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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-subalgebras, and falling d-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 d-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-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

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

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

$$\dot{E} := \{ \dot{u} \mid u \in E \}. \tag{2.2}$$

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

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

Suppose that ξ is a random set on U. Let

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

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

$$\xi:[0,1]\longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(U), \quad t\longmapsto \widetilde{H}_t$$
 (2.5)

is a random set and ξ is a cloud of \widetilde{H} . We will call ξ 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) $x * z \in I$ whenever $x * y \in I$ and $y * z \in I$.

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

$$\xi: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$$
 (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 ξ , that is,

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

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 ξ 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

$$(\forall x, y \in X) (y * x = 0 \Longrightarrow \Omega(x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(y; \xi)). \tag{3.3}$$

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

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X)((x * y) * z = 0 \Longrightarrow \Omega(y; \xi) \cap \Omega(z; \xi) \subseteq \Omega(x; \xi)). \tag{3.4}$$

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

$$\Omega(y;\xi) \cap \Omega(z;\xi) \subseteq \Omega(y;\xi) \cap \Omega(x*y;\xi) \subseteq \Omega(x;\xi). \tag{3.5}$$

This completes the proof.

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

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

Lemma 3.5 (see [10]). A fuzzy set μ 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 μ 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

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

be a random set and $\xi(\lambda) = \mu_{\lambda}$ for every $\lambda \in \Omega$. Then μ 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:

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

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

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

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

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

$$\widetilde{H}(c) = 0.15 \ngeq 0.4 = \min \left\{ \widetilde{H}(c * b), \widetilde{H}(b) \right\}. \tag{3.10}$$

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

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

Define an operation \circledast on F(X) by

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

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

$$A_{f} := \{ \omega \in \Omega \mid f(\omega) \in A \},$$

$$\xi : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(F(X)), \qquad \omega \longmapsto \{ f \in F(X) \mid f(\omega) \in A \}.$$

$$(3.13)$$

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

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

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

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 $f \circledast g \in \xi(\omega)$. Then $g(\omega) \in A$ and $f(\omega) * g(\omega) = (f \circledast g)(\omega) \in A$. 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 $(f \circledast g)(\omega) = f(\omega) * g(\omega) \in A$ for all $g \in F(X)$. Hence $f \circledast g \in \xi(\omega)$ for all $g \in F(X)$. Therefore $\xi(\omega)$ is a d-ideal of F(X).

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

(a)
$$(\forall x, y \in X)(\widetilde{H}(x * y) \ge \widetilde{H}(x))$$
,

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

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

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

and thus

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

$$\geq P(\{\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)\} \cap \{\omega \mid y \in \xi(\omega)\})$$

$$\geq P(\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)) + P(\omega \mid y \in \xi(\omega)) - P(\omega \mid x * y \in \xi(\omega)) \quad (3.16)$$

$$\geq \widetilde{H}(x * y) + \widetilde{H}(y) - 1.$$

Hence

$$\widetilde{H}(x) \ge \max \left\{ \widetilde{H}(x * y) + \widetilde{H}(y) - 1, 0 \right\} = T_m \left(\widetilde{H}(x * y), \widetilde{H}(y) \right). \tag{3.17}$$

This completes the proof.

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 a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) and a random set ξ 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 ξ 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:

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

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

Then the falling shadow \widetilde{H} of ξ 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:

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

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

Then the falling shadow \widetilde{H} of ξ 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 ξ 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:

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

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

Theorem 3.14. For a falling shadow \widetilde{H} of a random set ξ 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

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

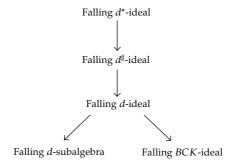
$$\omega \in \Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi), \tag{3.24}$$

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.

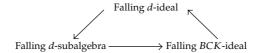
The following relation is described in [14]



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 ξ 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

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

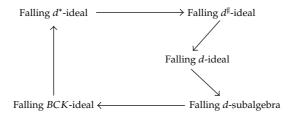
for all $x, y \in X$ by Lemma 3.15(b). Using (a1), we have (x*y)*x = 0 for all $x, y \in X$. Hence, by Lemma 3.15(a), we get $\Omega(x;\xi) \subseteq \Omega(x*y;\xi)$ for all $x, y \in X$. If $\omega \in \Omega(x*y;\xi) \cap \Omega(y*z;\xi)$, then $x*y \in \xi(\omega)$ and $y*z \in \xi(\omega)$. Note 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

$$\Omega(x * y; \xi) \cap \Omega(y * x; \xi) \subseteq \Omega((x * z) * (y * z); \xi) \cap \Omega((z * x) * (z * y); \xi). \tag{3.26}$$

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

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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