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# **On Endomorphisms of** *BCH***-Algebras**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce the notion of a *BCH*-endomorphism. It is proved that  $L_0$  is the only non-identity *BCH*-endomorphism of left type, where  $L_0^3(x) = L_0(x)$  for every x in a *BCH*-algebra (X; \*, 0) and  $L_0^2$  is idempotent. Some more properties of left and right mappings of *BCH*-algebras are also investigated with *BCH*-characterization.

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## 1. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of logical algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras [9, 10]. It is known that the class of BCI-algebras is a generalization of the class of BCK-algebras. In [5, 6], Q. P. Hu and X. Li introduced a wider class of logical algebras: BCH-algebras. They have shown that the class of BCH-algebras is further a generalization of the class of BCI-algebras. They have shown that the class of this paper introduced a class of K-algebras with extended study in [12-15]. Recently, same authors have proved in [15] that a class of K-algebras as a generalization of a family of BCH/BCI/BCK-algebras.

K. H. Dar introduced the notions of left and right mappings over BCK-algebras in [1] and further discussed in [2]. The notions of left and right mappings over BCI-algebras have been discussed in [3]. In this paper we introduce the notion of BCH-endomorphisms. Some more properties of left and right mappings of BCH-algebras are investigated with special focus on the left map  $L_0$ .

# 2. Preliminaries

In this section we cite some elementary aspects that will be used in the sequel of this paper:

**Definition 2.1.** [5, 6] An algebra (X; \*, 0) of type (2, 0) is called a BCH-algebra if, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following axioms hold:

- (H1) x \* x = 0,
- (H2) x \* y = 0 and y \* x = 0 imply x = y,
- (H3) (x \* y) \* z = (x \* z) \* y.

In a BCH-algebra X, the following hold as immediate deductions.

- (H4) x \* 0 = x.
- (H5)  $x * 0 = 0 \iff x = 0$ .
- (H6) 0 \* (x \* y) = (0 \* x) \* (0 \* y).
- (H7) (x \* (x \* y)) \* y = 0.

**Definition 2.2.** A nonempty subset S of a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) is a called BCH-subalgebra if  $x * y \in S$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A BCH-subalgebra J is called BCH- ideal if x \* y and  $x \in J \Rightarrow y \in J$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.1.** The subset  $0 * X = \{0 * x : x \in X\}$  forms a BCH-subalgebra since  $0 \in 0 * X$  and  $(0 * x) * (0 * y) = 0 * (x * y) \in 0 * X$ , for every 0 \* x,  $0 * y \in 0 * X$ . It easily follows that 0 \* X is a BCH-ideal.

**Example 2.2.** The subset  $0 * (0 * X) = \{0 * (0 * x) : x \in X\}$  of a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) is a BCH-ideal.

### 3. BCH-endomorphisms

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $\phi : X \to X$  on a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) is called a BCH-endomorphism if  $\phi(x * y) = \phi(x) * \phi(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The set End(X) of all endomorphisms of X forms a semigroup, under the binary operation of their composition ( $\circ$ ). Each  $\phi \in End(X)$  acts the following way on X:

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $\phi$  is a BCH-endomorphism of (X; \*, 0) then

- (i)  $\phi(0) = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\phi(0 * x) = 0 * \phi(x)$ .
- (iii) If x \* y = 0 then  $\phi(x) * \phi(y) = 0$ .
- (iv) If S is a BCH-subalgebra of X then so is  $\phi(S)$ .
- (v) If S is a BCH-ideal of X then so is  $\phi(S)$ .
- (vi)  $Ker\phi = \{x \in X : \phi(x) = 0\}$  is an ideal of X, for each  $\phi$  in End(X).

Proof. Straightforward.

**Definition 3.2.** For each element  $x \in X$  there associates a pair  $L_x$ ,  $R_x$  of left and right mappings respectively, which are defined by  $L_x(t) = x * t$  and  $R_x(t) = t * x$ , for all  $t \in X$  (see [1]).

If  $L = \{L_x : x \in X\}$  and  $R = \{R_x : x \in X\}$ . Then L and R both are in one-toone corresponding with BCH-algebra X where  $L_x(t) = R_t(x)$  for all  $x, t \in X$ . The mappings of L and R compose together the following way:

**Proposition 3.2.** The mappings L and R on a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) compose by the following properties.

- (a)  $R_y \circ L_0 = L_{0*y}$ .
- (b)  $R_x \circ R_y = R_y \circ R_x$ .

- (c)  $L_0 \circ R_y = R_{0*y} \circ L_0 = L_{0*(0*y)}.$
- (d)  $L_x \circ R_0 = L_x = R_0 \circ L_x$ .
- (e)  $R_y \circ L_x = L_{x*y}$ .
- (f)  $L_0 \circ L_x = L_{0*x} \circ L_0$ .

Proof. Routine.

**Remark 3.1.** It is an important to note that  $L_0$  is an endomorphism of BCHalgebras (X; \*, 0) with its powers by the following Cayley table:

0	Ι	$L_0$	$L_0^2$
Ι	Ι	$L_0$	$L_0^2$
$L_0$	$L_0$	$L_0^2$	$L_0$
$L_0^2$	$L_{0}^{2}$	$L_0$	$L_0^2$

**Proposition 3.3.** In a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0), for all x, y

$$L_0 \circ (L_x \circ R_y) = L_{0*x} \circ L_{0*(0*y)}.$$

Proof.

$$L_0 \circ (L_x \circ R_y) = (L_0 \circ L_x) \circ R_y$$
$$= (L_{0*x} \circ L_0) \circ R_y$$
$$= L_{0*x} \circ (L_0 \circ R_y)$$
$$= L_{0*x} \circ L_{0*(0*y)}.$$

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Corollary 3.1. For  $x, y \in X$ , (a)  $L_0 \circ (R_y \circ L_x) = (R_{0*y} \circ L_{0*x}) \circ L_0 = L_0 \circ L_{x*y}$ . (b)  $L_0 \circ (L_y \circ L_x) = L_0^2 \circ L_{x*y}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.**  $L_0$  is the only BCH-endomorphism of X in L.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$L_{0}(x) * L_{0}(y) = L_{(x*y)*(x*y)}(x) * L_{0}(y)$$
  
=  $(((x*y)*x)*(x*y))*L_{0}(y)$   
=  $((0*y)*(x*y))*(0*y)$   
=  $0*(x*y)$   
=  $L_{0}(x*y),$ 

which proves the axiom (6) of *BCH*-algebra that  $L_0$  in *L* is an endomorphism of *X*.  $L_0$  is unique *BCH*-endomorphism since , for non-zero *x* in *X*,  $L_x$  is not a *BCH*-endomorphism by the contradiction,  $x = L_x(0) = L_x(0 * 0) = L_x(0) * L_x(0) = 0$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.2.**  $L_0$  is a central BCH-endomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $\phi$  be an arbitrary endomorphism of (X; \*, 0). Then

$$\phi \circ L_0(x) = \phi(0 * x) = 0 * \phi(x) = L_0 \circ \phi(x),$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence  $\phi \circ L_0 = L_0 \circ \phi$ .

In order to exhibit action of  $L_0$  on a *BCH*-algebra (X; \*, 0), we define  $0 * x = 0^1 * x$ ,  $0 * (0 * x) = 0^2 * x$ ,  $0 * (0 * (0 * x)) = 0^3 * x$ ,  $0 * (0 * (0 * \cdots (n - times) * x)) = 0^n * x$  for any positive integer n. If  $x \in X$ , we observe that:

- (a)  $0 * (0^k * x) = 0^{k+1} * x$ .
- (b)  $0^l * (0^m * x) = 0^{l+m} * x.$
- (c)  $(0^l * x) * (0^l * y) = 0^l * (x * y)$  for positive integers l, m, k and  $x, y \in X$ . We exhibit that:

**Proposition 3.4.** [4] In a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0), (d)  $0^3 * x = 0 * x$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Proof. Since

$$(0 * x) * (0 * x) = (0^{2} * x) * x = 0$$
  
therefore,  $0^{3} * x = 0 * (0^{2} * x)$   
 $= ((0^{2} * x) * x) * (0^{2} * x)$   
 $= 0 * x [by H_{3}].$ 

**Corollary 3.3.**  $L_0$  is a periodic map of period 2.

**Corollary 3.4.**  $L_0^2$  is identity on  $L_0(X) = \{0 * x : x \in X\}.$ 

**Corollary 3.5.**  $L_0$  is an epimorphism on X.

**Proposition 3.5.** The following equalities are valid in a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

(e)  $0 * (x * y) = 0^2 * (y * x)$ . (f)  $(0^2 * z) * (y * x) = 0^2 * (x * (y * z))$ .

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*Proof.* (e)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} * (x * y) &=& 0^3 * (x * y) \\ &=& 0^2 * (0 * (x * y)) \; [by \; H6] \\ &=& 0^2 * ((0 * x) * (0 * y)) \; [by \; H3] \\ &=& 0^2 * ((0 * (0 * y)) * x) \; [by \; (a)] \\ &=& 0^2 * ((0^2 * y) * x) \; [by \; remark] \\ &=& 0^2 * ((0^2 * y)) * (0^2 * x) \; [by \; Proposition \; 3.9] \\ &=& (0^2 * y) * (0^2 * x) \\ &=& 0^2 * (y * x). \end{array}$$

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(f)

$$(0^{2} * z) * (y * x) = (0 * (0 * z)) * (y * x)$$
  
=  $(0 * (y * x)) * (0 * z)$   
=  $0 * ((y * x) * z)$   
=  $0 * ((y * z) * x)$   
=  $0^{2} * (x * (y * z)).$ 

This ends the proof.

Corollary 3.6.

$$0 * (x * (x * y)) = 0 * y \ \forall \ x \ , y \in X.$$

Corollary 3.7.

$$0 * ((x * y) * (x * z)) = 0 * (z * y) \forall x, y, z \in X$$

Corollary 3.8.

$$(0^2 * y) * x = (0 * (x * y)) \forall x, y \in X.$$

It is known that a *BCH*-algebra (X; \*, 0) is not *BCI*-algebra, if

 $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) \neq 0$ 

for at least one trio x, y, z of elements of BCH-algebra X.

**Theorem 3.2.** The BCH-subalgebras  $L_0(X) = \{0 * x : x \in X\}$  and  $L_0^2(X) = \{0 * (0 * x) : x \in X\}$  of (X; \*, 0) are its BCI-subalgebras.

*Proof.*  $L_0(X)$  and  $L_0^2(x)$  are images of X under  $L_0$  and  $L_0^2$  respectively. They form subalgebras of X since

$$L_0(x) * L_0(y) = L_0(x * y) \in L_0(X)$$

and

$$L_0^2(x) * L_0^2(y) = L_0^2(x * y) \in L_0^2(X)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .  $L_0(X)$  is a *BCI*-algebra since, for all  $L_0(x), L_0(y), L_0(z) \in L_0(X)$ 

$$\begin{split} L_0(((x*y)*(x*z))*(z*y)) &= & L_0((x*y)*(x*z))*L_0(z*y) \\ &= & L_0(z*y)*L_0(z*y) \\ &= & 0. \end{split}$$

Similarly,  $L_0^2(X)$  is a *BCI*-algebra.

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### 4. Order relations on a *BCH*-algebra

On a *BCH*-algebra (X; \*, 0), a natural order  $\sim$  is defined by  $x \sim y$  if and only if x \* y = 0. This order is reflexive, antisymmetric but not transitive in general. It is locally transitive at 0, since if  $0 \sim x$  and  $x \sim y$  then  $0 \sim y$ . We introduce another relation  $\approx$  which is symmetric and transitive closure of  $\sim$  and is defined by  $x \approx y$  if and only if  $x * y \in KerL_0$ , then:

**Lemma 4.1.** Let (X; \*, 0) be a BCH-algebra and relation  $\approx$  be defined on X. Then  $x \approx y$  if and only if 0 \* x = 0 \* y,  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \approx y$ . Then  $x * y \in KerL_0$  and hence,

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

$$(0 * x) * (0 * y) = 0 (I)$$
  

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

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

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

$$(0 * y) * (0 * x) = 0 (II)$$

From (I) and (II) it follows that 0 \* x = 0 \* y. Conversely, if 0 \* x = 0 \* y then

$$0 = (0 * x) * (0 * y) = 0 * (x * y).$$

**Corollary 4.1.** The relation  $\approx$  is symmetric on X.

**Corollary 4.2.** The relation  $\approx$  is generally transitive on X.

**Definition 4.1.** Let there be a relation  $\sim$  on X. A relation  $\approx$  on X is called an equivalence closure on X if

- (i)  $\sim \subseteq \approx$ ,
- (ii)  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let (X; \*, 0) be a BCH-algebra and a relation  $\sim$  be defined on X by,  $x \sim y$  if and only if x \* y = 0. Then there exists an equivalence closure  $\approx$  of  $\sim$  on X , as defined by  $x \approx y$  if and only if  $x * y \in KerL_0$ .

*Proof.* We see that the relation  $\approx$  on X is reflexive since  $x \approx x = 0 \in KerL_0$ , for all  $x \in X$ . The symmetric and transitive properties of  $\approx$  on X follow from the Lemma 4.1. Hence the assertion of the theorem is proved.

**Corollary 4.3.** If  $KerL_0 = X$  then the equivalence class  $C_0 = X$  and the BCHquotient algebra  $X/KerL_0$  is trivial.

If  $KerL_0 \subset X$  and there is one element in X invariant by  $L_0$ , then there exists an elementary abelian 2-group in X as a *BCH*-subalgebra. We characterize that:

**Theorem 4.2.** In a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) if 0 \* x = x, for all  $x \in X$  then (X; \*, 0) forms an elementary abelian 2-group.

**Definition 4.2.** A BCH-algebra is said to be \*-commutative if x \* y = y \* x, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** A BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) forms an elementary abelian 2-group if and only if BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0) is \*-commutative.

**Corollary 4.4.** There exists no \*-commutative proper BCH-subalgebra.

We have proved that  $L_0$  is the only endomorphism of a BCH-algebra (X; \*, 0)with homomorphic image  $L_0(X)$ .  $L_0$  is in fact an epimorphism on X. If  $KerL_0 = \{x \in X : 0 * x = 0\}$  is proper ideal of X then the quotient algebra  $X/KerL_0$  is a BCH-algebra and  $n_0 : X \to X/KerL_0$  is a natural BCH-homomorphism defined by  $n_0(x) = x * KerL_0, x \in X$  where

$$n_0(x * y) = (x * y) * KerL_0 = (x * KerL_0) * (y * KerL_0)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $X/KerL_0$  and  $L_0(X)$  are BCH-algebras and a map  $\eta : X/KerL_0 \to L_0(X)$  is defined by  $\eta(x * KerL_0) = 0 * x$ , for all  $x \in X$  is well-defined, since the map  $\eta$  is a BCH-isomorphism where

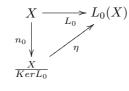
$$\eta((x * KerL_0) * (y * KerL_0)) = \eta((x * y) * KerL_0) = 0 * (x * y)$$
$$= (0 * x) * (0 * y)$$
$$= \eta(x * KerL_0) * \eta(y * KerL_0)$$

and  $Ker\eta = KerL_0$ . Thus we establish the fundamental Theorem:

**Theorem 4.4.** Let (X; \*, 0) be a BCH-algebra and  $L_0$  an epimorphism on X. Then

$$X/KerL_0 \cong L_0(X)$$

*Proof.* The proof is exhibited by the following commutative diagram:



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