



# Vague positive implicative filter of $BL$ - algebras

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## Abstract

In this paper, the concept of vague positive implicative filter (VPIF) of  $BL$ -algebra is introduced. Investigate some important properties of vague positive implicative filter (VPIF) of  $BL$ -algebras with illustrations. Further, we discuss some equivalent conditions of vague filter (VF) of  $BL$ -algebras. Finally, we obtain the necessary condition of vague Boolean filter (VBF) is a vague positive implicative filter (VPIF).

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## 1. Introduction

L.A. Zadeh [12] introduced the notion of fuzzy set (FS) theory in 1965. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [1, 2] in 1986 as an extension of fuzzy set (FS). Hajek [4] introduced the concept of  $BL$ -algebras as the structures for Basic Logic. Gau and Buehrer [3] proposed the concept of vague set (VS) in 1993, by replacing the value of an element in a set with a subinterval of  $[0, 1]$ . Thus, the grade of membership in vague set  $S$  is subinterval  $[t_\delta(x), 1 - f_\delta(x)]$  of  $[0, 1]$ . The authors [8], [9], and [10] introduced the notions of vague filter (VF), vague prime (VP), Boolean filters (BFs) and vague implicative filter (VIF) of  $BL$ -algebras and investigate some of their related properties with exemplifications. The aim of this paper, we introduce the definition of vague positive implicative filter (VPIF) of  $BL$ -algebras, and investigate some important properties with exemplifications.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic knowledge of  $BL$ -algebras, vague sets and vague filters and their properties which are helpful to develop the main results.

**Definition 2.1.** [4] The  $A$   $BL$ -algebra is an algebra  $(A, \vee, \wedge, *, 0, 1)$  of type  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0)$  such that

- (i)  $(A, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice,
- (ii)  $(A, *, 1)$  is a commutative monoid,
- (iii)  $*$  and  $\mapsto$  form an adjoint pair, that is,  $w \leq u \mapsto v$  if and only if  $u * w \leq v$ ,
- (iv)  $u \wedge v = u * (u \mapsto v)$ ,
- (v)  $(uv) \vee (v \mapsto u) = 1$  for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [4] In a  $BL$ -algebra  $A$ , the following properties hold for all  $u, v, w \in A$ ,

- (i)  $v \mapsto (u \mapsto w) = u \mapsto (v \mapsto w) = (u * v) \mapsto w$ ,
- (ii)  $1 \mapsto u = u, u \mapsto u = 1, u \mapsto (v \mapsto u) = 1, u \mapsto 1 = 0 \mapsto u = 1$ ,
- (iii)  $u \leq v$  if and only if  $u \mapsto v = 1$ ,
- (iv)  $u \vee v = ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) \wedge ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)$ ,

- (v)  $u \leq v$  implies  $v \mapsto w \leq u \mapsto w$ ,
- (vi)  $u \leq v$  implies  $w \mapsto u \leq w \mapsto v$ ,
- (vii)  $u \mapsto v \leq (w \mapsto u) \mapsto (w \mapsto v)$ ,
- (viii)  $u \mapsto v \leq (v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)$ ,

**Definition 2.3.** [3] Let  $D[0, 1]$  denote the family of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ . Now we define refined maximum ( $rmax$ ) and " $\geq$ " on elements  $D_1 = [p_1, q_1]$  and  $D_2 [p_2, q_2]$  of  $D[0, 1]$  as  $rmax(D_1, D_2) = [\max\{p_1, p_2\}, \max\{q_1, q_2\}]$ . Similarly, we can define " $\leq$ ", = and  $rmin$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [8] Let  $S$  be VS of a BL-algebra  $A$  is called a vague filter(VF) of  $A$  if it satisfies the following axioms.

- (i)  $V_S(1) \geq V_S(u)$ ,
- (ii)  $V_S(v) \geq rmin\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(u)\}$  for all  $u, v \in A$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** [8] Every VF Sof BL-algebra  $A$  is order preserving.

**Proposition 2.6.** [8] Let  $S$  bea vague set of BL-algebra  $A$ . Let  $S$  be a VF of  $A$ . Then the following hold if for all  $u, v, w \in A$ ,

- (i) If  $V_S(u \mapsto v) = V_S(1)$  then  $V_S(u) \leq V_S(v)$ ,
- (ii)  $V_S(u \wedge v) = rmin\{V_S(u), V_S(v)\}$ ,
- (iii)  $V_S(u * v) = rmin\{V_S(u), V_S(v)\}$ ,
- (iv)  $V_S(0) = rmin\{V_S(u), V_S(u^-)\}$ ,
- (v)  $V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq rmin\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(v \mapsto w)\}$ ,
- (vi)  $V_S(u \mapsto v) \leq V_S(u * w \mapsto v * w)$ ,
- (vii)  $V_S(u \mapsto v) \leq V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto w))$ ,
- (viii)  $V_S(u \mapsto v) \leq V_S((w \mapsto u) \mapsto (w \mapsto v))$ ,
- (ix)  $u \mapsto v^- = v \mapsto u^- = u^- \mapsto v^- = (u * v)^-$ .

### 3. Vague positive implicative filter

In this part, we introduce a notion of VPIF and investigate some related properties with exemplifications.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $S$  be a VF of BL-algebra  $A$ .  $S$  is called a VPIF, if it satisfies,

- (i)  $V_S(1) \geq V_S(u)$ ,
- (ii)  $V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq rmin\{V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)), V_S(u \mapsto v)\}$  for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $A = \{0, p, q, r, 1\}$ . Define  $u \wedge v = \min\{u, v\}$ ,  $u \vee v = \max\{u, v\}$  and " $*$ " and " $\mapsto$ " given by the following tables I and II.

*	0	p	q	1
0	0	0	0	0
p	0	p	p	p
q	0	p	q	q
1	0	p	q	1

Table I: " $*$ " operator

$\mapsto$	0	p	q	1
0	1	1	1	1
p	0	1	1	1
q	0	p	1	1
1	0	p	q	1

Table II: " $\mapsto$ " operator

Then  $(A, \vee, \wedge, *, \mapsto, 0, 1)$  is a BL-algebra. Define VSS of  $A$  as follows:

$$S = \{(0, [0.2, 0.5]), (p, [0.2, 0.5]), (q, [0.2, 0.5]), (r, [0.4, 0.7]), (1, [0.7, 0.7])\}.$$

It is easily verify that  $S$  is a VPIF of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Every VPIF is a vague filter.

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a VPIF of  $A$ . Then taking  $u = 1$  in (ii) of definition 3.1, we have  $V_S(1 \mapsto w) \geq rmin\{V_S(1 \mapsto (v \mapsto w)), V_S(1 \mapsto v)\}$  for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .

$$V_S(w) \geq rmin\{V_S((v \mapsto w)), V_S(v)\}$$

From (ii) proposition 2.6 and (i) of definition 3.1 is exist. Thus,  $S$  be a VF of  $A$ . □

Converse of the proposition 3.3 may not be true. We prove this by the example as shown below

**Example 3.4.** Let  $A = \{0, p, q, r, 1\}$ . Define  $u \wedge v = \min\{u, v\}$ ,  $u \vee v = \max\{u, v\}$  and " $*$ " and " $\mapsto$ " given by the following tables III and IV

*	0	p	q	r	1
0	0	0	0	0	0
p	0	0	0	p	p
q	0	p	q	p	q
r	0	0	0	r	r
1	0	p	q	r	1

Table III: " $*$ " operator

$\mapsto$	0	p	q	r	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
p	r	1	1	1	1
q	r	r	1	r	1
r	0	q	q	1	1
1	0	p	q	r	1

Table IV: " $\mapsto$ " operator



Then,  $(A, \vee, \wedge, *, \mapsto, 0, 1)$  is a BL-algebra. Define a VSS of  $A$  as follows:

$$S = \{(0, [0.1, 0.2]), (p, [0.3, 0.4]), (q, [0.3, 0.4]), (1, [0.5, 0.9])\}$$

. It is easily verify that  $S$  is a VF, but  $S$  is not a VPIF of  $A$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(q \mapsto p) &= V_S(q) \\ &= [0.3, 0.4] \\ &< \text{rmin}\{V_S(q \mapsto (q \mapsto p)), V_S(q \mapsto q)\} \\ &= V_S(1) = [0.5, 0.9]. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we obtain some characteristics of VPIFs as follows.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $S$  be VF of  $A$ . The following are equivalent for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .

- (i)  $S$  is a VPIF,
- (ii)  $V_S(u \mapsto v) \geq V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v))$ ,
- (iii)  $V_S(u \mapsto v) = V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v))$ ,
- (iv)  $V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)) \leq V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w))$ ,
- (v)  $V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)) = V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w))$ ,
- (vi)  $V_S((u * v) \mapsto w) = V_S((u \wedge v) \mapsto w)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

Let  $S$  be a VPIF of  $A$ .

Then from (ii) definition 3.1, we have

$$V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)), V_S(u \mapsto v)\} \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .

Put  $w = v$  and  $v = u$  in (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(u \mapsto v) &\geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(u \mapsto u)\} \\ &\quad [\text{From (ii) of Proposition 2.5}] \\ &= \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(1)\} \\ &\quad [\text{From (ii) of Proposition 2.5}] \\ &= V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)) \\ &\quad [\text{From Definition 2.2}] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$V_S(u \mapsto v) \geq V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)).$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)

Since  $u \mapsto v \leq u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)$ , from proposition 2.6, we have  $V_S(u \mapsto v) \leq V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v))$  for all  $u, v \in A$ , and from (ii), we get

$$V_S(u \mapsto v) = V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto v)).$$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

If  $S$  is a VF of  $A$ .

The from (v) of proposition 2.6 and (i) of Prop. 2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) &\geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(v \mapsto (u \mapsto w))\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (iii), we have  $V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w))\}$  and from (i) of definition 3.1, we get  $S$  is a VPIF.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)

If  $S$  is a VPIF of  $A$ . Then from (ii) of definition 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(u \mapsto ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto w)) &\geq \text{rmin}\{(wV_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w) \mapsto ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto w))), \\ &V_S((u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)))\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (i), (vii) and (viii) of the proposition 2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(u \mapsto ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto w)) &= V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \text{ and} \\ V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w) \mapsto ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto w)) &= V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto ((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w))) \\ &= V_S(1) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) &\geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(1), V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w))\} \\ &= V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)) \end{aligned}$$

[From the Definition 2.3]

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Since

$$\begin{aligned} u \mapsto (v \mapsto w) &= v \mapsto (u \mapsto w) \\ &= (1 \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w) \\ &\geq (u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w), \end{aligned}$$

From the proposition 2.6, we have

$$V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)) \geq V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w))$$

From (iv), we get

$$V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)) = V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)).$$

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi)

Since

$$\begin{aligned} u \mapsto (v \mapsto w) &= u * v \mapsto w \text{ and} \\ (u \wedge v) \mapsto w &= (u * (u \mapsto v)) \mapsto w \\ &= (u \mapsto v) \mapsto (u \mapsto w) \end{aligned}$$

From (v) we have

$$V_S((u * v) \mapsto w) = V_S((u \wedge v) \mapsto w).$$



(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

If  $S$  is a VF of  $A$ , then  $V_S(1) \geq V_S(u)$ . From (v) of proposition 3.3 and (i) of proposition 2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \\ & \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(v \mapsto (u \mapsto w))\} \\ & = \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto v), V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w))\} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) = V_S(u * u \mapsto w), \\ & V_S((u * u) \mapsto w) = V_S((u \wedge u) \mapsto w) \text{ [From (vi)]} \\ & = V_S(u \mapsto w). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)), V_S(u \mapsto v)\}.$$

Hence,  $S$  is a VPIF of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $S$  be a VF of  $A$ . Then  $S$  is a VPIFA if and only if  $V_S(v) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(u)\}$  for all  $u, v, w \in A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a VPIFA. Then, from (i) of proposition 2.5, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{rmin}\{V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(u)\} \\ & = \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto ((v \mapsto w) \mapsto v)), V_S(u)\} \\ & \leq V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto v). \end{aligned}$$

From (vii) of proposition 2.5, we have

$$(v \mapsto w) \mapsto v \leq w \mapsto v \leq (v \mapsto w) \mapsto ((w \mapsto v) \mapsto v).$$

Then, From proposition 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto v) \leq V_S(w \mapsto v) \\ & \leq V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto ((w \mapsto v) \mapsto v)) \\ & \leq V_S((w \mapsto v) \mapsto v). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{rmin}\{V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto v), V_S(w \mapsto v)\} \\ & \leq \text{rmin}\{V_S((w \mapsto v) \mapsto v), V_S(w \mapsto v)\} \\ & \leq V_S(v). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$V_S(v) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(u)\}.$$

Conversely, let  $S$  satisfies

$$V_S(v) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S((v \mapsto w) \mapsto (u \mapsto v)), V_S(u)\}.$$

Then we easily prove that,

$$V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S(u \mapsto (v \mapsto w)), V_S(u \mapsto v)\}.$$

Since  $S$  is VF,

$$V_S(1) \geq V_S(u).$$

Hence,  $S$  is VPIF of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be two VFs, of  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ ,  $V_{S_1}(1) = V_{S_2}(1)$ . If  $S_1$  is a VPIF, so is  $S_2$ .*

*Proof.* From the proposition 3.5, we only prove that  $V_{S_2}(u \mapsto w) \geq V_{S_2}(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w))$  for all  $u, w \in A$ .

Let  $t = u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & u \mapsto (u \mapsto (t \mapsto w)) = t \mapsto (u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \\ & = t \mapsto t = 1. \end{aligned}$$

If  $S_1$  is a VPIF, and from (iii) of the proposition 3.5, then

$$V_{S_1}(u \mapsto (t \mapsto w)) = V_{S_1}(u \mapsto (u \mapsto (t \mapsto w))) = V_{S_1}(1).$$

That is

$$V_{S_1}(t \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) = V_{S_1}(1) = V_{S_2}(1).$$

From  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{S_2}(t \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \geq V_{S_1}(t \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \\ & = V_{S_2}(1), \end{aligned}$$

from (i) of definition 2.3, we have,

$$V_{S_2}(t \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) = V_{S_2}(1).$$

Since  $S_2$  is a VF,

$$V_{S_2}(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}\{V_{S_2}(t \mapsto (u \mapsto w)), V_{S_2}(t)\}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{S_2}(u \mapsto w) \geq \text{rmin}V_{S_2}(1), V_{S_2}(t) \\ & = V_{S_2}(t) = V_{S_2}(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S_2$  is a VPIF.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8.** *Every VBF is a VPIF, the converse may not be true.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a VBF. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & V_S(u \mapsto w) \\ & \geq \text{rmin}\{V_S((u \vee u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)), V_S(u \vee u^-)\} \\ & = \text{rmin}\{V_S((u \vee u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)), V_S(1)\} \\ & = V_S((u \vee u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & (u \vee u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto w) \\ & = (u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \wedge (u^- \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) \\ & = u \mapsto (u \mapsto w), \end{aligned}$$

and from the proposition 2.5, we have

$$V_S((u \vee u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto w)) = V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)).$$

Thus, we have

$$V_S(u \mapsto w) \geq V_S(u \mapsto (u \mapsto w)).$$

$\square$  We consider proposition 3.5, we get  $S$  is a VPIF.  $\square$



We prove converse is not true from the following example.

**Example 3.9.** We consider the example 3.2,  $S$  is a VPIF, but  $S$  is not a VBF, since  $V_S(q \vee q^-) = V_S(q) \neq V_S(1)$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** Let  $S$  be a VPIF of  $A$ .  $S$  is a VBF if and only if

$$V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) = V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u) \text{ for all } u, v \in A.$$

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a VPIF of  $A$ . We know that

$$u = 1 \mapsto u \leq (v \mapsto u) \mapsto u$$

and

$$v \leq (v \mapsto u) \mapsto u,$$

it follows that

$$((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)^- \leq u^- \leq u \mapsto v$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (u \mapsto v) \mapsto v &\leq ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u) \mapsto v \\ &\leq ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)^- \mapsto ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$V_S(((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)^- \mapsto ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)) \geq V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v).$$

Since  $S$  is a VBF, from  $V_S(u) = V_S(u^- \mapsto u)$ , and (ix) of proposition 2.6, we get

$$V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u) = V_S(((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)^- \mapsto ((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u))$$

Thus, we have

$$V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u) \geq V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) \quad (3.2)$$

Same method to prove

$$V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u) \leq V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) \quad (3.3)$$

From (3.2) and (3.3), we get

$$V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) = V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)$$

Conversely, if  $S$  be a VPIF of  $A$ , and satisfies  $V_S((u \mapsto v) \mapsto v) = V_S((v \mapsto u) \mapsto u)$ .

Replace  $y$  by  $u^-$ , we have

$$V_S((u \mapsto u^-) \mapsto u^-) = V_S((u^- \mapsto u) \mapsto u).$$

Then, we get

$$V_S(u \vee u^-) = V_S((u \mapsto u^-) \mapsto u^-) \quad (3.4)$$

**To Prove:**  $S$  is a VBF.

It is enough to prove  $V_S((u \mapsto u^-) \mapsto u^-) = V_S(1)$ . Since  $S$  is a VPIF, from (v) of proposition 3.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_S((u \mapsto u^-) \mapsto u^-) &= V_S((u \mapsto u^-) \mapsto (u \mapsto 0)) \\ &= V_S(u \mapsto (u^- 0)) \\ &= V_S(u \mapsto u^{--}) = V_S(1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.4) and (3.5), we get

$$V_S(u \vee u^-) = V_S(1).$$

Thus,  $S$  is a VBF. □

## 4. Conclusion

In the present paper, we have introduced the notion of a VPIF of  $BL$ -algebra, and investigate some related properties. Moreover, we have obtained some necessary and sufficient condition between VPIF and BF of  $BL$ -algebra.

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