

Prime α -ideals and fuzzy prime α -ideals in PMV -algebras

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper, by considering the notion of PMV -algebras, we present definition of prime α -ideals in PMV -algebras and obtain some results on them. In addition, we introduce the notions of fuzzy α -ideals and fuzzy prime α -ideals in PMV -algebras. Then by proving some theorems, we state some conditions to obtain fuzzy prime α -ideals.

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1. INTRODUCTION

MV -algebras were defined by C. C. Chang [2, 3] as algebras corresponding to the Łukasiewicz infinite valued propositional calculus. These algebras have appeared in the literature under different names and polynomially equivalent presentation: CN -algebras, Wajsberg algebras, bounded commutative BCK -algebras and bricks. It is discovered that MV -algebras are naturally related to the Murray-von Neumann order of projections in operator algebras on Hilbert spaces and that they play an interesting role as invariants of approximately finite-dimensional C^* -algebras. They are also naturally related to Ulam's searching games with lies. MV -algebras admit a natural lattice reduct and hence a natural order structure. Many important properties can be derived from the fact, established by Chang that nontrivial MV -algebras are subdirect products of MV -chains, that is, totally ordered MV -algebras. To prove this fundamental result, Chang introduced the notion of prime ideal in an MV -algebra.

A product MV -algebra (or PMV -algebra, for short) is an MV -algebra which has an associative binary operation $\cdot$. It satisfies an extra property which will be explained in Preliminaries. PMV -algebras were introduced by A. Di Nola and A. Dvurečenskij in [5]. They also introduced α -ideals in PMV -algebras. During the last years, PMV -algebras were considered and their equivalence with a certain class

of l -rings with strong unit was proved. In 2014, F. Forouzesh, E. Eslami and A. Borumand Saeid defined $\neg$ -prime ideals in PMV -algebras [8].

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh for the first time [11]. Since then, many studies were performed about this subject and many researchers started working on the fuzzy algebraic structures. Recently, many papers were written, too. For example, see [1, 10].

In this paper, we introduce the notions of prime $\neg$ -ideals and fuzzy prime $\neg$ -ideals in PMV -algebras and prove some results on them. In fact, we open new fields to anyone that is interested to studying and development of fuzzy ideals in PMV -algebras.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we review related lemmas and theorems that we use in the next sections.

Definition 2.1 ([4]). An MV -algebra is a structure $M = (M, \oplus, ', 0)$ of type $(2, 1, 0)$ such that:

- (MV1) $(M, \oplus, 0)$ is an Abelian monoid,
- (MV2) $(a')' = a$,
- (MV3) $0' \oplus a = 0'$,
- (MV4) $(a' \oplus b)' \oplus b = (b' \oplus a)' \oplus a$.

If we define the constant $1 = 0'$ and operations $\odot$ and $\ominus$ by $a \odot b = (a' \oplus b)'$, $a \ominus b = a \odot b'$, then

- (MV5) $(a \oplus b) = (a' \odot b')'$,
- (MV6) $x \oplus 1 = 1$,
- (MV7) $(a \ominus b) \oplus b = (b \ominus a) \oplus a$,
- (MV8) $a \oplus a' = 1$,

for every $a, b \in A$.

It is clear that $(M, \odot, 1)$ is an abelian monoid. Now, if we define auxiliary operations $\vee$ and $\wedge$ on M by $a \vee b = (a \odot b') \oplus b$ and $a \wedge b = a \odot (a' \oplus b)$, for every $a, b \in M$, then $(M, \vee, \wedge, 0)$ is a bounded distributive lattice.

In MV -algebra M , the following conditions are equivalent: for every $a, b, c \in M$,

- (i) $a' \oplus b = 1$.
- (ii) $a \odot b' = 0$.
- (iii) $b = a \oplus (b \ominus a)$.
- (iv) $\exists c \in A$ such that $a \oplus c = b$.

For any two elements a, b of MV -algebra M , $a \leq b$ if and only if a, b satisfy in the above equivalent conditions (i)-(iv).

An ideal of MV -algebra M is a subset I of M , satisfying the following condition: for every $x, y \in I$,

- (I1) $0 \in I$,
- (I2) $x \leq y$ and $y \in I$ implies that $x \in I$,
- (I3) $x \oplus y \in I$.

A proper ideal I of M is a prime ideal if and only if $x \ominus y \in I$ or $y \ominus x \in I$ (or $x \wedge y \in I$ implies that $x \in I$ or $y \in I$), for every $x, y \in M$.

In MV -algebra M , the distance function $d : M \times M \rightarrow M$ is defined by $d(x, y) = (x \odot y) \oplus (y \odot x)$ which satisfies

- (i) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$,
- (ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$,
- (iii) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) \oplus d(y, z)$,
- (iv) $d(x, y) = d(x', y')$,
- (v) $d(x \oplus z, y \oplus t) \leq d(x, y) \oplus d(z, t)$,

for every $x, y, z, t \in M$.

Let I be an ideal of MV -algebra M . Then we denote $x \sim y$ ($x \equiv_I y$) if and only if $d(x, y) \in I$, for every $x, y \in M$. Thus $\sim$ is a congruence relation on M . Denote the equivalence class containing x by $\frac{x}{I}$ and $\frac{M}{I} = \{\frac{x}{I} : x \in M\}$. Then $(\frac{M}{I}, \oplus, ', \frac{0}{I})$ is an MV -algebra, where $(\frac{x}{I})' = \frac{x'}{I}$ and $\frac{x}{I} \oplus \frac{y}{I} = \frac{x \oplus y}{I}$, for all $x, y \in M$.

Let M and K be two MV -algebras. A mapping $f : M \rightarrow K$ is called an MV -homomorphism if

- (H1) $f(0) = 0$,
- (H2) $f(x \oplus y) = f(x) \oplus f(y)$,
- (H3) $f(x') = (f(x))'$,

for every $x, y \in M$.

If f is one to one (onto), then f is called an MV -monomorphism (epimorphism) and if f is onto and one to one, then f is called an MV -isomorphism (see [6]).

Proposition 2.2 ([4]). *Let M be an MV -algebra and $W \subseteq M$. Then the principal ideal generated by W is denoted by $\prec W \succ$ and $\prec W \succ = \{x \in M : x \leq w_1 \oplus w_2 \oplus \dots \oplus w_n, \text{ for some } w_1, \dots, w_n \in W\}$. Further, for every ideal J of M , $\prec J \cup \{z\} \succ = \{x \in M : nz \oplus a \geq x, \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } a \in J\}$.*

Lemma 2.3 ([4]). *Let M, N be two MV -algebras and $f : M \rightarrow N$ be an MV -homomorphism. Then the following properties hold:*

- (i) $\text{Ker}(f)$ is an ideal of M .
- (ii) If f is an MV -epimorphism, then $\frac{M}{\text{Ker} f} \cong N$.
- (iii) $f(x) \leq f(y)$ iff $x \odot y \in \text{Ker}(f)$.
- (iv) f is injective iff $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$.

Lemma 2.4 ([4]). *In every MV -algebra M , the natural order “ $\leq$ ” has the following properties: for every $x, x', y, y', z \in M$,*

- (i) $x \leq y$ if and only if $y' \leq x'$.
- (ii) If $x \leq y$, then $x \oplus z \leq y \oplus z$.
- (iii) If $x \leq y$, then $x \odot z \leq y \odot z$.

Proposition 2.5 ([4]). *The following equatoins hold in every MV -algebra:*

- (i) $x \odot (y \vee z) = (x \odot y) \vee (x \odot z)$.
- (ii) $x \oplus (y \wedge z) = (x \oplus y) \wedge (x \oplus z)$.

Definition 2.6 ([6]). In MV -algebra M , a partial addition is defined as following: $x + y$ is defined if and only if $x \leq y'$ and in this case, $x + y = x \oplus y$, for any $x, y \in M$.

Lemma 2.7 ([6]). *Let M be an MV -algebra and let $+$ is the partial addition on M . Then for every $x, y, z \in M$,*

- (c) $x \vee y = x + (x' \odot y)$.

- (d) If $x + y$ and $(x + y) + z$ are defined, then $y + z$ and $x + (y + z)$ are defined and $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$.
- (e) $x + y = 1$ if and only if $y = x'$.
- (f) If $z + x \leq z + y$, then $x \leq y$.
- (g) If $x + y = z$, then $y = x' \odot z$.
- (h) If $z + x = z + y$, then $x = y$.

Definition 2.8 ([5]). A product *MV*-algebra (or *PMV*-algebra, for short) is a structure $(A, \oplus, \cdot, ', 0)$, where $(A, \oplus, ', 0)$ is an *MV*-algebra and $\cdot$ is a binary associative operation on A such that the following property is satisfied: if $x + y$ is defined, then $x \cdot z + y \cdot z$ and $z \cdot x + z \cdot y$ are defined and $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$, $z \cdot (x + y) = z \cdot x + z \cdot y$, where $+$ is a partial addition on A .

If A is a *PMV*-algebra, then a unity for the product is an element $e \in A$ such that $e \cdot x = x \cdot e = x$, for every $x \in A$.

A *PMV*-algebra that has unity for the product will be called unital.

A $\cdot$ -ideal of a *PMV*-algebra A is an ideal I of *MV*-algebra A such that if $a \in I$ and $b \in A$, then $a \cdot b \in I$ and $b \cdot a \in I$.

Lemma 2.9 ([6]). If A is a unital *PMV*-algebra, then

- (i) The unity for the product is $e = 1$.
- (ii) $x \cdot y \leq x \wedge y$, for every $x, y \in A$.

Definition 2.10 ([6]). Let X and Y be *PMV*-algebras. An *MV*-homomorphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a homomorphism of *PMV*-algebras (or *PMV*-homomorphism) if and only if $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$.

Lemma 2.11 ([5]). Let A be a *PMV*-algebra. Then $1 \cdot a = a$ and $a \leq b$ implies that $a \cdot c \leq b \cdot c$ and $c \cdot a \leq c \cdot b$, for every $a, b, c \in A$.

Definition 2.12 ([6]). Let $A = (A, \oplus, \cdot, ', 0)$ be a *PMV*-algebra, $M = (M, \oplus, ', 0)$ be an *MV*-algebra and the operation $\Phi : A \times M \rightarrow M$ be defined by $\Phi(a, m) = am$, which satisfies the following axioms:

- (AM1) If $x + y$ is defined in M , then $ax + ay$ is defined in M and $a(x + y) = ax + ay$.
- (AM2) If $a + b$ is defined in A , then $ax + bx$ is defined in M and $(a + b)x = ax + bx$.
- (AM3) $(a \cdot b)x = a(bx)$, for every $a, b \in A$ and $x, y \in M$.

Then M is called a (left) *MV*-module over A or briefly an A -module.

We say that M is a unitary *MV*-module if A has a unity 1_A for the product, i.e.,

- (AM4) $1_A x = x$, for every $x \in M$.

Lemma 2.13 ([6]). Let A be a *PMV*-algebra and M be an A -module. Then for every $a, b \in A$ and $x, y \in M$,

- (a) $0x = 0$.
- (b) $a0 = 0$.
- (c) $ax' \leq (ax)'$.
- (d) $a'x \leq (ax)'$.
- (e) $(ax)' = a'x + (1x)'$.
- (f) $x \leq y$ implies $ax \leq ay$.
- (g) $a \leq b$ implies $ax \leq bx$.
- (h) $a(x \oplus y) \leq ax \oplus ay$.
- (i) $d(ax, ay) \leq ad(x, y)$.

Definition 2.14 ([11]). A fuzzy set in set of A is a mapping $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$. Let μ be a fuzzy set in A and $t \in [0, 1]$. Then $\mu_t = \{x \in A : \mu(x) \geq t\}$ is called a level subset of μ .

Definition 2.15 ([9]). If A is an MV -algebra, then a fuzzy set μ in A is a fuzzy ideal of A , if it satisfies

- (FI1) $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$, for all $x \in A$,
- (FI2) $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y \odot x')$, for all $x, y \in A$.

Theorem 2.16 ([9]). Let μ be a fuzzy ideal in A . Then for every $x, y \in A$,

- (i) $\mu(x \oplus y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$.
- (ii) $\mu(x \vee y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$
- (iii) $\mu(x \wedge y) \geq \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$.

Lemma 2.17 ([7]). Let A be an MV -algebra and $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a fuzzy set on A . Then μ is a fuzzy ideal on A if and only if

- (i) $\mu(x) \leq \mu(0)$,
- (ii) $\mu(x \oplus y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$,
- (iii) If $x \leq y$, then $\mu(x) \geq \mu(y)$, for all $x, y \in A$.

Theorem 2.18 ([7]). Let μ be a fuzzy set in A . μ is a fuzzy ideal in A if and only if for all $t \in [0, 1]$, μ_t is either empty or an ideal of A .

Corollary 2.19 ([7]). I is an ideal of A if and only if χ_I is a fuzzy ideal of A , where χ_I is characteristic function of I .

3. PRIME $\cdot$ -IDEALS IN PMV -ALGEBRAS

Note: From now on, in this paper, A is a PMV -algebra.

In this section, we introduce prime $\cdot$ -ideals in PMV -algebras and state some conditions to obtain them.

Definition 3.1. Let P be a $\cdot$ -ideal of A . If P is a prime ideal of MV -algebra A , then P is called a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

Example 3.2. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and the operations “ $\oplus$ ” and “ $\cdot$ ” on A be defined as follows:

$\oplus$	0	1	2	3	$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	1
2	2	3	2	3	2	0	0	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	0	1	2	3

Consider $0' = 3$, $1' = 2$, $2' = 1$ and $3' = 0$. Then it is easy to show that $(A, \oplus, ', \cdot, 0)$ is a PMV -algebra, $J = \{0, 2\}$ and $I = \{0, 1\}$ are prime $\cdot$ -ideals of A . Also, $\{0\}$ is not a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

Lemma 3.3. Let A be an MV algebra and $I \subseteq A$. Then I is an ideal of A if and only if

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $x \oplus y \in I$, for every $x, y \in I$,
- (iii) if $x \odot y, y \in I$, then $x \in I$, for any $x, y \in A$.

Proof. $(\Rightarrow)$ Let I be an ideal of A . Then (i) and (ii) are clear. Now, let $x \odot y, y \in I$. Then by (ii) and (MV7), $(y \odot x) \oplus x = (x \odot y) \oplus y \in I$. Since $x \leq (y \odot x) \oplus x \in I$, $x \in I$.

$(\Leftarrow)$ Let (i), (ii) and (iii) be true. If $x \leq y$ and $y \in I$, then $x \odot y = x \odot y' = 0 \in I$. Thus by (iii), $x \in I$. So I is an ideal of A . $\square$

Theorem 3.4. Let A, B be PMV-algebras and $f : A \longrightarrow B$ be a PMV-homomorphism. Then

(i) If P is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of B , then $f^{-1}(P)$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

(ii) If f is onto, P is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A and $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq P$, then $f(P)$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of B .

Proof. (i) The proof is routine.

(ii) The first we show that $f(P)$ is an ideal of B . The proofs of (I_1) and (I_3) are easy. We show that $f(P)$ satisfies in (I_2) . Let $a \leq b \in f(P)$, for some $a, b \in B$. Since f is onto, there are $x \in A$ and $y \in P$ such that $a = f(x)$ and $b = f(y)$. Since $f(x) \leq f(y)$, by Lemma 2.3 (iii), $x \odot y \in P$. Thus by Lemma 3.3, $x \in P$. It means that $a = f(x) \in f(P)$. So $f(P)$ is an ideal of B . It is routine to see that $f(P)$ is a $\cdot$ -ideal of B .

Now, let $a \wedge b \in f(P)$, for $a, b \in B$. Then there are $x, y \in A$ such that $a = f(x)$ and $b = f(y)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} a \wedge b = f(x) \wedge f(y) = f(x \wedge y) \in f(P) &\Rightarrow f(x \wedge y) = f(t), t \in P \\ &\Rightarrow x \wedge y \odot t' \in P, t \in P \\ &\Rightarrow x \wedge y \in P. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $x \in P$ or $y \in P$. So $a = f(x) \in f(P)$ or $b = f(y) \in f(P)$. Hence $f(P)$ is a prime ideal of B and thus it is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of B . $\square$

Lemma 3.5. In PMV-algebra A , $(\alpha \oplus \beta)a \leq \alpha a \oplus \beta a$, for every $\alpha, \beta, a \in A$.

Proof. Since $\beta a \leq (\alpha a)' \oplus \beta a$, by Lemma 2.4 (i), $(\alpha a) \odot (\beta a)' = ((\alpha a)' \oplus \beta a)' \leq (\beta a)'$. Then $(\alpha a) \odot (\beta a)' + \beta a$ is defined, where “+” is the partial addition on A . Similarly, $\alpha \odot \beta' + \beta$ is defined, too.

Consider A as A -module, where $ab = a.b$, for every $a, b \in A$. Then by Lemma 2.13 (d) and (g), since $\alpha \odot \beta' \leq \beta'$, $(\alpha \odot \beta')a \leq \beta'a \leq (\beta a)'$. Thus $(\alpha \odot \beta')a + \beta a$ is defined. Now, $\alpha \leq \alpha \vee \beta$ implies that $\alpha a \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)a$ and similarly, $\beta a \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)a$. So $\alpha a \vee \beta a \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)a$. Hence by Lemma 2.7 (c),

$$(\alpha a) \odot (\beta a)' + \beta a = \alpha a \vee \beta a \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)a = (\alpha \odot \beta' \oplus \beta)a = (\alpha \odot \beta' + \beta)a = (\alpha \odot \beta')a + \beta a.$$

Now, by Lemma 2.7(f), $\alpha a \odot (\beta a)' \leq (\alpha \odot \beta')a$. If we set $\alpha \oplus \beta$ instead of α , then by Lemma 2.13 (g), we have $(\alpha \oplus \beta)a \odot (\beta a)' \leq ((\alpha \oplus \beta) \odot \beta')a = (\alpha \wedge \beta')a \leq \alpha a$. Thus

$$(\alpha \oplus \beta)a = (\alpha \oplus \beta)a \vee \beta a = (\alpha \oplus \beta)a \odot (\beta a)' \oplus \beta a \leq \alpha a \oplus \beta a.$$

$\square$

Lemma 3.6. Let I be an ideal of A and $c \in I$. Then $a.c \in I$, for every $a \in A$.

Proof. The proof is easy. $\square$

Definition 3.7. $S \subseteq A$ is called a $\cdot$ -closed subset of A , if $x.y \in S$, for every $x, y \in S$.

Example 3.8. In Example 3.2, $S = \{1, 3\}$ is a $\cdot$ -closed subset of A .

Theorem 3.9. Let A be unital, I be a $\cdot$ -ideal of A and S be a $\cdot$ -closed subset of A such that $I \cap S = \emptyset$. Then there exists a prime $\cdot$ -ideal P of A such that $I \subseteq P$ and $P \cap S = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $T = \{J : J \text{ is a } \cdot\text{-ideal of } A, I \subseteq J \text{ and } J \cap S = \emptyset\}$. Since $I \in T$, $T \neq \emptyset$. By Zorn's Lemma, T has a maximal element P . We show that P is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Let $x \wedge y \in P$ and $x, y \notin P$. Consider $\prec P \cup \{x\} \succ$ and $\prec P \cup \{y\} \succ$. By maximality P , $\prec P \cup \{x\} \succ \cap S \neq \emptyset$ and $\prec P \cup \{y\} \succ \cap S \neq \emptyset$ and so there exist $\alpha \in \prec P \cup \{x\} \succ \cap S$ and $\beta \in \prec P \cup \{y\} \succ \cap S$. Then by Proposition 2.2, there exist $a, b \in P$ and $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that $\alpha \leq nx \oplus a$ and $\beta \leq my \oplus b$. By Proposition 2.13 (f), (g), $\alpha, \beta \leq (nx \oplus a) \cdot (my \oplus b)$. If we consider A as A -module, where $xy = x \cdot y$, for every $x, y \in A$, then by Lemmas 3.5, 3.6 and 2.13 (h),

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \cdot \beta &\leq (nx \oplus a) \cdot my \oplus (nx \oplus a) \cdot b \leq nx \cdot my \oplus a \cdot my \oplus nx \cdot b \oplus a \cdot b \\ &\leq \underbrace{xy \oplus \cdots \oplus xy}_{mn \text{ times}} \oplus \underbrace{a \cdot y \oplus \cdots \oplus a \cdot y}_m \oplus \underbrace{xb \oplus \cdots \oplus xb}_n \oplus a \cdot b \in P. \end{aligned}$$

So $\alpha \cdot \beta \in P$. Since S is a $\cdot$ -closed subset of A , $\alpha \cdot \beta \in P \cap S$, which is a contradiction. Hence P is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Lemma 3.10. Let A be unital, I be an ideal of A and $r(I)$ be the intersection of all prime $\cdot$ -ideals of A containing I . Then

$$r(I) = \{x \in A : x^n = \underbrace{xx \cdots x}_{n \text{ times}} \in I, \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Proof. Let $T = \{x \in A : x^n = \underbrace{xx \cdots x}_{n \text{ times}} \in I, \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. It is easy to show

that $T \subseteq r(I)$. Let $x \in r(I)$. If $x \notin T$, then $x^n \notin I$, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider $S = \{x^n \oplus a : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, a \in I \text{ and } x^n \leq a'\}$. Let $x^n \oplus a, x^m \oplus b \in S$, for $a, b \in I$ and $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $x^n \leq a'$ and $x^m \leq a'$, $x^n + a$ and $x^m + a$ are defined in A . Thus $(x^n \oplus a) \cdot (x^m \oplus b) = (x^n + a) \cdot (x^m + b) = x^{m+n} + a \cdot x^m + x^n \cdot b + a \cdot b = x^{n+m} \oplus t \in S$,

where by Lemma 3.6, $t \in I$. It results that S is a $\cdot$ -closed subset of A . It is easy to see that $S \cap I = \emptyset$. So by Theorem 3.9, there is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal P of A such that $I \subseteq P$ and $S \cap P = \emptyset$. Now, since $x \in r(I)$ and $x = x^1 \oplus 0 \in S$, $x \in P \cap S$, which is a contradiction. Hence $x \in T$. Therefore $T = r(I)$. $\square$

Theorem 3.11. Let P be a $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $P = r(P)$ if and only if $\frac{A}{P}$ has no nilpotent elements.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Let $P = r(P)$ and $\frac{0}{P} \neq \frac{x}{P}$ be an element of $\frac{A}{P}$. If $(\frac{x}{P})^n = \frac{0}{P}$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\frac{x^n}{P} = \frac{0}{P}$. Thus $x^n \in P$. So by Lemma 3.10, $x \in r(P) = P$ and thus $\frac{x}{P} = \frac{0}{P}$, which is a contradiction. Hence $\frac{A}{P}$ has no nilpotent elements.

($\Leftarrow$) Let $\frac{A}{P}$ has no nilpotent elements. It is clear that $P \subseteq r(P)$. Let $x \in r(P)$. Then by Lemma 3.10, $x^n \in P$. Thus $\frac{x^n}{P} = \frac{0}{P}$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\frac{x}{P}$ has no nilpotent elements, $\frac{x}{P} = \frac{0}{P}$. And so $x \in P$. Hence $r(P) = P$. $\square$

4. FUZZY PRIME $\cdot$ -IDEALS IN PMV -ALGEBRAS

In this section, we introduce fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideals, fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideals in PMV -algebras and obtain some results on them.

Definition 4.1. Let μ be a fuzzy ideal in A . Then

- (i) μ is called a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if $\mu(x.y) \wedge \mu(y.x) \geq \mu(x)$, for every $x, y \in A$.
- (ii) μ is called a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if $\mu_t = A$ or μ_t is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

Example 4.2. (i) Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and the operations “ $\oplus$ ” and “ $\cdot$ ” be defined on A as follows:

$\oplus$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	2	3
3	3	3	3	3

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
2	0	1	2	2
3	0	1	2	3

Consider $0' = 3$, $1' = 2$, $2' = 1$ and $3' = 0$. Then it is easy to show that $(A, \oplus, ', \cdot, 0)$ is a PMV -algebra. Now, let $\mu(0) = 0.8$ and $\mu(2) = \mu(1) = \mu(3) = 0.5$. Then μ is a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

- (ii) Let $A = \{0, 1\}$ and the operations “ $\oplus$ ” and “ $\cdot$ ” on A be defined as follows:

$\oplus$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

$\cdot$	0	1
0	0	0
1	1	1

Then it is easy to show that $(A, \oplus, ', \cdot, 0)$ is a PMV -algebra. Now, let $\mu(0) = 0.8$ and $\mu(1) = 0.5$. Then μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

Corollary 4.3. Let μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal in A such that $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$. μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

Proof. The proof is clear. □

Theorem 4.4. Let μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal in A such that $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$. μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$, for every $x, y \in A$.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Let μ be a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . Then μ_t is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Let $x, y \in A$. Consider $t = \mu(x \wedge y)$. Then $\mu(x \wedge y) \geq t$. Thus $x \wedge y \in \mu_t$. So $x \in \mu_t$ or $y \in \mu_t$ and thus $\mu(x) \geq t$ or $\mu(y) \geq t$. Hence $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq t$. Therefore $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$.

($\Leftarrow$) Let $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$, for every $x, y \in A$ and $\mu_t \neq A$, for $t \in [0, 1]$. The first, we show that μ_t is a $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Let $x \in \mu_t$ and $y \in A$. Since μ is a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal of A , $\mu(x.y) \wedge \mu(y.x) \geq \mu(x) \geq t$. Then $\mu(x.y) \geq t$ and $\mu(y.x) \geq t$. Thus $x.y, y.x \in \mu_t$. If $x \wedge y \in \mu_t$, then $\mu(x \wedge y) \geq t$. Thus $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq t$. So $\mu(x) \geq t$ or $\mu(y) \geq t$. Hence $x \in \mu_t$ or $y \in \mu_t$. □

Corollary 4.5. Let A be unital and μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal in A such that $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$. μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) = \mu(x \wedge y)$, for every $x, y \in A$.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Let μ be a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . By Lemma 2.16 (iii), $\alpha.\beta \leq (nx \oplus a).(my \oplus b)$. If we consider A as A -mo, $\mu(x \wedge y) \geq \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$. Then by Theorem 4.4, $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) = \mu(x \wedge y)$.

($\Leftarrow$) By Theorem 4.4, it is clear. $\square$

Corollary 4.6. *Let I be a $\cdot$ -ideal in A . I is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if χ_I is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .*

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Let I be a prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . We have $(\chi_I)_t = \{x : \chi_I(x) \geq t\} = I$, for every $t \in [0, 1]$. Then $(\chi_I)_t$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . Thus χ_I is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .

($\Leftarrow$) Let χ_I be a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Then by Corollary 4.3, $I = \{x \in A : \chi(x) \geq 1\} = (\chi_I)_{\chi_I(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Theorem 4.7. *Let μ be a fuzzy set of A such that $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$. μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A if and only if*

- (i) $\mu(x \cdot y) = \mu(y \cdot x) = \mu(0)$, for every $x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$ and $y \in A$.
- (ii) $\mu(x \ominus y) = \mu(0)$ or $\mu(y \ominus x) = \mu(0)$, for every $x, y \in A$.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Let μ be a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . Then by Corollary 4.3, $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Since $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a $\cdot$ -ideal of A , $x \cdot y, y \cdot x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$. Thus $\mu(x \cdot y) = \mu(y \cdot x) = \mu(0)$, for every $x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$ and $y \in A$. Since $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime ideal of A , $x \ominus y \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$ or $y \ominus x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$. So $\mu(x \ominus y) \geq \mu(0)$ or $\mu(y \ominus x) \geq \mu(0)$. Hence $\mu(x \ominus y) = \mu(0)$ or $\mu(y \ominus x) = \mu(0)$.

($\Leftarrow$) Let (i) and (ii) be true. Then it is easy to see that μ is a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal and $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Thus by Corollary 4.3, μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . $\square$

Theorem 4.8. *Let μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal and ν be a $\cdot$ -ideal in A such that $\nu(0) \neq \nu(1)$. If $\mu \leq \nu$ and $\mu(0) = \nu(0)$, then ν is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A , too.*

Proof. Since μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A , by Theorem 4.7, $\mu(x \ominus y) = \mu(0)$ or $\mu(y \ominus x) = \mu(0)$, for every $x, y \in A$. Let $\mu(x \ominus y) = \mu(0)$. Since $\mu \leq \nu$, $\mu(x \ominus y) \leq \nu(x \ominus y)$. Then $\mu(0) \leq \nu(x \ominus y)$. Since $\mu(0) = \nu(0)$, $\nu(0) \leq \nu(x \ominus y)$. Thus $\nu(0) = \nu(x \ominus y)$. Similarly, if $\mu(y \ominus x) = \mu(0)$, then $\nu(y \ominus x) = \nu(0)$. Also, it is easy to see that $\nu(x \cdot y) = \nu(y \cdot x) = \nu(0)$, for every $x \in \nu_{\nu(0)}$ and $y \in A$. So by Theorem 4.7, ν is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . $\square$

Theorem 4.9. *If A be unital and μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal of A such that $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$, then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .
- (ii) $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A .
- (iii) $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \cdot y)$.

Proof. By Corollary 4.3, (i) and (ii) are equivalent. We prove that (ii) and (iii) are equivalent, too.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ be a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Then $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime ideal of A . Thus $x \ominus y \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$ or $y \ominus x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$, for every $x, y \in A$. If $x \ominus y \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$, then since $x.y \leq x \wedge y \leq x \vee y$, by Lemma 2.4 (iii) and Proposition 2.5 (i),

$$x.y \ominus y \leq (x \vee y) \ominus y = (x \vee y) \odot y' = (x \odot y') \vee (y \odot y') = x \ominus y \in \mu_{\mu(0)}.$$

Thus $x.y \ominus y \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$.

Similarly, if $y \ominus x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$, then $x.y \ominus x \in \mu_{\mu(0)}$. Thus $\mu(x.y \ominus y) = \mu(0)$ or $\mu(x.y \ominus x) = \mu(0)$. So $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x.y \ominus y) \wedge \mu(x.y) = \mu(x.y)$ or $\mu(x) \geq \mu(x.y \ominus x) \wedge \mu(x.y) = \mu(x.y)$. It results that $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x.y)$.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \cdot y)$, for every $x, y \in A$. Then by Lemma 2.9 (ii) and Theorem 2.16 (ii), $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$. Thus by Theorem 4.4, μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . So μ_t is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A , for every $t \in [0, 1]$. Hence $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Note that, since $\mu(1) < \mu(0)$, $1 \notin \mu_{\mu(0)}$ and thus $\mu_{\mu(0)}$ is a proper $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Lemma 4.10. *Let μ be a fuzzy set in A .*

(i) μ is a fuzzy ideal in A if and only if $(z \ominus y) \ominus x = 0$ implies that $\mu(z) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$.

(ii) μ is a fuzzy ideal in A if and only if $(x \ominus y) \leq z$ implies that $\mu(x) \geq \mu(z) \wedge \mu(y)$, for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Proof. (i) $(\Rightarrow)$ Let μ be a fuzzy ideal in A and $(z \ominus y) \ominus x = 0$, for all $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\mu(z) \geq \mu(y) \wedge \mu(z \ominus y)$ and $\mu(z \ominus y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu((z \ominus y) \ominus x) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(0) = \mu(x)$. Thus $\mu(z) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$, for all $x, y, z \in A$.

$(\Leftarrow)$ Suppose $(z \ominus y) \ominus x = 0$ implies that $\mu(z) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$, for all $x, y, z \in A$. Since $(0 \ominus x) \ominus x = 0$, $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(x) = \mu(x)$. Also, since $(x \ominus y) \ominus (x \ominus y) = 0$, $\mu(x) \geq \mu(y) \wedge \mu(x \ominus y)$. Thus μ is a fuzzy ideal of A .

(ii) By (i), the proof is clear. $\square$

Theorem 4.11. *Let μ be a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A . Then $\mu \oplus \alpha$ is also a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal in A , where $(\mu \oplus \alpha)(x) = \mu(x) \oplus \alpha$ and $\alpha \oplus \beta = \text{Min}\{\mu(0), \alpha + \beta\}$, for all $x \in A$ and $\alpha, \beta \in [0, \mu(0)]$.*

Proof. The first we show that $\mu \oplus \alpha$ is a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Let $(x \ominus y) \leq z$, for $x, y, z \in A$. Since μ is a fuzzy ideal of A , $\mu(x) \geq \mu(z) \wedge \mu(y)$. Consider MV -algebra $[0, 1]$. Then by Proposition 2.5 (ii), $\mu(x) \oplus \alpha \geq (\mu(z) \wedge \mu(y)) \oplus \alpha = (\mu \oplus \alpha)(z) \wedge (\mu \oplus \alpha)(y)$. Thus $(\mu \oplus \alpha)(x) \geq (\mu \oplus \alpha)(z) \wedge (\mu \oplus \alpha)(y)$. So by Lemma 4.10 (ii), $\mu \oplus \alpha$ is a fuzzy ideal of A . Since μ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A , $\mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \geq \mu(x \wedge y)$. Hence $(\mu(x) \vee \mu(y)) \oplus \alpha \geq \mu(x \wedge y) \oplus \alpha$, for every $x, y \in A$. It results that $(\mu(x) \oplus \alpha) \vee (\mu(y) \oplus \alpha) \geq \mu(x \wedge y) \oplus \alpha$ and thus $(\mu \oplus \alpha)(x) \vee (\mu \oplus \alpha)(y) \geq (\mu \oplus \alpha)(x \wedge y)$. Now, since $(\mu \oplus \alpha)(0) = \mu(0) \oplus \alpha \neq \mu(1) \oplus \alpha = (\mu \oplus \alpha)(1)$ and $\mu \leq \mu \oplus \alpha$, by Theorem 4.8, $\mu \oplus \alpha$ is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Lemma 4.12. *Let A be unital and J be a proper $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Then there is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal P of A such that $J \subseteq P$.*

Proof. A routine application of Zorn's Lemma shows that there is a proper $\cdot$ -ideal I of A which is maximal with respect to the property $J \subseteq I$. We show that I is a prime ideal of A . Let $x \wedge y \in I$ and $x, y \notin I$, for $x, y \in A$. Consider $\prec I \cup \{x\} \succ$ and $\prec I \cup \{y\} \succ$. By maximality I , we have $1 \in \prec I \cup \{x\} \succ$ and $1 \in \prec I \cup \{y\} \succ$. Then by Proposition 2.2, there are $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a, b \in I$ such that $1 = nx \oplus a$ and $1 = my \oplus b$. Now, let $u = a \oplus b$ and $k = \max\{m, n\}$. Then $1 = kx \oplus u$ and $1 = ky \oplus u$. By Lemma 3.5 and Proposition 2.13 (h), we have $1.1 = (kx \oplus u).(ky \oplus u) = (kx \oplus u).ky \oplus (kx \oplus u).u \leq (kx).(ky) \oplus u.ky \oplus (kx).u \oplus u.u \in I$. Thus $1 = 1.1 \in I$,

which is a contradiction. So I is a prime ideal of A . Hence I is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Theorem 4.13. *Let μ be a fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideal in A such that $1 \neq \mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$. Then there is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal ν such that $\mu \leq \nu$.*

Proof. Consider $\mu_{\mu(0)} = \{x \in A : \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$ that is a proper $\cdot$ -ideal of A . By Lemma 4.12, there is a prime $\cdot$ -ideal P of A such that $\mu_{\mu(0)} \subseteq P$. By Corollary 4.6, χ_P is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Now, let $\nu = \chi_P \oplus \alpha$, where $\alpha = \vee_{x \in A-P} \mu(x)$. Then $\alpha \leq \mu(0) < 1$. Thus by Theorem 4.11, ν is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . $\square$

Theorem 4.14. *Let A be unital, μ and ν be fuzzy $\cdot$ -ideals in A and $\mu \wedge \nu \leq \alpha$, for $\alpha \in [0, \mu(0))$. Then there is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal h in A such that $\mu \leq h$ and $\nu \wedge h \leq \alpha$.*

Proof. Let $T = \{x \in A : \mu(x) > \alpha\}$ and $S = \{x \in A : \nu(x) > \alpha\}$. If $a, b \in S$, then $\nu(a) > \alpha$ and $\nu(b) > \alpha$. Thus by Lemma 2.9 (ii) and Theorem 2.16 (iii), $\nu(a.b) \geq \nu(a \wedge b) \geq \nu(a) \vee \nu(b) > \alpha$. It results that $a.b \in S$ and thus S is $\cdot$ -closed. We must show that T is a $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Since $\alpha \in [0, \mu(0))$, $0 \in T$. Let $x, y \odot x \in T$, for $x, y \in A$. Then $\mu(x) > \alpha$, $\mu(y \odot x) > \alpha$. Thus $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(y \odot x) > \alpha$. Since $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y \odot x)$, $\mu(y) > \alpha$. So $y \in T$. Also, since $\mu(x \oplus y) \geq \mu(x)$, $x \oplus y \in T$, for every $x, y \in T$. Hence by Lemma 3.3, T is an ideal of A . Now, let $x \in T$ and $y \in A$. Then $\mu(x) > \alpha$. Since $x.y \leq x \wedge y \leq x$, $\mu(x.y) \geq \mu(x) > \alpha$. Thus $x.y \in T$. So T is a $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Let $T \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Then there is $x \in T \cap S$. Thus $\mu(x) > \alpha$ and $\nu(x) > \alpha$. It results that $(\nu \wedge \mu)(x) = \nu(x) \wedge \mu(x) > \alpha$, which is a contradiction. Hence, by Theorem 3.9, there exists a prime $\cdot$ -ideal P of A such that $S \cap P = \emptyset$ and $T \subseteq P$. Consider $h = \chi_P \oplus \alpha$. Then by Corollary 4.6 and Theorem 4.11, h is a fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideal of A . Now, we show that $\mu \leq h$. If $x \in P$, then $\chi_P(x) = 1$ and so $h(x) = 1 \oplus \alpha$. It results that $\mu \leq h$. If $x \notin P$, then $x \notin T$ and so $\mu(x) \leq \alpha$. On the other hand, $h(x) = \chi_P(x) \oplus \alpha = \alpha$. Therefore $\mu(x) \leq h(x)$. It is easy to show that $\nu \wedge h \leq \alpha$. $\square$

5. CONCLUSIONS

Prime ideals, $\cdot$ -ideals and $\cdot$ -prime ideals had been defined in MV -algebras [4, 5, 8]. Lately, ideals in PMV -algebras were considered and some researchers have been interested to them. We defined prime $\cdot$ -ideals in PMV -algebras and stated some conditions to have them. They are $\cdot$ -ideals that are prime ideals, too. Also, we defined fuzzy prime $\cdot$ -ideals in PMV -algebras and obtained some results on them. In fact, we opened new fields to anyone that is interested to studying and development of ideals in MV -algebras.

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