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## Primary Decomposition of Ideals in MV-algebras

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## Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the ideal theory in MV-algebras and we define the notions of implicative MV-algebras and primary (P-primary) ideals in MV-algebras. Then we show that in implicative MV-algebras, if an ideal has a primary decomposition, then it has a reduced primary decomposition.

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## 1 Introduction

MV-algebras were defined by C.C. Chang [1,2] as algebras corresponding to the Lukasiewicz infinite valued propositional calculus. These algebras have appeared in the literature under different names and polynomially equivalent presentation: CN-algebras, Wajsberg algebras, bounded commutative BCK-algebras and bricks. The notion of prime ideal in an MV-algebra was introduced by Chang. Since the notion of ideal in MV-algebras is important, for completion of study of ideals in MV-algebras, in this paper, we present definitions of radical of an ideal and primary decomposition of an ideal.

**Definition 1.1.** [3] An MV-algebra is a structure  $M = (M, \oplus, ', 0)$  of type (2, 1, 0) such that:

(MV1)  $(M, \oplus, 0)$  is an Abelian monoid,

(MV2) (a')' = a,

 $(MV3) \ 0' \oplus a = 0',$ 

 $(MV4) (a' \oplus b)' \oplus b = (b' \oplus a)' \oplus a,$ 

If we define the constant 1=0', then operations  $\odot$  and  $\ominus$  are defined by  $a\odot b=(a'\oplus b')'$ ,  $a\ominus b=a\odot b'$ . Also, operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  on M are defined by  $a\vee b=(a\odot b')\oplus b$  and  $a\wedge b=a\odot (a'\oplus b)$ , for every  $a,b\in M$ . An ideal of MV-algebra M is a subset I of M, satisfying the following condition: (I1)  $0\in I$ , (I2)  $x\leq y$  and  $y\in I$  implies that  $x\in I$ , (I3)  $x\oplus y\in I$ , for every  $x,y\in I$ . We let  $\mathcal{I}(M)$  be the set of all ideals of M. A proper ideal P of M is a prime ideal if for  $x,y\in M$ ,  $x\wedge y\in P$  implies  $x\in P$  or  $y\in P$ . Equivalently, P is prime if and only if  $x\ominus y\in P$  or  $y\ominus x\in P$ , for every  $x,y\in M$ .

**Note**: From now on, in this paper, we let M be an MV-algebra and  $\mathcal{PI}(M)$  be the set of all prime ideals of M.

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