



**FUZZY SATISFACTORY BCK-FILTERS**

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**Abstract**

The concept of satisfactory filters of *BCK*-algebras was introduced by Jun [9]. In this paper, we define the notion of fuzzy satisfactory *BCK*-filters and investigate some of its properties.

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**INTRODUCTION**

The notion of *BCK*-algebra was introduced by Imai and Iseki in 1966 [5]. In same year, Iseki [6] introduced the notion of *BCI*-algebra which is a generalization of a *BCK*-algebra. After the introduction of the concept of fuzzy subsets by Zadeh [17], several researchers worked on the generalization of the notion fuzzy sets. Jun [9] introduced the notion of a satisfactory filter of a *BCK*-algebra and prove several basic properties which are related to satisfactory filter. In this paper, we introduce the notion of fuzzy satisfactory *BCK*-filter and prove some their fundamental properties.

**Preliminaries**

We review some basic definitions and properties that will be useful in our results. A *BCK*-algebra *X* is defined to be an algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  satisfying the following conditions

$$BCK - 1 ((xy)(xz))(zy) = 0,$$

$$BCK - 2 (x(xy))y = 0,$$

$$BCK - 3 xx = 0,$$

$$BCK - 4 0x = 0,$$

$$BCK - 5 xy = 0 \text{ and } yx = 0 \Rightarrow x = y,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $xy = x * y$ , and  $xy = 0$  if and only if  $x \leq y$ .

In a *BCK*-algebra *X*, the following properties hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

$$P-1 x0 = x,$$

$$P-2 (xy)z = (xz)y,$$

$$P-3 x \leq y \text{ implies that } xz \leq yz \text{ and } zy \leq zx,$$

$$P-4 (xz)(yz) \leq xy,$$

$$P-5 x(x(xy)) = xy,$$

$$P-6 xy \leq x.$$

A *BCK*-algebra *X* satisfying  $(xz)(yz) = (xy)z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , is said to be *positive implicative*.

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A *BCK*-algebra *X* is *positive implicative* if and only if it satisfies  $xy = (xy)y$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  [8]. A *BCK*-algebra *X* satisfying the identity  $x(xy) = y(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ , is said to be *commutative*. A nonempty subset of a *BCK*-algebra *X* is called an *ideal* of *X* if it satisfies

$$I-1 0 \in I,$$

$$I-2 xy \in I, y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

A nonempty subset *I* of a *BCK*-algebra *X* is called a *positive implicative ideal* of *X* if it satisfies (I-1) and

$$I-3 (xy)z \in I, yz \in I \Rightarrow xz \in I \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

Note that every positive implicative ideal is an ideal (see [12, Proposition 2]). If there is a special element 1 in a *BCK*-algebra *X* satisfying  $x \leq 1$ , for all  $x \in X$ , then 1 is called a *unit* of *X*. A *BCK*-algebra *X* with unit is said to be *bounded*. In what follows let *X* denote a bounded *BCK*-algebra unless otherwise specified, and we will use the notation  $x^*$  instead  $1x$  for all  $x \in X$ . In a bounded *BCK*-algebra *X* we have

$$P-7 1^* = 0 \text{ and } 0^* = 1.$$

$$P-8 y \leq x \text{ implies that } x^* \leq y^*.$$

$$P-9 x^*y^* \leq yx.$$

If *X* is a commutative bounded *BCK*-algebra, then the equalities  $(x^*)^* = x$ ,  $x^*y^* = yx$  hold, for all  $x, y \in X$ , [8].

**Definition 2.1.** [13] Let *F* be a nonempty subset of *X* Then *F* is called a *filter* of *X*, if it satisfies the conditions.

$$F-1 1 \in X,$$

$$F-2 (x^*)^*y^* \in F, y \in F \Rightarrow x \in F \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** [13, Theorem 11] Assume that *X* is *commutative*. Then a nonempty subset *F* of *X* is a *filter* of *X* if and only if it satisfies F-1 and

$$F-3 (xy)^* \in F, x \in F \Rightarrow y \in F \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Definition 2.3.** [9] A nonempty subset *F* of *X* is called a *satisfactory filter* of *X*, if it satisfies (F-1) and

$$F-4 (x(y(yz)^*))^* \in F, x \in F \Rightarrow (yz)^* \in F \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

We review some fuzzy concepts. A fuzzy subset of a nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0,1]$ . We shall use the notation  $X_\mu$  for  $\{x \in X | \mu(x) = \mu(1)\}$ . The set  $\mu_t = \{x \in X | \mu(x) \geq t\}$ , where  $t \in [0,1]$ , is called the  $t$ -level subset of  $\mu$ .

**FUZZY FILTERS**

**Definition 3.1.** [3] A fuzzy subset  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $X$  is said to be a *fuzzy filter* of  $X$ , if it satisfies:

- FF-1  $\mathcal{F}(1) \geq \mathcal{F}(x)$ ,
- FF-2  $\mathcal{F}(x) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}((x^*y)^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Note that every fuzzy filter is order preserving (see [10, Proposition 3.5]).

**Lemma 3.2.** [3, Proposition 3.6] Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

Then  

$$\mathcal{F}(x) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}((yx)^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X \tag{1}$$

The following example shows that there is a fuzzy set  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies condition (1), but not a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  be a bounded BCK-algebra with  $*$  defined by

*	0	a	b	1
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a	0
b	b	b	0	0
1	1	b	a	0

Define  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  by  $\mathcal{F}(1) = \mathcal{F}(a) = 0.7$  and  $\mathcal{F}(0) = \mathcal{F}(b) = 0.5$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mathcal{F}$  is not a fuzzy filter of  $X$ . To consider the converse of Lemma 3.2, we need more strong conditions.

**Theorem 3.4.** Assume that  $X$  is commutative. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is an order preserving fuzzy set in  $X$  satisfying (1), then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Note that  $1 \leq 1 = 1(0) = (y1)^*$  for all  $y \in X$ . since  $\mathcal{F}$  is order preserving,  $\mathcal{F}(y) \leq \mathcal{F}(y1)^*$ . using (1), we have

$$\mathcal{F}(1) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}((y1)^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\} \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}(y), \mathcal{F}(y)\} = \mathcal{F}(y)$$

for all  $y \in X$ . Since  $x^*y^* = yx$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , it follows from (1) that

$$\mathcal{F}(x) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}((yx)^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\} = \min\{\mathcal{F}(x^*y^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Assume that  $X$  is commutative. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  satisfying FF-1 and (1), then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ . Proof. It is by the proof of Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.6.** Every fuzzy filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  satisfies for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

$$y \leq (xz)^* \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(z) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}(x), \mathcal{F}(y)\}$$

**Proof.** Let  $x, y, z \in X$  satisfy  $y \leq (xz)^*$  for all  $y \in X$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is order preserving,  $\mathcal{F}(y) \leq \mathcal{F}(xz)^*$ . it follows from Lemma 3.2 that

$$\mathcal{F}(z) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}(xz)^*, \mathcal{F}(x)\} \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}(y), \mathcal{F}(x)\}$$

This completes the proof.

**FUZZY SATISFACTORY FILTERS**

**Definition 4.1.** A fuzzy subset  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $X$  is said to be a *fuzzy filter* of  $X$ , if it satisfies:

- FF-1  $\mathcal{F}(1) \geq \mathcal{F}(x)$ ,
- FF-2  $\mathcal{F}(x) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}((x^*y)^*), \mathcal{F}(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  be a bounded BCK-algebra with  $*$  defined by

*	0	a	b	1
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a	0
b	b	b	0	0
1	1	b	a	0

Define  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  by  $\mathcal{F}(1) = 0.6$  and  $\mathcal{F}(0) = \mathcal{F}(a) = \mathcal{F}(b) = 0.5$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  be a bounded BCK-algebra with  $*$  defined by

*	0	a	b	c	1
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	0	0
b	b	a	0	a	0
c	c	c	c	0	0
1	1	c	c	a	0

Define  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  by  $\mathcal{F}(1) = \mathcal{F}(c) = 0.6$  and  $\mathcal{F}(0) = \mathcal{F}(a) = \mathcal{F}(b) = 0.5$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

We can generalize above examples as follows.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $F$  be a non empty subset of  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{F}_F$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$ , defined by  $\mathcal{F}_F(x) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } x \in F, \\ t & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $s, t \in [0,1]$  with  $s > t$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_F$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  if and only if  $F$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathcal{F}_F$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ . Obviously  $\mathcal{F}_F(1) = s$ , and so  $1 \in F$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  satisfy  $(x(y(yz)^*))^* \in F$  and  $1 \in F$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_F((x(y(yz)^*))^*) = s$  and  $\mathcal{F}_F(x) = s$ . it follows from FF-2 that

$$\mathcal{F}_F((yz)^*) \geq \min\{\mathcal{F}_F((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}_F(x)\} = s$$

So that  $(yz)^* \in F$ . Hence  $F$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$ . Conversely suppose that  $F$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$ . since  $1 \in F$ , we have  $\mathcal{F}_F(1) = s \geq \mathcal{F}_F(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . If  $(x(y(yz)^*))^* \in F$  and  $x \in F$ , then  $(yz)^* \in F$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{F}_F((yz)^*) = s = \min \{ \mathcal{F}_F((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}_F(x) \}$$

If  $(x(y(yz)^*))^* \notin F$  or  $x \notin F$ , then

$$\min \{ \mathcal{F}_F((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}_F(x) \} = t \leq \mathcal{F}_F((yz)^*)$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{F}_F$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy set of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$  where  $\mathcal{F}_t \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}_t \neq \emptyset$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Obviously  $1 \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  satisfy  $(x(y(yz)^*))^* \in \mathcal{F}_t$  and  $x \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . using FF-2, we get

$$\mathcal{F}((yz)^*) \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \} \geq t$$

And so  $(yz)^* \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$ . Conversely suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_t \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We claim that FF-1 and FF-2 are valid. If FF-1 is not valid. If FF-1 is not valid,  $\mathcal{F}(1) < \mathcal{F}(x_0)$  then for some  $x_0 \in X$ . Let  $t_0 = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathcal{F}(1) + \mathcal{F}(x_0) \}$ . Then  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$  and  $\mathcal{F}(1) < t_0 < \mathcal{F}(x_0)$ , which implies that  $x_0 \in \mathcal{F}_{t_0}$  and so  $\mathcal{F}_{t_0} \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_{t_0}$  is a satisfactory filter of  $X$ ,  $1 \in \mathcal{F}_{t_0}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{F}(1) \geq t_0$  which is a contradiction. Therefore FF-1 holds. Suppose that FF-2 is false. Then there are  $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}((y_0 z_0)^*) < \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x_0(y_0(y_0 z_0)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x_0) \} \geq t$$

Taking  $s_0 = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathcal{F}((y_0 z_0)^*) + \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x_0(y_0(y_0 z_0)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x_0) \} \}$ , we get  $s_0 \in [0, 1]$  and

$$\mathcal{F}((y_0 z_0)^*) < s_0 < \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x_0(y_0(y_0 z_0)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x_0) \}$$

It follows from the right-hand side of the above inequality that

$$(x_0(y_0(y_0 z_0)^*))^* \in \mathcal{F}_{s_0} \text{ and } x_0 \in \mathcal{F}_{s_0}$$

So from F-4 that  $(y_0 z_0)^* \in \mathcal{F}_{s_0}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{F}((y_0 z_0)^*) \geq s_0$  so, which is impossible. Hence FF-2 is also valid. Consequently,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** Assume that  $X$  is commutative. Then every fuzzy filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following inequality for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}((xy)^*) \geq \mathcal{F}(x(xy)^*)^*$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ . Then the inequality is satisfied straightforward. Conversely suppose that the inequality is satisfied, then by Lemma 3.2., we have  $\mathcal{F}((yz)^*) \geq \mathcal{F}(y(yz)^*)^* \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** If  $X$  is commutative. Then every fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $((x)^*)^* = x$ , we get  $(xy)^* = (x(((y)^*)^*))^*$ . It follows from FF-2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(y) &= \mathcal{F}(((y)^*)^*) \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}((xy)^* = (x(((y)^*)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \} \\ &= \min \{ \mathcal{F}((xy)^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \} \end{aligned}$$

So, from Theorem 3.5. that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ .

The converse of Theorem 4.7. may not be true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.8.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  be a set with  $*$  defined by

*	0	a	b	1
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	0
b	b	a	0	0
1	1	b	a	0

Then  $X$  is a bounded BCK-algebra (see [14]). Define  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  by  $\mathcal{F}(1) = 0.6$  and  $\mathcal{F}(0) = \mathcal{F}(a) = \mathcal{F}(b) = 0.5$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$ . But it is not a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ . In fact, note that  $(b(((ba)^*)^*))^* = (b(a)^*)^* = (bb)^* = 0^* = 1$  and  $(ba)^* = a^* = b$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{F}((ba)^*) = 0.6 > 0.5 = \min \{ \mathcal{F}(((b(ba)^*)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(1) \}$$

We give conditions for a fuzzy filter of  $X$ . is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $X$  be commutative and positive implicative, then every fuzzy filter of  $X$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy filter of  $X$ . Since

$$(yz)^* = (z^*y^*)^* = ((z^*y^*)^*)^* = (yz)^*y^*)^* = ((y(yz)^*))^*$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , it follows from Lemma 3.2 that

$$\mathcal{F}((yz)^*) = \mathcal{F}(((y(yz)^*))^*) \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \}$$

so that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $X$  be commutative and  $F$  be a filter of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies for all  $x, y \in X$

$$\mathcal{F}((xy)^*) \geq \mathcal{F}(((x(xy)^*)^*)) \quad (2)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{F}((xy)^*) \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}(((x(xy)^*)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(1) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(xy)^*)^*), \mathcal{F}(1) \}$$

$$= \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(xy)^*)^*) \}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Conversely suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy filter of  $X$  that satisfies (2). Using (2) and Lemma 3.2. we have

$$\mathcal{F}((yz)^*) \geq \mathcal{F}(((y(yz)^*))^*) \geq \min \{ \mathcal{F}((x(y(yz)^*))^*), \mathcal{F}(x) \}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fuzzy satisfactory filter of  $X$ .

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