

## MIGHTY FILTERS IN BE-ALGEBRAS

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**Abstract.** The notion of a mighty (vague) filter in a  $BE$ -algebra is introduced, and the relation between a (vague) filter and a mighty (vague) filter are given. We investigate an equivalent condition for a (vague) filter to be mighty, and state an extension property for mighty filter. Also we define the notion of an  $n$ -fold mighty filter which is an extended notion of a mighty filter in a  $BE$ -algebra. Characterizations of an  $n$ -fold mighty filter are given. Extension property for an  $n$ -fold mighty filter are provided.

### 1. Introduction

Several authors from time to time have made a number of generalizations of Zadeh's fuzzy set theory [12]. Of course, the notion of vague set theory introduced by Gau and Buehrer [4] is of interest to us. Using the vague set in the sense of Gau and Buehrer, Biswas [3] studied vague groups. Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras:  $BCK$ -algebras and  $BCI$ -algebras [5,6]. In [8]. H. S. Kim and Y. H. Kim introduced the notion of a  $BE$ -algebra as a generalization of a  $BCK$ -algebra. Jun and Park [7,11] studied vague ideals and vague deductive systems in subtraction algebras. K. J. Lee, Y. H. Kim and Y. U. Cho [9] introduced the notion of vague  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras and vague ideals, and investigated their properties. Sun Shin Ahn and Jung Mi Ko [2] introduced the notion of a vague filter in  $BE$ -algebra, and investigate some properties of it.

In this paper, we introduce the notions of a mighty filter and a mighty vague filter in a  $BE$ -algebra and study the relation between a (vague) filter and a mighty (vague) filter. We provide an equivalent condition for a (vague) filter to be (vague) mighty, and state an extension property for mighty filter. Also we define the notion of an  $n$ -fold mighty

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filter which is an extended notion of a mighty filter in a  $BE$ -algebra. We investigate characterizations of an  $n$ -fold mighty filter and study an extension property for an  $n$ -fold mighty filter.

## 2. Preliminaries

We recall some definitions and results discussed in [8].

An algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a  $BE$ -algebra if

- (BE1)  $x * x = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (BE2)  $x * 1 = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (BE3)  $1 * x = x$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (BE4)  $x * (y * z) = y * (x * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  (*exchange*)

We introduce a relation " $\leq$ " on a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 1$ . A non-empty subset  $S$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is said to be a *subalgebra* of  $X$  if it is closed under the operation " $*$ ". Noticing that  $x * x = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ , it is clear that  $1 \in S$ . A  $BE$ -algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  is said to be *self distributive* if  $x * (y * z) = (x * y) * (x * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.1.**([8]) Let  $(X; *, 1)$  be a  $BE$ -algebra and let  $F$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $F$  is called a *filter* of  $X$  if

- (F1)  $1 \in F$ ;
- (F2)  $x * y \in F$  and  $x \in F$  imply  $y \in F$ .

**Proposition 2.2.**([8])  $(X; *, 1)$  is a  $BE$ -algebra, then  $x * (y * x) = 1$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.3.**([8]) Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c, d, 0\}$  be a  $BE$ -algebra with the following table:

$*$	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	0
1	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	0
$a$	1	1	$a$	$c$	$c$	$d$
$b$	1	1	1	$c$	$c$	$c$
$c$	1	$a$	$b$	1	$a$	$b$
$d$	1	1	$a$	1	1	$a$
0	1	1	1	1	1	1

Then  $F_1 := \{1, a, b\}$  is a filter of  $X$ , but  $F_2 := \{1, a\}$  is not a filter of  $X$ , since  $a * b \in F_2$  and  $a \in F_2$ , but  $b \notin F_2$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $(X; *, 1)$  be a BE-algebra and let  $F$  be a filter of  $X$ . If  $x \leq y$  and  $x \in F$  for any  $y \in X$ , then  $y \in F$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $(X; *, 1)$  be a self distributive BE-algebra. Then following hold: for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

- (i) if  $x \leq y$ , then  $z * x \leq z * y$  and  $y * z \leq x * z$ .
- (ii)  $y * z \leq (z * x) * (y * z)$ .
- (iii)  $y * z \leq (x * y) * (x * z)$ .

A BE-algebra  $(X; *, 1)$  is said to be *transitive* if it satisfies Proposition 2.5(iii). If a BE-algebra  $X$  is transitive, then  $y \leq z$  imply  $x * y \leq x * z$  and  $z * x \leq y * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$  ([10]).

**Definition 2.6.**([3]) A *vague set*  $A$  in the universe of discourse  $U$  is characterized by two membership functions given by:

- (1) A truth membership function

$$t_A : U \rightarrow [0, 1],$$

and

- (2) A false membership function

$$f_A : U \rightarrow [0, 1],$$

where  $t_A(u)$  is a lower bound of the grade of membership of  $u$  derived from the “evidence for  $u$ ”, and  $f_A(u)$  is a lower bound on the negation of  $u$  derived from the “evidence against  $u$ ”, and

$$t_A(u) + f_A(u) \leq 1.$$

Thus the grade of membership of  $u$  in the vague set  $A$  is bounded by a subinterval  $[t_A(u), 1 - f_A(u)]$  of  $[0, 1]$ . This indicates that if the actual grade of membership is  $\mu(u)$ , then

$$t_A(u) \leq \mu(u) \leq 1 - f_A(u).$$

The vague set  $A$  is written as

$$A = \{\langle u, [t_A(u), f_A(u)] \rangle | u \in U\},$$

where the interval  $[t_A(u), 1 - f_A(u)]$  is called the *vague value* of  $u$  in  $A$  and is denoted by  $V_A(u)$ .

### 3. Mighty filters

In what follows, let  $X$  be a  $BE$ -algebra unless otherwise specified.

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $F$  be a filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . Then  $F$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2, we have  $y * (x * y) = 1$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $F$  is a filter of  $X$ , we have  $x * y \in F$  for any  $x, y \in F$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $F$  be a non-empty subset of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . Then  $F$  is a filter of  $X$  if and only if for all  $x, y \in F$  and  $z \in X$ ,  $x \leq y * z$  implies  $z \in F$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a filter and let  $x, y \in F$  and  $z \in X$ . If  $x \leq y * z$ , then  $x * (y * z) = 1 \in F$ . Since  $x \in F$  and  $F$  is a filter, we have  $y * z \in F$ . Using (F2), we obtain  $z \in F$ .

Conversely, we assume that for all  $x, y \in F$  and  $z \in X$ ,  $x \leq y * z$  implies  $z \in F$ . Let  $a \in F$ . Then  $a * (a * 1) = a * 1 = 1$ . By assumption, we have  $1 \in F$ . If  $x \in F$  and  $x * z \in F$ , then we obtain  $(x * z) * (x * z) = 1$ . Hence  $z \in F$ . This  $F$  is a filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.** A non-empty subset  $F$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *mighty filter* of  $X$  if it satisfies (F1) and

(F3)  $z * (y * x) \in F$  and  $z \in F$  imply  $((x * y) * y) * x \in F$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c, d, 0\}$  be a set with the following table:

$*$	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	0
1	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	0
$a$	1	1	$b$	$c$	$b$	$c$
$b$	1	$a$	1	$b$	$a$	$d$
$c$	1	$a$	1	1	$a$	$a$
$d$	1	1	1	$b$	1	$b$
0	1	1	1	1	1	1

It is easy to check that  $X$  is a (transitive)  $BE$ -algebra and  $F := \{1, b, c\}$  is a mighty filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Every mighty filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is a filter of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a mighty filter of  $X$  and let  $z*x \in F$  and  $z \in F$ . Then  $z*(1*x) = z*x \in F$ . It follows from (F3) that  $x = ((x*1)*1)*x \in F$ . Hence  $F$  is a filter.  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 3.5 is not true in general as seen the following example.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X := \{1, a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with the following table:

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

Then  $X$  is a self distributive BE-algebra ([8]) and  $F := \{1\}$  is a filter of  $X$ , but not a mighty filter of  $X$  since  $1*(c*a) = 1 \in F$  and  $((a*c)*c)*a = a \notin F$ .

We give an equivalent condition for a filter to be a mighty filter.

**Theorem 3.7.** *A filter  $F$  is mighty if and only if it satisfies:*

(\*)  $y*x \in F$  implies  $((x*y)*y)*x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  is a mighty filter of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y*x \in F$ . Then  $1*(y*x) = y*x \in F$  and  $1 \in F$ . It follows from (F3) that  $((x*y)*y)*x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Conversely, let  $F$  be a filter of  $X$  satisfying (\*) and let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $z*(y*x) \in F$  and  $z \in F$ . Then  $y*x \in F$  by (F2) and hence  $((x*y)*y)*x \in F$  by (\*). Thus  $F$  is a mighty filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** [Extension property for a mighty filter] *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be filters of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq G$ . If  $F$  is mighty, then so is  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y*x \in G$ . Then  $y*((y*x)*x) = (y*x)*(y*x) = 1 \in F$ . Since  $F$  is mighty, it follows from Theorem 3.7 that  $((((y*x)*x)*y)*y)*((y*x)*x) \in F$  so that  $(y*x)*(((y*x)*x)*y)*y \in G$ . Since  $G$  is a filter and  $y*x \in G$ ,

we have  $((((y * x) * x) * y) * y) * x \in G$ . Since  $X$  is transitive, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& [(((y * x) * x) * y) * y] * x * [(x * y) * y] * x \\
& \geq ((x * y) * y) * (((y * x) * x) * y) * y \\
& \geq (((y * x) * x) * y) * (x * y) \\
& \geq x * ((y * x) * x) \\
& = (y * x) * (x * x) \\
& = (y * x) * 1 = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from Proposition 3.2 that  $((x * y) * y) * x \in G$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.7,  $G$  is a mighty filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.9.** *Every filter of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is mighty if and only if the filter  $\{1\}$  is mighty.*

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

Let  $F$  be a filter of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . Define a relation  $\rho$  on  $X$  by  $(x, y) \in \rho$  if and only if  $x * y \in F$  and  $y * x \in F$ . Then  $\rho$  is a congruence relation on  $X$  (See [10]). Denote  $X/\rho := \{[x]_\rho | x \in X\}$ , where  $[x]_\rho := \{y \in X | (x, y) \in \rho\}$ . We define a binary operation  $*'$  on  $X/\rho$  by  $[x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho := [x * y]_\rho$ . This definition is well defined since  $\rho$  is a congruence relation. Also  $[1]_\rho = F$ .

**Proposition 3.10.**  $(X/\rho; *', [1]_\rho)$  is a transitive  $BE$ -algebra.

*Proof.* By Proposition 5.4 of [10],  $(X/\rho; *', [1]_\rho)$  is a  $BE$ -algebra. It is easy to check that  $X/\rho$  is transitive. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *A filter  $F$  of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is mighty if and only if every filter of the quotient algebra  $X/\rho$  is mighty.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  is a mighty filter of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $[x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ . Then  $x * y \in F$  and so  $((y * x) * x) * y \in F$  by Theorem 3.7. Hence  $(([y]_\rho *' [x]_\rho) *' [x]_\rho) *' [y]_\rho = [((y * x) * x) * y]_\rho = [1]_\rho$  which proves that  $\{[1]_\rho\}$  is a mighty filter of  $X/\rho$ . By Corollary 3.9, every filter of  $X/\rho$  is mighty.

Conversely, suppose that every filter of  $X/\rho$  is mighty and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y * x \in F$ . Then  $[y]_\rho *' [x]_\rho = [y * x]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ . Since  $\{[1]_\rho\}$  is a mighty filter of  $X/\rho$ , it follows from Theorem 3.7 that  $[((x * y) * y) * x]_\rho = (([x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho) *' [y]_\rho) *' [x]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ , i.e.,  $((x * y) * y) * x \in F$ . Hence  $F$  is a mighty filter of  $X$  by Theorem 3.7.  $\square$

#### 4. Mighty vague filters

For our discussion, we shall use the following notations, which are given in [3], on interval arithmetic.

Let  $I[0, 1]$  denote the family of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ . We define the term “imax” to mean the maximum of two intervals as

$$\text{imax}(I_1, I_2) = [\max(a_1, a_2), \max(b_1, b_2)],$$

where  $I_1 = [a_1, b_1], I_2 = [a_2, b_2] \in I[0, 1]$ . Similarly, we define “imin”. The concept of “imax” and “imin” could be extended to define “isup” and “iinf” of infinite number of elements of  $I[0, 1]$ . It is obvious that  $L = \{I[0, 1], \text{isup}, \text{iinf}, \leq\}$  is a lattice with universal bounds  $[0, 0]$  and  $[1, 1]$  ([3]).

**Definition 4.1.**([2]) A vague set  $A$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *vague filter* of  $X$  if the following conditions are true:

- (c1)  $(\forall x \in X) (V_A(1) \succeq V_A(x))$ ,
- (c2)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (V_A(y) \succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(x * y), V_A(x)\})$ ,

that is,

$$t_A(1) \geq t_A(x), 1 - f_A(1) \geq 1 - f_A(x)$$

and

$$t_A(y) \geq \min\{t_A(x * y), t_A(x)\}, \\ 1 - f_A(y) \geq \min\{1 - f_A(x * y), 1 - f_A(x)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 4.2.**([2]) Every vague filter  $A$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(x \leq y \Rightarrow V_A(x) \preceq V_A(y))$ ,
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X)(V_A(x * z) \succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(x * (y * z)), V_A(y)\})$ .

**Theorem 4.3.**([2]) Let  $A$  be a vague set of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . Then  $A$  is a vague filter of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X)(z \leq x * y \Rightarrow V_A(y) \succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(x), V_A(z)\}).$$

**Definition 4.4.** A vague set  $A$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *mighty vague filter* of  $X$  if it satisfies (c1) and

- (c3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (V_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(z * (y * x)), V_A(z)\})$ ,

that is,

$$t_A(1) \geq t_A(x), 1 - f_A(1) \geq 1 - f_A(x)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} t_A(((x * y) * y) * x) &\geq \min\{t_A(z * (y * x)), t_A(z)\}, \\ 1 - f_A(((x * y) * y) * x) &\geq \min\{1 - f_A(z * (y * x)), 1 - f_A(z)\} \end{aligned}$$

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

Let us illustrate this definition using the following example.

**Example 4.5.** Consider a  $BE$ -algebra  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d, 0\}$  as in Example 3.4. Let  $A$  be a vague set in  $X$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A := \{ \langle 1, [0.8, 0.2] \rangle, \langle a, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle b, [0.8, 0.2] \rangle, \\ \langle c, [0.8, 0.2] \rangle, \langle d, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle 0, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle \}. \end{aligned}$$

It is routine to verify that  $A$  is a mighty vague filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** *Every mighty vague filter is a vague filter.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a mighty vague filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . If we take  $y := 1$  in (c3), then we obtain (c2). Hence  $A$  is a vague filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 4.6 is not true in general as the following example.

**Example 4.7.** Consider a  $BE$ -algebra  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d\}$  as in Example 3.6. Let  $B$  be a vague set in  $X$  defined as follows:

$$B := \{ \langle 1, [0.7, 0.2] \rangle, \langle a, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle b, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle c, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle, \langle d, [0.5, 0.3] \rangle \}.$$

It is routine to verify that  $B$  is a vague filter of  $X$ . But it is not a mighty vague filter of  $X$ , since

$$V_B(((a * c) * c) * a) = V_B(a) \not\geq V_B(1) = \text{imin}\{V_B(1 * (c * a)), V_B(1)\}.$$

Now, we give an equivalent condition for every vague filter to be a mighty vague filter.

**Theorem 4.8.** *For any vague filter  $A$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A$  is a mighty vague filter of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(V_A(((x * y) * y) * x) \succeq V_A(y * x))$ .



*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Assume that  $A$  is a mighty vague filter of  $X$ . Putting  $z := 1$  in (c3) and , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_A(((x * y) * y) * x) &\succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(1 * (y * x)), V_A(1)\} \\ &= \text{imin}\{V_A(y * x), V_A(1)\} \\ &= V_A(y * x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (ii) holds.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Suppose that (ii) holds. Using (c2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_A(((x * y) * y) * x) &\succeq V_A(y * x) \\ &\succeq \text{imin}\{V_A(z * (y * x)), V_A(z)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Thus  $A$  is a mighty vague filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

## 5. $n$ -fold mighty filters

In what follows, let  $n$  and  $X$  denote a positive integer and a  $BE$ -algebra, respectively, unless otherwise specified. For any elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , let  $x^n * y$  denote  $x * (\dots * (x * (x * y)) \dots)$  in which  $x$  occurs  $n$  times, and  $x^0 * y = y$ .

**Definition 5.1.** A non-empty subset  $F$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is called an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$(F4) \quad z * (y * x) \in F \text{ and } z \in F \text{ imply } ((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

**Definition 5.2.** A non-empty subset  $F$  of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is said to be a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  if it satisfies (F1) and

$$(F5) \quad z * ((y^n * x) * x) \in F \text{ and } z \in F \text{ imply } (x * y) * y \in F \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

Putting  $y = 1$  and  $y = x$  in (F4) and (F5), respectively, and using (BE1), (BE2) and (BE3), we know that every (weak)  $n$ -fold mighty filter is a filter.

**Example 5.3.** Consider a  $BE$ -algebra  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d, 0\}$  which is given in Example 2.3. It is easy to check that  $F := \{1, a\}$  is a 2-fold mighty filter of  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $F$  be a filter of a  $BE$ -algebra  $X$ . Then

- (i)  $F$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  if and only if  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $y * x \in F$ .

- (ii)  $F$  is a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  if and only if  $(x * y) * y \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(y^n * x) * x \in F$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $F$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y * x \in F$ . Then  $1 * (y * x) = y * x$  and  $1 \in F$ . Using (F4), we have  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F$ .

Conversely, let  $F$  be a filter of  $X$  such that  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $y * x \in F$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $z * (y * x) \in F$  and  $z \in F$ . By (F2), we have  $y * x \in F$ . By assumption, we have  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F$ . Thus  $F$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  be a filter of  $X$  such that  $z * ((y^n * x) * x) \in F$  and  $z \in F$ . By (F2), we have  $(y^n * x) * x \in F$ . Using assumption, we get  $(x * y) * y \in F$ . Hence  $F$  is a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $F$  is a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $(y^n * x) * x \in F$ . Then  $1 * ((y^n * x) * x) = (y^n * x) * x \in F$  and  $1 \in F$ . By (F5), we have  $(x * y) * y \in F$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.5.** *Let  $F$  be a filter of a BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $F$  is mighty if and only if  $((x * y) * y) * x \in F$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $y * x \in F$ .*

*Proof.* Put in  $n = 1$  in Theorem 5.4(i).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6.** [Extension Property for an  $n$ -fold mighty filter] *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be filters of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq G$ . If  $F$  is  $n$ -fold mighty, then so is  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y * x \in G$ . Setting  $w = (y * x) * x$ , then  $y * w = y * ((y * x) * x) = (y * x) * (y * x) = 1 \in F$ . Since  $F$  is  $n$ -fold, it follows from Theorem 5.4(i) that

$$\begin{aligned} (y * x) * (((w^n * y) * y) * x) &= ((w^n * y) * y) * ((y * x) * x) \\ &= ((w^n * y) * y) * w \in F \subseteq G, \end{aligned}$$

which implies from (F2) that  $((w^n * y) * y) * x \in G$ . Since  $x \leq w$ , we have  $w^n * y \leq x^n * y$ , and so  $((w^n * y) * y) * x \leq ((x^n * y) * y) * x$ . It follows from Proposition 2.4 that  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in G$ . Hence  $G$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  by Theorem 5.4(i).  $\square$

**Corollary 5.7.** *Every filter of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$  is  $n$ -fold mighty filter if and only if the filter  $\{1\}$  is  $n$ -fold mighty.*

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.8.** *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be filters of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq G$ . If  $F$  is mighty, then so is  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $n = 1$  in Theorem 5.6.  $\square$

Let  $F$  be a filter of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra. Define a relation  $\rho$  on  $X$  by  $(x, y) \in \rho$  if and only if  $x * y \in F$  and  $y * x \in F$ . Then  $\rho$  is a congruence relation on  $X$  (see [10]). Denote  $X/\rho := \{[x]_\rho | x \in X\}$ , where  $[x]_\rho := \{y \in X | (x, y) \in \rho\}$ . Then  $(X/\rho; *', [1]_\rho)$  is a transitive  $B$ -algebra (see Proposition 3.10), where  $[x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho := [x * y]_\rho$ .

**Theorem 5.9.** *A filter  $F$  of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is  $n$ -fold mighty if and only if every filter of the quotient algebra  $X/\rho$  is  $n$ -fold mighty.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $[x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ . Then  $x * y \in F$  and so  $((y^n * x) * x) * y \in F$  by Theorem 5.4(i). Hence  $(([y]_\rho^n *' [x]_\rho) *' [x]_\rho) *' [y]_\rho = [((y^n * x) * x) * y]_\rho = [1]_\rho$  which proves that  $\{[1]_\rho\}$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X/\rho$ . By Corollary 5.7, every filter of  $X/\rho$  is  $n$ -fold mighty.

Conversely, suppose that every filter of  $X/\rho$  is  $n$ -fold mighty and let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y * x \in F$ . Then  $[y]_\rho *' [x]_\rho = [y * x]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ . Since  $\{[1]_\rho\}$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X/\rho$ , it follows from Theorem 5.4(i) that  $[((x^n * y) * y) * x]_\rho = ([x]_\rho^n *' [y]_\rho) *' [y]_\rho *' [x]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ , i.e.,  $((x^n * y) * y) * x \in F$ . Hence  $F$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$  by Theorem 5.4(i).  $\square$

**Corollary 5.10.** *A filter  $F$  of a transitive  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is mighty if and only if every filter of the quotient algebra  $X/\rho$  is mighty.*

*Proof.* Put  $n = 1$  in Theorem 5.9.  $\square$

A  $BE$ -algebra  $X$  is said to be  *$n$ -fold mighty* if it satisfies the equality  $((x^n * y) * y) * x = y * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Note that, in an  $n$ -fold mighty  $BE$ -algebra, the notion of filters,  $n$ -fold mighty filters, and weak  $n$ -fold mighty filters is coincides.

**Proposition 5.11.** *If  $X$  is an  $n$ -fold mighty  $BE$ -algebra, then  $(x^n * y) * y \leq (y * x) * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be an  $n$ -fold mighty  $BE$ -algebra. Then

$((x^n * y) * y) * ((y * x) * x) = (y * x) * (((x^n * y) * y) * x) = (y * x) * (y * x) = 1$   
for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $(x^n * y) * y \leq (y * x) * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.12.** *Let  $X$  be a transitive  $BE$ -algebra. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $(x^n * y) * y \leq (y * x) * x, \forall x, y \in X$ .
- (ii)  $x^n * z \leq y * z, z \leq x \Rightarrow y \leq x$ .

- (iii)  $x^n * z \leq y * z, z \leq x, y \Rightarrow y \leq x$ .  
 (iv)  $y \leq x \Rightarrow (x^n * y) * y \leq x$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $x^n * z \leq y * z$  and  $z \leq x$ . It follows from (i) that

$$1 = (x^n * z) * (y * z) = y * ((x^n * z) * z) \leq y * ((z * x) * x) = y * (1 * x) = y * x.$$

Hence  $y * x = 1$ , i.e.,  $y \leq x$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) Trivial.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $y \leq x$ . Note that  $y \leq (x^n * y) * y$  and  $x^n * y \leq ((x^n * y) * y) * y$ . It follows from (iii) that  $(x^n * y) * y \leq x$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Since  $x \leq (y * x) * x$ , we have  $((y * x) * x)^n * y \leq x^n * y$  by the mathematical induction. Since  $y \leq (y * x) * x$ , it follows from (iv) that  $(x^n * y) * y \leq (((y * x) * x)^n * y) * y \leq (y * x) * x$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.13.** *If a BE-algebra  $X$  is  $n$ -fold mighty, then its trivial filter  $\{1\}$  is  $n$ -fold mighty.*

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.14.** *Every  $n$ -fold mighty filter of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$  is a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be an  $n$ -fold mighty filter of a transitive BE-algebra  $X$ . Then  $X/\rho$  is  $n$ -fold mighty. Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $(y^n * x) * x \in F$ . Using Proposition 5.11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [(x * y) * y]_\rho &= ([x]_\rho *' [y]_\rho) *' [y]_\rho \\ &\geq ([y]_\rho^n *' [x]_\rho) *' [x]_\rho \\ &= [(y^n * x) * x]_\rho = [1]_\rho, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $[(x * y) * y]_\rho = [1]_\rho$ , i.e.,  $(x * y) * y \in F$ . It follows from Theorem 5.4(ii) that  $F$  is a weak  $n$ -fold mighty filter of  $X$ .  $\square$

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