

## ON FUZZY IDEALS OF PSEUDO *MV*-ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

Fuzzy ideals of pseudo *MV*-algebras are investigated. The homomorphic properties of fuzzy prime ideals are given. A one-to-one correspondence between the set of maximal ideals and the set of fuzzy maximal ideals  $\mu$  satisfying  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(1) = 0$  is obtained.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of pseudo *MV*-algebras was initiated by G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu in [5] and [6], and independently by J. Rachunek in [9] (there they are called generalized *MV*-algebras or, in short, *GMV*-algebras) as a non-commutative generalization of *MV*-algebras which were introduced by C.C. Chang in [1]. The concept of a fuzzy set was introduced by L.A. Zadeh in [10]. Since then these ideas have been applied to other algebraic structures such as semigroups, groups, rings, ideals, modules, vector spaces and topologies. In [8] Y.B. Jun and A. Walendziak applied the concept of a fuzzy set to pseudo *MV*-algebras. They introduced the notions of a fuzzy ideal and a fuzzy implicative ideal in a pseudo *MV*-algebra, gave characterizations of them and provided conditions for a fuzzy set to be a fuzzy ideal and a fuzzy implicative ideal. Recently, the author in [3] and [4] defined, investigated and characterized fuzzy prime and fuzzy maximal ideals of pseudo *MV*-algebras.

In the paper we conduct further investigations of these ideals in Section 3. We provide the homomorphic properties of fuzzy prime ideals. A one-to-one correspondence between the set of maximal ideals of a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra  $A$  and the set of fuzzy maximal ideals  $\mu$  of  $A$  such that  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(1) = 0$  is established. For the convenience of the reader, in Section 2 we give the necessary material needed in sequel, thus making our exposition self-contained.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $A = (A, \oplus, ^-, \sim, 0, 1)$  be an algebra of type  $(2, 1, 1, 0, 0)$ . For any  $x, y \in A$ , set  $x \cdot y = (y^- \oplus x^-)^\sim$ . We consider that the operation  $\cdot$  has priority to the operation  $\oplus$ , i.e., we will write  $x \oplus y \cdot z$  instead of  $x \oplus (y \cdot z)$ . The algebra  $A$  is called a *pseudo  $MV$ -algebra* if for any  $x, y, z \in A$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (A1)  $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$ ,
- (A2)  $x \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus x = x$ ,
- (A3)  $x \oplus 1 = 1 \oplus x = 1$ ,
- (A4)  $1^\sim = 0, 1^- = 0$ ,
- (A5)  $(x^- \oplus y^-)^\sim = (x^\sim \oplus y^\sim)^-$ ,
- (A6)  $x \oplus x^\sim \cdot y = y \oplus y^\sim \cdot x = x \cdot y^- \oplus y = y \cdot x^- \oplus x$ ,
- (A7)  $x \cdot (x^- \oplus y) = (x \oplus y^\sim) \cdot y$ ,
- (A8)  $(x^-)^\sim = x$ .

If the addition  $\oplus$  is commutative, then both unary operations  $-$  and  $\sim$  coincide and  $A$  is an  $MV$ -algebra.

Throughout this paper  $A$  will denote a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra. For any  $x \in A$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  we put

$$\begin{aligned} 0x &= 0 \text{ and } (n+1)x = nx \oplus x, \\ x^0 &= 1 \text{ and } x^{n+1} = x^n \cdot x. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.1** (Georgescu and Iorgulescu [6]). *The following properties hold for any  $x \in A$ :*

- (a)  $(x^\sim)^- = x$ ,
- (b)  $x \oplus x^\sim = 1, x^- \oplus x = 1$ ,
- (c)  $x \cdot x^- = 0, x^\sim \cdot x = 0$ .

We define

$$x \leq y \text{ iff } x^- \oplus y = 1.$$

**Proposition 2.2** (Georgescu and Iorgulescu [6]). *The following properties hold for any  $a, x, y \in A$ :*

- (a) if  $x \leq y$ , then  $a \oplus x \leq a \oplus y$ ,
- (b) if  $x \leq y$ , then  $x \oplus a \leq y \oplus a$ .

As it is shown in [6],  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice in which the join  $x \vee y$  and the meet  $x \wedge y$  of any two elements  $x$  and  $y$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} x \vee y &= x \oplus x^\sim \cdot y = x \cdot y^- \oplus y, \\ x \wedge y &= x \cdot (x^- \oplus y) = (x \oplus y^\sim) \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.3.** A subset  $I$  of  $A$  is called an *ideal* of  $A$  if it satisfies:

- (I1)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (I2) if  $x, y \in I$ , then  $x \oplus y \in I$ ,
- (I3) if  $x \in I, y \in A$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $y \in I$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{J}(A)$  the set of all ideals of  $A$ .

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $I \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ . If  $x, y \in I$ , then  $x \cdot y, x \wedge y, x \vee y \in I$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$  (i.e.,  $I \neq A$ ). Then

- (a)  $I$  is called *prime* if, for all  $I_1, I_2 \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ ,  $I = I_1 \cap I_2$  implies  $I = I_1$  or  $I = I_2$ .
- (b)  $I$  is called *maximal* iff whenever  $J$  is an ideal such that  $I \subseteq J \subseteq A$ , then either  $J = I$  or  $J = A$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  the set of all maximal ideals of  $A$ .

**Definition 2.6.** The *order* of an element  $x \in A$  is the least  $n$  such that  $nx = 1$  if such  $n$  exists, and  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$  otherwise.

**Remark 2.7.** It is easy to see that for any  $x \in A$ ,  $\text{ord}(x^-) = \text{ord}(x^\sim)$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$  if and only if  $x \in I$  for some proper ideal  $I$  of  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in A$ . If  $x$  belongs to a proper ideal of  $A$ , then clearly  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ . Now, assume that  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ . Let  $I$  be the set of all elements  $y$  such that  $y \leq nx$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x \in I$  and  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ . ■

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be pseudo  $MV$ -algebras. A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a *homomorphism* if and only if it satisfies, for each  $x, y \in A$ , the following conditions:

- (H1)  $f(0) = 0$ ,
- (H2)  $f(x \oplus y) = f(x) \oplus f(y)$ ,
- (H3)  $f(x^-) = (f(x))^-$ ,
- (H4)  $f(x^\sim) = (f(x))^\sim$ .

**Remark 2.10.** We also have for all  $x, y \in A$ :

- (a)  $f(1) = 1$ ,
- (b)  $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ ,
- (c)  $f(x \vee y) = f(x) \vee f(y)$ ,
- (d)  $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$ .

We now review some fuzzy logic concepts. Let  $\Gamma$  be a subset of the interval  $[0, 1]$  of real numbers. We define  $\bigwedge \Gamma = \inf \Gamma$  and  $\bigvee \Gamma = \sup \Gamma$ . Obviously, if  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta\}$ , then  $\alpha \wedge \beta = \min \{\alpha, \beta\}$  and  $\alpha \vee \beta = \max \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Recall that a fuzzy set in  $A$  is a function  $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . For any fuzzy sets  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  in  $A$ , we define

$$\mu \leq \nu \text{ iff } \mu(x) \leq \nu(x) \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets,  $\mu$  be any fuzzy set in  $A$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be any function. The fuzzy set  $\nu$  in  $B$  defined by

$$\nu(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in B$ , is called the *image* of  $\mu$  under  $f$  and is denoted by  $f(\mu)$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be any function and  $\nu$  be any fuzzy set in  $f(A)$ . The fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $A$  defined by

$$\mu(x) = \nu(f(x)) \text{ for all } x \in A$$

is called the *preimage* of  $\nu$  under  $f$  and is denoted by  $f^{-1}(\nu)$ .

### 3. FUZZY IDEALS

In this section we investigate fuzzy prime ideals and fuzzy maximal ideals of a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra. First, we recall from [8] the definition and some facts concerning fuzzy ideals.

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra  $A$  is called a *fuzzy ideal* of  $A$  if it satisfies for all  $x, y \in A$ :

$$(d1) \quad \mu(x \oplus y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y),$$

$$(d2) \quad \text{if } y \leq x, \text{ then } \mu(y) \geq \mu(x).$$

It is easily seen that (d2) implies

$$(d3) \quad \mu(0) \geq \mu(x) \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

Denote by  $\mathcal{FJ}(A)$  the set of all fuzzy ideals of  $A$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $A = \{(1, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \geq 0\} \cup \{(2, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \leq 0\}$ ,  $\mathbf{0} = (1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = (2, 0)$ . For any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in A$ , we define operations  $\oplus, ^-, \sim$  as follows:

$$(a, b) \oplus (c, d) = \begin{cases} (1, b + d) & \text{if } a = c = 1, \\ (2, ad + b) & \text{if } ac = 2 \text{ and } ad + b \leq 0, \\ (2, 0) & \text{in other cases,} \end{cases}$$

$$(a, b)^- = \left( \frac{2}{a}, -\frac{2b}{a} \right),$$

$$(a, b)^\sim = \left( \frac{2}{a}, -\frac{b}{a} \right).$$

Then  $A = (A, \oplus, ^-, \sim, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$  is a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra (see [2]). Let  $A_1 = \{(1, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y > 0\}$  and  $A_2 = \{(2, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < 0\}$  and let  $0 \leq \alpha_3 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_1 \leq 1$ . We define a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $A$  as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 & \text{if } x = \mathbf{0}, \\ \alpha_2 & \text{if } x \in A_1, \\ \alpha_3 & \text{if } x \in A_2 \cup \{\mathbf{1}\}. \end{cases}$$

It is easily checked that  $\mu$  satisfies (d1) and (d2). Thus  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.3** (Jun and Walendziak [8]). *Every fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $A$  satisfies the following two inequalities:*

$$(1) \quad \mu(y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y \cdot x^-) \text{ for all } x, y \in A,$$

$$(2) \quad \mu(y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(x^\sim \cdot y) \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

**Proposition 3.4** (Jun and Walendziak [8]). *For a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $A$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ ,
- (b)  $\mu$  satisfies the conditions (d3) and (1),
- (c)  $\mu$  satisfies the conditions (d3) and (2).

Now, we consider two special fuzzy sets in  $A$ . Let  $I$  be a subset of  $A$ . Define a fuzzy set  $\mu_I$  in  $A$  by

$$\mu_I(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } x \in I, \\ \beta & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  with  $\alpha > \beta$ . The fuzzy set  $\mu_I$  is a generalization of a fuzzy set  $\chi_I$  which is the characteristic function of  $I$ :

$$\chi_I(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in I, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have simple proposition.

**Proposition 3.5.**  $I \in \mathcal{J}(A)$  iff  $\mu_I \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ .

**Corollary 3.6.**  $I \in \mathcal{J}(A)$  iff  $\chi_I \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ .

For an arbitrary fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $A$ , consider the set  $A_\mu = \{x \in A : \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$ . We have the following simple proposition.

**Proposition 3.7.** *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ , then  $A_\mu \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ .*

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.7 does not hold.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $A$  be as in Example 3.2. Define a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $A$  by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = \mathbf{0}, \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } x \neq \mathbf{0}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $A_\mu = \{\mathbf{0}\} \in \mathcal{J}(A)$  but  $\mu \notin \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ .

Since  $A_{\mu_I} = I$ , we have a simple proposition.

**Proposition 3.9.**  $\mu_I \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$  iff  $A_{\mu_I} \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ . If  $\mu \leq \nu$  and  $\mu(0) = \nu(0)$ , then  $A_\mu \subseteq A_\nu$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in A_\mu$ . Then  $\mu(x) = \mu(0) = \nu(0)$  and since  $\mu(x) \leq \nu(x)$ , we have  $\nu(x) = \nu(0)$ . Hence,  $x \in A_\nu$ . ■

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$  if and only if  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  for some non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $A$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in A$ . Suppose  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ . Then, by Theorem 2.8,  $x \in I$  for some proper ideal  $I$  of  $A$ . Thus  $\chi_I(x) = 1 = \chi_I(0)$  for the non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\chi_I$  of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  for some non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $A$ . Then  $x \in A_\mu$  and  $A_\mu$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ . Hence, by Theorem 2.8,  $\text{ord}(x) = \infty$ . ■

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ . Then a subset  $P(\mu) = \{x \in A : \mu(x) > 0\}$  of  $A$  is an ideal when it is non-empty.

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $A$  such that  $P(\mu) \neq \emptyset$ . Obviously,  $0 \in P(\mu)$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x, y \in P(\mu)$ . Then  $\mu(x) > 0$  and  $\mu(y) > 0$ . It follows from (d1) that  $\mu(x \oplus y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) > 0$  so that  $x \oplus y \in P(\mu)$ . Now, let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \in P(\mu)$  and  $y \leq x$ . Then, by (d2), we have  $\mu(y) \geq \mu(x)$ , and since  $\mu(x) > 0$ , we obtain  $\mu(y) > 0$ . So,  $y \in P(\mu)$ . Thus,  $P(\mu)$  is the ideal of  $A$ . ■

**Proposition 3.13** (Dymek [3]). Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism,  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{FJ}(B)$ . Then:

- (a) if  $\mu$  is constant on  $\text{Ker} f$ , then  $f^{-1}(f(\mu)) = \mu$ ,
- (a) if  $f$  is surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(\nu)) = \nu$ .

**Proposition 3.14** (Dymek [3]). Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective homomorphism and  $\nu \in \mathcal{FJ}(B)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\nu) \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ .



**Proposition 3.15** (Dymek [3]). *Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective homomorphism and  $\mu \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$  be such that  $A_\mu \supseteq \text{Ker}f$ . Then  $f(\mu) \in \mathcal{FJ}(B)$ .*

Now, we establish the analogous homomorphic properties of fuzzy prime ideals. First, we recall from [4] the definition and some characterizations of a fuzzy prime ideal.

**Definition 3.16.** A fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $A$  is said to be *fuzzy prime* if it is non-constant and satisfies:

$$\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(x) \vee \mu(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Proposition 3.17** (Dymek [4]). *Let  $\mu$  be a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $A$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $A$ ,
- (b) for all  $x, y \in A$ , if  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(0)$ , then  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(y) = \mu(0)$ ,
- (c) for all  $x, y \in A$ ,  $\mu(x \cdot y^-) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(y \cdot x^-) = \mu(0)$ ,
- (d) for all  $x, y \in A$ ,  $\mu(x \sim \cdot y) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(y \sim \cdot x) = \mu(0)$ .

The following two theorems give the homomorphic properties of fuzzy prime ideals and they are a supplement of the Section 4 of [4].

**Theorem 3.18.** *Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective homomorphism and  $\nu$  be a fuzzy prime ideal of  $B$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $A$ .*

**Proof.** From Proposition 3.14 we know that  $f^{-1}(\nu) \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ . Obviously,  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is non-constant. Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $(f^{-1}(\nu))(x \wedge y) = (f^{-1}(\nu))(0)$ . Then  $\nu(f(x) \wedge f(y)) = \nu(f(0)) = \nu(0)$ . So, by Proposition 3.17,  $\nu(f(x)) = \nu(f(0))$  or  $\nu(f(y)) = \nu(f(0))$ , i.e.,  $(f^{-1}(\nu))(x) = (f^{-1}(\nu))(0)$  or  $(f^{-1}(\nu))(y) = (f^{-1}(\nu))(0)$ . Therefore, from Proposition 3.17 it follows that  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $A$ . ■

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective homomorphism and  $\mu$  a fuzzy prime ideal of  $A$  such that  $A_\mu \supseteq \text{Ker}f$ . Then  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $B$  when it is non-constant.*

**Proof.** From Proposition 3.15 we know that  $f(\mu) \in \mathcal{FJ}(A)$ . Assume that  $f(\mu)$  is non-constant. Let  $x_B, y_B \in B$  be such that  $(f(\mu))(x_B \wedge y_B) = (f(\mu))(0)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exist  $x_A, y_A \in A$  such that  $f(x_A) = x_B$  and  $f(y_A) = y_B$ . Since  $A_\mu \supseteq \text{Ker}f$ ,  $\mu$  is constant on  $\text{Ker}f$ . Hence, by Proposition 3.13(a), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(0) &= (f(\mu))(0) = (f(\mu))(x_B \wedge y_B) = (f(\mu))(f(x_A \wedge y_A)) \\ &= (f^{-1}(f(\mu)))(x_A \wedge y_A) = \mu(x_A \wedge y_A). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mu$  is fuzzy prime, from Proposition 3.17 we conclude that  $\mu(x_A) = \mu(0)$  or  $\mu(y_A) = \mu(0)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (f(\mu))(0) &= \mu(0) = \mu(x_A) = (f^{-1}(f(\mu)))(x_A) \\ &= (f(\mu))(f(x_A)) = (f(\mu))(x_B) \text{ or} \\ (f(\mu))(0) &= \mu(0) = \mu(y_A) = (f^{-1}(f(\mu)))(y_A) \\ &= (f(\mu))(f(y_A)) = (f(\mu))(y_B). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from Proposition 3.17 it follows that  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $A$ . ■

Now, we investigate fuzzy maximal ideals of a pseudo  $MV$ -algebra. The investigations are a continuation of the Section 4 of [3].

**Definition 3.20.** A fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $A$  is called *fuzzy maximal* iff  $A_\mu$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{FM}(A)$  the set of all fuzzy maximal ideals of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.21** (Dymek [3]). *Let  $I \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ . Then  $I \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  if and only if  $\mu_I \in \mathcal{FM}(A)$ .*

**Corollary 3.22.** *Let  $I \in \mathcal{J}(A)$ . Then  $I \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  if and only if  $\chi_I \in \mathcal{FM}(A)$ .*

**Proposition 3.23** (Dymek [3]). *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}(A)$ , then  $\mu$  has exactly two values.*

Now, denote by  $\mathcal{FM}_0(A)$  the set of all fuzzy maximal ideals  $\mu$  of  $A$  such that  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(1) = 0$ . Obviously,  $\mathcal{FM}_0(A) \subseteq \mathcal{FM}(A)$ . From Proposition 3.23 we immediately have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.24.** *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ , then  $\text{Im}\mu = \{0, 1\}$ .*

**Theorem 3.25.** *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ , then  $\mu = \chi_{A_\mu}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in A$ . Since

$$\chi_{A_\mu}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu(x) = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mu(x) = 0, \end{cases}$$

we have the result. ■

**Theorem 3.26.** *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ , then  $A_\mu = P(\mu)$ .*

**Proof.** It is straightforward. ■

**Theorem 3.27.** *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ . If there exists a fuzzy ideal  $\nu$  of  $A$  such that  $\nu(0) = 1, \nu(1) = 0$  and  $\mu \leq \nu$ , then  $\nu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$  and  $\mu = \nu = \chi_{A_\mu} = \chi_{A_\nu}$ .*

**Proof.** From Proposition 3.10 we know that  $A_\mu \subseteq A_\nu$ . Since  $A_\mu$  is maximal, it follows that  $A_\mu = A_\nu$  because  $A_\nu \neq A$ . Thus  $A_\nu$  is also maximal. Hence  $\nu$  is fuzzy maximal, and so  $\nu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ . Since  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ , by Theorem 3.25,  $\mu = \chi_{A_\mu}$  and  $\nu = \chi_{A_\nu}$ . Thus  $\mu = \chi_{A_\mu} = \chi_{A_\nu} = \nu$ . ■

**Theorem 3.28.** *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}(A)$  and define a fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  in  $A$  by*

$$\hat{\mu}(x) = \frac{\mu(x) - \mu(1)}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then  $\hat{\mu} \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $\mu(0) \neq \mu(1)$ ,  $\hat{\mu}$  is well-defined. Clearly,  $\hat{\mu}(1) = 0$  and  $\hat{\mu}(0) = 1 \geq \hat{\mu}(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . Thus  $\hat{\mu}$  satisfies (d3).

Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\mu}(x) \wedge \widehat{\mu}(y \cdot x^-) &= \frac{\mu(x) - \mu(1)}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} \wedge \frac{\mu(y \cdot x^-) - \mu(1)}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} [(\mu(x) - \mu(1)) \wedge (\mu(y \cdot x^-) - \mu(1))] \\
&= \frac{1}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} [(\mu(x) \wedge \mu(y \cdot x^-)) - \mu(1)] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} [\mu(y) - \mu(1)] = \frac{\mu(y) - \mu(1)}{\mu(0) - \mu(1)} = \widehat{\mu}(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\widehat{\mu}$  satisfies (1). Therefore,  $\widehat{\mu}$  is the fuzzy ideal of  $A$  satisfying  $\widehat{\mu}(0) = 1$  and  $\widehat{\mu}(1) = 0$ . Moreover, it is easily seen, that  $A_{\widehat{\mu}} = A_{\mu}$ . Hence,  $\widehat{\mu} \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ . ■

**Corollary 3.29.** *If  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ , then  $\mu = \widehat{\mu}$ .*

Now, we show a one-to-one correspondence between the sets  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ .

**Theorem 3.30.** *Let  $A$  be a pseudo MV-algebra. Then functions  $\varphi : \mathcal{M}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$  defined by  $\varphi(M) = \chi_M$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  and  $\psi : \mathcal{FM}_0(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(A)$  defined by  $\psi(\mu) = A_{\mu}$  for all  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$  are inverses of each other.*

**Proof.** Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}(A)$ . Then  $\psi\varphi(M) = \psi(\chi_M) = A_{\chi_M} = M$ . Now, let  $\mu \in \mathcal{FM}_0(A)$ . Then we also have  $\varphi\psi(\mu) = \varphi(A_{\mu}) = \chi_{A_{\mu}} = \mu$  by Theorem 3.25. Therefore  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are inverses of each other. ■

From Theorem 3.30 we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.31.** *There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of maximal ideals of a pseudo MV-algebra  $A$  and the set of fuzzy maximal ideals  $\mu$  of  $A$  such that  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(1) = 0$ .*

**Remark 3.32.** Theorem 3.31 implies Theorem 3.22 of [7], the analogous one for MV-algebras.

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