

# 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:

- (A<sub>1</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z), x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z);$
- (A<sub>2</sub>)  $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y, x \leq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y;$
- (A<sub>3</sub>)  $x \leq x;$
- (A<sub>4</sub>)  $x \leq 1;$
- (A<sub>5</sub>) if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y;$
- (A<sub>6</sub>)  $x \leq y$  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:*

- (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>)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ ;
- (c<sub>4</sub>)  $z \leq y \rightarrow x$  iff  $y \leq z \rightsquigarrow x$ ;

- (c<sub>5</sub>)  $z \rightarrow x \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)$  and  $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x)$ ;  
 (c<sub>6</sub>)  $x \leq y \rightarrow x, x \leq y \rightsquigarrow x$ ;  
 (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>)  $[(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x] \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x, [(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x] \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$ .

**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:*

- (c<sub>10</sub>)  $x \odot y \leq x, y$ ;
- (c<sub>11</sub>)  $(x \rightarrow y) \odot x \leq x, y$ ,  $x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow y) \leq x, y$ ;
- (c<sub>12</sub>)  $y \leq x \rightarrow (y \odot x)$ ,  $y \leq x \rightsquigarrow (x \odot y)$ ;
- (c<sub>13</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y \leq (x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z)$ ,  $x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (z \odot x) \rightsquigarrow (z \odot y)$ ;
- (c<sub>14</sub>)  $x \odot (y \rightarrow z) \leq y \rightarrow (x \odot z)$ ,  $(y \rightsquigarrow z) \odot x \leq y \rightsquigarrow (z \odot x)$ ;
- (c<sub>15</sub>)  $(y \rightarrow z) \odot (x \rightarrow y) \leq x \rightarrow z$ ,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \odot (y \rightsquigarrow z) \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$ ;
- (c<sub>16</sub>)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \odot y) \rightarrow z$ ,  $x \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = (y \odot x) \rightsquigarrow z$ ;
- (c<sub>17</sub>)  $(x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z) \leq x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y)$ ,  $(z \odot x) \rightsquigarrow (z \odot y) \leq x \rightsquigarrow (z \rightsquigarrow y)$ ;

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

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

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.**

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

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  $(c_{25})$  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,  $x \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-} = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim = x^{\sim-} \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim-}$ .

$(c_{27})$ : The assertions follow replacing in  $(c_{26})$ ,  $y$  with  $y^\sim$  and respectively  $y$  with  $y^-$  and applying  $(c_{25})$ .

$(c_{28})$ : Applying  $(c_3)$  and  $(c_{27})$  we have:

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

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

On the other hand, by  $(c_{21})$  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:*

- (c<sub>29</sub>)  $(x_{n-1} \rightarrow x_n) \odot (x_{n-2} \rightarrow x_{n-1}) \odot \cdots \odot (x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \leq x_1 \rightarrow x_n$  and  
 $(x_1 \rightsquigarrow x_2) \odot (x_2 \rightsquigarrow x_3) \odot \cdots \odot (x_{n-1} \rightsquigarrow x_n) \leq x_1 \rightsquigarrow x_n$ ;
- (c<sub>30</sub>)  $x \odot 0 = 0 \odot x = 0$ ;
- (c<sub>31</sub>)  $x \odot 1 = 1 \odot x = x$ ;
- (c<sub>32</sub>)  $x^- \odot x = 0$  and  $x \odot x^\sim = 0$ ;
- (c<sub>33</sub>)  $x \leq y^-$  iff  $x \odot y = 0$  and  $x \leq y^\sim$  iff  $y \odot x = 0$ ;
- (c<sub>34</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y^- = (x \odot y)^-$  and  $x \rightsquigarrow y^\sim = (y \odot x)^\sim$ ;
- (c<sub>35</sub>)  $x \leq y^-$  iff  $y \leq x^\sim$ ;
- (c<sub>36</sub>)  $x \leq x^\sim \rightarrow y$  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:*

- (c<sub>37</sub>)  $x \leq y$  iff  $y^- \leq x^-$  iff  $y^\sim \leq x^\sim$ ;
- (c<sub>38</sub>)  $x \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x^-, x \rightsquigarrow y = y^\sim \rightarrow x^\sim$ ;
- (c<sub>39</sub>)  $x^\sim \rightarrow y = y^- \rightsquigarrow x$ ;
- (c<sub>40</sub>)  $(x \rightarrow y^-)^\sim = (y \rightsquigarrow x^\sim)^-$ .

**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 (c<sub>40</sub>)).

**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 (c<sub>34</sub>), (c<sub>24</sub>), (c<sub>25</sub>) 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 (c<sub>26</sub>) replacing  $y$  with  $y^-$  we have  $x \rightarrow y^- = x^{\sim-} \rightarrow y^-$ ).

Applying (c<sub>11</sub>) 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 (c<sub>26</sub>), 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,  $y \leq y^{\sim -} \leq x^- \rightsquigarrow y^{\sim -}$ , 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 (c<sub>28</sub>)).

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 (c<sub>28</sub>) and (c<sub>3</sub>) we get:

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

**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 (c<sub>34</sub>).  $\square$

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:

(DS<sub>1</sub>)  $1 \in D$ ;

(DS<sub>2</sub>) for all  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x, x \rightarrow y \in D$ , then  $y \in D$ .

The condition (DS<sub>2</sub>) is equivalent with the following condition:

(DS'<sub>2</sub>) 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:

(DS<sub>3</sub>) 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:

(F<sub>1</sub>)  $x, y \in F$  implies  $x \odot y \in F$ ;

(F<sub>2</sub>)  $x \in F, y \in A, x \leq y$  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  $A/\theta_H$  becomes a pseudo-BCK algebra with the natural operations induced from those of  $A$ . Moreover, the congruence  $\theta_H$  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,  $A/\theta_H$  is a pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra. This algebra is called the *quotient* of  $A$  by  $\theta_H$  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  $x, y \in A$ :

- (H<sub>1</sub>)  $f(x \odot y) = f(x) \odot f(y)$ ;
- (H<sub>2</sub>)  $f(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ ;
- (H<sub>3</sub>)  $f(x \rightsquigarrow y) = f(x) \rightsquigarrow f(y)$ ;
- (H<sub>4</sub>)  $f(0) = 0$ .

**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  $x \in A$ :

- (H<sub>5</sub>)  $f(1) = 1$ ;
- (H<sub>6</sub>)  $f(x^-) = (f(x))^-$ ;
- (H<sub>7</sub>)  $f(x^\sim) = (f(x))^\sim$ ;
- (H<sub>8</sub>) 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:

$$\begin{aligned} D_-^* &= \{x \in A : x \leq y^- \text{ for some } y \in D\}, \\ D_\sim^* &= \{x \in A : x \leq y^\sim \text{ for some } y \in D\}. \end{aligned}$$

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 (c<sub>32</sub>),  $x^- \odot x = 0$ , 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  $y \leq y^- \sim$  we get  $x \rightarrow y \leq x \rightarrow y^- \sim$  (by  $(c_{21})$  and  $(c_8)$ ). Since  $\text{Rad}(A)$  is a deductive system of  $A$ , it follows that  $x \rightarrow y^- \sim \in \text{Rad}(A)$ , 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 (c<sub>1</sub>) we get  $x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y \leq x \rightsquigarrow y$ , so  $x^{\sim} \rightsquigarrow y \in \text{Rad}(A)^*$  (by Remark 4.22). By (c<sub>36</sub>) 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:*

- (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>)  $x \rightsquigarrow y \leq (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)$ .

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

**PROPOSITION 5.3.** *Every pseudo-BCK(pP) algebra satisfying  $(\text{psH}_5)$  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  $(\text{psH}_5)$  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 (c<sub>21</sub>) 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:

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

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

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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