

LOCAL PSEUDO-BCK ALGEBRAS WITH PSEUDO-PRODUCT

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ABSTRACT. Pseudo-BCK algebras were introduced 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. Properties of pseudo-BCK algebras and their connections with other fuzzy structures were established by A. Iorgulescu and J. Kühr. The aim of this paper is to define and study the local pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-product. We will also introduce the notion of perfect pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-product and we will study their properties. We define the radical of a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra with pseudo-product and we prove that it is a normal deductive system. Another result consists of proving that every strongly simple pseudo-hoop is a local bounded pseudo-BCK algebra with pseudo-product.

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1. Introduction

Pseudo-BCK algebras were introduced in [11] 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. Properties of pseudo-BCK algebras and their connections with others fuzzy structures were established by A. Iorgulescu in [15], [16], [17], [18]. The pseudo-product property (pP for short) proved to be very important to establish connections of pseudo-BCK algebras with other fuzzy structures. It was proved in [17] that the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras are categorically equivalent with the partially ordered residuated integral monoids (porims) and it was proved in [15] that the pseudo-BCK(pP) lattices

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are termwise equivalent with the residuated lattices which generalize other structures such as pseudo-MTL algebras, bounded divisible non-commutative algebras ($R\ell$ -monoids), pseudo-BL algebras and pseudo-MV algebras. Pseudo-Iséki algebras were introduced in [18] and it was proved that they are categorically equivalent with the pseudo-BL algebras. J. Kühr proved in [20] that every pseudo-BCK algebra is a subreduct of a residuated lattice. Deductive systems of a pseudo-BCK algebra were introduced and studied in [14].

Local MV-algebras were studied in [1], local BL-algebras were studied in [25], while local bounded commutative $R\ell$ -monoids were investigated in [24]. For the case of non-commutative structures, local pseudo-MV algebras were presented in [22], local pseudo-BL algebras in [12], local pseudo-MTL algebras in [6] and local residuated lattices in [5]. Recently, properties of local bounded non-commutative $R\ell$ -monoids were investigated in [23]. In this paper we study new properties of the deductive systems of a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and we define and study the primary and the perfect deductive systems of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. We define and study the local pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-product. We will also introduce the notion of perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra with pseudo-product and we will study their properties. The local bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras are characterized in terms of primary deductive systems, while the perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras are characterized in terms of perfect deductive systems. One of the main results consists of proving that the radical of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra is normal. We also prove that every strongly simple pseudo-hoop is a local bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Additionally, we prove some new properties of pseudo-BCK algebras.

2. Pseudo-BCK algebras and their basic properties

DEFINITION 2.1. ([15]) 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:

- (A₁) $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z), x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z);$
- (A₂) $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y, x \leq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y;$
- (A₃) $x \leq x;$
- (A₄) $x \leq 1;$
- (A₅) if $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$, then $x = y;$
- (A₆) $x \leq y$ iff $x \rightarrow y = 1$ iff $x \rightsquigarrow y = 1.$

Remark 2.2. ([15]) A pseudo-BCK algebra $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ is *commutative* iff $\rightarrow = \rightsquigarrow$. Any commutative pseudo-BCK algebra is a BCK algebra.

Example 2.3. 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. Assume also 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
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
b_1	a_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
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
b_2	o_1	a_1	b_1	c_1	c_2	c_2	1	1	1
c_2	o_1	a_1	b_1	c_1	o_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

\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
a_1	b_1	1	b_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
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	b_2	1	b_2	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	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

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

PROPOSITION 2.4. ([17], [18]) *In any pseudo-BCK algebra the following properties hold:*

- (c₁) $x \leq y$ implies $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$ and $y \rightsquigarrow z \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$;
- (c₂) $x \leq y, y \leq z$ implies $x \leq z$;
- (c₃) $x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$;
- (c₄) $z \leq y \rightarrow x$ iff $y \leq z \rightsquigarrow x$;

- (c₅) $z \rightarrow x \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)$ and $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x)$;
 (c₆) $x \leq y \rightarrow x, x \leq y \rightsquigarrow x$;
 (c₇) $1 \rightarrow x = x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x$;
 (c₈) $x \leq y$ implies $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$ and $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y$;
 (c₉) $[(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x] \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x, [(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x] \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$.

DEFINITION 2.5. ([15]) 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 $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$.

We note that \leq is a partial order on A , thus A is bounded if it has least element with respect to \leq .

Example 2.6. 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
0	1	1	1	1	1
a	0	1	b	1	1
b	a	a	1	1	1
c	0	a	b	1	1
1	0	a	b	c	1

\rightsquigarrow	0	a	b	c	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
a	b	1	b	1	1
b	0	a	1	1	1
c	0	a	b	1	1
1	0	a	b	c	1

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

DEFINITION 2.7. ([15]) 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:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(pP)} \quad (\forall x, y \in A)(\exists w \in A) (w = x \odot y := \min\{z : x \leq y \rightarrow z\} \\
 = \min\{z : y \leq x \rightsquigarrow z\}).
 \end{aligned}$$

If A is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \in A$ we put $x^0 = 1$ and $x^{n+1} = x^n \odot x = x \odot x^n$. If A is bounded, 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 $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$.

DEFINITION 2.8. ([15])

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

A pseudo-BCK(pP) lattice $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ will be denoted by

$$\mathcal{A} = (A, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1).$$

Remarks 2.9.

(1) ([17]) Pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras are categorically isomorphic with *left-porims* (partially ordered, residuated, integral left-monoids).

(2) ([15]) (Bounded) pseudo-BCK(pP) lattices are categorically isomorphic with (bounded) integral residuated lattices.

Example 2.10.

(1) If $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ is the bounded pseudo-BCK lattice from Example 2.6, then $\min\{z : b \leq a \rightarrow z\} = \min\{a, b, c, 1\}$ and $\min\{z : a \leq b \rightsquigarrow z\} = \min\{a, b, c, 1\}$ 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.

Example 2.11. ([16]) Take $A = \{0, a_1, a_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ with $0 < a_1 < a_2 < s < a, b < n < c, d < m < 1$ (a is incomparable with b and c is incomparable with d). Consider the operations $\rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow$ given by the following tables:

\rightarrow	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a_1	a_1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a_2	a_1	a_1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
s	0	a_1	a_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a	0	a_1	a_2	m	1	m	1	1	1	1	1
b	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	1	1	1	1	1	1
n	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	1	1	1	1	1
c	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	1	m	1	1
d	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	m	1	1	1
m	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	m	m	1	1
1	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1

\rightsquigarrow	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a_1	a_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a_2	0	a_1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
s	0	a_1	a_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
a	0	a_1	a_2	m	1	m	1	1	1	1	1
b	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	1	1	1	1	1	1
n	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	1	1	1	1	1
c	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	1	m	1	1
d	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	m	1	1	1
m	0	a_1	a_2	m	m	m	m	m	m	1	1
1	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1

Then $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ is a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. The operation \odot is given by the following table:

\odot	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_1	0	0	0	a_1	a_1	a_1	a_1	a_1	a_1	a_1	a_1
a_2	0	a_1	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2	a_2
s	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
a	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	a
b	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	b
n	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	n
c	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	c
d	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	d
m	0	a_1	a_2	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	m
1	0	a_1	a_2	s	a	b	n	c	d	m	1

PROPOSITION 2.12. ([18]) *In any pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra the following properties hold:*

- (c₁₀) $x \odot y \leq x, y$;
- (c₁₁) $(x \rightarrow y) \odot x \leq x, y$, $x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y) \leq x, y$;
- (c₁₂) $y \leq x \rightarrow (y \odot x)$, $y \leq x \rightsquigarrow (x \odot y)$;
- (c₁₃) $x \rightarrow y \leq (x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z)$, $x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (z \odot x) \rightsquigarrow (z \odot y)$;
- (c₁₄) $x \odot (y \rightarrow z) \leq y \rightarrow (x \odot z)$, $(y \rightsquigarrow z) \odot x \leq y \rightsquigarrow (z \odot x)$;
- (c₁₅) $(y \rightarrow z) \odot (x \rightarrow y) \leq x \rightarrow z$, $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \odot (y \rightsquigarrow z) \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$;
- (c₁₆) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \odot y) \rightarrow z$, $x \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = (y \odot x) \rightsquigarrow z$;
- (c₁₇) $(x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z) \leq x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y)$, $(z \odot x) \rightsquigarrow (z \odot y) \leq x \rightsquigarrow (z \rightsquigarrow y)$;

$$(c_{18}) \quad x \rightarrow y \leq (x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z) \leq x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y), \\ x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (z \odot x) \rightsquigarrow (z \odot y) \leq x \rightsquigarrow (z \rightsquigarrow y);$$

$$(c_{19}) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } x \odot z \leq y \odot z \text{ and } z \odot x \leq z \odot y.$$

Let $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ be a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra. We define two negations $-$ and \sim ([18]): for all $x \in A$,

$$x^- = x \rightarrow 0, \quad x^\sim = x \rightsquigarrow 0.$$

PROPOSITION 2.13. ([18]) *In a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra the following hold:*

$$(c_{20}) \quad 1^- = 0 = 1^\sim, \quad 0^- = 1 = 0^\sim;$$

$$(c_{21}) \quad x \leq (x^-)^\sim, \quad x \leq (x^\sim)^-;$$

$$(c_{22}) \quad x \rightarrow y \leq y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-, \quad x \rightsquigarrow y \leq y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim;$$

$$(c_{23}) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } y^- \leq x^- \text{ and } y^\sim \leq x^\sim;$$

$$(c_{24}) \quad x \rightarrow y^\sim = y \rightsquigarrow x^-;$$

$$(c_{25}) \quad ((x^-)^\sim)^- = x^-, \quad ((x^\sim)^-)^- = x^\sim.$$

PROPOSITION 2.14. *In a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra the following hold:*

$$(c_{26}) \quad x \rightarrow y^{-\sim} = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{-\sim} \text{ and } \\ x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-} = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-};$$

$$(c_{27}) \quad x \rightarrow y^\sim = y^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^\sim \text{ and } \\ x \rightsquigarrow y^- = y^{-\sim} \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^-;$$

$$(c_{28}) \quad (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} = x \rightarrow y^{\sim-} \text{ and } (x \rightsquigarrow y^{-\sim})^{\sim-} = x \rightsquigarrow y^{-\sim}.$$

Proof.

$$(c_{26}): \text{ By } (c_{24}) \text{ we have: } y \rightsquigarrow x^- = x \rightarrow y^\sim.$$

$$\text{Replacing } y \text{ with } y^- \text{ we get: } y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x \rightarrow y^{-\sim}.$$

$$\text{Replacing } x \text{ with } x^{-\sim} \text{ in the last equality we get: } y^- \rightsquigarrow x^{-\sim-} = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{-\sim}.$$

$$\text{Hence, applying } (c_{25}) \text{ it follows that: } y^- \rightsquigarrow x^- = x^{-\sim} \rightarrow y^{-\sim}.$$

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

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

(c₂₇): The assertions follow replacing in (c₂₆), y with y^\sim and respectively y with y^- and applying (c₂₅).

(c₂₈): Applying (c₃) and (c₂₇) we have:

$$1 = (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) = x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}) \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}) \\ = x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}) = (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}).$$

$$\text{Hence, } (x \rightarrow y^{\sim-})^{\sim-} \leq x \rightarrow y^{\sim-}.$$

On the other hand, by (c₂₁) 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 2.15. ([15]) *In a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra the following hold:*

- (c₂₉) $(x_{n-1} \rightarrow x_n) \odot (x_{n-2} \rightarrow x_{n-1}) \odot \cdots \odot (x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \leq x_1 \rightarrow x_n$ and
 $(x_1 \rightsquigarrow x_2) \odot (x_2 \rightsquigarrow x_3) \odot \cdots \odot (x_{n-1} \rightsquigarrow x_n) \leq x_1 \rightsquigarrow x_n$;
- (c₃₀) $x \odot 0 = 0 \odot x = 0$;
- (c₃₁) $x \odot 1 = 1 \odot x = x$;
- (c₃₂) $x^- \odot x = 0$ and $x \odot x^\sim = 0$;
- (c₃₃) $x \leq y^-$ iff $x \odot y = 0$ and $x \leq y^\sim$ iff $y \odot x = 0$;
- (c₃₄) $x \rightarrow y^- = (x \odot y)^-$ and $x \rightsquigarrow y^\sim = (y \odot x)^\sim$;
- (c₃₅) $x \leq y^-$ iff $y \leq x^\sim$;
- (c₃₆) $x \leq x^\sim \rightarrow y$ and $x \leq x^- \rightsquigarrow y$.

DEFINITION 2.16. ([15]) A bounded pseudo-BCK algebra $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ is with (pDN) (*pseudo-Double Negation*) condition if it satisfies the following condition:

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

PROPOSITION 2.17. ([15]) *Let \mathcal{A} be a pseudo-BCK algebra with (pDN) condition. Then for all $x, y \in A$ the following hold:*

- (c₃₇) $x \leq y$ iff $y^- \leq x^-$ iff $y^\sim \leq x^\sim$;
- (c₃₈) $x \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-, x \rightsquigarrow y = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim$;
- (c₃₉) $x^\sim \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x$;
- (c₄₀) $(x \rightarrow y^-)^\sim = (y \rightsquigarrow x^\sim)^-$.

THEOREM 2.18. ([15]) *A bounded pseudo-BCK algebra $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ with (pDN) condition is with (pP) condition, where*

$$x \odot y = (x \rightarrow y^-)^\sim = (y \rightsquigarrow x^\sim)^-$$

(by (c₄₀)).

DEFINITION 2.19. A bounded pseudo-BCK algebra \mathcal{A} is called *good* if

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

Remark 2.20. It is easy to show that any bounded pseudo-BCK algebra can be extended to a good one. Indeed, consider the bounded pseudo-BCK algebra $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ and an element $0_1 \notin A$. Consider a new pseudo-BCK algebra $\mathcal{A}_1 = (A_1, \leq, \rightarrow_1, \rightsquigarrow_1, 0_1, 1)$, where $A_1 = A \cup \{0_1\}$ and the operations \rightarrow_1 and \rightsquigarrow_1 are defined as follows:

$$x \rightarrow_1 y = \begin{cases} x \rightarrow y, & \text{if } x, y \in A, \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0_1, y \in A_1, \\ 0_1, & \text{if } x \in A, y = 0_1, \end{cases}$$

$$x \rightsquigarrow_1 y = \begin{cases} x \rightsquigarrow y, & \text{if } x, y \in A, \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0_1, y \in A_1, \\ 0_1, & \text{if } x \in A, y = 0_1. \end{cases}$$

One can easily check that \mathcal{A}_1 is a good pseudo-BCK algebra.

Example 2.21. Consider the pseudo-BCK lattice \mathcal{A} from Example 2.11. Since $(a_1^-)^{\sim} = a_2$ and $(a_1^-)^{-} = a_1$, it follows that \mathcal{A} is not good. \mathcal{A} is extended to the good pseudo-BCK algebra (see [16]) $\mathcal{A}_1 = (A_1, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$, where $A = \{0, a_1, a_2, b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ with $0 < a_1 < a_2 < b_2 < s < a, b < n < c, d < m < 1$ (a is incomparable with b and c is incomparable with d). The operations \rightarrow and \rightsquigarrow are constructed in the way described in Remark 2.20.

PROPOSITION 2.22. *In any good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra the following properties hold:*

- (1) $(x^{\sim} \odot y^{\sim})^{-} = (x^{-} \odot y^{-})^{\sim}$;
- (2) $x^{-\sim} \odot y^{-\sim} \leq (x \odot y)^{-\sim}$.

Proof. Applying (c₃₄), (c₂₄), (c₂₅) we have:

$$(1): (x^{\sim} \odot y^{\sim})^{-} = x^{\sim} \rightarrow y^{\sim-} = x^{\sim} \rightarrow y^{-\sim} = y^{-\sim-} \rightsquigarrow x^{\sim-} = y^{-} \rightsquigarrow x^{\sim-} = y^{-} \rightsquigarrow x^{-\sim} = (x^{-} \odot y^{-})^{\sim}.$$

$$(2): \text{Because the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra is good and by (c}_{11}\text{)}, we have: \\ (x \odot y)^{-\sim} = (x \odot y)^{\sim-} \geq x^{\sim-} \odot (x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \odot y)^{\sim-}) = x^{\sim-} \odot (x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \odot y)^{-\sim}) = x^{\sim-} \odot (x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{-})^{\sim}).$$

$$\text{Applying (c}_{16}\text{)} we get: x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{-})^{\sim} = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow ((x \rightarrow y^{-}) \rightsquigarrow 0) = [(x \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-}] \rightsquigarrow 0 = [(x \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-}]^{\sim} = [(x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-}]^{\sim}.$$

(By (c₂₆) replacing y with y^{-} we have $x \rightarrow y^{-} = x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^{-}$).

Applying (c₁₁) we have $(x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-} \leq y^{-}$, hence

$$[(x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-}]^{\sim} \geq y^{-\sim}.$$

Thus, $(x \odot y)^{-\sim} \geq x^{\sim-} \odot (x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y^{-})^{\sim}) = x^{\sim-} \odot [(x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^{-}) \odot x^{\sim-}]^{\sim} \geq x^{\sim-} \odot y^{-\sim}$. \square

Similarly as in [23] for the case of bounded non-commutative $R\ell$ -monoids, a good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A which satisfies the identity $(x \odot y)^{-\sim} = x^{\sim-} \odot y^{-\sim}$ for all $x, y \in A$ will be called *normal* pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

PROPOSITION 2.23. *Let $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ be a good pseudo-BCK algebra. We define a binary operation \oplus on A by $x \oplus y := y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim-}$. Then, for all $x, y \in A$ the following hold:*

- (1) $x \oplus y = x^{-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}$,
- (2) $x, y \leq x \oplus y$,
- (3) $x \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus x = x^{\sim-}$,

- (4) $x \oplus 1 = 1 \oplus x = 1$,
- (5) $(x \oplus y)^{\sim -} = x \oplus y = x^{\sim -} \oplus y^{\sim -}$,
- (6) \oplus is associative.

Proof.

(1) It follows by (c₂₆), second identity, replacing x with x^- .

(2) Since $x \leq x^{\sim -} \leq y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim -}$, it follows that $x \leq x \oplus y$.

Similarly, $y \leq y^{\sim -} \leq x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim -}$, so $y \leq x \oplus y$.

(3) $x \oplus 0 = 0^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim -} = 1 \rightarrow x^{\sim -} = x^{\sim -}$.

Similarly, $0 \oplus x = x^{\sim} \rightarrow 0^{\sim -} = x^{\sim} \rightarrow 0 = x^{\sim -}$.

(4) $1 \oplus x = x^{\sim} \rightarrow 1^{\sim -} = x^{\sim} \rightarrow 1 = 1$. Similarly, $x \oplus 1 = 1$.

(5) $(x \oplus y)^{\sim -} = (y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim -})^{\sim -} = y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim -} = x \oplus y$ (we applied (c₂₈)).

We also have: $x^{\sim -} \oplus y^{\sim -} = (y^{\sim -})^{\sim} \rightarrow (x^{\sim -})^{\sim -} = y^{\sim} \rightarrow x^{\sim -} = x \oplus y$.

(6) Applying (c₂₈) and (c₃) we get:

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = (x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim -}) \oplus z = z^{\sim} \rightarrow (x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim -})^{\sim -} = z^{\sim} \rightarrow (x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim -}) = x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow (z^{\sim} \rightarrow y^{\sim -}) = x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow (y \oplus z) = x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow (y \oplus z)^{\sim -} = x \oplus (y \oplus z). \quad \square$$

PROPOSITION 2.24. *If $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ is a good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then*

$$x \oplus y = (y^- \odot x^-)^{\sim} = (y^{\sim} \odot x^{\sim})^-.$$

Proof. It follows applying (c₃₄). \square

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \in A$ we put $0x = 0$, $1x = x$ and $(n+1)x = nx \oplus x = x \oplus nx$ for $n \geq 1$.

PROPOSITION 2.25. *If $\mathcal{A} = (A, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0, 1)$ is a normal pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then the following hold for all $x, y \in A$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$:*

- (1) $(x \odot y)^- = y^- \oplus x^-$ and $(x \odot y)^{\sim} = y^{\sim} \oplus x^{\sim}$;
- (2) $((x \odot y)^n)^- = n(y^- \oplus x^-)$ and $((x \odot y)^n)^{\sim} = n(y^{\sim} \oplus x^{\sim})$;
- (3) $(x^n)^- = nx^-$ and $(x^n)^{\sim} = nx^{\sim}$.

Proof.

$$(1) (x \odot y)^- = (x \odot y)^{-\sim -} = (x^{\sim -} \odot y^{\sim -})^- = y^{\sim -} \oplus x^{\sim -} = y^- \oplus x^-;$$

$$(x \odot y)^{\sim} = (x \odot y)^{\sim - \sim} = (x^{\sim -} \odot y^{\sim -})^{\sim} = y^{\sim -} \oplus x^{\sim -} = y^{\sim} \oplus x^{\sim};$$

(2) For $n = 2$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} ((x \odot y)^2)^- &= [(x \odot y) \odot (x \odot y)]^- = [(x \odot y) \odot (x \odot y)]^{-\sim -} = [(x \odot y)^{-\sim} \odot \\ & (x \odot y)^{-\sim}]^- = (x \odot y)^{-\sim -} \oplus (x \odot y)^{-\sim -} = (x \odot y)^- \oplus (x \odot y)^- = (y^- \oplus x^-) \oplus \\ & (y^- \oplus x^-) = 2(y^- \oplus x^-). \end{aligned}$$

By induction we get $((x \odot y)^n)^- = n(y^- \oplus x^-)$ and similarly $((x \odot y)^n)^\sim = n(y^\sim \oplus x^\sim)$;

(3) It follows from (2) for $y = 1$. \square

3. Deductive systems of pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-product

In this section we will define the notion of deductive system for a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and we will extend some results proved in [8], [9], [12], [5], [6] for the case of pseudo-BL algebras, pseudo-MTL algebras and residuated lattices.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let \mathcal{A} be pseudo-BCK algebra. The subset $D \subseteq A$ is called *deductive system* of A if it satisfies the following conditions:

(DS₁) $1 \in D$;

(DS₂) for all $x, y \in A$, if $x, x \rightarrow y \in D$, then $y \in D$.

The condition (DS₂) is equivalent with the following condition:

(DS'₂) for all $x, y \in A$, if $x, x \rightsquigarrow y \in D$, then $y \in D$.

We will denote by $\mathcal{DS}(A)$ the set of all deductive systems of A .

Obviously, $\{1\}, A \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$.

A deductive system D of a pseudo-BCK algebra \mathcal{A} is called *proper* if $D \neq A$.

DEFINITION 3.2. A deductive system D of a pseudo-BCK algebra \mathcal{A} is called *normal* if it satisfies the condition:

(DS₃) for all $x, y \in A$, $x \rightarrow y \in D$ iff $x \rightsquigarrow y \in D$.

The normal deductive system is called *compatible deductive system* in [19], but for an easier connection with the previous results, in this paper we will use the notion of normal deductive system.

We will denote by $\mathcal{DS}_n(A)$ the set of all normal deductive systems of A .

It is obvious that $\{1\}, A \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$ and $\mathcal{DS}_n(A) \subseteq \mathcal{DS}(A)$.

DEFINITION 3.3. Let \mathcal{A} be pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. The subset $\emptyset \neq F \subseteq A$ is called *filter* of A if it satisfies the following conditions:

(F₁) $x, y \in F$ implies $x \odot y \in F$;

(F₂) $x \in F, y \in A, x \leq y$ implies $y \in F$.

One can easily check that in the case of a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra the definition of the filter is equivalent with the definition of the deductive system.

PROPOSITION 3.4. ([7]) *If A is a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then the sets*

$$A_0^- = \{x \in A : x^- = 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad A_0^\sim = \{x \in A : x^\sim = 0\}$$

are proper deductive systems of A .

PROPOSITION 3.5. ([7]) *Let A be a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra and $H \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$. Then:*

- (1) $x^- \in H$ iff $x^\sim \in H$;
- (2) $x \in H$ implies $(x^-)^- \in H$ and $(x^\sim)^\sim \in H$.

DEFINITION 3.6. A deductive system is called *maximal* if it is proper and not strictly contained in any other deductive system. Denote:

$$\text{Max}(A) := \{F : F \text{ is maximal deductive system of } A\},$$

$$\text{Max}_n(A) := \{F : F \text{ is maximal normal deductive system of } A\}.$$

Clearly, $\text{Max}_n(A) \subseteq \text{Max}(A)$.

PROPOSITION 3.7. ([7]) *Any proper deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK algebra A can be extended to a maximal deductive system of A .*

Examples 3.8.

(1) Let A be the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.11 and $D_1 = \{s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$, $D_2 = \{a_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{DS}(A) &= \{\{1\}, D_1, D_2, A\}, & \text{Max}(A) &= \{D_2\}, \\ \mathcal{DS}_n(A) &= \{\{1\}, D_1, A\}, & \text{Max}_n(A) &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

(2) In the case of the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A_1 from Example 2.21, denoting by $D_1 = \{a_1, a_2, b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$, $D_2 = \{b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ and $D_3 = \{s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{DS}(A) &= \{\{1\}, D_1, D_2, D_3, A\}, & \text{Max}(A) &= \{D_1\}, \\ \mathcal{DS}_n(A) &= \{\{1\}, D_1, D_3, A\}, & \text{Max}_n(A) &= \{D_1\}. \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 3.9. For every subset $X \subseteq A$, the smallest deductive system of A containing X (i.e. the intersection of all deductive systems $D \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$ such that $X \subseteq D$) is called the deductive system *generated by X* and will be denoted by $\langle X \rangle$. If $X = \{x\}$ we write $\langle x \rangle$ instead of $\langle \{x\} \rangle$.

LEMMA 3.10. ([12]) *Let A be a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $x, y \in A$. Then:*

- (1) $\langle x \rangle$ is proper iff $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$;
- (2) if $x \leq y$ and $\text{ord}(y) < \infty$, then $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$;
- (3) if $x \leq y$ and $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$, then $\text{ord}(y) = \infty$.

PROPOSITION 3.11. ([8]) *If A is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $X \subseteq A$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X \rangle &= \{y \in A : y \geq x_1 \odot x_2 \odot \cdots \odot x_n \text{ for some } n \geq 1 \\ &\quad \text{and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X\} \\ &= \{y \in A : x_1 \rightarrow (x_2 \rightarrow (\dots (x_n \rightarrow y) \dots)) = 1 \text{ for some } n \geq 1 \\ &\quad \text{and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X\} \\ &= \{y \in A : x_1 \rightsquigarrow (x_2 \rightsquigarrow (\dots (x_n \rightsquigarrow y) \dots)) = 1 \text{ for some } n \geq 1 \\ &\quad \text{and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$

Remarks 3.12. ([8]) Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Then:

- (1) If X is a deductive system of A , then $\langle X \rangle = X$;
- (2) $\langle x \rangle = \{y \in A : y \geq x^n \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$.
 $\langle x \rangle$ is called *principal* deductive system;
- (3) If D is a deductive system of A and $x \in A$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) = \langle D \cup \{x\} \rangle &= \{y \in A : y \geq (d_1 \odot x^{n_1}) \odot (d_2 \odot x^{n_2}) \odot \cdots \odot (d_m \odot x^{n_m}) \\ &\quad \text{for some } m \geq 1, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m \geq 0, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \in D\}. \end{aligned}$$

The next result is obvious.

LEMMA 3.13. *Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and D a proper deductive system of A . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) D is maximal;
- (b) for all $x \in A$, if $x \notin D$ then $\langle D \cup \{x\} \rangle = A$.

PROPOSITION 3.14. ([4]) *If D_1, D_2 are nonempty subsets of a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A such that $1 \in D_1 \cap D_2$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_1 \cup D_2 \rangle &= \{x \in A : x \geq (d_1 \odot d'_1) \odot (d_2 \odot d'_2) \odot \cdots \odot (d_n \odot d'_n) \\ &\quad \text{for some } n \geq 1, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \in D_1, d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_n \in D_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

The next result can be proved similarly as in [5] for the case of the residuated lattices.

LEMMA 3.15. *Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $H \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$. Then:*

- (1) For any $x \in A$ and $h \in H$ there is $h' \in H$ such that $x \odot h \geq h' \odot x$;
- (2) For any $x \in A$ and $h \in H$ there is $h'' \in H$ such that $h \odot x \geq x \odot h''$.

PROPOSITION 3.16. *Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, $H \in \mathcal{D}S_n(A)$ and $x \in A$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) = \langle H \cup \{x\} \rangle &= \{y \in A : y \geq h \odot x^n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, h \in H\} \\ &= \{y \in A : y \geq x^n \odot h \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, h \in H\} \\ &= \{y \in A : x^n \rightarrow y \in H \text{ for some } n \geq 1\} \\ &= \{y \in A : x^n \rightsquigarrow y \in H \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 3.17. *Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and H a proper normal deductive system of A . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $H \in \text{Max}_n(A)$;
- (b) for all $x \in A$, if $x \notin H$, then for any $y \in A$, $x^n \rightarrow y \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$;
- (c) for all $x \in A$, if $x \notin H$, then for any $y \in A$, $x^n \rightsquigarrow y \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$.

Proof.

(a) \implies (b): Since H is maximal, then by Lemma 3.13, $\langle H \cup \{x\} \rangle = A$ and applying Proposition 3.16 we get the assertion (b);

(b) \implies (a): Let $x \in A \setminus H$. By (b), for all $y \in A$ we have $x^n \rightarrow y \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$. Since $(x^n \rightarrow y) \odot x^n \leq y$, then by Proposition 3.16 it follows that $y \in \langle H \cup \{x\} \rangle$. Hence, $\langle H \cup \{x\} \rangle = A$. Applying Lemma 3.13 we get that $H \in \text{Max}_n(A)$;

(a) \iff (c): Similarly as (a) \iff (b). □

Based on Proposition 3.14 and Lemma 3.15 we can prove the following result.

PROPOSITION 3.18. *If A is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $D_1, D_2 \in \mathcal{D}S_n(A)$, then*

$$\langle D_1 \cup D_2 \rangle = \{x \in A : x \geq u \odot v \text{ for some } u \in D_1, v \in D_2\}.$$

DEFINITION 3.19. A bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is *locally finite* if for any $x \in A$, $x \neq 1$ implies $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$.

PROPOSITION 3.20. ([7]) *Let A be a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. The following are equivalent:*

- (a) A is locally finite;
- (b) $\{1\}$ is the unique proper deductive system of A .

THEOREM 3.21. *If D is a proper deductive system of A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $D \in \text{Max}(A)$;
- (b) *For any $x \notin D$ there is $d \in D$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n, m \geq 1$ such that $(d \odot x^n)^m = 0$.*

Proof.

(a) \implies (b): Since $0 \in A = \langle D \cup \{x\} \rangle$, by Remark 3.12 it follows that there exist $m \geq 1$, $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m \geq 0$, $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \in D$ such that

$$(d_1 \odot x^{n_1}) \odot (d_2 \odot x^{n_2}) \odot \dots \odot (d_m \odot x^{n_m}) = 0.$$

Taking $n = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m\}$ and $d = d_1 \odot d_2 \odot \dots \odot d_m \in D$ we get

$$(d \odot x^n)^m \leq (d_1 \odot x^{n_1}) \odot (d_2 \odot x^{n_2}) \odot \dots \odot (d_m \odot x^{n_m}) = 0.$$

It follows that $(d \odot x^n)^m = 0$.

(b) \implies (a): Assume that there is a proper deductive system E of A such that $D \subset E$, $D \neq E$. Then, there exists $x \in E$ such that $x \notin D$. By the hypothesis, there exist $d \in D$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(d \odot x^n)^m = 0$. Since $x, d \in E$, it follows that $0 \in E$, hence $E = A$ which is a contradiction. Thus, $D \in \text{Max}(A)$. \square

The next result follows from Corollary 3.17.

THEOREM 3.22. *If H is a proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $H \in \text{Max}_n(A)$;
- (b) *For any $x \in A$, $x \notin H$ iff $(x^n)^- \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$;*
- (c) *For any $x \in A$, $x \notin H$ iff $(x^n)^\sim \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

According to [21], the class of pseudo-BCK algebras is not closed under homomorphic images. In other words, there exist congruences $\theta \in \text{Con}(A)$ such that the quotient algebra $(A/\theta, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1/\theta)$ is not a pseudo-BCK algebra (see [21], Example 2.2.3).

A congruence $\theta \in \text{Con}(A)$ such that the quotient algebra $(A/\theta, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1/\theta)$ is a pseudo-BCK algebra is called in [21] *relative congruence*. With any $H \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$ we associate a binary relation \equiv_H on A by defining $x \equiv_H y$ iff $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x \in H$ iff $x \rightsquigarrow y, y \rightsquigarrow x \in H$.

For a given $H \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$ the relation \equiv_H is an equivalence relation on A .

It was proved in [21] that $\theta_H = \equiv_H$ is a relative congruence of $(A, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$, that is A/θ_H becomes a pseudo-BCK algebra with the natural operations induced from those of A . Moreover, the congruence θ_H is also compatible with the operation \odot . Indeed, if $x \equiv_H y$ and $a \equiv_H b$, we prove that $x \odot a \equiv_H y \odot b$. From $x \geq (x \rightarrow y) \odot x$ and $a \geq (b \rightarrow a) \odot b$, it follows that $x \odot a \geq (x \rightarrow y) \odot x \odot (b \rightarrow a) \odot b$. Since $b \rightarrow a \in H$, by Lemma 3.15 there exists $h' \in H$ such

that $x \odot (b \rightarrow a) \odot b \geq h' \odot x \odot b$. It follows that $x \odot a \geq (x \rightarrow y) \odot h' \odot x \odot b$, hence $(x \rightarrow y) \odot h' \leq x \odot b \rightarrow x \odot a$. Since $(x \rightarrow y) \odot h' \in H$, we get that $x \odot b \rightarrow x \odot a \in H$. Similarly, $x \odot a \rightarrow x \odot b \in H$, so $x \odot a \equiv_H x \odot b$. One can analogously show that $x \odot b \equiv_H y \odot b$ whence $x \odot a \equiv_H y \odot b$.

Thus, A/θ_H is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. This algebra is called the *quotient* of A by θ_H and it will be denoted shortly A/H . For any $x \in A$, let x/H be the congruence class x/\equiv_H of x , hence $A/H = \{x/H : x \in A\}$.

The next result is obvious.

LEMMA 3.23. *If H be a normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A , then:*

- (1) $x/H = 1/H$ iff $x \in H$;
- (2) $x/H = 0/H$ iff $x^- \in H$ iff $x^\sim \in H$;
- (3) $x/H \leq y/H$ iff $x \rightarrow y \in H$ iff $x \rightsquigarrow y \in H$.

PROPOSITION 3.24. *If H is a proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $H \in \text{Max}_n(A)$;
- (b) A/H is locally finite.

Proof. H is maximal iff the condition (b) from Theorem 3.22 is satisfied. This condition is equivalent with: for any $x \in A$, $x/H \neq 1/H$ iff $(x^n)^-/H = 1/H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $(x/H)^n = 0/H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff A/H is locally finite. \square

PROPOSITION 3.25. *If A is a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $D = A \setminus \{0\} \in \text{Max}(A)$, then A is good.*

Proof. Obviously $(0^-)^\sim = (0^\sim)^- = 0$. Assume $x > 0$, that is, $x \in D$. If $x^-, x^\sim \in D$ it follows that $x^- \odot x, x \odot x^\sim \in D$, that is $0 \in D$, a contradiction.

Thus, $x^- = x^\sim = 0$, hence $(x^-)^\sim = (x^\sim)^- = 1$. Therefore, $(x^-)^\sim = (x^\sim)^-$ for all $x \in A$, so A is a good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. \square

PROPOSITION 3.26. *Let A be a linearly ordered pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, $D \in \text{Max}(A)$ and $x, y \in A$. Then:*

- (1) $y \notin D$ and $y \odot x = x$ implies $x = 0$;
- (2) $y \notin D$ and $x \odot y = x$ implies $x = 0$.

Proof.

(1) Consider $y \in A \setminus D$ such that $y \odot x = x$. Assume $x \in A$, $x > 0$ and consider $E = \{z \in A : z \odot x = x\}$. First we prove that E is a proper deductive system. Obviously, $1, y \in E$ and $0 \notin E$. Consider $z \in A$ such that $y \rightarrow z \in E$, so $(y \rightarrow z) \odot x = x$. Since $(y \rightarrow z) \odot y \odot x = (y \rightarrow z) \odot x = x$, it follows that $x = [(y \rightarrow z) \odot y] \odot x \leq z \odot x \leq x$. Thus, $z \odot x = x$, hence $z \in E$. Therefore,

E is a proper deductive system. Since $y \in E$ and D is maximal, it follows that $y \in D$, a contradiction. Thus, $x = 0$.

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

DEFINITION 3.27. Let A and B be two bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras. A function $f: A \longrightarrow B$ is a *homomorphism* if it satisfies the following conditions, for all $x, y \in A$:

- (H₁) $f(x \odot y) = f(x) \odot f(y)$;
- (H₂) $f(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow f(y)$;
- (H₃) $f(x \rightsquigarrow y) = f(x) \rightsquigarrow f(y)$;
- (H₄) $f(0) = 0$.

Remark 3.28. If $f: A \longrightarrow B$ is a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras homomorphism, then one can easily prove that the following hold for all $x \in A$:

- (H₅) $f(1) = 1$;
- (H₆) $f(x^-) = (f(x))^-$;
- (H₇) $f(x^\sim) = (f(x))^\sim$;
- (H₈) if $x, y \in A$, $x \leq y$, then $f(x) \leq f(y)$.

The *kernel* of f is the set $\ker(f) = f^{-1}(1) = \{x \in A : f(x) = 1\}$.

The function $\pi_H: A \longrightarrow A/H$ defined by $\pi_H(x) = x/H$ for any $x \in A$ is a surjective homomorphism which is called the *canonical projection* from A to A/H . One can easily prove that $\ker(\pi_H) = H$.

The proofs of the results in the next proposition are obvious.

PROPOSITION 3.29. Let A and B be non-trivial pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras. If $f: A \longrightarrow B$ is a homomorphism, then the following hold:

- (1) $\ker(f)$ is a proper deductive system of A .
- (2) f is injective iff $\ker(f) = \{1\}$.
- (3) If $G \in \mathcal{DS}(B)$, then $f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$ and $\ker(f) \subseteq f^{-1}(G)$.
If $G \in \mathcal{DS}_n(B)$, then $f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$. In particular $\ker(f) \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$.
- (4) If f is surjective and $D \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$ such that $\ker(f) \subseteq D$, then $f(D) \in \mathcal{DS}(B)$.

PROPOSITION 3.30. If $f: A \longrightarrow B$ is a surjective bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebras homomorphism, then there is a bijective correspondence between $\{D : D \in \mathcal{DS}(A), \ker(f) \subseteq D\}$ and $\mathcal{DS}(B)$.

Proof. By Proposition 3.29, for any $D \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$ such that $\ker(f) \subseteq D$ and $G \in \mathcal{DS}(B)$ there is the correspondence $D \mapsto f(D)$ and $G \mapsto f^{-1}(G)$ between the two sets.

We have to prove that $f^{-1}(f(D)) = D$ and $f(f^{-1}(G)) = G$. Since f is surjective, it follows that $f(f^{-1}(G)) = G$. Obviously, $D \subseteq f^{-1}(f(D))$ always holds.

Suppose that $x \in f^{-1}(f(D))$, then $f(x) \in f(D)$, so there is $x' \in D$ such that $f(x) = f(x')$. We have $f(x') \rightarrow f(x) = 1$, so $f(x' \rightarrow x) = 1$, that is $x' \rightarrow x \in \ker(f) \subseteq D$.

From $x', x' \rightarrow x \in D$ we get $x \in D$. Thus, $f^{-1}(f(D)) = D$. \square

COROLLARY 3.31. *If $D \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$, then:*

- (1) $\pi_D(E) \in \mathcal{DS}(A/D)$, where $E \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$ such that $D \subseteq E$;
- (2) the correspondence $E \mapsto \pi_D(E)$ is a bijection between $\{F : F \in \mathcal{DS}(A), D \subseteq F\}$ and $\mathcal{DS}(A/D)$.

Proof.

(1) It follows from Proposition 3.29(4);

(2) It follows from Proposition 3.30. \square

PROPOSITION 3.32. *If $D, H \in \mathcal{DS}_n(A)$ such that $H \subseteq D$, then $D \in \text{Max}(A)$ iff $\pi_H(D) \in \text{Max}(A/H)$.*

Proof. We will apply Theorem 3.22. Suppose that $D \in \text{Max}(A)$ and let $y \in A/H$, $y \notin \pi_H(D)$. It follows that there is $x \in A$ such that $y = \pi_H(x) = x/H$. Obviously, $x \notin D$. Since $D \in \text{Max}(A)$, it follows that:

$(x^n)^- \in D$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $\pi_H((x^n)^-) \in \pi_H(D)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $\pi_H(((x/H)^n)^-) \in \pi_H(D)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $(y^n)^- \in \pi_H(D)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus, $\pi_H(D) \in \text{Max}(A/H)$. The converse can be proved in a similar way. \square

COROLLARY 3.33. *If H is a proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A , then there is a bijection between $\{D : D \in \text{Max}(A), H \subseteq D\}$ and $\text{Max}(A/H)$.*

PROPOSITION 3.34. *If P is a proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) for all $x, y \in A$, $((x \odot y)^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $(x^m)^- \in P$ or $(y^m)^- \in P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (b) for all $x, y \in A$, $((x \odot y)^n)^\sim \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $(x^m)^\sim \in P$ or $(y^m)^\sim \in P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. It is obvious taking into consideration that, since P is a normal deductive system, then $x^- \in P$ iff $x^\sim \in P$ for all $x \in A$. \square

DEFINITION 3.35. A proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is called *primary* if it satisfies one of the above equivalent conditions.

Remark 3.36. If the bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is normal, then its primary deductive systems can be dually characterized by means of the operation \oplus . Indeed, if P is a proper normal deductive system of A , applying Proposition 2.25 we have:

$$((x \odot y)^n)^- = n(y^- \oplus x^-), \quad (x^m)^- = mx^- \quad \text{and} \quad (y^m)^- = my^-$$

for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, a proper normal deductive system P of the normal pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is primary if it satisfies the following condition for all $x, y \in A$:

if $n(y^- \oplus x^-) \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $mx^- \in P$ or $my^- \in P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Obviously, the above condition is equivalent with the following:

if $n(y^\sim \oplus x^\sim) \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $mx^\sim \in P$ or $my^\sim \in P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

4. Local pseudo-BCK algebras with pseudo-product

DEFINITION 4.1. A pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra is called *local* if it has a unique maximal deductive system.

In this section by a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra we mean a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, even though some notions and properties are valid for an arbitrary pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

We will denote:

$$D(A) = \{x \in A : \text{ord}(x) = \infty\} \quad \text{and} \quad D(A)^* = \{x \in A : \text{ord}(x) < \infty\}.$$

Obviously, $D(A) \cap D(A)^* = \emptyset$ and $D(A) \cup D(A)^* = A$.

We also can remark that $1 \in D(A)$ and $0 \in D(A)^*$.

Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $D \in \mathcal{DS}(A)$. We will use the following notations:

$$D_-^* = \{x \in A : x \leq y^- \text{ for some } y \in D\},$$

$$D_\sim^* = \{x \in A : x \leq y^\sim \text{ for some } y \in D\}.$$

The next results can be proved similarly as in [5] for the case of the residuated lattices.

PROPOSITION 4.2. ([7]) *Let A be a local pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Then:*

- (1) *any proper deductive system of A is included in the unique maximal deductive system of A ;*
- (2) *A_0^- and A_0^\sim are included in the unique maximal deductive system of A .*

THEOREM 4.3. *Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $D(A)$ is a deductive system of A ;
- (b) $D(A)$ is a proper deductive system of A ;
- (c) A is local;
- (d) $D(A)$ is the unique maximal deductive system of A ;
- (e) for all $x, y \in A$, $\text{ord}(x \odot y) < \infty$ implies $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$ or $\text{ord}(y) < \infty$.

COROLLARY 4.4. *If A is a local pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then:*

- (1) for any $x \in A$, $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$ or $[\text{ord}(x^-) < \infty$ and $\text{ord}(x^\sim) < \infty]$;
- (2) $D(A)_-^* \subseteq D(A)^*$ and $D(A)_\sim^* \subseteq D(A)^*$;
- (3) $D(A) \cap D(A)_-^* = D(A) \cap D(A)_\sim^* = \emptyset$.

Example 4.5. Consider the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.11. One can easily check that $D(A) = \{a_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ and it is a deductive system of A , so A is a local pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

PROPOSITION 4.6. ([7]) *Any linearly ordered pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra is local.*

PROPOSITION 4.7. ([7]) *Any locally finite pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra is local.*

PROPOSITION 4.8. *If P is a proper normal deductive system of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) P is primary;
- (b) A/P is a local pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra;
- (c) P is contained in a unique maximal deductive system of A .

Proof.

(a) \iff (b): Applying Theorem 4.3 (e) and Lemma 3.23 (2), we have: A/P is local iff for all $x, y \in A$, $\text{ord}(x/P \odot y/P) < \infty$ implies $\text{ord}(x/P) < \infty$ or $\text{ord}(y/P) < \infty$ iff for all $x, y \in A$, $(x/P \odot y/P)^n = 0/P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $(x/P)^m = 0/P$ or $(y/P)^m = 0/P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ iff for all $x, y \in A$, $(x/P \odot y/H)^n = 0/P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $x^m/P = 0/P$ or $y^m/P = 0/P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ iff for all $x, y \in A$, $((x \odot y)^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $(x^m)^- \in P$ or $(y^m)^- \in P$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ iff P is primary.

(a) \iff (c): By (a) \iff (b), P is primary iff A/P is local iff A/P has a unique maximal deductive system. By Corollary 3.33 there is a bijection between $\text{Max}(A/P)$ and $\{D : D \in \text{Max}(A), P \subseteq D\}$. It follows that P is primary if and only if there is a unique maximal deductive system of A containing P . \square

THEOREM 4.9. *If A is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) A is local;
- (b) any proper normal deductive system of A is primary;
- (c) $\{1\}$ is a primary deductive system of A .

Proof.

(a) \implies (b): Let H be a proper normal deductive system of A . By Theorem 4.3 (d), $D(A)$ is the unique maximal deductive system of A . Hence, $H \subseteq D(A)$ and according to Proposition 4.8 it follows that H is primary;

(b) \implies (c): Since $\{1\}$ is a proper normal deductive system of A , then by (b) we get that $\{1\}$ is primary;

(c) \implies (a): Since $\{1\}$ is primary, applying Proposition 4.8 it follows that $A/\{1\}$ is local. Taking into consideration that $A \cong A/\{1\}$, it follows that A is local. \square

DEFINITION 4.10. A primary deductive system P of a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is called *perfect* if for all $x \in A$, $(x^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $((x^-)^m)^- \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

An element x of a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is said to be *zero divisor* if there exists an element $0 \neq y \in A$ such that $x \odot y = 0$ or $y \odot x = 0$. The set of all zero divisors of A is denoted by $\text{Div}(A)$. Obviously, $0 \in \text{Div}(A)$ and $1 \notin \text{Div}(A)$.

PROPOSITION 4.11. *Let A be a bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra satisfying the conditions: $\text{Div}(A) = \{0\}$, $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ and $x^- = x^\sim = 0$ for all $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$. Then, any proper normal deductive system of A is perfect.*

Proof. We first prove that any proper normal deductive system P of A is primary.

Let $x, y \in A$ and consider the following cases:

- (1) If $x, y > 0$, then $x \odot y > 0$, so $\text{ord}(x \odot y) = \infty$. It follows that $(x \odot y)^n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, $((x \odot y)^n)^- = 0 \notin P$;
- (2) If $x = 0$, then $((x \odot y)^n)^- = 0^- = 1 \in P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Moreover, $(x^m)^- = 0^- = 1 \in P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (3) If $y = 0$, then similarly as in (2) we get that $(y^m)^- = 0^- = 1 \in P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus, P is a primary deductive system of A .

Since $x^n \neq 0$ for all $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$, it follows that $(x^n)^- = 0 \notin P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For $x = 0$ we have $(0^n)^- = 1 \in P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $((0^-)^m)^- = 0 \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus, P is a perfect deductive system of A . \square

Examples 4.12.

(1) It is a simple routine to check that the normal deductive system $D = \{s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ of the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.11 is primary, but D it is not perfect ($((a_1^2)^- = 0^- = 1 \in D$ and $((a_1^-)^2)^- = (a_1^2)^- = 0^- = 1 \in D$);

(2) According to Proposition 4.11, the normal deductive systems

$$D_1 = \{a_1, a_2, b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\} \quad \text{and} \quad D_3 = \{s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$$

of the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A_1 from Example 2.21 are perfect deductive systems.

DEFINITION 4.13. A pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is called *perfect* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) A is a local good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra;
- (2) for any $x \in A$, $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$ iff $\text{ord}(x^-) = \infty$ and $\text{ord}(x^\sim) = \infty$.

PROPOSITION 4.14. *Let A be a local good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) A is perfect;
- (b) $D(A)_-^* = D(A)_\sim^* = D(A)^*$.

Proof.

(a) \implies (b): Since A is a local pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, applying Corollary 4.4(2) we get $D(A)_-^* \subseteq D(A)^*$ and $D(A)_\sim^* \subseteq D(A)^*$.

Conversely, consider $x \in D(A)^*$, that is $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$. By the definition of a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra we get $\text{ord}(x^-) = \infty$ and $\text{ord}(x^\sim) = \infty$, that is $x^-, x^\sim \in D(A)$. Applying the properties $x \leq x^{\sim-}$ and $x \leq x^{-\sim}$ we get $x \in D(A)_-^*$ and $x \in D(A)_\sim^*$. It follows that $D(A)^* \subseteq D(A)_-^*$ and respectively $D(A)^* \subseteq D(A)_\sim^*$. Thus, $D(A)_-^* = D(A)^*$ and $D(A)_\sim^* = D(A)^*$.

(b) \implies (a): Consider $x \in A$ such that $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$, that is $x \in D(A)^*$.

Since $D(A)_-^* = D(A)^*$, there exists $y \in D(A)$ such that $x \leq y^-$, so $y^{\sim-} \leq x^\sim$. By $y \leq y^{\sim-}$ and $\text{ord}(y) = \infty$, we get $\text{ord}(y^{\sim-}) = \infty$. From $y^{\sim-} \leq x^\sim$ we get $\text{ord}(x^\sim) = \infty$. Since $D(A)_\sim^* = D(A)^*$, there exists $y \in D(A)$ such that $x \leq y^\sim$, so $y^{\sim-} \leq x^-$. By $y \leq y^{\sim-}$ and $\text{ord}(y) = \infty$, we get $\text{ord}(y^{\sim-}) = \infty$. From $y^{\sim-} \leq x^-$ we get $\text{ord}(x^-) = \infty$.

Conversely, consider $x \in A$ such that $\text{ord}(x^-) = \infty$ and $\text{ord}(x^\sim) = \infty$.

Since A is local, by Corollary 4.4(1) it follows that $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$. Thus, A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. \square

Examples 4.15.

(1) Consider the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.11. Since A is not good, it follows that it is not a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

(2) If A_1 is the good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.21, we have $D(A) = \{a_1, a_2, b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$ and $D(A)^* = \{0\}$. Since $\text{ord}(0^-) = \text{ord}(0^\sim) = \infty$, it follows that A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.

PROPOSITION 4.16. *Let A be a good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and P a proper normal deductive system of A . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) P is a perfect deductive system of A ;
- (b) A/P is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra;
- (c) for all $x \in A$, $(x^n)^\sim \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $((x^\sim)^m)^\sim \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. By Proposition 4.8, A/P is local iff P is primary. Also, A/P is perfect iff the following condition is satisfied:

$$\text{ord}(x/P) < \infty \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{ord}((x/P)^-) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ord}((x/P)^\sim) = \infty.$$

But, applying Lemma 3.23, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}(x/P) < \infty & \text{ iff } (x/P)^n = 0/P \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \text{ iff } (x^n)^- \in P \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } (x^n)^\sim \in P \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

We also have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}((x/P)^-) = \infty & \text{ iff } ((x/P)^-)^m \neq 0/P \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \text{ iff } ((x^-)^m)^- \notin P \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into consideration the definition of a perfect deductive system it follows that (a) \iff (b).

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}((x/P)^\sim) = \infty & \text{ iff } ((x/P)^\sim)^m \neq 0/P \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \text{ iff } ((x^\sim)^m)^\sim \notin P \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (a) \iff (c). □

PROPOSITION 4.17. *If P is a perfect deductive system of A , then:*

- (1) for all $x \in A$, $(x^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $((x^-)^m)^- \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (2) for all $x \in A$, $(x^n)^\sim \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ iff $((x^\sim)^m)^\sim \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof.

(1) The first implication follows immediately, since P is perfect.

Consider $x \in A$ such that $((x^-)^m)^- \notin P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. By (c₃₂), $x^- \odot x = 0$, so $((x^- \odot x)^m)^- = 0^- = 1 \in P$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Since P is primary, it follows that $((x^-)^n)^- \in P$ or $(x^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Taking into consideration that $((x^-)^n)^- \notin P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we conclude that $(x^n)^- \in P$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$;

(2) Similarly as (1). □

THEOREM 4.18. *If A is a local good pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) A is perfect;
- (b) any proper normal deductive system of A is perfect;
- (c) $\{1\}$ is a perfect deductive system of A .

Proof.

(a) \implies (b): Let D be a proper normal deductive system of A . By Theorem 4.9 it follows that D is primary. Let $x \in A$ such that $(x^n)^- \in D$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose that $((x^-)^m)^- \in D$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Since D is proper, then $\langle (x^n)^- \rangle, \langle ((x^-)^m)^- \rangle \subseteq D$ are also proper deductive systems of A . By Lemma 3.10(1) it follows that $\text{ord}((x^n)^-) = \text{ord}(((x^-)^m)^-) = \infty$. Since A is perfect, $\text{ord}(x^n) < \infty$ and $\text{ord}((x^-)^m) < \infty$, hence $\text{ord}(x) < \infty$ and $\text{ord}(x^-) < \infty$, a contradiction with the fact that A is perfect.

Thus, $(x^n)^- \in D$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $((x^-)^m)^- \notin D$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, that is D is perfect.

(b) \implies (c): It is obvious, since $\{1\}$ is a proper normal deductive system of A .

(c) \implies (a): Since $\{1\}$ is a perfect deductive system of A , applying Proposition 4.16 it follows that $A/\{1\}$ is perfect. Taking into consideration that $A \cong A/\{1\}$ we get that A is perfect. \square

DEFINITION 4.19. Let A be a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. The intersection of all maximal deductive systems of A is called the *radical* of A and it is denoted by $\text{Rad}(A)$.

PROPOSITION 4.20. ([7]) *If A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then $\text{Rad}(A) = D(A)$.*

Example 4.21. Consider the perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) A_1 from Example 2.21. One can easily check that $\text{Rad}(A_1) = D(A_1) = \{a_1, a_2, b_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, m, 1\}$.

Remark 4.22. If A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra and $x \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$, $y \in A$ such that $y \leq x$, then $y \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$.

THEOREM 4.23. *If A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a normal deductive system of A .*

Proof. We have to prove that $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ iff $x \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ for all $x, y \in A$. Consider $x, y \in A$ such that $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ and suppose $x \rightsquigarrow y \notin \text{Rad}(A)$.

From $y \leq y^- \rightsquigarrow$ we get $x \rightarrow y \leq x \rightarrow y^- \rightsquigarrow$ (by (c_{21}) and (c_8)). Since $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a deductive system of A , it follows that $x \rightarrow y^- \rightsquigarrow \in \text{Rad}(A)$, that is $(x \odot y^-)^- \in \text{Rad}(A)$ (by (c_{34}) and from the fact that A is good). Hence, $x \odot y^- \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$.

On the other hand, from $x \rightsquigarrow y \notin \text{Rad}(A)$, it follows that $x \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$. Since $x \leq x^{\sim}$, by (c₁) we get $x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y \leq x \rightsquigarrow y$, so $x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$ (by Remark 4.22). By (c₃₆) we have $x^{\sim} \leq x^{\sim\sim} \rightsquigarrow y$, so $x^{\sim} \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$, that is $x \in \text{Rad}(A)$. But $y \leq x \rightsquigarrow y$, so $y \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$, that is $y^{\sim} \in \text{Rad}(A)$. Since $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a deductive system of A and $x, y^{\sim} \in \text{Rad}(A)$, we get $x \odot y^{\sim} \in \text{Rad}(A)$ which is a contradiction. Thus, $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ implies $x \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$. Similarly, $x \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ implies $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)$ and we conclude that $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a normal deductive system of A . \square

Remark 4.24. If the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A is not perfect, then the above result is not always valid. Indeed, consider the pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra A from Example 2.11. Since A is not good, it is not a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. Moreover, $D = \{a_2, s, a, b, n, c, d, 1\}$ is the unique maximal deductive system of A , so $\text{Rad}(A) = D$. But D is not a normal deductive system.

COROLLARY 4.25. *If A is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra, then $A/\text{Rad}(A)$ is perfect too.*

Proof. By Theorem 4.23, $\text{Rad}(A)$ is a proper normal deductive system of A and by Theorem 4.18 it follows that $\text{Rad}(A)$ is perfect. Applying Proposition 4.16 we get that $A/\text{Rad}(A)$ is a perfect pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. \square

5. Connection with pseudo-hoops

Pseudo-hoops were originally introduced by Bosbach in [2] and [3] under the name of *complementary semigroups* and their properties were recently studied in [13] and [10].

DEFINITION 5.1. ([13]) A *pseudo-hoop* is an algebra $(A, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 2, 0)$ such that, for all $x, y, z \in A$:

$$(\text{psH}_1) \quad x \odot 1 = 1 \odot x = x;$$

$$(\text{psH}_2) \quad x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1;$$

$$(\text{psH}_3) \quad (x \odot y) \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z);$$

$$(\text{psH}_4) \quad (x \odot y) \rightsquigarrow z = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z);$$

$$(\text{psH}_5) \quad (x \rightarrow y) \odot x = (y \rightarrow x) \odot y = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y) = y \odot (y \rightsquigarrow x).$$

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 5.2. ([13]) *In every pseudo-hoop $(A, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ the following hold:*

- (h₁) (A, \leq) is a meet-semilattice with $x \wedge y = (x \rightarrow y) \odot x = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y)$;
- (h₂) $x \odot y \leq z$ iff $x \leq y \rightarrow z$ iff $y \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$;
- (h₃) $x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1$;
- (h₄) $1 \rightarrow x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x = x$;
- (h₅) $x \rightarrow 1 = x \rightsquigarrow 1 = 1$;
- (h₆) $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y$;
- (h₇) $x \leq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y$;
- (h₈) $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$;
- (h₉) $x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)$.

The proofs of the next two results are obvious from Proposition 5.2.

PROPOSITION 5.3. *Every pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra satisfying (psH_5) is a pseudo-hoop.*

PROPOSITION 5.4. *Every pseudo-hoop is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra.*

COROLLARY 5.5. *A pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra with (psH_5) is termwise equivalent with a pseudo-hoop.*

THEOREM 5.6. *Every locally finite pseudo-hoop is with (pDN).*

Proof. Let A be a locally finite pseudo-hoop and $x \in A$. If $x = 0$, then $0^{-\rightsquigarrow} = 0^{\rightsquigarrow-} = 0$.

Suppose $x \neq 0$ and we prove that $x^{-\rightsquigarrow} = x$. By (c₂₁) we have $x \leq x^{-\rightsquigarrow}$. Suppose that $x^{-\rightsquigarrow} \not\leq x$, hence $x^{-\rightsquigarrow} \rightarrow x \neq 1$. Since A is locally finite, there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$ such that $(x^{-\rightsquigarrow} \rightarrow x)^n = 0$. We have:

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

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

DEFINITION 5.7. ([13]) A pseudo-hoop A is called *simple* if $\{1\}$ is the unique proper normal deductive system of A . The pseudo-hoop A is called *strongly simple* if $\{1\}$ is the unique proper deductive system of A .

Obviously, any strongly simple pseudo-hoop is simple.

THEOREM 5.8. *Every strongly simple bounded pseudo-hoop is local.*

Proof. By Proposition 3.20 it follows that a strongly simple bounded pseudo-hoop A is locally finite and by Proposition 4.7 we get that A is local. \square

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