

## On pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation

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**ABSTRACT.** A special class of pseudo-BCK algebras is that of the pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation which generalize some particular structures, such as pseudo-MV algebras. The aim of this paper is to present some new properties of the pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation. As main results, we prove some conditions for a pseudo-BCK lattice with pseudo-double negation to be distributive and we present equivalent definitions for pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation.

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### 1. Introduction

Pseudo-BCK algebras were introduced in [4] by G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu as a generalization of BCK algebras in order to give a corresponding structure to pseudo-MV algebras, since the bounded commutative BCK algebras correspond to MV algebras. More properties of pseudo-BCK algebras and their connection with other fuzzy structures were established by A. Iorgulescu in [7], [8], [9], [10]. A special class of pseudo-BCK algebras is that of pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation which generalize some particular structures, such as pseudo-MV algebras. For this reason, the investigation of properties of this class of pseudo-BCK algebras seems to be interesting and useful as well. In this paper we present some new properties of the pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation, we prove equivalent definitions for these structures and we present some conditions for a pseudo-BCK lattice with pseudo-double negation to be distributive. We also prove that every bounded locally finite pseudo-hoop is a pseudo-BCK algebra with double-negation.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** ([4]) A pseudo-BCK algebra (more precisely, reversed left-pseudo-BCK algebra) is a structure  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  where  $\leq$  is a binary relation on  $A$ ,  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightsquigarrow$  are binary operations on  $A$  and  $1$  is an element of  $A$  satisfying, for all  $x, y, z \in A$ , the axioms:

$$(A_1) \quad x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z), \quad x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z);$$

$$(A_2) \quad x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y, \quad x \leq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y;$$

$$(A_3) \quad x \leq x;$$

$$(A_4) \quad x \leq 1;$$

$$(A_5) \quad \text{if } x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x, \text{ then } x = y;$$

$$(A_6) \quad x \leq y \text{ iff } x \rightarrow y = 1 \text{ iff } x \rightsquigarrow y = 1.$$

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A pseudo-BCK algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is *commutative* if  $\rightarrow = \rightsquigarrow$ . Every commutative pseudo-BCK algebra is a BCK algebra.

**Example 2.1.** ([3]) *Let's consider  $A = \{o_1, a_1, b_1, c_1, o_2, a_2, b_2, c_2, 1\}$  with  $o_1 < a_1, b_1 < c_1 < 1$  and  $a_1, b_1$  incomparable,  $o_2 < a_2, b_2 < c_2 < 1$  and  $a_2, b_2$  incomparable. Let's also assume that any element of the set  $\{o_1, a_1, b_1, c_1\}$  is incomparable with any element of the set  $\{o_2, a_2, b_2, c_2\}$ . Consider the operations  $\rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow$  given by the following tables:*

$\rightarrow$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	$\rightsquigarrow$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1
$o_1$	1	1	1	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	$o_1$	1	1	1	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1
$a_1$	$o_1$	1	$b_1$	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	$a_1$	$b_1$	1	$b_1$	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1
$b_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	1	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	$b_1$	$o_1$	$a_1$	1	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1
$c_1$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	$c_1$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	1	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1
$o_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	1	1	1	1	1	$o_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$a_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	1	$b_2$	1	1	$a_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$b_2$	1	$b_2$	1	1
$b_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$c_2$	1	1	1	$b_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	1	1
$c_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$c_2$	$b_2$	1	1	$c_2$	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$b_2$	$c_2$	$b_2$	1	1
1	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1	1	$o_1$	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$o_2$	$a_2$	$b_2$	$c_2$	1

Then,  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK algebra.

**Proposition 2.1.** ([9], [10]) *In every pseudo-BCK algebra the following properties hold:*

- (c<sub>1</sub>)  $x \leq y$  implies  $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$  and  $y \rightsquigarrow z \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$ ;
- (c<sub>2</sub>)  $x \leq y, y \leq z$  implies  $x \leq z$ ;
- (c<sub>3</sub>)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$  and  $x \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)$ ;
- (c<sub>4</sub>)  $z \leq y \rightarrow x$  iff  $y \leq z \rightsquigarrow x$ ;
- (c<sub>5</sub>)  $z \rightarrow x \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)$      $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x)$ ;
- (c<sub>6</sub>)  $x \leq y \rightarrow x, \quad x \leq y \rightsquigarrow x$ ;
- (c<sub>7</sub>)  $1 \rightarrow x = x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x$ ;
- (c<sub>8</sub>)  $x \leq y$  implies  $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$  and  $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y$ ;
- (c<sub>9</sub>)  $[(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x] \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x, \quad [(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x] \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** ([11]) *Let  $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  be a pseudo-BCK algebra. If  $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i$  exists, then so does  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \rightarrow y)$  and  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \rightsquigarrow y)$  and we have:*

- (c<sub>10</sub>)  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \rightarrow y = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \rightarrow y), \quad (\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \rightsquigarrow y = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \rightsquigarrow y)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([7]) *If there is an element 0 of a pseudo-BCK algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ , such that  $0 \leq x$  (i.e.  $0 \rightarrow x = 0 \rightsquigarrow x = 1$ ), for all  $x \in A$ , then 0 is called the zero of  $\mathcal{A}$ . A pseudo-BCK algebra with zero is called bounded pseudo-BCK algebra and it is denoted by  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ .*

**Example 2.2.** ([3]) *Let's consider  $A = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  with  $0 < a, b < c < 1$  and  $a, b$  incomparable. Consider the operations  $\rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow$  given by the following tables:*

$\rightarrow$	0	a	b	c	1	$\rightsquigarrow$	0	a	b	c	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
a	0	1	b	1	1	a	b	1	b	1	1
b	a	a	1	1	1	b	0	a	1	1	1
c	0	a	b	1	1	c	0	a	b	1	1
1	0	a	b	c	1	1	0	a	b	c	1

Then,  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  is a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra.

**Definition 2.3.** ([7]) A pseudo-BCK algebra with (pP) condition (i.e. with pseudo-product condition) or a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra for short, is a pseudo-BCK algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  satisfying (pP) condition:

(pP) there exists, for all  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \odot y = \min\{z \mid x \leq y \rightarrow z\} = \min\{z \mid y \leq x \rightsquigarrow z\}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Any bounded linearly ordered pseudo-BCK algebra is with (pP) condition (see [7]). If the pseudo-BCK algebra is not bounded this result is not always valid, as we can see in the following example communicated by J. Kühr.

Let  $(Q, +, 0, \leq)$  be the additive group of rationals with the usual linear order and take  $A = \{x \in Q : -\sqrt{2} < x \leq 0\}$ . Then  $(A, \rightarrow, 0)$  is a linear BCK algebra with  $x \rightarrow y = \min\{0, y - x\}$ . We have  $\{z \in A : (-1) \leq (-1) \rightarrow z = \min\{0, z + 1\}\} = A$ , thus  $(-1) \odot (-1) = \min A$  doesn't exist in  $(A, \rightarrow, 0)$ .

**Example 2.3.** (1) If  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  is the bounded pseudo-BCK lattice from Example 2.2, then  $\min\{z \mid b \leq a \rightarrow z\} = \min\{a, b, c, 1\}$  and  $\min\{z \mid a \leq b \rightsquigarrow z\} = \min\{a, b, c, 1\}$  do not exist. Thus,  $b \odot a$  does not exist, so  $\mathcal{A}$  is not a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Moreover, since  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice, it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a pseudo-BCK lattice. (2) If  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  is a reduct of a residuated lattice, then it is obvious that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

Let  $(A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  is the bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in A$  we put  $x^0 = 1$  and  $x^{n+1} = x^n \odot x = x \odot x^n$ . The order of  $x \in A$ , denoted  $\text{ord}(x)$  is the smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^n = 0$ . If there is no such  $n$ , then  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ . A pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra  $A$  is *locally finite* if for any  $x \in A$ ,  $x \neq 1$  implies  $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$ .

We recall the definition and some properties of pseudo-hoops which supply some examples of structures studied in this paper. Pseudo-hoops were originally introduced by Bosbach in [1] and [2] under the name of *complementary semigroups* and their properties were recently studied in [5].

**Definition 2.4.** ([5]) A pseudo-hoop is an algebra  $(A, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  of the type  $(2, 2, 2, 0)$  such that, for all  $x, y, z \in A$ :

- (H<sub>1</sub>)  $x \odot 1 = 1 \odot x = x$ ;
- (H<sub>2</sub>)  $x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1$ ;
- (H<sub>3</sub>)  $(x \odot y) \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$ ;
- (H<sub>4</sub>)  $(x \odot y) \rightsquigarrow z = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)$ ;
- (H<sub>5</sub>)  $(x \rightarrow y) \odot x = (y \rightarrow x) \odot y = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y) = y \odot (y \rightsquigarrow x)$ .

If the operation  $\odot$  is commutative, or equivalently  $\rightarrow = \rightsquigarrow$ , then the pseudo-hoop is said to be *hoop*. On the pseudo-hoop  $A$  we define  $x \leq y$  iff  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  (equivalent to  $x \rightsquigarrow y = 1$ ) and  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ . A pseudo-hoop  $A$  is bounded if there is an element  $0 \in A$  such that  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** ([5]) In every pseudo-hoop  $(A, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  the following hold:

- (h<sub>1</sub>)  $(A, \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice with  $x \wedge y = (x \rightarrow y) \odot x = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y)$ ;
- (h<sub>2</sub>)  $x \odot y \leq z$  iff  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$  iff  $y \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$ ;
- (h<sub>3</sub>)  $x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1$ ;
- (h<sub>4</sub>)  $1 \rightarrow x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x = x$ ;
- (h<sub>5</sub>)  $x \rightarrow 1 = x \rightsquigarrow 1 = 1$ ;
- (h<sub>6</sub>)  $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y$ ;
- (h<sub>7</sub>)  $x \leq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y$ ;
- (h<sub>8</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ ;
- (h<sub>9</sub>)  $x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Every pseudo-hoop is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-hoop. We will prove that it is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

(A<sub>1</sub>) follows from (h<sub>8</sub>) and (h<sub>9</sub>);

(A<sub>2</sub>) follows from (h<sub>6</sub>) and (h<sub>7</sub>);

(A<sub>3</sub>) follows from (h<sub>3</sub>);

(A<sub>4</sub>) follows from (h<sub>5</sub>);

(A<sub>5</sub>) and (A<sub>6</sub>) follow by the definition of  $\leq$  and from the fact that  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ .

The (pP) condition is a consequence of (h<sub>2</sub>). Thus,  $(A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.  $\square$

**Definition 2.5.** ([7], [12]) (1) *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  be a pseudo-BCK algebra. If the poset  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice, then we say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a pseudo-BCK lattice.*

(2) *An algebra  $(A, \vee, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is called pseudo-BCK join-semilattice if  $(A, \vee)$  is a join-semilattice,  $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK algebra and  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  iff  $x \vee y = y$ .*

(3) *An algebra  $(A, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK meet-semilattice if  $(A, \wedge)$  is a meet-semilattice,  $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK algebra and  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  iff  $x \wedge y = x$ .*

**Example 2.4.** (1) *In the case of the pseudo-BCK algebra from Example 2.2, since  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice, it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a pseudo-BCK lattice;*

(2) *One can easily check that the pseudo-BCK algebra from Example 2.1 is a pseudo-BCK join-semilattice;*

(3) *Given a pseudo-hoop  $(A, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ , applying the property (h<sub>1</sub>) it follows that  $(A, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$  is a pseudo-BCK meet-semilattice, where  $x \wedge y = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y) = (x \rightarrow y) \odot x$ .*

**Proposition 2.5.** ([10]) *In a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra the following hold:*

$$(c_{11}) \quad 1^- = 0 = 1^\sim, \quad 0^- = 1 = 0^\sim;$$

$$(c_{12}) \quad x \leq (x^-)^\sim, \quad x \leq (x^\sim)^-;$$

$$(c_{13}) \quad x \rightarrow y \leq y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-, \quad x \rightsquigarrow y \leq y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim;$$

$$(c_{14}) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } y^- \leq x^- \text{ and } y^\sim \leq x^\sim;$$

$$(c_{15}) \quad x \rightarrow y^\sim = y \rightsquigarrow x^- \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow y^- = y \rightarrow x^\sim;$$

$$(c_{16}) \quad ((x^-)^\sim)^- = x^-, \quad ((x^\sim)^-)^- = x^\sim.$$

**Proposition 2.6.** *In a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra the following hold:*

$$(c_{17}) \quad x \rightarrow y^{-\sim} = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{-\sim} \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-} = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-};$$

$$(c_{18}) \quad x \rightarrow y^\sim = y^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^\sim \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow y^- = y^{-\sim} \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^-;$$

$$(c_{19}) \quad (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} = x \rightarrow y^{\sim-} \text{ and } (x \rightsquigarrow y^{-\sim})^{\sim-} = x \rightsquigarrow y^{-\sim}.$$

*Proof.* (c<sub>17</sub>): By (c<sub>15</sub>) we have :  $y \rightsquigarrow x^- = x \rightarrow y^\sim$ . Replacing  $y$  with  $y^-$  we get :  $y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ . Replacing  $x$  with  $x^{-\sim}$  in the last equality we get:  $y^- \rightsquigarrow x^{-\sim-} = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ . Hence, applying (c<sub>16</sub>) it follows that:  $y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ . Thus,  $x \rightarrow y^{\sim-} = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ .

Similarly,  $x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-} = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}$ .

(c<sub>18</sub>): The assertions follow replacing in (c<sub>17</sub>)  $y$  with  $y^\sim$  and respectively  $y$  with  $y^-$  and applying (c<sub>16</sub>).

(c<sub>19</sub>): Applying (c<sub>3</sub>) and (c<sub>18</sub>) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) = x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}) = \\ & \quad x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}) = (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \leq x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ . On the other hand, by (c<sub>12</sub>) we have  $x \rightarrow y^{\sim-} \leq (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-}$ , so  $(x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} = x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}$ .  
Similarly,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} = x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *In every bounded pseudo-BCK lattice  $A$  we have:*

$$(c_{20}) (x \vee y)^- = x^- \wedge y^-, \quad (x \vee y)^{\sim} = x^{\sim} \wedge y^{\sim}.$$

*Proof.* According to (c<sub>10</sub>), for all  $x, y, z \in A$  we have:

$$(x \vee y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \wedge (y \rightarrow z) \text{ and } (x \vee y) \rightsquigarrow z = (x \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge (y \rightsquigarrow z).$$

Taking  $z = 0$  we get  $(x \vee y)^- = x^- \wedge y^-$  and  $(x \vee y)^{\sim} = x^{\sim} \wedge y^{\sim}$ .  $\square$

### 3. On pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation

In this section we prove equivalent definitions for pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-double negation and we present some conditions for a pseudo-BCK lattice with pseudo-double negation to be distributive. For the case of a BCK algebra, some of these results were established in [6]. We also prove that every bounded locally finite pseudo-hoop satisfies the pseudo-double negation condition.

**Definition 3.1.** ([7]) *A pseudo-BCK algebra with (pDN) condition (i.e. with pseudo-double negation condition) or a pseudo-BCK(pDN) algebra for short is a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  satisfying the condition:*

$$(pDN) \quad (x^-)^{\sim} = (x^{\sim})^- = x \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

**Example 3.1.** ([8]) *Let  $(G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be a linearly ordered  $\ell$ -group and let  $u \in G$ ,  $u < 0$ . Define*

$$x \rightarrow y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq y \\ (u - x) \vee y, & \text{if } x > y \end{cases}$$

$$x \rightsquigarrow y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq y \\ (-x + u) \vee y, & \text{if } x > y. \end{cases}$$

*Then,  $\mathcal{A} = ([u, 0], \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0 = u, 1 = 0)$  is a pseudo-BCK(pDN) algebra.*

**Proposition 3.1.** ([7]) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a pseudo-BCK algebra with (pDN) condition. Then, for all  $x, y \in A$  the following hold:*

- (c<sub>21</sub>)  $x \leq y$  iff  $y^- \leq x^-$  iff  $y^{\sim} \leq x^{\sim}$ ;
- (c<sub>22</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-$ ,  $x \rightsquigarrow y = y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim}$ ;
- (c<sub>23</sub>)  $x^{\sim} \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x$ ;
- (c<sub>24</sub>)  $(x \rightarrow y^-)^{\sim} = (y \rightsquigarrow x^{\sim})^-$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *In every bounded pseudo-BCK(pDN) lattice  $A$  we have:*

$$(c_{25}) (x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim} = (x^{\sim} \vee y^{\sim})^- = x \wedge y.$$

*Proof.* By (c<sub>20</sub>) we have  $(x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim} = x^{\sim-} \wedge y^{\sim-} = x \wedge y$ .

Similarly,  $(x^{\sim} \vee y^{\sim})^- = x \wedge y$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a pseudo-BCK algebra. For all  $x, y \in A$ , define (see [4], [10]):

$$x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y, \quad x \cup y = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y.$$

As a consequence of the property (c<sub>9</sub>), we can see that in every pseudo-BCK algebra the following hold:

$$x \vee y \rightarrow y = x \rightarrow y \text{ and } x \cup y \rightsquigarrow y = x \rightsquigarrow y$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

According to [4], a pseudo-BCK algebra  $A$  is said to be *sup-commutative* if:

$$x \vee y = y \vee x \text{ and } x \cup y = y \cup x \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

It is easy to check that a sup-commutative pseudo-BCK algebra is a pseudo-BCK(pDN) algebra. It was proved in [7] that the bounded sup-commutative pseudo-BCK algebras are categorically isomorphic with pseudo-MV algebras. It also was proved in [7] that a bounded sup-commutative pseudo-BCK algebra is an equivalent definition of a pseudo-Wajsberg algebra. We also mention that the sup-commutative pseudo-BCK algebras are called in [11]) commutative pseudo-BCK algebras.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be a bounded pseudo-BCK(pDN) algebra and  $x, y \in A$ . If  $x \wedge y$  exists, then  $x^- \vee y^-$ ,  $x^\sim \vee y^\sim$  exist and:*

$$(c_{26}) \quad (x \wedge y)^- = x^- \vee y^-, \quad (x \wedge y)^\sim = x^\sim \vee y^\sim.$$

*Proof.* Since  $x \wedge y \leq x, y$ , we get  $x^-, y^- \leq (x \wedge y)^-$ . It follows that  $(x \wedge y)^-$  is an upper bound of  $x^-$  and  $y^-$ . Let  $u$  be an arbitrary upper bound of  $x^-$  and  $y^-$ , that is  $x^-, y^- \leq u$ . Since  $A$  is with (pDN), we get  $u^\sim \leq x, y$ , so  $u^\sim \leq x \wedge y$ . Finally we get  $(x \wedge y)^- \leq u$ , so  $(x \wedge y)^-$  is the least upper bound of  $x^-$  and  $y^-$ . Thus,  $x^- \vee y^-$  exists and  $(x \wedge y)^- = x^- \vee y^-$ .

Similarly,  $x^\sim \vee y^\sim$  exists and  $(x \wedge y)^\sim = x^\sim \vee y^\sim$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *In every bounded pseudo-BCK(pDN) lattice  $A$  we have:*

$$(c_{27}) \quad (x^- \wedge y^-)^\sim = (x^\sim \wedge y^\sim)^- = x \vee y.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Every bounded locally finite pseudo-hoop is with (pDN).*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a bounded locally finite pseudo-hoop and  $x \in A$ . If  $x = 0$ , then  $0^{-\sim} = 0^{\sim-} = 0$ . Suppose  $x \neq 0$  and we prove that  $x^{-\sim} = x$ . By (c<sub>21</sub>) we have  $x \leq x^{-\sim}$ . Suppose that  $x^{-\sim} \not\leq x$ , hence  $x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x \neq 1$ . Since  $A$  is locally finite, there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  such that  $(x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x)^n = 0$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x^- &= (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x^{-\sim-} = (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow 0) = \\ (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \odot x^{-\sim} \rightarrow 0 &= (x \wedge x^{-\sim}) \rightarrow 0 = x \rightarrow 0 = x^-. \\ (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x)^2 \rightarrow x^- &= (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow ((x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x^-) = (x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x^- = \\ &x^-. \end{aligned}$$

By induction we get  $(x^{-\sim} \rightarrow x)^n \rightarrow x^- = x^-$ . Thus,  $0 \rightarrow x^- = x^-$ , so  $x^- = 1$ . Hence,  $x = 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $x^{-\sim} \leq x$ , so  $x^{-\sim} = x$ .

Similarly  $x^{\sim-} = x$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra. The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $A$  is with (pDN) condition;
- (b)  $x \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-$  and  $x \rightsquigarrow y = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim$ ;
- (c)  $x^\sim \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x$  and  $x^- \rightsquigarrow y = y^\sim \rightarrow x$ ;
- (d)  $x^- \leq y$  implies  $y^\sim \leq x$  and  $x^\sim \leq y$  implies  $y^- \leq x$ .

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): By (c<sub>15</sub>) we have:

$$x \rightarrow y = x \rightarrow y^{-\sim} = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow y = x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-} = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim.$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): By (c<sub>15</sub>) we have:  $x^\sim \rightarrow y^{-\sim} = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^{\sim-}$ .

Applying (b) we get:  $x^\sim \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^{\sim-}$  and  $y^- \rightsquigarrow x = x^\sim \rightarrow y^{-\sim}$ .

Thus,  $x^\sim \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x$ . Similarly,  $x^- \rightsquigarrow y = y^\sim \rightarrow x$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): If  $x^- \leq y$ , then  $x^- \rightsquigarrow y = 1$ . Applying (c) we get  $y^\sim \rightarrow x = 1$ , that is  $y^\sim \leq x$ .

Similarly,  $x^\sim \leq y$  implies  $y^- \leq x$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): From  $x^- \leq x^-$  and (d) we have  $x^{-\sim} \leq x$ . Taking into consideration (c<sub>12</sub>) we get  $x^{-\sim} = x$ .

Similarly,  $x^{\sim-} = x$ . Thus,  $A$  is with (pDN) condition.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$  a bounded pseudo-BCK(pDN) algebra, then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $(A, \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice;
- (b)  $(A, \leq)$  is a join-semilattice;
- (c)  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): Consider  $x, y \in A$ . Since  $A$  is a meet-semilattice, then  $x^- \wedge y^-$  exists. Applying (c<sub>26</sub>), it follows that  $x^{-\sim} \vee y^{-\sim}$  exists, that is  $x \vee y$  exists.

Thus,  $A$  is a join-semilattice.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Because  $A$  is a join-semilattice it follows that  $x^- \vee y^-$  exists for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence, by (c<sub>25</sub>),  $x \wedge y = (x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim}$ . Thus,  $x \wedge y$  exists, so  $A$  is a lattice.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): It is obvious, since  $A$  is a lattice.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *In every bounded pseudo-BCK(pDN) lattice the following hold:*

- (1)  $y \rightarrow (\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y \rightarrow x_i)$ ;
- (2)  $y \rightsquigarrow (\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y \rightsquigarrow x_i)$

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2 we have:  $(x^- \vee y^-) \rightsquigarrow z^- = (x^- \rightsquigarrow z^-) \wedge (y^- \rightsquigarrow z^-)$ .

Applying (c<sub>15</sub>) we get:  $z \rightarrow (x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim} = (z \rightarrow x^{-\sim}) \wedge (z \rightarrow y^{-\sim})$ .

By (c<sub>25</sub>) we have:  $(x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim} = x \wedge y$ . Hence,  $z \rightarrow (x \wedge y) = (z \rightarrow x) \wedge (z \rightarrow y)$ .

By induction we get assertion (1).

(2) Similarly as (1).  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** *If the pseudo-BCK lattice  $A$  is without (pDN), then the results of Proposition 3.4 do not hold. Indeed, in the pseudo-BCK lattice  $A$  from Example 2.2 we have  $a \rightarrow (a \wedge b) = a \rightarrow 0 = 0$ , while  $(a \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b) = 1 \wedge b = b$ .*

*Thus,  $a \rightarrow (a \wedge b) \neq (a \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b)$ .*

**Proposition 3.5.** *In every pseudo-BCK(pDN) lattice the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $(x \wedge y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \vee (y \rightarrow z)$  and  $(x \wedge y) \rightsquigarrow z = (x \rightsquigarrow z) \vee (y \rightsquigarrow z)$ ;
- (C<sub>2</sub>)  $z \rightarrow (x \vee y) = (z \rightarrow x) \vee (z \rightarrow y)$  and  $z \rightsquigarrow (x \vee y) = (z \rightsquigarrow x) \vee (z \rightsquigarrow y)$ .

*Proof.* (C<sub>1</sub>)  $\Rightarrow$  (C<sub>2</sub>): By the second identity from (C<sub>1</sub>) we have:

$$(x^- \wedge y^-) \rightsquigarrow z^- = (x^- \rightsquigarrow z^-) \vee (y^- \rightsquigarrow z^-).$$

Applying (c<sub>15</sub>) we get:  $(x^- \wedge y^-) \rightsquigarrow z^- = z \rightarrow (x^- \wedge y^-)^{\sim} = z \rightarrow (x \vee y)$ .

By (c<sub>22</sub>) we have:  $(x^- \rightsquigarrow z^-) \vee (y^- \rightsquigarrow z^-) = (z \rightarrow x) \vee (z \rightarrow y)$ .

Thus,  $z \rightarrow (x \vee y) = (z \rightarrow x) \vee (z \rightarrow y)$ .

Similarly, from the first identity of (C<sub>1</sub>) we get the second identity from (C<sub>2</sub>).

(C<sub>2</sub>)  $\Rightarrow$  (C<sub>1</sub>): By the second identity from (C<sub>2</sub>) we get:

$$z^- \rightsquigarrow (x^- \vee y^-) = (z^- \rightsquigarrow x^-) \vee (z^- \rightsquigarrow y^-).$$

Applying (c<sub>23</sub>) we have:

$$(x^- \vee y^-)^{\sim} \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \vee (y \rightarrow z).$$

Thus,  $(x \wedge y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \vee (y \rightarrow z)$ .

Similarly, from the first identity of (C<sub>2</sub>) we get the second identity from (C<sub>1</sub>).  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** *The class of pseudo-BCK(pDN) lattices satisfying the conditions (C<sub>1</sub>) and (C<sub>2</sub>) is not empty. Indeed, one can see that every pseudo-MV algebra satisfies these conditions.*

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a pseudo-BCK lattice such that at least one of the following identities holds:*

- (C<sub>1</sub><sup>1</sup>)  $(x \wedge y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \vee (y \rightarrow z)$ ,

$$(C_1^2) \quad (x \wedge y) \rightsquigarrow z = (x \rightsquigarrow z) \vee (y \rightsquigarrow z).$$

Then  $(A, \leq)$  is distributive.

*Proof.* Let's denote  $u = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$ . Obviously,  $x \leq u$  and  $y \wedge z \leq u$ .

It follows that  $u$  is an upper bound of  $x$  and  $y \wedge z$ .

Let's consider  $v$  an arbitrary upper bound of  $x$  and  $y \wedge z$ , that is  $x \leq v$  and  $y \wedge z \leq v$ .

By Proposition 2.2 we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (x \vee y) \rightarrow v &= (x \rightarrow v) \wedge (y \rightarrow v) = y \rightarrow v \text{ and} \\ (x \vee z) \rightarrow v &= (x \rightarrow v) \wedge (z \rightarrow v) = z \rightarrow v. \end{aligned}$$

If the identity  $(C_1^1)$  is satisfied, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [(x \vee y) \rightarrow v] \vee [(x \vee z) \rightarrow v] &= (y \rightarrow v) \vee (z \rightarrow v) = (y \wedge z) \rightarrow v = 1 \text{ and} \\ [(x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)] \rightarrow v &= [(x \vee y) \rightarrow v] \vee [(x \vee z) \rightarrow v] = 1, \end{aligned}$$

that is  $(x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z) \leq v$ , so  $u \leq v$ .

Thus,  $u$  is the least upper bound of  $x$  and  $y \wedge z$ .

We conclude that  $x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$ , that is  $(A, \leq)$  is distributive.

Similar, if  $(C_2^1)$  is satisfied, we get the same conclusion.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *If  $A$  is a pseudo-BCK( $pDN$ ) lattice satisfying  $(C_1)$  or  $(C_2)$ , then  $(A, \leq)$  is distributive.*

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