

Ideal Theory of BCH-Algebras

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce the notions of atoms and some types of ideals in BCH-algebras and we stated and proved some theorems which determine the relationship between these ideals and other ideals of BCH-algebras and by some examples we show that these notions are different.

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INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Definition 1.1: [2] By a BCH-algebra we shall mean an algebra $(X, *, 0)$ of type $(2, 0)$ satisfying the following axioms: for every $x, y, z \in X$,

$$(I1) \quad x * x = 0,$$

$$(I2) \quad x * y = 0 \text{ and } y * x = 0 \text{ imply } x = y,$$

$$(I3) \quad (x * y) * z = (x * z) * y,$$

Proposition 1.2: [1, 2, 3] In a BCH-algebra X , the following holds for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$(1) \quad x * 0 = x,$$

$$(2) \quad (x * (x * y)) * y = 0,$$

$$(3) \quad 0 * (x * y) = (0 * x) * (0 * y),$$

$$(4) \quad 0 * (0 * (0 * x)) = 0 * x,$$

$$(5) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } 0 * x = 0 * y$$

[2] A BCH-algebra X is called proper if it is not a BCI-algebra. It is known that proper BCH-algebras exist.

In any BCH/BCI/BCK-algebra X we can define a partial order \leq by putting $x \leq y$ if and only if $x * y = 0$, [4, 5, 7].

Definition 1.3: [2] Let I be a nonempty subset of X . Then I is called an ideal of X if it satisfies:

- (i) $0 \in I$
- (ii) $x * y \in I$ and $y \in I$ imply $x \in I$

Definition 1.4: An ideal I is called a closed ideal of X if for every $x \in I$, we have $0 * x \in I$.

Definition 1.5: [2] Let S be a subset of X . S is called a subalgebra of X if for every $x, y \in S$, we have $x * y \in S$.

ATOMS OF BCH-ALGEBRAS

From now on X is a BCH-algebra, unless otherwise is stated.

Definition 2.1: A BCH-algebra X is called medial if

$$(x * y) * (z * u) = (x * z) * (y * u)$$

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

Definition 2.2: A BCH-algebra X that satisfying in condition $0 * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ is called a P-semisimple BCH-algebra.

Definition 2.3: A BCH-algebra X is called associative BCH-algebra if $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$, for all $x, y, z, u \in X$.

Definition 2.4: In a BCH-algebra X , define

$$X_+ = \{x \in X \mid x \geq 0\}$$

and

$$I_K(X) = \{a \in X_+ \setminus \{0\} \mid x \leq a \Rightarrow x = a, \forall x \in X \setminus \{0\}\}$$

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$$L_p(X) := \{a \in X \mid x \leq a \Rightarrow x = a \forall x \in X\}$$

$$\text{Then } L_K(X) = \{a, f\}, L_p(X) = \{0, h, l, n\}$$

$$L_l(X) := \{a \in X \setminus \{0\} \mid x \leq a \Rightarrow x = a \forall x \in X \setminus \{0\}\}$$

$$\text{and } L_l(X) = \{a, f, h, l, n\}.$$

$$L_p^*(X) := L_p(X) \setminus \{0\}$$

$$L_+(X) := L_K(X) \cup \{0\}$$

$$L\{X\} := L_l(X) \cup \{0\}.$$

Example 2.5: Let $X = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X

*	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	d
a	a	0	0	a	d
b	b	b	0	0	d
c	c	c	c	0	d
D	d	d	d	d	0

Then $L_K(X) = \{a\}$, $L_p(X) = \{0, d\}$ and $L_l(X) = \{a, d\}$.

Example 2.6: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	3	3
2	2	0	0	2
3	3	0	0	0

It is clear that $L_K(X) = \{3\}$, $L_p(X) = \{0\}$ and $L_l(X) = \{3\}$

Example 2.7: Let $X = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	h	h	h	h	l	l	n
a	a	0	a	0	a	0	a	0	h	h	h	h	m	l	n
b	b	b	0	0	f	f	f	f	i	h	k	k	l	l	n
c	c	b	a	0	g	f	g	f	i	h	k	k	m	l	n
d	d	d	0	0	0	0	d	d	j	h	h	j	l	l	n
e	e	e	a	0	a	0	e	d	j	h	h	j	m	l	n
f	f	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	k	h	h	h	l	l	n
g	g	f	a	0	a	0	a	0	k	h	h	h	a	l	n
h	h	h	h	h	h	h	h	h	0	0	0	0	n	n	l
i	i	i	h	h	k	k	k	b	0	f	f	n	n	l	l
j	j	j	h	h	h	j	j	d	0	0	d	n	n	l	l
k	k	k	h	h	h	h	h	f	0	0	0	n	n	l	l
l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	n	n	n	n	0	0	h
m	m	l	m	l	m	l	m	l	n	n	n	n	a	0	h
n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	l	l	h	l	h	h	0

Proposition 2.8: In X , the following properties hold:

- $L_p(X) = \text{Med}(X)$, where $\text{Med}(X) = \{x \in X \mid 0 * (0 * x) = x\}$ is the medial part of X ,
- $L_K(X) \cap L_l(X) = \emptyset$,
- $L(X) = L_K(X) \cup L_p(X)$,
- X is a P-semisimple BCH-algebra if and only if $L_p(X) = X$.

Proof: (i) Let $a \in L_p(X)$. Then $0 * (0 * a) = a$ follows from $(0 * (0 * a)) * a = 0$. Hence $a \in \text{Med}(X)$.

Conversely, let $a \in \text{Med}(X)$ and $x \in X$ be such that $x * a = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} a * x &= (0 * (0 * a)) * x = (0 * x) * (0 * a) \\ &= ((x * a) * x) * (0 * a) = ((x * x) * a) * (0 * a) \\ &= (0 * a) * (0 * a) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $a = x$ and $a \in L_p(x)$. Therefore $L_p(x) = \text{Med}(X)$.

- If $a \in L_K(x) \cap L_p(x)$, then $a \in X_+ \cap L_p(x) = \{0\}$ and so $a = 0$, which is a contradiction. Hence $L_K(x) \cap L_p(x) = \emptyset$.

- Straightforward.

- Let X be P-semisimple. Since $X = \text{Med}(X)$, it follows from (i) that $X = L_p(x)$.

Conversely, if $X = L_p(x)$ then $\text{Med}(X) = X$.

Remark 2.9: If X is a BCK-algebra, then $L(X) = L_+(x)$. But the converse is not true [6]. In Example 2.6 we have $X_+ = X$ and $L(X) = \{0, 3\} = L_+(x)$. On the other hand we have $(0 * 2) * (0 * 1) = 0 \neq 3 = 1 * 2$. Hence X is not a BCK-algebra.

Definition 2.10: The elements of $L_K(X)$ (resp. $L_p(X)$, $L_l(X)$) are called a K-atom (resp. P-atom, I-atom) of X . For any $a \in X$. Let

$$V(a) = \{x \in X \mid a \leq x\}$$

If $a \in L_K(X)$ (resp. $L_P(X)$, $L_I(X)$), we say that $V(a)$ is K-branch (resp. P-branch, I-branch) of X with respect to a .

Note that $\{P\text{-atoms}\} \cup \{K\text{-atoms}\} = \{I\text{-atoms}\}$. Obviously, $V(a) \subseteq V(0) = X_+$, for all $a \in L_K(X)$ and $X = \bigcup_{a \in L_P(X)} V(a)$. But $X^* \neq \bigcup_{a \in L_I(X)} V(a)$, where $X^* = X \setminus \{0\}$ as shown in the following example.

Example 2.11: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	4
1	1	0	0	1	4
2	2	2	0	0	4
3	3	3	3	0	4
4	4	4	4	4	0

It is routine to check that $L_I(X) = \{1, 4\}$ and $L(X) = \{0, 1, 4\}$. It is clear that $\bigcup_{a \in L_I(X)} V(a) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \neq X^*$.

Note: In the above example, we see that there exists $x \in X$ which is not contained in any I-branch of X .

Definition 2.12: If $X^* = \bigcup_{a \in L_I(X)} V(a)$, we call X the BCH-algebra generated by I-atoms.

Example 2.13: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	4	4
1	1	0	0	1	4	4
2	2	2	0	2	5	4
3	3	3	3	0	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	0	0
5	5	5	4	5	2	0

It is routine to check that $L_I(X) = \{1, 3, 4\}$ and $V(1) = \{1, 2\}$, $V(3) = \{3\}$, $V(4) = \{4, 5\}$. Thus

$$X^* = V(1) \cup V(3) \cup V(4)$$

and so X is a BCH-algebra generated by I-atoms $\{1, 3, 4\}$.

Lemma 2.14: $a \in L_K(X)$ if and only if $a \in L_I(X) \cap X_+$.

Proof: By definition we have $L_K(X) \subseteq X_+$ and $L_I(X)$. The converse is clear.

Lemma 2.15: If $a \in L_I(X)$ satisfies the condition $x^*(x^*a) \in X_+ \setminus \{0\}$ for some $x \in X$, then $a \in X_+$.

From above lemma we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.16: Let a be an I-atom of X which satisfies in the following condition $x^*(x^*a) \in X_+ \setminus \{0\}$ for some $x \in X$. Then a is a K-atom of X .

Proof: We have from Lemma 2.15, $a \in X_+$ also $a \in L_I(X)$ hence $a \in L_I(X) \cap X_+$. By Lemma 2.14, we get that $a \in L_K(X)$ so a is a K-atom.

We have a characterization of P-atom by I-atom.

Theorem 2.17: Let $a \in X$. Then a is a P-atom of X if and only if $a \in L_I(X)$ and $x^*(x^*a) \neq 0$, for all $x \in X$.

Proof: Let a be a P-atom and

$$a \in L_I(X) \subseteq L(X) = L_I(X) \cup \{0\}$$

Then $a \in L_I(X)$, since $(x^*(x^*a))^*a = (x^*a)^*(x^*a) = 0$ it follow that $x^*(x^*a) = a \neq 0$.

Conversely, let $a \in L_I(X)$ and $x^*(x^*a) \neq 0$, for all $x \in X$. We show that $a \notin L_K(X)$. If $a \in L_K(X)$, then $0^*a = 0$. So $0^*(0^*a) = 0$. Which is a contradiction.

The following theorem is a characterization of an I-atom in a BCH-algebra.

Theorem 2.18: Let $a \in X^*$ and $\overline{X(a)} = \{x \in X \mid x^*(x^*a) \neq 0\}$.

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) a is an I-atom of X ,
- (ii) $a = x^*(x^*a)$ for all $x \in \overline{X(a)}$,
- (iii) $(x^*y)^*(x^*a) = a^*y$, for all $y \in X, x \in \overline{X(a)}$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) By $(x^*(x^*a))^*a = 0$ and (i) we have $a = x^*(x^*a)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) By hypothesis we have $(x^*y)^*(x^*a) = x^*(x^*a)^*y = a^*y$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $x \in \overline{X(a)}$ and $y = 0$. Then $x^*(x^*a) = (x^*0)^*(x^*a) = a^*0 = a$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let $b(\neq 0) \in X$. Since $w^*a = 0$, then $w^*(w^*a) = w^*0 = w \neq 0$ and so $w \in \overline{X(a)}$. It follow from (ii) that $a = w^*(w^*a) = w$. Therefore a is an I-atom of X .

Remark 2.19: [6] If X is a BCI-algebra, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) a is an I-atom of X ,
- (ii) $a = x^*(x^*a)$, for all $x \in X$
- (iii) $(x^*y)^*(x^*a) = a^*y$ for all $y \in X, x \in \overline{X(a)}$.
- (iv) $a^*(x^*z) \leq z^*(x^*a)$, for all $z \in X, x \in \overline{X(a)}$,
- (v) $(a^*y)^*(x^*z) \leq (z^*y)^*(x^*a)$, for all $y, z \in X, x \in \overline{X(a)}$,
- (vi) $x^*(x^*(a^*y)) = a^*y$, for all $y \in X, x \in \overline{X(a)}$.

We can see that these relations need not be true in BCH-algebras. Since in Example 2.7, if $x \in X^*$, then $\overline{X(a)} = \{a, c, g, m\}$ also a is an I-atom then (i) holds. If $x = g$ then

$$a^*(g^*l) = 0 \not\leq l = l^*(g^*a).$$

So (iv) does not hold. If $y = 0$, $x = g$ and $z = l$, then we have

$$(a^*0)^*(g^*l) = a^*(g^*l), (l^*0)^*(g^*a) = l^*(g^*a).$$

Then

$$a^*(g^*l) \neq l^*(g^*a).$$

Furthermore if $x = g \in \overline{X(a)}$ and $y = m$ then

$$g^*(g^*(a^*m)) = g^*(g^*l) = g^*a \neq l = a^*m.$$

So that (v) is not true.

Theorem 2.20: If X is an associative BCH-algebra, then the conditions (i),(ii),(iii),(iv),(v),(vi) of remark 2.19 are hold.

Proof: Let X be an associative BCH-algebra. For all $x, y, z \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((x^*y)^*(x^*z))^*(z^*y) &= ((x^*(x^*z))^*y)^*(z^*y) \\ &= (((x^*x)^*z)^*y)^*(z^*y) = ((0^*z)^*y)^*(z^*y) \\ &= (0^*(z^*y))^*(z^*y) = 0^*(z^*y)^*(z^*y) \\ &= 0^*0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then X is a BCI-algebra.

Corollary 2.21: For any nonzero element a of X , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) a is a P-atom of X ,
- (ii) $a = x^*(x^*a)$ for all $x \in X$,
- (iii) $(x^*y)^*(x^*a) = a^*y$, for all $x, y \in X$.

Proof: Let $a(\neq 0) \in X$. If a is a P-atom of X , then $(x^*(x^*a))^*a = 0$ also a is an I-atom of X and $x^*(x^*a) = x \neq 0$, for all $x \in X$. Thus conditions (ii), (iii) follows from Theorem 2.18.

Conversely, assume that conditions (ii) and (iii) holds. Then we know that $x^*(x^*a) \neq 0$, for all $x \in X$. It follows from Theorem 2.18, that a is an I-atom of X . Hence by Theorem 2.17, a is a P-atom of X . This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.22: Let $a(\neq 0) \in X$ and

$$X(a)_+ := \{x \in X \mid x^*(x^*a) \geq 0, x^*(x^*a) \neq 0\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) a is a K-atom of X ,
- (ii) $a = x^*(x^*a)$, for all $x \in X(a)_+$,
- (iii) $(x^*y)^*(x^*a) = a^*y$, for all $y \in X, x \in X(a)_+$.

Proof: Assume that a is a K-atom of X , then $a \in L_1(X)$ since $L_1(X) = L_1^*(X) \cup L_K(X)$. Note that $X(a)_+ \subseteq \overline{X(a)}$, so from Theorem 2.18, we get that any one of (ii)-(iii) holds.

Conversely, if any one of the condition (ii)-(iii) holds, then $0 \leq x^*(x^*a) \leq a$ for any $x \in X(a)_+$, i.e. $a \in X_+$. Let $y \in \overline{X(a)}$. Then $y^*(y^*a) \neq 0$, since $y^*(y^*a) \leq a$ we have $y^*(y^*a) \geq 0$. This show that $y \in X(a)_+$ and so $\overline{X(a)} = X(a)_+$. From Theorem 2.18 we get that $a \in L_1(X)$, so that $a \in L_1(X) \cap X_+ = L_K(X)$. Then a is a K-atom.

Theorem 2.23: Any finite BCH-algebra is generated by I-atoms.

Proof: Let X be a finite BCH-algebra and $x \in X^*$. Let

$$(x] := \{a \in X^* \mid a \leq x\}.$$

Then clearly $x \in (x]$ and so $(x] \neq \emptyset$. Hence we can take a minimal element of $(x]$, say a_0 . We claim that, $a_0 \in L_1(X)$. For any $z \in X^*$, assume that $z^*a_0 = 0$. Then $z \leq a_0 \leq x$ and so $z \in (x]$. Since a_0 is a minimal element of $(x]$ it follows that $z = a_0$. Hence $a_0 \in L_1(X)$ and $x \in V(a_0)$. Therefore $X^* = \bigcup_{b \in L_1(X)} V(b)$.

Theorem 2.24: $L_P(X)$ and $L_+(X)$ are subalgebras of X .

Proof: Let $a, b \in L_P(X)$. We have $L_P(X) = \text{Med}(X)$, so $0^*(0^*a) = a$ and $0^*(0^*b) = b$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0*(0*(a*b)) &= 0*((0*a)*(0*b)) \\ &= 0*(0*a)* (0*(0*b)) = a*b \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $a*b \in \text{Med}(X) = L_p(X)$.

Note: The following example shows that $L(X)$ may not be a subalgebra of X .

Example 2.25: Let X be BCH-algebra in Example 2.7. Then $L(X) = \{0, a, f, h, l, n\}$ is not subalgebra of X , since $a, l \in L(X)$, but $a*l = m \notin L(X)$

Definition 2.26: An ideal I of X satisfies the following condition $x \in I$ and $a \in X \setminus I$ imply $x*a \in I$, is called a $*$ -ideal of X .

Note: Every $*$ -ideal is an ideal.

Lemma 2.27: Let I be an ideal of X . Then I is a closed $*$ -ideal of X if and only if $L_p(X) \subseteq I$.

Theorem 2.28: In X , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) Every nonzero element of X is a K -atom of X , i.e., $X = L_K(X) \cup \{0\}$,
- (ii) $x*y = x$, for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$,
- (iii) $x*(x*y) = 0$, for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$,
- (iv) every subalgebra of X is a $*$ -ideal of X .

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Assume that (i) holds and let $x, y \in X$ be such that $x \neq y$. Then $x*y \leq x$, since $y \in X = L_K(X) \cup \{0\}$. If $x = 0$, then obviously $x*y = 0 = x$. Assume that $x \neq 0$. Then $x \in L_K(X)$. Note that $x*y \neq 0$, because if $y = 0$, then $x*y = x \neq 0$ and if $y \neq 0$ and $x, y \in L_K(X)$ we have $L_K(X)$ is a subset of X , then $0 \neq x*y \in L_K(X)$. Therefore $x*y = x$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) It is clear.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Assume that (iii) holds and $x \in X$. If $x = 0$, then we are done. Suppose $x \neq 0$. Then by (iii), we have $0*(0*x) = 0$ therefore $0*x = 0*(0*(0*x)) = 0*0 = 0$, then $X = X_+$ and so $L_1(X) = L_K(X)$.

Finally if $X \neq L_1(X) \cup \{0\}$ then there exists $z (\neq 0) \in X \setminus L_1(X)$ such that $a*z = 0$, for some $a (\neq 0)$, $z \in X$. It follows that $a*(a*z) = a*0 = a \neq 0$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $X = L_1(X) \cup \{0\} = L_K(X) \cup \{0\}$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iv). Let S be a subalgebra of X and $x*y, y \in S$. If $x = y$, then clearly $x \in S$. If $x \neq y$, then $x = x*y \in S$. Hence S is an ideal of X .

(iv) \Rightarrow (i). Note that $L(X)$ is a subalgebra of X . It follows from (iv) that $L(X)$ is a $*$ -ideal of X . Clearly $L_+(X)$ is closed. Hence $L_p(X) \subseteq L_+(X)$ and so $L_p(X) = \{0\}$

since $L_p(X) \cap L_+(X) = \{0\}$. This shows that $L(X) = L_+(X)$. Now let a be a nonzero element of X and $0 \neq z \in X$ be such that $z*a = 0$. Note that $S = \{0, a\}$ is a subalgebra of X and hence S is a $*$ -ideal of X by (iv). Since S is an ideal of X , it follows from $z*a = 0$ that $z \in S$ and so $z = a$. This means that $a \in L_1(X) \subseteq L(X) = L_+(X)$. Since $a \neq 0$, it follows that $a \in L_K(X)$, i.e., a is a K -atom of X .

In the following we study branches of X . Note that $V(a) \cap V(b) \neq \emptyset$ for some $a, b \in L_1(X)$ with $a \neq b$ as shown in the following example.

Example 2.29: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	1
2	2	2	0	0	2
3	3	2	1	0	3
4	4	4	4	4	0

Then $L_1(X) = \{1, 2, 4\}$ and $V(1) = \{1, 3\}$, $V(2) = \{2, 3\}$. Therefore $V(1) \cap V(2) = \{3\}$.

Now, we want to define a proper I -branch of X and the proper I -branch BCH-algebra.

Definition 2.30: Let $a \in L_K(X)$. Then a branch $V(a)$ is called a proper I -branch if for all $b \in L_1(X)$, $V(a) \cap V(b) \neq \emptyset$ whenever $a \neq b$. If every I -branch of X is a proper I -branch of X , we say that X is a proper I -branch BCH-algebra.

Lemma 2.31: If $a \in L_p^*(X)$, then $0*(0*x) = a$, for all $x \in V(a)$.

Proof: Let $a \in L_p^*(X)$ and $0*(0*x) = a_x$, for all $x \in V(a)$. Then $0*(0*a_x) = 0*(0*(0*(0*x))) = a_x$ and so $a_x \in \text{Med}(X) = L_p(X)$. Then

$$a*a_x = (0*(0*a))* (0*(0*x)) = 0*(0*(a*x)) = 0$$

Since $a_x \in L_p(X)$, it follows that $a = a_x = 0*(0*x)$.

Theorem 2.32: If a BCH-algebra X satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $c*a = c$ for all $a \in L_K(X)$ and $c \in V(a) \setminus \{a\}$,
- (ii) every subalgebra S of X with $|S| \geq 3$ is an ideal of X , then X is a proper I -branch BCH-algebra.

Proof: Let $a \in L_I(X)$. Then either $a \in L_K(X)$ or $a \in L_P(X)$. Consider the case $a \in L_P(X)$. We claim that $V(a) \cap V(b) = \emptyset$ for all $b \in L_I(X)$ with $a \neq b$. In fact, if $V(a) \cap V(b) \neq \emptyset$ for some $b \in L_I(X)$ with $a \neq b$, then there exists $c \in V(a) \cap V(b)$. It follows from above lemma that $0^*(0^*c) = a$. In this case, b must be in $L_P(X)$ because if $b \in L_K(X)$, then $0 \leq b \leq c$ and so $c \in X_+$, which implies that $a = 0^*(0^*c) = 0$, which is a contradiction. By above lemma, we have $a = 0^*(0^*c) = b$ which is a contradiction. Therefore $V(a) \cap V(b) = \emptyset$ for all $b \in L_I(X)$ with $a \neq b$.

Now, consider the remaining case, if $a \in L_K(X)$. Assume that $V(a) \cap V(b) \neq \emptyset$ for some $b \in L_I(X)$ with $a \neq b$, then there exists $c \in V(a) \cap V(b)$. If $c = a$, then $b \leq a$ implies $b = a$ since $a \in L_K(X)$. If $c \neq a$, then $c^*a = c$ by (i). Hence $S = \{0, a, c\}$ is a subalgebra of X . It follows from (ii) that S is an ideal of X . Hence $b^*c = 0 \in S$ and $c \in S$ imply $b \in S$. But $b \in L_I(X)$ implies $b \neq 0$ and so $b = c$ or $b = a$. Since c not in $L_I(X)$, it follows that $b = a$, which is a contradiction. This prove that every I -branch of X is proper so that X is a proper I -branch BCH-algebra.

Theorem 2.33: Let X be a proper I -branch BCH-algebra and $a, b \in L_I(X)$. Then $a^*y = a$, for all $a \in L_P(X)$ and $y \in X_+$.

Proof: Let $a \in L_P(X)$ and $y \in X_+$. We have $a^*y \leq a$, since $a \in L_P(X)$, then $a^*y = a$.

SOME TYPES OF IDEALS IN BCH-ALGEBRA

Definition 3.1: A nonempty subset I of X is called a P -ideal of X if

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $(x^*z)^*(y^*z) \in I$ and $y \in I$ imply $x \in I$, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Proposition 3.2: Any P -ideal of X is an ideal of X .

Proof: Let I be a P -ideal, $x^*y \in I$ and $y \in I$. Then $x^*y = (x^*0)^*(y^*0) \in I$ and $y \in I$ imply that $x \in I$.

The following example shows that the converse of above proposition is not correct in general.

Example 3.3: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The following table shows BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	4
1	1	0	0	1	4
2	2	2	0	0	4
3	3	3	3	0	4
4	4	4	4	4	0

Then $I = \{0, 1\}$ is an ideal of X , but it is not a P -ideal, since $(2^*2)^*(1^*2) = 0 \in I$ and $1 \in I$, but $2 \notin I$.

Lemma 3.4: If I is a P -ideal of X , then $X_+ \subseteq I$

Proof: Let I be a P -ideal and $a \in X_+$. Then $0^*a = 0 \in I$ and $(a^*a)^*(0^*a) = 0 \in I$ since I is a P -ideal, therefore $a \in I$.

Remark 3.5: In BCI-algebra converse of above lemma is true but in BCH-algebra is not true. In Example 2.7 it is routine to show that $I = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ is an ideal and $X_+ \subseteq I$. Which is not a P -ideal because $(m^*l)^*(g^*l) = a^*a = 0 \in I$ and $g \in I$, but $m \notin I$.

Theorem 3.6: Every nonzero element of X is a P -atom if and only if every subalgebra of X is a P -ideal of X .

Proof: Assume that every nonzero element of X is a P -atom and S is a subalgebra of X . Since $X = L_P(X)$, therefore X is P -semisimple and hence is medial. It follows from Definition 2.1 that $(x^*y)^*(0^*y) = (x^*0)^*(y^*y) = x$ and

$$(x^*z)^*(y^*z) = (x^*y)^*(z^*z) = (x^*y)^*(0^*y) = x^*y$$

Let $(x^*z)^*(y^*z) \in S$ and $y \in S$, for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then

$$x = (x^*y)^*(0^*y) = ((x^*z)^*(y^*z))^*(0^*y) \in S$$

Therefore S is a P -ideal of X .

Conversely, suppose that every subalgebra of X is a P -ideal of X . Since $L_P(X)$ is a subalgebra of X and so is a P -ideal of X . Then we get that $X_+ \subseteq L_P(X)$. Note that $X_+ \cap L_P(X) = \{0\}$, so that $X_+ = \{0\}$ and $X = L_P(X)$. This implies that every nonzero element of X is a P -atom of X .

Definition 3.7: A nonempty subset I of X is called an implicative ideal of X if

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $(x^*(y^*x))^*z \in I$ and $z \in I$ imply $x \in I$, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Proposition 3.8: Any implicative ideal of X is an ideal of X .

Proof: Let I be an implicative ideal, $x^*z \in I$ and $z \in I$. Then $x^*z = (x^*0)^*(z^*z) = (x^*(x^*x))^*(z^*z) \in I$ and $z \in I$ imply $x \in I$.

Every ideal need not be an implicative ideal as shown in the following example.

Example 3.9: In Example 2.7, we can check that $I = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ is an ideal of X but $(h*(0*h))*a = (h*h)*a = 0 \in I$ and $a \in I$, but $h \notin I$. Hence I is not an implicative ideal.

By the following examples we show that notions of implicative ideal and P-ideal are independent.

Example 3.10: Let $X = \{0, a, b\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	a	b
0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a
b	b	b	0

Now, we can see that $I = \{0, a\}$ is an implicative ideal but is not P-ideal, because $(b*b)*(0*b) = 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$, but $b \notin I$.

Example 3.11: Let $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	c	0	a
c	c	b	a	0

Then $I = \{0, a\}$ is a P-ideal, also $(b*(0*b))*a = (b*b)*a = a \in I$ and $a \in I$, but $b \notin I$. So I is not an implicative ideal.

Theorem 3.12: Let I be an ideal of X . Then I is an implicative ideal if and only if $x*(y*x) \in I$ imply that $x \in I$.

Proof: Assume that I is an implicative ideal and $x*(y*x) \in I$. Consider $(x*(y*x))*(x*(y*x)) = 0 \in I$, by hypothesis we get that $x \in I$.

Conversely, let I be an ideal. Now, let $(x*(y*x))*z \in I$ and $z \in I$ and so $x*(y*x) \in I$. By hypothesis $x \in I$, therefore I is an implicative ideal.

Theorem 3.13: Any nonzero element of X is a K-atom if and only if every subset of X is an implicative ideal of X .

Proof: Assume that every nonzero element of X is a K-atom, hence $X = L_K(X)$ and I are subalgebras of X . We have $(x*(y*x))*x = 0*(y*x) = (0*y)*(0*x) = 0$ for all $x, y \in X$. Since x is a K-atom therefore $x = x*(y*x)$. Now,

consider $(x*(y*x))*z \in I$ and $z \in I$, then $(x*(y*x))*z = x*z \in I$, for all $x, y, z \in X$. Also we have $(x*z)*x = 0*z = 0$. Since x is a K-atom therefore $x*z = x$, hence $x \in I$. So I is an implicative ideal of X .

Conversely, suppose that every subalgebra of X is an implicative ideal of X . We first show that $0*x = 0$ for all $x \in X$. Since $A = \{0\}$ is nonempty subalgebra of X , therefore A is an implicative ideal. We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & (0*x)*(((0*x)*x)*(0*x)) \\ &= (0*((0*x)*x)*(0*x))*x \\ &= ((0*((0*x)*x))*(0*(0*x)))*x \\ &= (((0*(0*x))*(0*x))*(0*(0*x)))*x \\ &= (0*(0*x))*x \\ &= (0*x)*(0*x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $((0*x)*(((0*x)*x)*(0*x)))*0 = 0 \in A$ and $0 \in A$ imply $0*x \in A$. Therefore $0*x = 0$. Further for $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$, we get that $I = \{0, x\}$ is subalgebra of X , then is an implicative ideal. Now let $y*x = 0$ for some $y \in X \setminus \{0\}$, then $y*x = (y*(y*y))*x = 0 \in I$ and $x \in I$ imply that $y \in I$. Hence $y = x$. Therefore x is a K-atom.

Definition 3.14: A nonempty subset I of X is called a positive implicative ideal of X if

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $(x*y)*z \in I$ and $y*z \in I$ imply $x*z \in I$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Proposition 3.15: Every positive implicative ideal is an ideal.

Proof: Let $x*y \in I$ and $y \in I$. Then $(x*y)*0 = x*y \in I$ and $y*0 = y \in I$, by hypothesis we get that $x = x*0 \in I$. Hence I is an ideal.

Example 3.16: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1
2	2	2	0	3
3	3	3	3	0

Then $I = \{0, 3\}$ is an ideal of X , but is not a positive implicative ideal, since $(2*3)*1 = 3 \in I$ and $3*1 = 3 \in I$ but $2*1 = 2$ is not in I .

Remark 3.17: The next examples shows that the notions positive implicative ideal, implicative ideal and P-ideal are independent.

(1) Let $X = \{0, a, b, e\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	a	b	e
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a	0
b	b	b	0	0
e	e	e	e	0

We can check that $I = \{0, a\}$ is a positive implicative ideal which is not an implicative ideal, since $(b*(e*b))*a = (b*e)*a = 0 \in I$ and $a \in I$, but $b \notin I$.

Also I is not a P-ideal, since

$$(b*b)*(a*b) = 0*a = 0 \in I$$

and $a \in I$, but $b \notin I$

(2) In example 3.11, consider $I = \{0, a\}$. Then I is a P-ideal, but is not a positive implicate ideal, since

$$(a*b)*b = c*b = a \in I$$

and $b*b = 0 \in I$, but $a*b = c$ is not in I .

Remark 3.18: We showed if every subset I of X is an implicative ideal, then every nonzero element a of X is K-atoms. Also if every subset I of X is P-ideal then a is P-atoms.

In remark 3.16 we showed that a positive implicative ideal is not necessary implicative ideal or P-ideal. So there is no relationship between K-atoms and P-atoms and positive implicative ideal.

Definition 3.19: An ideal I of X is called a normal ideal if $x*(x*y) \in I$ implies $y*(y*x) \in I$, for all $x, y \in X$.

Example 3.20: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1
2	2	3	0	3
3	3	0	0	0

Then $I = \{0, 3\}$ is an ideal of X . But I is not a normal ideal, since $2*(2*1) \in I$, but $1*(1*2) \notin I$.

In the following example, we show that every normal ideal need not be a P-ideal, implicative ideal or positive implicative ideal.

Example 3.21: Let $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	a
b	b	b	0	0
c	c	c	b	0

Then $I = \{0, a\}$ is a normal ideal. But I is not a P-ideal, since $(b*b)*(0*b) = 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$, but $b \notin I$.

Also I is not an implicative ideal, since $(b*(c*b))*0 = (b*b)*0 = 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$, but b is not in I .

I is not a positive implicative ideal, since $(c*b)*b = b*b = 0 \in I$ and $b*b = 0 \in I$, but $c*b = b \notin I$.

Proposition 3.22: Let I be a normal ideal of X . Then I is a closed ideal.

Proof: Consider $(0*x)*((0*x)*0) = (0*x)*(0*x) = 0 \in I$. Since I is a normal ideal, we get that $0*x = (0*(0*(0*x))) \in I$.

Remark 3.23: The converse of above proposition is not true in general, since in Example 3.20, consider the ideal $I = \{0, 3\}$, which is a closed ideal but is not a normal ideal.

Definition 3.24: An element $x \in X$ is called positive if $0 \leq x$ and an ideal I of X is called a positive ideal of X if any $x \in I$ be positive.

In the following example, we show that every positive ideal need not be a P-ideal or positive implicative ideal.

Example 3.25: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1
2	2	3	0	3
3	3	0	0	0

- (1) We can check that $I = \{0, 3\}$ is a positive ideal.
- (2) I is not a P-ideal, since $(1*1)*(0*1) = 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$, but 1 is not in I .
- (3) Also I is not a positive implicative ideal, since $(1*2)*3 = 0 \in I$ and $2*3 = 3 \in I$, but $1*3 = 1 \notin I$.

In the following example we show that a normal ideal need not be a positive ideal.

Example 3.26: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	2	2
1	1	0	2	2
2	2	2	0	0
3	3	2	1	0

Then $I = \{0, 1, 2\}$ is a normal ideal but is not a positive ideal, since $0*2 = 2 \neq 0$.

Definition 3.27: A nonempty subset I of X is called a fantastic ideal if

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $(x*y)*z \in I$ and $z \in I$ imply $(x*(y*(y*x))) \in I$, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Lemma 3.28: Let I be an ideal of X . Then I is a fantastic ideal if and only if $x*y \in I$ implies $(x*(y*(y*x))) \in I$.

Proof: Let I be a fantastic ideal and $(x*y) = (x*y)*0 \in I$. Since $0 \in I$ then $x*(y*(y*x)) \in I$.

Conversely, let $(x*y)*z \in I$ and $z \in I$. Since I is an ideal, then $x*y \in I$. By hypothesis we get that $(x*(y*(y*x))) \in I$.

Definition 3.29: An ideal I of X is called an obstinate ideal if x, y not in I imply $x*y \in I$ or $y*x \in I$.

Remark 3.30: Every ideal is not an obstinate ideal because in Example 2.7, consider the ideal $I = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ of X . We can check that $h, l \notin I$, $h*l = n \notin I$ and $l*h = n \notin I$.

Proposition 3.31: Let $x*(y*(y*x)) = x*y$, for all $x, y \notin I$. Then $\{0\}$ is a fantastic ideal of X .

Proof: Let $x*y \in I = \{0\}$. If $x = 0$ then $x*(y*(y*x)) = 0*y*(y*0) = 0 \in I$. therefore by Lemma 3.28 we conclude that I is a fantastic ideal. If $y = 0$ then $x = x*0 = x*y = 0$.

Hence $x*(y*(y*x)) = 0 \in I$, therefore by lemma 3.28 we conclude that I is a fantastic ideal. If $x, y \neq 0$, by hypothesis $x*(y*(y*x)) = x*y \in I$, then I is a fantastic ideal.

We show in the following example that the converse of above proposition is not true in general.

Example 3.32: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	0	3	2
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	2	1	0

Then $\{0\}$ is a fantastic ideal, but $1*(2*(2*1)) = 0 \neq 3 = 1*2$.

In the following example, we show that every obstinate ideal need not be a P-ideal, implicative ideal or positive implicative ideal.

Example 3.33: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The following table shows the BCH-algebra structure on X .

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1
2	2	3	0	3
3	3	0	0	0

Then $I = \{0, 3\}$ is an obstinate ideal of X . We know that $(1*2)*(0*2) = 0 \in I$ and $0 \in I$, but $1 \notin I$ then I is not a P-ideal.

Also $(2*(3*2))*3 \in I$ and $3 \in I$, but $2 \notin I$, then I is not an implicative ideal.

I is not positive implicative ideal, since $(1*2)*3 = 0 \in I$ and $2*3 = 3 \in I$, but $1*3 = 1 \notin I$.

CONCLUSION

We introduced the notion of K-atoms, P-atom and I-atom and research relations between them. Also we introduced the notion of (P, implicative, positive implicative, normal, positive, obstinate and fantastic) ideals in BCH-algebras and gave characterizations of (P, implicative, positive implicative, normal, positive, obstinate and fantastic) ideals. We also studied the relations between P-ideals, implicative ideals, positive

implicative ideal, positive ideal, obstinate ideal, normal ideals and fantastic ideals.

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