

## PURE SUBMODULES OF BCK- MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper by considering the notion of *BCK*-module, we introduce pure *BCK*- submodules and we prove some results by it. In particular, we show that if  $X$  is a *BCK*- algebra,  $M$  is a cyclic *BCK*-module and  $N$  a prime *BCK*- submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a pure *BCK*-submodule of  $M$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1966, Imai and Iseki [5, 8] introduced *BCK*-algebras. This notion was originated from two different ways: (1) set theory, and (2) classical and no classical propositional calculi. Certain algebraic structures, for example Boolean- algebra, *MV*-algebras, are introduced as *BCK*-algebras [7]. Every module is an action of ring on certain group. This is, indeed, a source of motivation to study the action of certain algebraic structures on groups. *BCK*-module is an action of *BCK*-algebra on commutative group. In 1994, the notion of *BCK*-module was introduced by M. Aslam, H. A. S. Abujabal and A. B. Thaheem [2]. They established isomorphism theorems and studied some properties of *BCK*-modules. The theory of *BCK*-modules was further developed by Z. Perveen and M. Aslam [12]. Now, in this paper we introduce the concept of pure *BCK*- submodules and we prove some results by it. In particular, we show that if  $X$  is a *BCK*- algebra,  $M$  a cyclic *BCK*-module and  $N$

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a prime *BCK*-submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a pure *BCK*-submodule of  $M$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let us to begin this section with the definition of a *BCK*-algebra.

**Definition 2.1.**[9] Let  $X$  be a set with a binary operation  $*$  and a constant  $0$ . Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is called a *BCK*- algebra if it satisfies the following axioms:

$$(BCK1) ((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0,$$

$$(BCK2) (x * (x * y)) * y = 0,$$

$$(BCK3) x * x = 0,$$

$$(BCK4) 0 * x = 0,$$

$$(BCK5) x * y = y * x = 0 \text{ imply that } x = y, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

We can define a partial ordering  $\leq$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

If there is an element  $1$  of a *BCK*- algebra  $X$ , satisfying  $x * 1 = 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ , the element  $1$  is called unit of  $X$ . A *BCK*- algebra with unit is called to be bounded.

**Definition 2.2.**[9] Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a *BCK*- algebra and  $X_0$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then  $X_0$  is called to be a subalgebra of  $X$ , if for any  $x, y \in X_0$ ,  $x * y \in X_0$  i.e.,  $X_0$  is closed under the binary operation  $*$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3.**[9] A *BCK*- algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is said to be commutative, if it satisfies,  $x * (x * y) = y * (y * x)$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.**[9] A *BCK*- algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is called implicative, if  $x = x * (y * x)$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5.**[9] A nonempty subset  $A$  of *BCK*- algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $0 \in A$ ,
- (ii)  $(\forall x \in X)(\forall y \in A) (x * y \in A \Rightarrow x \in A)$ .

**Definition 2.6.**[9] Suppose  $A$  is an ideal of  $BCK$ - algebra  $(X, *, 0)$ . For any  $x, y$  in  $X$ , we denote  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $x * y \in A$  and  $y * x \in A$ . It is easy to see that,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ .

Denote the equivalence class containing  $x$  by  $C_x$  and  $\frac{X}{A} = \{C_x : x \in X\}$ . Also we define  $C_x * C_y = C_{x*y}$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7.**[9] Let  $X$  be a lower  $BCK$ - semilattice and  $A$  be a proper ideal of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is said to be prime if  $a \wedge b = b * (b * a) \in A$  implies that  $a \in A$  or  $b \in A$ , for any  $a, b$  in  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.8.**[9] In a lower  $BCK$ - semilattice  $(X, *, 0)$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is a prime ideal,
- (ii)  $I$  is an ideal and satisfies that for any  $A, B \in I(X)$ ,  $A \subseteq I$  or  $B \subseteq I$  whenever  $A \cap B \subseteq I$ .

**Definition 2.9.**[1] Let  $(X, *, 0)$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra,  $M$  be an abelian group under  $+$  and let  $(x, m) \longrightarrow x \cdot m$  be a mapping of  $X \times M \longrightarrow M$  such that

- (i)  $(x \wedge y) \cdot m = x \cdot (y \cdot m)$ ,
- (ii)  $x \cdot (m_1 + m_2) = x \cdot m_1 + x \cdot m_2$ ,
- (iii)  $0 \cdot m = 0$ ,

for all  $x, y \in X, m_1, m_2 \in M$ , where  $x \wedge y = y * (y * x)$ . Then  $M$  is called a left  $X$ -module.

If  $X$  is bounded, then the following additional condition holds:

- (iv)  $1 \cdot m = m$ .

A right  $X$ -module can be defined similarly.

**Lemma 2.10.**[1] Every bounded implicative *BCK*-algebra is a module.

**Example 2.11.**[1] Let  $A$  be a nonempty set and  $X = P(A)$  be the power set of  $A$ . Then  $X$  is a bounded commutative *BCK*-algebra with  $x \wedge y = x \cap y$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Define  $x + y = (x \cup y) \cap (x \cap y)'$ , the symmetric difference. Then  $M = (X, +)$  is an abelian group with empty set  $\emptyset$  as an identity element and  $x + x = \emptyset$ . Define  $x \cdot m = x \cap m$ , for any  $x, m \in X$ . Then simple calculations show that :

- (i)  $(x \wedge y) \cdot m = (x \cap y) \cap m = x \cap (y \cap m) = x \cdot (y \cdot m)$ ,
- (ii)  $x \cdot (m_1 + m_2) = x \cdot m_1 + x \cdot m_2$ ,
- (iii)  $0 \cdot m = \emptyset \cap m = \emptyset = 0$ ,
- (iv)  $1 \cdot m = A \cap m = m$ . Thus  $X$  itself is an  $X$ -module.

**Definition 2.12.**[1] Let  $M_1, M_2$  be  $X$ -modules. A mapping  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is called a *BCK*-homomorphism, if for any  $m_1, m_2 \in M_1$ , we have :

- (i)  $f(m_1 + m_2) = f(m_1) + f(m_2)$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x \cdot m_1) = x \cdot f(m_1)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

$\text{Ker}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$  have usual meaning.

**Theorem 2.13.**[9] Let  $X$  be bounded implicative and  $M$  be an  $X$ -module. If  $S$  is a  $\wedge$ -closed subset of  $X$ , then the submodules of  $M_s = \{\frac{m}{s} : m \in M, s \in S\}$  are on the form  $N_s$  where  $N = \{n \in M : \frac{n}{1} \in N_s\}$ .

**Definition 2.14.**[10] Let  $X$  be a *BCK*-algebra and  $M$  be a group. Then  $M$  is called a multiplication *BCK*-module if for each *BCK*-submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a *BCK*-ideal  $I$  of  $X$ , such that  $N = I.M$ .

**Definition 2.15.**[1] Let  $M$  be a left *BCK*-module over  $X$  and  $N$  be a *BCK*-submodule of  $M$ . Then we define  $[N : M] = \{x \in X \mid x \cdot M \subseteq N\}$ . Also  $[N : M]$  is an ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.16.**[10] Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra, and  $M$  be a group. Then  $M$  is a multiplication  $BCK$ -module if and only if for each submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $K = [K : M].M$ .

**Definition 2.17.**[11] Let  $M$  be a left  $BCK$ - module over  $X$  and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is said to be prime  $BCK$ -submodule of  $M$ , if  $N \neq M$  and  $x \cdot m \in N$ , implies that  $m \in N$  or  $x.M \subseteq N$ , for any  $x$  in  $X$  and any  $m$  in  $M$ .

**Example 2.18.**[11] Let  $X = P(A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\})$ ,  $B_i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} - \{i\}$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $P(B_i)$  is a prime  $BCK$ - submodule of  $P(A)$ .

### 3. PURE $BCK$ - SUBMODULE

The notion of  $BCK$ -module was introduced by M. Aslam, H. A. S. Abujabal and A. B. Thaheem in 1994 [2]. In this section we define pure  $BCK$ -submodules and we obtain some theorems.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra.  $X$ -submodule  $N$  of  $X$ -module  $M$  is called pure if  $I.N = N \cap I.M$ , for every ideal  $I$  of  $X$ .

**Example 3.2.** Assume  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $X = P(A)$ . Simple calculations and Example 2.11 show that all  $X$ -submodules of  $P(A)$  and all  $BCK$ -ideals of  $P(A)$  are  $\{\emptyset\}$ ,  $\{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$ ,  $\{\emptyset, \{2\}\}$ ,  $\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ . Definition 3.1 shows the pure  $BCK$ -submodules of  $P(A)$  in this example are all  $X$ -submodules.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra,  $M$  a cyclic  $X$ -module and  $N$  a prime  $X$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is pure.

**Proof:** Assume that  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$ . As  $I.N \subseteq N \cap I.M$  is trivial, we shall prove the reverse inclusion. Let  $n \in N \cap I.M$ . Now since  $M$  is a cyclic  $X$ -module, then there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $M = X.m$ . Therefore for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  there exist  $x_i \in I$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i.(x.m) = \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i \wedge x).m$ . Since  $x_i \wedge x \leq x_i$  and  $x_i \in I$  we get  $x_i \wedge x \in I$ . Hence  $(x_i \wedge x).m \in I.m \Rightarrow n = \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i \wedge x).m \in I.m$ . So there exists  $x' \in I$  such that  $n = x'.m$  But  $n = x'.m \in N$  and  $N$  is

prime, so  $m \in N$  ( it follows that  $n = x'.m \in I.N$ ) or  $x' \in (N : M)$ , Hence  $n = x'.m = (x' \wedge x').m = x'.(x'.m) \in I.N$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $X$  be bounded implicative,  $M$  be a  $X$ -module and  $S$  be a  $\wedge$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Then if  $J$  is a pure submodule of  $M_s$ , then there exists a pure submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $J = N_s$ .

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.13, we get that  $J = N_s$  is a submodule of  $M_s$ . Now we show that if  $J = N_s$  be a pure submodule of  $M_s$ , then  $N$  is a pure submodule of  $M$ . As  $I.N \subseteq N \cap I.M$  is trivial, we shall prove the reverse inclusion. Let  $n \in N \cap I.M$ . Then there exist  $x_i \in I$  and  $m_i \in M$  such that  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i.m_i$ . If  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i.m_i \in N \cap I.M$ , then  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i.m_i}{1} \in N_s \cap (I.M)_s$ . Hence  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i.m_i}{1} \in (I.N)_s$  (because  $N_s$  is pure). So by Theorem 2.17, we get that  $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i.m_i = n \in I.N$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $M$  be a left *BCK*-module over  $X$ . Then  $P$  is a pure *BCK*-submodule in  $M$  containing  $N$  if and only if  $\frac{P}{N}$  is a pure *BCK*-submodule in  $\frac{M}{N}$ .

**Proof: Necessity.** Assume that  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$ . As  $I.\frac{P}{N} \subseteq \frac{P}{N} \cap I.\frac{M}{N}$  is trivial, we shall prove the reverse inclusion. Let  $p + N \in \frac{P}{N} \cap I.\frac{M}{N}$ . Then there exist  $x_i \in I$  and  $m_i \in M$  such that  $p + N = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i.(m_i + N) = \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i.m_i) + N = (\sum_{i=1}^k (x_i.m_i)) + N \in \frac{I.M}{N} = I.\frac{M}{N}$ . So  $p \in I.M \cap P$ . Then by purity of  $P$ , we get  $p \in I.P$ , hence  $p + N \in I.\frac{P}{N}$ . **Sufficiency.** Assume that  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$ . As  $I.P \subseteq P \cap I.M$  is trivial, we shall prove the reverse inclusion. Let  $p \in P \cap I.M$ . Then  $p + N \in \frac{P}{N} \cap I.\frac{M}{N}$ , and by purity of  $\frac{P}{N}$ ,  $p + N \in I.\frac{P}{N}$ , so  $p \in I.P$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be left *BCK*-modules over  $X$  and  $\phi$  be a *BCK*-epimorphism from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$ . Also  $N$  be a pure *BCK*-submodule of  $M_1$ . Then  $\phi(N)$  is a pure *BCK*-submodule of  $M_2$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $I$  is an ideal of  $X$ .  $N$  is pure submodule of  $M_1$ , then  $I.N = N \cap I.M_1$ . So  $\phi(I.N) = \phi(N \cap I.M_1)$ . Hence  $I.\phi(N) = \phi(N) \cap I.\phi(M_1)$ . Since  $\phi$  is epimorphism, we get  $\phi(M_1) = M_2$ . So  $\phi(N)$  is pure submodule of  $M_2$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra,  $M$  be a left  $X$ -module and  $N$ , be a pure  $X$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a pure  $X$ -submodule of  $M$ .

**Definition 3.8.** We will say that a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is idempotent in  $M$  if  $N = [N : M].N$ .

**Example 3.9.** In Example 3.2, by simple calculations we get  $\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$  is idempotent in  $P(A)$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra,  $M$  a  $X$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is a pure submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is idempotent in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Since  $N$  is pure in  $M$ , we have that  $[N : M].N = N \cap [N : M].M = N$ , and hence  $N$  is idempotent in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $X$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra,  $M$  a multiplication  $X$ -module and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . If  $[N : M]$  is an idempotent ideal, then  $N$  is idempotent in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Obviously we get  $N = [N : M].M = [N : M]^2.M = [N : M].N$ . So  $N$  is idempotent in  $M$ .

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