

# ***n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations on hoops**

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## **Abstract**

Hoops play an important role in the study of fuzzy logic based on *t*-norms. In this paper, we introduce some notions of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations on hoops, and also analysis some properties of them. The shrinkage property for *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations is provided, and the preimage and image of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation are discussed.

*Keywords:* Hoop; Pseudo valuation; *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation

## **1. Introduction**

A continuous *t*-norm is a continuous map  $*$  from  $[0, 1]^2$  into  $[0, 1]$  such that  $([0, 1], *, 1)$  is a commutative totally ordered monoid. Since the natural ordering on  $[0, 1]$  is a complete lattice ordering, each *t*-norm induces naturally a residuation, or an implication in more logical. One of the relevant algebraic aspects of a continuous *t*-norm on  $[0, 1]$  is the fact that the associated monoid is residuated. Hoops as ordered commutative residuated integral monoids satisfying a further conditions, were introduced by Bosbach [1]. Hoops have long been considered of interest by algebraists, starting from the classical example of the lattice-ordered monoid. Kondo [2] considered that fundamental properties of filters in hoops, and then pointed out that any positive filter of a hoop is implicative and fantastic. To extend the research to filter theory of hoops, [4] introduced the notions of *n*-fold (positive) implicative filters, [3] gave the notions of some types of filters ((positive) implicative filters, fantastic filters, associative filters) in pseudo hoop-algebras and investigated their properties.

Yang and Xin applied the notion of pseudo-valuations of [5] to EQ-algebras, and studied some characterizations of pseudo pre-valuations on EQ-algebras [6]. They also introduced the notion of pseudo MV-valuations by a function from a BL-algebra to an MV-algebra, which provides a new idea for the study of BL-algebras from MV-algebras [7]. Following the research work of [8], Wang et al. [9] introduced the notion of implicative pseudo valuations on hoops, and showed that a pseudo valuation on regular hoops is implicative if and only if it satisfies  $\varphi(x \sqcup x') = 0$ .

Considering that the notions of pseudo-valuations [6, 9] and *n*-fold implicative filters [4], we present the notion of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations on hoops. Some properties of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations are given and the shrinkage property for *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations is valid. The preimage and image of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation are also discussed.

## **2. Preliminaries**

By a hoop-algebra or briefly hoop, we shall mean an algebra  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  satisfying the following axioms: for any  $x, y, z \in H$ ,

- (HP1)  $(H, \otimes, 1)$  is a commutative monoid;
- (HP2)  $x \rightarrow x = 1$ ;
- (HP3)  $x \otimes (x \rightarrow y) = y \otimes (y \rightarrow x)$ ;

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(HP4)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \otimes y) \rightarrow z$ .

On every hoop  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$ , there is a natural order “ $\leq$ ” called the hoop-ordering defined by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  for any  $x, y \in H$ . Under this order, it can be proved that  $(H, \leq)$  is a meet semilattice with  $x \wedge y = x \otimes (x \rightarrow y)$  and 1 as the maximal element. In this work, unless mentioned otherwise,  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$  will be a hoop, which will often be referred by its support set  $H$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [10, 11] *Let  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$  be a hoop. Then the following assertions are valid: for any  $x, y, z \in H$ ,*

- (1)  $x \otimes y \leq z$  if and only if  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$ ;
- (2)  $x \otimes (x \rightarrow y) \leq y$ ,  $x \otimes y \leq x \wedge y \leq x \rightarrow y$ ,  $x \leq y \rightarrow x$ ;
- (3)  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ ,  $y \rightarrow x \leq (z \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow x)$ ;
- (4)  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z) \leq x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$ ;
- (5)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \otimes y) \rightarrow z = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ ;
- (6) if  $x \leq y$ , then  $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$ ,  $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$  and  $x \otimes z \leq y \otimes z$ .

Let  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$  be a hoop and  $F$  a nonempty subset of  $H$ .  $F$  is called a filter if it satisfies: for any  $x, y \in H$ , (1)  $x, y \in F$  implies  $x \otimes y \in F$ ; (2)  $x \in F$  and  $x \leq y$  imply  $y \in F$ . It is shown that a nonempty subset  $F$  of a hoop  $H$  is a filter if and only if for any  $x, y \in H$ , (1)  $1 \in F$ ; (2)  $x \in F$  and  $x \rightarrow y \in F$  imply  $y \in F$ . Moreover, a non-empty set  $F$  of  $H$  is called an implicative filter of  $H$  if it satisfies that  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) \in F$  and  $x \rightarrow y \in F$  imply  $x \rightarrow z \in F$ , for any  $x, y, z \in H$  [12].

We denote  $x^n = \underbrace{x \otimes \dots \otimes x}_{n \text{ times}}$  if  $n > 0$  and  $x^0 = 1$  for any  $x \in H$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [4] *Let  $F$  be a subset of  $H$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $F$  is called a  $n$ -fold implicative filter of  $H$  if it satisfies:*

- (1)  $1 \in F$ ,
- (2)  $x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) \in F$  and  $x^n \rightarrow y \in F$  imply  $x^n \rightarrow z \in F$ , for any  $x, y, z \in H$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [6] *Let  $\varphi : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real-valued function, where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all real numbers. Then  $\varphi$  is called a pseudo valuation on  $A$  with respect to a filter if it satisfies the following conditions: for any  $x, y \in H$ ,*

- (1)  $\varphi(1) = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi(x \rightarrow y)$ .

A pseudo valuation  $\varphi$  is called a valuation if  $\varphi(x) = 0$  implies  $x = 1$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** [6] *Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo valuation on  $H$ . Then the following inequalities are valid: for any  $x, y, z \in H$ ,*

- (1)  $x \leq y$  implies  $\varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x)$ ,
- (2)  $0 \leq \varphi(x)$ ,
- (3)  $\varphi(x \rightarrow z) \leq \varphi(x \rightarrow y) + \varphi(y \rightarrow z)$ ,
- (4)  $\varphi(x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [9] *A real-valued function  $\varphi$  on  $H$  is called an implicative pseudo valuation if it satisfies:*

- (1)  $\varphi(1) = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\varphi(x \rightarrow z) \leq \varphi(x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) + \varphi(x \rightarrow y)$ , for any  $x, y \in H$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** [9] *Every implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$  is a pseudo valuation on  $H$ .*

**Definition 2.7.** *Let  $H_1, H_2$  be Hoops. A function  $f : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is called a hoop-homomorphism if*

- (1)  $f(1) = 1$ ,
- (2)  $f(a \otimes b) = f(a) \otimes f(b)$ ,
- (3)  $f(a \rightarrow b) = f(a) \rightarrow f(b)$ ,

for any  $a, b \in H_1$ .

### 3. *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations

In the section, the notion of pseudo valuations on hoop-algebras is given, and some characterizations of pseudo valuations are shown.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\varphi$  be a real-valued function on  $H$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\varphi$  is called a *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$  if it satisfies:

- (1)  $\varphi(1) = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow z) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) + \varphi(x^n \rightarrow y)$ , for any  $x, y \in H$ .

**Remark 3.2.** (1) Notice that 1-fold implicative pseudo valuation on a hoop is an implicative pseudo valuation.

(2) The notion of *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations on a hoop generalizes the notion of implicative pseudo valuations.

(3) Every *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations on a hoop is a pseudo valuation.

The following example shows that *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuations are exist.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $H = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  be a set with the Hasse diagram and Cayley tables as follows.

$\otimes$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$1$	$\rightarrow$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$1$
$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$1$	$1$	$1$	$1$
$a$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$1$	$1$	$1$
$b$	$0$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$a$	$b$	$1$	$1$
$1$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$1$	$1$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$1$

Then  $(H, \otimes, \rightarrow, 1)$  is a hoop. Define a real-valued function  $\varphi : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\varphi(0) = 5$ ,  $\varphi(a) = 2$ ,  $\varphi(b) = 3$  and  $\varphi(1) = 0$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , while it is not a 2-fold implicative pseudo valuation, since  $\varphi(b^2 \rightarrow 0) = 3 \not\leq \varphi(b^2 \rightarrow (b^2 \rightarrow 0)) + \varphi(b^2 \rightarrow b^2) = 0$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $\varphi$  be a real-valued function of  $H$ . If  $\varphi$  is a *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then the set  $H_\varphi := \{x \in H | \varphi(x) = 0\}$  is a *n*-fold implicative filter of  $H$ .

**PROOF.** Obviously,  $1 \in H_\varphi$ . For any  $x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) \in H_\varphi$  and  $x^n \rightarrow y \in H_\varphi$ , then we have  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) = 0$  and  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) = 0$ . Notice that  $\varphi$  is a *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation, we obtain that  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow z) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) + \varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) = 0$ , and  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow z) \geq 0$ . Hence  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow z) = 0$ , it follows that  $x^n \rightarrow z \in H_\varphi$ , and so  $H_\varphi$  is a *n*-fold implicative filter of  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\varphi$  be a pseudo valuation on  $H$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent: for any  $x, y, z \in H$ ,

- (1)  $\varphi$  is a *n*-fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ ,
- (2)  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) \leq \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y)$ ,
- (3)  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 0$ ,
- (4)  $\varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$ .

**PROOF.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) For any  $x, y \in H$ , we get that  $x^n \rightarrow x = 1$ , and  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)) + \varphi(x^n \rightarrow x) = \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y) + \varphi(1) = \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y)$ , hence (2) holds.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) The proof is by induction on  $n$ . Suppose that (2) holds.

Firstly, for  $n = 1$ ,  $\varphi(x \rightarrow x^2) \leq \varphi(x^{1+1} \rightarrow x^2) = 0$ , we have  $\varphi(x \rightarrow x^2) = 0$ .

Secondly, for  $n = 2$ , then  $\varphi(x^3 \rightarrow x^4) = \varphi(x^2 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow x^4)) \leq \varphi(x^3 \rightarrow (x^x \rightarrow x^4)) = \varphi(1) = 0$ , hence  $\varphi(x^3 \rightarrow x^4) = 0$ . From  $\varphi(x^2 \rightarrow x^4) \leq \varphi(x^3 \rightarrow x^4) = 0$ , we get  $\varphi(x^2 \rightarrow x^4) = 0$ .

Finally, for  $n > 2$ , from  $x^{n+1} \rightarrow (x^{n-1} \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 1$ , we obtain that  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow (x^{n-1} \rightarrow x^{2n})) \leq \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow (x^{n-1} \rightarrow x^{2n})) = 0$ , and so  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow (x^{n-1} \rightarrow x^{2n})) = 0$ , that is  $\varphi(x^{n-1} \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow x^{2n})) = 0$ . By using the hypothesis  $n$  times, then we get  $\varphi(x^{n-n} \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow x^{2n})) = 0$ , and so  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 0$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) For any  $x, y, z \in H$ , we have  $x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) \leq x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) = x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z) = x^{2n} \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z) \leq (x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z)) = (x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \rightarrow$

$(x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z))$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a pseudo valuation on  $H$  and  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 0$ , it follows that  $\varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) + \varphi((x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z))) = \varphi((x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow ((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z))) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$ , which means that  $\varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $\varphi$  is a pseudo valuation on  $H$ , we get that  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow z) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) + \varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) + \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$ , therefore  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *If  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) = \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y)$  for any  $x, y \in H$ .*

**PROOF.** According to Theorem 3.5, we get  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) \leq \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y)$ . As for the reverse inequality, from  $x^n \rightarrow y \leq x^{n+1} \rightarrow y$ , we have  $\varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow y)$  by Proposition 2.4. Thus  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow y) = \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y)$ .

From Theorem 3.5, if  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$ . And notice that  $(x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z) \leq x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$  by Proposition 2.1 (6), we have  $\varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \leq \varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z))$ , so we get the following result.

**Proposition 3.7.** *If  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\varphi((x^n \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x^n \rightarrow z)) = \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$  for any  $x, y, z \in H$ .*

**Lemma 3.8.** *Every  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation  $\varphi$  on  $H$  is a  $(n + 1)$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation.*

**PROOF.** If  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y) = \varphi(x^n \rightarrow (x \Rightarrow y)) \leq \varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)) = \varphi(x^{n+2} \rightarrow y)$ , that is,  $\varphi(x^{n+1} \rightarrow y) \leq \varphi(x^{n+2} \rightarrow y)$ , hence  $\varphi$  is a  $(n + 1)$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation by Theorem 3.5.

Using Lemma 3.8 and a simple induction argument, we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a real-valued function of  $H$  and  $k \in N - \{0\}$ . If  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\varphi$  is  $(n + k)$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation.*

In the follows, we will show that the shrinkage property for  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuations on a hoop is valid.

**Proposition 3.10.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a real-valued function on  $H$  and  $\psi$  be a pseudo valuation on  $H$  with  $\psi \leq \varphi$ , that is,  $\psi(x) \leq \varphi(x)$  for any  $x \in H$ . If  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\psi$  is also a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ , then  $\psi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \leq \varphi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 0$  for any  $x \in H$ . Consider that  $\psi$  is a pseudo valuation on  $H$ , we get that  $\psi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) \geq 0$  by Proposition 2.4, and therefore  $\psi(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = 0$ , hence  $\psi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H$ .

**Definition 3.11.** *Let  $f$  be a mapping from an hoop  $H_1$  into a hoop  $H_2$ , and  $\varphi, \psi$  be real-valued function on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Then*

- (1) the preimage  $f^{-1}(\psi)$  of  $H_2$  under  $f$  is defined as  $f^{-1}(\psi)(x) = \psi(f(x))$ , for any  $x \in H_1$ ;
- (2) the image  $f(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi$  under  $f$  is defined as

$$f(\varphi)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf\{\varphi(x) | f(x) = y\}, & f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuations on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively.*

- (1) If  $f : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  be a hoop-homomorphism, then the preimage  $f^{-1}(\psi)$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H_1$ .
- (2) If  $f$  is a hoop-epimorphism, then the image  $f(\varphi)$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H_2$ .

**PROOF.** It is easy to prove that  $f^{-1}(\psi)$  and  $f(\varphi)$  are pseudo valuations on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively.

(1)  $f^{-1}(\psi)(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}) = \psi(f(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n})) = \psi(f(x)^n \rightarrow f(x)^{2n}) = 0$ , hence  $f^{-1}(\psi)$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H_1$ .

(2) Since  $\varphi$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuations on  $H_1$  and  $f$  is a hoop-epimorphism, For any  $y \in H_2$ , then there exists  $x \in H_1$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . It follows that  $f(\varphi)(y^n \rightarrow y^{2n}) = \inf\{\varphi(z)|f(z) = y^n \rightarrow y^{2n}, z \in H_1\} = \inf\{\varphi(z)|f(z) = f(x)^n \rightarrow f(x)^{2n}, z \in H_1\} = \inf\{\varphi(z)|f(z) = f(x^n \rightarrow x^{2n}), z \in H_1\} = 0$ , and hence  $f(\varphi)$  is a  $n$ -fold implicative pseudo valuation on  $H_2$ .

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