# ON THE $H(S)$-PART IN BCH-ALGEBRAS 

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#### Abstract

We consider special subsets $H(S)$ in a BCH-algebra $X$, where $S$ is a nonempty subset of $X$. We give related properties of them and provide an equivalent condition that the special $H(S)$-part of $X$ is an ideal.


## 1. Introduction

In 1966, Imai and Iséki ([7]) and Iséki ([8]) introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras. It is known that the class of BCKalgebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras. In 1983, Hu and $\mathrm{Li}([5,6])$ introduced a wide class of abstract algebras: BCH-algebras. They have shown that the class of BCI-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCH-algebras. They have studied some properties of these algebras.

As we know, the primary aim of the theory of BCH-algebras is to determine the structure of all BCH-algebras. The main task of a structure theorem is to find a complete system of invariants describing the BCH-algebra up to isomorphism, or to establish some connection with other mathematics branches. In addition, the ideal theory plays an important role in studying BCH-algebras, and some interesting

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results have been obtained by several authors ( $[1,2,3,4,12,13]$ ). In this paper, we construct special subsets $T(S)$ in a BCH-algebra $X$, where $S$ is a non-empty subset of $X$. We give related properties of them and provide an equivalent condition that the special $H(S)$-part of $X$ is an ideal.

## 2. Preliminaries

A $B C H$-algebra is a non-empty set $X$ with a constant 0 and a binary operation "*" satisfying the following axioms:
(1) $x * x=0$,
(2) $x * y=0$ and $y * x=0$ imply $x=y$,
(3) $(x * y) * z=(x * z) * y$,
for all $x, y, z$ in $X$. A BCH-algebra $X$ satisfying the identity $((x * y) *(x * z)) *(z * y)$ $=0$ and $0 * x=0$, for all $x, y, z \in X$ is called a $B C K$-algebra. A BCH-algebra $X$ is said to be medial $([2])$ if it satisfies $(x * y) *(a * b)=(x * a) *(y * b)$ for all $x, y, a, b \in X$. We defined the relation $\leq$ in a BCH-algebra by: $x \leq y$ if and only if $x * y=0$.

In any BCH-algebra $X$, the following hold: for all $x, y \in X$,
(4) $(x *(x * y)) \leq y$,
(5) $x \leq 0$ implies $x=0$,
(6) $0 *(x * y)=(0 * x) *(0 * y)$,
(7) $x * 0=x$,
(8) $0 *(0 *(0 * x))=0 * x$.

A non-empty subset $S$ of BCH-algebra $X$ is called a subalgebra of $X$ if $x * y \in S$ whenever $x, y \in S$. A non-empty subset $I$ of BCH-algebra $X$ is called an ideal of $X$ if $0 \in I$ and if $x * y, y \in I$ imply that $x \in I$. Note that an ideal of a BCH-algebra may not be a subalgebra. An ideal $I$ of BCH-algebra $X$ is said to be closed if $0 * x \in I$ for all $x \in I$. Note that every closed ideal in BCH-algebra $X$ is a subalgebra, but converse is not true.

In a BCH-algebra $X$, the set $A^{+}:=\{x \in X \mid 0 \leq x\}$ is called a positive part of $X$ and the set $A(X):=\{x \in X \mid 0 *(0 * x)=x\}$ is called an atom part of $X$. Note that $A(X)=\{0 *(0 * x) \mid x \in X\}=\{0 * x \mid x \in X\}$ and $A^{+} \cap A(X)=\{0\}([10])$.

For any elements $x, y$ in a BCH-algebra $X$, let us write $x * y^{n}$ for $(\cdots((x * y) * y) * \cdots) * y$, where $y$ occurs $n$ times.

In what follows, the letter $X$ denotes a BCH-algebra unless otherwise specified.

## 3. Main Results

Definition 3.1. Let $S$ be a subset of $X$. The set

$$
H(S):=\left\{y \in S \mid y=0 * x^{2} \text { for some } x \in S\right\}
$$

is called the $H(S)$-part of $X$.
Clearly, $0 \in H(S)$ if $S$ containing 0 .
Theorem 3.2. If $S$ is a subalgebra of $X$, then $H(S)$ is a subalgebra of $X$.
Proof. Let $a, b \in H(S)$. Then $a=0 * x^{2}$ and $b=0 * y^{2}$ for some $x, y \in S$. Thus, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
a * b & =((0 * x) * x) *((0 * y) * y) \\
& =((0 *((0 * y) * y)) * x) * x \\
& =(((0 *(0 * y)) *(0 * y)) * x) * x \\
& =(((0 * x) *(0 * y)) *(0 * y)) * x \\
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& =(0 *(x * y)) *(x * y) \\
& =0 *(x * y)^{2},
\end{aligned}
$$

and $x * y \in S$. Hence $a * b \in H(S)$.

Corollary 3.3. $H(X)$ is a subalgebra of $X$.
Theorem 3.4. If $S$ is a subset of $X$, then $H(S) \subseteq A(S)$, where $A(S):=\{x \in S \mid 0$ $*(0 * x)=x\}$.

Proof. Let $a \in H(S)$. Then $a=0 * x^{2}$ for some $x \in S$. Thus, we have

$$
0 *(0 * a)=0 *\left(0 *\left(0 * x^{2}\right)\right)=0 * x^{2}=a
$$

Hence $H(S) \subseteq A(S)$.
Lemma 3.5 ([11]). Let $S$ be a subalgebra of $X$. Then $A(S)$ is a subalgebra of $X$.
Note that every subalgebra of a medial BCH-algebra $X$ is an ideal in $X$ (see [2]). By Theorem 3.2, Theorem 3.4 and Lemma 3.5, we have

Corollary 3.6. Let $S$ be a subalgebra of $X$. Then $H(S)$ is an ideal of $A(S)$.
In general, the $H(S)$-part $H(S)$ of $X$ may not be an ideal of $X$ as shown in the following example.

Example 3.7. Let $X:=\{0, a, b, c\}$ be a BCH-algebra in which $*$-operation is defined by:

| $*$ | 0 | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | $c$ | 0 | $a$ |
| $a$ | $a$ | 0 | $a$ | $c$ |
| $b$ | $b$ | $c$ | 0 | $a$ |
| $c$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | 0 |

Taking an ideal $S:=X$, then $H(S)=\{0, a, c\}$ is not an ideal of $X$ since $b * a=$ $c \in H(S)$ and $b \notin H(S)$.

Now we give equivalent conditions that $H(S)$ is an ideal of $X$.
Theorem 3.8. Let $S$ be a closed ideal of $X$. The following are equivalent:
(i) $H(S)$ is an ideal of $X$.
(ii) $x * a=y * a$ implies $x=y$ for all $x, y \in A^{+}$and $a \in H(S)$.
(iii) $x * a=0 * a$ implies $x=0$ for all $x \in A^{+}$and $a \in H(S)$.

Proof. (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let $H(S)$ be an ideal of $X$ and $x * a=y * a$, for all $x, y \in A^{+}$ and $a \in H(S)$. Then by Theorem 3.2, we have

$$
(x * y) * a=(x * a) * y=(y * a) * y=(y * y) * a=0 * a \in H(S)
$$

Since $H(S)$ is an ideal of $X$, it follows that $x * y \in H(S)$. On the other hand, note that $x * y \in A^{+}$and $A^{+} \cap H(S) \subseteq A^{+} \cap A(S) \subseteq A^{+} \cap A(X)=\{0\}$. Thus, we have $x * y=0$. Similarly, we get $y * x=0$, and hence $x=y$.
(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) Since $0 \in A^{+}$, it is clear.
(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Assume that (iii) holds. Let $s, t \in S$ such that $s * t \in H(S)$ and $t \in H(S)$. Then since $S$ is an ideal of $X$, we have $s \in S$. Denote $u=0 *(0 * s)$. Then we get

$$
u * t=(0 *(0 * s)) * t=0 *(t * s) \in A(S)
$$

and $s * t \in H(S) \subseteq A(S)$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
(u * t) *(s * t) & =((0 *(0 * s)) *(s * t)) * t \\
& =(((0 * s) *(0 * t)) *(0 * s)) * t \\
& =(0 *(0 * t)) * t=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus by Theorem 3 in [2] we have $u * t=s * t$. Hence

$$
(s * u) * t=(s * t) * u=(u * t) * u=0 * t
$$

which implies from (iii) that $s * u=0$, i.e., $s *(0 *(0 * s))=0$. Therefore $s=0$ $*(0 * s) \in A(S)$ since $s \in S$. As $H(S)$ is an ideal of $A(S)$, we get $s \in H(S)$, and $H(S)$ is an ideal of $X$.

By Theorem 3.8, we have equivalent condition that $H(X)$ is an ideal of $X$.

## Corollary 3.9. The following are equivalent:

(i) $H(X)$ is an ideal of $X$.
(ii) $x * a=y * a$ implies $x=y$ for all $x, y \in A^{+}$and $a \in H(X)$.
(iii) $x * a=0 * a$ implies $x=0$ for all $x \in A^{+}$and $a \in H(X)$.

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