

# Neutrosophic *BCC*-ideals in *BCC*-algebras

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**Abstract.** The notions of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic ideal of a *BCC*-algebra are introduced and consider characterizations of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic ideal. We define the notion of a neutrosophic *BCC*-ideal of a *BCC*-algebra, and investigated some properties of it.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Y. Kormori [8] introduced a notion of a *BCC*-algebras, and W. A. Dudek [4] redefined the notion of *BCC*-algebras by using a dual form of the ordinary definition of Y. Kormori. In [6], J. Hao introduced the notion of ideals in a *BCC*-algebra and studied some related properties. W. A. Dudek and X. Zhang [5] introduced a *BCC*-ideals in a *BCC*-algebra and described connections between such *BCC*-ideals and congruences. S. S. Ahn and S. H. Kwon [2] defined a topological *BCC*-algebra and investigated some properties of it.

Zadeh [10] introduced the degree of membership/truth (t) in 1965 and defined the fuzzy set. As a generalization of fuzzy sets, Atanassov [3] introduced the degree of nonmembership/falsehood (f) in 1986 and defined the intuitionistic fuzzy set. Smarandache introduced the degree of indeterminacy/neutrality (i) as independent component in 1995 (published in 1998) and defined the neutrosophic set on three components (t, i, f) = (truth, indeterminacy, falsehood). Jun et. al [7] introduced the notions of a neutrosophic  $\mathcal{N}$ -subalgebras and a (closed) neutrosophic  $\mathcal{N}$ -ideal in a *BCK/BCI*-algebras and investigated some related properties. subalgebras

In this paper, we introduce the notions of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic ideal of a *BCC*-algebra and consider characterizations of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic ideal. We define the notion of a neutrosophic *BCC*-ideal of a *BCC*-algebra, and investigate some properties of it.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

By a *BCC-algebra* [4] we mean an algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type (2,0) satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

- (a1)  $((x * y) * (z * y)) * (x * z) = 0$ ,
- (a2)  $0 * x = 0$ ,
- (a3)  $x * 0 = x$ ,
- (a4)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$ .

For brevity, we also call  $X$  a *BCC-algebra*. In  $X$ , we can define a partial order “ $\leq$ ” by putting  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ . Then  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $X$ .

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A *BCC*-algebra  $X$  has the following properties: for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

- (b1)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (b2)  $(x * y) * x = 0$ ,
- (b3)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow x * z \leq y * z$  and  $z * y \leq z * x$ .

Any *BCK*-algebra is a *BCC*-algebra, but there are *BCC*-algebras which are not *BCK*-algebra [4]. Note that a *BCC*-algebra is a *BCK*-algebra if and only if it satisfies:

- (b4)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Let  $(X, *, 0_X)$  and  $(Y, *, 0_Y)$  be *BCC*-algebras. A mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a *homomorphism* if  $\varphi(x *_X y) = \varphi(x) *_Y \varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . A non-empty subset  $S$  of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  is called a *subalgebra* of  $X$  if  $x * y \in S$  whenever  $x, y \in S$ . A non-empty subset  $I$  of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  is called an *ideal* [6] of  $X$  if it satisfies:

- (c1)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (c2)  $x * y, y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

$I$  is called an *BCC-ideal* [5] of  $X$  if it satisfies (c1) and

- (c3)  $(x * y) * z, y \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in I$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** [6] *In a BCC-algebra, an ideal is a subalgebra.*

**Theorem 2.2.** [5] *In a BCC-algebra, a BCC-ideal is an ideal.*

**Corollary 2.3.** [5] *Any BCC-ideal of a BCC-algebra is a subalgebra.*

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a space of points (objects) with generic elements in  $X$  denoted by  $x$ . A simple valued neutrosophic set  $A$  in  $X$  is characterized by a truth-membership function  $T_A(x)$ , an indeterminacy-membership function  $I_A(x)$ , and a falsity-membership function  $F_A(x)$ . Then a simple valued neutrosophic set  $A$  can be denoted by

$$A := \{ \langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X \},$$

where  $T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \in [0, 1]$  for each point  $x$  in  $X$ . Therefore the sum of  $T_A(x), I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(x)$  satisfies the condition  $0 \leq T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \leq 3$ .

For convenience, “simple valued neutrosophic set” is abbreviated to “neutrosophic set” later.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a *B*-algebra  $X$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$  and an  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set of  $X$  denoted by  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  is defined as

$$A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = \{ x \in X \mid T_A(x) \geq \alpha, I_A(x) \leq \beta, F_A(x) \leq \gamma \}.$$

For any family  $\{a_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ , we define

$$\bigvee \{a_i \mid i \in \Lambda\} := \begin{cases} \max\{a_i \mid i \in \Lambda\} & \text{if } \Lambda \text{ is finite,} \\ \sup\{a_i \mid i \in \Lambda\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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and

$$\bigwedge \{a_i | i \in \Lambda\} := \begin{cases} \min\{a_i | i \in \Lambda\} & \text{if } \Lambda \text{ is finite,} \\ \inf\{a_i | i \in \Lambda\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. NEUTROSOPHIC *BCC*-IDEALS

In what follows, let  $X$  be a *BCC*-algebra unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 3.1.** A neutrosophic set  $A$  in a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  is called a *neutrosophic subalgebra* of  $X$  if it satisfies:

$$(NSS) \quad T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\}, I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\}, \text{ and } F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\}, \text{ for any } x, y \in X.$$

**Proposition 3.2.** Every neutrosophic subalgebra of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$(3.1) \quad T_A(0) \leq T_A(x), I_A(0) \geq I_A(x), \text{ and } F_A(0) \leq F_A(x) \text{ for any } x \in X.$$

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BCC*-algebra [6] with the following table:

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

Define a neutrosophic set  $A$  in  $X$  as follows:

$$T_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.12 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2\} \\ 0.83 & \text{if } x = 3, \end{cases}$$

$$I_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.81 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2\} \\ 0.14 & \text{if } x = 3, \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.12 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2\} \\ 0.83 & \text{if } x = 3. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$  if and only if all of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are subalgebras of  $X$  when  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$  and  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Then  $T_A(x) \leq \alpha, T_A(y) \leq \alpha, I_A(x) \geq \beta, I_A(y) \geq \beta$  and  $F_A(x) \leq \gamma, F_A(y) \leq \gamma$ . Using (NSS), we have  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} \leq \alpha, I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} \geq \beta$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} \leq \gamma$ . Hence  $x * y \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Therefore  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ .

Conversely, all of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are subalgebras of  $X$  when  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that there exist  $a_t, b_t, a_i, b_i \in X$  and  $a_f, b_f \in X$  such that  $T_A(a_t * b_t) > \max\{T_A(a_t), T_A(b_t)\}, I_A(a_i * b_i) < \min\{I_A(a_i), I_A(b_i)\}$

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and  $F_A(a_f * b_f) > \max\{F_A(a_f), F_A(b_f)\}$ . Then  $T_A(a_t * b_t) > \alpha_1 \geq \max\{T_A(a_t), T_A(b_t)\}$ ,  $I_A(a_i * b_i) < \beta_1 \leq \min\{I_A(a_i), I_A(b_i)\}$  and  $F_A(a_f * b_f) > \gamma_1 \geq \max\{F_A(a_f), F_A(b_f)\}$  for some  $\alpha_1, \gamma_1 \in [0, 1)$  and  $\beta_1 \in (0, 1]$ . Hence  $a_t, b_t, a_i, b_i \in A^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$ , and  $a_f, b_f \in A^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$ . But  $a_t * b_t, a_i * b_i \notin A^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$ , and  $a_f * b_f \notin A^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\}$ ,  $I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . Therefore  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

Since  $[0, 1]$  is a completely distributive lattice with respect to the usual ordering, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $\{A_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a family of neutrosophic subalgebras of a BCC-algebra  $X$ , then  $(\{A_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}, \subseteq)$  forms a complete distributive lattice.*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic subalgebra of a BCC-algebra  $X$ . If there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_A(a_n) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_A(a_n) = 1$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_A(a_n) = 0$ , then  $T_A(0) = 0$ ,  $I_A(0) = 1$ , and  $F_A(0) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.2, we have  $T_A(0) \leq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(0) \geq I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(0) \leq F_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we have  $T_A(0) \leq T_A(a_n)$ ,  $I_A(0) \geq I_A(a_n)$ , and  $F_A(0) \leq F_A(a_n)$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Therefore  $0 \leq T_A(0) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_A(a_n) = 0$ ,  $1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_A(a_n) \leq I_A(0) \leq 1$ , and  $0 \leq F_A(0) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_A(a_n) = 0$ . Thus we have  $T_A(0) = 0$ ,  $I_A(0) = 1$ , and  $F_A(0) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** *If every neutrosophic subalgebra  $A$  of a BCC-algebra  $X$  satisfies the condition*

$$(3.2) \quad T_A(x * y) \leq T_A(y), I_A(x * y) \geq I_A(y), F_A(x * y) \leq F_A(y), \text{ for any } x, y \in X,$$

*then  $T_A, I_A$ , and  $F_A$  are constant functions.*

*Proof.* It follows from (3.2) that  $T_A(x) = T_A(x * 0) \leq T_A(0)$ ,  $I_A(x) = I_A(x * 0) \geq I_A(0)$ , and  $F_A(x) = F_A(x * 0) \leq F_A(0)$  for any  $x \in X$ . By Proposition 3.2, we have  $T_A(x) = T_A(0)$ ,  $I_A(x) = I_A(0)$ , and  $F_A(x) = F_A(0)$  for any  $x \in X$ . Hence  $T_A, I_A$ , and  $F_A$  are constant functions.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Every subalgebra of a BCC-algebra  $X$  can be represented as an  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set of a neutrosophic subalgebra  $A$  of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a subalgebra of a BCC-algebra  $X$  and let  $A$  be a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . Define a neutrosophic set  $A$  in  $X$  as follows:

$$T_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} \alpha_1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ \alpha_2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} \beta_1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ \beta_2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} \gamma_1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ \gamma_2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, 1)$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1]$  with  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2, \beta_1 > \beta_2, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2$ , and  $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 \leq 3, 0 \leq \alpha_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 \leq 3$ . Obviously,  $S = A^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$ . We now prove that  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x, y \in S$ , then  $x * y \in S$  because  $S$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ . Hence  $T_A(x) = T_A(y) = T_A(x * y) = \alpha_1$ ,

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$I_A(x) = I_A(y) = I_A(x * y) = \beta_1$ ,  $F_A(x) = F_A(y) = F_A(x * y) = \gamma_1$  and so  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\}$ ,  $I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\}$ ,  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\}$ . If  $x \in S$  and  $y \notin S$ , then  $T_A(x) = \alpha_1, T_A(y) = \alpha_2$ ,  $I_A(x) = \beta_1, I_A(y) = \beta_2$ ,  $F_A(x) = \gamma_1, F_A(y) = \gamma_2$  and so  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} = \alpha_2$ ,  $I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} = \beta_2$ ,  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} = \gamma_2$ . Obviously, if  $x \notin A$  and  $y \notin A$ , then  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} = \alpha_2$ ,  $I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} = \beta_2$ ,  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} = \gamma_2$ . Therefore  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.9.** A neutrosophic set  $A$  in a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  is said to be *neutrosophic ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies:

(NSI1)  $T_A(0) \leq T_A(x), I_A(0) \geq I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(0) \leq F_A(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ ;

(NSI2)  $T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\}, I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** Every neutrosophic ideal of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Put  $x := x * y$  and  $y := x$  in (NSI2). Then we have  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * x), T_A(x)\}, I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A((x * y) * x), I_A(x)\}$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A((x * y) * x), F_A(x)\}$ . It follows from (b2) and (NSI1) that  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * x), T_A(x)\} = \max\{T_A(0), T_A(x)\} \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\}, I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A((x * y) * x), I_A(x)\} = \max\{I_A(0), I_A(x)\} \geq \max\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A((x * y) * x), F_A(x)\} = \max\{F_A(0), F_A(x)\} \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\}$ . Thus  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if all of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are ideals of  $X$  when  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$  and  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y, y \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Then  $T_A(x * y) \leq \alpha, T_A(y) \leq \alpha, I_A(x * y) \geq \beta, I_A(y) \geq \beta$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \gamma, F_A(y) \leq \gamma$ . By Definition 3.9, we have  $T_A(0) \leq T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\} \leq \alpha, I_A(0) \geq I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\} \geq \beta$ , and  $F_A(0) \leq F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), T_A(y)\} \leq \gamma$ . Hence  $0, x \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Therefore  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  is an ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in X$  such that  $T_A(0) > T_A(a), I_A(0) < I_A(b)$ , and  $F_A(0) > F_A(c)$ . Then there exist  $a_t, c_t \in [0, 1]$  and  $b_t \in (0, 1]$  such that  $T_A(0) > a_t \geq T_A(a), I_A(0) < b_t \leq I_A(b)$  and  $F_A(0) > c_t \geq F_A(c)$ . Hence  $0 \notin A^{(a_t, b_t, c_t)}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $T_A(0) \leq T_A(x), I_A(0) \geq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(0) \leq F_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Assume that there exist  $a_t, b_t, a_i, b_i, a_f, b_f \in X$  such that  $T_A(a_t) > \max\{T_A(a_t * b_t), T_A(b_t)\}, I_A(a_i) < \min\{I_A(a_i * b_i), I_A(b_i)\}$ , and  $F_A(a_f) > \max\{T_A(a_f * b_f), T_A(b_f)\}$ . Then there exist  $s_t, s_f \in [0, 1]$  and  $s_i \in (0, 1]$  such that  $T_A(a_t) > s_t \geq \max\{T_A(a_t * b_t), T_A(b_t)\}, I_A(a_i) < s_i \leq \min\{I_A(a_i * b_i), I_A(b_i)\}$ , and  $F_A(a_f) > s_f \geq \max\{T_A(a_f * b_f), T_A(b_f)\}$ . Hence  $a_t * b_t, b_t, a_i * b_i, a_f * b_f \in A^{(s_t, s_i, s_f)}$ , and  $b_t, b_i, b_f \in A^{(s_t, s_i, s_f)}$ . But  $a_t, a_i \notin A^{(s_t, s_i, s_f)}$  and  $a_f \notin A^{(s_t, s_i, s_f)}$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\}, I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\}$  and  $F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . Therefore  $A$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.12.** Every neutrosophic ideal  $A$  of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following properties:

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- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(x \leq y \Rightarrow T_A(x) \leq T_A(y), I_A(x) \geq I_A(y), F_A(x) \leq F_A(y)),$
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X)(x * y \leq z \Rightarrow T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(y), T_A(z)\}, I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(y), I_A(z)\}, F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(y), F_A(z)\}).$

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then  $x * y = 0$ . Using (NSI2) and (NSI1), we have  $T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\} = \max\{T_A(0), T_A(y)\} = T_A(y), I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\} = \min\{I_A(0), I_A(y)\} = I_A(y)$ , and  $F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\} = \max\{F_A(0), F_A(y)\} = F_A(y)$ .

(ii) Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $x * y \leq z$ . By (NSI2) and (NSI1). we get  $T_A(x * y) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * z), T_A(z)\} = \max\{T_A(0), T_A(z)\} = T_A(z), I_A(x * y) \geq \min\{I_A((x * y) * z), I_A(z)\} = \min\{I_A(0), I_A(z)\} = I_A(z)$ , and  $F_A(x * y) \leq \max\{F_A((x * y) * z), F_A(z)\} = \max\{F_A(0), F_A(z)\} = F_A(z)$ . Hence  $T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\} \leq \max\{T_A(y), T_A(z)\}, I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\} \geq \min\{I_A(y), I_A(z)\}$ , and  $F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\} \leq \max\{F_A(y), F_A(z)\}$ . □

The following corollary is easily proved by induction.

**Corollary 3.13.** *Every neutrosophic ideal  $A$  of a BCC-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following property:*

$$(3.3) \quad (\cdots (x * a_1) * \cdots) * a_n = 0 \Rightarrow T_A(x) \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n T_A(a_k), I_A(x) \geq \bigwedge_{k=1}^n I_A(a_k), F_A(x) \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n F_A(a_k), \text{ for all } x, a_1, \cdots, a_n \in X.$$

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be neutrosophic sets of a set  $X$ . The *union* of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined to be a neutrosophic set

$$A \tilde{\cup} B := \{ \langle x, T_{A \cup B}(x), I_{A \cup B}(x), F_{A \cup B}(x) \rangle | x \in X \},$$

where  $T_{A \cup B}(x) = \min\{T_A(x), T_B(x)\}, I_{A \cup B}(x) = \max\{I_A(x), I_B(x)\}, F_{A \cup B}(x) = \min\{F_A(x), F_B(x)\}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . The *intersection* of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined to be a neutrosophic set

$$A \tilde{\cap} B := \{ \langle x, T_{A \cap B}(x), I_{A \cap B}(x), F_{A \cap B}(x) \rangle | x \in X \},$$

where  $T_{A \cap B}(x) = \max\{T_A(x), T_B(x)\}, I_{A \cap B}(x) = \min\{I_A(x), I_B(x)\}, F_{A \cap B}(x) = \max\{F_A(x), F_B(x)\}$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** *The intersection of two neutrosophic ideals of a BCC-algebra  $X$  is also a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be neutrosophic ideals of  $X$ . For any  $x \in X$ , we have  $T_{A \cap B}(0) = \max\{T_A(0), T_B(0)\} \leq \max\{T_A(x), T_B(x)\} = T_{A \cap B}(x), I_{A \cap B}(0) = \min\{I_A(0), I_B(0)\} \geq \min\{I_A(x), I_B(x)\} = I_{A \cap B}(x)$ , and  $F_{A \cap B}(0) = \max\{F_A(0), F_B(0)\} \leq \max\{F_A(x), F_B(x)\} = F_{A \cap B}(x)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{A \cap B}(x) &= \max\{T_A(x), T_B(x)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\}, \max\{T_B(x * y), T_B(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{T_A(x * y), T_B(x * y)\}, \max\{T_A(y), T_B(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{T_{A \cap B}(x * y), T_{A \cap B}(y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{A \cap B}(x) &= \min\{I_A(x), I_B(x)\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\}, \min\{I_B(x * y), I_B(y)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{\min\{I_A(x * y), I_B(x * y)\}, \min\{I_A(y), I_B(y)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{I_{A \cap B}(x * y), I_{A \cap B}(y)\},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{A \cap B}(x) &= \max\{F_A(x), F_B(x)\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\}, \max\{F_B(x * y), F_B(y)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{\max\{F_A(x * y), F_B(x * y)\}, \max\{F_A(y), F_B(y)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{F_{A \cap B}(x * y), F_{A \cap B}(y)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A \tilde{\cap} B$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . □

**Corollary 3.16.** *If  $\{A_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a family of neutrosophic ideals of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$ , then so is  $\tilde{\cap}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$ .*

The union of any set of neutrosophic ideals of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  need not be a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .

**Example 3.17.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  be a *BCC*-algebra [5] with the following table:

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

Define neutrosophic sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  as follows:

$$T_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.12, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0.74 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.63, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0.11 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.12, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0.74 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$T_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.13, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 2\} \\ 0.63 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.75, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 2\} \\ 0.14 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.13, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 2\} \\ 0.63 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $A$  and  $B$  are neutrosophic ideals of  $X$ . But  $A \tilde{\cup} B$  is not a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ , since  $T_{A \tilde{\cup} B}(3) = \min\{T_A(3), T_B(3)\} = 0.63 \not\leq \max\{T_{A \tilde{\cup} B}(3 * 2), T_{A \tilde{\cup} B}(2)\} = \max\{T_{A \tilde{\cup} B}(1), T_{A \tilde{\cup} B}(2)\} = \max\{\min\{T_A(1), T_B(1)\}, \min\{T_A(2), T_B(2)\}\} = \max\{0.12, 0.13\} = 0.13$ .

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**Definition 3.18.** A neutrosophic set  $A$  in a  $BCC$ -algebra  $X$  is said to be a *neutrosophic  $BCC$ -ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies (NSI1) and

$$(NSI3) \quad T_A(x * z) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * z), T_A(y)\}, I_A(x * z) \geq \min\{I_A((x * y) * z), I_A(y)\}, \text{ and } F_A(x * z) \leq \max\{F_A((x * y) * z), F_A(y)\}, \text{ for any } x, y, z \in X.$$

**Lemma 3.19.** Every neutrosophic  $BCC$ -ideal of a  $BCC$ -algebra  $X$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic  $BCC$ -ideal of a  $BCC$ -algebra  $X$ . Put  $z := 0$  in (NSI3). By (a3), we have  $T_A(x * 0) = T_A(x) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * 0), T_A(y)\} = \max\{T_A(x * y), T_A(y)\}$ ,  $I_A(x * 0) = I_A(x) \geq \min\{I_A((x * y) * 0), I_A(y)\} = \min\{I_A(x * y), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(x * 0) = F_A(x) \leq \max\{F_A((x * y) * 0), F_A(y)\} = \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.20.** Every neutrosophic  $BCC$ -ideal of a  $BCC$ -algebra  $X$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.10 and Lemma 3.19 need not be true in general (see Example 3.21).

**Example 3.21.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  be a  $BCC$ -algebra as in Example 3.17. Define a neutrosophic set  $A$  of  $X$  as follows:

$$T_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.13 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ 0.83 & \text{if } x = 4, \end{cases}$$

$$I_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.82 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ 0.11 & \text{if } x = 4, \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.13 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ 0.83 & \text{if } x = 4, \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ , but not a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ , since  $T_A(4) = 0.83 \not\leq \max\{T_A(4 * 3), T_A(3)\} = \max\{T_A(3), T_A(3)\} = 0.13$ . Consider a neutrosophic set  $B$  of  $X$  which is given by

$$T_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.14 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\}, \\ 0.84 & \text{if } x \in \{2, 3, 4\} \end{cases}$$

$$I_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.85 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0.12 & \text{if } x \in \{2, 3, 4\}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_B : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.14 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0.84 & \text{if } x \in \{2, 3, 4\}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to show that  $B$  is a neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ , but not a neutrosophic  $BCC$ -ideal of  $X$ , since  $T_B(4 * 3) = T_B(3) = 0.84 \not\leq \max\{T_B((4 * 1) * 3), T_B(1)\} = \max\{T_B(0), T_B(1)\} = 0.14$ .



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**Example 3.22.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be a *BCC*-algebra [5] with the following table:

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

Define a neutrosophic set  $A$  of  $X$  as follows:

$$T_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.43 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ 0.55 & \text{if } x = 5, \end{cases}$$

$$I_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.54 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ 0.42 & \text{if } x = 5, \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.43 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ 0.55 & \text{if } x = 5. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $A$  is a neutrosophic *BCC*-ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a *BCC*-algebra  $X$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic *BCC*-ideal of  $X$  if and only if all of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are *BCC*-ideals of  $X$  when  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Similar to Theorem 3.11. □

**Proposition 3.24.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic *BCC*-ideal of a *BCC*-algebra  $X$ . Then  $X_T := \{x \in X | T_A(x) = T_A(0)\}$ ,  $X_I := \{x \in X | I_A(x) = I_A(0)\}$ , and  $X_F := \{x \in X | F_A(x) = F_A(0)\}$  are *BCC*-ideals of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $0 \in X_T$ . Let  $(x * y) * z, y \in X_T$ . Then  $T_A((x * y) * z) = T_A(0)$  and  $T_A(y) = T_A(0)$ . It follows from (NSI3) that  $T_A(x * z) \leq \max\{T_A((x * y) * z), T_A(y)\} = T_A(0)$ . By (NSI1), we get  $T_A(x * z) = T_A(0)$ . Hence  $x * z \in X_T$ . Therefore  $X_T$  is a *BCC*-ideal of  $X$ . By a similar way,  $X_I$  and  $X_F$  are *BCC*-ideals of  $X$ . □

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