



The Structure of Pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the structure of pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra as a generalization of BF -algebra. We show how pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra and pseudo- BCK -algebra are related. We study some elementary properties related to pseudo- BF -algebra and pseudo- BF^* -algebra.

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1. Introduction

Through the work of the Japanese mathematicians Imai and Iseki the notions of BCK/BCI -algebra were introduced (see [7] and [8]). Neggers and Sik introduced the concept of B -algebra, and obtained several results (we refer the reader to [13] for more details). In [17], Walendziak introduced a generalization of B -algebra named BF -algebra and investigated some properties of ideals and normal-ideals in BF -algebra and gave some characterization of them. In [6], Georgescu and Iorgulescu introduced an extension of BCK -algebra called pseudo- BCK -algebra. Moreover, they gave the connection of pseudo- BCK -algebra with pseudo- MV -algebra and with pseudo- BL -algebra. Dudek and Jun introduced the notion pseudo- BCI -algebra as a natural generalization of BCI -algebra and of pseudo- BCK -algebra and investigated some of their properties. They gave some conditions for a pseudo- BCI -algebra to be a pseudo- BCK -algebra (see [4] for more details). In [10], Jun, Kim and Neggers studied pseudo-atoms, pseudo-ideals and pseudo-homomorphisms in pseudo- BCI -algebra. In [12], Kim and So discussed minimality on elements in pseudo- BCI -algebra and concluded some of the properties in B -algebra. Walendziak in [18] introduced the notion of pseudo- BCH -algebra and investigated some properties and gave conditions to when a pseudo- BCH -algebra be a pseudo- BCI -algebra. The authors G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu in [5], and independently Rachunek in [15],

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studied a non-commutative generalization of the MV -algebra named pseudo- MV -algebra. In [16], pseudo- BL -algebra was introduced as a generalization of BL -algebra and pseudo- MV -algebra and basic properties, filters, normal-filters and congruences were given. Di Nola, Georgescu and Iorgulescu, in [14], investigated pseudo- BL -algebra including definition, basic properties, filters, normal-filters and congruences. Moreover, they gave some important classes of pseudo- BL -algebra and some results concerning the pseudo- BL -chains. In [11], Jun, Kim and Neggers introduced the notion of pseudo- d -algebra as an extension of d -algebra and they showed that the class of pseudo- d -algebra can be included in the class of coupled d -algebra. In [1], the authors, introduced the concept of pseudo- BE -algebra. They studied the concepts of pseudo-subalgebra, pseudo-filter and pseudo-upper-set and proved that every pseudo-filter is a union of pseudo-upper-sets. In [9], Jun and Ahn studied some properties of pseudo- BH -algebra. Furthermore, they introduced the concept of pseudo-complicated- BH -algebra and got some related properties. In [3], Ciungu introduced and investigated pointed-pseudo- BE -algebra and commutative-pseudo- BE -algebra and proved that the class of commutative-pseudo- BE -algebra and the class of commutative-pseudo- BCK -algebra are equivalent.

In this paper, we study the structure of pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra. We introduce, in the second section, the notion of pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra and find the relation between pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra with pseudo- BCK -algebra. In the third section, we study pseudo-subalgebra, pseudo-ideal and pseudo-normal-ideal of pseudo- BF -algebra. We study pseudo-atoms of pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra in the last section.

We start by recalling the definitions and elementary properties related to the paper.

Definition 1. [17, Definition 2.1] An algebra $(E; \bullet, 0)$ of type $(2, 0)$ is called a BF -algebra if the following axioms are satisfied the following axiom, for all $a, b \in E$:

$$(BF(1)) \quad a \bullet a = 0,$$

$$(BF(2)) \quad a \bullet 0 = a,$$

$$(BF(3)) \quad 0 \bullet (a \bullet b) = b \bullet a.$$

Definition 2. [2, Definition 2.3] In BF -algebra $(E; \bullet, 0)$, we can define a binary relation " \leq " on E as follows:

$$a \leq b \text{ if and only if } a \bullet b = 0 \quad \text{for all } a, b \in E.$$

Any BF -algebra, satisfies the properties given in the following Proposition.

Proposition 1. [17, Proposition 2.5] Let $(E; \bullet, 0)$ be a BF -algebra, then,

$$(1) \quad 0 \bullet (0 \bullet a) = a \quad \text{for all } a \in E,$$

$$(2) \quad \text{if } 0 \bullet a = 0 \bullet b, \text{ then } a = b \quad \text{for all } a, b \in E,$$

$$(3) \quad \text{if } a \bullet b = 0, \text{ then } b \bullet a = 0 \quad \text{for all } a, b \in E.$$

We give next the definition of pseudo-*BCK*-algebra.

Definition 3. [6, Definition 3] An algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$, where " \leq " is a binary relation on a set E , " \bullet " and " \star " are binary operations on E and " 0 " is a constant of E , is called a pseudo-*BCK*-algebra if the following are satisfied: $\forall a, b, c \in E$,

$$(pBCK(1)) \quad (a \bullet b) \star (a \bullet c) \leq c \bullet b \text{ and } (a \star b) \bullet (a \star c) \leq c \star b,$$

$$(pBCK(2)) \quad a \star (a \bullet b) \leq b \text{ and } a \bullet (a \star b) \leq b,$$

$$(pBCK(3)) \quad a \leq a,$$

$$(pBCK(4)) \quad 0 \leq a,$$

$$(pBCK(5)) \quad a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq a \text{ then } a = b,$$

$$(pBCK(6)) \quad a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \bullet b = 0 \text{ if and only if } a \star b = 0.$$

Theorem 1. [6, Theorem 7] In a pseudo-*BCK*-algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$, for all $a, b, c \in E$ we have

$$(a \bullet b) \star c = (a \star c) \bullet b.$$

Theorem 2. [6, Theorem 8] In any pseudo-*BCK*-algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$ we have, for all $a, b, c \in E$:

$$(1) \quad a \bullet b \leq c \text{ if and only if } a \star c \leq b,$$

$$(2) \quad a \bullet b \leq a \text{ and } a \star b \leq a.$$

2. Pseudo-*BF*/*BF**-algebra

In this section, we give a generalization of *BF*-algebra named pseudo-*BF*-algebra and study its structure. Also, we will introduce pseudo-*BF**-algebra and find the relation between pseudo-*BF*/*BF**-algebra and pseudo-*BCK*-algebra.

Definition 4. An algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is said to be a pseudo-*BF*-algebra, if the following axioms are satisfied for all $a, b \in E$:

$$(pBF(1)) \quad a \bullet a = 0 \text{ and } a \star a = 0,$$

$$(pBF(2)) \quad a \bullet 0 = a \text{ and } a \star 0 = a,$$

$$(pBF(3)) \quad 0 \bullet (a \star b) = b \star a \text{ and } 0 \star (a \bullet b) = b \bullet a.$$

The following examples illustrates the definition.

Example 1. Consider the group $(G; +, 0)$, where " $+$ " is the usual addition. Define the operations " \bullet " and " \star " on G by:

$$a \bullet b = (-b) + a \text{ and } a \star b = (-b) + a \text{ for all } a, b \in G$$

then $(G; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo-BF-algebra.

Note: It is obvious that in any pseudo-BF-algebra E if $a \bullet b = a \star b$ for all $a, b \in E$ then E is a BF-algebra.

Example 2. Define the operations " \bullet " and " \star " on $E = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, by the following Cayley tables:

\bullet	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	0	3	0
2	2	3	0	2
3	3	0	2	0

\star	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	0	1	1
2	2	1	0	1
3	3	1	1	0

Then $(E; \bullet, 0)$ and $(E; \star, 0)$ are BF-algebras (shown in [17]). It is obvious that $a \bullet a = 0$ and $a \star a = 0$. Moreover, $a \bullet 0 = a$ and $a \star 0 = a$. It is direct to check that $0 \bullet (a \star b) = b \star a$ and $0 \star (a \bullet b) = b \bullet a$ is satisfied for all $a, b \in E$. Thus $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo-BF-algebra.

Corollary 1. Any two BF-algebras does not necessarily construct a pseudo-BF-algebra. Moreover, if $(\mathbb{R}; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo-BF-algebra then it is not necessary for both $(\mathbb{R}; \bullet, 0)$ and $(\mathbb{R}; \star, 0)$ to be a BF-algebra. The following two examples proves the Corollary.

Example 3. Define the operations " \bullet " and " \star " on $E = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, by the following Cayley tables:

\bullet	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	2	1	3	4	5
1	1	0	2	4	5	3
2	2	1	0	5	3	4
3	3	4	5	0	2	1
4	4	5	3	1	0	2
5	5	3	4	2	1	0

\star	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	0	3	2	1	0
2	2	3	0	0	0	2
3	3	2	0	0	3	1
4	4	1	0	3	0	0
5	5	0	2	1	0	0

Then $(E; \bullet, 0), (E; \star, 0)$ are BF-algebras but $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is not since $0 \bullet (0 \star 1) = 0 \bullet 1 = 2 \neq 1 \star 0 = 1$.

Example 4. Let \mathbb{R} be the set of real numbers. Define the operations " \bullet " and " \star " on \mathbb{R} for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ by:

$$a \bullet b = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } b = 0, \\ b & \text{if } a = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad a \star b = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } b = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } a = 0, a = b, \\ b \star a & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $(\mathbb{R}; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo-*BF*-algebra. The algebra $(\mathbb{R}; \bullet, 0)$ is *BF*-algebra [17], but the algebra $(\mathbb{R}; \star, 0)$ is not.

Proposition 2. *If $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo-*BF*-algebra for all $a, b \in E$ then*

- (1) $0 \bullet (0 \bullet a) = a$ and $0 \star (0 \star a) = a$,
- (2) $0 \star (0 \bullet a) = a$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star a) = a$,
- (3) $0 \bullet a = 0 \star b$, implies $a = b$.

Proof.

- (1) By $(pBF(2))$, $(pBF(3))$ and let $a \in E$ then $0 \bullet (0 \bullet a) = 0 \bullet [0 \star (a \bullet 0)] = 0 \bullet (0 \star a) = a \star 0 = a$ and $0 \star (0 \star a) = 0 \star [0 \bullet (a \star 0)] = 0 \star (0 \bullet a) = a \bullet 0 = a$.
- (2) Let $a \in E$. By $(pBF(2))$ and $(pBF(3))$ we obtain $0 \star (0 \bullet a) = a \bullet 0 = a$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star a) = a \star 0 = a$, that is (2) holds.
- (3) Let $0 \bullet a = 0 \star b$, then it follows from (1) and (2) that $a = 0 \star (0 \bullet a) = 0 \star (0 \star b) = b$.

Corollary 2. *In a pseudo-*BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, $a \bullet b = 0$ does not imply $b \star a = 0$ and similarly $a \star b = 0$ does not imply $b \bullet a = 0$. $\forall a, b \in E$.*

Proof. Let $a, b \in E$ and $a \bullet b = 0$. Then $0 = 0 \star 0 = 0 \star (a \bullet b) = b \bullet a$. Then it is not necessary that $b \star a = 0$. Similarly, if $a \star b = 0$ then it is not necessary that $b \bullet a = 0$.

Note: From the proof of (Corollary 2) we see that if $a \bullet b = 0$, then $b \bullet a = 0$ and if $a \star b = 0$, then $b \star a = 0$, for all $a, b \in E$.

As in *BF*-algebra, a binary relation " \leq " could be defined in pseudo-*BF*-algebra as follows:

$$a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \bullet b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \star b = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in E.$$

Therefore we can rewrite the definition of a pseudo-*BF*-algebra with a binary relation " \leq " as follows:

Definition 5. *The algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$ where " \leq " is a binary relation on a set E , " \bullet " and " \star " are binary operations on E and " 0 " is an element of E , is said to be a pseudo-*BF*-algebra if for all $a, b, c \in E$ the following axioms are satisfied:*

- $(pBF(1'))$ $a \leq a$,
- $(pBF(2'))$ $a \bullet 0 \leq a$ and $a \star 0 \leq a$,
- $(pBF(3'))$ $0 \bullet (a \star b) \leq b \star a$ and $0 \star (a \bullet b) \leq b \bullet a$,
- $(pBF(4'))$ $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \bullet b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \star b = 0$.

Proposition 3. *The following proposition holds in any pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$,*

$$0 \leq a \text{ implies } a = 0 \quad \forall a \in E.$$

Proof. Since $0 \leq a$, we have $0 \bullet a = 0 \star a = 0$ from $(pBF(4'))$. Using $(\text{Proposition 2 (1)})$, $(pBF(1'))$ and $(pBF(4'))$ we get $a = 0 \bullet (0 \bullet a) = 0 \bullet 0 = 0$.

Next we introduce pseudo- BF^* -algebra and we find some results.

Definition 6. *A pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is called a pseudo- BF^* -algebra, for all $a, b, c \in E$ if it satisfies the following identity:*

$$(pBF^*) \quad (a \bullet b) \star c = (a \star c) \bullet b.$$

We can see that any pseudo- BF^* -algebra is a pseudo-BF-algebra and any pseudo-BF-algebra satisfying (pBF^*) is a pseudo- BF^* -algebra.

Example 5. *In Example 1, it is straight forward to see that $(G; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is a pseudo- BF^* -algebra.*

Example 6. *In Example 2, $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is not a pseudo- BF^* -algebra, as $(1 \bullet 1) \star 2 = 0 \star 2 = 2 \neq (1 \star 2) \bullet 1 = 1 \bullet 1 = 0$.*

Proposition 4. *Let $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$ be a pseudo- BF^* -algebra. The following axioms are satisfied for any $a, b, c \in E$:*

- (1) $a \leq 0$ implies $a = 0$,
- (2) $a \bullet (a \star b) \leq b$ and $a \star (a \bullet b) \leq b$,
- (3) $a \bullet b \leq c$ if and only if $a \star c \leq b$,
- (4) $0 \bullet (a \bullet b) = (0 \star a) \star (0 \bullet b)$,
- (5) $0 \star (a \star b) = (0 \bullet a) \bullet (0 \star b)$,
- (6) $0 \bullet a = 0 \star a$.

Proof.

- (1) Let $a \leq 0$. Then $a \bullet 0 = a \star 0 = 0$ by $(pBF(4'))$. Multiplying by "a" from the right we have $0 \star a = (a \bullet 0) \star a = (a \star a) \bullet 0 = 0 \bullet 0 = 0$ and $0 \bullet a = (a \star 0) \bullet a = (a \bullet a) \star 0 = 0 \star 0 = 0$, using (pBF^*) and $(pBF(1'))$. Now, using $(\text{Proposition 2 (1)})$ and $(pBF(1'))$, we get $a = 0 \bullet (0 \bullet a) = 0 \bullet 0 = 0$.
- (2) From (pBF^*) , $(pBF(1'))$ and $(pBF(4'))$, we have $[a \bullet (a \star b)] \star b = (a \star b) \bullet (a \star b) = 0$ and $[a \star (a \bullet b)] \bullet b = (a \bullet b) \star (a \bullet b) = 0$. Thus $a \bullet (a \star b) \leq b$ and $a \star (a \bullet b) \leq b$.
- (3) By (pBF^*) and $(pBF(4'))$ we have $a \bullet b \leq c \Leftrightarrow (a \bullet b) \star c = 0 \Leftrightarrow (a \star c) \bullet b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \star c \leq b$.

- (4) Let $a, b \in E$. Then by using $(pBF(1'))$, $(pBF(4'))$ and (pBF^*) when needed we have
 $(0 \star a) \star (0 \bullet b) = ((a \bullet b) \bullet (a \bullet b)) \star a \star (0 \bullet b) = ((a \bullet b) \star a) \bullet (a \bullet b) \star (0 \bullet b) =$
 $((a \star a) \bullet b) \bullet (a \bullet b) \star (0 \bullet b) = ((0 \bullet b) \bullet (a \bullet b)) \star (0 \bullet b) = ((0 \bullet b) \star (0 \bullet b)) \bullet (a \bullet b) = 0 \bullet (a \bullet b).$
- (5) Can be proved as (4).
- (6) Let $a \in E$. From $(pBF(1'))$, $(pBF(4'))$ and (pBF^*) we have $0 \bullet a = (a \star a) \bullet a =$
 $(a \bullet a) \star a = 0 \star a.$

Theorem 3. In a pseudo- BF^* -algebra $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$, we have:

$$a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq a \text{ imply } a = b, \text{ for all } a, b \in E.$$

Proof. Let $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ then $a \bullet b = 0$, $a \star b = 0$ and $b \bullet a = 0$, $b \star a = 0$. By (Proposition 2 (2)), we have $a = 0 \star (0 \bullet a) = 0 \star [(a \star b) \bullet a]$. By using (pBF^*) , $(pBF(1'))$ and $(pBF(4'))$ we get $0 \star [(a \star b) \bullet a] = 0 \star [(a \bullet a) \star b] = 0 \star (0 \star b)$. By (Proposition 2 (1)), we get $0 \star (0 \star b) = b$. The proof is complete.

The relation between pseudo- BCK -algebra and pseudo- BF/BF^* -algebra is given in the following theorems.

Theorem 4. Any pseudo- BCK -algebra is a pseudo- BF -algebra.

Proof. Let $(E; \leq, \bullet, \star, 0)$ be a pseudo- BCK -algebra. The axioms $(pBF(1'))$, $(pBF(4'))$ are clearly the axioms $(pBCK(3))$, $(pBCK(6))$. Put $b = 0$ in (Theorem 2 (2)) we get $a \bullet 0 \leq a$ and $a \star 0 \leq a$. Then the axiom $(pBF(2'))$ holds. Now, we will show $(pBF(3'))$. By $(pBCK(4))$ and $(pBCK(6))$ we get $[0 \bullet (a \star b)] \bullet (b \star a) = 0 \bullet (b \star a) = 0$ and $[0 \star (a \bullet b)] \star (b \bullet a) = 0 \star (b \bullet a) = 0$ and so $0 \bullet (a \star b) \leq b \star a$ and $0 \star (a \bullet b) \leq b \bullet a$. Thus E is a pseudo- BF -algebra.

Theorem 5. Any pseudo- BCK -algebra is a pseudo- BF^* -algebra.

Proof. It is obvious from (Theorem 4) above and by using (Theorem 1) that $(a \bullet b) \star c = (a \star c) \bullet b$ (that is (pBF^*)). Therefore every pseudo- BCK -algebra is a pseudo- BF^* -algebra.

3. Pseudo-Ideal of Pseudo- BF -algebra

In this section, we start with the definition of pseudo-subalgebra of pseudo- BF -algebra. Then we study pseudo-ideal and pseudo-normal-ideal. We start with the following definition.

Definition 7. In a pseudo- BF -algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let $\phi \neq S \subseteq E$. Then S is said to be a pseudo-subalgebra of E if:

$$a \bullet b \in S \text{ and } a \star b \in S \text{ for all } a, b \in S.$$

Note: It is easy to see that if S is a pseudo-subalgebra of E , then $0 \in S$.

Lemma 1. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let S be a pseudo-subalgebra of E . Then for $a, b \in E$ we have:*

- (1) *If $a \bullet b \in S$, then $b \bullet a \in S$,*
- (2) *If $a \star b \in S$, then $b \star a \in S$.*

Proof. For $a, b \in S$, let $a \bullet b \in S$ and $a \star b \in S$. By $(pBF(3))$, $b \bullet a = 0 \star (a \bullet b)$. Since $0 \in S$ and $a \bullet b \in S$, we see that $0 \star (a \bullet b) \in S$ and so $b \bullet a \in S$ and $b \star a = 0 \bullet (a \star b)$. Since $0 \in S$ and $a \star b \in S$, we see that $0 \bullet (a \star b) \in S$ and so $b \star a \in S$.

Definition 8. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let $\phi \neq I \subseteq E$. Then we say that I is a pseudo-ideal of E if it satisfies for all $a, b \in E$:*

- (pI1) $0 \in I$,
- (pI2) $a \bullet b \in I, a \star b \in I$ and $b \in I$ implies $a \in I$.

Example 7. *In Example 2, let $C = \{0, 1\}$, $A = \{0, 3\}$ and $F = \{0, 1, 2\}$ be subsets of E . Then C is a pseudo-subalgebra of E , whereas F is not, as $1 \bullet 2 = 3 \notin F$. Also, A is a pseudo-ideal of E , but C is not, because $3 \bullet 1 = 0, 3 \star 1 = 1 \in C, 1 \in C$, but $3 \notin C$.*

Definition 9. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-ideal. We say that I is a pseudo-normal, if for any $a, b, c \in E$:*

$$a \bullet b, a \star b \in I \text{ implies } (c \bullet a) \star (c \bullet b) \text{ and } (c \star a) \bullet (c \star b) \in I.$$

Note: $\{0\}$ and E are always pseudo-ideals of E . Whereas if E is a pseudo-normal, $\{0\}$ is not a pseudo-normal in general.

Lemma 2. *Let I be a pseudo-normal-ideal of a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ and $a, b \in E$. Then,*

- (1) $a \in I \Rightarrow 0 \bullet a \in I$ and $0 \star a \in I$,
- (2) $a \bullet b, a \star b \in I \Rightarrow b \bullet a \in I$ and $b \star a \in I$.

Proof.

- (1) Let $a \in I$. Then by $(pBF(2))$ we have $a = a \bullet 0 \in I$ and so $a = a \star 0 \in I$. Since I is a pseudo-normal-ideal, we get $(0 \bullet a) \star (0 \bullet 0)$ and $(0 \star a) \bullet (0 \star 0) \in I$. By $(pBF(1))$ then $(0 \bullet a) \star 0$ and $(0 \star a) \bullet 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$ from $(pI1)$. By $(pI2)$ we get $(0 \bullet a), (0 \star a) \in I$.
- (2) Let $a \bullet b, a \star b \in I$. By (1) we get $0 \star (a \bullet b), 0 \bullet (a \star b) \in I$. Applying $(pBF(3))$ we have $b \bullet a, b \star a \in I$.

Proposition 5. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-normal-ideal. Then I is a pseudo-subalgebra that satisfies the following condition:*

$$(pNI) \text{ If } a \in E \text{ and } b \in I, \text{ then } a \star (a \bullet b), a \bullet (a \star b) \in I.$$

Proof. Let $a \in E$ and $b \in I$. By (Lemma 2 (1)), $0 \bullet b, 0 \star b \in I$. We have $(a \bullet 0) \star (a \bullet b)$ and $(a \star 0) \bullet (a \star b) \in I$ as I is a pseudo-normal-ideal. By (pBF(2)), $a \star (a \bullet b)$ and $a \bullet (a \star b) \in I$. Thus (pNI) holds.

Now let $a, b \in I$. Therefore $a \star (a \bullet b), a \bullet (a \star b) \in I$. By (Lemma 2 (2)), $(a \bullet b) \star a, (a \star b) \bullet a \in I; a \in I$. From (pI2) we have $(a \bullet b), (a \star b) \in I$. Thus I is a pseudo-subalgebra satisfying (pNI).

Proposition 6. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-ideal. Then for $a, b \in E$ where $b \leq a$, if $a \in I$, we have $b \in I$.*

Proof.

Let $a \in I$ and $b \leq a$. Thus $b \bullet a = 0, b \star a = 0$. By (pI1) and (pI2), we have $0 \in I$ and so having $b \bullet a, b \star a \in I, a \in I$ we get $b \in I$.

Theorem 6. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let $\phi \neq I \subseteq E$. Then I is a pseudo-ideal of E if and only if the following hold:*

(1) *For all $a, b, c \in E, a, b \in I$ and $c \bullet b \leq a \implies c \in I$.*

(2) *For all $a, b, c \in E, a, b \in I$ and $c \star b \leq a \implies c \in I$.*

Proof. Let I be a pseudo-ideal of E . Let $a, b, c \in E, a, b \in I$ and $c \bullet b \leq a$ we have $(c \bullet b) \star a = 0 \in I$ from (pI1). Since $a \in I$ then $c \bullet b \in I$ by (pI2). Since $b \in I$ then $c \in I$ by (pI2). Thus (1) is valid. Now, let $a, b, c \in E, a, b \in I$ and $c \star b \leq a$ we have $(c \star b) \bullet a = 0 \in I$ from (pI1). Since $a \in I$ then $c \star b \in I$ by (pI2). Since $b \in I$ then $c \in I$ by (pI2). Thus (2) is true.

Conversely, suppose that (1), (2) hold. Suppose that $b \in I$. By using (1), (2) we have $0 \bullet b \leq b$ and $0 \star b \leq b$, then $0 \in I$. Now, let $a \bullet b, a \star b \in I$ and $b \in I$. By using (1), (2) we have $a \bullet b \leq a \bullet b$ and $a \star b \leq a \star b$, then $a \in I$. Therefore I is a pseudo-ideal of E .

Theorem 7. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-subalgebra. Then I is a pseudo-ideal of E if and only if for $a, b \in E$ if $a \in I$ and $b \notin I$ then $b \bullet a$ and $b \star a \notin I$.*

Proof. Let $a, b \in E$ and let I be a pseudo-ideal of E where $a \in I$ and $b \in E - I$. We prove by contradiction. Let $b \bullet a, b \star a \notin E - I$, we have $b \bullet a, b \star a \in I$. Since $a \in I$ then $b \in I$ by (pI2). This contradicts the hypothesis ($b \in E - I$). Hence $b \bullet a, b \star a \in E - I$. Conversely, let $a \in I$ and $b \in E - I \implies b \bullet a, b \star a \in E - I$. Since I is a pseudo-subalgebra, we have $0 \in I$ (by Definition 7). Now, assume that $a, b \in E, a \in I$ and $b \bullet a, b \star a \in I$. We prove by contradiction. Let $b \notin I$, i.e. $b \in E - I$. Then $b \bullet a, b \star a \in E - I$ by hypothesis. This contradicts the hypothesis ($b \bullet a, b \star a \in I$). Hence $b \in I$. Therefore I is a pseudo-ideal of E .

Proposition 7. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-ideal. If J is a pseudo-ideal of I , then J is a pseudo-ideal of E as well.*

Proof. Assume that J is a pseudo-ideal of I , then $0 \in J$. Let $b \in J$ and $a \bullet b, a \star b \in J$ for any $a \in E$. If $a \in I$, then $a \in J$ since J is a pseudo-ideal of I . If $a \notin I$, i.e. $a \in E - I$, then $b, a \bullet b, a \star b \in J \subseteq I$ and so $a \in I$. Hence $a \in J$. Thus J is a pseudo-ideal.

Proposition 8. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let I be a pseudo-ideal. Then*

$$\forall a \in E, a \in I \text{ we have } 0 \bullet (0 \star a), 0 \star (0 \bullet a) \in I.$$

Proof. Let $a \in I$ and $0 \star a, 0 \bullet a \in I$, then $0 \in I$ from (pI1) and (pI2). Since $a \in I$ and $0 \in I$, by using (pBF(1)) we have $0 = a \star a, 0 = a \bullet a \in I$. (By Proposition 2 (2)) we obtain $a \star a = [0 \bullet (0 \star a)] \star a, a \bullet a = [0 \star (0 \bullet a)] \bullet a \in I$. Thus $0 \bullet (0 \star a), 0 \star (0 \bullet a) \in I$ from (pI2).

4. Pseudo-Atoms of Pseudo-BF/BF*-algebra

In this section we introduce pseudo-atoms of pseudo-BF/BF*-algebra and prove related properties. We start with the following definition.

Definition 10. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let τ be an element in E . If $a \leq \tau$ implies $a = \tau \quad \forall a \in E$ then we call τ a pseudo-atom of E and the collection of all pseudo-atoms of E is called the center of E and denoted by $L_p(E)$.*

Theorem 8. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ the following are equivalent for all $a, b, c, d, \tau \in E$:*

- (1) *there exists a pseudo-atom τ ,*
- (2) *$\tau = a \star (a \bullet \tau)$ and $\tau = a \bullet (a \star \tau)$;*
- (3) *$(a \bullet b) \star (a \bullet \tau) = \tau \bullet b$ and $(a \star b) \bullet (a \star \tau) = \tau \star b$;*
- (4) *$\tau \bullet (a \star b) = b \star (a \bullet \tau)$ and $\tau \star (a \bullet b) = b \bullet (a \star \tau)$,*
- (5) *$0 \star (b \bullet \tau) = \tau \bullet b$ and $0 \bullet (b \star \tau) = \tau \star b$,*
- (6) *$0 \star (0 \bullet \tau) = \tau$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star \tau) = \tau$,*
- (7) *$0 \star (0 \bullet (\tau \star c)) = \tau \star c$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star (\tau \bullet c)) = \tau \bullet c$,*
- (8) *$c \star (c \bullet (\tau \star d)) = \tau \star d$ and $c \bullet (c \star (\tau \bullet d)) = \tau \bullet d$.*

Proof.

- (1) \Rightarrow (2). Assume that τ is a pseudo-atom of E . As $a \star (a \bullet \tau) \leq \tau$ and $a \bullet (a \star \tau) \leq \tau$ by (Proposition 4 (2)), we have $\tau = a \star (a \bullet \tau)$ and $\tau = a \bullet (a \star \tau)$.

- (2) \Rightarrow (3). For all $a \in E$. By (pBF^*) and (2), we have $(a \bullet b) \star (a \bullet \tau) = [a \star (a \bullet \tau)] \bullet b = \tau \bullet b$ and $(a \star b) \bullet (a \star \tau) = [a \bullet (a \star \tau)] \star b = \tau \star b$.
- (3) \Rightarrow (4). Replacing b by $a \star b$ in (3), we get $\tau \bullet (a \star b) = [a \bullet (a \star b)] \star (a \bullet \tau)$. By (pBF^*) and (3), we have $[a \bullet (a \star b)] \star (a \bullet \tau) = [a \star (a \bullet \tau)] \bullet (a \star b) = b \star (a \bullet \tau)$. Also, replacing b by $a \bullet b$ in (3), we get $\tau \star (a \bullet b) = [a \star (a \bullet b)] \bullet (a \star \tau)$. By (pBF^*) and (3), we have $[a \star (a \bullet b)] \bullet (a \star \tau) = [a \bullet (a \star \tau)] \star (a \bullet b) = b \bullet (a \star \tau)$.
- (4) \Rightarrow (5). Put $b = 0$ and $a = b$ in (4). Hence $\tau \bullet (b \star 0) = 0 \star (b \bullet \tau)$ and $\tau \star (b \bullet 0) = 0 \bullet (b \star \tau)$. From $(pBF(3))$, then $0 \star (b \bullet \tau) = \tau \bullet b$ and $0 \bullet (b \star \tau) = \tau \star b$.
- (5) \Rightarrow (6). Put $b = 0$ in (5). Then it is straightforward that $0 \star (0 \bullet \tau) = \tau \bullet 0 = \tau$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star \tau) = \tau \star 0 = \tau$ by $(pBF(2))$.
- (6) \Rightarrow (7). For any $\tau, c \in E$. By (Proposition 4 (6)), we have $0 \star [0 \bullet (\tau \star c)] = 0 \bullet [0 \bullet (\tau \star c)] = 0 \bullet [0 \star (\tau \star c)]$. By (Proposition 4 (5)), then $0 \bullet [0 \star (\tau \star c)] = 0 \bullet [(0 \bullet \tau) \bullet (0 \star c)]$. By (Proposition 4 (4)), we get $0 \bullet [(0 \bullet \tau) \bullet (0 \star c)] = [0 \star (0 \bullet \tau)] \star [0 \bullet (0 \star c)]$. By (6), then $[0 \star (0 \bullet \tau)] \star [0 \bullet (0 \star c)] = \tau \star c$. Also, by (Proposition 4 (6),(4) and (5), respectively) and (6) we have $0 \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet c)] = 0 \star [0 \star (\tau \bullet c)] = 0 \star [0 \bullet (\tau \bullet c)] = 0 \star [(0 \star \tau) \star (0 \bullet c)] = [0 \bullet (0 \star \tau)] \bullet [0 \star (0 \bullet c)] = \tau \bullet c$. Thus (7) holds.
- (7) \Rightarrow (8). For any $c, d, \tau \in E$, we have $\tau \star d = 0 \star [0 \bullet (\tau \star d)] = 0 \star [(c \star c) \bullet (\tau \star d)] = 0 \star ([c \bullet (\tau \star d)] \star c)$ from (7), $(pBF(1))$ and (pBF^*) . By (Proposition 4 (5) and (6), respectively) then $0 \star ([c \bullet (\tau \star d)] \star c) = (0 \bullet [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]) \bullet (0 \star c) = (0 \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]) \bullet (0 \star c)$. Using (pBF^*) , $(0 \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]) \bullet (0 \star c) = (0 \bullet (0 \star c)) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]$. By (Proposition 4 (6)), we get $(0 \bullet (0 \star c)) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)] = (0 \star (0 \star c)) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]$. Using $(pBF(3))$, the hypothesis and $(pBF(2))$, respectively we have $(0 \star (0 \star c)) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)] = (0 \star [0 \bullet (c \star 0)]) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)] = (c \star 0) \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)] = c \star [c \bullet (\tau \star d)]$. Similarly $c \bullet [c \star (\tau \bullet d)] = \tau \bullet d$ is proved.
- (8) \Rightarrow (1). Let $c \leq \tau$ we have $c \bullet \tau = c \star \tau = 0$. By $(pBF(2))$ we have $\tau = \tau \bullet 0$. Then by (8) with $d = 0$ we obtain $\tau \bullet 0 = c \bullet [c \star (\tau \bullet 0)]$. Using $(pBF(2))$ we have $c \bullet [c \star (\tau \bullet 0)] = c \bullet [c \star \tau] = c \bullet 0 = c$. Thus τ is a pseudo-atom of E .

Corollary 3. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let τ be a pseudo-atom of E . Then $\tau \bullet a$ and $\tau \star a$ are pseudo-atoms, for all $a \in E$. Hence $L_p(E)$ is a pseudo-subalgebra of E .*

Proof. For $a, b \in E$, let $b \leq \tau \bullet a$ and $b \leq \tau \star a$ then $b \star (\tau \bullet a) = 0$ and $b \bullet (\tau \star a) = 0$. Multiplying by "b" from the right we have $(\tau \bullet a) \star b = 0 \star (0 \bullet [(\tau \bullet a) \star b])$ and $(\tau \star a) \bullet b = 0 \bullet (0 \star [(\tau \star a) \bullet b])$ from (Theorem 8 (7)). By $(pBF(3))$ we get $0 \star (0 \bullet [(\tau \bullet a) \star b]) = 0 \star [b \star (\tau \bullet a)]$ and $0 \bullet (0 \star [(\tau \star a) \bullet b]) = 0 \bullet [b \bullet (\tau \star a)]$. By the hypothesis ($b \star (\tau \bullet a) = 0$ and $b \bullet (\tau \star a) = 0$) and $(BF(1))$ we have $0 \star [b \star (\tau \bullet a)] = 0 \star 0 = 0$ and $0 \bullet [b \bullet (\tau \star a)] = 0 \bullet 0 = 0$. Then $\tau \bullet a \leq b$ and $\tau \star a \leq b$ and so $b = \tau \bullet a$ and $b = \tau \star a$, thus $\tau \bullet a$ and $\tau \star a$ are pseudo-atoms. By (Definition 10) we have $L_p(E)$ is the set of all pseudo-atoms of E then $\tau \bullet a$ and $\tau \star a \in L(E)$. Therefore $L_p(E)$ is a pseudo-subalgebra of E .

Corollary 4. *If pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ is generated by an element g then g is a pseudo-atom.*

Proof. For $g \in E$, suppose that g generates E and let τ be a pseudo-atom of E . Thus we have $g \leq \tau$. Then $g \bullet \tau = 0$ and $g \star \tau = 0$. By (Corollary 2) we get $\tau \bullet g = 0$ and $\tau \star g = 0$. Therefore $\tau \leq g$ and so $\tau = g$. Hence g is a pseudo-atom.

Proposition 9. *In a pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let $\tau \in E$. If $\{0, \tau\}$ is a pseudo-ideal then $0 \neq \tau$ is a pseudo-atom.*

Proof. Let $\{0, \tau\}$ be a pseudo-ideal of E and for all $a \in E$ let $a \leq \tau$ we have $a \bullet \tau = a \star \tau = 0 \in \{0, \tau\}$ from (pI1). By (pI2) we have $a \in \{0, \tau\}$, then $a = 0$ or $a = \tau$. Since $\tau \neq 0$ and (pBF(1)), we get $a = \tau$. Thus τ is a pseudo-atom of E .

Proposition 10. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, if a non-zero element is a pseudo-atom of E , then any pseudo-subalgebra is a pseudo-ideal.*

Proof. We prove (pI1) and (pI2). Let S be a pseudo-subalgebra of E , then $0 \in S$ from (Definition 7). For (pI2), let $b \bullet a, b \star a \in S$ and $a \in S$. By (Theorem 8 (2) and (5), respectively) we have $b = a \bullet (a \star b) = a \bullet [0 \bullet (b \star a)]$. Since $0, b \star a \in S$ and S is a pseudo-subalgebra of E , we obtain $0 \bullet (b \star a) \in S$. So $a \bullet [0 \bullet (b \star a)] \in S$. Also, similarly we can show it if $b \bullet a \in S$. Then $b \in S$. Hence the proposition is proved.

For any pseudo-BF-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, define the subsets $K(E), V(\tau)$ of E as follows:

$$K(E) = \{a \in E : 0 \leq a\} \text{ and } V(\tau) = \{a \in E : \tau \leq a\}.$$

Theorem 9. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$ if τ and ω is pseudo-atoms then the following hold:*

- (1) $a \in V(\tau), b \in V(\omega)$, imply $a \bullet b \in V(\tau \bullet \omega)$ and $a \star b \in V(\tau \star \omega)$,
- (2) $a, b \in V(\tau)$, implies $a \star b, a \bullet b \in K(E)$,
- (3) If $\tau \neq \omega$, then we have $a \bullet b, a \star b \in K(E)$, for all $a \in V(\tau), b \in V(\omega)$,
- (4) $a \in V(\omega)$, implies $\tau \bullet a = \tau \bullet \omega$ and $\tau \star a = \tau \star \omega$,
- (5) If $\tau \neq \omega$, then $V(\tau) \cap V(\omega) = \phi$.

Proof.

- (1) Let $a \in V(\tau), b \in V(\omega)$. Then $\tau \leq a$ we have $\tau \bullet a = \tau \star a = 0$ and $\omega \leq b$ we have $\omega \bullet b = \omega \star b = 0$. From (Theorem 8 (7)) we obtain $(\tau \bullet \omega) \star (a \bullet b) = [0 \bullet (0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega))] \star (a \bullet b)$. Using (pBF*), $[0 \bullet (0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega))] \star (a \bullet b) = [0 \star (a \bullet b)] \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)]$. By (Proposition 4 (6) and (4), respectively) then $[0 \star (a \bullet b)] \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)] = [0 \bullet (a \bullet b)] \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)] = [(0 \star a) \star (0 \bullet b)] \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)]$. By applying (pBF*), we get $[(0 \star a) \star (0 \bullet b)] \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)] =$

- $[(0 \star a) \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)]] \star (0 \bullet b) = [(0 \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)]) \star a] \star (0 \bullet b)$. By (Theorem 8 (7)) we have $[(0 \bullet [0 \star (\tau \bullet \omega)]) \star a] \star (0 \bullet b) = [(\tau \bullet \omega) \star a] \star (0 \bullet b)$. Using (pBF^*) we get $[(\tau \bullet \omega) \star a] \star (0 \bullet b) = [(\tau \star a) \bullet \omega] \star (0 \bullet b)$. From the hypothesis we have $[(\tau \star a) \bullet \omega] \star (0 \bullet b) = (0 \bullet \omega) \star (0 \bullet b)$. By (Proposition 4 (6) and (4), respectively) we get $(0 \bullet \omega) \star (0 \bullet b) = (0 \star \omega) \star (0 \bullet b) = 0 \bullet (\omega \bullet b)$. Using the hypothesis and $(pBF(1))$, respectively we get $0 \bullet (\omega \bullet b) = 0 \bullet 0 = 0$, and so $\tau \bullet \omega \leq a \bullet b$. Thus $a \bullet b \in V(\tau \bullet \omega)$ and similarly $a \star b \in V(\tau \star \omega)$.
- (2) Let $a, b \in V(\tau)$, by (1) we have $a \bullet b \in V(\tau \bullet \tau)$, $a \star b \in V(\tau \star \tau)$. Using $(pBF(1))$ then $a \bullet b \in V(0)$, $a \star b \in V(0)$. We get $0 \leq a \bullet b$, $0 \leq a \star b$. Then $a \bullet b, a \star b \in K(E)$.
- (3) Let 0 be a pseudo-atom from (Definition 10) we get $a \bullet b \leq 0$ then $a \bullet b = 0$. By (Corollary 2) we get $b \bullet a = 0$. Using $(pBF(3))$ then $0 \star (a \bullet b) = 0$ and so $0 \leq a \bullet b$. Therefore $a \bullet b \in V(0)$ and so $a \bullet b \in K(E)$. Similarly we can show that $a \star b \in K(E)$.
- (4) Let $a \in V(\omega)$, then $\omega \leq a$ we have $\omega \bullet a = 0$ and $\omega \star a = 0$. By (Theorem 8 (3)) we get $(\tau \bullet a) \star (\tau \bullet \omega) = \omega \bullet a = 0$. So $\tau \bullet a \leq \tau \bullet \omega$. Moreover, $\tau \bullet \omega$ is a pseudo-atom by (Corollary 3). Therefore $\tau \bullet a = \tau \bullet \omega$. Similarly $\tau \star a = \tau \star \omega$.
- (5) We prove by contradiction. Let $\tau \neq \omega$ and let $V(\tau) \cap V(\omega) \neq \phi$ then there exists $c \in V(\tau) \cap V(\omega)$. From (1), we have $c \bullet c \in V(\tau \bullet \omega)$, $c \star c \in V(\tau \star \omega)$. Using $(pBF(1))$ then $c \bullet c = 0 = c \star c$ and so $0 \in V(\tau \bullet \omega), V(\tau \star \omega)$. Hence $\tau \bullet \omega \leq 0$ and $\tau \star \omega \leq 0$. That is $\tau \bullet \omega, \tau \star \omega$ are pseudo-atoms from (1), then $\tau \bullet \omega = 0 = \tau \star \omega$ we have $\tau \leq \omega$. That is ω is a pseudo-atom then $\tau = \omega$ this is a contradiction with hypothesis $(\tau \neq \omega)$. Thus $V(\tau) \cap V(\omega) = \phi$.

Proposition 11. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, let $\tau \in E$. Then τ is a pseudo-atom if and only if there is $a \in E$ such that $\tau = 0 \bullet a$.*

Proof. Let τ be a pseudo-atom of E . Then $\tau = 0 \bullet (0 \star \tau)$, from (Theorem 8 (6)). Set $a = 0 \star \tau$, we get $\tau = 0 \bullet a$.

Conversely, let $\tau = 0 \bullet a$ for some $a \in E$. We use (Proposition 2 (2)) to have $0 \bullet (0 \star \tau) = 0 \bullet (0 \star (0 \bullet a)) = 0 \bullet a = \tau$. By (Theorem 8 (6) and (1)) we conclude that τ is a pseudo-atom.

Proposition 12. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, the following properties hold for any $a, b, c \in E$:*

- (1) if $a \leq b$ then $c \bullet b \leq c \bullet a$ and $c \star b \leq c \star a$,
- (2) if $a \leq b, b \leq c$ then $a \leq c$,
- (3) if $a \bullet b = c = a \star b$ then $c \bullet a = c \star a$,
- (4) $(a \bullet b) \bullet (c \bullet b) \leq a \bullet c$ and $(a \star b) \star (c \star b) \leq a \star c$,
- (5) if $a \leq b$ then $a \bullet c \leq b \bullet c$ and $a \star c \leq b \star c$.

Proof.

- (1) Let $a, b \in E$, $a \leq b$ then $a \bullet b = 0$ and $a \star b = 0$. By (Theorem 8 (3)) then $(c \bullet b) \star (c \bullet a) = a \bullet b = 0$ and $(c \star b) \bullet (c \star a) = a \star b = 0$ we get $c \bullet b \leq c \bullet a$ and $c \star b \leq c \star a$.
- (2) Let $a, b, c \in E$, $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$ we have $a \bullet b = 0$, $a \star b = 0$ and $b \bullet c = 0$, $b \star c = 0$. Also, by (1) since $b \leq c$ then $a \bullet c \leq a \bullet b \Rightarrow a \bullet c \leq 0$. By (Proposition 4 (1)) we get $a \bullet c = 0$ and so $a \leq c$.
- (3) Let $a \bullet b = c = a \star b$. By using $(pBF(1))$ and (pBF^*) we obtain $c \star a = (a \bullet b) \star a = (a \star a) \bullet b = 0 \bullet b$. By (Proposition 4 (6)), $0 \bullet b = 0 \star b$. Using $(pBF(1))$ and (pBF^*) we have $0 \star b = (a \bullet a) \star b = (a \star b) \bullet a = c \bullet a$.
- (4) By (pBF^*) , (Theorem 8 (3)) and $(pBF(1))$, respectively we have $[(a \bullet b) \bullet (c \bullet b)] \star (a \bullet c) = [(a \bullet b) \star (a \bullet c)] \bullet (c \bullet b) = (c \bullet b) \bullet (c \bullet b) = 0$. Then $(a \bullet b) \bullet (c \bullet b) \leq a \bullet c$. Similarly, $(a \star b) \star (c \star b) \leq a \star c$.
- (5) Suppose that $a, b \in E$, $a \leq b$ we have $a \bullet b = 0$, $a \star b = 0$. Using (4), we have $(a \bullet c) \bullet (b \bullet c) \leq a \bullet b$ but $a \bullet b = 0$. By (Proposition 4 (1)) then $(a \bullet c) \bullet (b \bullet c) = 0$ and so $a \bullet c \leq b \bullet c$. By a similar way, we can show that $a \star c \leq b \star c$.

Theorem 10. *In a pseudo-BF*-algebra $(E; \bullet, \star, 0)$, the set $K(E)$ is a pseudo-subalgebra.*

Proof. For $a, b \in K(E)$, we have $0 \leq a$, $0 \leq b$, then $0 \bullet a = 0$, $0 \star a = 0$ and $0 \bullet b = 0$, $0 \star b = 0$. By using (Proposition 12 (5)) since $0 \leq a$ we get $0 \bullet b \leq a \bullet b$ and $0 \star b \leq a \star b$. Hence $0 \leq a \bullet b$ and $0 \leq a \star b$ and so $a \bullet b, a \star b \in K(E)$. Thus $K(E)$ is a pseudo-subalgebra of E .

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