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# ON THE GENERALIZATION OF PSEUDO P-CLOSURE IN PSEUDO BCI-ALGEBRAS

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# ABSTRACT

In this paper, the notion of generalization of pseudo p-closure, denoted by gcl, is introduced and its related properties are investigated. The gcl of subalgebras and pseudo-ideals is discussed. Also, a necessary and sufficient condition for an element to be minimal; and for pseudo BCI-algebra to be nilpotent are given. It is proved that the set of all nilpotent elements of a pseudo BCI-algebra A, denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_A$ , is the least closed pseudo-ideal with the property  $gcl(\mathcal{N}_A) = \mathcal{N}_A$ . Finally, it is shown that the mentioned notion, as a function, defines a closure operation on pseudo-ideals.

#### 1. Introduction

The notion of BCK/BCI-algebras was introduced by Y. Imai and K. Iséki in 1966 as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculi [7]. In 2008, W. A. Dudek and Y. B. Jun extended the idea of BCI-algebras to introduce pseudo BCI-algebras [5]. Y. B. Jun et al. introduced the idea of pseudo-ideal and pseudo-homomorphism in a pseudo BCI-algebra, and then they investigated several related properties. G. Dymek introduced the idea of p-semisimple pseudo BCI-algebras and established its characterizations [3]. For example, it is shown the p-semisimple pseudo BCI-algebras and the groups

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are categorically equivalent. The idea of minimal elements in a pseudo BCI-algebras was defined by Y. H. Kim and K. S. So [10]. Furthermore, it was shown that the collection of all minimal elements of a pseudo BCI-algebra form a subalgebras of A. In [12], H. Moussei et al. introduced the idea of p-closure in BCI-algebras and investigated some related properties. In the sequel, H. Harizavi introduced the notion of p-closure in pseudo BCI-algebras and discussed several related properties [6]. In this paper, following [6], we defined the generalization of p-closure, denoted by gcl(C) for a non-empty subset of a pseudo BCI-algebra, and discuss several related properties. We determined the gcl of subalgebras and pseudo-ideals. We discus the relationship between the gcl and the minimal elements. Also, using the notion of gcl, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a pseudo BCI-algebra to be nilpotent. Moreover, we prove that the set of all nilpotent elements of a pseudo BCI-algebra A, denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_A$ , is the least closed pseudo-ideal with the property  $gcl(\mathcal{N}_A) = \mathcal{N}_A$ . Finally, we showed that the gcl, as a function, acts on closed pseudo-ideals as the same as a closure operation.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we present some fundamental results which are useful in this paper, and for additional details, the reader is referred to [5, 11].

By a BCI-algebra, we mean an algebra (A, \*, 0) of type (2, 0) satisfying the following axioms for all  $r, s, t \in A$ :

BCI-1: ((r\*s)\*(r\*t))\*(t\*s) = 0,

BCI-2: r \* r = 0,

BCI-3: r \* s = 0 and s \* r = 0 imply r = s.

A BCI-algebra  $(A, *, \diamond)$  that satisfies the property 0 \* r = 0 for all  $r \in A$  is known as a BCK-algebra [13].

**Definition 2.1.** [5] A pseudo BCI-algebra is the structure  $A = (A, \leq, *, \diamond, 0)$  consists of  $\leq$  as a binary relation on set A, \* and  $\diamond$  as binary operations on A, and 0 as an element of A satisfying the following axioms: for all  $r, s, t \in A$ ,

- $(a_1)$   $(r*s) \diamond (r*t) \leq t*s$ ,  $(r \diamond s) * (r \diamond t) \leq t \diamond s$ ,
- $(a_2)$   $r * (r \diamond s) \preceq s$ ,  $r \diamond (r * s) \preceq s$ ,
- $(a_3)$   $r \leq r$ ,
- $(a_4)$   $r \leq s$ ,  $s \leq r \Longrightarrow r = s$ ,
- $(a_5)$   $r \leq s \iff r * s = 0 \iff r \diamond s = 0.$

A pseudo BCI-algebra  $A=(A, \leq, *, \diamond, 0)$  satisfying the property  $0*a=0=0 \diamond a$  for all  $a \in A$  is known as a pseudo BCK-algebra. It is clear that every pseudo BCI-algebra (respectively, pseudo BCK-algebra) satisfying the property  $r*s=r \diamond s$  for any  $r,s \in A$  is a BCI-algebra (respectively, BCK-algebra).

Example 2.2. [3] Consider  $A = [0, \infty)$  with the usual order  $\leq$ . Define binary operations \* and  $\circ$  on A as:

$$r * s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r \leqslant s \\ \frac{2r}{\pi} \arctan(\ln(\frac{r}{s})) & \text{if } s < r, \end{cases}$$

$$r \circ s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r \leqslant s \\ re^{-\tan(\frac{\pi s}{2r})} & \text{if } s < r, \end{cases}$$

for all  $r, s \in A$ . Then  $(A, \leq, *, \circ, 0)$  is a pseudo BCK-algebra, and hence it is a pseudo BCI-algebra.

**Proposition 2.3.** [5] Any pseudo BCI-algebra A satisfies the following conditions: for any  $r, s, t \in A$ ,

- $(p_1)$   $r \leq 0 \Longrightarrow r = 0$ ,
- $(p_2)$   $r \leq s \Longrightarrow r * t \leq s * t, r \diamond t \leq s \diamond t,$
- $(p_3)$   $r \leq s \Longrightarrow t * s \leq t * r, t \diamond s \leq t \diamond r,$
- $(p_4)$   $r \leq s, s \leq t \Longrightarrow r \leq t,$
- $(p_5) (r*s) \diamond t = (r \diamond t) *s,$
- $(p_6) r * s \leq t \Leftrightarrow r * t \leq s,$
- $(p_7)$   $(r*s)*(t*s) \leq r*t, (r\diamond s) \diamond (t\diamond s) \leq r\diamond t,$
- $(p_8)$   $r * (r \diamond (r * s)) = r * s$  and  $r \diamond (r * (r \diamond s)) = r \diamond s$ ,
- $(p_9) r * 0 = r = r \diamond 0,$
- $(p_{10}) r * r = 0 = r \diamond r,$
- $(p_{11}) \ 0 * (r \diamond s) \leq s \diamond r \ and \ 0 \diamond (r * s) \leq s * r,$
- $(p_{12}) \ 0 * r = 0 \diamond r,$
- $(p_{13}) \ 0 * (r * s) = (0 * r) \diamond (0 * s) \ and \ 0 \diamond (r \diamond s) = (0 \diamond r) * (0 \diamond s).$

Notation 2.4. For any elements r, s of a pseudo BCI-algebra A and a natural number p, we denote

$$r * s^{(\diamond,p)} = ((...(r * \underbrace{s) \diamond s) \diamond s)...) \diamond \underline{s}}_{p-times}.$$

$$r * s^{(\diamond,*,p)} = ((...(r * \underbrace{s) \diamond s) \diamond s) \diamond ...)}_{p-times}.$$

Let  $(A, \preceq, *, \circ, 0)$  be a pseudo BCI-algebra and S a non-empty subset of A. Then S is called a subalgebra of A if  $r * s \in S$  and  $r \diamond s \in S$  for any  $r, s \in S$ . It can be checked that  $K(A) := \{r \in A \mid 0 * r = 0 = 0 \circ r\}$  is a subalgebra of A, which implies that  $(K(A), \preceq, *, \diamond, 0)$  forms a pseudo BCK-algebra.

In a pseudo BCI-algebra A, an element m is called minimal if the following condition holds:

$$(\forall r \in A) \ r \leq m \Longrightarrow r = m.$$

The set of all minimal elements of A will be denoted by M(A). Clearly,  $0 \in M(A)$ . In [8], it has showed that  $m \in M$  if and only if  $m = 0 * (0 \diamond m)$ .

Hence  $M(A) = \{m \in A \mid m = 0 * (0 \diamond m)\}$ . It can be shown that  $K(A) \cap M(A) = \{0\}$ .

A pseudo BCI-algebra A is called p-semisimple if every element in A is minimal, that is M(A) = A.

**Proposition 2.5.** [2] Considering a pseudo BCI-algebra A and elements  $r, s \in A$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) A is p-semisimple,
- (ii)  $r * (r \diamond s) = s = r \diamond (r * s)$ ,
- (*iii*)  $0 * (0 \diamond r) = r = 0 \diamond (0 * r)$ .

An element a of a pseudo BCI-algebra A is said to be nilpotent if  $0 * a^{(*,p)} = 0$  (or equivalently  $0 \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)} = 0$ ) for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set of all nilpotent elements of A is denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_A$ . A pseudo BCI-algebra A is called nilpotent if all its elements are nilpotent, that is  $\mathcal{N}_A = A$ .

If m is a minimal element of A, then the set  $V(m) := \{a \in A \mid m \leq a\}$  is called the branch of m. It has proved that for any pseudo BCI-algebra  $A, A = \bigcup_{m \in M(A)} V(m)$  [4].

**Definition 2.6.** [9] In a pseudo BCI-algebra A, a subset I of A is called a pseudo-ideal if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $(I1) \ 0 \in I,$
- (I2)  $(\forall s \in I)(*(s, I) \subseteq I \text{ and } \diamond(s, I) \subseteq I)$ , where  $*(s, I) := \{r \in A \mid r * s \in I\}$  and  $\diamond(s, I) := \{r \in A \mid r \diamond s \in I\}$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** [9] Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra and I a pseudo-ideal of A. Then, the following statements hold:

- (i)  $(\forall r, s \in A)$   $s * r \in I$  (or  $s \diamond r \in I$ ) and  $r \in I \Longrightarrow s \in I$ ,
- (ii)  $(\forall r, s \in A)$   $s \leq r$  and  $r \in I \Longrightarrow s \in I$ ,
- (ii) I is closed if and only if  $0 * r = 0 \diamond r \in I$  for any  $r \in I$ .

A mapping  $p: E \to E$  is said to be a closure operation on an ordered set  $(E, \leq)$  if it satisfies the following properties: for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

- (i)  $x \leq p(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $x \le y \Rightarrow p(x) \le p(y)$ ,
- (iii) p(p(x)) = p(x).

#### 3. On the generalization of pseudo p-closure

We will start by defining the concept of gcl(C) for a non-empty subset C of a pseudo BCI-algebra A, and then investigate some related properties. Throughout, let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra unless specified otherwise.

**Definition 3.1.** Assuming C is a non-empty subset of A, the generalization of pseudo p-closure of C, represented by gcl(C), is defined as follows:

$$\gcd(\mathbf{C}) := \{ a \in A \mid c * a^{(*,p)}, \ c \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)} \in C \text{ for some } c \in C \text{ and } p \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

Example 3.2. [1] Let  $A = \{0, a, b, x, y, g\}$  be a pseudo BCI-algebra in which \* and  $\diamond$  are binary operations that defined by the following Cayley's tables:

*	0	a	b	x	y	g	<b>♦</b>	0	a	b	$\boldsymbol{x}$	y	g
0	0	0	0	g	g	g	0	0	0	0	g	g	$\overline{g}$
a	a	0	a	g	y	y	a	$\mid a$	0	a	$\boldsymbol{x}$	g	x
b	b	b	0	$\boldsymbol{x}$	g	$\boldsymbol{x}$	b		b	0	g	y	y
$\boldsymbol{x}$	x	g	$\boldsymbol{x}$	0	b	b	x	a	x	g	0	a	a
y	y	y	g	a	0	a	y	9	g	y	b	0	b
g	g	g	g	0	0	0	g	$\mid g$	g	g	0	0	0

By taking  $C := \{a\}$ , it is straightforward to verify that  $gcl(C) = \{0, b, g\}$ .

From Definition 3.1 and Proposition  $2.3(p_9), (p_{10})$ , the following lemma is clear.

**Lemma 3.3.** If C, D are non-empty subsets of A, then we have:

- $(i) \ 0 \in gcl(C),$
- (ii) if  $C \subseteq D$ , then  $gcl(C) \subseteq gcl(D)$ ,
- (iii) if  $0 \in C$ , then  $C \subseteq gcl(C)$ .

The next theorem characterizes the minimal elements within A.

**Theorem 3.4.**  $m \in A$  is minimal if and only if  $gcl(\{m\}) = \mathcal{N}_A$ .

Proof. Assume that  $a \in \operatorname{gcl}(\{m\})$  for an element minimal m of A. Then there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m * a^{(*,p)} = m = m \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}$ . Consequently, by Proposition 2.3 $(p_5)$ , we get  $0 = (m * a^{(*,p)}) \diamond m = (m \diamond m) * a^{(*,p)} = 0 * a^{(*,p)}$ , that is  $0 * a^{(*,p)} = 0$  which yield  $a \in \mathcal{N}_A$ . Hence  $\operatorname{gcl}(\{m\}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_A$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, let  $a \in \mathcal{N}_A$ . Thus  $0 * a^{(*,q)} = 0$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so, we have

by the minimality of 
$$m$$
 
$$m*a^{(*,q)} = (0 \diamond (0*m))*a^{(*,q)}$$
 by Proposition 2.3 $(p_5)$  
$$= (0*a^{(*,q)}) \diamond (0*m)$$
 
$$= 0 \diamond (0*m)$$
 by the minimality of  $m$  
$$= m$$
,

that is  $m * a^{(*,q)} = m$ . Similarly, we have  $m \diamond a^{(\diamond,q)} = m$  which yield  $a \in \gcd(\{m\})$  and so  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq \gcd(\{m\})$ . Therefore  $\gcd(\{m\}) = \mathcal{N}_A$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $gcl(\{m\}) = \mathcal{N}_A$  for  $m \in A$ . Let  $d \in A$  with  $d \leq m$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.3 $(p_2)$  we get  $0 \leq m * d$ , therefore, this implies that  $m * d \in K(A)$ . It is not difficult to see that  $K(A) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_A$ . Hence  $m * d \in \mathcal{N}_A$ , and so, by hypothesis,  $m * d \in gcl(\{m\})$  which implies  $m * (m * d)^{(*,p)} = m = m \diamond (m * d)^{(\diamond,p)}$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we have

by Proposition 2.3(
$$p_5$$
) 
$$m*d = (m \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p)})*d = (m*d) \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p)}$$
$$= ((m*d) \diamond (m*d)) \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p-1)}$$
$$= 0 \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p-1)}$$
$$= (0 \diamond (m*d)) \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p-2)}$$
by Proposition 2.3( $p_{11}$ ) 
$$\preceq (d*m) \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p-2)}$$
$$= 0 \diamond (m*d)^{(\diamond,p-2)} = \dots = 0 \diamond (m*d) \preceq d*m = 0.$$

Consequently, we have m \* d = 0, which implies  $m \leq d$ . Therefore m = d, and so m is a minimal element of A.

**Proposition 3.5.** If C is a subset of A containing a minimal element of A, then  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq gcl(C)$ .

*Proof.* Let m be an arbitrary minimal element of C. By Lemma 3.3,  $gcl(\{m\}) \subseteq gcl(C)$ . On other hand, by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\mathcal{N}_A = gcl(\{m\})$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq gcl(C)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For any pseudo BCI-algebra A, gcl(M(A)) = A.

*Proof.* Suppose initially that  $a \in A$ . It follows from  $A = \bigcup_{m \in M(A)} V(m)$  that  $a \in V(m)$  for some  $m \in M(A)$ , and therefore  $m \leq a$ . Consequently,  $m * a = 0 \in M(A)$ , which implies  $a \in gcl(M(A))$ . Hence, A = gcl(M(A)).

**Corollary 3.7.** For any subset C of A, if  $M(A) \subseteq C$ , then gcl(C) = A.

*Proof.* This is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.3(ii) and Theorem 3.6.

The converse of Corollary 3.7 is not universally true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.8. Consider  $A = \{0, a, b, x, y, g\}$  as a pseudo BCI-algebra in Example 3.2. By taking  $C = \{a, b, x, y, g\}$ , it can be checked that  $M(A) = \{0, g\}$  and gcl(C) = A, but  $M(A) \nsubseteq C$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** If A is a pseudo BCK-algebra, then  $gcl(\{0\}) = A$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward by using Proposition 2.3( $p_{12}$ ).

The following example show that the converse of Theorem 3.9 is not true in general.

Example 3.10. Consider  $A = \{0, a, b, x, y, g\}$  as a pseudo BCI-algebra in Example 3.2. With a simple calculation, we get  $gcl(\{0\}) = A$ , but A is not a pseudo BCK-algebra.

**Theorem 3.11.** A pseudo BCI-algebra A is nilpotent if and only if  $gcl(\{0\}) = A$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward by using Definition 3.1.

The following lemma is useful for the proof of the next theorems.

**Lemma 3.12.** For any  $a, d \in A$  and  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $0 * a^{(*,p)} = 0 \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}$ ,
- (ii)  $0 * (0 * a^{(*,p)}) = 0 * (0 * a)^{(*,p)}$ ,
- (iii) If  $0 \diamond (0 * a^{(\diamond,p)}) = 0$ , then  $0 * a^{(*,p)} = 0$ ,
- $(iv) \ 0 * (d \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}) = (0 * d) * (0 * a^{(*,p)}),$
- $(v) \ 0 * (d * a^{(*,p)}) = (0 * d) \diamond (0 * a)^{(\diamond,p)},$
- $(vi) \ 0 * (0 * a^{(*,p)})^{(*,q)} = 0 \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,pq)} = 0 * (0 * a^{(*,pq)}).$

*Proof.* (i)-(iii) The proofs are straightforward by using the induction method and proposition  $2.3(p_5)$ .

(iv) We proceed by induction on  $p \ge 1$ . For p = 1, the result holds by Proposition 2.3( $p_{13}$ ). Suppose that the statement is true for p, that is

$$(3.1) 0 * (d \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}) = (0 * d) * (0 * a^{(*,p)}),$$

and prove it for p + 1. For this purpose, we have

$$0*(d \diamond a^{(\diamond,p+1)}) = 0*((d \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}) \diamond a)$$
by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>)
$$= (0*(d \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)})) * (0*a)$$
by (1)
$$= ((0*d)*(0*a^{(*,p)})) * (0*a)$$
by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) and (ii)
$$= ((0*(0*a)^{(*,p)}) * (0*a)) \diamond d$$

$$= (0*(0*a)^{(*,p+1)}) \diamond d$$
by (ii)
$$= (0*(0*a^{(*,p+1)})) \diamond d$$
by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>5</sub>)
$$= (0*d)*(0*a^{(*,p+1)})$$

This completes the proof.

(v) The proof is similar to the proof of (iv).

(vi) We proceed by induction on  $p \ge 1$ . For p = 1, the result clear for any  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that the statement is true for p and any  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  and prove it for p + 1. We have

$$0 * (0 * a^{(*,q)})^{(*,p+1)} = (0 * (0 * a^{(*,q)})^{(*,p)}) * (0 * a^{(*,q)})$$
 by the induction hypothesis 
$$= (0 \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,pq)}) * (0 * a^{(*,q)})$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>5</sub>) 
$$= (0 * (0 * a^{(*,q)})) \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,(pq))}$$
 by (ii) 
$$= (0 \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,q)}) \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,(pq))}$$
 
$$= 0 \diamond (0 \diamond a)^{(\diamond,(p+1)q)}.$$

Therefore the statement holds for every  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.13.** For any subalgebra C of A, we have

$$a \in gcl(C) \iff 0 * a^{(*,q)} \in C \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{N}$$

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $a \in gcl(C)$ . Then, there exist  $c \in C$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $c * a^{(*,q)} \in C$ . By closedness of C, we get  $(c * a^{(*,q)}) \diamond c \in A$ . Then it follows from Proposition 2.3 $(p_5)$  that  $(c \diamond c) * a^{(*,q)} \in A$ , and consequently  $0 * a^{(*,q)} \in C$ .

$$(\Leftarrow)$$
 It is clear by Definition 3.1 and Lemma 3.12(i).

In the sequel, we introduce a condition on pseudo BCI-algebras and obtain several results about gcl.

**Definition 3.14.** A pseudo BCI-algebra A is called a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z) if it satisfies the following equation:

$$(0*a)*d = (0*a) \diamond d$$
 for all  $a, d \in A$ .

Example 3.15. Consider  $(A = \{0, a, b, x, y, g\}, *, \diamond, 0)$  as a pseudo BCI-algebra in Example 3.2. Some routine calculations show that  $0 * (u * t) = 0 * (u \diamond t)$  for any  $u, t \in A$ . Therefore A satisfies condition (Z).

Some pseudo BCI-algebras does not satisfy the condition (Z) as shown in the following example.

Example 3.16. Consider  $(A = \{0, a, b, c, d, e\}, *, \diamond, 0)$  as a pseudo BCI-algebra [1] in which the operations  $*, \diamond$  are given by the following Cayley's tables:

			_	-			 -						
*	0	a	b	c	d	e	$\Diamond$	0	a	b	c	d	
0	0	a	b	d	c	e	0	0	a	b	d	c	-
a	a	0	c	e	b	d	a	a	0	d	b	e	
b	b	d	0	a	e	c	b	b	c	0	e	a	
c	c	e	a	0	d	b	c	c	b	e	0	d	
d	d	b	e	c	0	a	d	d	e	a	c	0	
e	e	c	d	b	a	0	e	e	d	c	a	b	(

The pseudo BCI-algebra A doesn't satisfy condition (Z), because (0\*a)\*b = c, but  $(0*a)\diamond b = d$ .

**Lemma 3.17.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z). Then, for any  $a, d \in A$  and  $p \in N$ ,

$$0 * (a * d)^{(*,p)} = (0 * a^{(*,p)}) \diamond (0 * d^{(*,p)})$$

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $p \ge 1$ . For p = 1, the result holds by Proposition 2.3( $p_{13}$ ). Suppose that the statement is true for p and prove it for p + 1. For this purpose, we have

$$0*(a*d)^{(*,p+1)} = (0*(a*d)^{(*,p)})*(a*d)$$
 by the induction hypothesis 
$$= ((0*a^{(*,p)}) \diamond (0*d^{(*,p)}))*(a*d)$$
 
$$= ((0*(a*d)) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)}) \diamond (0*d^{(*,p)})$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) 
$$= ((0*a) \diamond (0*d)) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p)} \diamond (0*d^{(*,p)})$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) 
$$= ((0*a^{(\diamond,p+1)}) * (0*d)) \diamond (0*d^{(*,p)})$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) 
$$= ((0*(0*d^{(*,p)})) * a^{(\diamond,p+1)}) * (0*d)$$
 by condition (Z) 
$$= ((0*(0*d^{(*,p)})) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p+1)}) * (0*d)$$
 by Lemma 3.10(ii) 
$$= ((0*(0*d)^{(*,p)}) * (0*d)) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p+1)}$$
 by Lemma 3.10(ii) 
$$= (0*(0*d)^{(*,p+1)}) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p+1)}$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) 
$$= (0*(0*d)^{(*,p+1)}) \diamond a^{(\diamond,p+1)}$$
 by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>13</sub>) 
$$= (0*a^{(*,p+1)}) \diamond (0*d^{(*,p+1)}).$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z). If C is a subalgebra of A, then so is gcl(C).

*Proof.* Let  $c, d \in gcl(C)$ . Then, there exist  $s, t, r \in C$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s * c^{(*,q)} = t$ ,  $s \diamond c^{(\diamond,q)} = r$ . So  $(s \diamond t) * c^{(*,q)} = 0 = (s * r) \diamond c^{(\diamond,q)}$ . By taking,  $s \diamond t = a$ , s \* r = b, we obtain

(3.2) 
$$a * c^{(*,q)} = 0 \text{ and } 0 * c^{(*,q)} = 0 * a,$$

$$(3.3) b \diamond c^{(\diamond,q)} = 0 \text{ and } 0 \diamond c^{(\diamond,q)} = 0 \diamond b.$$

Thus, we have

$$0*c^{(*,kq)} = ((a \diamond a)*c^{(*,q)})*c^{(*,(k-1)q)}$$
by Proposition 2.3(p<sub>5</sub>) 
$$= ((a*c^{(*,q)})*c^{(*,(k-1)q)}) \diamond a$$
by (3.2) 
$$= (0*c^{(*,(k-1)q)}) \diamond a = ((0*c^{(*,q)})*c^{(*,(k-2)q)}) \diamond a$$
by (3.2) 
$$= ((0 \diamond a)*c^{(*,(k-2)q)}) \diamond a = (0*c^{(*,(k-2)q)}) \diamond a^{(\diamond,2)}$$
...
$$= (0*c^{(*,q)}) \diamond a^{(\diamond,k-1)} = 0 \diamond a^{(\diamond,k)} \in C,$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus

$$(3.4) 0 * c^{(*,kq)}, \ 0 \diamond c^{(\diamond,kq)} \in C \ for \ any \ k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Similarly, from  $d \in gcl(C)$ , we get

$$(3.5) 0 * d^{(*,kp)}, 0 \diamond d^{(\diamond,kp)} \in C \text{ for any } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Combining, (3.4), (3.5) and Lemma 3.17, by closedness of C, we get  $0 * (c * d)^{(*,pq)} = (0 * c^{(*,pq)}) \diamond (0 * d^{(*,pq)}) \in C$ , which implies  $c * d \in gcl(C)$ . Therefore gcl(C) is a subalgebra of A.

The converse of Theorem 3.18 may not hold as seen in the following example.

Example 3.19. Consider  $A = \{0, a, b, x, y, g\}$  as a pseudo BCI-algebra with property (Z) in Example 3.2. By taking  $C = \{0, a, x\}$ , it can be checked that gcl(C) = A. But C is not a subalgebra of A because  $a * x = g \notin C$ .

# **Proposition 3.20.** The following hold:

- (i) if  $0 \in C \subseteq K(A)$ , then  $gcl(C) = \mathcal{N}_{A}$ ,
- (ii) for all  $d \in A$ ,  $gcl(\{A(d)\}) = \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , where  $A(d) = \{a \in A | a \leq d\}$ .

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.5,  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq \operatorname{gcl}(C)$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, assume that  $d \in \operatorname{gcl}(C)$ . Then there exist  $a, b, c \in C$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a * d^{(*,q)} = b$  and  $a \diamond d^{(\diamond,q)} = c$ . Then we have

by 
$$b \in K(A)$$
 
$$0 = 0 * b = 0 * (a * d^{(*,q)})$$
 by Lemma 3.12(iv) 
$$= (0 * a) \diamond (0 * d^{(\diamond,q)})$$
 by  $a \in K(A)$  
$$= 0 \diamond (0 * d^{(\diamond,q)}).$$

Then from Lemma 3.12(iii), we obtain  $0 * d^{(\diamond,q)} = 0$ , and so by Lemma 3.12(i), we have  $0 * d^{(*,q)} = 0$ . Thus,  $d \in \mathcal{N}_A$ . Therefore  $gcl(C) = \mathcal{N}_A$ .

(ii) Let  $a \in \mathcal{N}_A$ . Then  $0 * a^{(*,q)} = 0 = 0 \diamond a^{(\diamond,q)}$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  and so  $(d * a^{(*,q)}) \diamond d = (d \diamond d) * a^{(*,q)} = 0 * a^{(*,q)} = 0$ . It follows that  $d * a^{(*,q)} \leq d$ , and consequently  $d * a^{(*,q)} \in A(d)$ . Similarly, we have  $d \diamond a^{(\diamond,q)} \in A(d)$ . But,  $d \in A(d)$ . Hence,  $a \in \operatorname{gcl}(A(d))$  and so  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq \operatorname{gcl}(A(d))$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, suppose that  $a \in \operatorname{gcl}(A(d))$ . Then there exists  $t \in A(d)$  such that  $t * a^{(*,q)} \leq d$ , that is  $(t * a^{(*,q)}) \diamond d = 0$  and so  $(t \diamond d) * a^{(*,q)} = 0$ . On other hand, from  $t \in A(d)$  we have  $t \diamond d = 0$ . Hence,  $0 * a^{(*,q)} = 0$ , and so, by Lemma 3.12(i) we get  $0 \diamond a^{(\diamond,q)} = 0$ . Consequently,  $a \in \mathcal{N}_A$ . Therefore  $\operatorname{gcl}(A(d)) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_A$ . This completes the proof of (ii).

In the following theorem, we introduce a sufficient condition for pseudo BCI-algebra to be p-semisimple.

**Theorem 3.21.** For any pseudo BCI-algebra A, if  $gcl(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ , then A is p-semisimple.

*Proof.* Assume that  $gcl(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ . Then by Theorem 3.20,  $\mathcal{N}_A = \{0\}$ . Since  $K(A) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_A$ , we get  $K(A) = \{0\}$ . Using Proposition 2.3 $(p_{13}), (p_8)$ , we obtain, for any  $a \in A$ 

$$0*(a \diamond (0*(0*a))) = (0*a)*(0*(0*(0*a))) = (0*a)*(0*a) = 0$$

This implies that  $a \diamond (0 * (0 * a)) \in K(A)$  and so  $a \diamond (0 * (0 * a)) = 0$ . On other hand,  $(0 * (0 * a)) \diamond a = 0$  for any  $a \in A$ . Therefore, 0 \* (0 \* a) = a, and so, by Proposition 2.5, A is p-semisimple.

**Lemma 3.22.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra and  $a, c \in A$ . If 0 \* a = 0 \* c, then  $0 * a^{(*,q)} = 0 * c^{(*,q)} = 0 * c^{(\diamond,q)}$ , for all  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward.

**Theorem 3.23.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z). If C is a closed pseudo-ideal of A, then so is gcl(C). Moreover,  $\mathcal{N}_A \subseteq gcl(C)$ .

Proof. Clearly,  $0 \in \operatorname{gcl}(C)$ . Let  $a, c * a \in \operatorname{gcl}(C)$ . Then there exist  $b, d \in C$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b * a^{(*,q)}$ ,  $b \diamond a^{(\diamond,q)} \in C$  and  $d * (c * a)^{(*,p)}$ ,  $d \diamond (c * a)^{(\diamond,p)} \in C$ . Thus, similar to the argument in Theorem 3.18, we get  $0 * a^{(*,pq)}$ ,  $0 * (c * a)^{(*,pq)} \in C$ . It follows from Definition 2.1( $a_2$ ) that  $c \diamond (c * a) \leq a$  and so, by Proposition 2.3( $a_2$ ), we get  $0 * a \leq 0 * (c \diamond (c * a))$ . Then, by the minimality of  $0 * (c \diamond (c * a))$ , we have  $0 * (c \diamond (c * a)) = 0 * a$ . From this, by Lemma 3.22, we obtain  $0 * (c \diamond (c * a))^{(*,pq)} = 0 * a^{(*,pq)}$ . Now, by Lemma 3.17, we have

$$(0*c^{(*,pq)}) \diamond (0*(c*a)^{(*,pq)}) = 0*(c*(c*a))^{(*,pq)} = 0*a^{(*,pq)} \in C.$$

Thus, since C is a pseudo-ideal of A and  $0*(c*a)^{(*,pq)} \in C$ , we get  $0*c^{(*,pq)} \in C$  and so  $c \in \gcd(C)$ . Therefore  $\gcd(C)$  is a pseudo-ideal of A. Moreover, due to Theorem 3.18,  $\gcd(C)$  is closed. Finally, using Theorem 3.4 and Lemma 3.3(ii), we get  $\mathcal{N}_A = \gcd(\{0\}) \subseteq \gcd(C)$ , and so the proof is completed.

The converse of Theorem 3.23 may not hold as seen in the following example.

Example 3.24. Let  $A = (\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}, *, \diamond, 1)$  be the pseudo BCI-algebra and  $\div$  be the usual division, which  $a * c = a \diamond c = a \div c$ , [12]. By taking  $C = \{2^{-n} | n = 0, 1, 2, ...\}$ , it can be easily seen that  $gcl(C) = \{2^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Clearly, gcl(C) is closed but C is not closed.

**Theorem 3.25.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z). If C is a closed pseudo-ideal of A, then gcl(C) = gcl(gcl(C)).

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3(iii),  $gcl(C)\subseteq gcl(gcl(C))$ . For the reverse inclusion, suppose  $a\in gcl(gcl(C))$ . By Theorem 3.23, gcl(C) forms a subalgebra of A. Therefore, applying Lemma 3.13, we get  $0*a^{(*,q)}\in gcl(C)$  for some  $q\in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $0*(0*a^{(*,q)})^{(*,p)}\in C$  for some  $p\in \mathbb{N}$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.12(vi) that  $0*(0*a)^{(*,pq)}=0*(0*a^{(*,q)})^{(*,p)}\in C$ . Thus  $0*a\in gcl(C)$  and so, by closedness of gcl(C), we get  $0*(0*a)\in gcl(C)$ . On other hand, by the similar argument in Theorem 3.21, we have 0\*(0\*a)=a. Therefore  $a\in gcl(C)$  and so the proof is completed. □

Corollary 3.26. For any pseudo BCI-algebra A with condition (Z), we have

$$gcl(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}.$$

*Proof.* Using Theorems 3.20(i) and 3.25, we have

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}} = gcl(\{0\}) = gcl(gcl(\{0\})) = gcl(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}).$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.27.** Let A be a pseudo BCI-algebra with condition (Z). Then,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the least closed pseudo-ideal of A satisfying  $gcl(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.4,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}} = gcl(\{0\})$ . Clearly,  $\{0\}$  is a closed pseudo-ideal of A. Then, by Theorem 3.23,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a closed pseudo-ideal of A too. Also, by Corollary 3.26,  $gcl(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . To complete the proof, assume that C is another closed pseudo-ideal of A satisfying gcl(C) = C. It follows from Theorem 3.23 that  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq gcl(C)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq C$ , which completes the proof.

Using the notion of the "gcl" on the set of all closed pseudo-ideals, denoted by  $\mathcal{J}(A)$ , we provide a closure operation as seen in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.28.** For any pseudo BCI-algebra satisfying condition (Z), the mapping  $p: \mathcal{J}(A) \to \mathcal{J}(A)$  defined by  $p(C) = \gcd(C)$  for any  $C \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ , is a closure operation.

*Proof.* The proof is clear by Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.25.

#### 4. Conclusions

In this work, we introduced several identities which was useful to prove more results. In the sequel, we defined the notion of generalization of pseudo p-closure (denoted by gcl), and study related properties. Using this notion, we gave a necessary and sufficient condition for an element to be minimal. Also, by using the mentioned notion, we gave a necessary and sufficient condition for pseudo BCI-algebra to be nilpotent. Moreover, the gcl of subalgebras and pseudo-ideals was determined. Finally, we showed that the gcl, as a function, acts on the closed pseudo-ideals as the same as a closure operation.

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