pi_0(x, z) = 1/2$ . Then  $x * y = 0, x * z \neq 0 \neq z * x$ . Since  $y * z = 0$ , we obtain  $x * z = 0$ , a contradiction. Case 2:  $\pi_0(x, y) = 1, \pi_0(x, z) = 0$ . Then  $x * y = 0 = z * x$ , and hence  $z * y = 0$ . Since  $y * z = 0$ , we obtain  $y = z$ , a contradiction. Case 3:  $\pi_0(x, y) = 1/2, \pi_0(x, z) = 0$ . Then  $x * y \neq 0 \neq y * x, z * x = 0$ . Since  $y * z = 0$ , we obtain  $y * x = 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a BCK-algebra. Then  $\pi_0 \in P(X)$ , i.e.,  $\pi_0$  is a probability function on  $X$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.1-(i), every BCK-algebra is a  $d$ -transitive  $d$ -algebra.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $\pi$  be a trend on a BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$ . Then

$$(f) x * y = 0 \text{ implies } \pi(z * y, z * x) = 1.$$

**Proof.** If  $x * y = 0$ , then by Theorem 2.1-(ii),  $(z * y) * (z * x) = 0$ . Since  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$ , we obtain  $\pi(z * y, z * x) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $\pi$  be a trend on a BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$ . Then

$$(g) x * y = 0 \text{ implies } \pi(x * z, y * z) = 1.$$

**Proof.** If  $x * y = 0$ , then by Theorem 2.1-(iii),  $(x * z) * (y * z) = 0$ . Since  $\pi$  is a trend on  $X$ , we obtain  $\pi(x * z, y * z) = 1$ .  $\square$



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

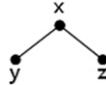


Fig. 4.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra. If  $\pi$  is a probability function on  $X$ , then

$$(h) \ x * y = 0 = y * z \text{ implies } \pi(x, z) = 1.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\pi$  is a probability function on  $X$ , if  $x * y = 0 = y * z$ , then  $1 = \pi(x, y) \leq \pi(x, z)$ , proving  $\pi(x, z) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra. Then the trend  $\pi_0$  satisfies condition (d).

**Proof.** If  $x * y = x$ , then  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = \pi_0(x, z)$ . If  $x * y = 0$ , then by Proposition 3.1-(ii),  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = \pi_0(0, z) = 1 \geq \pi_0(x, z)$ .  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and let  $\pi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a mapping. We have additional rules as follows:

- (j)  $\pi(x * y, z) \geq \frac{1}{2}[\pi(x, z) + \pi(y, z)]$ ;
- (k)  $\pi(x * y, z) \geq \pi(y, z)$ .

Condition (j) is a special case of the condition  $(j_\alpha)$ :

$$(j_\alpha) \ \pi(x * y, z) \geq \alpha\pi(x, z) + (1 - \alpha)\pi(y, z)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . Note that if  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $(j_1) = (d)$ , and if  $\alpha = 1/2$ , then  $(j_{1/2}) = (j)$ .

**Lemma 3.10.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $(X, \leq)$  with minimal element  $0$ , and let  $\pi_0$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (j). Then the poset  $(X, \leq)$  is  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ -free.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(X, \leq)$  has a full subposet  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ , i.e., there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that we obtain the diagram in Fig. 2. Then  $x * y = x$  and  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = \pi_0(x, z) = 1/2$ . Since  $\pi_0(y, z) = 1$ , we have  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 1/2 < 3/4 = \frac{1}{2}[\pi_0(x, z) + \pi_0(y, z)]$ , which shows that  $\pi_0$  does not satisfy condition (j), a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.11.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $(X, \leq)$  with minimal element  $0$ , and let  $\pi_0$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (j). Then the poset  $(X, \leq)$  is  $C_3$ -free.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(X, \leq)$  has a full subposet  $C_3$ , i.e., there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that we obtain the diagram in Fig. 3. Then  $x * y = x$  and hence  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = \pi_0(x, z) = 0$ . Since  $\pi_0(y, z) = 1$ , we obtain  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0 < 1/2 = \frac{1}{2}[\pi_0(x, z) + \pi_0(y, z)]$ , which shows that  $\pi_0$  does not satisfy the condition (j), a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.12.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $(X, \leq)$  with minimal element  $0$ , and let  $\pi_0$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (j). Then the poset  $(X, \leq)$  is  $\underline{2} \oplus \underline{1}$ -free.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(X, \leq)$  has a full subposet  $\underline{2} \oplus \underline{1}$ , i.e., there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that we obtain the diagram in Fig. 4. Then  $x * y = x$  and hence  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = \pi_0(x, z) = 0$ . Since  $\pi_0(y, z) = 1/2$ , we obtain  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0 < 1/2 = \frac{1}{2}[\pi_0(x, z) + \pi(y, z)]$ , which shows that  $\pi_0$  does not satisfy condition (j), a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $(X, \leq)$  with minimal element  $0$ , and let  $\pi_0$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (j). Then the poset  $(X, \leq)$  is free of  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ ,  $C_3$  and  $\underline{2} \oplus \underline{1}$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Lemmas 3.10–3.12  $\square$



Fig. 5.

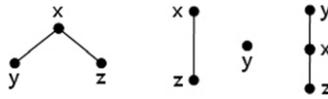


Fig. 6.

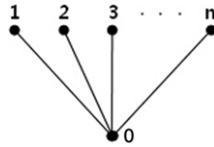


Fig. 7.

It is natural to have a question. Is the converse of Theorem 3.13 also true? The answer is yes.

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $(X, \leq)$  with minimal element  $0$  which is free of  $(C_2 + 1)$ ,  $C_3$  and  $\underline{2} \oplus \underline{1}$ . Then the trend  $\pi_0$  satisfies condition (j).

**Proof.** Assume the trend  $\pi_0$  does not satisfy condition (j). Then there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that

$$\pi_0(x * y, z) < \frac{\pi_0(x, z) + \pi_0(y, z)}{2} \dots \dots (*)$$

Case 1.  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 1/2$ : By the above inequality  $(*)$  we obtain  $\pi_0(x, z) = 1 = \pi_0(y, z)$  and hence  $x * z = 0 = y * z$ . Since  $(x * y) * z \neq 0 \neq z * (x * y)$  and  $(X, *, 0)$  is a standard BCK-algebra, we obtain  $x * y = x$ . In fact, if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $0 \neq (x * y) * z = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $0 = x * z = (x * y) * z \neq 0$ , a contradiction. Case 2.  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0$ , i.e.,  $z * (x * y) = 0, z \neq x * y$ : To satisfy the inequality  $(*)$ , at least one of  $\pi_0(x, z)$  or  $\pi_0(y, z)$  should not be zero. Subcase (2.1).  $\pi_0(x, z) \neq 0$ : We obtain either  $x * z = 0$  or  $x * z \neq 0 \neq z * x$ . Subcase (2.1.1)  $x * z = 0$ : We claim that  $x * y = 0$ . In fact, if  $x * y = x$ , then  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * x$ , since  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0$ . By assumption  $x * z = 0$ , we obtain  $x = z$ , which leads to  $z \neq x * y = x$ , a contradiction, proving the claim. Hence  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * 0 = z \neq x * y = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence the subcase (2.1.1) cannot happen. Subcase (2.1.2).  $x * z \neq 0 \neq z * x$ : This means that  $x$  and  $z$  are incomparable. Since  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0$ , we have  $z * (x * y) = 0, z \neq x * y$ . We claim that  $x * y = x$ . In fact, if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * 0 = z \neq x * y = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * x \neq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence this case cannot happen. Subcase (2.2).  $\pi_0(y, z) \neq 0$ : Then we have either  $y * z = 0$  or  $y * z \neq 0 \neq z * y$ . Subcase (2.2.1).  $y * z = 0$ : Since  $\pi_0(x * y, z) = 0$ , we have  $z * (x * y) = 0, z \neq x * y$ . We claim that  $x * y = x$ . In fact, if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * 0 = z \neq x * y = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * x$ . Thus we have as a subposet (Fig. 5), a contradiction. Subcase (2.2.2).  $y * z \neq 0 \neq z * y$ : This means that  $y$  and  $z$  are incomparable. We claim that  $x * y = x$ . In fact, if  $x * y = 0$ , then  $0 = z * (x * y) = z * 0 = z \neq x * y = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $z * x = z * (x * y) = 0$ , i.e.,  $z \leq x$ . Since  $(X, *, 0)$  is a standard BCK-algebra, we have

$$y * x := \begin{cases} y & \text{if } y > x \text{ or } y \parallel x, \\ 0 & \text{if } y \leq x. \end{cases}$$

In any case, we have one of the diagrams in Fig. 6, which is a contradiction, proving the theorem.  $\square$

**Example 3.15.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a standard BCK-algebra associated with a poset  $\underline{1} \oplus A$ , where  $A$  is an antichain (see Fig. 7). Then the trend  $\pi_0$  satisfies condition (j).

**4. Fuzzy right ideals and fuzzy co-right ideals**

Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra and  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq X$ .  $I$  is called a right ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies conditions  $(D_0)$  and  $(D_2)$ .

**Example 4.1.** In Example 3.3, if we let  $J := \{0, a, c\}$ , then  $J$  is a right ideal of  $X$ , but not a  $d$ /BCK-ideal, since  $b * c = 0 \in J, c \in J$ , but  $b \notin J$ .

We fuzzify the notion of right ideals in  $d$ -algebras as follows. Let  $X$  be a  $d$ -algebra. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  is said to be a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies conditions  $(F_0)$  and  $(F_2)$ . Then we obtain the following proposition. The proof is similar to Theorem 2.4, and we omit it.

**Proposition 4.2.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $d$ -algebra  $X$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$  if and only if, for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_\lambda = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is a right ideal of  $X$ , where  $\mu_\lambda \neq \emptyset$ .

Note that every fuzzy right ideals of a  $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra of  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra. If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , then it is a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.** It follows immediately from the definitions of fuzzy  $d$ /right-ideals and Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

Note that the converse of Proposition 4.3 need not be true in general.

**Example 4.4.** Consider a  $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  [1] with the following table:

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	b
b	b	b	0	0
c	c	c	c	0

Define a map  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(a) = t_1, \mu(0) = \mu(b) = \mu(c) = t_2, t_1 < t_2$ . Then it is a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ , but not a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , since  $\mu(a) = t_1 < t_2 = \min\{\mu(b), \mu(c)\} = \min\{\mu(a * c), \mu(c)\}$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra with  $|X| = n$ . Let  $\pi: X^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (d). If we define a map  $\mu_\pi(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{y \in X} \pi(x, y)$ , then it is a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Given  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\pi(x * y) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x * y, z) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x, z) \\ &= \mu_\pi(x), \end{aligned}$$

proving the proposition.  $\square$

The map  $\mu_\pi$  discussed in Proposition 4.5 is also a fuzzy  $d$ -algebra of  $X$ . We discuss the map  $\mu_\pi$  in the case that  $\pi$  has condition (j).

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra with  $|X| = n$ . Let  $\pi: X^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (j). If we define a map  $\mu_\pi(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{y \in X} \pi(x, y)$ , then it is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $t \in [0, 1]$  with  $(\mu_\pi)_t \neq \emptyset$  and let  $x, y \in (\mu_\pi)_t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\pi(x * y) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x * y, z) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{z \in X} \frac{\pi(x, z) + \pi(y, z)}{2} \\ &= [\mu_\pi(x) + \mu_\pi(y)]/2 \\ &\geq t, \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $x * y \in (\mu_\pi)_t$ . By Theorem 2.4, we proved that  $\mu_\pi$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra with  $|X| = n$ . Let  $\pi$  be a trend on  $X$  and  $\varphi: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a map. Define a map  $\mu_\pi^\varphi: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu_\pi^\varphi(x) := \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x, z)\varphi(z)$ . The map  $\varphi$  is said to be a fuzzy  $co$ - $d$ -subalgebra (fuzzy  $co$ -right ideal, resp.) of  $X$  if  $\mu_\pi^\varphi$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -subalgebra (fuzzy right ideal, resp.) of  $X$ . In continuous cases, we define the map  $\mu_\pi^\varphi: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu_\pi^\varphi(x) := \int_0^\infty \pi(x, z)\varphi(z)dz$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $d$ -algebra with  $|X| = n$ . Let  $\pi$  be a trend on  $X$  with condition (d). Then the map  $\varphi: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a fuzzy  $co$ -right ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\pi$  has condition (d). Since  $\varphi(z) > 0, \pi(x * y, z)\varphi(z) \geq \pi(x, z)\varphi(z)$  and hence  $\mu_\pi^\varphi(x * y) = \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x * y, z)\varphi(z) \geq \sum_{z \in X} \pi(x, z)\varphi(z) = \mu_\pi^\varphi(x)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $X := [0, \infty)$ . Define a binary operation “\*” on  $X$  by

$$x * y := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ x - y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If we define a map  $\pi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\pi(x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

then any map  $\varphi : X \rightarrow (0, 1)$  with  $\int_0^\infty \varphi(x) dx < \infty$  is a fuzzy co-right ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof.** It is easy to see that  $\pi$  is a trend and also a probability function on  $X$ . Given  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\pi^\varphi(x) &= \int_0^\infty \pi(x, z) \varphi(z) dz \\ &= \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Using Leibniz’s rule, we obtain  $\frac{d}{dx} [\mu_\pi^\varphi(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz = -\varphi(x)$ . Let  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  with  $y < x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\pi^\varphi(x * y) &= \int_{x-y}^\infty \varphi(z) dz \\ &= \int_{x-y}^x \varphi(z) dz + \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz \\ &\geq \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz = \mu_\pi^\varphi(x). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  with  $x \leq y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\pi^\varphi(x * y) &= \int_0^x \varphi(z) dz + \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz \\ &\geq \mu_\pi^\varphi(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu_\pi^\varphi$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $X$  for any positive map  $\varphi$  with  $\int_0^\infty \varphi(z) dz < \infty$ , proving the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.9.** Let  $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a map with  $\frac{dF}{dx} = -\varphi(x)$ , where  $\varphi(x)$  is a positive function. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 0$ , then it is a fuzzy right ideal of  $([0, \infty), *, 0)$  as defined in Theorem 4.8.

**Proof.** For any  $\alpha$  with  $x \leq \alpha$ , we have  $\int_x^\alpha \varphi(z) dz = [-F(z)]_x^\alpha = F(x) - F(\alpha)$ . Since  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} F(z) = 0$ , obtain  $F(x) = \int_x^\infty \varphi(z) dz = \mu_\pi^\varphi(x)$  is a fuzzy right ideal by Theorem 4.8.  $\square$

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