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# The Theory of Falling Shadows Applied to $d$ -Ideals in $d$ -Algebras

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On the basis of the theory of a falling shadow which was first formulated by Wang (1985), the notion of falling  $d^*$ -ideals in  $d$ -algebras is introduced, and related properties are investigated. Characterizations of a falling  $d^*$ -ideal are established. Relations among falling  $d^*$ -ideals, falling  $d$ -ideals, falling  $d^\#$ -ideals, falling  $d$ -subalgebras, and falling  $BCK$ -ideals are discussed.

## 1. Introduction

In the study of a unified treatment of uncertainty modelled by means of combining probability and fuzzy set theory, Goodman [1] pointed out the equivalence of a fuzzy set and a class of random sets. Wang and Sanchez [2] introduced the theory of falling shadows which directly relates probability concepts with the membership function of fuzzy sets. The mathematical structure of the theory of falling shadows is formulated in [3]. Tan et al. [4, 5] established a theoretical approach to define a fuzzy inference relation and fuzzy set operations based on the theory of falling shadows. Yuan and Lee [6] considered a fuzzy subgroup (subring, ideal) as the falling shadow of the cloud of the subgroup (subring, ideal). Iséki and Tanaka introduced two classes of abstract algebras:  $BCK$ -algebras and  $BCI$ -algebras ([7, 8]). It is known that the class of  $BCK$ -algebras is a proper subclass of the class of  $BCI$ -algebras; that is, a  $BCI$ -algebra is a generalization of a  $BCK$ -algebra. As another useful generalization of  $BCK$ -algebras, Neggers and Kim [9] introduced the notion of  $d$ -algebras. They investigated several relations between  $d$ -algebras and  $BCK$ -algebras as well as several other relations between  $d$ -algebras and oriented digraphs. After that, some further aspects were studied in [10, 11]. Neggers et al. [12] introduced the concept of  $d$ -fuzzy function which

generalizes the concept of fuzzy subalgebra to a much larger class of functions in a natural way. In addition, they discussed a method of fuzzification of a wide class of algebraic systems onto  $[0, 1]$  along with some consequences. Jun et al. [13] discussed implicative ideals of *BCK*-algebras based on the fuzzy sets and the theory of falling shadows. Also, Jun et al. [14] used the theory of a falling shadow for considering falling  $d$ -subalgebras, falling  $d$ -ideals, falling  $d^\#$ -ideals, and falling *BCK*-ideals in  $d$ -algebras.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of falling  $d^*$ -ideals in  $d$ -algebras, and investigate several properties. We establish characterizations of falling  $d^*$ -ideals, and we use these characterizations for considering relations among falling  $d^*$ -ideals, falling  $d$ -ideals, falling  $d^\#$ -ideals, falling  $d$ -subalgebras and falling *BCK*-ideals.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $d$ -algebra is a nonempty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation “ $*$ ” satisfying the following axioms:

- (I)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (II)  $0 * x = 0$ ,
- (III)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$   
for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A *BCK*-algebra is a  $d$ -algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  satisfying the following additional axioms:

- (IV)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ ,
- (V)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$

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

Any *BCK*-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (a1)  $(\forall x, y \in X)((x * y) * x = 0)$ ,
- (a2)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X)((x * z) * (y * z)) * (x * y) = 0$ .

A subset  $I$  of a *BCK*-algebra  $X$  is called a *BCK*-ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies,

- (b1)  $0 \in I$ .
- (b2)  $(\forall x \in X)(\forall y \in I)(x * y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I)$ .

We now display the basic theory on falling shadows. We refer the reader to the papers [1–5] for further information regarding the theory of falling shadows.

Given a universe of discourse  $U$ , let  $\mathcal{P}(U)$  denote the power set of  $U$ . For each  $u \in U$ , let

$$\dot{u} := \{E \mid u \in E \text{ and } E \subseteq U\}, \quad (2.1)$$

and for each  $E \in \mathcal{P}(U)$ , let

$$\dot{E} := \{\dot{u} \mid u \in E\}. \quad (2.2)$$

An ordered pair  $(\mathcal{P}(U), \mathcal{B})$  is said to be a hypermeasurable structure on  $U$  if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field in  $\mathcal{P}(U)$  and  $U \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . Given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  and a hypermeasurable structure  $(\mathcal{P}(U), \mathcal{B})$  on  $U$ , a random set on  $U$  is defined to be a mapping  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$  which is  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{B}$  measurable, that is,

$$(\forall C \in \mathcal{B}) (\xi^{-1}(C) = \{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega \text{ and } \xi(\omega) \in C\} \in \mathcal{A}). \quad (2.3)$$

Suppose that  $\xi$  is a random set on  $U$ . Let

$$\widetilde{H}(u) := P(\omega \mid u \in \xi(\omega)) \quad \text{for each } u \in U. \quad (2.4)$$

Then  $\widetilde{H}$  is a kind of fuzzy set in  $U$ . We call  $\widetilde{H}$  a falling shadow of the random set  $\xi$ , and  $\xi$  is called a cloud of  $\widetilde{H}$ .

For example,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{A}, m)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Borel field on  $[0, 1]$  and  $m$  is the usual Lebesgue measure. Let  $\widetilde{H}$  be a fuzzy set in  $U$ , and let  $\widetilde{H}_t := \{u \in U \mid \widetilde{H}(u) \geq t\}$  be a  $t$ -cut of  $\widetilde{H}$ . Then

$$\xi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U), \quad t \mapsto \widetilde{H}_t \quad (2.5)$$

is a random set and  $\xi$  is a cloud of  $\widetilde{H}$ . We will call  $\xi$  defined above as the cut-cloud of  $\widetilde{H}$  (see [1]).

### 3. Falling $d^*$ -Ideals

In what follows let  $X$  denote a  $d$ -algebra unless otherwise specified.

A nonempty subset  $S$  of  $X$  is called a  $d$ -subalgebra of  $X$  (see [11]) if  $x * y \in S$  whenever  $x \in S$  and  $y \in S$ .

A subset  $I$  of  $X$  is called a  $BCK$ -ideal of  $X$  (see [11]) if it satisfies conditions (b1) and (b2).

A subset  $I$  of  $X$  is called a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  (see [11]) if it satisfies condition (b2) and

$$(b3) (\forall x, y \in X)(x \in I \Rightarrow x * y \in I).$$

A  $d$ -ideal  $I$  of  $X$  is called a  $d^\#$ -ideal of  $X$  (see [11]) if, for arbitrary  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$(b4) x * z \in I \text{ whenever } x * y \in I \text{ and } y * z \in I.$$

*Definition 3.1* (see [14]). Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be a probability space, and let

$$\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) \quad (3.1)$$

be a random set. If  $\xi(\omega)$  is a  $d$ -subalgebra ( $BCK$ -ideal,  $d$ -ideal and  $d^\#$ -ideal, resp.) of  $X$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$  with  $\xi(\omega) \neq \emptyset$ , then the falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of the random set  $\xi$ , that is,

$$\widetilde{H}(x) = P(\omega \mid x \in \xi(\omega)) \quad (3.2)$$

is called a *falling  $d$ -subalgebra* (*falling  $BCK$ -ideal*, *falling  $d$ -ideal* and *falling  $d^\#$ -ideal*, resp.) of  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.2** (see [14]). Let  $\widetilde{H}$  be a falling shadow of a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ . Then  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if the following conditions are valid:

- (a)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi)),$
- (b)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\Omega(x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * y; \xi)).$

**Lemma 3.3** (see [14]). If  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , then

$$(\forall x, y \in X)(y * x = 0 \implies \Omega(x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(y; \xi)). \quad (3.3)$$

**Proposition 3.4.** For a falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ , if  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , then

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X)((x * y) * z = 0 \implies \Omega(y; \xi) \cap \Omega(z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi)). \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $(x * y) * z = 0$ . Using Lemma 3.3, we have  $\Omega(z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * y; \xi)$ . It follows from Lemma 3.2(a) that

$$\Omega(y; \xi) \cap \Omega(z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(y; \xi) \cap \Omega(x * y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi). \quad (3.5)$$

This completes the proof. □

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  on  $X$  is called a *fuzzy  $d$ -ideal* of  $X$  (see [10]) if it satisfies

- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}),$
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\mu(x * y) \geq \mu(x)).$

**Lemma 3.5** (see [10]). A fuzzy set  $\mu$  on  $X$  is a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if, for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_\lambda := \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  when it is nonempty.

**Theorem 3.6.** If we take the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{A}, m)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Borel field on  $[0, 1]$  and  $m$  is the usual Lebesgue measure, then every fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mu_\lambda (\neq \emptyset)$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  by Lemma 3.5. Let

$$\xi : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) \quad (3.6)$$

be a random set and  $\xi(\lambda) = \mu_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda \in \Omega$ . Then  $\mu$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

We provide an example to show that the converse of Theorem 3.6 is not true.

Example 3.7. Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a  $d$ -algebra which is not a BCK-algebra with the Cayley table as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 * & 0 & a & b & c \\
 \hline
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 a & a & 0 & a & a \\
 b & b & b & 0 & 0 \\
 c & c & c & a & 0
 \end{array} \tag{3.7}$$

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{A}, m)$  and define a random set

$$\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X), \quad \omega \mapsto \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \omega \in [0, 0.2), \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \omega \in [0.2, 0.3), \\ \{0, a\} & \text{if } \omega \in [0.3, 0.6), \\ \{0, b\} & \text{if } \omega \in [0.6, 0.85), \\ X & \text{if } \omega \in [0.85, 1]. \end{cases} \tag{3.8}$$

Then the falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of  $\xi$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , and it is represented as follows:

$$\widetilde{H}(x) = \begin{cases} 0.9 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 0.45 & \text{if } x = a, \\ 0.4 & \text{if } x = b, \\ 0.15 & \text{if } x = c. \end{cases} \tag{3.9}$$

We know that  $\widetilde{H}$  is not a fuzzy  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  since

$$\widetilde{H}(c) = 0.15 \not\geq 0.4 = \min\{\widetilde{H}(c * b), \widetilde{H}(b)\}. \tag{3.10}$$

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be a probability space and let

$$F(X) := \{f \mid f : \Omega \rightarrow X \text{ is a mapping}\}. \tag{3.11}$$

Define an operation  $\otimes$  on  $F(X)$  by

$$(\forall \omega \in \Omega)((f \otimes g)(\omega) = f(\omega) * g(\omega)) \tag{3.12}$$

for all  $f, g \in F(X)$ . Let  $\theta \in F(X)$  be defined by  $\theta(\omega) = 0$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $(F(X); \otimes, \theta)$  is a  $d$ -algebra [14]. For any subset  $A$  of  $X$  and  $f \in F(X)$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} A_f &:= \{\omega \in \Omega \mid f(\omega) \in A\}, \\ \xi : \Omega &\longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(F(X)), \quad \omega \longmapsto \{f \in F(X) \mid f(\omega) \in A\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

Then  $A_f \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $A$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , then*

$$\xi(\omega) = \{f \in F(X) \mid f(\omega) \in A\} \quad (3.14)$$

is a  $d$ -ideal of  $F(X)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , and let  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Let  $f, g \in F(X)$  be such that  $g \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $f \otimes g \in \xi(\omega)$ . Then  $g(\omega) \in A$  and  $f(\omega) * g(\omega) = (f \otimes g)(\omega) \in A$ . Since  $A$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , it follows from (b2) that  $f(\omega) \in A$  so that  $f \in \xi(\omega)$ . For any  $f \in F(X)$ , if  $f \in \xi(\omega)$  then  $f(\omega) \in A$ . It follows that from (b3) that  $(f \otimes g)(\omega) = f(\omega) * g(\omega) \in A$  for all  $g \in F(X)$ . Hence  $f \otimes g \in \xi(\omega)$  for all  $g \in F(X)$ . Therefore  $\xi(\omega)$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $F(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *If  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$ , then*

- (a)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\widetilde{H}(x * y) \geq \widetilde{H}(x))$ ,
- (b)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\widetilde{H}(x) \geq T_m(\widetilde{H}(x * y), \widetilde{H}(y)))$ ,

where  $T_m(s, t) = \max\{s + t - 1, 0\}$  for any  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* (a) It is clear.

(b) By Definition 3.1,  $\xi(\omega)$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$  with  $\xi(\omega) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence

$$\{\omega \in \Omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)\} \cap \{\omega \in \Omega \mid y \in \xi(\omega)\} \subseteq \{\omega \in \Omega \mid x \in \xi(\omega)\}, \quad (3.15)$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{H}(x) &= P(\omega \mid x \in \xi(\omega)) \\ &\geq P(\{\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)\} \cap \{\omega \mid y \in \xi(\omega)\}) \\ &\geq P(\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)) + P(\omega \mid y \in \xi(\omega)) - P(\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega) \text{ or } y \in \xi(\omega)) \\ &\geq \widetilde{H}(x * y) + \widetilde{H}(y) - 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Hence

$$\widetilde{H}(x) \geq \max\{\widetilde{H}(x * y) + \widetilde{H}(y) - 1, 0\} = T_m(\widetilde{H}(x * y), \widetilde{H}(y)). \quad (3.17)$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

A  $d$ -algebra  $X$  is called a  $d^*$ -algebra (see [11]) if it satisfies the identity  $(x * y) * x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

If a  $d^\#$ -ideal  $I$  of  $X$  satisfies

- (b5)  $x * y \in I$  and  $y * x \in I$  imply  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in I$  and  $(z * x) * (z * y) \in I$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , then we say that  $I$  is a  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$  (see [11]).

*Definition 3.10.* For a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  and a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ , if  $\xi(\omega)$  is a  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$  with  $\xi(\omega) \neq \emptyset$ , then the falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of the random set  $\xi$  is called a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .

*Example 3.11.* Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a  $d$ -algebra which is not a BCK-algebra with the following Cayley table:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 * & 0 & a & b & c \\
 \hline
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 a & a & 0 & 0 & a \\
 b & b & b & 0 & 0 \\
 c & c & c & a & 0
 \end{array} \tag{3.18}$$

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{A}, m)$  and define a random set

$$\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X), \quad \omega \mapsto \begin{cases} \{0, a\} & \text{if } \omega \in [0, 0.6), \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \omega \in [0.6, 0.7), \\ X & \text{if } \omega \in [0.7, 1]. \end{cases} \tag{3.19}$$

Then the falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of  $\xi$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .

Obviously, every falling  $d^*$ -ideal is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal, but the converse does not hold in general.

*Example 3.12.* Let  $X := \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a  $d$ -algebra which is not a BCK-algebra with the Cayley table as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 * & 0 & a & b & c \\
 \hline
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 a & a & 0 & 0 & a \\
 b & c & b & 0 & c \\
 c & c & b & b & 0
 \end{array} \tag{3.20}$$

For a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{A}, m)$ , define a random set

$$\xi : \Omega \longrightarrow \rho(X), \quad \omega \longmapsto \begin{cases} \{0, a\} & \text{if } \omega \in [0, 0.3), \\ X & \text{if } \omega \in [0.3, 0.8), \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \omega \in [0.8, 1]. \end{cases} \quad (3.21)$$

Then the falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of  $\xi$  is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal of  $X$ , but not a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$  because if  $\omega \in [0, 0.3)$  then  $\xi(\omega) = \{0, a\}$  is not a  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .

A characterization of a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal is established as follows.

**Lemma 3.13** (see [14]). *For a falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal of  $X$ ,
- (b)  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d$ -ideal of  $X$  that satisfies the following inclusion:

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) (\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * z; \xi)). \quad (3.22)$$

We provide characterizations of a falling  $d^*$ -ideal.

**Theorem 3.14.** *For a falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ ,  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if the following conditions are valid for every  $x, y, z \in X$ :*

- (a)  $\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi)$ ,
- (b)  $\Omega(x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * y; \xi)$ ,
- (c)  $\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * z; \xi)$ ,
- (d)  $\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal of  $X$ , and so conditions (a), (b), and (c) are valid by Lemmas 3.2 and 3.13. Let  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . If  $\omega \in \Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi)$ , then  $x * y \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $y * x \in \xi(\omega)$ . Since  $\xi(\omega)$  is a  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ , it follows from (b5) that  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $(z * x) * (z * y) \in \xi(\omega)$  so that

$$\omega \in \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi) \quad (3.23)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Therefore (d) holds.

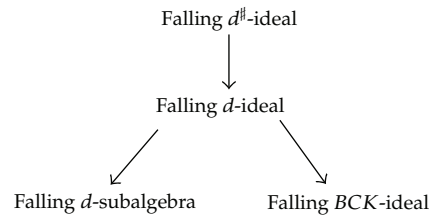
Conversely, suppose that conditions (a), (b), (c), and (d) are valid. Three conditions (a), (b), and (c) imply that  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal of  $X$  by Lemmas 3.2 and 3.13. Finally, let  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$  be such that  $x * y \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $y * x \in \xi(\omega)$ . Using the condition (d), we have

$$\omega \in \Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi), \quad (3.24)$$

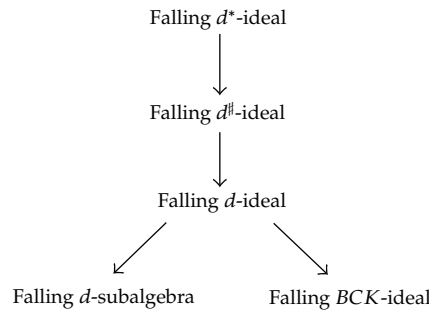
which implies that  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $(z * x) * (z * y) \in \xi(\omega)$ . Therefore  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$



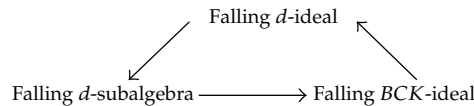
The following relation is described in [14]



Combining this relation and the fact that every falling  $d^*$ -ideal is a falling  $d^\#$ -ideal, we have the following relation:



In this diagram, the reverse implications are not true, and we need additional conditions for considering the reverse implications. Jun et al. [14] showed that the following relation holds in  $d^*$ -algebras:



**Lemma 3.15** (see [14]). For a falling shadow  $\widetilde{H}$  of a random set  $\xi$  on  $X$ , if  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling BCK-ideal of  $X$ , then

- (a)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(x * y = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega(y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi))$ ,
- (b)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi))$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** If  $X$  is a BCK-algebra, then every falling BCK-ideal of  $X$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\widetilde{H}$  be a falling BCK-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then

$$\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi) \tag{3.25}$$

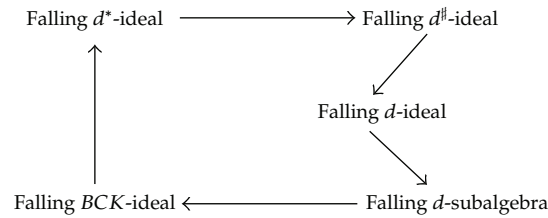
for all  $x, y \in X$  by Lemma 3.15(b). Using (a1), we have  $(x * y) * x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.15(a), we get  $\Omega(x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * y; \xi)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . If  $\omega \in \Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * z; \xi)$ , then  $x * y \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $y * z \in \xi(\omega)$ . Note that  $((x * z) * (y * z)) * (x * y) = 0 \in \xi(\omega)$ . Since  $\xi(\omega)$  is a BCK-ideal of  $X$ , it follows from (b2) that  $x * z \in \xi(\omega)$  so that  $\omega \in \Omega(x * z; \xi)$ . Thus  $\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x * z; \xi)$ . Let  $\omega \in \Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi)$ . Then  $x * y \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $y * x \in \xi(\omega)$ . By (IV) and (a2), we have  $((z * x) * (z * y)) * (y * x) = 0 \in \xi(\omega)$  and

$((x * z) * (y * z)) * (x * y) = 0 \in \xi(\omega)$ . It follows from (b2) that  $(z * x) * (z * y) \in \xi(\omega)$  and  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in \xi(\omega)$  so that  $\omega \in \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi)$ . Hence

$$\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi). \quad (3.26)$$

Using Theorem 3.14, we conclude that  $\widetilde{H}$  is a falling  $d^*$ -ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

Note that every BCK-algebra is a  $d^*$ -algebra (see [11]). Therefore, the above diagrams together with Theorem 3.16 induce the following diagram in BCK-algebras:



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