

# Neutrosophic sets applied to mighty filters in $BE$ -algebras

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**Abstract.** The notion of a neutrosophic subalgebra of a  $BE$ -algebra is introduced and consider characterizations of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic filter. We defined the notion of a neutrosophic mighty filter of a  $BE$ -algebra, and investigated some properties of it. We provide conditions for a neutrosophic filter to be a neutrosophic mighty filter.

## 1. Introduction

In 2007, Kim and Kim [6] introduced the notion of a  $BE$ -algebra, and investigated several properties. In [1], Ahn and So introduced the notion of ideals in  $BE$ -algebras. They gave several descriptions of ideals in  $BE$ -algebras. Y. B. Jun et. al [4] introduced the notions of hesitant fuzzy subalgebras and hesitant fuzzy filters of  $BE$ -algebras and investigated their relations and properties. J. S. Han et. al [3] defined the notion of hesitant fuzzy implicative filter of a  $BE$ -algebra, and considered some properties of it.

Zadeh [11] introduced the degree of membership/truth (t) in 1965 and defined the fuzzy set. As a generalization of fuzzy sets, Atanassov [2] 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). In 2015, neutrosophic set theory is applied to  $BE$ -algebra, and the notion of neutrosophic filter is introduced [9]. A new definition of neutrosophic filter is established and some basic properties are presented [12].

In this paper, we introduce the notion of a neutrosophic subalgebra of a  $BE$ -algebra and consider characterizations of a neutrosophic subalgebra and a neutrosophic filter. We defined the notion of a neutrosophic mighty filter of a  $BE$ -algebra, and investigated some properties of it. We provide conditions for a neutrosophic filter to be a neutrosophic mighty filter.

## 2. Preliminaries

By a  $BE$ -algebra ([6]) we mean a system  $(X; *, 1)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  which the following axioms hold:

$$(BE1) (\forall x \in X) (x * x = 1),$$

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- (BE2)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * 1 = 1)$ ,
- (BE3)  $(\forall x \in X) (1 * x = x)$ ,
- (BE4)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x * (y * z) = y * (x * z))$  (exchange).

We introduce a relation “ $\leq$ ” on  $X$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 1$ .

A  $BE$ -algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  is said to be *transitive* if it satisfies: for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $y * z \leq (x * y) * (x * z)$ . A  $BE$ -algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  is said to be *self distributive* if it satisfies: for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $x * (y * z) = (x * y) * (x * z)$ . Note that every self distributive  $BE$ -algebra is transitive, but the converse is not true in general ([6]).

Every self distributive  $BE$ -algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  satisfies the following properties:

- (2.1)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x \leq y \Rightarrow z * x \leq z * y \text{ and } y * z \leq x * z)$ ,
- (2.2)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * (x * y) = x * y)$ ,
- (2.3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x * y \leq (z * x) * (z * y))$ ,

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X; *, 1)$  be a  $BE$ -algebra and let  $F$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $F$  is a *filter* of  $X$  ([6]) if

- (F1)  $1 \in F$ ;
- (F2)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y, x \in F \Rightarrow y \in F)$ .

$F$  is a *mighty filter* ([8]) of  $X$  if it satisfies (F1) and

- (F3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (z * (y * x), z \in F \Rightarrow ((x * y) * y) * x \in F)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** ([8]) A filter  $F$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is mighty if and only if

- (2.4)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (y * x \in F \Rightarrow ((x * y) * y) * x \in F)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** 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 2.4.** ([10]) A neutrosophic set  $A$  is contained in the other neutrosophic  $B$ , denoted by  $A \subseteq B$ , if and only if  $T_A(x) \leq T_B(x), I_A(x) \geq I_B(x)$ , and  $F_A(x) \geq F_B(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ . Two neutrosophic sets  $A$  and  $B$  are equal, written as  $A = B$ , if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.5.** ([12]) Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a  $BE$ -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

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

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3. Neutrosophic subalgebras in *BE*-algebras

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

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

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a *BE*-algebra ([4]) with the following table:

$*$	1	$a$	$b$	$c$
1	1	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	1	1	$a$	$a$
$b$	1	1	1	$a$
$c$	1	1	$a$	1

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

$$T_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.83, & \text{if } x \in \{1, a\} \\ 0.13, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.15, & \text{if } x \in \{1, a\} \\ 0.82, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.15, & \text{if } x \in \{1, a\} \\ 0.82, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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

**Definition 3.3.** ([12]) A neutrosophic set  $A$  in a *BE*-algebra  $X$  is called a *neutrosophic filter* of  $X$  if it satisfies:

$$(NSF1) T_A(x) \leq T_A(1), I_A(x) \geq I_A(1), \text{ and } F_A(x) \geq F_A(1), \text{ for any } x \in X;$$

$$(NSF2) \min\{T_A(x), T_A(x * y)\} \leq T_A(y), \max\{I_A(x), I_A(x * y)\} \geq I_A(y), \text{ and } \max\{F_A(x), F_A(x * y)\} \geq F_A(y), \text{ for any } x, y \in X.$$

**Proposition 3.4.** Every neutrosophic filter of a *BE*-algebra  $X$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ . For any  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $\min\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} \leq \min\{T_A(1), T_A(y)\} = \min\{T_A(y * (x * y)), T_A(y)\} \leq T_A(x * y)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} \geq \max\{I_A(1), I_A(y)\} = \max\{I_A(y * (x * y)), I_A(y)\} \geq I_A(x * y)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} \geq \max\{F_A(1), F_A(y)\} = \max\{F_A(y * (x * y)), F_A(y)\} \geq F_A(x * y)$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . □

The converse of Proposition 3.4 may not be true in general (see Example 3.5).

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b\}$  be a *BE*-algebra with the following table:

$*$	1	$a$	$b$
1	1	$a$	$b$
$a$	1	1	$a$
$b$	1	1	1

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Define a neutrosophic set  $A$  in  $X$  as follows:  $T_A = \{(1, 0.83), (a, 0.13), (b, 0.16)\}$ ,  $I_A = \{(1, 0.15), (a, 0.15), (b, 0.82)\}$ , and  $F_A = \{(1, 0.15), (a, 0.15), (b, 0.82)\}$ . It is easy to check that  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . But it is not a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ , since  $\min\{T_A(b * a), T_A(b)\} = \min\{T_A(1), T_A(b)\} = 0.16 \not\leq 0.13 = T_A(a)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a BE-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  $T_A(x) \geq \alpha, T_A(y) \geq \alpha, I_A(x) \leq \beta, I_A(y) \leq \beta$  and  $F_A(x) \leq \gamma, F_A(y) \leq \gamma$ . Using (NSS), we have  $\alpha \leq \min\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} \leq T_A(x * y)$ ,  $\beta \geq \max\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} \geq I_A(x * y)$ , and  $\gamma \geq \max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} \geq F_A(x * y)$ . 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  $\min\{T_A(a_t), T_A(b_t)\} > T_A(a_t * b_t)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(a_i), I_A(b_i)\} < I_A(a_i * b_i)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(a_f), F_A(b_f)\} < F_A(a_f * b_f)$ . Then  $\min\{T_A(a_t), T_A(b_t)\} \geq t_{\alpha_1} > T_A(a_t * b_t)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(a_i), I_A(b_i)\} \leq t_{\alpha_2} < I_A(a_i * b_i)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(a_f), F_A(b_f)\} \leq t_{\alpha_3} < F_A(a_f * b_f)$  for some  $t_{\alpha_1} \in (0, 1]$ , and  $t_{\alpha_2}, t_{\alpha_3} \in [0, 1)$ . Hence  $a_t, b_t, a_i, b_i, a_f, b_f \in A^{(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, t_{\alpha_3})}$ , but  $a_t * b_t, a_i * b_i, a_f * b_f \notin A^{(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, t_{\alpha_3})}$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\min\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} \leq T_A(x * y)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} \geq I_A(x * y)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} \geq F_A(x * y)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Therefore  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$ . □

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

**Theorem 3.7.** *If  $\{A_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a family of neutrosophic subalgebras of a BE-algebra  $X$ , then  $(\{A_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}, \subseteq)$  forms a complete distributive lattice.*

**Proposition 3.8.** *If  $A$  is a neutrosophic subalgebra of a BE-algebra  $X$ , then  $T_A(x) \leq T_A(1), I_A(x) \geq I_A(1)$ , and  $F_A(x) \geq F_A(1)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic subalgebra of a BE-algebra  $X$ . If there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_A(a_n) = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_A(a_n) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_A(a_n) = 0$ , then  $T_A(1) = 1, I_A(1) = 0$ , and  $F_A(1) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.8, we have  $T_A(x) \leq T_A(1), I_A(x) \geq I_A(1)$ , and  $F_A(x) \geq F_A(1)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we have  $T_A(a_n) \leq T_A(1), I_A(a_n) \geq I_A(1)$ , and  $F_A(a_n) \geq F_A(1)$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Therefore  $1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_A(a_n) \leq T_A(1) \leq 1, 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_A(a_n) \geq I_A(1) \geq 0$ , and  $0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_A(a_n) \geq F_A(1) \geq 0$ . Thus we have  $T_A(1) = 1, I_A(1) = 0$ , and  $F_A(1) = 0$ . □

**Proposition 3.10.** *If every neutrosophic subalgebra  $A$  of a BE-algebra  $X$  satisfies the condition*

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

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

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*Proof.* It follows from (3.1) that  $T_A(x) = T_A(1 * x) \geq T_A(1)$ ,  $I_A(x) = I_A(1 * x) \leq I_A(1)$ , and  $F_A(x) = F_A(1 * x) \leq F_A(1)$  for any  $x \in X$ . By Proposition 3.8, we have  $T_A(x) = T_A(1)$ ,  $I_A(x) = I_A(1)$ , and  $F_A(x) = F_A(1)$  for any  $x \in X$ . Hence  $T_A, I_A$ , and  $F_A$  are constant functions.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic filter of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then*

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

*Proof.* (i) Using (BE4) and (NSF2), we have  $T_A(x * z) \geq \min\{T_A(y * (x * z)), T_A(y)\} = \min\{T_A(x * (y * z)), T_A(y)\}$ ,  $I_A(x * z) \leq \max\{I_A(y * (x * z)), I_A(y)\} = \max\{I_A(x * (y * z)), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(x * z) \leq \max\{F_A(y * (x * z)), F_A(y)\} = \max\{F_A(x * (y * z)), F_A(y)\}$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

(ii) Taking  $y := (a * x) * x$  and  $x := a$  in (NSF2), we have  $T_A((a * x) * x) \geq \min\{T_A(a * ((a * x) * x)), T_A(a)\} = \min\{T_A((a * x) * (a * x)), T_A(a)\} = \min\{T_A(1), T_A(a)\} = T_A(a)$ ,  $I_A((a * x) * x) \leq \max\{I_A(a * ((a * x) * x)), I_A(a)\} = \max\{I_A((a * x) * (a * x)), I_A(a)\} = \max\{I_A(1), I_A(a)\} = I_A(a)$ , and  $F_A((a * x) * x) \leq \max\{F_A(a * ((a * x) * x)), F_A(a)\} = \max\{F_A((a * x) * (a * x)), F_A(a)\} = \max\{F_A(1), F_A(a)\} = F_A(a)$  for any  $a, x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12.** ([12]) *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a BE-algebra. Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies (NSF1) and*

- (3.2) if  $x \leq y * z$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , then  $\min\{T_A(x), T_A(y)\} \leq T_A(z)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(x), I_A(y)\} \geq I_A(z)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(x), F_A(y)\} \geq F_A(z)$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *If every neutrosophic set of a BE-algebra  $X$  satisfies (NSF1) and Proposition 3.11(i), then it is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Taking  $x := 1$  in Proposition 3.11(i) and using (BE3), we get  $T_A(z) = T_A(1 * z) \geq \min\{T_A(1 * (y * z)), T_A(y)\} = \min\{T_A(y * z), T_A(y)\}$ ,  $I_A(z) = I_A(1 * z) \leq \max\{I_A(1 * (y * z)), I_A(y)\} = \max\{I_A(y * z), I_A(y)\}$ , and  $F_A(z) = F_A(1 * z) \leq \max\{F_A(1 * (y * z)), F_A(y)\} = \max\{F_A(y * z), F_A(y)\}$  for any  $y, z \in X$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.14.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies (NSF1) and Proposition 3.11(i).*

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $T_A(y * x) \geq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(y * x) \leq I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(y * x) \leq F_A(x)$ ;
- (ii)  $T_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \geq \min\{T_A(a), T_A(b)\}$ ,  $I_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \leq \max\{I_A(a), I_A(b)\}$ , and  $F_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \leq \max\{F_A(a), F_A(b)\}$  for any  $a, b, x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ . Using (NSF2), we have  $T_A(y * x) \geq \min\{T_A(x * (y * x)), T_A(x)\} = \min\{T_A(1), T_A(x)\} = T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(y * x) \leq \max\{I_A(x * (y * x)), I_A(x)\} = \max\{I_A(1), I_A(x)\} = I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(y * x) \leq \max\{F_A(x * (y * x)), F_A(x)\} = \max\{F_A(1), F_A(x)\} = F_A(x)$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . It follows

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from Proposition 3.11 that  $T_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \geq \min\{T_A((a * (b * x)) * (b * x)), T_A(b)\} \geq \min\{T_A(a), T_A(b)\}$ ,  $I_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \leq \max\{I_A((a * (b * x)) * (b * x)), I_A(b)\} \leq \max\{I_A(a), I_A(b)\}$ , and  $F_A((a * (b * x)) * x) \leq \max\{F_A((a * (b * x)) * (b * x)), F_A(b)\} \leq \max\{F_A(a), F_A(b)\}$  for any  $x, a, b \in X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A$  is a neutrosophic set of  $X$  satisfying conditions (i) and (ii). Taking  $y := x$  in (i), we have  $T_A(1) = T_A(x * x) \geq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(1) = I_A(x * x) \leq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(1) = F_A(x * x) \leq F_A(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ . Using (ii), we get  $T_A(y) = T_A(1 * y) = T_A(((x * y) * (x * y)) * y) \geq \min\{T_A(x * y), T_A(x)\}$ ,  $I_A(y) = I_A(1 * y) = I_A(((x * y) * (x * y)) * y) \leq \max\{I_A(x * y), I_A(x)\}$ ,  $F_A(y) = F_A(1 * y) = F_A(((x * y) * (x * y)) * y) \leq \max\{F_A(x * y), F_A(x)\}$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Neutrosophic mighty filters in BE-algebras

**Definition 4.1.** A neutrosophic set  $A$  in a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *neutrosophic mighty filter* of  $X$  if it satisfies (NSF1) and

(NSF3)  $\min\{T_A(z * (y * x)), T_A(z)\} \leq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(z * (y * x)), I_A(z)\} \geq I_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(z * (y * x)), F_A(z)\} \geq F_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c, d, 0\}$  be a  $BE$ -algebra ([8]) with the following table:

*	1	a	b	c	d	0
1	1	a	b	c	d	0
a	1	1	b	c	b	c
b	1	a	1	b	a	d
c	1	a	1	1	a	a
d	1	1	1	b	1	b
0	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

$$T_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.83, & \text{if } x \in \{1, b, c\} \\ 0.12, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.14, & \text{if } x \in \{1, b, c\} \\ 0.81, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.14, & \text{if } x \in \{1, b, c\} \\ 0.81, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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

**Proposition 4.3.** Every neutrosophic mighty filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$ . Putting  $y := 1$  in (NSF3), we obtain  $\min\{T_A(z * (1 * x)), T_A(z)\} = \min\{T_A(z * x), T_A(z)\} \leq T_A(((x * 1) * 1) * x) = T_A(x)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(z * (1 * x)), I_A(z)\} = \max\{I_A(z * x), I_A(z)\} \geq I_A(((x * 1) * 1) * x) = I_A(x)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(z * (1 * x)), F_A(z)\} = \max\{F_A(z * x), F_A(z)\} \geq F_A(((x * 1) * 1) * x) = F_A(x)$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

The converse of Proposition 4.3 may be not true in general (see Example 4.4).

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**Example 4.4.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c, d\}$  be a *BE*-algebra ([5]) with the following table:

$*$	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
1	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	1	1	$b$	$c$	$d$
$b$	1	$a$	1	$c$	$c$
$c$	1	1	$b$	1	$b$
$d$	1	1	1	1	1

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

$$T_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.84, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0.11, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$I_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.13, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0.81, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.13, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0.81, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic filter of  $X$ , but not a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$ , since  $\min\{T_A(1 * (c * a)), T_A(1)\} = T_A(1) = 0.84 \not\leq T_A(((a * c) * c) * a) = T_A(a) = 0.11$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Any neutrosophic filter  $A$  of a *BE*-algebra  $X$  is mighty if and only if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$(4.1) \quad T_A(y * x) \leq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x), I_A(y * x) \geq I_A(((x * y) * y) * x), \text{ and } F_A(y * x) \geq F_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \text{ for any } x, y \in X.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that a neutrosophic filter  $A$  of a *BE*-algebra  $X$  satisfies the condition (4.1). Using (NSF2) and (4.1), we have  $\min\{T_A(z * (y * x)), T_A(z)\} \leq T_A(y * x) \leq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(z * (y * x)), I_A(z)\} \geq I_A(y * x) \geq I_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(z * (y * x)), F_A(z)\} \geq F_A(y * x) \geq F_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $A$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that the neutrosophic filter  $A$  of  $X$  is mighty. Setting  $z := 1$  in (NSF3), we have  $\min\{T_A(1 * (y * x)), T_A(1)\} = T_A(y * x) \leq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(1 * (y * x)), I_A(1)\} = I_A(y * x) \geq I_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(1 * (y * x)), F_A(1)\} = F_A(y * x) \geq F_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Hence (4.1) holds.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic mighty filter of a *BE*-algebra  $X$ . Denote that  $X_T := \{x \in X | T_A(x) = T_A(1)\}$ ,  $X_I := \{x \in X | I_A(x) = I_A(1)\}$ , and  $X_F := \{x \in X | F_A(x) = F_A(1)\}$ . Then  $X_T, X_I$ , and  $X_F$  are mighty filters of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $1 \in X_T, X_I, X_F$ . Let  $z * (y * x), z \in X_T$ . Then  $T_A(z * (y * x)) = T_A(1), T_A(z) = T_A(1)$ . Hence  $\min\{T_A(z * (y * x)), T_A(z)\} = T_A(1) \leq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x)$  and so  $T_A(((x * y) * y) * x) = T_A(1)$ . Therefore  $((x * y) * y) * x \in X_T$ . Thus  $X_T$  is a mighty filter of  $X$ . Similarly,  $X_I, X_F$  are mighty filters of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $A, B$  be neutrosophic filters of a transitive *BE*-algebra  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $T_A(1) = T_B(1), I_A(1) = I_B(1), F_A(1) = F_B(1)$ . If  $A$  is mighty, then  $B$  is mighty.

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*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $A$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ , by (4.1) and  $A \subseteq B$  we have  $T_A(1) = T_A(y * ((y * x) * x)) \leq T_A((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * ((y * x) * x)) \leq T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * ((y * x) * x))$ . Since  $T_A(1) = T_B(1)$ , we get  $T_B((y * x) * (((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x) = T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * ((y * x) * x)) = T_B(1)$ . It follows from (NSF1) and (NSF2) that

$$\begin{aligned} T_B(y * x) &= \min\{T_B(1), T_B(y * x)\} \\ &= \min\{T_B((y * x) * (((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x), T_B(y * x)\} \\ &\leq T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x). \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Since  $X$  is transitive, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [((((y * x) * x) * y) * y) * x] * [((x * y) * y) * x] \\ & \geq ((x * y) * y) * (((y * x) * x) * y) * y \\ & \geq (((y * x) * x) * y) * (x * y) \\ & \geq x * ((y * x) * x) \\ & = (y * x) * (x * x) \\ & = (y * x) * 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Theorem 3.12 that  $\min\{T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x), T_B(1)\} = T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x) \leq T_B(((x * y) * y) * x)$ . Using (4.2), we have  $T_B(y * x) \leq T_B((((y * x) * x) * y) * y * x) \leq T_B(((x * y) * y) * x)$ . Therefore  $T_B(y * x) \leq T_B(((x * y) * y) * x)$ . Similarly, we have  $I_B(y * x) \geq T_B(((x * y) * y) * x)$  and  $F_B(y * x) \geq F_B(((x * y) * y) * x)$ . By Theorem 4.5,  $B$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $A$  be a neutrosophic set in a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3$ . Then  $A$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$  if and only if all of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level set  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are mighty filters of  $X$  when  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter 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  $z * (y * x), z \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Then  $T_A(z * (y * x)) \geq \alpha, T_A(z) \geq \alpha, I_A(z * (y * x)) \leq \beta, I_A(z) \leq \beta$ , and  $F_A(z * (y * x)) \leq \gamma, F_A(z) \leq \gamma$ . By Definition 4.1, we have  $T_A(1) \geq T_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \geq \min\{T_A(z * (y * x)), T_A(z)\} \geq \alpha, I_A(1) \leq I_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \leq \max\{I_A(z * (y * x)), I_A(z)\} \leq \beta$ , and  $F_A(1) \leq F_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \leq \max\{F_A(z * (y * x)), F_A(z)\} \leq \gamma$ . Hence  $1, ((x * y) * y) * x \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . Therefore  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  are mighty filters of  $X$ .

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



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which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\min\{T_A(z*(y*x)), T_A(z)\} \leq T_A(((x*y)*y)*x)$ ,  $\max\{I_A(z*(y*x)), I_A(z)\} \geq I_A(((x*y)*y)*x)$ , and  $\max\{F_A(z*(y*x)), F_A(z)\} \geq F_A(((x*y)*y)*x)$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Thus  $A$  is a neutrosophic mighty filter of  $X$   $\square$

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