

## ON INJECTIVE *BCI*-ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we show that *BCI*-algebras  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective if and only if its direct sum  $P \oplus Q$  is injective. Moreover, we obtain the equivalent conditions for a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra to be  $p$ -injective.

### 1. Introduction

K. Iséki introduced the notion of *BCI*-algebra which is a generalization of a *BCK*-algebra. W. A. Dudek ([5]) defined the concept of a medial *BCI*-algebra and studied various properties of it. C. S. Hoo ([8]) proved that *BCI*-algebra  $X$  is medial if and only if it is  $p$ -semisimple. S. S. Ahn, H. S. Kim and A. Dvurečenskiĭ ([7]) discussed the Ker-Coker sequence in *BCI*-algebras. W. A. Dudek ([6]) showed that  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebras are precisely medial quasigroups completely described via abelian groups. This means that any discussions on  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebras can be derived easily from group theory ([6]). C. S. Hoo and P. V. R. Murty ([10]) and E. Y. Deeba and S. K. Goal ([4]) independently showed that  $Hom(X)$  may not, in general, be a *BCI*-algebra for an arbitrary *BCI*-algebra  $X$ . In view of this result we can also see that  $Hom(X, Y)$ , the set of all homomorphisms of a *BCI*-algebra  $X$  into an arbitrary *BCI*-algebra  $Y$  may not be a *BCI*-algebra in general. However, E. Y. Deeba and S. K. Goal ([4]) proved that if  $X$  is a *BCI*-algebra and  $Y$  is a *BCK*-algebra, then  $Hom(X, Y)$  is a *BCK*-algebra and hence a *BCI*-algebra. Y. Liu ([13]) showed that if  $X$  is a *BCI*-algebra and  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra

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then  $Hom(X, Y)$  is a  $p$ -semisimple  $BCI$ -algebra. In [11] and [12], Y. B. Jun et al. investigated some properties of  $Hom(-, -)$  as  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras. S. S. Ahn and H. S. Kim ([1]) defined a hom functor  $Hom(-, -)$  in  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras and discussed the exactness of  $Hom(-, -)$  in  $BCK/BCI$ -algebras, and obtained some properties of  $Hom(-, -)$ . S. S. Ahn and K. Bang ([2]) obtained that  $Hom(P, -)$  is an exact functor if  $P$  is a  $p$ -projective  $BCI$ -algebra. In this paper, we show that  $BCI$ -algebras  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective if and only if its direct sum  $P \oplus Q$  is injective. Moreover, we obtain the equivalent conditions for a  $p$ -semisimple  $BCI$ -algebra to be  $p$ -injective.

## 2. Preliminaries

Recall that a  $BCI$ -algebra ([14]) is a non-empty set  $X$  with a binary operation “ $*$ ” and a constant  $0$  satisfying the axioms:

- (1)  $\{(x * y) * (x * z)\} * (z * y) = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\{x * (x * y)\} * y = 0$ ,
- (3)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (4)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply that  $x = y$ ,

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Furthermore, if satisfies (5)  $0 * x = 0, \forall x \in X$ , then the algebra is called a  $BCK$ -algebra. A partial ordering  $\leq$  on  $X$  can be defined by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ . A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $X$  into a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $Y$  is called a  $BCK/BCI$ -homomorphism if  $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Define the trivial homomorphism  $0$  as  $0(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Denote by  $Hom(X, Y)$  the set of all homomorphisms from a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $X$  into a  $BCK/BCI$ -algebra  $Y$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $BCI$ -algebras. A  $BCI$ -homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *regular* if  $Imf$  is an ideal of  $Y$ . We call an ideal  $A$  of  $X$  *regular* in case  $A$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ . In the literature,  $Imf$  need not be an ideal of  $Y$ .

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be  $BCI$ -homomorphisms. The sequence  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  is said to be *exact* at  $B$  if  $Kerg = Imf$ . A sequence  $A_0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$  is said to be *exact* if it is exact at  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ .

S. S. Ahn and H. S. Kim ([1]) defined a hom functor  $Hom(-, -)$  in *BCK/BCI*-algebras and discussed the exactness of  $Hom(-, -)$  in *BCK/BCI*-algebras. Let  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  be any categories of *BCK/BCI*-algebras. A functor from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{D}$  is a triple  $(\mathbb{C}, F, \mathbb{D})$ , where  $F$  is a function from the class of *BCK/BCI*-homomorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}$  to the class of *BCK/BCI*-homomorphisms of  $\mathbb{D}$  ( i.e.,  $F : Hom(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow Hom(\mathbb{D})$  ) satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $F$  preserves identities: if  $e$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -identity, then  $F(e)$  is a  $\mathbb{D}$ -identity
- (ii)  $F$  preserves composition: i.e.,  $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$ ; i.e., whenever  $dom(f) = cod(g)$ , then  $dom(F(f)) = cod(F(g))$  and the above equality holds.

Let  $u : A' \rightarrow A$  and  $v : B \rightarrow B'$  be *BCI*-homomorphisms, where  $A, B'$  are *BCK*-algebras. We define a mapping

$$Hom(u, v) : Hom(A, B) \rightarrow Hom(A', B')$$

by requiring that  $f \in Hom(A, B)$  is to be mapped into  $vf u \in Hom(A', B')$ , where  $B$  is a *BCK*-algebra. Clearly,  $Hom(u, v)$  is a *BCI*-homomorphism and if  $u, v$  are identity maps, then  $Hom(u, v)$  is also an identity map.

Again if  $u' : A'' \rightarrow A'$  and  $v' : B' \rightarrow B''$  are *BCI*-homomorphisms, where  $A', B''$  are *BCK*-algebras, then

$$Hom(uu', v'v) = Hom(u', v')Hom(u, v).$$

In fact,  $Hom(-, -)$  is a functor. This functor is called a *hom functor*.

Note that  $Hom(u, B) = Hom(u, 1_B)$  and  $Hom(A, v) = Hom(1_A, v)$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be *BCI*-algebras and let  $X \oplus Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$ . We define the operation “ $*$ ” on  $X \oplus Y$  by

$$(x, y) * (x', y') := (x * x', y * y')$$

for all  $(x, y), (x', y') \in X \oplus Y$ . Then  $(X \oplus Y, *, (0, 0))$  is a *BCI*-algebra, which is called the *direct sum* of  $X$  and  $Y$  (see [9]). If  $u_1, u_2 : A' \rightarrow A$  and  $v_1, v_2 : B \rightarrow B'$  are *BCI*-homomorphisms, where  $A, B'$  are *BCK*-algebras,

then the mappings  $u_1 \oplus u_2 : A' \oplus A' \rightarrow A \oplus A$  defined by  $u_1 \oplus u_2(x_1, x_2) = (u_1(x_1), u_2(x_2))$  for any  $(x_1, x_2) \in A' \oplus A'$ , and  $v_1 \oplus v_2 : B \oplus B \rightarrow B' \oplus B'$  defined by  $v_1 \oplus v_2(x_1, x_2) = (v_1(x_1), v_2(x_2))$  for any  $(x_1, x_2) \in B \oplus B$ , are *BCI*-homomorphisms.

PROPOSITION 2.1. ([1]) *If  $u_1, u_2 : A' \rightarrow A$  and  $v_1, v_2 : B \rightarrow B'$  are *BCI*-homomorphisms, where  $A, B$  and  $B'$  are *BCK*-algebras, then*

$$\text{Hom}(u_1 \oplus u_2, B) = \text{Hom}(u_1, B) \oplus \text{Hom}(u_2, B)$$

and

$$\text{Hom}(A, v_1 \oplus v_2) = \text{Hom}(A, v_1) \oplus \text{Hom}(A, v_2)$$

i.e., a hom functor is additive.

LEMMA 2.2. ([2]) *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a homomorphism, where  $X$  is a *BCI*-algebra and  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra. Then  $\text{Im}f$  is an ideal of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is a regular homomorphism.*

THEOREM 2.3. ([1]) *If  $\sigma, \pi$  are regular *BCI*-homomorphisms in the exact sequence of *BCI*-algebras:*

$$M' \xrightarrow{\sigma} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M'' \rightarrow 0$$

then, for any *BCK*-algebra  $N$ , the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M'', N) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\pi, N)} \text{Hom}(M, N) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\sigma, N)} \text{Hom}(M', N)$$

is exact.

Using Lemma 2.2 we know that if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a *BCI*-homomorphism from a *BCI*-algebra  $X$  into a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra  $Y$ , then it is a regular *BCI*-homomorphism. Y. Liu ([13]) showed that if  $X$  is a *BCI*-algebra and  $Y$  is a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra then  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$  is a  $p$ -semisimple *BCI*-algebra. With this concept S. S. Ahn and K. Bang ([2]) generalized Theorem 2.3 as follows:

THEOREM 2.3'. ([2]) If  $M' \xrightarrow{\sigma} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M'' \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of 3CI-algebras, where  $M$  and  $M''$  are  $p$ -semisimple BCI-algebras, then, for any  $p$ -semisimple BCI-algebra  $N$ , the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M'', N) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\pi, N)} \text{Hom}(M, N) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\sigma, N)} \text{Hom}(M', N)$$

is exact.

### 3. Injective BCI-algebras

In this section, we show that  $\text{Hom}(-, J)$  is an exact functor if  $J$  is a  $p$ -injective BCI-algebra. Recall that a BCI-algebra  $X$  is called *injective* if for every BCI-monomorphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  and every BCI-homomorphism  $\phi : Y \rightarrow X$  there exists a BCI-homomorphism  $\mu : Z \rightarrow X$  satisfying  $\mu f = \phi$ , and recall that a BCI-algebra  $X$  is said to be  *$p$ -injective* if for every  $p$ -semisimple BCI-monomorphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  and every BCI-homomorphism  $\phi : Y \rightarrow X$  there exists a BCI-homomorphism  $\mu : Z \rightarrow X$  satisfying  $\mu f = \phi$ .

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be BCI-algebras and let  $A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) | a_i \in A_i\}$ . We define the operation “ $\otimes$ ” on  $A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  by  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \otimes (b_1, \dots, b_n) := (a_1 * b_1, \dots, a_n * b_n)$  for all  $(a_1, \dots, a_n), (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$ . Then  $(A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n; \otimes, (0, \dots, 0))$  is a BCI-algebra, which is called the *direct sum* of  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ . Clearly we have BCI-monomorphism  $i_i : A_i \rightarrow A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  given by  $i_i(a_i) := (0, \dots, a_i, \dots, 0)$  and BCI-epimorphism  $\pi_i : A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow A_i$  given by

$\pi_i(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n) := a_i$ . Define a map  $i_1 \pi_1 \otimes i_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n : A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  by  $i_1 \pi_1 \otimes i_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) := i_1 \pi_1(a_1, \dots, a_n) \otimes i_2 \pi_2(a_1, \dots, a_n) \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Then it is easy to show that  $i_1 \pi_1 \otimes i_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n$  is a BCI-homomorphism.

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let  $A, A_1, \dots, A_n$  be BCI-algebras. Assume that for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  there exist BCI-homomorphisms  $\pi_i : A \rightarrow A_i$  and  $i_i : A_i \rightarrow A$  and  $i_1 \pi_1 \otimes i_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n : A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i).  $\pi_i i_i = 1_{A_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ;
- (ii).  $\pi_j i_i = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ;
- (iii).  $i_1 \pi_1 \otimes i_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n = 1_A$ .

Then  $A \cong A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi_i : A \rightarrow A_i$  and  $i_i : A_i \rightarrow A (i = 1, \dots, n)$  be *BCI*-homomorphisms satisfying (i)  $\sim$  (iii). Let  $\widehat{\pi}_i : A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow A_i$  and  $\widehat{i}_i : A_i \rightarrow A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  be the canonical projections and injections, respectively. If we define a map  $\varphi : A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow A$  by  $\varphi := i_1 \widehat{\pi}_1 \otimes i_2 \widehat{\pi}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \widehat{\pi}_n$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$  by  $\psi := \widehat{i}_1 \pi_1 \otimes \widehat{i}_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \widehat{i}_n \pi_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\psi &= (i_1 \widehat{\pi}_1 \otimes i_2 \widehat{\pi}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \widehat{\pi}_n)(\widehat{i}_1 \pi_1 \otimes \widehat{i}_2 \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \widehat{i}_n \pi_n) \\ &= i_1 \widehat{\pi}_1 \widehat{i}_1 \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \widehat{\pi}_n \widehat{i}_n \pi_n \\ &= i_1 1_{A_1} \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n 1_{A_n} \pi_n \\ &= i_1 \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes i_n \pi_n = 1_A. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\psi\varphi = 1_{A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n}$ . Therefore  $A \cong A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n$ , completing the proof. □

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be *BCI*-algebras. Then  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective if and only if  $P \oplus Q$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective. Let  $h : A \rightarrow B$  be any *BCI*-monomorphism and let  $f : A \rightarrow P \oplus Q$  be a *BCI*-homomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\ f \downarrow & & \\ P \oplus Q & & \end{array}$$

Since  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective, there exist *BCI*-homomorphisms  $g_1 : B \rightarrow P$  and  $g_2 : B \rightarrow Q$  such that  $\pi_P f = g_1 h$  and  $\pi_Q f = g_2 h$ , where  $\pi_P : P \oplus Q \rightarrow P$  and  $\pi_Q : P \oplus Q \rightarrow Q$  are the canonical projection of *BCI*-algebras. Define a map  $g : B \rightarrow P \oplus Q$  by  $g(b) := (g_1(b), g_2(b))$  for any  $b \in B$ . Then  $g$  is a *BCI*-homomorphism. For any  $a \in A$ , we have

$$gh(a) = (g_1 h(a), g_2 h(a)) = (\pi_P f(a), \pi_Q f(a)) = f(a).$$

Hence  $gh = f$ , i.e.,  $P \oplus Q$  is injective.

Assume that  $P \oplus Q$  is injective. Let  $h : A \rightarrow B$  be a BCI-monomorphism and let  $f_1 : A \rightarrow P$  and  $f_2 : A \rightarrow Q$  be BCI-homomorphisms. Let  $\pi_P : P \oplus Q \rightarrow P$  and  $\pi_Q : P \oplus Q \rightarrow Q$  be the canonical projections of BCI-algebras and  $i_P : P \rightarrow P \oplus Q$  and  $i_Q : Q \rightarrow P \oplus Q$  be the canonical injections of BCI-algebras. Since  $P \oplus Q$  is injective, there exist BCI-homomorphisms  $g_i : B \rightarrow P \oplus Q (i = 1, 2)$  such that  $g_1h = i_P f_1$  and  $g_2h = i_Q f_2$ . If we define  $k_1 := \pi_P g_1$  and  $k_2 := \pi_Q g_2$ , then  $k_1 : B \rightarrow P$  and  $k_2 : B \rightarrow Q$  are BCI-homomorphisms satisfying  $k_1h = f_1$  and  $k_2h = f_2$ , proving that  $P$  and  $Q$  are injective. □

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be BCI-algebras. Then  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $p$ -injective if and only if  $P \oplus Q$  is  $p$ -injective.*

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Every summand  $D$  of an injective BCI-algebra  $E$  is itself injective.*

*Proof.* Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \\ f \downarrow & & \\ D & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & E \end{array}$$

where  $\lambda : D \rightarrow E$  and  $p : E \rightarrow D$  are the canonical injection and projection of BCI-algebras, respectively. Since  $E$  is injective, there is a BCI-homomorphism  $g : B \rightarrow E$  with  $g\alpha = \lambda f$ . If we define  $h : B \rightarrow D$  by  $h = pg$ , then  $h\alpha = pg\alpha = p\lambda f = f$  since  $p\lambda = 1_D$ . Thus  $D$  is injective. □

**THEOREM 3.5.** *The following conditions on a  $p$ -semisimple BCI-algebra  $J$  are equivalent:*

- (i).  $J$  is  $p$ -injective;
- (ii). if  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  is any  $p$ -semisimple BCI-monomorphism, then

$$\text{Hom}(\theta, J) : \text{Hom}(B, J) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, J)$$

is an epimorphism of *BCI*-algebras;

- (iii). if  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\theta} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$  is any short exact sequence of *p*-semisimple *BCI*-algebras, then  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C, J) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(B, J) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, J) \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of *BCI*-algebras.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Assume that *J* is *p*-injective. Let  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  be a *p*-semisimple *BCI*-monomorphism. Then the hom functor  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J) : \text{Hom}(B, J) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, J)$  defined by  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J)(g) = g\theta$  is a *BCI*-homomorphism. We claim that  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J)$  is onto. For any  $k \in \text{Hom}(A, J)$ , since *J* is *p*-injective, there exists a *BCI*-homomorphism  $g : B \rightarrow J$  such that  $k = g\theta$ . This means that  $g \in \text{Hom}(B, J)$  and  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J)(g) = g\theta = k$ . Hence  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J)$  is a *BCI*-epimorphism.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  be a *p*-semisimple *BCI*-monomorphism and let  $h : A \rightarrow J$  be a *BCI*-homomorphism. Since  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J)$  is a *BCI*-epimorphism, there exists  $g \in \text{Hom}(B, J)$  such that  $h = \text{Hom}(\theta, J)(g)$ . This means that  $h = g\theta$ , proving that *J* is *p*-injective.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) It follows from Theorem 2.3'.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $\theta : A \rightarrow B$  be a *BCI*-monomorphism and let  $C := B/\text{Im}\theta$ . Then  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\theta} B \xrightarrow{\pi} C = B/\text{Im}\theta \rightarrow 0$  is an short exact sequence of *BCI*-algebras. By applying the condition (iii),  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C, J) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\pi, J)} \text{Hom}(B, J) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\theta, J)} \text{Hom}(A, J) \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of *BCI*-algebras, and hence  $\text{Hom}(\theta, J) : \text{Hom}(B, J) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, J)$  is a *BCI*-epimorphism.  $\square$

The hom functor  $\text{Hom}(-, J)$  discussed in Theorem 3.5 is said to be *exact* if it satisfies the condition (iii) of Theorem 3.5. With this concept we conclude that  $\text{Hom}(-, J)$  is *exact* if *J* is a *p*-injective *BCI*-algebra.

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