

## PSEUDO-VALUATIONS ON COMMUTATIVE BE-ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

In this paper, we study pseudo-valuations on commutative BE-algebras and obtain some related results. Using the pseudo-metrics induced by pseudo-valuations we introduce a congruence relation on BE-algebras.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of BCK/BCI-algebras was initiated by K. Iséki as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculus([3],[4]). In [9], J.Neggeres and H. S. Kim introduced the notion of d-algebras which is a generalization of BCK-algebras. Moreover, Y. B. Jun, E. H. Roh and H. S. Kim [5] introduced a new notion, called BH-algebras, which is a generalization of BCK/BCI-algebras. Recently, as another generalization of BCK-algebras, the notion of BE-algebras was introduced by H. S. Kim and Y. H. Kim [6]. Lee in [7] introduced the notion of pseudo-valuations on BE-algebras and investigated several properties. He provided relations between pseudo-valuations and some sub-algebras of BE-algebras. Using the notion of a pseudo-valuation he constructed (pseudo)metric space and showed that the binary operation of  $*$  in BE-algebras is uniformly continuous. In this paper, we study pseudo-valuations on BE-algebras and investigate its properties. We discuss the relation between pseudo-valuations and filters of a BE-algebra. We obtain some results of pseudo-metrics induced by pseudo-valuations on BE-algebras. Also, we prove that the pseudo-metric induced by a pseudo-valuation  $\varphi$  is a metric on a BE-algebra if and only if  $\varphi$  is a valuation. Finally, using the pseudo-metrics induced by pseudo-valuations we construct the quotient structures and investigate related properties.

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## 2 Preliminary

### 2.1 BE-algebras

**Definition 1.** [11] A BE-algebra is an algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  such that satisfying the following axioms:

- (1)  $x * x = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (2)  $x * 1 = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (3)  $1 * x = x$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (4)  $x * (y * z) = y * (x * z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A relation  $\leq$  on  $X$  is defined by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 1$ . If  $X$  is a BE-algebra and  $x, y \in X$ , then  $x * (y * x) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.** [11] We say that a BE-algebra  $X$  is commutative if  $(x * y) * y = (y * x) * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.** [1] Let  $X$  be a commutative BE-algebra and  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then,

- (5)  $x * y = y * x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y$ ,
- (6)  $(x * y) * ((y * z) * (x * z)) = 1$ .

**Definition 3.** [11] We say that a BE-algebra  $X$  is transitive if  $(y * z) \leq (x * y) * (x * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proposition 2.** [11] If  $X$  is a commutative BE-algebra, then it is transitive.

**Definition 4.** [11] Let  $A$  be a BE-algebra. A filter is a nonempty set  $F \subseteq X$  such that for all  $x, y \in A$

- (i)  $1 \in F$ ,
- (ii)  $x \in F$  and  $x * y \in F$  imply  $y \in F$ .

Let  $F$  be a filter in  $X$ . If  $x \in F$  and  $x \leq y$  then  $y \in F$ .

**Definition 5.** [11] A filter  $F$  of a BE-algebra  $X$  is said to be normal if it satisfies the following condition:

$$x * y \in F \Rightarrow [(z * x) * (z * y) \in F \text{ and } (y * z) * (x * z) \in F]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.** [11] If  $X$  is a transitive BE-algebra, then every filter of  $X$  is normal.

**Definition 6.** An equivalence relation  $\theta$  on a BE-algebra  $X$  is called a congruence relation on  $X$ , if  $(x, y) \in \theta$  implies  $(x * z, y * z) \in \theta$  and  $(z * x, z * y) \in \theta$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proposition 4.** [11] Let  $F$  be a normal filter of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Define

$$x \equiv^F y \Leftrightarrow x * y, y * x \in F$$

Then,

(i)  $\equiv^F$  is a congruence relation on  $X$ .

(ii) Let  $[x]_F = \{y \in X : x \equiv^F y\}$  be an equivalence class of  $x$  and  $X/F = \{[x]_F : x \in X\}$ . Then  $X/F$  is a BE-algebra under the binary operations given by:

$$[x]_F \oplus [y]_F = [x * y]_F.$$

**Definition 7.** [2] Let  $X$  be a BE-algebra. If there exists an element  $0$  satisfying  $0 \leq x$  (or  $0 * x = 1$ ) for all  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is called a bounded BE-algebra.

**Definition 8.** [12] Let  $X = (X, *, 1)$  and  $X' = (X', *', 1')$  be two BE-algebras. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is called a BE-algebra homomorphism from  $X$  into  $X'$  if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $f(x * y) = f(x) *' f(y)$ .

For a homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow X'$ , we have  $f(1) = 1'$ .

## 2.2 Pseudo-valuations

**Definition 9.** [7] A real-valued function  $\varphi$  on a BE-algebra  $X$  is called a pseudo-valuation on  $X$  if it satisfies the following condition:

(i)  $\varphi(1) = 0$ ,

(ii)  $\varphi(x * z) \leq \varphi(x * (y * z)) + \varphi(y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A pseudo-valuation  $\varphi$  on a BE-algebra  $X$  satisfying the following condition:

$$x \neq 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in X \quad (7)$$

is called a valuation on  $X$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

(8)  $\varphi$  is order reversing,

(9)  $\varphi(x * y) \leq \varphi(y)$ ,

(10)  $\varphi((x * (y * z)) * z) \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$ ,

(11)  $\varphi(x) \geq 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,

(12)  $\varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(x)$ ,

(13)  $x \leq y * z \Rightarrow \varphi(z) \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$ ,

(14)  $\varphi((x * y) * y) \leq \varphi(x)$ . [See, [7]]

**Proposition 5.** [7] Let  $X$  be a transitive BE-algebra. Every pseudo-valuation  $\varphi$  on  $X$  satisfies the following inequality,

$$\varphi(x * z) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(y * z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X. \quad (15)$$

For a real-valued function  $\varphi$  on a BE-algebra  $X$  define a mapping  $d_\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $d_\varphi(x, y) = \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(y * x)$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ .

**Theorem 1.** [7] *Let  $X$  be a transitive BE-algebra. If a real-valued function  $\varphi$  on  $X$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ , then  $d_\varphi$  is a pseudo-metric on  $X$ , and so  $(X, d_\varphi)$  is a pseudo-metric space.*

Suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a pseudo-metric space. Then

(i) For each  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in X : d(y, x) < \varepsilon\}$  is called the ball of radius  $\varepsilon$  with center at  $x$ .

(ii) We say that  $U \subseteq X$  is open in  $(X, d)$  if for each  $x \in U$  there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U$ .

(iii) The topology  $\tau_d$  induced by  $d$  is the collection of all open sets in  $(X, d)$ .

**Theorem 2.** [7] *Let  $X$  be a transitive BE-algebra such that*

$$x * y = y * x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

*If  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a valuation on  $X$ , then  $(X, d_\varphi)$  is a metric space.*

**Proposition 6.** [7] *Let  $X$  be a transitive BE-algebra satisfying in following condition:*

$$x * y = y * x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

*Then,*

$$(16) \quad d_\varphi(x, y) \geq d_\varphi(z * x, z * y),$$

$$(17) \quad d_\varphi(x, y) \geq d_\varphi(x * z, y * z),$$

$$(18) \quad d_\varphi(x * y, z * w) \leq d_\varphi(x * y, z * y) + d_\varphi(z * y, z * w),$$

*for all  $x, y, z, w \in X$ .*

**notation.** From now on, in this paper  $X$  is a commutative BE-algebra.

### 3 Pseudo-valuations on commutative BE-algebras

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $(X, *, 1)$  be a BE-algebra. Then for each filter  $F$  of  $X$  there exists a pseudo-valuation  $\varphi_F$  on  $X$  which is called the pseudo-valuation induced by filter  $F$ . Moreover  $\varphi_F$  is a valuation if and only if  $F = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $s$  be a positive element of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define  $\varphi_F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\varphi_F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in F \\ s & \text{if } x \notin F. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $\varphi_F$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ . Since  $1 \in F$ ,  $\varphi_F(1) = 0$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . We consider following cases:

**Case 1.** If  $x * z \in F$ , then  $\varphi_F(x * z) = 0$ .

(i) If  $y \in F$ , then  $y * (x * z) \in F$ . Hence  $\varphi_F(y * (x * z)) = 0$ . By (4) we have,

$$\varphi_F(x * z) = 0 \leq \varphi_F(y * (x * z)) + \varphi_F(y) = \varphi_F(x * (y * z)) + \varphi_F(y) = 0.$$

(ii) If  $y \notin F$ , then  $\varphi_F(y) = s$ . Hence

$$\varphi_F(x * z) = 0 \leq s = \varphi_F(y) \leq \varphi_F(y * (x * z)) + \varphi_F(y) = \varphi_F(x * (y * z)) + \varphi_F(y).$$

**Case 2.** If  $x * z \notin F$ , then  $\varphi_F(x * z) = s$ .

(i) If  $y \in F$ , then  $\varphi_F(y) = 0$ . Since  $y \in F$ ,  $y * (x * z) \notin F$  because if  $y * (x * z) \in F$ , then  $x * z \in F$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $\varphi_F(y * (x * z)) = s$ . Therefore,

$$\varphi_F(x * z) = s \leq s + 0 = \varphi_F(y * (x * z)) + \varphi_F(y) = \varphi_F(x * (y * z)) + \varphi_F(y).$$

(ii) If  $y \notin F$ , then  $\varphi_F(y) = s$ . Hence,

$$\varphi_F(x * z) = s \leq \varphi_F(y * (x * z)) + \varphi_F(y) = \varphi_F(x * (y * z)) + \varphi_F(y).$$

Hence  $\varphi_F$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ . It is clear that  $\varphi_F$  is a valuation if and only if  $F = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, 1\}$ . If the operation  $*$  given by the following table

$*$	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	b	c
b	1	1	1	1
c	1	a	c	1

then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a BE-algebra (see [7]). Let  $F = \{a, 1\}$ . Then  $F$  is a filter of  $X$ . Define  $\varphi_F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\varphi_F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in F \\ 2 & \text{if } x \notin F. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\varphi_F$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ .

**Proposition 8.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $F_\varphi = \{x \in X : \varphi(x) = 0\}$  is a filter of  $X$  which is called the filter induced by pseudo-valuation  $\varphi$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\varphi(1) = 0$ ,  $1 \in F_\varphi$ . Let  $x, x * y \in F_\varphi$ . Then  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(x * y) = 0$ . By (11) and (12) we have,

$$0 \leq \varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(x) = 0.$$

Hence  $y \in F_\varphi$ .  $\square$

**Example.** By assumptions of the previous example, we have  $F_{\varphi_F} = \{a, 1\}$ .

**Proposition 9.** Let  $F$  be a filter of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $F_{\varphi_F} = F$ .

*Proof.* We have  $F_{\varphi_F} = \{x \in X : \varphi_F(x) = 0\} = \{x \in X : x \in F\} = F$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 10.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a valuation if and only if  $d_\varphi$  is a metric on  $X$ .

*Proof.* If  $\varphi$  is a valuation on  $X$ , then by Theorem 2,  $d_\varphi$  is a metric. Conversely, suppose that  $\varphi$  is not a valuation on  $X$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \neq 1$  and  $\varphi(x) = 0$ . Hence  $x, 1 \in F_\varphi$ . Therefore

$$d_\varphi(1, x) = \varphi(1 * x) + \varphi(x * 1) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(1) = 0.$$

Hence  $d_\varphi(1, x) = 0$ . Since  $d_\varphi$  is a metric on  $X$ ,  $x = 1$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\varphi$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1,  $(X, d_\varphi)$  is a pseudo-metric space. Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary element. For each  $x \in X$  by (12) we have

$$\varphi(x_0) - \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(x * x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0) \leq \varphi(x_0 * x).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x_0) - \varphi(x) &\leq \varphi(x * x_0) + \varphi(x_0 * x) = d_\varphi(x, x_0) \\ \varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0) &\leq \varphi(x * x_0) + \varphi(x_0 * x) = d_\varphi(x, x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $-d_\varphi(x, x_0) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0) \leq d_\varphi(x, x_0)$  and so  $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0)| \leq d_\varphi(x, x_0)$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\varphi$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ , then  $F_\varphi$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $F_\varphi = \{x \in X : \varphi(x) = 0\} = \varphi^{-1}(\{0\})$ , by Theorem 3, the proof is clear.  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a BE-algebra and  $\tau$  be a topology on  $X$ .  $(X, *, \tau)$  is a topological BE-algebra, if  $x * y \in U \in \tau$ , then there are two open sets  $V$  and  $W$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, such that  $V * W \subseteq U$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\tau_{d_\varphi}$  be the topology induced by  $d_\varphi$ . Then  $(X, *, \tau_{d_\varphi})$  is a topological BE-algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $x * y \in B_\epsilon(x * y)$ . We claim that  $B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x) * B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(y) \subseteq B_\epsilon(x * y)$ . Let  $z \in B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x) * B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(y)$ . Then there exist  $p \in B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x)$  and  $q \in B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(y)$  such that  $z = p * q$ . Hence  $d_\varphi(x, p) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and  $d_\varphi(y, q) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . By (16) and (17) we have  $d_\varphi(x * y, p * q) \leq d_\varphi(x, p)$  and  $d_\varphi(p * q, p * q) \leq d_\varphi(y, q)$ . By (18),  $d_\varphi(x * y, p * q) \leq d_\varphi(x * y, p * q) + d_\varphi(p * q, p * q) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$ . Thus  $z = p * q \in B_\epsilon(x * y)$ . Therefore  $(X, *, \tau)$  is a topological BE-algebra.  $\square$

## 4 Quotient BE-algebras induced by pseudo-valuations

**Definition 10.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Define the relation  $\theta_\varphi$  by*

$$(x, y) \in \theta_\varphi \Leftrightarrow d_\varphi(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\theta_\varphi$  is a congruence relation on  $X$  which is called the congruence relation induced by  $\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\theta_\varphi$  induced by a pseudo-metric, it is an equivalence relation on  $X$ . We show that  $\theta_\varphi$  is a congruence relation. Let  $(x, y), (z, w) \in \theta_\varphi$ . Then  $d_\varphi(x, y) = 0 = d_\varphi(z, w)$ . By (11) and (17) we have  $0 \leq d_\varphi(x * z, y * z) \leq d_\varphi(x, y) = 0$ . Hence  $d_\varphi(x * z, y * z) = 0$  and so  $(x * z, y * z) \in \theta_\varphi$ . Similarly, we can show that  $(y * z, y * w) \in \theta_\varphi$ . Since  $\theta_\varphi$  is a equivalence relation,  $(x * z, y * w) \in \theta_\varphi$ . Therefore  $\theta_\varphi$  is a congruence relation on  $X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra and  $\theta_\varphi$  be the congruence relation induced by  $\varphi$ . Then for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

- (i)  $(x, y) \in \theta_\varphi \Leftrightarrow (1, x * y), (1, y * x) \in \theta_\varphi$ .
- (ii)  $F_{\theta_\varphi} = \{x * y : (x, y) \in \theta_\varphi\}$  is a filter.

*Proof.* (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1, x * y), (1, y * x) \in \theta_\varphi &\iff d_\varphi(1, x * y) = 0 = d_\varphi(1, y * x), \\
 &\iff \varphi(1 * (x * y)) + \varphi((x * y) * 1) = 0 \\
 &\quad = \varphi(1 * (y * x)) + \varphi((y * x) * 1), \\
 &\iff \varphi(x * y) = 0 = \varphi(y * x), \\
 &\iff d_\varphi(x, y) = 0, \\
 &\iff (x, y) \in \theta_\varphi.
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $x * y, x = 1 * x \in F_{\theta_\varphi}$ . Then  $d_\varphi(1, x) = 0 = d_\varphi(x, y)$ . Hence  $\varphi(x) = 0 = \varphi(x * y)$ . By (11) and (12) we have,

$$0 \leq d_\varphi(1, y) = \varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(x) = 0.$$

Hence  $d_\varphi(1, y) = 0$  and so  $y = 1 * y \in F_{\theta_\varphi}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $\theta_\varphi$  be the congruence relation induced by  $\varphi$ . Let  $[x]_\varphi = \{y \in X : (x, y) \in \theta_\varphi\}$  and  $X/\varphi = \{[x]_\varphi : x \in X\}$ . Define a binary operation  $\odot$  on  $X/\varphi$  as follows:

$$[x]_\varphi \odot [y]_\varphi = [x * y]_\varphi.$$

The resulting algebra is denoted by  $X/\varphi$  and is called the quotient algebra of  $X$  induced by pseudo-valuation  $\varphi$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $(X/\varphi, \odot, [1]_\varphi)$  is a BE-algebra and  $d^*([x]_\varphi, [y]_\varphi) = d_\varphi(x, y)$  is a metric on  $X/\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. We only show that  $d^*$  is well defined. Let  $x, y, a$  and  $b$  be in  $X$  and  $[x]_\varphi = [a]_\varphi$  and  $[y]_\varphi = [b]_\varphi$ . Then  $\varphi(x * a) = \varphi(a * a)$

$x) = \varphi(y * b) = \varphi(b * y) = 0$ . By (6) we have  $x * y \leq (y * b) * (x * b)$  and  $x * b \leq (b * a) * (x * a)$ . By (13),  $\varphi(x * b) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(y * b) = \varphi(x * y)$  and  $\varphi(b * a) \leq \varphi(x * a) + \varphi(x * b) = \varphi(x * b)$ . Hence  $\varphi(b * a) \leq \varphi(x * y)$ . By a similar argument we have  $\varphi(x * y) \leq \varphi(b * a)$ . Thus  $\varphi(x * y) = \varphi(b * a)$ . Similarly, we have  $\varphi(y * x) = \varphi(a * b)$ . Hence  $d_\varphi(x, y) = d_\varphi(a, b)$  and so  $d^*$  is well defined.  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, 1\}$ . Define a binary operation  $*$  on  $X$  as follows:

$*$	1	a	b	c	d
1	1	a	b	c	d
a	1	1	b	c	d
b	1	1	1	c	d
c	1	a	b	1	d
d	1	1	1	c	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a BE-algebra. If  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b & c & d \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then by Proposition 7,  $\varphi$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ . It is easy to verify that

$$\theta_\varphi = \{(1, 1), (a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (0, c), (c, 0)\}$$

and  $X/\varphi = \{[a]_\varphi, [b]_\varphi, [d]_\varphi, [1]_\varphi\}$  where  $[a]_\varphi = \{a\}$ ,  $[b]_\varphi = \{b\}$ ,  $[d]_\varphi = \{d\}$  and  $[1]_\varphi = \{c, 1\}$ .

**Proposition 13.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

- (i) If  $[x]_\varphi \odot [y]_\varphi = [y]_\varphi \odot [x]_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$ , then  $[x]_\varphi = [y]_\varphi$ ,
- (ii)  $([x]_\varphi \odot [y]_\varphi) \odot (([y]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi) \odot ([x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi)) = [1]_\varphi$ ,

*Proof.* (i) Let  $[x]_\varphi \odot [y]_\varphi = [y]_\varphi \odot [x]_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$  for some  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $[x * y]_\varphi = [y * x]_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$  and so  $(1, x * y), (1, y * x) \in \theta_\varphi$ . By Proposition 12 part (i), we have  $(x, y) \in \theta_\varphi$ , that is  $[x]_\varphi = [y]_\varphi$ .

(ii) The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

**Proposition 14.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $F_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$ .

*Proof.* We have,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in [1]_\varphi &\iff (1, x) \in \theta_\varphi, \\ &\iff d_\varphi(1, x) = 0, \\ &\iff \varphi(1 * x) + \varphi(x * 1) = 0, \\ &\iff \varphi(x) = 0, \\ &\iff x \in F_\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$



**Proposition 15.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi) = \inf\{\varphi(z) : z \in [x]_\varphi\}$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X/\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* Since for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\varphi(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi)$  is well defined. By Proposition 14, we have

$$\bar{\varphi}([1]_\varphi) = \inf\{\varphi(z) : z \in [1]_\varphi\} = \inf\{\varphi(z) : z \in F_\varphi\} = \varphi(1) = 0.$$

Now, we show that for each  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi) \leq \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot ([y]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi)) + \bar{\varphi}([y]_\varphi)$ . Let  $a \in [x]_\varphi, b \in [y]_\varphi$  and  $c \in [z]_\varphi$ . Then  $a * c \in [x * z]_\varphi = [x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi$ . By (11), we have

$$\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi) = \bar{\varphi}([x * z]_\varphi) \leq \varphi(a * b) \leq \varphi(a * (b * c)) + \varphi(b).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi) &\leq \inf\{\varphi(a * (b * c)) : a \in [x]_\varphi, b \in [y]_\varphi, c \in [z]_\varphi\} \\ &\quad + \inf\{\varphi(b) : b \in [y]_\varphi\}, \\ &= \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot ([y]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi)) + \bar{\varphi}([y]_\varphi). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 16.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi) = \inf\{\varphi(z) : z \in [x]_\varphi\}$  is a valuation on  $X/\varphi$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$  the set  $[x]_\varphi$  have a maximum.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 15,  $\varphi$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X/\varphi$ . Let  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi) = 0$  for some  $x \in X$ . By assumption, there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $a = \max[x]_\varphi$ . Since for each  $z \in [x]_\varphi$ ,  $z \leq a$ , we get that  $\varphi(a) \leq \varphi(z) \leq \bar{\varphi}([z]_\varphi) = \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi)$  and so  $\varphi(a) = 0$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a valuation,  $a = 1$ . Hence  $[x]_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$ . Conversely, let  $1 \neq x \in X$ . If  $[x]_\varphi$  does not have a maximum, then for each  $y \in [x]_\varphi$  there exists  $z \in [x]_\varphi$  such that  $y \leq z$ . Hence  $\varphi(z) \leq \varphi(y)$ . Therefore  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi) = 0$ . Since  $\bar{\varphi}$  is a pseudo-valuation,  $[x]_\varphi = [1]_\varphi$  and hence  $\varphi(x) = 0$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a valuation we get that  $x = 1$  which is a contradiction. □

**Proposition 17.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $F_\varphi$  be the filter induced by  $\varphi$ . Then  $\equiv^{F_\varphi} = \theta_\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* We have,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) \in \theta_\varphi &\iff d_\varphi(x, y) = 0, \\ &\iff \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(y * x) = 0, \\ &\iff \varphi(x * y) = \varphi(y * x) = 0, \\ &\iff x * y, y * x \in F_\varphi \\ &\iff (x, y) \in \equiv^{F_\varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  be two different pseudo-valuations on a BE-algebra  $X$  such that  $[1]_{\varphi_1} = [1]_{\varphi_2}$ . Then  $X/\varphi_1 = X/\varphi_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in \theta_{\varphi_1}$ . By Proposition 12,  $x * y, y * x \in [1]_{\varphi_1}$ . Since  $[1]_{\varphi_1} = [1]_{\varphi_2}$ ,  $x * y, y * x \in [1]_{\varphi_2}$ . Hence  $[x]_{\varphi_2} \odot [y]_{\varphi_2} = [x * y]_{\varphi_2} \in [1]_{\varphi_2}$  and  $[y]_{\varphi_2} \odot [x]_{\varphi_2} = [y * x]_{\varphi_2} \in [1]_{\varphi_2}$ . By Proposition 13,  $[x]_{\varphi_2} = [y]_{\varphi_2}$ . Therefore  $(x, y) \in \theta_{\varphi_2}$  and then  $\theta_{\varphi_1} \subseteq \theta_{\varphi_2}$ . Similarly, we have  $\theta_{\varphi_2} \subseteq \theta_{\varphi_1}$ . Hence  $\theta_{\varphi_1} = \theta_{\varphi_2}$  and so  $X/\varphi_1 = X/\varphi_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $F$  be a filter of  $X$  such that  $[1]_{\varphi} \subseteq F$ . Denote  $F/\varphi = \{[x]_{\varphi} : x \in F\}$ . Then,

(i)  $x \in F$  if and only if  $[x]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$  for all  $x \in X$ .

(ii)  $F/\varphi$  is a filter of  $X/\varphi$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $[x]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$ . There exists  $y \in F$  such that  $[x]_{\varphi} = [y]_{\varphi}$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in \theta_{\varphi}$ . By Proposition 12,  $(1, y * x) \in \theta_{\varphi}$  and thus  $y * x \in [1]_{\varphi}$ . Since  $[1]_{\varphi} \subseteq F$ ,  $y * x, y \in F$ . Hence  $x \in F$ . It is easy to show the Converse.

(ii) Since  $1 \in F$ ,  $[1]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$  by part (i). Let  $[x]_{\varphi} \odot [y]_{\varphi}, [x]_{\varphi_1} \in F/\varphi$ . Then  $[x]_{\varphi} \odot [y]_{\varphi} = [x * y]_{\varphi}$ . By part (i) we have  $x * y, x \in F$ . Since  $F$  is a filter,  $y \in F$ . Hence  $[y]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$ . Thus  $F/\varphi$  is a filter of  $X/\varphi$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 18.** Let  $\varphi$  be a valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $F_{\varphi}$  be the filter induced by  $\varphi$ . Then  $F/\varphi = \{[1]_{\varphi}\}$  if and only if  $F = F_{\varphi}$ .

*Proof.* By definition  $F_{\varphi} = [1]_{\varphi} \subseteq F$ . We show that  $F \subseteq F_{\varphi}$ . Suppose that  $F \not\subseteq F_{\varphi}$ . Then there exists  $x \in F$  such that  $\varphi(x) \neq 0$ . Since  $x \in F$ ,  $[x]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$  by Proposition 1. By assumption  $[1]_{\varphi} = [x]_{\varphi}$  and so  $d_{\varphi}(1, x) = 0$ . Therefore  $\varphi(x) = 0$  which is a contradiction. Conversely, If  $F = F_{\varphi}$ , then

$$F_{\varphi}/\varphi = \{[x]_{\varphi} : x \in F_{\varphi}\} = \{[x]_{\varphi} : \varphi(x) = 0\} = \{[x]_{\varphi} : x = 1\} = \{[1]_{\varphi}\}.$$

$\square$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $G$  be a filter of  $X/\varphi$ . Then  $F = \{x \in X : [x]_{\varphi} \in G\}$  is a filter of  $X$  such that  $[1]_{\varphi} \subseteq F$ .

*Proof.* Since  $[1]_{\varphi} \in G$ ,  $1 \in F$  by definition of  $F$ . Suppose that  $x * y, x \in F$ . Then  $[x]_{\varphi}, [x * y]_{\varphi} = [x]_{\varphi} \odot [y]_{\varphi} \in G$ . Since  $G$  is a filter of  $X/\varphi$ ,  $[y]_{\varphi} \in G$ . By definition of  $F$ , we have  $y \in F$ . Thus  $F$  is a filter of  $X$ . Let  $x \in [1]_{\varphi}$ . Then  $[x]_{\varphi} = [1]_{\varphi}$ . Hence  $[x]_{\varphi} \in G$  and by definition of  $F$  we have  $x \in F$ . Thus  $[1]_{\varphi} \subseteq F$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ ,  $F(X, \varphi)$  the collection of all filters of  $X$  containing  $[1]_{\varphi}$ , and  $F(X/\varphi)$  the collection of all filters of  $X/\varphi$ . Then  $\psi : F(X, \varphi) \rightarrow F(X/\varphi)$ ,  $F \rightarrow F/\varphi$  is a bijection.

*Proof.* Let  $F, G \in F(X, \varphi)$  and  $\psi(F) = \psi(G)$ . Then  $F/\varphi = G/\varphi$ . Let  $x \in F$ . Then  $[x]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi = G/\varphi$ . By Lemma 1 part (i),  $x \in G$ . Thus  $F \subseteq G$ . Similarly, we have  $G \subseteq F$  and so  $F = G$ . Therefore  $\psi$  is injective. Now, suppose that  $G \in F(X/\varphi)$ . Put  $F = \{x \in X : [x]_{\varphi} \in G\}$ . By Lemma 2,  $F$  is a filter of  $X$  containing  $[1]_{\varphi}$ . We have  $\psi(F) = F/\varphi = G$  because  $[x]_{\varphi} \in F/\varphi$ , if and only if  $x \in F$  if and only if  $[x]_{\varphi} \in G$ . Hence  $\psi$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Be-algebras,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a homomorphism and  $\varphi$  a pseudo-valuation on  $Y$ . Then  $\varphi \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\varphi \circ f(x) = \varphi(f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Be-algebras,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a epimorphism and  $\varphi$  a pseudo-valuation on  $Y$ . Then  $X/\varphi \circ f \cong Y/\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3 and Theorem 5,  $X/\varphi \circ f$  and  $Y/\varphi$  are Be-algebras. Define  $\psi : X/\varphi \circ f \rightarrow Y/\varphi$  by  $\psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f}) = [f(x)]_{\varphi}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $[x]_{\varphi \circ f} = [y]_{\varphi \circ f}$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \theta_{\varphi \circ f}$  and so  $\varphi \circ f(x * y) + \varphi \circ f(y * x) = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a homomorphism,  $\varphi(f(x) * f(y)) + \varphi(f(y) * f(x)) = 0$ . Hence  $(f(x), f(y)) \in \theta_{\varphi}$  and so  $[f(x)]_{\varphi} = [f(y)]_{\varphi}$ . Thus  $\psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f}) = \psi([y]_{\varphi \circ f})$ , that is  $\psi$  is well defined. Now, we show that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism.

(i)  $\psi([1]_{\varphi \circ f}) = [f(1)]_{\varphi} = [1]_{\varphi}$ .

(ii)  $\psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f} \odot [y]_{\varphi \circ f}) = \psi([x * y]_{\varphi \circ f}) = [f(x * y)]_{\varphi} = [f(x) * f(y)]_{\varphi} = [f(x)]_{\varphi} \odot [f(y)]_{\varphi} = \psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f}) \odot \psi([y]_{\varphi \circ f})$ .

Finally, we show that  $\psi$  is a bijection. Let  $[y]_{\varphi} \in Y/\varphi$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . Hence  $\psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f}) = [f(x)]_{\varphi} = [y]_{\varphi}$  and  $\psi$  is surjective. Suppose that  $\psi([x]_{\varphi \circ f}) = \psi([y]_{\varphi \circ f})$ . Then  $[f(x)]_{\varphi} = [f(y)]_{\varphi}$ . Thus  $\varphi(f(x) * f(y)) + \varphi(f(y) * f(x)) = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a homomorphism,  $\varphi \circ f(x * y) + \varphi \circ f(y * x) = 0$ . Hence  $[x]_{\varphi \circ f} = [y]_{\varphi \circ f}$  and  $\psi$  is injective.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $X/\varphi$  be the corresponding quotient algebra. Then the map  $\pi_{\varphi} : X \rightarrow X/\varphi$  defined by  $\pi_{\varphi}(x) = [x]_{\varphi}$  for all  $x \in X$  is an epimorphism.*

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$  and  $X/\varphi$  be the corresponding quotient algebra. For each pseudo-valuation  $\overline{\varphi}_1$  on BE-algebra  $X/\varphi$ , there exists a pseudo-valuation  $\varphi_1$  on BE-algebra  $X$  such that  $\varphi_1 = \overline{\varphi}_1 \circ \pi_{\varphi}$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 4 and Lemma 3.  $\square$

If  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$ , then the set  $\{U \subseteq X/\varphi : \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(U) \in \tau\}$  is a topology on  $X/\varphi$  and is called quotient topology on  $X/\varphi$ .

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then the metric topology induced by  $d^*([x]_{\varphi}, [y]_{\varphi}) = d_{\varphi}(x, y)$  coincides with quotient topology on  $X/\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tau_{d^*}$  be the topology induced by  $d^*$  and  $\tau$  be the quotient topology on  $X/\varphi$ . We have to show that  $\tau_{d^*} = \tau$ . It is clear that the map  $\pi_{\varphi} : X \rightarrow X/\varphi$  is continuous, because  $d^*([x]_{\varphi}, [y]_{\varphi}) = d^*(\pi_{\varphi}(x), \pi_{\varphi}(y)) = d_{\varphi}(x, y)$ . If  $U \in \tau_{d^*}$ , then  $\pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(U) \in \tau_{d_{\varphi}}$  and by definition of quotient topology,  $U \in \tau$ . Conversely, Let  $W \in \tau$ . Then  $\pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W) \in \tau_{d_{\varphi}}$ . Hence  $\pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W) = \cup_{x \in \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W)} B_{\varepsilon}(x)$ . Since  $\pi_{\varphi}$  is an epimorphism,  $\pi_{\varphi}(\cup_{x \in \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W)} B_{\varepsilon}(x)) = W$ . It is easy to proof that  $\pi_{\varphi}(\cup_{x \in \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W)} B_{\varepsilon}(x)) = \cup_{x \in \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W)} B_{\varepsilon}^*([x]_{\varphi}) = \cup_{x \in \pi_{\varphi}^{-1}(W)} \{[y]_{\varphi} \in X/\varphi : d^*([y]_{\varphi}, [x]_{\varphi}) < \varepsilon\} \in \tau_{d^*}$ . Thus  $W \in \tau_{d^*}$ . Therefore  $\tau_{d^*} = \tau$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo-valuation on a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\bar{\varphi} : X/\varphi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi) = \varphi(x)$  is a pseudo-valuation.*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is well defined. Let  $[x]_\varphi = [x]_\varphi$ . Then  $\varphi(x * y) + \varphi(y * x) = 0$ . Thus  $\varphi(x * y) = \varphi(y * x) = 0$ . Hence

$$\varphi(x) \leq \varphi(y * x) + \varphi(y) = \varphi(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x * y) + \varphi(x) = \varphi(x).$$

Thus  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y)$  and so  $\bar{\varphi}$  is well defined. Now, we have  $\bar{\varphi}([1]_\varphi) = \varphi(1) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi) &= \bar{\varphi}([x * z]_\varphi), \\ &= \varphi(x * z), \\ &\leq \varphi(x * (y * z)) + \varphi(y), \\ &= \bar{\varphi}([x * (y * z)]_\varphi) + \bar{\varphi}([y]_\varphi) \\ &= \bar{\varphi}([x]_\varphi \odot ([y]_\varphi \odot [z]_\varphi)) + \bar{\varphi}([y]_\varphi). \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Therefore  $\bar{\varphi}$  is a pseudo-valuation on  $X$ . □

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