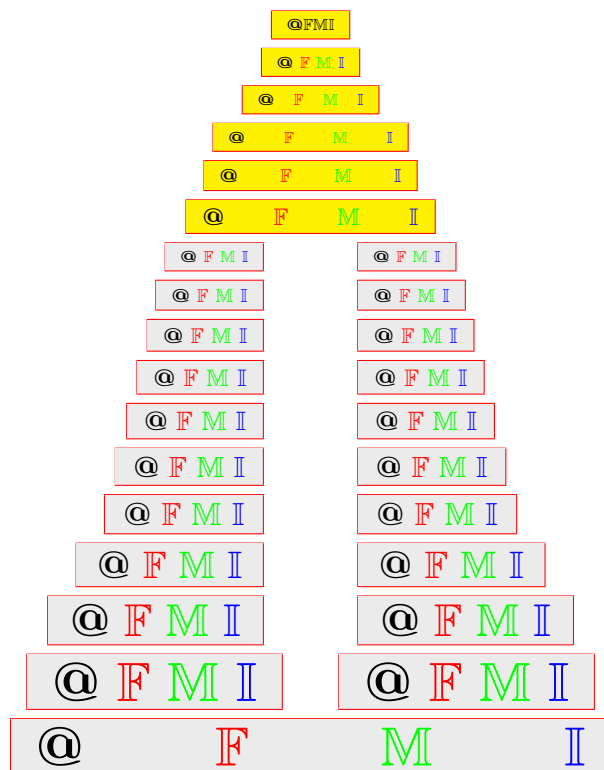


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**ABSTRACT.** The notion of positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal is introduced, and several properties are investigated. Relations between MBJ-neutrosophic ideal and positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal are discussed. Characterizations of positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal are displayed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

**I**n order to handle uncertainties in many real applications, the fuzzy set was introduced by L.A. Zadeh [19] in 1965. In 1983, K. Atanassov introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy set as a generalization of fuzzy set. As a more general platform that extends the notions of classic set, (intuitionistic) fuzzy set and interval valued (intuitionistic) fuzzy set, the notion of neutrosophic set is initiated by Smarandache ([14], [15] and [16]). Neutrosophic algebraic structures in  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras are discussed in the papers [1], [2], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [12], [13], [17] and [18]. In [10], the notion of MBJ-neutrosophic sets is introduced as another generalization of neutrosophic set, it is applied to  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras. Mohseni et al. [10] introduced the concept of MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebras in  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras, and investigated related properties. They gave a characterization of MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra, and established a new MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra by using an MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra of a  $BCI$ -algebra. They considered the homomorphic inverse image of MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra, and discussed translation of MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra. Jun and Roh [11] applied the notion of MBJ-neutrosophic sets to ideals of  $BCK/BI$ -algebras, and introduce the concept of

MBJ-neutrosophic ideals in  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras. They provided a condition for an MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra to be an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal in a  $BCK$ -algebra, and considered conditions for an MBJ-neutrosophic set to be an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal in a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra. They discussed relations between MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebras, MBJ-neutrosophic  $\circ$ -subalgebras and MBJ-neutrosophic ideals. In a  $BCI$ -algebra, they provided conditions for an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal to be an MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra, and considered a characterization of an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal in an  $(S)$ - $BCK$ -algebra.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal, and investigate several properties. We discuss relations between MBJ-neutrosophic ideal and positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal. We provide characterizations of positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

By a  $BCI$ -algebra, we mean a set  $X$  with a binary operation  $*$  and a special element  $0$  that satisfies the following conditions:

- (I)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ ,
- (II)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$ ,
- (III)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (IV)  $x * y = 0, y * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ ,

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . If a  $BCI$ -algebra  $X$  satisfies the following identity:

- (V)  $(\forall x \in X) (0 * x = 0)$ ,

then  $X$  is called a  $BCK$ -algebra.

Every  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $X$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (2.1)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * 0 = x)$ ,
- (2.2)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x \leq y \Rightarrow x * z \leq y * z, z * y \leq z * x)$ ,
- (2.3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) ((x * y) * z = (x * z) * y)$ ,
- (2.4)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) ((x * z) * (y * z) \leq x * y)$

where  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

A nonempty subset  $S$  of a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $X$  is called a subalgebra of  $X$  if  $x * y \in S$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ . A subset  $I$  of a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $X$  is called an ideal of  $X$ , if it satisfies:

- (2.5)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (2.6)  $(\forall x \in X) (\forall y \in I) (x * y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I)$ .

A subset  $I$  of a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  is called a positive implicative ideal of  $X$  (see [9]), if it satisfies (2.5) and

- (2.7)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (((x * y) * z \in I, y * z \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in I)$ .

By an interval number, we mean a closed subinterval  $\tilde{a} = [a^-, a^+]$  of  $I$ , where  $0 \leq a^- \leq a^+ \leq 1$ . Denote by  $[I]$  the set of all interval numbers. Let us define what is known as refined minimum (briefly, rmin) and refined maximum (briefly, rmax) of two elements in  $[I]$ . We also define the symbols “ $\succeq$ ”, “ $\preceq$ ”, “ $=$ ” in case of two

elements in  $[I]$ . Consider two interval numbers  $\tilde{a}_1 := [a_1^-, a_1^+]$  and  $\tilde{a}_2 := [a_2^-, a_2^+]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rmin} \{ \tilde{a}_1, \tilde{a}_2 \} &= [\min \{ a_1^-, a_2^- \}, \min \{ a_1^+, a_2^+ \}], \\ \text{rmax} \{ \tilde{a}_1, \tilde{a}_2 \} &= [\max \{ a_1^-, a_2^- \}, \max \{ a_1^+, a_2^+ \}], \\ \tilde{a}_1 \succeq \tilde{a}_2 &\Leftrightarrow a_1^- \geq a_2^-, a_1^+ \geq a_2^+, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly, we may have  $\tilde{a}_1 \preceq \tilde{a}_2$  and  $\tilde{a}_1 = \tilde{a}_2$ . To say  $\tilde{a}_1 \succ \tilde{a}_2$  (resp.  $\tilde{a}_1 \prec \tilde{a}_2$ ), we mean  $\tilde{a}_1 \succeq \tilde{a}_2$  and  $\tilde{a}_1 \neq \tilde{a}_2$  (resp.  $\tilde{a}_1 \preceq \tilde{a}_2$  and  $\tilde{a}_1 \neq \tilde{a}_2$ ). Let  $\tilde{a}_i \in [I]$ , where  $i \in \Lambda$ . We define

$$\text{rinf}_{i \in \Lambda} \tilde{a}_i = \left[ \inf_{i \in \Lambda} a_i^-, \inf_{i \in \Lambda} a_i^+ \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rsup}_{i \in \Lambda} \tilde{a}_i = \left[ \sup_{i \in \Lambda} a_i^-, \sup_{i \in \Lambda} a_i^+ \right].$$

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $A : X \rightarrow [I]$  is called an interval-valued fuzzy set (briefly, an IVF set) in  $X$ . Let  $[I]^X$  stand for the set of all IVF sets in  $X$ . For every  $A \in [I]^X$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $A(x) = [A^-(x), A^+(x)]$  is called the degree of membership of an element  $x$  to  $A$ , where  $A^- : X \rightarrow I$  and  $A^+ : X \rightarrow I$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  which are called a lower fuzzy set and an upper fuzzy set in  $X$ , respectively. For simplicity, we denote  $A = [A^-, A^+]$ .

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A neutrosophic set (NS) in  $X$  (see [15]) is a structure of the form:

$$A := \{ \langle x; A_T(x), A_I(x), A_F(x) \rangle \mid x \in X \}$$

where  $A_T : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a truth membership function,  $A_I : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is an indeterminate membership function, and  $A_F : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a false membership function.

We refer the reader to the books [3, 9] for further information regarding *BCK/BCI*-algebras, and to the site “<http://fs.gallup.unm.edu/neutrosophy.htm>” for further information regarding neutrosophic set theory.

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. By an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  (see [10]), we mean a structure of the form:

$$\mathcal{A} := \{ \langle x; M_A(x), \tilde{B}_A(x), J_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X \},$$

where  $M_A$  and  $J_A$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$ , which are called a truth membership function and a false membership function, respectively, and  $\tilde{B}_A$  is an IVF set in  $X$  which is called an indeterminate interval-valued membership function.

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  for the MBJ-neutrosophic set

$$\mathcal{A} := \{ \langle x; M_A(x), \tilde{B}_A(x), J_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X \}.$$

Let  $X$  be a *BCK/BCI*-algebra. An MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  is called an MBJ-neutrosophic subalgebra of  $X$  (see [10]), if it satisfies:

$$(2.8) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) \left( \begin{array}{l} M_A(x * y) \geq \min \{ M_A(x), M_A(y) \}, \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \text{rmin} \{ \tilde{B}_A(x), \tilde{B}_A(y) \}, \\ J_A(x * y) \leq \max \{ J_A(x), J_A(y) \}. \end{array} \right)$$

Let  $X$  be a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra. An MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  is called an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  (see [11]), if it satisfies:

$$(2.9) \quad (\forall x \in X) \left( M_A(0) \geq M_A(x), \tilde{B}_A(0) \succeq \tilde{B}_A(x), J_A(0) \leq J_A(x) \right)$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) \left( \begin{array}{l} M_A(x) \geq \min\{M_A(x * y), M_A(y)\} \\ \tilde{B}_A(x) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(x * y), \tilde{B}_A(y)\} \\ J_A(x) \leq \max\{J_A(x * y), J_A(y)\} \end{array} \right).$$

### 3. POSITIVE IMPLICATIVE MBJ-NEUTROSOPHIC IDEALS

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

**Definition 3.1.** An MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  is called a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ , if it satisfies (2.9) and

$$(3.1) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( \begin{array}{l} M_A(x * z) \geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * z), M_A(y * z)\} \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * z) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(y * z)\} \\ J_A(x * z) \leq \max\{J_A((x * y) * z), J_A(y * z)\} \end{array} \right).$$

**Example 3.2.** Consider a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with the binary operation  $*$  which is given in Table 1:

TABLE 1. Cayley table for the binary operation “ $*$ ”

| $*$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3   | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 4   | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 |

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  defined by Table 2:

TABLE 2. MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$

| $X$ | $M_A(x)$ | $\tilde{B}_A(x)$ | $J_A(x)$ |
|-----|----------|------------------|----------|
| 0   | 0.7      | [0.4, 0.9]       | 0.2      |
| 1   | 0.6      | [0.3, 0.8]       | 0.5      |
| 2   | 0.5      | [0.2, 0.6]       | 0.5      |
| 3   | 0.4      | [0.1, 0.3]       | 0.7      |
| 4   | 0.3      | [0.2, 0.5]       | 0.9      |

It is routine to verify that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Every positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal.*

*Proof.* If we take  $z = 0$  in (3.1) and use (2.1), then we have the condition (2.10). Thus every positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal.  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 3.3 is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Consider a BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  with the binary operation  $*$  which is given in Table 3:

TABLE 3. Cayley table for the binary operation “ $*$ ”

| $*$ | 0   | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| $a$ | $a$ | 0   | 0   | $a$ |
| $b$ | $b$ | $a$ | 0   | $b$ |
| $c$ | $c$ | $c$ | $c$ | 0   |

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  defined by Table 4:

TABLE 4. MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$

| $X$ | $M_A(x)$ | $\tilde{B}_A(x)$ | $J_A(x)$ |
|-----|----------|------------------|----------|
| 0   | 0.7      | $[0.4, 0.9]$     | 0.2      |
| $a$ | 0.6      | $[0.3, 0.8]$     | 0.6      |
| $b$ | 0.6      | $[0.3, 0.8]$     | 0.6      |
| $c$ | 0.4      | $[0.1, 0.3]$     | 0.4      |

It is routine to verify that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Since

$$M_A(b * a) = 0.6 < 0.7 = \min\{M_A((b * a) * a), M_A(a * a)\},$$

$\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is not a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.5** ([11]). *Every MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  satisfies the following assertion.*

$$(3.2) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) \left( x \leq y \Rightarrow M_A(x) \geq M_A(y), \tilde{B}_A(x) \supseteq \tilde{B}_A(y), J_A(x) \leq J_A(y) \right).$$

We provide conditions for an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal to be a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal.

**Theorem 3.6.** *An MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  satisfying the following condition.*

$$(3.3) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) \left( \begin{array}{l} M_A(x * y) \geq M_A((x * y) * y), \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \\ J_A(x * y) \leq J_A((x * y) * y). \end{array} \right)$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . If  $z$  is replaced by  $y$  in (3.1), then

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x * y) &\geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * y), M_A(y * y)\} \\ &= \min\{M_A((x * y) * y), M_A(0)\} = M_A((x * y) * y), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_A(x * y) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \tilde{B}_A(y * y)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \tilde{B}_A(0)\} = \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_A(x * y) &\leq \max\{J_A((x * y) * y), J_A(y * y)\} \\ &= \max\{J_A((x * y) * y), J_A(0)\} = J_A((x * y) * y), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  satisfying the condition (3.3). Since

$$((x * z) * z) * (y * z) \leq (x * z) * y = (x * y) * z$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , it follows from Lemma 3.5 that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} M_A((x * y) * z) &\leq M_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), \\ \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z) &\succeq \tilde{B}_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), \\ J_A((x * y) * z) &\geq J_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Using (3.3), (2.10) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x * z) &\geq M_A((x * z) * z) \geq \min\{M_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), M_A(y * z)\} \\ &\geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * z), M_A(y * z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_A(x * z) &\succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * z) * z) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), \tilde{B}_A(y * z)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(y * z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_A(x * z) &\leq J_A((x * z) * z) \leq \max\{J_A(((x * z) * z) * (y * z)), J_A(y * z)\} \\ &\leq \max\{J_A((x * y) * z), J_A(y * z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is positive implicative if and only if it satisfies the following condition.

$$(3.5) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) \begin{pmatrix} M_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \geq M_A((x * y) * z), \\ \tilde{B}_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \\ J_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \leq J_A((x * y) * z). \end{pmatrix}$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.3, and satisfies the condition (3.3) by Theorem 3.6. Since

$$((x * (y * z)) * z) * z = ((x * z) * (y * z)) * z \leq (x * y) * z,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , it follows from Lemma 3.5 that

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} M_A((x * y) * z) &\leq M_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z), \\ \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z) &\succeq \tilde{B}_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z), \\ J_A((x * y) * z) &\geq J_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Using (2.3), (3.3) and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &= M_A((x * (y * z)) * z) \\ &\geq M_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z) \\ &\geq M_A((x * y) * z), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &= \tilde{B}_A((x * (y * z)) * z) \\ &\succeq \tilde{B}_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z) \\ &\succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &= J_A((x * (y * z)) * z) \\ &\leq J_A(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z) \\ &\leq J_A((x * y) * z). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (3.5) is valid.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  which satisfies the condition (3.5). If we put  $z = y$  in (3.5) and use (III) and (2.1), then we obtain the condition (3.3). Thus  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the condition (2.9) and

$$(3.7) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) \begin{pmatrix} M_A(x * y) \geq \min\{M_A(((x * y) * y) * z), M_A(z)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * y) * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(z)\}, \\ J_A(x * y) \leq \max\{J_A(((x * y) * y) * z), J_A(z)\}. \end{pmatrix}$$



*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  (see Theorem 3.3), and so the condition (2.9) is valid. Using (2.10), (III), (2.1), (2.3) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x * y) &\geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * z), M_A(z)\} \\ &= \min\{M_A(((x * z) * y) * (y * y)), M_A(z)\} \\ &\geq \min\{M_A(((x * z) * y) * y), M_A(z)\} \\ &= \min\{M_A(((x * y) * y) * z), M_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_A(x * y) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(z)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * z) * y) * (y * y)), \tilde{B}_A(z)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * z) * y) * y), \tilde{B}_A(z)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * y) * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_A(x * y) &\leq \max\{J_A((x * y) * z), J_A(z)\} \\ &= \max\{J_A(((x * z) * y) * (y * y)), J_A(z)\} \\ &\leq \max\{J_A(((x * z) * y) * y), J_A(z)\} \\ &= \max\{J_A(((x * y) * y) * z), J_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

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

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  which satisfies conditions (2.9) and (3.7). Then

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x) &= M_A(x * 0) \geq \min\{M_A(((x * 0) * 0) * z), M_A(z)\} \\ &= \min\{M_A(x * z), M_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_A(x) &= \tilde{B}_A(x * 0) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * 0) * 0) * z), \tilde{B}_A(z)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(x * z), \tilde{B}_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_A(x) &= J_A(x * 0) \leq \max\{J_A(((x * 0) * 0) * z), J_A(z)\} \\ &= \max\{J_A(x * z), J_A(z)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Taking  $z = 0$  in (3.7) and using (2.1) and (2.9) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x * y) &\geq \min\{M_A(((x * y) * y) * 0), M_A(0)\} \\ &= \min\{M_A((x * y) * y), M_A(0)\} \\ &= M_A((x * y) * y), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{B}_A(x * y) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(((x * y) * y) * 0), \tilde{B}_A(0)\} \\
&= \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \tilde{B}_A(0)\} \\
&= \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
J_A(x * y) &\leq \max\{J_A(((x * y) * y) * 0), J_A(0)\} \\
&= \max\{J_A((x * y) * y), J_A(0)\} \\
&= J_A((x * y) * y),
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . It follows from Theorem 3.6 that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9** ([11]). *Let  $X$  be a BCK/BCI-algebra. Then every MBJ-neutrosophic ideal  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  of  $X$  satisfies the following assertion.*

$$(3.8) \quad x * y \leq z \Rightarrow \begin{cases} M_A(x) \geq \min\{M_A(y), M_A(z)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A(x) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(y), \tilde{B}_A(z)\}, \\ J_A(x) \leq \max\{J_A(y), J_A(z)\}, \end{cases}$$

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

**Lemma 3.10.** *If an MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  satisfies the condition (3.8), then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $0 * x \leq x$  and  $x * (x * y) \leq y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , it follows from (3.8) that

$$M_A(0) \geq M_A(x), \tilde{B}_A(0) \succeq \tilde{B}_A(x), J_A(0) \leq J_A(x)$$

and  $M_A(x) \geq \min\{M_A(x * y), M_A(y)\}$ ,  $\tilde{B}_A(x) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(x * y), \tilde{B}_A(y)\}$  and

$$J_A(x) \leq \max\{J_A(x * y), J_A(y)\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following condition.*

$$(3.9) \quad (((x * y) * y) * a) * b = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} M_A(x * y) \geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\}, \\ J_A(x * y) \leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}, \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y, a, b \in X$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  (see Theorem 3.3). Let  $a, b, x, y \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * y) * a = 0$ . Then

$$M_A(x * y) \geq M_A((x * y) * y) \geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\},$$

$$\tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\},$$

and  $J_A(x * y) \leq J_A((x * y) * y) \leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}$  by Theorem 3.6 and Lemma 3.9. Thus (3.9) is valid.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  which satisfies the condition (3.9). Let  $x, a, b \in X$  be such that  $x * a \leq b$ . Then

$$(((x * 0) * 0) * a) * b = 0,$$

and so

$$M_A(x) = M_A(x * 0) \geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\},$$

$$\tilde{B}_A(x) = \tilde{B}_A(x * 0) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\},$$

and

$$J_A(x) = J_A(x * 0) \leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}$$

by (2.1) and (3.9). Thus  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  by Lemma 3.10. Since  $((x * y) * y) * ((x * y) * y) * 0 = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$M_A(x * y) \geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * y), M_A(0)\} = M_A((x * y) * y),$$

$$\tilde{B}_A(x * y) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y), \tilde{B}_A(0)\} = \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * y),$$

and

$$J_A(x * y) \leq \max\{J_A((x * y) * y), J_A(0)\} = J_A((x * y) * y)$$

by (3.9). It follows from Theorem 3.6 that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following condition.*

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} M_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\}, \\ J_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z, a, b \in X$  with  $((x * y) * z) * a * b = 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is an MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  (see Theorem 3.3). Let  $a, b, x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * z) * a * b = 0$ . Using Theorem 3.7 and Lemma 3.9, we have

$$M_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \geq M_A((x * y) * z) \geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\},$$

$$\tilde{B}_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \succeq \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\},$$

and

$$J_A((x * z) * (y * z)) \leq J_A((x * y) * z) \leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}.$$

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$  which satisfies the condition (3.10). Let  $x, y, a, b \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * y) * a * b = 0$ . Then

$$M_A(x * y) = M_A((x * y) * (y * y)) \geq \min\{M_A(a), M_A(b)\},$$

$$\tilde{B}_A(x * y) = \tilde{B}_A((x * y) * (y * y)) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a), \tilde{B}_A(b)\},$$

and

$$J_A(x * y) = J_A((x * y) * (y * y)) \leq \max\{J_A(a), J_A(b)\}$$

by (2.1), (III) and (3.10). It follows from Theorem 3.11 that  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following condition.*

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} M_A(x * y) &\geq \min\{M_A(a_1), M_A(a_2), \dots, M_A(a_n)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A(x * y) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a_1), \tilde{B}_A(a_2), \dots, \tilde{B}_A(a_n)\}, \\ J_A(x * y) &\leq \max\{J_A(a_1), J_A(a_2), \dots, J_A(a_n)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in X$  with  $(\dots((x * y) * y) * a_1) * \dots * a_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be an MBJ-neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following condition.*

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} M_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\geq \min\{M_A(a_1), M_A(a_2), \dots, M_A(a_n)\}, \\ \tilde{B}_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A(a_1), \tilde{B}_A(a_2), \dots, \tilde{B}_A(a_n)\}, \\ J_A((x * z) * (y * z)) &\leq \max\{J_A(a_1), J_A(a_2), \dots, J_A(a_n)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in X$  with  $(\dots((x * y) * z) * a_1) * \dots * a_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.12.  $\square$

Given an MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$ , we consider the following sets.

$$\begin{aligned} U(M_A; \alpha) &:= \{x \in X \mid M_A(x) \geq \alpha\}, \\ U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2]) &:= \{x \in X \mid \tilde{B}_A(x) \succeq [\delta_1, \delta_2]\}, \\ L(J_A; \beta) &:= \{x \in X \mid J_A(x) \leq \beta\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $[\delta_1, \delta_2] \in [I]$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** *An MBJ-neutrosophic set  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  in  $X$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$  if and only if the non-empty sets  $U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$  and  $L(J_A; \beta)$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $[\delta_1, \delta_2] \in [I]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  be a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $[\delta_1, \delta_2] \in [I]$  be such that  $U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$  and  $L(J_A; \beta)$  are non-empty. Obviously,  $0 \in U(M_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2]) \cap L(J_A; \beta)$ . For any  $x, y, z, a, b, c, u, v, w \in X$ , if  $(x * y) * z \in U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $y * z \in U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,

$(a * b) * c \in U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$ ,  $b * c \in U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$ ,  $(u * v) * w \in L(J_A; \beta)$  and  $v * w \in L(J_A; \beta)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} M_A(x * z) &\geq \min\{M_A((x * y) * z), M_A(y * z)\} \geq \min\{\alpha, \alpha\} = \alpha, \\ \tilde{B}_A(a * c) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((a * b) * c), \tilde{B}_A(b * c)\} \succeq \text{rmin}\{[\delta_1, \delta_2], [\delta_1, \delta_2]\} = [\delta_1, \delta_2], \\ J_A(u * w) &\leq \max\{J_A((u * v) * w), J_A(v * w)\} \leq \min\{\beta, \beta\} = \beta, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $x * z \in U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $a * c \in U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$  and  $u * w \in L(J_A; \beta)$ . Therefore  $U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$  and  $L(J_A; \beta)$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that the non-empty sets  $U(M_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{B}_A; [\delta_1, \delta_2])$  and  $L(J_A; \beta)$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $[\delta_1, \delta_2] \in [I]$ . Assume that  $M_A(0) < M_A(a)$ ,  $\tilde{B}_A(0) \prec \tilde{B}_A(a)$  and  $J_A(0) > J_A(a)$ , for some  $a \in X$ . Then  $0 \notin U(M_A; M_A(a)) \cap U(\tilde{B}_A; \tilde{B}_A(a)) \cap L(J_A; J_A(a))$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $M_A(0) \geq M_A(x)$ ,  $\tilde{B}_A(0) \succeq \tilde{B}_A(x)$  and  $J_A(0) \leq J_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . If

$$M_A(a_0 * c_0) < \min\{M_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0), M_A(b_0 * c_0)\},$$

for some  $a_0, b_0, c_0 \in X$ , then  $(a_0 * b_0) * c_0 \in U(M_A; t_0)$  and  $b_0 * c_0 \in U(M_A; t_0)$  but  $a_0 * c_0 \notin U(M_A; t_0)$  for  $t_0 := \min\{M_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0), M_A(b_0 * c_0)\}$ . This is a contradiction, and thus

$$M_A(a * c) \geq \min\{M_A((a * b) * c), M_A(b * c)\},$$

for all  $a, b, c \in X$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $J_A(a * c) \leq \max\{J_A((a * b) * c), J_A(b * c)\}$ , for all  $a, b, c \in X$ . Suppose that  $\tilde{B}_A(a_0 * c_0) \prec \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0), \tilde{B}_A(b_0 * c_0)\}$ , for some  $a_0, b_0, c_0 \in X$ . Let  $\tilde{B}_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0) = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ ,  $\tilde{B}_A(b_0 * c_0) = [\lambda_3, \lambda_4]$  and  $\tilde{B}_A(a_0 * c_0) = [\delta_1, \delta_2]$ . Then

$$[\delta_1, \delta_2] \prec \text{rmin}\{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\lambda_3, \lambda_4]\} = [\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}, \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}],$$

and so  $\delta_1 < \min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}$  and  $\delta_2 < \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}$ . Taking

$$[\gamma_1, \gamma_2] := \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{B}_A(a_0 * c_0) + \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0), \tilde{B}_A(b_0 * c_0)\} \right)$$

implies that

$$\begin{aligned} [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] &= \frac{1}{2} ([\delta_1, \delta_2] + [\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}, \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}]) \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\delta_1 + \min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}), \frac{1}{2}(\delta_2 + \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\} > \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_1 + \min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}) > \delta_1$$

and

$$\min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\} > \gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_2 + \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}) > \delta_2.$$

Thus  $[\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}, \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}] \succ [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \succ [\delta_1, \delta_2] = \tilde{B}_A(a_0 * c_0)$ . So

$$a_0 * c_0 \notin U(\tilde{B}_A; [\gamma_1, \gamma_2]).$$

On the other hand,

$$\tilde{B}_A((a_0 * b_0) * c_0) = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \succeq [\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}, \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}] \succ [\gamma_1, \gamma_2]$$

and

$$\tilde{B}_A(b_0 * c_0) = [\lambda_3, \lambda_4] \succeq [\min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_3\}, \min\{\lambda_2, \lambda_4\}] \succ [\gamma_1, \gamma_2],$$

that is,  $(a_0 * b_0) * c_0, b_0 * c_0 \in U(\tilde{B}_A; [\gamma_1, \gamma_2])$ . This is a contradiction. Hence

$$\tilde{B}_A(x * z) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{B}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{B}_A(y * z)\},$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{A} = (M_A, \tilde{B}_A, J_A)$  is a positive implicative MBJ-neutrosophic ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

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