

## Isotone Map in Boolean Rings

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In [1], K. Iseki proved that a homomorphism of BCK-Algebras is isotone. In this paper, we apply this conception—*isotone map*—to Boolean ring. An element  $x$  of a ring is idempotent if  $x^2=x$ . A Boolean ring is a ring with a unit in which every element is idempotent.

**Example.** Let  $R$  be the set of subsets of a set  $S$ . we define addition and multiplication in  $R$  as follows:

$$X+Y=(X\cup Y)/(X\cap Y)=\text{all elements in } X\cup Y \text{ but not in } X\cap Y. \text{ (This is called the symmetric difference of } X \text{ and } Y)$$

$$X\cdot Y=X\cap Y \text{ for any } X, Y\in R.$$

Then  $R$  is a Boolean ring.

A Boolean ring  $R$  has the following properties: (1)  $R$  has characteristic 2 (that is,  $r+r=0$  for every  $r$  in  $R$  and (2) a Boolean ring  $R$  is commutative.

Let  $R$  be a Boolean ring with identity and  $M$  a unitary  $R$ -module. Define a relation  $\leq$  in  $M$  by  $x\leq y$  iff there exist  $r\in R$  such that  $rx=y$  for all  $x, y\in M$ .

The first purpose of this note is to show that the following theorem holds:

**Theorem 1.** *The relation  $\leq$  in  $M$  is a partial order in  $M$ .*

For  $x\in M$ ,  $Rx=\{rx|r\in R\}$  is an  $R$ -module. Then the proof of the following theorem 2 is similar to the proof of the corresponding theorem in ordinary ring theory and will be omitted.

**Theorem 2.** *The map  $R\rightarrow Rx$  given by  $r\rightarrow rx$  is an  $R$ -module epimorphism.*

The second purpose is to prove that the following holds:

**Theorem 3.** *The map in theorem 2 is isotone.*

**The proof of theorem 1.** Since  $R$  has an identity,  $1x=x$  for all  $x\in M$ . So  $x\leq x$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be elements of  $M$  satisfying  $x\leq y$  and  $y\leq x$ . Then there exist  $r_1, r_2\in R$  such that  $r_1x=y$ ,  $r_2y=x$  and so  $r_1r_2y=r_1x=y$ . Also  $r_1r_2y=r_1r_2x=r_2r_1x=r_2y=x$ . Hence  $x=y$ . Suppose  $x\leq y$ ,  $y\leq z$  for all  $x, y, z\in M$ . Then there exist  $r_1, r_2\in R$  such that  $r_1x=y$ ,  $r_2y=z$ . and so  $r_2r_1x=z$ . Since  $r_2r_1\in R$ ,  $x\leq z$ .

**The proof of theorem 3.** Let  $h: R\rightarrow Rx$  defined by  $h(r)=rx$  for all  $r\in R$  and let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$

in  $R$  satisfying  $r_1 \leq r_2$ . Then  $r_1 r_2 = r_2$ , and so  $h(r_2) = r_2 x = (r_1 r_2) x = (r_2 r_1) x = r_2 (r_1 x) = r_2 h(r_1)$ . Therefore  $h(r_1) \leq h(r_2)$ .

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