





## POSITIVE IMPLICATIVE TRUE-FALSE IDEALS IN BCK-ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** In BCK-algebra, the concept of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal is introduced, and further several properties are investigated. The relationship between  $T&F$ -ideals and positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideals is established, and an example is given to reveal that a  $T&F$ -ideal is not a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal. Various conditions under which a  $T&F$ -ideal can be a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal are explored and various characterizations of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal are studied. The extended property of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal is constructed.

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### 1. Introduction

As an extension of the classical concept of the set, the fuzzy set was introduced by Zade in 1965 (see [12]). In mathematics, fuzzy sets are somewhat similar to sets in which elements have a degree of membership. As an extension of fuzzy sets, the interval valued fuzzy sets [4] have emerged and are being applied to several sides. Cubic sets, one of the hybrid structures by using both a fuzzy set and an interval valued fuzzy set at the same time, have been introduced by Jun et al. [7], and are currently being applied to various fields. Mohseni et al. [10] constructed True-False structures based on a fuzzy set and an interval valued fuzzy set, and then they studied the basic properties. They also applied it to groups and BCK/BCI-algebras at the same time, and used this structure to study ideal theory in BCK/BCI-algebras. For more study about BCK/BCI-algebras, see [5, 6, 8, 11] and for different extensions of fuzzy sets and ideals of BCK/BCI-algebra, see [1–3, 9].

In this manuscript, we introduce the concept of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal in BCK-algebra, and investigate several properties. We establish the relationship between a  $T&F$ -ideal and a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal. We

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show that a  $T\&F$ -ideal is not a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal by giving an example. We explore various conditions under which a  $T\&F$ -ideal can be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal, and study various characterizations of a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal. We construct an extended property of a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal.

## 2. Preliminaries

**2.1. Basic concepts about BCK/BCI-algebras.** A  $BCI$ -algebra is defined to be an algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  that satisfies the following conditions:

- (I)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \in X) (((\dot{x} * \dot{y}) * (\dot{x} * \dot{z})) * (\dot{z} * \dot{y}) = 0)$ ,
- (II)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y} \in X) ((\dot{x} * (\dot{x} * \dot{y})) * \dot{y} = 0)$ ,
- (III)  $(\forall \dot{x} \in X) (\dot{x} * \dot{x} = 0)$ ,
- (IV)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y} \in X) (\dot{x} * \dot{y} = 0, \dot{y} * \dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{y})$ .

If a BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following condition:

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

then  $X$  is called a  $BCK$ -algebra. We define an order relation " $\leq$ " on a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  as follows:

- (1)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y} \in X) (\dot{x} \leq \dot{y} \Leftrightarrow \dot{x} * \dot{y} = 0)$ .

Every BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies:

- (2)  $(\forall \dot{x} \in X) (\dot{x} * 0 = \dot{x})$ ,
- (3)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \in X) (\dot{x} \leq \dot{y} \Rightarrow \dot{x} * \dot{z} \leq \dot{y} * \dot{z}, \dot{z} * \dot{y} \leq \dot{z} * \dot{x})$ ,
- (4)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \in X) ((\dot{x} * \dot{y}) * \dot{z} = (\dot{x} * \dot{z}) * \dot{y})$ .

A subset  $L$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  (see [6, 8]) if it satisfies:

- (5)  $0 \in L$ ,
- (6)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y} \in X) (\dot{x} * \dot{y} \in L, \dot{y} \in L \Rightarrow \dot{x} \in L)$ .

A subset  $L$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called a *positive implicative ideal* of  $X$  (see [6, 8]) if it satisfies (5) and

- (7)  $(\forall \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \in X) ((\dot{x} * \dot{y}) * \dot{z} \in L, \dot{y} * \dot{z} \in L \Rightarrow \dot{x} * \dot{z} \in L)$ .

For more information on BCI-algebra and BCK-algebra, please refer to the books [5] and [8].

**2.2. Basic concepts about True-False structures.** Let  $U$  be a universal set. A *True-False structure* (briefly,  $T\&F$ -structure) over  $U$  (see [10]) is defined to be a pair  $(U, \mathcal{A})$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  given by the following function:

- (8) 
$$\mathcal{A} : U \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \text{int}([0, 1]) \times [0, 1] \times \text{int}([0, 1]),$$

$$\dot{x} \mapsto (\varphi_A(\dot{x}), \tilde{\varphi}_A(\dot{x}), \partial_A(\dot{x}), \tilde{\partial}_A(\dot{x})),$$

where  $\text{int}([0, 1])$  is the set of all sub-intervals of  $[0, 1]$ .

A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(U, \mathcal{A})$  over  $U$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  is said to be *limited* (see [10]) if  $\varphi_A(\hat{x}) + \partial_A(\hat{x}) \leq 1$  and  $\sup \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{x}) + \sup \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{x}) \leq 1$  for all  $\hat{x} \in U$ .

By an *interval number*, we mean a closed subinterval  $\tilde{a} = [a^-, a^+]$  of  $I = [0, 1]$ , where  $0 \leq a^- \leq a^+ \leq 1$ . The interval number  $\tilde{a} = [a^-, a^+]$  with  $a^- = a^+$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{a}$ . Denote by  $[I]$  the set of all interval numbers. Let us define what is known as *refined minimum* (briefly,  $\text{rmin}$ ) 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

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

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  $\tilde{a}_1 \neq \tilde{a}_2$ ) (see [10]).

Let  $\tilde{a}_i \in [I]$  where  $i \in \Lambda$ . We define

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

For any  $\tilde{a} \in [I]$ , its *complement*, denoted by  $\tilde{a}^c$ , is defined to be the interval number (see [10])

$$\tilde{a}^c = [1 - a^+, 1 - a^-].$$

Given a (limited)  $T\&F$ -structure  $(U, \mathcal{A})$  over  $U$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$ , consider the sets which are called  $T\&F$ -*level sets* of  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $U$ :

$$\begin{aligned} U(\varphi_A; \alpha) &:= \{ \hat{x} \in U \mid \varphi_A(\hat{x}) \geq \alpha \}, \\ U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) &:= \{ \hat{x} \in U \mid \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{x}) \succcurlyeq \tilde{t} \}, \\ L(\partial_A; \beta) &:= \{ \hat{x} \in U \mid \partial_A(\hat{x}) \leq \beta \}, \\ L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s}) &:= \{ \hat{x} \in U \mid \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{x}) \preccurlyeq \tilde{s} \}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha, \tilde{t}, \beta, \tilde{s}) &:= U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{t} = [t^-, t^+]$ ,  $\tilde{s} = [s^-, s^+] \in \text{int}([0, 1])$ .

**Note.** We have to notice that the symbol  $\frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X}$  means that  $\hat{x} \in X$  and  $\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\} \in X \times X$  such that the value of the true membership function (false) of the face expression is greater (less) than the minimum (maximum) of the denominator expression.

Consider a  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a set  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$ . We let the following sets (see [10]):

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad \Omega_T^{\varphi} &:= \{ (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in X \times X : \varphi_A(\hat{x}) \geq \varphi_A(\hat{y}), \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{x}) \succcurlyeq \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{y}) \}, \\ (10) \quad \Omega_F^{\partial} &:= \{ (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in X \times X : \partial_A(\hat{x}) \leq \partial_A(\hat{y}), \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{x}) \preccurlyeq \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{y}) \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(11) \quad \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} := \left\{ \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi_A(\hat{x}) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(\hat{y}), \varphi_A(\hat{z})\} \\ \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{x}) \succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{y}), \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{z})\}, \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$(12) \quad \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} := \left\{ \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \mid \begin{array}{l} \partial_A(\hat{x}) \leq \max\{\partial_A(\hat{y}), \partial_A(\hat{z})\} \\ \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{x}) \preccurlyeq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{y}), \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{z})\} \end{array} \right\}.$$

It is clear that

$$(13) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in X) \left( (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \right),$$

$$(14) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X) \left( (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi}, (\hat{y}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \Rightarrow (\hat{x}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \right),$$

$$(15) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X) \left( (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \Omega_F^{\partial}, (\hat{y}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_F^{\partial} \Rightarrow (\hat{x}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_F^{\partial} \right),$$

$$(16) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in X) \left( (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \Omega_F^{\partial} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \right),$$

$$(17) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X) \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{z}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \right),$$

$$(18) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X) \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{z}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \right).$$

**Proposition 2.1** ([10]). *Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -structure over a set  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$ . For any  $a, \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X$ , we have*

$$(19) \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{a}{\{\hat{x}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi}, (\hat{y}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\{\hat{x}, \hat{z}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi}, \\ \frac{a}{\{\hat{x}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial}, (\hat{y}, \hat{z}) \in \Omega_F^{\partial} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\{\hat{x}, \hat{z}\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial}. \end{array}$$

**Definition 2.2** ([10]). A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  is called a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if the following assertions are valid.

$$(20) \quad (\forall \hat{x} \in X) \left( (0, \hat{x}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_F^{\partial} \right).$$

$$(21) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in X) \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{x} * \hat{y}, \hat{y}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \right).$$

If a  $T\&F$ -ideal is limited, then we say that it is a *limited  $T\&F$ -ideal*.

**Proposition 2.3** ([10]). *Every  $T\&F$ -ideal  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies:*

$$(22) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in X) \left( \hat{x} \leq \hat{y} \Rightarrow (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in \Omega_T^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_F^{\partial} \right).$$

$$(23) \quad (\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in X) \left( \hat{x} * \hat{y} \leq \hat{z} \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}, \hat{z}\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \right).$$

### 3. Positive implicative $T\&F$ -ideals

**Definition 3.1.** A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  is called a *positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies (20) and

$$(24) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( \frac{x * z}{\{(x * y) * z, y * z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial} \right).$$

**Example 3.2.** Consider a BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with the binary operation “ $*$ ” given as follows:

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

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a T&F-structure over  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  given as follows:

$X$	$\varphi_A(x)$	$\tilde{\varphi}_A(x)$	$\partial_A(x)$	$\tilde{\partial}_A(x)$
0	0.66	[0.38, 0.53]	0.47	[0.28, 0.37]
1	0.66	[0.38, 0.53]	0.47	[0.28, 0.37]
2	0.55	[0.27, 0.49]	0.56	[0.31, 0.49]
3	0.66	[0.38, 0.53]	0.47	[0.28, 0.37]
4	0.44	[0.25, 0.43]	0.67	[0.44, 0.75]

It is routine to verify that

$$0.66 = \varphi_A(3) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(3), \varphi_A(4)\} = \min\{0.66, 0.44\} = 0.44,$$

$$[0.38, 0.53] = \tilde{\varphi}_A(3) \succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(3), \tilde{\varphi}_A(4)\} = \text{rmin}\{[0.38, 0.53], [0.25, 0.43]\} = [0.25, 0.43],$$

and

$$0.47 = \partial_A(3) \leq \max\{\partial_A(3), \partial_A(4)\} \leq \max\{0.47, 0.67\} = 0.67$$

$$[0.28, 0.37] = \tilde{\partial}_A(3) \preccurlyeq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A(3), \tilde{\partial}_A(4)\} = \text{rmax}\{[0.28, 0.37], [0.44, 0.75]\} = [0.44, 0.75].$$

Similarly we can calculate all  $\Omega_{T(\min, r \min)}^\varphi, \Omega_{F(\max, r \max)}^\partial$ , for any  $x \in X$ . Clearly,  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative T&F-ideal of  $X$  which is not limited.

**Example 3.3.** Given a positive implicative ideal  $L$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$ , define a T&F-structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over  $X$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{A} : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \text{int}([0, 1]) \times [0, 1] \times \text{int}([0, 1]),$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} (\alpha, \tilde{t}, \beta, \tilde{s}) & \text{if } x \in L, \\ (1, \tilde{1}, 0, \tilde{0}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $(\alpha, \beta) \in (0, 1] \times [0, 1)$  and  $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{s}) \in \text{int}((0, 1]) \times \text{int}([0, 1])$ . According to definition of  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have,

If  $x, y, z \in L$ , then

$$\alpha = \varphi_A(x) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(y), \varphi_A(z)\} = \min\{\alpha, \alpha\} = \alpha,$$

$$\tilde{t} = \tilde{\varphi}_A(x) \succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(y), \tilde{\varphi}_A(z)\} = \text{rmin}\{\tilde{t}, \tilde{t}\} = \tilde{t},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \partial_A(x) \leq \max\{\partial_A(y), \partial_A(z)\} \leq \max\{\beta, \beta\} = \beta, \\ \tilde{s} &= \tilde{\partial}_A(x) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A(y), \tilde{\partial}_A(z)\} = \text{rmax}\{\tilde{s}, \tilde{s}\} = \tilde{s}.\end{aligned}$$

Otherwise, if  $x \notin L$  and  $y, z \in L$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \varphi_A(x) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(y), \varphi_A(z)\} = \min\{\alpha, \alpha\} = \alpha, \\ \tilde{1} &= \tilde{\varphi}_A(x) \succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(y), \tilde{\varphi}_A(z)\} = \text{rmin}\{\tilde{t}, \tilde{t}\} = \tilde{t},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \partial_A(x) \leq \max\{\partial_A(y), \partial_A(z)\} \leq \max\{\beta, \beta\} = \beta, \\ \tilde{0} &= \tilde{\partial}_A(x) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A(y), \tilde{\partial}_A(z)\} = \text{rmax}\{\tilde{s}, \tilde{s}\} = \tilde{s}.\end{aligned}$$

If  $x, y, z \notin L$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \varphi_A(x) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(y), \varphi_A(z)\} = \min\{0, 0\} = 0, \\ \tilde{1} &= \tilde{\varphi}_A(x) \succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(y), \tilde{\varphi}_A(z)\} = \text{rmin}\{\tilde{0}, \tilde{0}\} = \tilde{0},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \partial_A(x) \leq \max\{\partial_A(y), \partial_A(z)\} \leq \max\{1, 1\} = 1, \\ \tilde{0} &= \tilde{\partial}_A(x) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A(y), \tilde{\partial}_A(z)\} = \text{rmax}\{\tilde{1}, \tilde{1}\} = \tilde{1}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can calculate other cases. Obviously,  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .

We establish a relationship between a  $T\&F$ -ideal and a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal in BCK-algebras.

**Theorem 3.4.** *In a BCK-algebra, every positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal is a  $T\&F$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Using (2) and (24), we have

$$\frac{x}{\{x*y, y\}} = \frac{x*0}{\{(x*y)*0, y*0\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^{\partial},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

The following example shows that any  $T\&F$ -ideal may not be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal.

**Example 3.5.** *Consider a BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  with the binary operation “\*” given as follows:*

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

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -structure over  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  given as follows:

$X$	$\varphi_A(x)$	$\tilde{\varphi}_A(x)$	$\partial_A(x)$	$\tilde{\partial}_A(x)$
0	0.76	[0.47, 0.63]	0.22	[0.23, 0.39]
1	0.56	[0.38, 0.53]	0.37	[0.34, 0.47]
2	0.56	[0.38, 0.53]	0.37	[0.34, 0.47]
3	0.46	[0.26, 0.47]	0.58	[0.39, 0.66]

It is routine to verify that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . But it is not a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  since  $\frac{2*1}{\{(2*1)*1, 1*1\}} \notin \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial$ .

We provide conditions for a  $T\&F$ -ideal to be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies:

$$(25) \quad (\forall x, y \in X) ((x * y, (x * y) * y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial).$$

- (iii)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies:

$$(26) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) (((x * z) * (y * z), (x * y) * z) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial).$$

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . If we replace  $z$  with  $y$  in (24) and use (III), then

$$\frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, 0\}} = \frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, y*y\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Since  $(0, (x * y) * y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  by (20), it follows from Proposition 2.1 and (16) that  $(x * y, (x * y) * y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Hence (ii) is valid.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  that satisfies the condition (25). The combination of (I), (3) and (4) induces

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

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . It follows from (22) that

$$(((x * (y * z)) * z) * z, (x * y) * z) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial.$$

Since  $((x * (y * z)) * z, ((x * (y * z)) * z) * z) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  by (25), we have

$$((x * z) * (y * z), (x * y) * z) = ((x * (y * z)) * z, (x * y) * z) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial,$$

by (4), (14) and (15).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  that satisfies the condition (26). Then

$$\frac{x*z}{\{(x*z)*(y*z), y*z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  by (21). It follows from (17), (18), Proposition 2.1 and (26) that

$$\frac{x*z}{\{(x*y)*z, y*z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the condition (20) and*

$$(27) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in X) \left( \frac{x*y}{\{((x*y)*y)*z, z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial \right).$$

*Proof.* If  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  (see Theorem 3.4) and the condition (20) is obviously established. Using (4) and (21) leads to

$$(28) \quad \frac{x*y}{\{(x*z)*y, z\}} = \frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*z, z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Since  $((x*z)*y, ((x*z)*y)*y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  by (25), it follows from (4) and Proposition 2.1 that

$$\frac{x*y}{\{((x*y)*y)*z, z\}} = \frac{x*y}{\{((x*z)*y)*y, z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Conversely, suppose that a  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over  $X$  satisfies the conditions (20) and (27). Then

$$\frac{x}{\{x*z, z\}} = \frac{x*0}{\{((x*0)*0)*z, z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

for all  $x, z \in X$ . Thus  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . After we replace  $z$  with 0 in (27), we use (2) to obtain

$$\frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, 0\}} = \frac{x*y}{\{((x*y)*y)*0, 0\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . If you combine this with (20) and use Proposition 2.1, then we have

$$\frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, (x*y)*y\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

that is,  $(x*y, (x*y)*y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8** ([11]). *If a  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  satisfies the condition (23), then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .*

**Theorem 3.9.** *A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:*

$$(29) \quad ((x*y)*y)*a \leq b \Rightarrow \frac{x*y}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

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



*Proof.* Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.4. Let  $x, y, a, b \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * y) * a \leq b$ . Then

$$\frac{(x*y)*y}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

by (23). If we combine this with (25), then

$$\frac{x*y}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the condition (29). Let  $x, a, b \in X$  be such that  $x * a \leq b$ . Then  $(x * a) * b = 0$ , and so  $((x * 0) * 0) * a * b = 0$ , that is,  $((x * 0) * 0) * a \leq b$ . It follows from (2) and (29) that

$$\frac{x}{\{a, b\}} = \frac{x*0}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Hence  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Lemma 3.8. Since

$$(((x * y) * y) * ((x * y) * y)) * 0 = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $\frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, 0\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial$  by (29). Since  $(0, (x * y) * y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  by (20), it follows from Proposition 2.1 that

$$\frac{x*y}{\{(x*y)*y, (x*y)*y\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

that is,  $(x * y, (x * y) * y) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.6. □

**Theorem 3.10.** *A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:*

$$(30) \quad ((x * y) * z) * a \leq b \Rightarrow \frac{(x*z)*(y*z)}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.4. Let  $x, y, z, a, b \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * z) * a \leq b$ . Then

$$\frac{(x*y)*z}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial,$$

by (23). If we combine this with (26), then

$$\frac{(x*z)*(y*z)}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the condition (30) and let  $x, y, a, b \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * y) * a \leq b$ . Then

$$\frac{x*y}{\{a, b\}} = \frac{(x*y)*(y*y)}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial.$$

Therefore,  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.9. □

Summarizing the above results, we obtain a characterization of positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideals.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a T&F-structure over a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then the following arguments are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative T&F-ideal of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a T&F-ideal of  $X$  satisfying the condition (25).
- (iii)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a T&F-ideal of  $X$  satisfying the condition (26).
- (iv)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the conditions (20) and (27).
- (v)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the condition (29).
- (vi)  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the condition (30).

Given a T&F-structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a set  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  and a natural number  $k$ , we consider the following sets:

$$\Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} := \left\{ \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_k\}} \in \frac{X}{X^k} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi_A(\hat{x}) \geq \min\{\varphi_A(\hat{y}_1), \varphi_A(\hat{y}_2), \dots, \varphi_A(\hat{y}_k)\} \\ \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{x}) \succcurlyeq r\min\{\tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{y}_1), \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{y}_2), \dots, \tilde{\varphi}_A(\hat{y}_k)\} \end{array} \right\},$$

and

$$\Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)} := \left\{ \frac{\hat{x}}{\{\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_k\}} \in \frac{X}{X^k} \mid \begin{array}{l} \partial_A(\hat{x}) \leq \max\{\partial_A(\hat{y}_1), \partial_A(\hat{y}_2), \dots, \partial_A(\hat{y}_k)\} \\ \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{x}) \preccurlyeq r\max\{\tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{y}_1), \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{y}_2), \dots, \tilde{\partial}_A(\hat{y}_k)\} \end{array} \right\}.$$

**Lemma 3.12.** *A T&F-structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a T&F-ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:*

$$(31) \quad x * \prod_{i=1}^k a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)},$$

for all  $x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in X$ , where  $x * \prod_{i=1}^k a_i = (\dots (x * a_1) * \dots) * a_k$ .

*Proof.* Since a T&F-structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a T&F-ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:

$$(\forall x, a, b \in X) \left( (x * a) * b = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{\{a, b\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial} \right),$$

this lemma is demonstrated by inductive methods.  $\square$

In the theorems below, we investigate that Theorems 3.9 and 3.10 are expressed in a more general form.

**Theorem 3.13.** *A T&F-structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a positive implicative T&F-ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:*

$$(32) \quad \frac{x*y}{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)},$$

for all  $x, y, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in X$  with  $((x * y) * y) * \prod_{i=1}^k a_i = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.4. Suppose that  $((x * y) * y) * \prod_{i=1}^k a_i = 0$  for all  $x, y, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in X$ . Using Lemma 3.12, we have

$$\frac{(x*y)*y}{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)}.$$

If we combine this with (25), then

$$\frac{x*y}{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)},$$

which proves (32).

Conversely, suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfies the condition (32). Let  $x, y, a, b \in X$  be such that  $((x * y) * y) * a \leq b$ . Then  $((x * y) * y) * a * b = 0$  and so

$$\frac{x*y}{\{a_1, a_2\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(2)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(2)} = \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial}.$$

It follows from Theorem 3.9 that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

**Theorem 3.14.** *A  $T\&F$ -structure  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  over a BCK-algebra  $X$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies:*

$$(33) \quad \frac{(x*z)*(y*z)}{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^{\varphi(k)} \cap \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^{\partial(k)},$$

for all  $x, y, z, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in X$  with  $((x * y) * z) * \prod_{i=1}^k a_i = 0$ .

Using the notion of  $T\&F$ -level sets, we provide a characterization of a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -structure over a BCK-algebra  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if the nonempty  $T\&F$ -level sets  $U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ ,  $L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $X$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{t}, \tilde{s} \in \text{int}([0, 1])$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ , and choose  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{t}, \tilde{s} \in \text{int}([0, 1])$  where  $U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ ,  $L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  are nonempty sets. Then there exist  $x, y, a, b \in X$  such that  $x \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $y \in U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ ,  $a \in L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $b \in L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$ . It follows from (20) that  $\varphi_A(0) \geq \varphi_A(x) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(0) \succcurlyeq \tilde{\varphi}_A(y) \succcurlyeq \tilde{t}$ ,  $\partial_A(0) \leq \partial_A(a) \leq \beta$  and  $\tilde{\partial}_A(0) \preccurlyeq \tilde{\partial}_A(b) \preccurlyeq \tilde{s}$ , that is,  $0 \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that

$$(x * y) * z \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s}),$$

and

$$y * z \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s}).$$

Then  $\varphi_A((x * y) * z) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\varphi_A(y * z) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A((x * y) * z) \succcurlyeq \tilde{t}$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(y * z) \succcurlyeq \tilde{t}$ ,  $\partial_A((x * y) * z) \leq \beta$ ,  $\partial_A(y * z) \leq \beta$ ,  $\tilde{\partial}_A((x * y) * z) \preccurlyeq \tilde{s}$ , and  $\tilde{\partial}_A(y * z) \preccurlyeq \tilde{s}$ . Using (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_A(x * z) &\geq \min\{\varphi_A((x * y) * z), \varphi_A(y * z)\} \geq \alpha, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_A(x * z) &\succcurlyeq \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{\varphi}_A(y * z)\} \succcurlyeq \tilde{t}, \\ \partial_A(x * z) &\leq \max\{\partial_A((x * y) * z), \partial_A(y * z)\} \leq \beta, \\ \tilde{\partial}_A(x * z) &\preccurlyeq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A((x * y) * z), \tilde{\partial}_A(y * z)\} \preccurlyeq \tilde{s},\end{aligned}$$

and so  $x * z \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$ . Therefore  $U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ ,  $L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{t}, \tilde{s} \in \text{int}([0, 1])$ .

Conversely, suppose that the nonempty  $T\&F$ -level sets  $U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ ,  $L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $X$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{t}, \tilde{s} \in \text{int}([0, 1])$ . If there exist  $a, b, c, d \in X$  such that  $\varphi_A(0) < \varphi_A(a)$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(0) \prec \tilde{\varphi}_A(b)$ ,  $\partial_A(0) > \varphi_A(c)$ , and  $\tilde{\partial}_A(0) \succ \tilde{\partial}_A(d)$ . Then  $\varphi_A(0) < \alpha \leq \varphi_A(a)$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(0) < \tilde{t} \preccurlyeq \tilde{\varphi}_A(a)$ ,  $\partial_A(0) > \beta \geq \varphi_A(c)$  and  $\tilde{\partial}_A(0) > \tilde{s} \succcurlyeq \tilde{\varphi}_A(c)$  where  $\alpha := \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_A(0) + \varphi_A(a))$ ,  $\tilde{t} := \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\varphi}_A(0) + \tilde{\varphi}_A(b))$ ,  $\beta := \frac{1}{2}(\partial_A(0) + \partial_A(c))$  and  $\tilde{s} := \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\partial}_A(0) + \tilde{\partial}_A(d))$ . Hence  $0 \notin U(\varphi_A; \alpha) \cap U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) \cap L(\partial_A; \beta) \cap L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $(0, x) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  for all  $x \in X$ .

If (24) is false, then there exist  $a, b, c \in X$  such that

$$\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \notin \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial.$$

Then  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \setminus \left( \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \cup \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial \right)$ ,

$$\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \setminus \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial,$$

or

$$\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial \setminus \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi.$$

If  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \setminus \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial$ , then  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \notin \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial$  and so  $\partial_A(a * c) > \max\{\partial_A((a * b) * c), \partial_A(b * c)\}$  or

$$\tilde{\partial}_A(a * c) \succ \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A((a * b) * c), \tilde{\partial}_A(b * c)\}.$$

It follows that  $(a * b) * c \in L(\partial_A; \beta)$  and  $b * c \in L(\partial_A; \beta)$ , but  $a * c \notin L(\partial_A; \beta)$  for  $\beta := \max\{\partial_A((a * b) * c), \partial_A(b * c)\}$ ; or  $(a * b) * c \in L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  and  $b * c \in L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$ , but  $a * c \notin L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s})$  for  $\tilde{s} := \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_A((a * b) * c), \tilde{\partial}_A(b * c)\}$ . This is a contradiction. Now, if  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial \setminus \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi$ , then  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \notin \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi$ . Hence  $\varphi_A(a * c) < \min\{\varphi_A((a * b) * c), \varphi_A(b * c)\}$  or  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(a * c) \prec \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A((a * b) * c), \tilde{\varphi}_A(b * c)\}$ . It follows that  $(a * b) * c \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ ,  $b * c \in U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$ , and  $a * c \notin U(\varphi_A; \alpha)$  for  $\alpha := \min\{\varphi_A((a * b) * c), \varphi_A(b * c)\}$ ; or  $(a * b) * c \in U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$  and  $b * c \in U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$ , but  $a * c \notin U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t})$  for  $\tilde{t} := \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_A((a * b) * c), \tilde{\varphi}_A(b * c)\}$ . This is a contradiction.

Based on the above calculations, it is clear that the case of  $\frac{a*c}{\{(a*b)*c, b*c\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \setminus \left( \Omega_{T(\min, r\min)}^\varphi \cup \Omega_{F(\max, r\max)}^\partial \right)$  also leads to a contradiction. Therefore, (24) is valid, and consequently  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.16.** According to Example 3.2, let  $\alpha = 0.66$ ,  $\beta = 0.55$  and  $\tilde{t} = [0.27, 0.49]$ ,  $\tilde{s} = [0.3, 0.5]$ . Then  $U(\varphi_A; \alpha) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ ,  $U(\tilde{\varphi}_A; \tilde{t}) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $L(\partial_A; \beta) = \{2, 4\}$  and  $L(\tilde{\partial}_A; \tilde{s}) = \{2, 4\}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $X$  that are positive implicative ideals of  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.17.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a  $T\&F$ -structure over a BCK-algebra  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if the sets  $0_{\varphi_A} := \{x \in X \mid \varphi_A(x) = \varphi_A(0)\}$ ,  $0_{\tilde{\varphi}_A} := \{x \in X \mid \tilde{\varphi}_A(x) = \tilde{\varphi}_A(0)\}$ ,  $0_{\partial_A} := \{x \in X \mid \partial_A(x) = \partial_A(0)\}$ , and  $0_{\tilde{\partial}_A} := \{x \in X \mid \tilde{\partial}_A(x) = \tilde{\partial}_A(0)\}$  are positive implicative ideals of  $X$ .

In Example 3.5, we see that a  $T\&F$ -ideal may not be a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal. But we have the following extension property for positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideals.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  be  $T\&F$ -ideals of  $X$  with  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  and  $\mathcal{B} := (\varphi_B, \tilde{\varphi}_B, \partial_B, \tilde{\partial}_B)$ , respectively, such that

- (i)  $\varphi_A(0) = \varphi_B(0)$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(0) = \tilde{\varphi}_B(0)$ ,  $\partial_A(0) = \partial_B(0)$ ,  $\tilde{\partial}_A(0) = \tilde{\partial}_B(0)$ .
- (ii)  $\varphi_A(x) \leq \varphi_B(x)$ ,  $\partial_A(x) \geq \partial_B(x)$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_A(x) \preceq \tilde{\varphi}_B(x)$ ,  $\tilde{\partial}_A(x) \succcurlyeq \tilde{\partial}_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

If  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ , then so is  $(X, \mathcal{B})$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ . Using the given conditions and (III), (4) and (26), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_B(0) &= \varphi_A(0) = \varphi_A(((x * y) * z) * ((x * y) * z)) \\ &= \varphi_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * y) * z) \\ &\leq \varphi_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\ &\leq \varphi_B(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\ &= \varphi_B(((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_B(0) &= \partial_A(0) = \partial_A(((x * y) * z) * ((x * y) * z)) \\ &= \partial_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * y) * z) \\ &\geq \partial_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\ &\geq \partial_B(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\ &= \partial_B(((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\varphi}_B(0) &= \tilde{\varphi}_A(0) = \tilde{\varphi}_A(((x * y) * z) * ((x * y) * z)) \\
&= \tilde{\varphi}_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * y) * z) \\
&\preceq \tilde{\varphi}_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\
&\preceq \tilde{\varphi}_B(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\
&= \tilde{\varphi}_B(((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z)),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\partial}_B(0) &= \tilde{\partial}_A(0) = \tilde{\partial}_A(((x * y) * z) * ((x * y) * z)) \\
&= \tilde{\partial}_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * y) * z) \\
&\succ \tilde{\partial}_A(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\
&\succ \tilde{\partial}_B(((x * ((x * y) * z)) * z) * (y * z)) \\
&= \tilde{\partial}_B(((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z)).
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$(34) \quad (((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z), 0) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$$

where

$$\Omega_T^\varphi := \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid \varphi_B(x) \geq \varphi_B(y), \tilde{\varphi}_B(x) \succ \tilde{\varphi}_B(y)\},$$

$$\Omega_F^\partial := \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid \partial_B(x) \leq \partial_B(y), \tilde{\partial}_B(x) \preceq \tilde{\partial}_B(y)\}.$$

We will use the following sets:

$$\Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi := \left\{ \frac{x}{\{y, z\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi_B(x) \geq \min\{\varphi_B(y), \varphi_B(z)\} \\ \tilde{\varphi}_B(x) \succ \text{rmin}\{\tilde{\varphi}_B(y), \tilde{\varphi}_B(z)\}, \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$\Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial := \left\{ \frac{x}{\{y, z\}} \in \frac{X}{X \times X} \mid \begin{array}{l} \partial_B(x) \leq \max\{\partial_B(y), \partial_B(z)\} \\ \tilde{\partial}_B(x) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\tilde{\partial}_B(y), \tilde{\partial}_B(z)\} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Since  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ , we get

$$(35) \quad \frac{(x * z) * (y * z)}{\{((x * z) * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * z), (x * y) * z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial.$$

The combination of (34) and (35) induces

$$\frac{(x * z) * (y * z)}{\{0, (x * y) * z\}} \in \Omega_{T(\min, \text{rmin})}^\varphi \cap \Omega_{F(\max, \text{rmax})}^\partial,$$

and so  $((x * z) * (y * z), (x * y) * z) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$  by Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $L$  and  $X$  be two BCK-algebras and  $f : L \rightarrow X$  be a BCK-homomorphism. If  $(L, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  are two  $T\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{F}}$ -structures on  $L$  and  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{A} := (\varphi_A, \tilde{\varphi}_A, \partial_A, \tilde{\partial}_A)$  and  $\mathcal{B} := (\varphi_B, \tilde{\varphi}_B, \partial_B, \tilde{\partial}_B)$ , respectively, then*

(i) *If  $(I, \mathcal{B})$  is a positive implicative  $T\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideal of  $X$ , then  $f^{-1}(I, \mathcal{B})$  is a*

positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $L$ .

(ii) If  $f$  is onto and  $(I, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $L$ , then  $f(I, \mathcal{A})$  is a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal of  $X$ , where  $f(I, \mathcal{A})$  is defined as follows:

$$f(I, \mathcal{A}) = \begin{cases} f(\Omega_T) = \begin{cases} f(\varphi_A)(\hat{x}) &= \sup_{a \in f^{-1}(\hat{x})} \varphi_A(a), \\ f(\tilde{\varphi}_A)(\hat{x}) &= \text{rsup}_{a \in f^{-1}(\hat{x})} \tilde{\varphi}_A(a), \end{cases} \\ f(\Omega_F) = \begin{cases} f(\partial_A)(\hat{x}) &= \inf_{a \in f^{-1}(\hat{x})} \partial_A(a), \\ f(\tilde{\partial}_A)(\hat{x}) &= \text{rinf}_{a \in f^{-1}(\hat{x})} \tilde{\partial}_A(a), \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

and if  $f^{-1}(\hat{x}) = \emptyset$ , then  $f(\varphi_A)(\hat{x}) = 0$ ,  $f(\tilde{\varphi}_A)(\hat{x}) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $f(\partial_A)(\hat{x}) = 1$  and  $f(\tilde{\partial}_A)(\hat{x}) = \tilde{1}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose  $(\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z} \in f^{-1}(I, \mathcal{B})$  and  $\hat{y} * \hat{z} \in f^{-1}(I, \mathcal{B})$ . Then  $(\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z} \in f^{-1}(\Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial)$  and  $\hat{y} * \hat{z} \in f^{-1}(\Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial)$ . Thus,  $f((\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  and  $f(\hat{y} * \hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Since  $f$  is a BCK-homomorphism and  $(I, \mathcal{B})$  is a positive implicative T& F-ideal of  $X$ , we have  $(f(\hat{x}) * f(\hat{y})) * f(\hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$  and  $f(\hat{y}) * f(\hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ , and so  $f(\hat{x} * \hat{z}) = f(\hat{x}) * f(\hat{z}) \in \Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial$ . Hence,  $\hat{x} * \hat{z} \in f^{-1}(\Omega_T^\varphi \cap \Omega_F^\partial)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(I, \mathcal{B})$  is a positive implicative T& F-ideal of  $L$ .

(ii) We prove for  $f(\varphi_A)(\hat{x})$ . Suppose  $(\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z} \in f(I, \mathcal{A})$  and  $\hat{y} * \hat{z} \in f(I, \mathcal{A})$ . Since  $f$  is onto, there are  $a, b, c$  such that  $(a * b) * c \in f^{-1}((\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z})$  and  $b * c \in f^{-1}(\hat{y} * \hat{z})$ . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\varphi_A)((\hat{x} * \hat{y}) * \hat{z}) &= \sup_{(a*b)*c \in f^{-1}((\hat{x}*\hat{y})*\hat{z})} \varphi_A((a * b) * c) \geq \varphi_A((a * b) * c), \\ f(\varphi_A)(\hat{y} * \hat{z}) &= \sup_{b*c \in f^{-1}(\hat{y}*\hat{z})} \varphi_A(b * c) \geq \varphi_A(b * c). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\varphi_A)(\hat{x} * \hat{z}) &= \sup_{a*c \in f^{-1}(\hat{x}*\hat{z})} \varphi_A(a * c) \geq \varphi_A(a * c) \\ &\geq \min\left\{ \sup_{(a*b)*c \in f^{-1}((\hat{x}*\hat{y})*\hat{z})} \varphi_A((a * b) * c), \sup_{b*c \in f^{-1}(\hat{y}*\hat{z})} \varphi_A(b * c) \right\} \\ &\geq \min\{\varphi_A(b * c), \varphi_A((a * b) * c)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of other cases is similar. Therefore, an image of a positive implicative T& F ideal is a positive implicative T& F ideal.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusion

The notion of a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal is introduced in BCK-algebras, and several properties are investigated. The relationship between  $T\&F$ -ideals and positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideals is established, and by an example, we showed that a  $T\&F$ -ideal is not a positive implicative  $T\&F$ -ideal. Then various

conditions under which a  $T&F$ -ideal can be a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal are explored and various characterizations of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal are studied. The extended property of a positive implicative  $T&F$ -ideal is constructed.

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