

**CHARACTERIZATIONS OF K -FOLD POSITIVE IMPLICATIVE
 BCK -ALGEBRAS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of K -maps of BCK -algebras and discuss the characterizations of K -fold positive implicative BCK -algebras.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries By a BCK -algebra we mean an algebra $(X; *, 0)$ of type $(2, 0)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (I) $(x * y) * (x * z) \leq z * y$
- (II) $x * (x * y) \leq y$
- (III) $x * x = 0$
- (IV) $0 * x = 0$
- (V) $x * y = 0$ and $y * x = 0$ imply $x = y$

where $x \leq y$ is defined by $x * y = 0$

For any elements x and y of a BCK -algebra X , $x * y^k$ denotes

$$(\cdots((x * y) * y) * \cdots) * y$$

in which y occurs K times.

A BCK -algebra X is called K -fold positive implicative if for any x, y and z in X , $(x * y) * z^k = (x * z^k) * (y * z^k)$. It has been proved that a BCK -algebra X is K -fold positive implicative if and only if $x * y^{k+1} = x * y^k$ for any x, y in X .

For any BCK -algebra X and element a in X , denote by ρ_a^k the K -map of X defined by $\rho_a^k(x) = x * a^k$ for all $x \in X$ [5]. Let $M^k(X)$ be the set of finite products $\rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k$ of K -maps of X , where $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in X$. It's clear that $M^k(X)$ is a commutative monoid under the multiplication of K -maps. For any $\sigma_k = \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k \in M^k(X)$, the subset $Im\sigma_k = \{\sigma_k(x) | x \in X\}$, $ker\sigma_k = \{x \in X | \sigma_k(x) = 0\}$ and $S(\sigma_k) = \{x \in X | \sigma_k(x) = x\}$ of X are called respectively the K -Image, the K -kernel and the K -stabilizer of σ_k .

2. Main Results

Lemma 2.1 If X is a K -fold positive implicative BCK -algebra, then $(x * y^k) * y^k = x * y^k$ for any x, y in X .

It's obvious.

Theorem 2.2 Let X be a BCK -algebra. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) X is K -fold positive implicative
- (ii) $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma_k$ for any $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$
- (iii) $ker\rho_a^k \cap Im\rho_a^k = \{0\}$ for any $a \in X$

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Proof. (i) implies (ii). Assume X is K -fold positive implicative, then by Lemma 2.1, we have $(x * y^k) * y^k = x * y^k$ for any x, y in X . For any $\sigma_k = \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k \in M^k(X)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_k^2(x) &= \rho_{a_1}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k (\rho_{a_1}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k)(x) \\ &= (\rho_{a_1}^k)^2 \cdots (\rho_{a_n}^k)^2(x) \\ &= ((\cdots ((x * a_n^k) * a_n^k) * \cdots) * a_1^k) * a_1^k \\ &= (\cdots (x * a_n^k) * \cdots) * a_1^k \\ &= \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k(x) \\ &= \sigma_k(x) \end{aligned}$$

that is $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma_k$

(ii) implies (iii) Assume $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma_k$ for any $\sigma \in M^k(X)$. Then $(\rho_a^k)^2 = \rho_a^k$ for any $a \in X$. If $x \in \ker \rho_a^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_a^k$. Then $x * a^k = 0$ and there exists $y \in x$ such that $y * a^k = x$. Hence $x = y * a^k = (y * a^k) * a^k = x * a^k = 0$ That is $\ker \rho_a^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_a^k = \{0\}$

(iii) implies (i). Assume (iii) holds. For any $x, y \in X$, we have $\ker \rho_a^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_a^k = \{0\}$. Since $((x * y^k) * y^k) * (x * y^{k+1}) = ((x * y^{k+1}) * y^{k-1}) * (x * y^{k+1}) = 0, (x * y^k) * (x * y^{k+1}) \in \ker \rho_y^k$. Moreover, $(x * y^k) * (x * y^{k+1}) = (x * (x * y^{k+1}) * y^k \in \text{Im} \rho_y^k$. Hence $(x * y^k) * (x * y^{k+1}) \in \ker \rho_y^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_y^k = \{0\}$ that is $(x * y^{k+1}) * (x * y^k) * (x * y^{k+1}) = 0$. On the other hand, $(x * y^{k+1}) * (x * y^k) = 0$ is obvious. Therefore $x * y^{k+1} = x * y^k$ and consequently X is K -fold positive implicative. The proof is complete.

Lemma 2.3 Let X be a BCK -algebra, then the following conclusion hold for any $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$.

- (i) $S(\sigma_k) \subseteq \text{Im} \sigma_k$
- (ii) $S(\sigma_k) \cap \ker \sigma_k = \{0\}$

Proof (i) If $x \in S(\sigma_k)$. then $\sigma_k(x) = x$. It's clear that $x \in \text{Im} \sigma_k$, that is $S(\sigma_k) \subseteq \text{Im} \sigma_k$

(ii) Suppose $x \in S(\sigma_k) \cap \ker \sigma_k$, then $\sigma_k(x) = x$ and $\sigma_k(x) = 0$, that is $x = 0$. Hence $S(\sigma_k) \cap \ker(\sigma_k) = \{0\}$.

Theorem 2.4 Let X be a BCK -algebra, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) X is K -fold positive implicative
- (ii) $\text{Im} \sigma_k = S(\sigma_k)$ for any $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$
- (iii) $\text{Im} \rho_a^k = S(\rho_a^k)$ for any $a \in X$

Proof (i) implies (ii). Assume X is K -fold positive implicative. By Theorem 2.3 we have $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma_k$ for any $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$. If $x \in \text{Im} \sigma_k$, then there exists some $y \in X$ such that $\sigma_k(y) = x$, hence $\sigma_k(x) = \sigma_k(\sigma_k(y)) = \sigma_k^2(y) = \sigma_k(y) = x$, that is $x \in S(\sigma_k)$, and so $\text{Im} \sigma_k \subseteq S(\sigma_k)$. Therefore, $\text{Im} \sigma_k = S(\sigma_k)$ by Lemma 2.3(i).

(ii) implies (iii) It's trivial.

(iii) implies (i) If $\text{Im} \rho_a^k \cap S(\rho_a^k) = \{0\}$ by Lemma 2.3 (ii), and consequently X is K -fold positive implicative by Theorem 2.2. The proof is complete.

Definition 2.5 ([4]) A nonempty subset I of a BCK -algebra X is called a K -ideal of X if (i) $0 \in I$ (ii) $x * y^k \in I$ and $y \in I$ imply $x \in I$.

Lemma 2.6 If X is a K -fold positive implicative BCK -algebra and $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$, then $\sigma_k(x) * \sigma_k(y) = \sigma_k(x * y)$ for any x, y in X .

Proof Let $\sigma_k = \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_k(x) * \sigma_k(y) &= \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k(x) * \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k(y) \\ &= ((\cdots ((x * a_n^k) * a_{n-1}^k * \cdots) * a_1^k) * ((\cdots ((y * a_n^k) * a_{n-1}^k) * \cdots) * a_1^k)) \\ &= (\cdots (x * y) * a_n^k * \cdots) * a_1^k \\ &= \rho_{a_1}^k \rho_{a_2}^k \cdots \rho_{a_n}^k(x * y) \\ &= \sigma_k(x * y) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.7 Let X be a BCK -algebra, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) X is K -fold positive implicative,
- (ii) $\ker \sigma_k$ is a K -ideal of X , for any $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$
- (iii) $\ker \rho_a^k$ is a K -ideal of X , for any $a \in X$.

Proof (i) implies (ii) Assume X is K -fold positive implicative and $\sigma_k \in M^k(X)$, then we have $0 \in \ker \sigma_k$. If $x * y^k, y \in \ker \sigma_k$, then $\sigma_k(x * y^k) = \sigma_k(y) = 0$.

Hence $\sigma_k(x) = \sigma_k(x) * 0^k = \sigma_k(x) * \sigma_k(y)^k = \sigma_k(x * y^k) = 0$ That is $x \in \ker \sigma_k$. Hence $\ker \sigma_k$ is a K -ideal of X .

(ii) implies (iii), It's trivial

(iii) implies (i), Assume $\ker \rho_a^k$ is a K -ideal of X , for any a in X then $\ker \rho_a^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_a^k = \{0\}$. In fact, if $x \in \ker \rho_a^k \cap \text{Im} \rho_a^k$, then we have $x * a^k = 0$ and there exists some $y \in X$, such that $y * a^k = x$. Hence $x * a^k = (y * a^k) * a^k = 0 \in \ker \rho_a^k$. Since ρ_a^k is a K -ideal of X and $a \in \ker \rho_a^k$, then we have $y \in \ker \rho_a^k$ and therefore $x = y * a^k = 0$. By Theorem 2.2, X is K -fold positive implicative. The proof is complete.

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