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# Research Article Fuzzy Filter Spectrum of a BCK Algebra

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The notion of fuzzy s-prime filters of a bounded BCK-algebra is introduced. We discuss the relation between fuzzy s-prime filters and fuzzy prime filters. By the fuzzy s-prime filters of a bounded commutative BCK-algebra X, we establish a fuzzy topological structure on X. We prove that the set of all fuzzy s-prime filters of a bounded commutative BCK-algebra forms a topological space. Moreover, we show that the set of all fuzzy s-prime filters of a bounded implicative BCK-algebra is a Hausdorff space.

### **1. Introduction**

BCK-algebras are an important class of logical algebras introduced by Iséki in 1966 (see [1–3]). Since then, a great deal of the literature has been produced on the theory of BCK-algebras. In particular, emphasis seems to have been put on the ideal and filter theory of BCK-algebras (see [4]). The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [5]. At present, these ideas have been applied to other algebraic structures such as semigroups, groups, rings, ideals, modules, vector spaces, and so on (see [6, 7]). In 1991, Ougen [8] applied the concept of fuzzy sets to BCK-algebras. For the general development of BCK-algebras the fuzzy ideal theory and fuzzy filter theory play important roles (see [9–12]). Meng [13] introduced the notion of BCK-filters and investigated some results. Jun et al. [9, 10] studied the fuzzification of BCK-filters. Meng [13] showed how to generate the BCK-filter by a subset of Alò, and Deeba [14] attempted to study the topological aspects of the BCK-structures. They initiated the study of various topologies on BCK-algebras analogous to which has already been studied on lattices. In [15], Jun et al. introduced the notion of topological BCI-algebras and found some elementary properties.

In this paper, the topological structure and fuzzy structure on BCK-algebras are investigated together. We introduce the concept of fuzzy s-prime filters and discuss some related properties. By the fuzzy s-prime filters, we establish a fuzzy topological structure on bounded commutative BCK-algebras and bounded implicative BCK-algebras, respectively.

### 2. Preliminaries

A nonempty set *X* with a constant 0 and a binary operation denoted by juxtaposition is called a BCK-algebra if for all  $x, y, z \in X$  the following conditions hold:

- (1) ((xy)(xz))(zy) = 0,
- (2) (x(xy))y = 0,
- (3) xx = 0,
- (4) 0x = 0,
- (5) xy = 0 and yx = 0 imply x = y.

A BCK-algebra can be (partially) ordered by  $x \le y$  if and only if xy = 0. This ordering is called BCK-ordering. The following statements are true in any BCK-algebra: for all x, y, z,

- (6) x0 = x.
- (7) (xy)z = (xz)y.
- (8)  $xy \leq x$ .
- $(9) (xy)z \le (xz)(yz).$
- (10)  $x \le y$  implies  $xz \le yz$  and  $zy \le zx$ .

A BCK-algebra X satisfying the identity x(xy) = y(yx) is said to be commutative. If there is a special element 1 of a BCK-algebra X satisfying  $x \le 1$  for all  $x \in X$ , then 1 is called unit of X. A BCK-algebra with unit is said to be bounded. In a bounded BCK-algebra X, we denote 1x by  $x^*$  for every  $x \in X$ .

In a bounded BCK-algebra, we have

- (11)  $1^* = 0$  and  $0^* = 1$ .
- (12)  $y \le x$  implies  $x^* \le y^*$ .
- (13)  $x^*y^* \le yx$ .

Now, we review some fuzzy logic concepts. A fuzzy set in X is a function  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ . We use the notation  $X_{\mu}$  for  $\{x \in X \mid \mu(x) = \mu(1)\}$  and  $\mu_t$ , called a level subset of  $\mu$ , for  $\{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \ge t\}$  where  $t \in [0,1]$ .

In this paper, unless otherwise specified, X denotes a bounded BCK-algebra. A nonempty subset F of X is called a BCK-filter of X if

(F1)  $1 \in F$ ,

(F2)  $(x^*y^*)^* \in F$  and  $y \in F$  imply  $x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Note that the intersection of a family of BCK-filters is a BCK-filter. For convenience, we call a BCK-filter of X as a filter of X, and write  $F <_F X$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in X. Then,  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy filter of X if

- (FF1)  $\mu(1) \ge \mu(x)$ ,
- (FF2)  $\mu(x) \ge \min\{\mu(x^*y^*)^*, \mu(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this case, we write  $\mu <_{\text{FF}} X$ .

Note that in a bounded commutative BCK-algebra, the identity  $x^*y^* = yx$  holds, then (F2) and

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(F3)  $(yx)^* \in F$  and  $y \in F$  imply  $x \in F$  for all x, y in X coincide, and (FF2) and

(FF3)  $\mu(x) \ge \min\{\mu(yx)^*, \mu(y)\}$  coincide.

A proper filter *F* of *X* is said to be prime, denoted by  $F <_{PF} X$ , if, for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \lor y \in F$  implies  $x \in F$  or  $y \in F$ .

A nonconstant fuzzy filter  $\mu$  of X is said to be prime, denoted by  $\mu <_{\text{FPF}} X$ , if  $\mu(x \lor y) \le \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

For any fuzzy sets  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  in *X*, we denote

$$\mu \subseteq \nu \iff \mu(x) \le \nu(x), \quad \forall x, y \text{ in } X,$$

$$\mu \cap \nu(x) = \min\{\mu(x), \nu(x)\}, \quad \forall x \in X,$$

$$\mu \cup \nu(x) = \max\{\mu(x), \nu(x)\}, \quad \forall x \in X,$$

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mu_{\alpha}(x) = \inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mu_{\alpha}(x), \quad \forall x \in X,$$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mu_{\alpha}(x) = \sup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mu_{\alpha}(x), \quad \forall x \in X,$$

$$\mu \eta(x) = \sup_{x = y \lor z} \{\min\{\mu(y), \eta(z)\}\}.$$
(2.1)

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\{\eta_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Omega\}$  be a family of fuzzy filters of X. Then,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy filter of X.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . For any  $\alpha \in \Omega$ ,  $\eta_{\alpha}(1) \ge \eta_{\alpha}(x)$  since  $\eta_{\alpha} <_{FF} X$ . Then,  $\inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(1) \ge \inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x)$  and so,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(1) \ge \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x)$ . (FF1) holds.

Moreover, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\alpha(\varepsilon) \in \Omega$  such that

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x) + \varepsilon = \inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x) + \varepsilon$$

$$\geq \eta_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}(x)$$

$$\geq \min\{\eta_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}((x^{*}y^{*})^{*}), \eta_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}(y)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{\inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x^{*}y^{*})^{*}, \inf_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x^{*}y^{*})^{*}, \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(y)\}.$$
(2.2)

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we get  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x) \ge \min\{\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(x^*y^*)^*, \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}(y)\}$ . So, (FF2) holds.

Therefore,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} \eta_{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy filter of *X*.

**Lemma 2.2** (see, [16]). Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy filter of X. For any  $x, y \in X$ , if  $x \leq y$ , then  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$ .

*Definition 2.3.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of X. Then the fuzzy filter generated by  $\mu$ , which is denoted by  $\langle \mu \rangle$ , is defined as

$$\langle \mu \rangle = \bigcap \{ \eta : \mu \subseteq \eta, \eta <_{\rm FF} X \}.$$
(2.3)

Obviously, we get  $\mu \subseteq \langle \mu \rangle$ , and if  $\mu <_{\text{FF}} X$ , then  $\mu = \langle \mu \rangle$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** If  $\mu$ ,  $\eta <_{FF} X$ , then  $\mu \eta = \mu \cap \eta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ ,  $x = a \lor b$  and  $\mu, \eta$  be fuzzy filters. Then, by Lemma 2.2,  $\mu(a) \le \mu(a \lor b) = \mu(x)$  and  $\eta(b) \le \eta(a \lor b) = \eta(x)$ . Hence,  $\min\{\mu(a), \eta(b)\} \le \mu \cap \eta(x)$ .

Therefore,  $\mu \eta \leq \mu \cap \eta(x)$ , or equivalently  $\mu \eta \subseteq \mu \cap \eta$ .

Conversely,  $\mu\eta(x) = \sup_{x=y\lor z} \{\min\{\mu(y), \eta(z)\}\} \ge \min\{\mu(x), \eta(x)\} = \mu \cap \eta(x)$ . So  $\mu\eta \supseteq$ 

Thus,  $\mu\eta = \mu \cap \eta$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** *If*  $\mu$ ,  $\eta <_{FF} X$ ,  $\mu \eta <_{FF} X$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $\eta <_{FF} X$ ,  $\mu \eta \subseteq \eta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\eta <_{\text{FF}} X$ . If  $x = y \lor z$ , then from Lemma 2.2 we know  $\eta(z) \le \eta(x)$ . Thus,  $\mu \eta(x) = \sup_{x=\mu \lor z} \{\min\{\mu(y), \mu(z)\} \le \sup_{x=\nu \lor z} \{\eta(z)\} \le \eta(x)$ . So,  $\mu \eta \subseteq \eta$ .

#### 3. Fuzzy Filter Spectrum

*Definition 3.1.* A nonconstant fuzzy filter  $\mu$  of X is said to be s-prime if for all  $\theta$ ,  $\sigma <_{FF} X$ ,  $\theta \sigma \subseteq \mu$  implies  $\theta \subseteq \mu$  or  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$ . In this case, we write  $\mu <_{FSP} X$ .

In this paper, we give some notations in the following.

- (i)  $F(X) = \{ \mu \mid \mu <_{\text{FSP}} X \}.$
- (ii)  $V(\theta) = \{\mu \in F(X) \mid \theta \subseteq \mu\}$ , where  $\theta$  is a fuzzy subset of *X*.
- (iii)  $F(\theta) = F(X) \setminus V(\theta) = \{ \mu \in F(X) \mid \theta \not\subseteq \mu \}$ , where  $F(X) \setminus V(\theta)$  is called the complement of  $V(\theta)$  in F(X).

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy subset of X, then  $V(\langle \sigma \rangle) = V(\sigma)$ . So  $F(\sigma) = F(\langle \sigma \rangle)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in V(\sigma)$ , then  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$  and so  $\langle \sigma \rangle \subseteq \mu$ . Hence,  $\mu \in V(\langle \sigma \rangle)$ . Conversely, let  $\mu \in V(\langle \sigma \rangle)$ , then  $\langle \sigma \rangle \subseteq \mu$ . Note that  $\sigma \subseteq \langle \sigma \rangle \subseteq \mu$ , we get  $\mu \in V(\sigma)$ . Therefore,  $V(\sigma) = V(\langle \sigma \rangle)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\zeta = \{F(\theta) \mid \theta \leq_{FF} X\}$ . Then the pair  $(F(X), \zeta)$  is a topological space.

*Proof.* Consider  $\theta_0 = 0$  and  $\theta_1 = 1$ . Then  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_1 <_{FF} X$ ,  $F(\theta_0) = \emptyset$  and  $F(\theta_1) = F(X)$ . Thus, F(X),  $\emptyset \in \zeta$ .

Then, we prove that  $\zeta$  is closed under finite intersection.

Let  $\eta$  and  $\theta$  be two fuzzy filters of X. We claim that  $V(\theta) \cup V(\eta) = V(\theta\eta)$ . Let  $\tau \in V(\theta\eta)$ . Then,  $\theta\eta \subseteq \tau$ . Since  $\tau \in F(X)$ , we have  $\theta \subseteq \tau$  or  $\sigma \subseteq \tau$ . It follows that  $\tau \in V(\theta) \cup V(\eta)$ .

Conversely, let  $\tau \in V(\theta) \cup V(\eta)$ , then  $\theta \subseteq \tau$  or  $\eta \subseteq \tau$ . By Lemma 2.6,  $\theta \eta \subseteq \theta$  and  $\theta \eta \subseteq \eta$ . Thus,  $\theta \eta \subseteq \tau$  and so  $\tau \in V(\theta \eta)$ . It follows that  $V(\theta) \cup V(\eta) \subseteq V(\theta \eta)$ .

 $\mu \cap \eta$ .

Combining the above arguments we get  $V(\theta) \cup V(\eta) = V(\theta\eta)$ , or equivalently,  $F(\theta) \cap F(\eta) = (F(X) \setminus V(\theta)) \cap (F(X) \setminus V(\eta)) = (F(X) \setminus (V(\theta) \cup V(\eta)) = (F(X) \setminus V(\theta\eta)) = F(\theta\eta)$ . By Corollary 2.5,  $\theta\eta <_{\text{FF}} X$  and so  $F(\theta) \cap F(\eta) = F(\theta\eta) \in \zeta$ .

Finally, let  $\{\theta_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Omega\}$  be a family of fuzzy prime filters of *X*. We will prove that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha}) = V(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha}).$ 

Let  $\mu \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha})$ , then for any  $\alpha \in \Omega$ ,  $\mu \in V(\theta_{\alpha})$  and so  $\theta_{\alpha} \subseteq \mu$ . Hence,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \subseteq \mu$ and thus  $\mu \in V(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha})$ .

Conversely, let  $\mu \in V(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha})$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \subseteq \mu$ . Thus, for any  $\alpha \in \Omega$ ,  $\theta_{\alpha} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \subseteq \mu$ . Hence,  $\mu \in V(\theta_{\alpha})$  for all  $\alpha \in \Omega$  and so  $\mu \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha})$ .

This shows that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha}) = V(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha}).$ 

By Lemma 3.2, we get  $V(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha}) = V(\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \rangle)$  and so  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha}) = V(\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \rangle)$ . Furthermore, we get  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} F(\theta_{\alpha}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} (F(X) \setminus V(\theta_{\alpha})) = F(X) \setminus \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} V(\theta_{\alpha}) = F(X) \setminus V(\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \rangle) = F(\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha} \rangle) \in \zeta$ .

It follows that  $(F(X), \zeta)$  is a topological space.

**Theorem 3.4.** *The collection* 

$$\mathfrak{G} = \{ F(x_{\beta}) \mid x \in X, \beta \in (0, 1] \}$$
(3.1)

of  $\zeta$  is a base of  $\zeta$  where  $x_{\beta} <_{FF} X$  is defined by

$$x_{\beta}(t) = \begin{cases} \beta, & t = x, \\ 0, & t \neq x. \end{cases}$$
(3.2)

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2, for any  $x \in X$ ,  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ ,  $F(x_{\beta}) = F(\langle x_{\beta} \rangle)$  and so  $F(x_{\beta}) \in \zeta$ .

Now, we prove that  $\beta$  is a base of  $\zeta$ . It is sufficient to show that for all  $F(\theta) \in \zeta$ , and  $\mu \in F(\theta)$ , there exists  $F(x_{\beta}) \in \beta$  such that  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta})$  and  $F(x_{\beta}) \subseteq F(\theta)$ .

Let  $F(\theta) \in \zeta$  and  $\mu \in F(\theta)$ . Then,  $\theta \not\subseteq \mu$  and so there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu(x) < \theta(x)$ . Let  $\theta(x) = \beta$  and then  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta})$ . Moreover, for any  $\sigma \in V(\theta)$ ,  $\sigma(x) \ge \theta(x) = \beta = x_{\beta}(x)$  and so  $x_{\beta} \subseteq \sigma$ . Thus  $\sigma \in V(x_{\beta})$ . This means  $V(\theta) \subseteq V(x_{\beta})$ . It follows that  $F(x_{\beta}) \subseteq F(\theta)$ . Therefore,  $\beta$  is a base of  $\zeta$ .

The topological space  $(F(X), \zeta)$  is called fuzzy filter spectrum of *X*, denoted by FF-spec(*X*), or *F*(*X*) for convenience.

**Theorem 3.5.** FF-spec(X) is a  $T_0$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu, \eta \in F(X)$  and  $\mu \neq \eta$ . Then,  $\mu \not\subseteq \eta$  or  $\eta \not\subseteq \mu$ .

If  $\mu \not\subseteq \eta$ , then,  $\eta \notin V(\mu)$  but  $\mu \in V(\mu)$ . Moreover,  $\eta \in F(\mu)$  but  $\mu \notin F(\mu)$ .

If  $\eta \not\subseteq \mu$ , similarly we can get  $\mu \in F(\eta)$  but  $\eta \notin F(\eta)$ . It follows that FF-spec(X) is a  $T_0$  space.

**Lemma 3.6** (see [9]). Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of X. Then,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter of X if and only if  $\mu_t$  is a filter of X for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  wherever  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** A non-constant fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X is a fuzzy prime filter if and only if  $\mu_t$  is a prime filter of X for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  whenever  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy prime filter and  $t \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ . Then by Lemma 3.6,  $\mu_t$  is a filter of *X*.

Suppose  $x \lor y \in \mu_t$ . It follows that  $\mu(x \lor y) \ge t$ . Since  $\mu$  is prime, we have  $\max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge \mu(x \lor y) \ge t$  and thus  $\mu(x) \ge t$  or  $\mu(y) \ge t$ . It follows that  $x \in \mu_t$  or  $y \in \mu_t$ . Therefore  $\mu_t$  is a prime filter.

Conversely, suppose that for each  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $\mu_t$  is a prime filter whenever  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ . If  $\mu$  is not a fuzzy prime filter, then there exist  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\mu(x \lor y) > \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ . Take t satisfying  $\mu(x \lor y) > t > \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ . Then  $x \lor y \in \mu_t$ . Since  $\mu_t$  is a prime filter of X, then  $x \lor y \in \mu_t$  implies  $x \in \mu_t$  or  $y \in \mu_t$ . But on the other hand,  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} < t$  and  $\mu(y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} < t$  imply  $x \notin \mu_t$  and  $y \notin \mu_t$ , a contradiction. It follows that  $\mu$  is indeed a fuzzy prime filter.

**Lemma 3.8** (see [13]). Let X be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra and F be a BCK-filter of X. Then, F is prime if and only if, for any filters A, B,  $F = A \cap B$  implies F = A or F = B.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let X be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter. Then for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_t$  is a prime filter of X whenever  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mu_t \neq X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter and  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ . Then by Lemma 3.6,  $\mu_t$  is a filter.

Let *A*, *B* be two filters such that  $\mu_t = A \cap B$ . Define the fuzzy subset  $\theta = t\chi_A$  and  $\sigma = t\chi_B$ . It is easy to see that  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  are fuzzy filters of *X*. Note that

$$\theta \cap \sigma(x) = \theta \cdot \sigma(x) = \begin{cases} t, & x \in A \cap B, \\ 0, & x \notin A \cap B. \end{cases}$$
(3.3)

Since  $\mu_t = A \cap B$ , then for any  $x \in A \cap B = \mu_t$ ,  $\mu(x) \ge t = \theta \cap \sigma(x)$  and so  $\mu(x) \ge \theta \cap \sigma(x)$ for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\mu \supseteq \theta \cap \sigma$ . It follows from  $\mu$  being a fuzzy s-prime filter that  $\theta \subseteq \mu$  or  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$ . Without loss of generality let  $\theta \subseteq \mu$ . Then, for any  $x \in A$ ,  $\theta(x) = t\chi_A(x) = t \le \mu(x)$  and so  $x \in \mu(t)$ . This means that  $A \subseteq \mu_t$ . But  $\mu_t = A \cap B$  implies  $\mu_t \subseteq A$  and thus  $\mu_t = A$ . Therefore,  $\mu_t$ is a prime filter by Lemma 3.8.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let X be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra. If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter, then it is a fuzzy prime filter.

*Proof.* The proof follows from Lemma 3.7 and Theorem 3.9.

In general, the converse of Theorem 3.10 is not true. Let us see the following example.

*Example 3.11.* Let  $X = \{0, 1\}$ . Define the operation \* on X as follows: 0 \* 0 = 0, 0 \* 1 = 0, 1 \* 0 = 1 and 1 \* 1 = 0. It is easy to see that  $\langle X; *, 0 \rangle$  is a bounded commutative BCK-algebra. Define a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X by  $\mu(0) = 0$ ,  $\mu(1) = 1/2$ . Clearly  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime filter of X.

Moreover, we define the fuzzy filters  $\sigma$  and  $\theta$  by  $\sigma(x) = 1/2$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\theta(1) = 1$ ,  $\theta(0) = 0$ . Then, we get  $\theta \sigma \subseteq \mu$  but  $\sigma \not\subseteq \mu$  and  $\theta \not\subseteq \mu$ . Therefore,  $\mu$  is not a s-prime fuzzy filter.

**Lemma 3.12.** *F* is a prime filter of X if and only if  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter, where  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ , and  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is defined by

$$\chi_F^{\alpha}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in F \\ \alpha, & x \notin F. \end{cases}$$
(3.4)

*Proof.* Let *F* be a prime filter. Then, by Lemma 3.6, we can easily see that  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy filter.

Let  $\theta, \sigma$  be two fuzzy prime filters such that  $\theta \sigma \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$ , we will prove  $\theta \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$  or  $\sigma \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$ . If it is not true, then there exist  $x, y \in X \setminus F$  such that  $\theta(x) > \alpha$  and  $\sigma(y) > \alpha$ . Since *F* is prime, then  $x \lor y \notin F$ . Note that  $\theta \sigma \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$ , then

$$\alpha < \min\{\theta(x), \sigma(y)\} \le \min\{\theta(x \lor y), \sigma(x \lor y)\} = \theta \cap \sigma(x \lor y) = \theta\sigma(x \lor y) \le \chi_F^{\alpha}(x \lor y).$$
(3.5)

Thus,  $x \lor y \in F$ , a contradiction. It follows that  $\theta \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$  or  $\sigma \subseteq \chi_F^{\alpha}$ , and so  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter.

Conversely, let  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter. By Theorem 3.10,  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is also a fuzzy prime filter. Then, by Lemma 3.7,  $(\chi_F)_t = F$  is a prime filter, where  $\alpha \le t \le 1$ .

**Corollary 3.13.** *F* is a prime filter of X if and only if  $\chi_F$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter.

**Lemma 3.14** (see [13]). Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra, then  $x \land x^* = 0$  and  $x \lor x^* = 1$ .

**Lemma 3.15.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy filter of a bounded commutative BCK-algebra X. Then,  $\mu(0) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(x^*)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter, we have  $\mu(0) \ge \min\{\mu(x * 0)^*, \mu(x)\} = \min\{\mu(x^*), \mu(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ . On the other hand,  $\mu(0) \le \min\{\mu(x^*), \mu(x)\}$ , since any fuzzy filter is order preserving. Thus,  $\mu(0) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(x^*)\}$ .

**Lemma 3.16.** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter of a bounded BCK-algebra X, then  $\mu_1 = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) = \mu(1)\}$  is a filter of X and  $\chi_{\mu_1}$  is a fuzzy filter of X.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy filter and take  $t = \mu(1)$ . Then,  $\mu_t = \mu_1$  and so  $\mu_t = \mu_1$  is a filter of X by Lemma 3.6. Clearly  $\chi_{\mu_1}$  is a fuzzy filter.

**Lemma 3.17.** Let X be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter of X. Then  $\mu(1) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mu(1) < 1$ . Since  $\mu$  is non-constant, there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $\mu(a) < \mu(1)$ . Define fuzzy subset  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  of X by

$$\theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \mu(x) = \mu(1), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

and  $\sigma(x) = \mu(1)$  for all  $x \in X$ . By Lemma 3.16,  $\theta(x) = \chi_{\mu_1}$  is a fuzzy filter and clearly  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy filter. Note that  $\theta(1) = 1 > \mu(1)$  and  $\sigma(a) = \mu(1) > \mu(a)$ , we get  $\theta \sigma \not\subseteq \mu$ . But note that

for any  $x, y \in X$ 

$$\min\{\theta(x), \sigma(x)\} \leq \begin{cases} \sigma(y), & x \in \mu_1 \\ 0, & x \notin \mu_1 \end{cases}$$
$$\leq \begin{cases} \mu(1), & x \in \mu_1 \\ \mu(x), & x \notin \mu_1 \end{cases}$$
$$= \mu(x)$$
$$\leq \mu(x \lor y). \end{cases}$$
(3.7)

Thus,  $\theta \sigma(x) = \sup_{x=y \lor z} \{\min\{\theta(y), \sigma(z)\}\} \le \sup_{x=y \lor z} \{\mu(y \lor z)\} = \sup\{\mu(x)\} = \mu(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\mu(1) = 1$ .

**Lemma 3.18.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter of X. Then for any  $x \in X$ ,  $\mu(x) = 1$  or  $\mu(x^*) = 1$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.14,  $x \lor x^* = 1$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter, we get that  $\mu_1$  is a prime filter of X by Theorem 3.9. Hence,  $x \lor x^* = 1 \in \mu_1$  implies  $x \in \mu_1$  or  $x^* \in \mu_1$ . Therefore,  $\mu(x) = \mu(1) = 1$  or  $\mu(x^*) = \mu(1) = 1$  by Lemma 3.17.

**Theorem 3.19.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy s-prime filter of X. Then, for  $x \in X$ ,  $\mu(x) = \mu(1) = 1$  or  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.14,  $x \lor x^* = 1$  and then  $\mu(1) = \mu(x \lor x^*) = \mu(x)$  or  $\mu(x^*)$  since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter. By Lemma 3.18, we get  $\mu(x) = 1$  or  $\mu(x^*) = 1$ . If  $\mu(x^*) = 1$ , then  $\mu(0) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(x^*)\} = \mu(x)$  by Lemma 3.15. If  $\mu(x^*) \neq 1$ , then  $\mu(x) = 1 = \mu(1)$ .

**Lemma 3.20.** Let X be a bounded BCK-algebra. Then, a filter F of X is proper if and only if  $0 \notin F$ .

*Proof.* If  $0 \notin F$ , then clearly *F* is proper.

Conversely, let *F* be proper. If  $0 \in F$ , then for any  $x \in X$ ,  $(x^*0^*)^* = (x^*1)^* = 0^* = 1 \in F$ and so  $x \in F$ . It follows that F = X, a contradiction. Therefore,  $0 \notin F$ .

**Lemma 3.21** (see [13]). Let X be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra and F be a filter of X. If  $x \in X \setminus F$ , then there is a prime filter A of X such that  $F \subseteq A$  and  $x \notin A$ .

**Lemma 3.22** (see [13]). Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra. Then, for any  $a \in X$ , the filter  $\langle a \rangle$ , generated by a, is a set of elements x in X satisfying  $a \leq x$ .

**Lemma 3.23.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and  $a \neq 0$ . Then,  $\langle a \rangle \neq X$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.22,  $0 \notin \langle a \rangle$  and thus  $\langle a \rangle \neq X$ .

Lemma 3.24 (see [16]). For a bounded commutative BCK-algebra X, one gets

(1) x\*\* = x for all x ∈ X.
(2) x\* ∧ y\* = (x ∨ y)\*, x\* ∨ y\* = (x ∧ y)\* for all x, y ∈ X.
(3) x\*y\* = yx for all x, y ∈ X.

**Theorem 3.25.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra. Then,

(i) if  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1], \beta = \min\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  and  $x, y \in X$ , then  $F(x_{\beta_1}) \cap F(y_{\beta_2}) = F((x \lor y)_{\beta})$ .

(ii) if  $\beta \in (\mu(0), 1]$  and  $x, y \in X$ , then  $F(x_{\beta}) \cup F(y_{\beta}) = F((x \land y)_{\beta})$ .

*Moreover,*  $F(x_{\beta})$  *is both open or closed, where*  $\mu \in F(X)$ *.* 

(iii) if  $F(x_{\beta}) = F(X)$ , where  $x \in X$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ , then x = 0.

*Proof.* (i) If  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta_1}) \cap F(y\beta_2)$ , then  $\mu(x) < \beta_1$  and  $\mu(y) < \beta_2$ . By Theorem 3.10,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime filter, and then  $\mu(x \lor y) \le \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ . Since  $\mu(x) < \beta_1$  and  $\mu(y) < \beta_2$ , then  $\mu(x) \ne \mu(1)$  and  $\mu(y) \ne \mu(1)$ . It follows from Theorem 3.19 that  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  and  $\mu(y) = \mu(0)$ . Thus,  $\mu(x \lor y) \le \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} = \mu(0) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} < \min\{\beta_1, \beta_2\} = \beta$ . Therefore,  $\mu \in F((x \lor y)_{\beta})$ .

Conversely, if  $\mu \in F(x \lor y)_{\beta}$ , then  $\mu(x \lor y) < \beta$  and so  $\mu(x \lor y) < \beta_1$ ,  $\mu(x \lor y < \beta_2)$ . Note that  $x \le x \lor y$  and  $y \le x \lor y$ , we get  $\mu(x) \le \mu(x \lor y) < \beta_1$ , and  $\mu(y) \le \mu(x \lor y) < \beta_2$ , since  $\mu$  is order preserving. Thus,  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta_1})$  and  $\mu \in F(y_{\beta_2})$ , or equivalently,  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta_1}) \cap F(y_{\beta_2})$ .

Therefore, (i) holds.

(ii) Let  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta}) \cup F(y_{\beta})$ . Then,  $\mu(x) < \beta$  or  $\mu(y) < \beta$ . By Lemma 3.17, we have  $\mu(1) = 1 \ge \beta > \mu(x)$ ,  $\mu(1) = 1 \ge \beta > \mu(y)$ . Therefore,  $x \notin \mu_1$  or  $y \notin \mu_1$ . On the other hand, by Lemma 3.14,  $x \lor x^* = 1 \in \mu_1$ ,  $y \lor y^* = 1 \in \mu_1$ . Note that  $\mu_1 = \mu_1$  is a prime filter of X by Theorem 3.9. If  $x \notin \mu_1$ , then  $x \lor x^* \in \mu_1$  implies  $x^* \in \mu_1$ . If  $y \notin \mu_1$ , then  $y \lor y^* \in \mu_1$  implies  $y^* \in \mu_1$ . Therefore, we get that  $x^* \in \mu_1$  or  $y^* \in \mu_1$ . Note that  $x \land y \le x, y$ , we get  $x^* \le (x \land y)^*$  and  $y^* \le (x \land y)^*$ . Thus,  $\mu(x^*) \le \mu((x \land y)^*)$  and  $\mu(y^*) \le \mu((x \land y)^*)$ , and so max{ $\mu(x^*), \mu(y^*)$ }  $\le \mu((x \land y)^*)$ . But  $\mu(x^*) = \mu(1)$  or  $\mu(y^*) = \mu(1)$  implies that  $1 = \max\{\mu(x^*), \mu(y^*)\} \le \mu((x \land y)^*)$  or  $\mu((x \land y)^*) = \mu(1)$ . This means,  $(x \land y)^* \in \mu_1$ .

If  $x \wedge y \in \mu_1$ , then  $\mu(0) \ge \min\{\mu(((x \wedge y) * 0)^*), \mu(x \wedge y)\} = \min\{\mu((x \wedge y)^*), \mu(x \wedge y)\} = \mu(1)$ . It follows that  $\mu(x) = \mu(1)$  for all  $x \in X$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $x \wedge y \notin \mu_1$ . By Lemma 3.18,  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(0)$ . Hence,  $\mu(x \wedge y) < \beta$  and so  $\mu \in F((x \wedge y)_{\beta})$ . It follows that  $F(x_{\beta}) \cup F(y_{\beta}) \subseteq F((x \wedge y)_{\beta})$ .

Conversely, let  $\mu \in F((x \land y)_{\beta})$ . Then,  $\mu(x \land y) < \beta \leq 1 = \mu(1)$ . Thus,  $x \land y \notin \mu_1$ . Since  $(x \land y) \lor (x \land y)^* = 1 \in \mu_1$ , then  $(x \land y)^* \in \mu_1$ . By Lemma 3.24,  $(x \land y)^* = x^* \lor y^*$  and so  $x^* \in \mu_1$  or  $y^* \in \mu_1$ . If  $x^* \in \mu_1$  (or  $y^* \in \mu_1$ ), then  $\mu(0) \geq \min\{\mu((x*0)^*), \mu(x)\} = \min\{\mu(x^*), \mu(x)\} = \mu(x)$  (or  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(y)$ ). Thus,  $x \notin \mu_1$  or  $y \notin \mu_1$ . It follows that  $F((x \land y)_{\beta}) \subseteq F(x_{\beta}) \cup F(y_{\beta})$ .

Combining the above arguments, we get  $F(x_{\beta}) \cup F(y_{\beta}) = F((x \land y)_{\beta})$ .

In order to prove  $F(x_{\beta})$  is closed, we will show  $F(x_{\beta}) = V((x^*)_{\beta})$ .

Let  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta})$ . Then,  $\mu \in F(\langle x_{\beta} \rangle)$  by Lemma 3.2. Thus,  $\langle x_{\beta} \rangle \not\subseteq \mu$  and so  $\mu(x) < \beta \le 1 = \mu(1)$ . Hence,  $x \notin \mu_1$ . Note that  $x \lor x^* = 1 \in \mu_1$  we get  $x^* \in \mu_1$ , which implies that  $\mu(x^*) = \mu(1) = 1 \ge \beta$  and so  $(x^*)_{\beta} \subseteq \mu$ . It follows that  $\mu \in V((x^*)_{\beta})$  and thus  $F(x_{\beta}) \subseteq V((x^*)_{\beta})$ .

Conversely, let  $\mu \in V((x^*)_{\beta})$ . Then,  $(x^*)_{\beta} \subseteq \mu$  and so  $\mu(x^*) \ge \beta > \mu(0)$ . By Theorem 3.19,  $\mu(x^*) = \mu(1)$ . Note that  $\mu(0) \ge \min\{((x*0)^*), \mu(x)\} = \min\{\mu(x^*), \mu(x)\} = \mu(x)$ , we get that  $\mu(x) = \mu(0) < \beta$ , or equivalently,  $\langle x_{\beta} \rangle \subseteq \mu$ . Thus,  $\mu \in F(x_{\beta})$  and so  $V((x^*)_{\beta}) \subseteq F(x_{\beta})$ .

Combining the above two sides, we get  $F(x_{\beta}) = V((x^*)_{\beta})$ .

(iii) Let  $F(x_{\beta}) = F(X)$ . We claim that x = 0. If this is not true, by Lemma 3.23,  $\langle x \rangle \neq X$ . By Lemma 3.21, there exists a prime filter *P* of *X* such that  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq P$ . On the other hand, by Lemma 3.12,  $\chi_P \in F(X) = F(x_{\beta})$ .

Therefore,  $\langle x \rangle \not\subseteq P$ , a contradiction. It follows that x = 0.

In general, the converse of Theorem 3.25 (iii) does not hold. Let us see the following counter example.

*Example 3.26.* Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and \*-table and  $\lor$ -table be given as follows.

*	0	1	2	3	V	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	3
2	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	2	3
3	3	2	1	0	3	3	3	3	3

Then (x;\*,0) is a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and 3 is a unit. It is easy to see that  $P = \{1,3\}$  is a filter of X. From  $\lor$ -table, we can see easily that P is prime. So,  $\chi_P$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter by Lemma 3.12. Let  $\beta = 1/2$ . Then,  $3_\beta \subseteq \mu$  and so  $\langle 3_\beta \rangle \subseteq \mu$ . Hence,  $\mu \notin F(3_\beta)$ . Therefore  $F(3_\beta) \neq F(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.27.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and  $X_{\alpha} = \{\mu \in F(X) \mid \mu(0) = \alpha\}$  for  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . Then,  $X_{\alpha}$  is a Hausdorff space.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu, \sigma \in X_{\alpha}$  and  $\mu \neq \sigma$ . We claim that  $\mu_1 \neq \sigma_1$ . Otherwise, if  $\mu_1 = \sigma_1$ , then for  $x \in \mu_1 = \sigma_1$ ,  $\mu(x) = \mu(1) = 1 = \sigma(1) = \sigma(x)$  and for  $x \notin \mu_1 = \sigma_1$ ,  $\mu(x) = \mu(0) = \alpha = \sigma(0) = \sigma(x)$  by Theorem 3.19, a contradiction. Thus,  $\mu_1 \not\subseteq \sigma_1$  or  $\sigma_1 \not\subseteq \mu_1$ . Let  $\mu_1 \not\subseteq \sigma_1$ . Then,  $x \in \mu_1 \setminus \sigma_1$  implies  $x^* \in \sigma_1$ . Moreover,  $\mu(0) \ge \min\{\mu(x * 0)^*, \mu(x)\} = \min\{\mu(x^*), \mu(x)\} = \mu(x^*)$  since  $\mu(x) = \mu(1) = 1$ . Thus  $\mu(x^*) = \mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$  and so  $x^* \notin \mu_1$ . Therefore,  $x^* \in \sigma_1 \setminus \mu_1$ . Hence,

$$\sigma(x) = \alpha = \mu(x^*), \qquad \mu(x) = 1 = \sigma(x^*).$$
 (3.9)

Let  $t \in (\alpha, 1]$ . Then,  $(x_t)(x) = t > \sigma(x)$ , and so  $\sigma \in F(x_t)$ . Note that  $((x^*)_t)(x^*) = t > \alpha = \mu(x^*)$ , we get  $\mu \in F((x^*)_t)$ . Moreover, we get

$$F(x_t) \cap F((x^*)_t) = F((x \lor x^*)_t) \text{ (by Theorem 3.25 (i))}$$
  
= F(1<sub>t</sub>) (by Lemma 3.14) (3.10)  
= Ø (by Lemma 3.17).

It follows that  $X_{\alpha}$  is a Hausdorff space.

**Corollary 3.28.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra. Then  $X_0 = \{\mu \in F(X) \mid \mu(0) = 0\}$  is a Hausdorff space.

Let *X* be a bounded commutative BCK-algebra, L(X) be the set of all filters of *X*, and *F*-spec(*X*) stand for all prime filters of *X*.

For any subset *A* of *X*, we define  $S(A) = \{P \in F \text{-spec}(X) \mid A \not\subseteq P\}$ . If  $A = \{a\}$ , we denote  $S(\{a\})$  by S(a).

**Lemma 3.29.**  $S(A) = S(\langle A \rangle)$  and if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $S(A) \subseteq S(B)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \subseteq \langle A \rangle$ , then  $A \not\subseteq P$  implies  $\langle A \rangle \not\subseteq P$ . Then,  $P \in S(A)$  implies  $P \in S(\langle A \rangle)$ . Conversely, if  $P \in S(\langle A \rangle)$ , then  $\langle A \rangle \not\subseteq P$ . Hence,  $A \not\subseteq P$  since  $A \subseteq P$  implies  $\langle A \rangle \subseteq P$ . Therefore,  $P \in S(A)$ .

Thus,  $S(A) = S(\langle A \rangle)$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $S(A) \subseteq S(B)$ .

**Proposition 3.30.** The family  $T(X) = \{S(F) \mid F \in L(X)\}$  forms a topology on *F*-spec(X). *Proof.* First, we get

$$S(1) = S(\langle 1 \rangle) = \{ P \in F \operatorname{-spec}(X) \mid \langle 1 \rangle \not\subseteq P \} = \emptyset \in T(X),$$
  

$$S(X) = \{ P \in F \operatorname{-spec}(X) \mid X \not\subseteq P \} = F \operatorname{-spec}(X) \in T(X).$$
(3.11)

Then, for any family  $\{S(F_{\alpha})\}_{\alpha\in\Omega}$ ,

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} S(F_{\alpha}) = \{ P \in F \operatorname{spec}(X) \mid F_{\alpha} \not\subseteq P \text{ For some } F_{\alpha} \}$$
$$= \left\{ P \in F \operatorname{spec}(X) \mid \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} F_{\alpha} \not\subseteq P \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ P \in F \operatorname{spec}(X) \mid \left\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} F_{\alpha} \right\rangle \not\subseteq P \right\}$$
$$= S\left(\left\langle \left\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} F_{\alpha} \right\rangle \right\rangle \right) \in T(X).$$
(3.12)

Finally,

$$S(F_1) \cap S(F_2) = \{ P \in F \text{-spec}(X) \mid F_1 \cap F_2 \not\subseteq P \} = S(F_1 \cap F_2) \in T(X).$$
(3.13)

Therefore, T(X) is a topology on *F*-spec(*X*).

**Theorem 3.31.** Let X be a bounded implicative BCK-algebra and the map f : F-spec $(X) \to X_{\alpha}$  is defined by  $f(P) = \chi_P^{\alpha}$  where  $\chi_P^{\alpha}$  is defined in Lemma 3.12. Then, f is a homeomorphism.

*Proof.* (a) f is well defined.

By Lemma 3.12,  $\chi_P^{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy s-prime filter for any  $P \in F$ -spec(X). Note that  $0 \notin P$ , then  $\chi_P^{\alpha}(0) = \alpha$  and so  $\chi_P^{\alpha} \in X_{\alpha}$ . Thus, f is well defined.

- (b) Clearly *f* is injective.
- (c) f is surjective.

For any  $\mu \in X_{\alpha}$ , by Theorem 3.19,  $\mu(x) = \mu(1) = 1$  or  $\mu(x) = \mu(0) = \alpha$ . Hence,  $\mu = \chi_{\mu_1}^{\alpha}$ . By Theorem 3.9, we get  $\mu_1$  is a prime filter of *X*. Thus,  $\mu_1 \in F$ -spec(*X*) and so  $f(\mu_1) = \chi_{\mu_1}^{\alpha} = \mu$ . It follows that *f* is surjective.

(d) f is continuous.

Let  $F_{\alpha}(\theta) = F(\theta) \cap X_{\alpha}$  be an open set of  $X_{\alpha}$ . We will prove that  $f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}(\theta))$  is an open set of *F*-spec(*X*). It is sufficient to prove that  $f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}(\theta)) = \bigcup_{\alpha \le t \le 1} S(\theta_t)$ , since  $\theta_t$  is a filter of *X* by Lemma 3.6.

First, let  $P \in \bigcup_{\alpha < t < 1} S(\theta_t)$ , then there exists some t such that  $\alpha < t < 1$  and  $P \in S(\theta_t)$ . Thus,  $\theta_t \not\subseteq P$  and there exists  $x \in \theta_t \setminus P$ . Hence  $\theta(x) \ge t > \alpha = \chi_P^{\alpha}(x)$ . Therefore,  $\theta \not\subseteq \chi_P^{\alpha}$  and so  $\chi_P^{\alpha} \in F_{\alpha}(\theta)$ . This shows that  $f(P) \in F_{\alpha}(\theta)$ . It follows that  $P \in f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}(\theta))$ . Conversely, let  $P \in f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}(\theta))$ , then  $f(P) = \chi_{P}^{\alpha} \in F_{\alpha}(\theta)$ . Hence,  $\theta \not\subseteq \chi_{P}^{\alpha}$ , and thus there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\chi_{P}^{\alpha} < \theta(x)$ . Therefore,  $x \notin P$  and so  $\chi_{P}^{\alpha} = \alpha < \theta(x)$ . We can take t such that  $\alpha < t_{1} < \theta(x)$ . Then,  $x \in \theta_{t_{1}} \setminus P$ . It follows that  $\theta_{t_{1}} \not\subseteq P$  and so  $P \in S(\theta_{t_{1}}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha < t < 1} S(\theta_{t})$ . Combining the above two hands, we get  $f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}(\theta)) = \bigcup_{\alpha < t < 1} S(\theta_{t})$ . So f is continuous.

(e)  $f^{-1}$  is continuous. It is sufficient to prove that f(S(F)) is an open set of  $X_{\alpha}$  for any  $F \in L(X)$ .

We will prove that  $f(S(F)) = F_{\alpha}(\chi_F^{\alpha})$ .

$$\mu \in f(S(F)) \Longrightarrow \exists P \in S(F) \text{ such that } f(P) = \mu = \chi_P^{\alpha}$$
$$\Longrightarrow F \not\subseteq P, \quad f(P) = \mu = \chi_P^{\alpha}$$
$$\Longrightarrow \exists x \in F \setminus P, \quad \mu = \chi_P^{\alpha}$$
$$\Longrightarrow \chi_P^{\alpha} < 1 = \chi_F^{\alpha}(x)$$
$$\Longrightarrow \chi_F^{\alpha} \not\subseteq \chi_P^{\alpha} = \mu$$
$$\Longrightarrow \mu \in F_{\alpha}(\chi_F^{\alpha}).$$
(3.14)

Thus,  $f(S(F)) \subseteq F_{\alpha}(\chi_F^{\alpha})$ . Conversely, we get

$$\mu \in F_{\alpha}(\chi_{F}^{\alpha}) \Longrightarrow \chi_{F}^{\alpha} \not\subseteq \mu, \quad \exists P \in F\text{-spec}(X) \text{ such that } f(P) = \mu = \chi_{P}^{\alpha}.$$

$$\Longrightarrow \exists x \in X \text{ such that } \chi_{F}^{\alpha}(x) > \mu(x) = \chi_{P}^{\alpha}$$

$$\Longrightarrow F \not\subseteq P$$

$$\Longrightarrow P \in S(F)$$

$$\Longrightarrow \mu = f(P) \in f(S(F)).$$
(3.15)

So that  $F_{\alpha}(\chi_{F}^{\alpha}) \subseteq f(S(F))$ .

Therefore,  $f(S(F)) = F_{\alpha}(\chi_F^{\alpha})$ . By Lemma 3.6, we can easily see that  $\chi_F^{\alpha}$  is a fuzzy filter of X and so  $F_{\alpha}(\chi_F^{\alpha}) = F(\chi_F^{\alpha}) \cap X_{\alpha}$  is an open set of  $X_{\alpha}$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.

By Theorem 3.27 and Theorem 3.31, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.32.** *Let X be a bounded implicative* BCK-algebra. Then, *F*-spec(*X*) *is a Hausdorff space.* 

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