

## On JU-algebras and $p$ -Closure Ideals

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### Abstract

In this paper, we define JU-algebras and discuss the concept of  $p$ -closure ideals of JU-algebras which we denote as  $J_{pc}$  for a non-empty subset  $J$  of a JU-algebra  $X$ . Moreover, we investigate related properties of JU-algebras and  $p$ -closures of subsets of JU-algebras. Through  $p$ -closure of subsets of  $X$  we also define a closure operator. We establish a relation between  $f(J_{pc})$  and  $(f(J))_{pc}$  for a JU-homomorphism  $f$  and prove that  $J_{pc}$  is the least closed  $p$ -ideal containing  $J$  for any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ .

## 1 Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iseki [6] introduced BCK-algebra as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and proportional calculi which is an important class of algebras. Moreover, at the same time, Iseki [7] introduced BCI-algebras which can be considered to be another class of algebras. BCI/BCK algebras are the two important classes of logical algebras. Afterwards, the notion of BCI/BCK algebras number in different types of logical algebras has been defined by numerous authors and their distinct properties have been discussed in different articles. KU-algebra is one of those logical algebras which

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we will be discussing.

The notion of KU-algebras was introduced by Prabpayak and Leerawat [1]. Homomorphisms of KU-algebras and some of its related properties was given in ([1], [2]). Many authors widely studied KU-algebras in different contexts; e.g., fuzzy, neutrosophic and intuitionistic, soft and rough sense etc. Mostafa et al. [9] defined fuzzy ideals of KU-algebras whereas Mostafa et al. [10] further studied interval valued fuzzy KU-ideals in KU-algebras. Naveed et al. [8] introduced the concept of cubic KU-ideals of KU-algebras. Recently, Moin and Ali introduced roughness in KU-algebras [11]. Ali et al. [12] introduced pseudo-metric on KU-algebras. Senapati and Shum [13] defined Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy bi-normed KU-ideals of a KU-algebra.

In this article we define a JU-algebra which is a generalization of KU-algebras. A JU-algebra can also be seen as a Pseudo KU-algebra (see [3] and [4]). We study the  $p$ -closure of a non-empty subset  $J$  of a JU-algebra  $X$  and investigate related properties of  $p$ -closure of subsets and ideals of JU-algebras.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we shall introduce JU-algebras, JU-subalgebras, JU-ideals and other important terminologies with examples and some related results.

**Definition 2.1.** *An algebra  $(X, \diamond, 1)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  with a single binary operation  $\diamond$  is said to be JU-algebras satisfying the following identities for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$(JU_1) (y \diamond z) \diamond [(z \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x)] = 1,$$

$$(JU_2) 1 \diamond x = x,$$

$$(JU_3) x \diamond y = y \diamond x = 1 \text{ implies } x = y.$$

We call the constant 1 of  $X$  the fixed element of  $X$ . For convenience, we write  $X$  instead of  $(X, \diamond, 1)$  to represent a JU-algebra. We define a relation " $\leq$ " in  $X$  by  $y \leq x$  if and only if  $x \diamond y = 1$ . If we add the condition  $x \diamond 1 = 1$  for all  $x \in X$  in the definition of JU-algebras, then we get that  $X$  is a KU-algebra. Therefore, a JU-algebra is a generalization of KU-algebras.

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $X$  is a JU-algebra, then  $(X, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set; i.e.,*

$$(J_4) \quad x \leq x,$$

$$(J_5) \quad x \leq y, y \leq x \text{ imply } x = y,$$

$$(J_6) \quad x \leq z, z \leq y \text{ imply } x \leq y.$$

*Proof.* Putting  $y = z = 1$  in  $(JU_1)$  we get  $x \diamond x = 1$ ; i.e.,  $x \leq x$  which proves  $(J_4)$ .  $(J_5)$  follows directly from  $(JU_3)$ . For  $(J_6)$ , taking  $x \leq z$  and  $z \leq y$  imply that  $z \diamond x = 1$  and  $y \diamond z = 1$ . Using  $(JU_1)$  we have  $y \diamond x = 1$  which implies that  $x \leq y$ .  $\square$

Moreover, we have the following lemma for a  $JU$ -algebra  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $X$  is a  $JU$ -algebra, then the following inequalities hold for any  $x, y, z \in X$ :*

$$(J_7) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } y \diamond z \leq x \diamond z,$$

$$(J_8) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } z \diamond x \leq z \diamond y,$$

$$(J_9) \quad (z \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x) \leq y \diamond z,$$

$$(J_{10}) \quad (y \diamond x) \diamond x \leq y,$$

*Proof.*  $(J_7)$ ,  $(J_8)$  and  $(J_9)$  follow from  $(JU_1)$  by adequate replacement of elements.  $(J_{10})$  follows from  $(JU_1)$  and  $(JU_2)$ .  $\square$

Now we have the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Any  $JU$ -algebra  $X$  satisfies the following conditions for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$(J_{11}) \quad x \diamond x = 1,$$

$$(J_{12}) \quad z \diamond (y \diamond x) = y \diamond (z \diamond x),$$

$$(J_{13}) \quad \text{If } (x \diamond y) \diamond y = 1, \text{ then } X \text{ is a } KU\text{-algebra,}$$

$$(J_{14}) \quad (y \diamond x) \diamond 1 = (y \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1).$$

*Proof.* Putting  $y = z = 1$  in  $JU_1$ , we get  $x \diamond x = 1$  which proves  $(J_{11})$ . For  $(J_{12})$ , we have  $(z \diamond x) \diamond x \leq z$  by putting  $y = 1$  in  $(JU_1)$  and now using  $(J_7)$  we get

$$z \diamond (y \diamond x) \leq ((z \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x). \quad (2.1)$$

Replacing  $z$  with  $z \diamond x$  in  $(JU_1)$  we get  $[y \diamond (z \diamond x)] \diamond [((z \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x)] = 1$  which implies

$$((z \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x) \leq y \diamond (z \diamond x). \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.1), (2.2) and Lemma 2.2 ( $J_6$ ) we get

$$z \diamond (y \diamond x) \leq y \diamond (z \diamond x). \quad (2.3)$$

In addition, by replacing  $y$  with  $z$  and  $z$  with  $y$  in (2.3), we get

$$y \diamond (z \diamond x) \leq z \diamond (y \diamond x). \quad (2.4)$$

Now (2.3), (2.4) and ( $J_5$ ) yield  $z \diamond (y \diamond x) = y \diamond (z \diamond x)$ .

In order to prove ( $J_{13}$ ) we just need to show that  $x \diamond 1 = 1$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ . Substituting  $y = 1, x = 1, z = x$  in ( $JU_1$ ), we obtain,  $(1 \diamond x) \diamond [(x \diamond 1) \diamond (1 \diamond 1)] = 1 \Rightarrow x \diamond [(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1] = 1 \Rightarrow x \diamond 1 = 1$  (by using  $y = 1$  in the given condition of ( $J_{13}$ )).

Using ( $J_{12}$ ) for any  $x, y \in X$  we see that

$$(y \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) = (y \diamond 1) \diamond [x \diamond [(y \diamond x) \diamond (y \diamond x)]] = (y \diamond 1) \diamond [(y \diamond x) \diamond (x \diamond (y \diamond x))] \\ = (y \diamond x) \diamond [(y \diamond 1) \diamond (y \diamond (x \diamond x))] = (y \diamond x) \diamond [(y \diamond 1) \diamond (y \diamond 1)] = (y \diamond x) \diamond 1$$

which shows that ( $J_{14}$ ) holds.  $\square$

**Example 1.** [9] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  in which  $\diamond$  is defined by the following table

$\diamond$	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	1	1	3	4	5
3	1	2	1	4	4
4	1	1	3	1	3
5	1	1	1	1	1

It is easy to see that  $X$  is a  $JU$ -algebra.

The following example shows that a  $JU$  algebra may not be a  $KU$ -algebra

**Example 2.** [4] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in which  $\diamond$  is defined by the following table

$\diamond$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	1	2	2
3	1	2	1	3
4	1	2	1	1

It is easy to see that  $X$  is a JU-algebra but not a KU-algebra whereas the table given below is both a KU-algebra and a JU-algebra with another operation  $\diamond'$ :

**Example 3.** [4] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in which  $\diamond'$  is defined by the following table

$\diamond'$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	1	1	4	1
3	1	1	1	1
4	1	4	4	1

**Definition 2.5.** A non-empty subset  $J$  of  $X$  is called a JU-subalgebra of  $X$  if  $y \diamond x \in J$  for all  $x, y \in J$ . The set  $P_X := \{x \in X | (x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = x\}$  is called the p-semisimple part of  $X$ . A JU-algebra  $X$  is called a p-semisimple JU-algebra if  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = x$  for all  $x \in X$ . The element  $j$  of  $X$  is called a minimal element if  $x \leq j$  implies  $x = j$  for all  $x \in X$ . For any minimal element  $j \in X$ , the branch of  $j$  is defined by  $K(j) := \{x \in X | x \geq j\}$ . The set  $B_X = \{x \in X | x \diamond 1 = 1\}$  is called the JU-part of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A non-empty subset  $J$  of a JU-algebra  $X$  is called a JU-ideal of  $X$  if

1.  $1 \in J$ ,
2. for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x, x \diamond y$  imply  $y \in J$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A subset  $J$  of a JU-Algebra  $X$  is called a p-ideal of  $X$  if  $1 \in J$  and  $y, (z \diamond y) \diamond (z \diamond x) \in J$  imply  $x \in J$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.8.** An ideal  $J$  of  $X$  is called strong if  $x \in J$  and  $y \notin J$  imply  $y \diamond x \notin J$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 4.** [11] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  in which  $\diamond$  is defined by the fol-

lowing table:

$\diamond$	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	1	1	3	3	5	6
3	1	1	1	2	5	6
4	1	1	1	1	5	6
5	5	5	5	5	1	1
6	1	1	2	1	1	1

Clearly  $(X, \diamond, 1)$  is a JU-algebra. It is easy to show that  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  are JU-ideals of  $X$ .

Every ideal  $J$  of  $X$  determines a congruence  $\sim$  on  $X$  in the sense that  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $x \diamond y$  and  $y \diamond x \in J$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . The symbol  $X/J$  will be used instead of the quotient algebra  $X/\sim$ , which is still a JU-algebra.

In a JU-algebra  $X$ , an ideal, is not necessarily subalgebra of  $X$ . If  $J$  is both a subalgebra and an ideal of  $X$ , then it is called closed ideal of  $X$ . Let  $J$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then the least ideal of  $X$  containing  $J$  is called the generated ideal of  $X$  by  $J$  and it is denoted by  $\langle J \rangle$ .

A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  of a JU-algebras  $(X, \diamond, 1)$  into a JU-algebra  $(X', \diamond', 1')$  is called a JU-homomorphism if  $f(x \diamond y) = f(x) \diamond' f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Clearly,  $f(1) = 1'$ . Every ideal  $A$  of  $X$  determines a congruence  $\sim$  on  $X$  in the sense that  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $x \diamond y$  and  $y \diamond x \in A$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .  $X/A$  stands for quotient algebra of  $X$  in stead of  $X/\sim$ , which is a JU-algebra.

A mapping  $f : E \rightarrow E$  is said to be a closure operator on an ordered set  $(E, \diamond)$  if it satisfies the following properties

- i.  $x \leq f(x)$  (extensivity),
- ii.  $x \diamond y \Rightarrow f(x) \diamond f(y)$  (isotony),
- iii.  $f(f(x)) = f(x)$  (idempotence).

### 3 $P$ -Closure Ideals

We start by identifying  $p$ -closure for a non-empty subset  $J$  of a KU-algebra  $X$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $J$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . The  $p$ -closure of  $J$  is defined by  $J_{pc} := \{x \in X \mid x \diamond j \in J \text{ for some } j \in J\}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $J$  is a subset of  $X$  containing 1, then  $J \subseteq J_{pc}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $j \in J$ , it follows from  $j \diamond j = 1 \in J$  that  $j \in J_{pc}$  and consequently  $J \subseteq J_{pc}$ .  $\square$

In the following example, we show that the condition 1 belongs to  $J$  is necessary in Lemma 3.2 and cannot be dropped.

**Example 5.** Let  $(X = \{0, 1, j\}, \diamond, 1)$  be a  $JU$ -algebra in which the operation  $\diamond$  is defined by the following table

$\diamond$	1	0	j
1	1	0	j
0	1	1	j
j	j	j	1

For  $J = \{j\}$ , clearly  $J_{pc} = \{0, 1\}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** For any non-empty subsets  $J_{11}$  and  $J_{12}$  of  $X$ , if  $J_{11} \subseteq J_{12}$ , then  $(J_{11})_{pc} \subseteq (J_{12})_{pc}$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

- i.  $((y \diamond x) \diamond x)^n \diamond x = y^n \diamond x$  for any  $n \in N$ ;
- ii.  $(x^n \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = (x \diamond 1)^n \diamond 1$  for any  $n \in N$ .

*Proof.* i. We use induction to prove the two assertions. It is true for  $n = 0$ . Assume that the equality is valid for  $n = k$ ; that is,  $((y \diamond x) \diamond x)^k \diamond x = y^k \diamond x$  for any  $k \in N$ . Then  $((y \diamond x) \diamond x)^{k+1} \diamond x = ((y \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond (((y \diamond x) \diamond x)^k \diamond x) = ((y \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond (y^k \diamond x) = y^k \diamond (((y \diamond x) \diamond x) \diamond x) = y^{k+1} \diamond x$ .

So, the equality holds for  $n = k + 1$  also. Therefore  $((y \diamond x) \diamond x)^n \diamond x = y^n \diamond x$  for any  $n \in N$ ;

ii. Without loss of generality, consider  $n \geq 1$ . By applying the left distributive law we get

$$(x^n \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = (x \diamond (x^{n-1} \diamond 1)) \diamond 1 = (x \diamond 1) \diamond ((x^{n-1} \diamond 1) \diamond 1) = (x \diamond 1)^2 \diamond ((x^{n-2} \diamond 1) \diamond 1) = \dots = (x \diamond 1)^n \diamond 1. \quad \square$$

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $x \in X$ . If  $x \diamond 1 = 1$  (that is,  $x \geq 1$ ), then the element  $x$  is called a positive element of  $X$ . Therefore the fixed element defined earlier is a positive element. The positive element in Example 5 is  $0, 1$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $X$  be a JU-algebra. Then  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond x$  is a positive element of  $X$  for every  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Using the left distributive law, we have  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond x = ((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) = (x \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) = 1$ . Then  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond x$  is positive.  $\square$

**Definition 3.7.** Minimal elements are an important part of all types of algebras including classical and logical. So we define them here. An element  $j$  in a JU-algebra  $X$  is called minimal if  $j \diamond x = 1$  (i.e.,  $j \leq x$ ) implies  $x = j$  for any  $x \in X$ .  $j$  is called least element of  $X$  if  $x \diamond j = 1$  (i.e.,  $x \leq j$ ) for all  $x \in X$ . Similarly, it is called a maximal element if  $x \diamond j = 1$  (i.e.,  $j \leq x$ ) implies that  $j = x$  for any  $x \in X$ .

We have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.8.** Consider  $j \in X$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent

1.  $j$  is minimal;
2.  $(j \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = j$ ;
3. there is  $x \in X$  such that  $j = x \diamond 1$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By Definition 2.1 we have  $j \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond 1) = 1$ . Since  $j$  is minimal,  $(j \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = j$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). By hypothesis,  $j = (j \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = x \diamond 1$  where  $x = j \diamond 1$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $j = x \diamond 1$  for some  $x \in X$ . For every  $y \in X$ , if  $j \diamond y = 0$ , then  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond y = 0$ . We have  $y \diamond j = y \diamond (x \diamond 1) = y \diamond ((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond 1) = ((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond (y \diamond 1)$ . Using the left distributive law, we also have  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond (y \diamond 1) = ((x \diamond 1) \diamond y) \diamond 1 = 1 \diamond 1 = 1$ . Hence  $y \diamond j = 1$ . In addition,  $j \diamond y = 1$ . It follows that  $y = j$  by JU-3. Thus  $j$  is a minimal element of  $X$ .  $\square$

In the following theorem, we give a characterization of the minimal elements of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *An element  $j$  of  $X$  is minimal if and only if  $\{j\}_{pc} = B_X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $j$  be a minimal element of  $X$ . Assume that  $x \in \{j\}_{pc}$ . Then  $x \diamond j = j$  and so we have  $1 = j \diamond (x \diamond j) = x \diamond (j \diamond j) = x \diamond 1$ . It follows that  $x \in B_X$ . Hence  $\{j\}_{pc} \subseteq B_X$ .

Now, let  $x \in B_X$ . Then,  $x \diamond 1 = 1$  and so by the minimality of  $j$ , using Proposition 3.8 we have  $j = (j \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = (j \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) = (x \diamond (j \diamond 1)) \diamond 1 = x \diamond j$ ; that is,  $x \diamond j = j$  which implies that  $x \in j_{pc}$ .

Therefore,  $B_X \subseteq \{j\}_{pc}$  and so  $\{j\}_{pc} = B_X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\{j\}_{pc} = B_X$ . Let  $b \in X$  with  $b \leq j$ . Then  $1 \leq b \diamond j$  and so  $b \diamond j \in B_X$ . Thus  $b \diamond j \in \{j\}_{pc}$  and so  $(b \diamond j) \diamond j = j$ . It follows that  $b \diamond j = (b \diamond [(b \diamond j) \diamond j]) = (b \diamond j) \diamond (b \diamond j) = 1$ ; that is,  $j \leq b$ . Hence  $b = j$  and therefore  $j$  is a minimal element of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** *If  $J$  is an ideal of  $X$  and  $1 \in J$ , then  $B_X \subseteq J_{pc}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $1 \in J$  is a minimal element, using Theorem 3.9 and Lemma 3.3, we have  $B_X \subseteq J_{pc}$ .  $\square$

In the following theorem, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a JU-algebra to be a KU-algebra.

**Theorem 3.11.**  *$X$  is a KU-algebra if and only if  $\{1\}_{pc} = X$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $X$  is a KU-algebra. Then, for any  $x \in X$ ,  $x \diamond 1 = 1$ . It follows that  $x \in 1_{pc}$  for any  $x \in X$ . Therefore,  $\{1\}_{pc} = X$ .

Conversely, let  $\{1\}_{pc} = X$ . Then, by Theorem 3.9,  $X = B_X$ . Hence,  $X$  is a KU-algebra.  $\square$

As a consequence of Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.11, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.12.**  *$X$  is a KU-algebra if and only if  $J_{pc} = X$  for any subset  $J$  of  $X$  containing 1.*

**Theorem 3.13.** *If  $c$  is an arbitrary element of  $X$ , then  $\{J(c)\}_{pc} = B_X$ , where  $J(c) = \{x \in X \mid x \leq c\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in B_X$ . Then,  $x \diamond 1 = 1$  and so  $c \diamond (x \diamond c) = x \diamond (c \diamond c) = x \diamond 1 = 1$ . This implies that  $x \diamond c \leq c$  and so  $x \diamond c \in J(c)$ . From  $c \in J(c)$ , we conclude that  $x \in \{J(c)\}_{pc}$  and so  $B_X \subseteq \{J(c)\}_{pc}$ . Now, let  $x \in \{J(c)\}_{pc}$ . Then there exists  $t \in J(c)$  such that  $x \diamond t \leq c$ ; that is,  $x \diamond (c \diamond t) = 1$ . Thus  $c \diamond t = 1$  implies  $x \diamond 1 = 1$  and so  $x \in B_X$ . Hence  $\{J(c)\}_{pc} = B_X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $X$  be a  $JU$ -algebra. Then*

- i.  $(P_X)_{pc} = X$ ,
- ii.  $(B_X)_{pc} = B_X$ .

*Proof.* i. Let  $x \in X$ . Since  $X = \bigcup_{j \in P_x} K(j)$ , we have  $x \in K(j)$  for some  $j \in P_X$  and so  $j \leq x$ . Consequently,  $x \diamond j = 1 \in P_X$ . This implies that  $x \in (P_X)_{pc}$ . Therefore,  $X = (P_X)_{pc}$ .

ii. Let  $x \in B_X$ . Then  $x \diamond 1 = 1 \in B_X$  and so  $x \in (B_X)_{pc}$ . For the reverse inclusion, let  $x \in (B_X)_{pc}$ . Then,  $x \diamond j \in B_X$  for some  $j \in B_X$ . It follows that  $(x \diamond j) \diamond 1 = 1$  and  $j \diamond 1 = 1$ . Thus by  $(J_{14})$ , we obtain  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = (x \diamond j) \diamond (j \diamond 1) = (x \diamond j) \diamond 1 = 1$ . Hence,  $1 \leq x \diamond 1$  and so by the minimality of  $x \diamond 1$ , we get  $x \diamond 1 = 1$ ; that is,  $x \in B_X$ . Therefore  $(B_X)_{pc} = B_X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $J$  be a subset of  $B_X$  containing 1. Then,  $J_{pc} = B_X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\{1\} \subseteq J \subseteq B_X$ , using Lemma 3.3,  $\{1\}_{pc} \subseteq J_{pc} \subseteq (B_X)_{pc}$ . Thus, by Theorems 3.9 and Theorem 3.14, we obtain  $B_X \subseteq J_{pc} \subseteq B_X$ , which implies that  $J_{pc} = B_X$ .  $\square$

Note that the condition 1 belongs to  $J$  in preceding theorem is necessary:

**Example 6.** *Let  $X = \{1, 0, a\}$  be a  $JU$ -algebra as in Example 5.*

*Put  $J := \{0\}$ . Clearly,  $J \subseteq B_X$  and  $J_{pc} = \{1\}$ . Therefore  $J_{pc} \neq B_X$ .*

**Lemma 3.16.** *Let  $J$  be a subalgebra of  $X$ . Then,*

- i.  $x \in J_{pc}$  implies  $x \diamond 1 \in J$ ,
- ii.  $x \in J_{pc}$  if and only if  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ .

*Proof.* i. Let  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Then  $x \diamond j \in J$  for some  $j \in J$  and so by the closeness of  $J$ , we have  $j \diamond (x \diamond j) \in J$ . Therefore, by  $J_{12}$ , we conclude that  $x \diamond 1 \in J$ .

ii. Let  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Then by part i, we have  $x \diamond 1 \in J$  and so, by Lemma 3.2, we get  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Conversely, let  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Then by part i, we have  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in J$ . Since  $(x \diamond (x \diamond 1)) \diamond 1 = 1 \in J$ , it follows that  $x \in J_{pc}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** *If  $J$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ , then  $J_{pc}$  is a subalgebra of  $X$  containing  $J$ .*

*Proof.* Obviously,  $1 \in J$ . Then, by Lemma 3.2,  $J \subseteq J_{pc}$  and so it remains to show that  $J_{pc}$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in J_{pc}$ . Then, by part i of Lemma 3.16, we have  $x \diamond 1$  and  $y \diamond 1 \in J$  and so  $(y \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) \in J$ . By  $(J_{14})$ ,  $(y \diamond x) \diamond 1 = (y \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) \in J$ . Hence,  $y \diamond x \in J_{pc}$  and consequently  $J_{pc}$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

The following theorem gives a characterization of  $J_{pc}$  for any subalgebra  $J$  of  $X$  :

**Theorem 3.18.** *If  $J$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ , then*

$$J_{pc} = \bigcup_{x \in X, x \diamond 1 \in J} K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1).$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Then, by part i of Lemma 3.16,  $x \diamond 1 \in J$ . Note that  $x \in K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1)$ . Therefore  $x \in \bigcup_{x \in X, x \diamond 1 \in J} K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1)$  and so

$$J_{pc} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X, x \diamond 1 \in J} K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1).$$

Now, let  $y \in \bigcup_{x \in X, x \diamond 1 \in J} K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1)$ . Then  $y \in K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1)$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $x \diamond 1 \in J$ . Thus  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \leq y$  and so, by  $J_{12}$  and  $J_{14}$ ,  $y \diamond 1 = ((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = x \diamond 1$ . Hence,  $y \diamond 1 \in J$  and so  $y \in J_{pc}$ . Therefore,

$$\bigcup_{x \in X, x \diamond 1 \in J} K((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \subseteq J_{pc}. \quad \square$$

We now establish some important properties of  $p$ -closure.

**Theorem 3.19.** *For any ideals  $J$  of  $X$ ,  $J_{pc}$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $1 \in J_{pc}$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x, x \diamond y \in J_{pc}$ . Then,  $x \diamond j \in J$  and  $(x \diamond y) \diamond b \in J$  for some  $j, b \in J$ . First we show that  $(j \diamond 1) \diamond b \in J$ . For this, we have  $b \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond b) = (j \diamond 1) \diamond (b \diamond b) = (j \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \leq j$ . Thus, since  $j, b \in J$ , we conclude that  $(j \diamond 1) \diamond b \in J$ .

Now, we show that  $y \in J_{pc}$ . For this, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((x \diamond y) \diamond b) \diamond (y \diamond (x \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond b))) \\
&= y \diamond (((x \diamond y) \diamond b) \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond b)) \quad (by(J_{12})) \\
&\leq y \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond x \diamond y) \quad (by(KU_1)) \\
&= (j \diamond 1) \diamond (y \diamond (y \diamond x)) \quad (by(J_{12})) \\
&= (j \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond 1) \quad (by(J_{12})) \\
&\leq x \diamond j \quad (by(JU-1)).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $(x \diamond y) \diamond b \in J$ , we get  $((j \diamond 1) \diamond b) \diamond y \in J$ . Therefore, by the property that  $(j \diamond 1) \diamond b \in J$ , we get  $y \in J_{pc}$  and so  $J_{pc}$  is an ideal of  $X$ . To prove the closeness of  $J_{pc}$ , let  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Then  $x \diamond a \in J$  for some  $j \in J$ . We get  $(x \diamond j) \diamond ((j \diamond x \diamond j)) \leq (j \diamond x) \diamond x \leq j$ . Since  $j, x \diamond j \in J$ , we obtain  $(j \diamond x) \diamond j \in J$ . Moreover, we have  $j \diamond ((j \diamond 1) \diamond (j \diamond x) \diamond j) = (j \diamond 1) \diamond (j \diamond x) \diamond 1 \leq (j \diamond x) \diamond x \leq j$ . Thus, by  $j \in J$ , we get  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond ((j \diamond x) \diamond j) \in J$ . Therefore by the property  $(j \diamond x) \diamond j \in J$ , we conclude that  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Hence, by definition of closed ideal,  $J_{pc}$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

Combining Theorem 3.19, Proposition 3.10, and the definition of  $p$ -ideal, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.20.** *For any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ ,  $J_{pc}$  is a  $p$ -ideal.*

The converse of Theorem 3.19 may not be true in general as can be seen in the following example.

**Example 7.** *Let  $a$  be any arbitrary nonzero minimal element of  $X$ . Then, by Theorem 3.9,  $\{j\}_{pc} = B_X$ . It is known that  $B_X$  is a closed ideal, but  $\{j\}$  is not an ideal of  $X$ .*

**Theorem 3.21.** *For any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ ,  $J_{pc} = (J_{pc})_{pc}$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2,  $J_{pc} \subseteq (J_{pc})_{pc}$ . To show the reverse inclusion, let  $x \in (J_{pc})_{pc}$ . By Theorem 3.19,  $J_{pc}$  is a subalgebra of  $X$  and so by Lemma 3.16, we get  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Applying the closeness of  $J_{pc}$ , we obtain  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Since  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ , it follows from Proposition 3.10 that  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond x \in J_{pc}$ . Now, since  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ , we have  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Therefore,  $(J_{pc})_{pc} \subseteq J_{pc}$ .  $\square$

In the following theorem, we show that the notion of  $p$ -closure ideals introduces a closure operator on  $(I(X), \subseteq)$ , where  $I(X)$  denotes the set of all ideals of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.22.** *For any  $X$ , the mapping  $pc : I(X) \rightarrow I(X)$  defined by  $pc(J) = J_{pc}$  for any  $A \in I(X)$  is a closure operator on  $(I(X), \subseteq)$ .*

*Proof.* Follows immediately from Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and Theorem 3.21.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.23.** *For every family  $\{J_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  of closed ideals of  $X$ , and*

$$\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc}.$$

*Proof.* Obviously,  $\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc} \subseteq (J_\alpha)_{pc}$  for every  $\alpha \in I$ . Thus  $\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc} \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc}$ . Now, let  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc}$ . Then for every  $\alpha \in I$ , there exists  $t_\alpha \in J_\alpha$  such that  $x \diamond t_\alpha \in J_\alpha$ . Hence, from  $(x \diamond t_\alpha) \diamond (x \diamond 1) \leq t_\alpha \diamond 1 \in J_\alpha$ , we get  $x \diamond 1 \in J_\alpha$  and so  $x \diamond 1 \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha$ . Thus,  $x \in \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc}$  and consequently  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc} \subseteq \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc}$ . Therefore  $\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha\right)_{pc} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc}$ .  $\square$

The closeness condition of ideals in Theorem 3.23 is necessary and cannot be removed.

**Example 8.** *Suppose that  $(\mathbb{Z}, \diamond, 0)$  is the adjoint  $p$ -semisimple  $JU$ -algebra of integers  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ . Then,  $m \diamond n = n - m$  for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easy to check that  $A := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $B := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  are two ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , but not closed. Moreover, we can show that  $J_{pc} = B_{pc} = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(J \cap B)_{pc} = \{1\}$ . Therefore,  $(J \cap B)_{pc} \neq J_{pc} \cap B_{pc}$ .*

**Theorem 3.24.** *Let  $\{J_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a family of ideals of  $X$ . Then  $\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc} \rangle_{pc} = \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $J_\alpha \subseteq (J_\alpha)_{pc}$  for every  $\alpha \in I$ , we have  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc}$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.3, we get  $\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc} \subseteq \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc} \rangle_{pc}$ . On the other hand, from  $J_\alpha \subseteq \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle$ , we obtain  $(J_\alpha)_{pc} \subseteq \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc}$  for any  $\alpha \in I$ . Therefore  $\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc} \rangle_{pc} \subseteq \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc}$  and so by Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.21, we conclude that

$$\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (J_\alpha)_{pc} \rangle_{pc} = (\langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc})_{pc} = \langle \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} J_\alpha \rangle_{pc}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.25.** For any non-empty subset  $J$  of  $X$ , we denote  $J^1 := \{x \diamond 1 \mid x \in J\}$ .

**Theorem 3.26.** For any nonempty subset  $J$  of  $X$ , the ideal  $\langle J \cup J^1 \rangle$  is the least closed ideal containing  $J$ .

**Lemma 3.27.** For any ideals  $J$  of  $X$ , the following hold:

- i.  $J^1 \subseteq J_{pc}$ ,
- ii.  $\langle J \cup J^1 \rangle_{pc} = J_{pc}$ .

*Proof.* i. For any  $x \in J$ , since  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \leq x$ , we have  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in J$ . This implies that  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$  and so  $J^1 \in J_{pc}$ .

ii. By part i and Lemma 3.2, we have  $J, J^1 \subseteq J_{pc}$ . Since  $J_{pc}$  is an ideal, we obtain  $J \subseteq \langle J \cup J^1 \rangle \subseteq J_{pc}$  and so by Lemma 3.3, we get  $J_{pc} \subseteq \langle J \cup J^1 \rangle_{pc} \subseteq (J_{pc})_{pc}$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.21, we conclude that  $\langle J \cup J^1 \rangle_{pc} = J_{pc}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.28.** For any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ ,  $J_{pc}$  is the least closed  $p$ -ideal containing  $J$ .

*Proof.* Combining Lemma 3.2, Theorem 3.19 and Corollary 3.20, we conclude that  $J_{pc}$  is a closed  $p$ -ideal of  $X$  containing  $J$ . Let  $C$  be another closed  $p$ -ideal of  $X$  containing  $J$  and let  $x \in J_{pc}$ . Since  $J_{pc}$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ , we have  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ . Thus  $x \diamond 1 \in C_{pc}$  and so by Lemma 3.16, we get  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in C$ . Note that  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \diamond x \in B_X$  and so from  $B_X \subseteq C$ , we obtain  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond x \in C$ . Since  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond 1 \in C$ , we conclude  $x \in C$ . Therefore,  $J_{pc} \in C$ . Hence,  $J_{pc}$  is the least closed  $p$ -ideal containing  $J$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.29.** An ideal  $J$  of  $X$  is closed if and only if  $(J^1)_{pc} = J_{pc}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that an ideal  $J$  of  $X$  is closed. Then,  $x \diamond 1 \in J$  for any  $x \in J$  and so  $J \in J^1$ . Clearly,  $J^1 \in J$ . Thus,  $J^1 = J$  and so  $(J^1)_{pc} = J_{pc}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(J^1)_{pc} = J_{pc}$  and  $x \in J$ . Then by the closeness of  $J_{pc}$ ,  $x \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$  and so by assumption,  $x \diamond 1 \in (J^1)_{pc}$ . Thus, there exists  $j \in J^1$

such that  $(x \diamond 1) \diamond j \in J^1$ . It follows that  $((x \diamond 1) \diamond j) \diamond 1 \in J$ . Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} j \diamond (x \diamond 1) &= j \diamond (((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \quad (by(J_{14})) \\ &= ((x \diamond 1) \diamond 1) \diamond (j \diamond 1) \quad (by(J_{12})) \\ &= ((x \diamond 1) \diamond j) \diamond 1 \in J \quad (by(J_{14})) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $j \diamond (x \diamond 1) \in J$  and so by  $j \in J^1 \subseteq J$ , we conclude  $x \diamond 1 \in J$ . Hence,  $J$  is closed.  $\square$

## 4 JU-homomorphisms under $P$ -closure

In this section, we consider the relation between  $f(J_{pc})$  and  $(f(J))_{pc}$  in which  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-homomorphism and  $J$  is a non-empty subset of  $X$ . It is well known that if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-epimorphism and  $J$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ , then  $f(J)$  is a closed ideal of  $Y$ . From this and Theorem 3.19, we have the following result.

**Corollary 4.1.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-epimorphism, then  $f(J_{pc})$  is a closed ideal of  $Y$  for any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ .*

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-homomorphism and  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple JU-algebra. If  $J$  is an ideal of  $X$ , then  $f(J_{pc})$  is a closed ideal of  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $1 \in f(J_{pc})$ . Let  $x, y \in Y$  be such that  $x, x \diamond y \in f(J_{pc})$ . Then,  $x = f(s)$  and  $x \diamond y = f(t)$  for some  $s, t \in J_{pc}$ . Since  $J_{pc}$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ , we obtain  $(s \diamond 1) \diamond t \in J_{pc}$ . Moreover, we have  $f((s \diamond 1) \diamond t) = (f(s) \diamond (f(1))) \diamond f(t) = (x \diamond 1) \diamond (x \diamond y) \leq 1 \diamond y = y$ . Thus, since  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple JU-algebra, we conclude that  $f((s \diamond 1) \diamond t) = y$ . Therefore,  $y \in f(J_{pc})$  and consequently  $f(J_{pc})$  is an ideal of  $Y$ . To prove the closeness of  $f(J_{pc})$ , let  $y \in f(J_{pc})$ . Then, there exists  $b \in J_{pc}$  such that  $y = f(b)$ . Thus,  $f(b \diamond 1) = f(b) \diamond f(1) = y \diamond 1$  and so, since  $b \diamond 1 \in J_{pc}$ , we get  $y \diamond 1 \in f(J_{pc})$ . Hence,  $f(J_{pc})$  is a closed ideal of  $Y$ .  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 4.2 may not be true in general as the following example shows.

**Example 9.** Let  $(X = \{1, 0, j\}, \diamond, 1)$  be a JU-algebra and  $(X' = \{1', b\}, \diamond', 1')$  be a  $p$ -semisimple JU-algebra in which the operations  $\diamond$  and  $\diamond'$  are given by the following tables:

$\diamond$	1	0	$j$
1	1	0	$j$
0	1	$j$	$j$
$j$	$j$	$j$	1

$\diamond'$	1'	$b$
1'	1'	$b$
$b$	$b$	1'

Define the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  by  $f(1) = f(0) = 1'$  and  $f(j) = b$ . Clearly,  $f$  is a JU-epimorphism. Putting  $J := \{1, j\}$ , we get  $f(J_{pc}) = X$ . But  $J$  is not an ideal of  $X$  since  $j \diamond 0 = j \in J$  and  $0 \notin J$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-homomorphism, then  $f(J_{pc}) \subseteq (f(J))_{pc}$  for any non-empty subset  $A$  of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) \in f(J_{pc})$ . Then  $x \in J_{pc}$  and so  $x \diamond j \in J$  for some  $j \in J$ . Thus,  $f(x) \diamond f(j) \in f(J)$ , which implies that  $f(x) \in (f(J))_{pc}$ . Therefore,  $f(J_{pc}) \subseteq (f(J))_{pc}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a JU-epimorphism and  $J$  be an ideal of  $X$ . If  $\ker f \subseteq J$ , then  $f(J_{pc}) = (f(J))_{pc}$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.3, it suffices to show that  $(f(J))_{pc} \subseteq f(J_{pc})$ . Let  $y \in (f(J))_{pc}$ . Then,  $y \diamond f(j) \in f(J)$  for some  $j \in J$ . Since  $f$  is epimorphic,  $y = f(x)$  for some  $x \in X$ . Thus, there exists  $b \in J$  such that  $f(x \diamond j) = f(b)$  and so  $f(b \diamond (x \diamond j)) = f(b) \diamond f(x \diamond j) = 1$ . It follows that  $b \diamond (x \diamond j) \in \ker f \subseteq J$ . Since  $b \in J$ , we have  $x \diamond j \in J$ . Hence,  $x \in J_{pc}$  and so  $y = f(x) \in f(J_{pc})$ . Therefore,  $(f(J))_{pc} \subseteq f(J_{pc})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a JU-homomorphism and  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple JU-algebra. If  $J$  is a closed ideal of  $X$ , then  $f(J_{pc}) = (f(J))_{pc}$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.3 it suffices to show that  $(f(J))_{pc} \subseteq f(J_{pc})$ . Let  $y \in (f(J))_{pc}$ . Then,  $y \diamond f(j) \in f(J)$  for some  $j \in J$  and so there exists  $b \in J$  such that  $y \diamond f(j) = f(b)$ . Hence,  $f(j) \diamond f(b) = f(j) \diamond [y \diamond f(j)] = y \diamond [f(j) \diamond f(j)] = y \diamond 1$ . Now, since  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple JU-algebra, we get  $y = (y \diamond 1) \diamond 1 = (f(j) \diamond f(b)) \diamond 1$ , that is,  $y = f((j \diamond b) \diamond 1)$ . By the closeness of  $J$ , we have  $(j \diamond b) \diamond 1 \subseteq J \subseteq J_{pc}$ , and consequently  $y \in f(J_{pc})$ . Therefore,  $(f(J))_{pc} \subseteq f(J_{pc})$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 4.5 may not be true in general.

**Example 10.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a JU-homomorphism and  $J := \{1, j\}$  as in Example 9. It is easy to see that  $f(J_{pc}) = (f(J))_{pc} = X$ . But  $A$  is not an ideal of  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a JU-homomorphism and  $C$  be an (subalgebra) ideal of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(C_{pc})$  is an ideal of  $X$  containing  $(f^{-1}(C))_{pc}$ .

*Proof.* We only show that  $f^{-1}(C_{pc})$  is an ideal of  $X$  containing  $(f^{-1}(C))_{pc}$ . That  $f^{-1}(C)$  is a subalgebra can be proved in similar manner. Since  $C$  is an ideal of  $Y$ , it follows that  $f \diamond 1(C_{pc})$  is an ideal of  $X$ . Now let  $x \in (f \diamond 1(C))_{pc}$ . Then  $x \diamond j \in f \diamond 1(C)$  for some  $j \in f \diamond 1(C)$ . This implies that  $f(j) \in C$ . Also,  $f(x) \diamond f(j) = f(x \diamond j) \in C$  and consequently  $f(x) \in C_{pc}$ . Therefore  $x \in f \diamond 1(C_{pc})$  and so  $(f \in 1(C))_{pc} \in f \diamond 1(C_{pc})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an isomorphism and  $J$  be an ideal of  $X$ . Then  $J \in B_X$  if and only if  $f(J_{pc}) = B_Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in B_X$ . By Theorem 3.15, we have  $J_{pc} = B_X$ . Thus,  $f(J_{pc}) = \{f(x) | x \in B_X\} = \{f(x) | 1 \leq x\} \subseteq \{f(x) | 1' \leq f(x)\} \subseteq B_Y$ . On the other hand, let  $y \in B_Y$ . Therefore,  $1' \leq y$  and there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$  and hence  $1' \leq f(x)$ . Thus,  $f(x \diamond 1) = f(x) \diamond f(1) = f(1)$ . Now, since  $f$  is monomorphic, we have  $x \diamond 1 = 1 \in J$ . It follows that  $x \in J_{pc}$  and consequently  $y = f(x) \in f(J_{pc})$ . Therefore,  $f(J_{pc}) = B_Y$ .

Conversely, let  $f(J_{pc}) = B_Y$  and  $j \in J$ . By Lemma 3.2,  $j \in J_{pc}$  and so  $f(j) \in B_Y$ . Thus  $f(j \diamond 1) = f(j) \diamond f(1) = 1' \diamond f(j) = 1' = f(1)$ . Hence,  $j \diamond 1 = 1$  and so  $j \in B_X$ . Therefore,  $J \subseteq B_X$ .  $\square$

Note that the condition  $f$  is bijective in the preceding theorem is necessary:

**Example 11.** Let  $X = \{1, 0, j\}$  and  $X' = \{1', b\}$  be two JU-algebras as in Example 9. Define the mapping  $f : X' \rightarrow X$  by  $f(1') = 1$  and  $f(b) = j$ . It is routine to check that  $f$  is a JU-monomorphism which is not surjective. Taking  $J := \{1'\}$ , it is easy to see that  $J \subseteq B'_X$  but  $f(J_{pc}) = \{1\} \neq \{0, 1\} = B_X$ .

**Example 12.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, j\}$  be a JU-algebra as in Example 9. Consider the identity mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$ . Taking  $J := \{1\}$ , it can be checked that  $f(J_{pc}) = B_X$  and  $B_X \not\subseteq J$ .

**Proposition 4.8.** Let  $J$  and  $I$  be two ideals of  $X$  with  $J \subseteq I$ . Then,  $(I/J)_{pc} = I_{pc}/J$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $J \subseteq I \subseteq I_{pc}$ , so  $I_{pc}/J$  is well-defined. Now, we have  $(I/J)_{pc} = \{J_y \in X/J \mid J_y \diamond J_x \in I/J \text{ for some } J_x \in I/J\} = \{J_y \in X/J \mid J_y \diamond x \in I/J \text{ for some } x \in I\} = \{J_y \in X/J \mid y \diamond x \in I \text{ for some } x \in I\} = \{J_y \in X/J \mid y \in I_{pc}\} = I_{pc}/J. \quad \square$

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $J$  and  $B$  be two ideals of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Then

- i.  $J_{pc} \times B_{pc} = (J \times B)_{pc}$ ,
- ii.  $(X/J_{pc}) \times (Y/B_{pc}) \simeq (X \times Y)/(J_{pc} \times B_{pc})$ .

*Proof.* i. Clearly,  $(J \times B)_{pc} = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid (y, x) \diamond (v, u) \in J \times B \text{ for some } u \in J \text{ and } v \in B\} = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid (x \diamond u, y \diamond v) \in J \times B \text{ for some } u \in J \text{ and } v \in B\} = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid x \diamond u \in J, y \diamond v \in B \text{ for some } u \in J \text{ and } v \in B\} = \{x \in X \mid x \diamond u \in J \text{ for some } u \in J\} \times \{y \in Y \mid y \diamond v \in B \text{ for some } v \in B\} = J_{pc} \times B_{pc}$ .

ii. We know that  $J_{pc} \times B_{pc}$  is a closed ideal of  $X \times Y$ . Now, consider the natural homomorphisms  $\pi_X : X \rightarrow X/J_{pc}$  and  $\pi_Y : Y \rightarrow Y/B_{pc}$  with  $\pi_X(x) = (J_{pc})_x$  and  $\pi_Y(y) = (B_{pc})_y$ . Define the mapping  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow X/J_{pc} \times Y/B_{pc}$  by  $f(x, y) = (\pi_X(x), \pi_Y(y)) = ((J_{pc})_x, (B_{pc})_y)$ .

Clearly,  $f$  is a JU-epimorphism. Moreover,  $\ker f = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid f(x, y) = (J_{pc}, B_{pc})\} = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid (J_{pc})_x = J_{pc} \text{ and } (B_{pc})_y = B_{pc}\} = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid x \in J_{pc}\} \text{ and } y \in B_{pc}\} = J_{pc} \times B_{pc}$ . Therefore, by the first isomorphism theorem, we get  $(X \times Y)/(J_{pc} \times B_{pc}) \simeq (X/J_{pc}) \times (Y/B_{pc})$ .  $\square$

## 5 Conclusion and future work

In this paper, we have introduced the concept of  $p$ -closure for any non-empty subset  $J$  of a JU-algebra  $X$  and have investigated some related properties showing that  $J_{pc}$  is the least closed  $p$ -ideal containing  $J$  for any ideal  $J$  of  $X$ . Our future work is to study the concept of  $p$ -closure on other logical algebras and investigate fuzzification, roughness, soft sets and other related work based on JU-algebras.

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