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On BRK-Algebras

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The notion of BRK-algebra is introduced which is a generalization of BCK/BCI/BCH/Q/QS/BM-algebras. The concepts of *G*-part, *p*-radical, medial of a BRK-algebra are introduced and studied their properties. We proved that the variety of all medial BRK-algebras is congruence permutable and showed that every associative BRK-algebra is a group.

1. Introduction

In 1996, Imai and Iséki [1] introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras. These algebras have been extensively studied since their introduction. In 1983, Hu and Li [2] introduced the notion of a BCH-algebra which is a generalization of the notion of BCK and BCI-algebras and studied a few properties of these algebras. In 2001, Neggers et al. [3] introduced a new notion, called a Q-algebra and generalized some theorems discussed in BCI/BCK-algebras. In 2002, Neggers and Kim [4] introduced a new notion, called a B-algebra, and obtained several results. In 2007, Walendziak [5] introduced a new notion, called a BF-algebra, which is a generalization of B-algebra. In [6], C. B. Kim and H. S. Kim introduced BG-algebra as a generalization of B-algebra. We introduce a new notion, called a BRK-algebra, which is a generalization of BCK/BCI/BCH/Q/QS/BM-algebras. The concept of G-part, p-radical, and medial of a BRK-algebra are introduced and studied their properties.

2. Preliminaries

First, we recall certain definitions from [2–5, 7, 8] that are required in the paper.

Definition 2.1. A BCI-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2, 0) satisfying the following conditions:

- $(B_1) (x * y) * (x * z) \le (z * y),$
- (B₂) $x * (x * y) \le y$,
- (B₃) $x \leq x$,
- (B₄) $x \le y$ and $y \le x$ imply x = y,
- (B₅) $x \le 0$ implies x = 0, where $x \le y$ is defined by x * y = 0, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

If (B_5) is replaced by (B_6) : $0 \le x$, then the algebra is called a BCK-algebra. It is known that every BCK-algebra is a BCI-algebra but not conversely.

Definition 2.2. A BCH-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_4) , and (B_7) : (x * y) * z = (x * z) * y.

It is shown that every BCI-algebra is a BCH-algebra but not conversely.

Definition 2.3. A Q-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_7) , and (B_8) : x * 0 = x.

A Q-algebra is said to be a QS-algebra if it satisfies the additional relation:

(B₉)
$$(x * y) * (x * z) = z * y$$
,

for any $x, y, z \in X$. It is shown that every BCH-algebra is a Q-algebra but not conversely.

Definition 2.4. A B-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_8) , and (B_{10}) : (x * y) * z = x * (z * (0 * y)).

A B-algebra is said to be 0-commutative if a*(0*b) = b*(0*a) for any $a,b \in X$. In [3], it is shown that Q-algebras and B-algebras are different notions.

Definition 2.5. A BF-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_8) , and (B_{11}) : 0 * (x * y) = (y * x).

It is shown that every B-algebra is BF-algebra but not conversely.

Definition 2.6. A BM-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_8) and (B_{12}) : (x * y) * (x * z) = z * y.

Definition 2.7. A BH-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_4) , and (B_8) .

Definition 2.8. A BG-algebra is an algebra (X, *, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying (B_3) , (B_8) , and (BG): (x * y) * (0 * y) = x.

3. BRK-Algebras

In this section, we define the notion of BRK-algebra and observe that the axioms in the definition are independent.

Definition 3.1. A BRK-algebra is a nonempty set *A* with a constant 0 and a binary operation * satisfying axioms:

$$(B_8) x * 0 = x,$$

$$(B_{13})$$
 $(x * y) * x = 0 * y$ for any $x, y \in A$.

For brevity, we also call A a BRK-algebra. In A, we can define a binary relation " \leq " by $x \leq y$ if and only if x * y = 0.

Example 3.2. Let $A := \mathbb{R} - \{-n\}, 0 \neq n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ where \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers and \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of all positive integers. If we define a binary operation * on A by

$$x * y = \frac{n(x-y)}{n+y},\tag{3.1}$$

then (A, *, 0) is an BRK-algebra.

Example 3.3. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ in which * is defined by

Then (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra.

We know that every BCK-algebra is a BCI-algebra and every BCI-algebra is a BCH-algebra and every BCH-algebra is a Q-algebra. We can observe that every Q-algebra is a BRK-algebra but converse needs not be true.

Example 3.4. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ in which * is defined by

Then (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra, which is not a BCK/BCI/BCH/Q-algebra.

We know that every QS-algebra is a BM-algebra and we can observe that every BM-algebra is a BRK-algebra but converses need not be true.

Example 3.5. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ in which * is defined by

Then (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra, which is not a QS/BM-algebra.

It is easy to see that B/BG/BF/BH-algebra and BRK-algebras are different notions. For example, Example 3.3 is a BRK-algebra which is not a BH-algebra and Example 3.4 is an BRK-algebra which is not B/BG/BF-algebra. Consider the following example. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ be a set with the following table:

Then (A, *, 0) is a B/BF/BG/BH-algebra which is not an BRK-algebra.

We observe that the two axioms (B_8) and (B_{13}) are independent. Let $A = \{0,1,2\}$ be a set with the following left table:

Then the axiom (B₈) holds but not (B₁₃), since $(1*2)*1 = 2*1 = 1 \neq 2 = 0*2$. Similarly, the set $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ with the above right table satisfies the axiom (B₁₃) but not (B₈), since $2*0 = 0 \neq 2$.

Proposition 3.6. If (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra, then, for any $x, y \in A$, the following conditions hold:

(1)
$$x * x = 0$$
,

(2)
$$x * y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 * x = 0 * y$$
.

Proof. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra and $x, y \in A$. Then

(1)
$$x * x = (x * 0) * x = 0 * 0 = 0$$
 (by B₈ and B₁₃),

(2)
$$x * y = 0 \Rightarrow (x * y) * x = 0 * x \Rightarrow 0 * y = 0 * x.$$

Proposition 3.7. *Every BRK-algebra A satisfies the following property:*

$$0 * (x * y) = (0 * x) * (0 * y), \tag{3.7}$$

for any $x, y \in A$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in A$. Then

$$0 * (x * y) = ((0 * y) * (x * y)) * (0 * y)$$
 (by B₁₃)
= [((x * y) * x) * (x * y)] * (0 * y) (by B₁₃)
= (0 * x) * (0 * y).

Theorem 3.8. Every BRK-algebra A satisfying x * (x * y) = x * y for all $x, y \in A$ is a trivial algebra.

Proof. Putting x = y in the equation x * (x * y) = x * y, we obtain $x * 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$. Hence, A is a trivial algebra.

Theorem 3.9. Every BRK-algebra A satisfying (x * y) * (x * z) = z * y for all $x, y, z \in A$ is a BCI-algebra.

Proof. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra and (x * y) * (x * z) = z * y for all $x, y, z \in A$. Then

- (1) (x * y) * (x * z) * (z * y) = (z * y) * (z * y) = 0,
- (2) (x * (x * y)) * y = ((x * 0) * (x * y)) * y = (y * 0) * y = y * y = 0,
- (3) x * x = 0,
- (4) Let x * y = 0 = y * x. Then x = x * 0 = x * (x * y) = (x * 0) * (x * y) = y * 0 = y,

$$(5) x * 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$$

Theorem 3.10. Every 0-commutative B-algebra is a BRK-algebra.

Proof. Let *A* be a 0-commutative B-algebra. Then x*(x*y)=y for all $x,y\in A$. Hence, (x*y)*x=x*(x*(0*y))=0*y.

The following theorem can be proved easily.

Theorem 3.11. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. Then, for any $x, y \in A$, the following conditions hold.

- (1) If (x * y) * (0 * (0 * y)) = (x * y) * y, then 0 * (0 * (0 * y)) = 0 * y.
- (2) If (x * y) * (0 * y) = (x * y) * y, then 0 * (0 * y) = 0 * y.
- (3) If x * (y * x) = x * (0 * (x * y)), then 0 * (y * x) = 0 * (0 * (x * y)).

4. G-Part of BRK-Algebras

In this section, we define *G*-part, *p*-radical and medial of a BRK-algebra. We give a necessary and sufficient condition for a BRK-algebra to become a medial BRK-algebra and investigate the properties of *G*-part in BRK-algebras.

Definition 4.1. A nonempty subset I of a BRK-algebra A is called a subalgebra of A if $x * y \in I$ whenever $x, y \in I$.

Definition 4.2. A nonempty subset I of a BRK-algebra A is called an ideal of A if for any $x, y \in A$:

- (i) $0 \in I$,
- (ii) $x * y \in I$ and $y \in I$ imply $x \in I$.

Obviously, $\{0\}$ and A are ideals of A. We call $\{0\}$ and A the zero ideal and the trivial ideal of A, respectively. An ideal I is said to be proper if $I \neq A$.

Definition 4.3. An ideal I of a BRK-algebra A is called a closed ideal of A if $0 * x \in I$ for all $x \in I$.

Example 4.4. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ in which * is defined by

Then (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra and the set $I = \{0, 2\}$ is a subalgebra, an ideal, and a closed ideal of A.

Definition 4.5. Let *A* be a BRK-algebra. For any subset *S* of *A*, we define

$$G(S) = \{ x \in S \mid 0 * x = x \}. \tag{4.2}$$

In particular, if S = A, then we say that G(A) is the G-part of a BRK-algebra.

For any BRK-algebra *A*, the set:

$$B(A) = \{ x \in A \mid 0 * x = 0 \} \tag{4.3}$$

is called a *p*-radical of A. Clearly, B(A) is a subalgebra and an ideal of A.

A BRK-algebra *A* is said to be *p*-semisimple if $B(A) = \{0\}$.

The following property is obvious:

$$G(A) \cap B(A) = \{0\}. \tag{4.4}$$

Lemma 4.6. If (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra and a * b = a * c for $a, b, c \in A$, then 0 * b = 0 * c.

Proof. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra and $a, b, c \in A$. Then by (B_{13}) , $a*b = a*c \Rightarrow (a*b)*a = (a*c)*a \Rightarrow 0*b = 0*c$.

Theorem 4.7. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. Then a left cancellation law holds in G(A).

Proof. Let $a,b,c \in G(A)$ with a*b=a*c. Then, by Lemma 4.6, 0*b=0*c. Since $b,c \in G(A)$, we obtain b=c.

Proposition 4.8. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. If $x \in G(A)$, then $0 * x \in G(A)$.

Proof. Let $x \in G(A)$. Then 0 * x = x and hence 0 * (0 * x) = 0 * x. Therefore, $0 * x \in G(A)$. \square

Converse of the above proposition needs not be true. From Example 4.4, we can see that $0 * 1 = 2 \in \{0, 2\} = G(A)$ but $1 \notin G(A)$.

Theorem 4.9. *If* $x, y \in G(A)$, then $x * y \in G(A)$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in G(A)$. Then 0 * x = x and 0 * y = y. Hence, 0 * (x * y) = (0 * x) * (0 * y) = x * y. Therefore, $x * y \in G(A)$. □

Proposition 4.10. *If* (A, *, 0) *is a BRK-algebra and* $x, y \in A$ *, then*

$$y \in B(A) \iff (x * y) * x = 0.$$
 (4.5)

Proof. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra and $x, y \in A$. Then, by $(B_{13}), y \in B(A) \Leftrightarrow 0 * y = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x * y) * x = 0$.

Theorem 4.11. *If* S *is a subalgebra of a BRK-algebra* (A, *, 0)*, then* $G(A) \cap S = G(S)$ *.*

Proof. Clearly, $G(A) \cap S \subseteq G(S)$. If $x \in G(S)$, then 0 * x = x and $x \in S \subseteq A$. Hence, $x \in G(A)$. Therefore, $x \in G(A) \cap S$. Thus, $G(A) \cap S = G(S)$. □

Theorem 4.12. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. If G(A) = A, then A is p-semisimple.

Proof. Assume that G(A) = A. Then $\{0\} = G(A) \cap B(A) = A \cap B(A) = B(A)$. Hence, A is p-semisimple.

Theorem 4.13. Every closed ideal of a BRK-algebra is a subalgebra.

Proof. Let *I* be a closed ideal of a BRK-algebra (A, *, 0) and $x, y \in I$. Then $0 * y \in I$. By (B_{13}) , $(x * y) * x = 0 * y \in I$. Since *I* is an ideal and $x \in I$, we have $x * y \in I$. So *I* is a subalgebra of *A*.

Note that the converse of the above theorem is not true. In Example 3.4, the set $\{0,1,2\}$ is a subalgebra but not a closed ideal.

Theorem 4.14. Let I be a subset of a BRK-algebra A. Then I is a closed ideal of A if and only if it satisfies (i) $0 \in I$ (ii) $x * z \in I$, $y * z \in I$ and $z \in I$ imply $x * y \in I$, for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Proof. Let *I* be a closed ideal of *A*. Clearly, $0 \in I$. Assume that x * z, y * z, $z \in I$. Since *I* is an ideal, we have $x, y \in I$ which implies that $x * y \in I$ because *I* is a closed ideal and hence a subalgebra of *A*. Conversely, assume that *I* satisfies (i) and (ii). Let $x * y, y \in I$. Since 0 * 0, y * 0, $0 \in I$, by (ii) we have $0 * y \in I$. From (ii), again it follows that $x = x * 0 \in I$ so that *I* is an ideal of *A*. Now suppose that $x \in I$. Since 0 * 0, x * 0, $0 \in I$, we obtain $0 * x \in I$ by (ii). This completes the proof. □

Definition 4.15. A BRK-algebra (A, *, 0) is said to be positive implicative if

$$((x*y)*y)*(0*y) = x*y$$
 (4.6)

for all $x, y \in A$.

The BRK-algebra in Example 3.3 is positive implicative.

Definition 4.16. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. For a fixed $a \in A$. The map $R_a : A \to A$ given by $R_a(y) = y * a$ for all $y \in A$ is called right translation of A. Similarly the map $L_a : A \to A$ given by $L_a(y) = a * y$ for all $y \in A$ is called a left translation of A.

Definition 4.17. Let (A, *, 0) be a BRK-algebra. For a fixed $a \in A$. The map $T_a : A \to A$ given by $T_a(y) = (y * a) * (0 * a)$ for all $y \in A$ is called a weak right translation of A. Similarly, the map $M_a : A \to A$ given by $M_a(y) = (a * y) * (0 * y)$ for all $y \in A$ is called a weak left translation of A.

Theorem 4.18. A BRK-algebra (A, *, 0) is positive implicative if and only if $R_z = T_z \circ R_z$ for all $z \in A$.

Proof. Let *A* be a BRK-algebra and $R_z = T_z \circ R_z$ for $z \in A$. Then

$$y * z = R_z(y) = (T_z \circ R_z)(y) = T_z(R_z(y))$$

= $T_z(y * z) = ((y * z) * z) * (0 * z), \forall y, z \in A.$ (4.7)

Hence, A is positive implicative BRK-algebra. Conversely, assume that A is positive implicative BRK-algebra. Let $x, y \in A$. Then

$$R_{x}(y) = y * x = ((y * x) * x) * (0 * x) = (R_{x}(y) * x) * (0 * x)$$

= $T_{x}(R_{x}(y)) = (T_{x} \circ R_{x})(y).$ (4.8)

Hence,
$$R_x = T_x \circ R_x$$
.

Definition 4.19. A BRK-algebra (A, *, 0) satisfying

$$(x * y) * (z * u) = (x * z) * (y * u)$$
(4.9)

for any x, y, z and $u \in A$, is called a medial BRK-algebra.

Example 4.20. Let $A := \mathbb{R} - \{-n\}$, $0 \neq n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ where \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers and \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of all positive integers. If we define a binary operation * on A by

$$x * y = \frac{n(x - y)}{n + y},\tag{4.10}$$

then (A, *, 0) is a medial BRK-algebra.

Theorem 4.21. *If* A *is a medial BRK-algebra, then, for any* $x, y, z \in A$ *, the following hold:*

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

(ii)
$$(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$$
.

Proof. Let A be a medial BRK-algebra and $x, y, z \in A$. Then

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

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

By the above theorem, the following corollary follows.

Corollary 4.22. *Every medial BRK-algebra is a Q-algebra.*

Theorem 4.23. Let A be a medial BRK-algebra. Then the right cancellation law holds in G(A).

Proof. Let $a,b,x \in G(A)$ with a*x = b*x. Then, for any $y \in G(A)$, x*y = (0*x)*y = (0*y)*x = y*x. Therefore,

$$a = 0 * a = (x * a) * x = (a * x) * x = (b * x) * x = (x * b) * x = 0 * b = b.$$
 (4.11)

Now, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a BRK-algebra to become a medial BRK-algebra.

Theorem 4.24. A BRK-algebra A is medial if and only if it satisfies:

(i)
$$x * y = 0 * (y * x)$$
 for all $x, y \in A$,

(ii)
$$(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y \text{ for all } x, y, z \in A.$$

Proof. Suppose (A, *, 0) is medial and $x, y, z \in A$. Then

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

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

Conversely, assume that the conditions hold. Then

$$(x*y)*(z*u) = 0*((z*u)*(x*y)) \quad (by (i))$$

$$= 0*((z*(x*y))*u) \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= (0*(z*(x*y)))*(0*u) \quad (by Proposition 3.7)$$

$$= ((x*y)*z)*(0*u) \quad (by (i))$$

$$= ((x*z)*y)*(0*u) \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= ((x*z)*(0*u))*y \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= (0*((0*u)*(x*z)))*y \quad (by (i))$$

$$= (0*((z*x)*u))*y \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= (u*(z*x))*y \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= (u*y)*(z*x) \quad (by (ii))$$

$$= 0*((z*x)*(u*y)) \quad (by (i))$$

$$= (x*z)*(y*u) \quad (by Proposition 3.7 and (i))$$

Therefore, *A* is medial.

Corollary 4.25. A BRK-algebra A is medial if and only if it is a medial QS-algebra.

The following theorem can be proved easily.

Theorem 4.26. An algebra (A, *, 0) of type (2, 0) is a medial BRK-algebra if and only if it satisfies:

(i)
$$x * (y * z) = z * (y * x)$$
,

(ii) x * 0 = x,

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

Corollary 4.27. If A is a medial BRK-algebra, then x * (x * y) = y for all $x, y \in A$.

Corollary 4.28. The class of all of medial BRK-algebras forms a variety, written v(MR).

Proposition 4.29. A variety v is congruence-permutable if and only if there is a term p(x, y, z) such that

$$v \models p(x, x, y) \approx y, \qquad v \models p(x, y, y) \approx x.$$
 (4.13)

Corollary 4.30. The variety v(MR) is congruence permutable.

Proof. Let p(x, y, z) = x * (y * z). Then by Corollary 4.25 and (B₈), we have p(x, x, y) = y and p(x, y, y) = x, and so the variety v(MR) is congruence permutable.

The following example shows that a BRK-algebra may not satisfy the associative law.

Example 4.31. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ be a set with the following table:

Then (A, *, 0) is a BRK-algebra, but associativity does not hold since $(1 * 2) * 1 = 0 * 1 = 2 \neq 1 = 1 * 0 = 1 * (2 * 1)$.

Theorem 4.32. If A is an associative BRK-algebra, then, for any $x \in B(A)$, x = 0.

Proof. Let
$$x \in B(A)$$
. Then $0 = 0 * x = (x * x) * x = x * (x * x) = x * 0 = x$.

Theorem 4.33. If A is an associative BRK-algebra, then G(A) = A.

Proof. Let
$$A$$
 be an associative BRK-algebra. Clearly, $G(A) \subseteq A$. Let $x \in A$. Then $0 * x = (x * x) * x = x * (x * x) = x * 0 = x$. Hence, $x \in G(A)$. Therefore, $G(A) = A$.

Now, we prove that every associative BRK-algebra is a group.

Theorem 4.34. Every BRK-algebra (A, *, 0) satisfying the associative law is a group under the operation "*".

Proof. Putting x = y = z in the associative law (x * y) * z = x * (y * z) and using (B₃) and (B₈), we obtain 0 * x = x * 0 = x. This means that 0 is the zero element of A. By (B₃), every element x of A has as its inverse the element x itself. Therefore, (A, *) is a group.

5. Conclusion and Future Research

In this paper, we have introduced the concept of BRK-algebra and studied their properties. In addition, we have defined *G*-part, *p*-radical, and medial of BRK-algebra and proved that the variety of medial algebras is congruence permutable. Finally, we proved that every associative BRK-algebra is a group.

In our future work, we introduce the concept of fuzzy BRK-algebra, interval-valued fuzzy BRK-algebra, intuitionistic fuzzy structure of BRK-algebra, intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of BRK-algebra, and intuitionistic (T,S)-normed fuzzy subalgebras of BRK-algebras, intuitionistic *L*-fuzzy ideals of BRK-algebra.

I hope this work would serve as a foundation for further studies on the structure of BRK-algebras.

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