



## Dual normal $BCK$ -algebras

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### Abstract

In this paper, by considering the notions of dual right and dual left stabilizers in bounded  $BCK$ -algebras, we obtain some related results. After that we investigate the relationship between the dual left(right) stabilizers and dual ideals in bounded  $BCK$ -algebras. Then we define a class of special bounded  $BCK$ -algebras called dual normal  $BCK$ -algebras. Finally we prove that the dual semisimple bounded  $BCK$ -algebras and dual  $J$ -semisimple bounded  $BCK$ -algebras are all dual normals.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of  $BCK$ -algebras was initiated by Y. Imai and K-Iseki [3] in 1966 as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculus. Since then a great deal of literature has been produced on the theory of  $BCK$ -algebras, in particular, emphasis seems to have been put on the ideal theory of  $BCK$ -algebras. Dual ideals are important in bounded  $BCK$ -algebras. In 1986, the notion of dual ideals in bounded  $BCK$ -algebras was introduced by J. Meng [8] and gave certain properties of it. In 1997, Y. Huang and Z. Chen [2] introduced the notions of right and left stabilizers

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and normal *BCK*-algebras. Now, in this paper we define the dual left and dual right stabilizers and dual normal *BCK*-algebras, as mentioned in the abstract.

## 2 Preliminaries

We give herein the basic notions on *BCK*-algebras. For further information, we refer to the book [11]. By a *BCK*-algebra we mean an algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type  $(2,0)$  satisfying the following axioms: for every  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

- (i)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ , (ii)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (iv)  $x * y = y * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ ,
- (v)  $0 * x = 0$ .

We can define a partial ordering  $\leq$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ . In a *BCK*-algebra  $X$ , the following hold: for all  $x, y, z \in X$

- (a)  $x * 0 = x$
- (b)  $x * y \leq x$ ,
- (c)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$ ,
- (d)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x * z \leq y * z$  and  $z * y \leq z * x$ , (e)  $x * (x * (x * y)) = x * y$ .

A *BCK*-algebra  $X$  is said to be *commutative* if  $x * (x * y) = y * (y * x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . A *subalgebra* of  $X$  is a nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $x * y \in A$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies (i)  $0 \in A$

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

If there is an element  $1$  of  $X$  satisfying  $x \leq 1$ , for all  $x \in X$ , then the element  $1$  is called *unit* of  $X$ . A *BCK*-algebra with unit is called *bounded*. In a bounded *BCK*-algebra with unit  $1$ , we denote  $1 * x$  by  $Nx$  and  $NA = \{Nx \in X \mid x \in A\}$ , for all  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X$ . A bounded *BCK*-algebra  $X$  is called *involutory* if  $NNx = x$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

A nonempty subset  $D$  of a bounded  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *dual ideal* if

- (i)  $1 \in D$
- (ii)  $N(Nx * Ny) \in D$  and  $y \in D$  imply that  $x \in D$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ .

For brevity, we need the following notation in a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$ : for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (natural numbers),

$$x *^0 y = x, \quad x *^1 y = x * y, \quad \dots, \quad x *^{n+1} y = (x *^n y) * y$$

### 3 Dual stabilizers in bounded $BCK$ -algebras

In the sequel let  $X$  be a bounded  $BCK$ -algebra with unit  $1$ , unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 3.1** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then the sets*

$$DA_l = \{x \in X \mid Na * Nx = Na, \forall a \in A\}$$

and

$$DA_r = \{x \in X \mid Nx * Na = Nx, \forall a \in A\}$$

are called the *dual left and dual right stabilizers of  $A$* , respectively and the set  $DA = DA_l \cap DA_r$  is called the *dual stabilizer of  $A$* .

For convenience the *dual stabilizer, dual left and dual right stabilizers of a single element set  $A = \{a\}$*  are denoted by  $DS_a, DL_a$  and  $DR_a$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $X$  be an involutory  $BCK$ -algebra and  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then:*

- (i)  $N(DA_l) = (NA)_l^*$ ,  $N(DA_r) = (NA)_r^*$  and  $N(DA) = (NA)^*$ ,
- (ii)  $N(A_l^*) = D(NA)_l$ ,  $N(A_r^*) = D(NA)_r$  and  $N(A^*) = D(NA)$ .

**Proof** (i) By Definition 2.4, we have

$$(NA)_l^* = \{x \in X \mid h * x = h, \forall h \in NA\}$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid Na * x = Na, \forall a \in A\}$$

Now let  $z \in N(DA_l)$ . Then  $z = Nt$ , for some  $t \in DA_l$  and so  $Na * Nt = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Thus  $Na * z = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ , i.e.  $z \in (NA)_l^*$ . Therefore  $N(DA_l) \subseteq (NA)_l^*$ . Now let  $z \in (NA)_l^*$ . Then  $Na * z = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$  and so by hypothesis  $Na * NNz = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Hence  $Nz \in DA_l$ . Since  $X$  is involutory, then  $z \in N(DA_l)$ , i.e.  $(NA)_l^* \subseteq N(DA_l)$ . Therefore  $N(DA_l) = (NA)_l^*$ . By similar above argument, we obtain  $N(DA_r) = (NA)_r^*$ . By hypothesis we have  $N(DA) = N(DA_l \cap DA_r) = N(DA_l) \cap N(DA_r) = (NA)_l^* \cap (NA)_r^* = (NA)^*$ .

(ii) The proof is similar to (i).

The following example shows that the condition "  $X$  is an involutory  $BCK$ -algebra" in the above theorem is necessary.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, 1\}$  and let  $*$  operation be given by the following table

*	0	a	b	c	d	e	f	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	0	a	0	0	0
b	b	a	0	0	b	a	0	0
c	c	a	a	0	c	a	a	0
d	d	d	d	d	0	0	0	0
e	e	d	d	d	a	0	0	0
f	f	e	d	d	b	a	0	0
1	1	e	e	d	c	a	a	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded  $BCK$ -algebra with unit 1 and it is not involutory, because  $1 * (1 * b) = 1 * e = a \neq b$ .

Consider  $A = \{c\}$ . Then  $NA = \{d\}$ . Since  $b * d = b$  and  $d * b = d$ , so  $b \in (NA)_r^* \cap (NA)_l^* = (NA)^*$ . Also we have  $b \notin NX = \{1, e, d, c, a\}$ , thus  $b \notin N(DA_r)$  and  $b \notin N(DA_l)$ . Therefore  $N(DA_l) \neq (NA)_l^*$ ,  $N(DA_r) \neq (NA)_r^*$  and  $N(DA) \neq (NA)^*$ .

If consider  $B = \{d\}$ . Then  $NB = \{c\}$ . Since  $(1 * f) * (1 * c) = a * d = a = 1 * f$  and  $(1 * c) * (1 * f) = d * a = d = 1 * c$ , then  $f \in D(NB)_r \cap D(NB)_l = D(NB)$ . So  $f \notin NX$  implies that  $f \notin N(B_r^*)$  and  $f \notin N(B_l^*)$ . Therefore  $N(B_l^*) \neq D(NB)_l$ ,  $N(B_r^*) \neq D(NB)_r$  and  $N(B^*) \neq D(NB)$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then  $DA_l$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof** Let  $N(Nx * Ny) \in DA_l$  and  $y \in DA_l$ . Then for all  $a \in A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Na &= Na * NN(Nx * Ny) = (Na * Ny) * NN(Nx * Ny) \\
 &= (Na * NN(Nx * Ny)) * Ny \\
 &= (NNN(Nx * Ny) * a) * Ny \\
 &= (N(Nx * Ny) * a) * Ny \\
 &= (Na * (Nx * Ny)) * Ny \\
 &= (Na * Ny) * (Nx * Ny) \\
 &\leq Na * Nx
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Na \leq Na * Nx$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Also we have  $Na * Nx \leq Na$ , so  $Na * Nx = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ , i.e.  $x \in DA_l$ . Therefore  $DA_l$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ .

The following example shows that  $DA_r$  is not a dual ideal in general.

**Example 3.5** *Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and let  $*$  operation be given by the following*

table

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	2	2	0	0	0
3	3	3	3	0	0
4	4	3	4	1	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded BCK-algebra with unit 4. Consider  $A = \{3\}$ , it is easy to check that  $DA_r = \{1, 4\}$ . Now we see that  $4 * ((4 * 3) * (4 * 1)) = 4 \in DA_r$  and  $1 \in DA_r$  but  $3 \notin DA_r$ . Hence  $DA_r$  is not a dual ideal of  $X$ .

The following example shows that  $DA_r$  and  $DA_l$  are not subalgebras of a bounded BCK-algebra  $X$  in general.

**Example 3.6** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $*$  operation be given by the

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
2	2	2	0	0
3	3	2	1	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded BCK-algebra with unit 3. Put  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , then  $DA_r = \{3\} = DA_l$ , it is clear that  $DA_r$  and  $DA_l$  are not subalgebras of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $X$  be a commutative bounded BCK-algebra and  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then

- (i)  $DA_r = DA_l = DA$ ,
- (ii)  $DA_r$  and  $DA_l$  are dual ideals of  $X$ .

**Proof** The proof of (i) follows from the definition of commutative and the proof of (ii) follows from Theorem 3.4 and (i).

**Lemma 3.8** *Let  $x \in X$ . Then  $NNx = 1$  if and only if  $x = 1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $NNx = 1$ . Put  $1 * x = a$ , so by hypothesis we get that  $1 * a = 1$ . Hence  $0 = a * a = (1 * x) * a = (1 * a) * x = 1 * x = a$ . Then  $1 * x = 0$  and so  $x = 1$ . The proof of the converse is easy.

**Theorem 3.9** *If  $0 \in A \subseteq X$ , then  $DA_l = DA_r = DA = \{1\}$ .*

**Proof** It is clear that  $1 \in DA_l \cap DA_r$ . Now let  $x \in DA_r$ , then  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , for all  $a \in A$ , and so  $0 = Nx * 1 = Nx * N0 = Nx$ . Thus  $x = 1$ . Therefore  $DA_r = \{1\}$ . Let  $x \in DA_l$ . Then  $Na * Nx = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Hence  $N0 * Nx = N0$ , i.e.  $NNx = 1$  and so by Lemma 3.8,  $x = 1$ . Thus  $DA_l = \{1\}$ . Therefore  $DA = \{1\}$ .

**Theorem 3.10** *If  $A = \{1\}$ , then  $DA_l = DA_r = DA = X$ .*

**Proof** Let  $z \in X$ . Then  $Nz = Nz * 0 = Nz * N1$  and  $N1 = 0 = 0 * Nz = N1 * Nz$ . So  $z \in DA_l \cap DA_r = DA$ . Therefore  $DA_l = DA_r = DA = X$ .

**Theorem 3.11** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If  $DA_l = X$  or  $DA_r = X$  or  $DA = X$ , then  $A = \{1\}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $DA_r = X$  and  $a \in A \subseteq X$ . Then  $a \in DA_r$  implies that  $0 = Na * Na = Na$  and so  $a = 1$ . Therefore  $A = \{1\}$ . Similarly,  $DA_l = X$  or  $DA = X$  implies that  $A = \{1\}$ .

**Theorem 3.12** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then  $0 \in DA_l \cup DA_r \cup DA$  if and only if  $A = \{1\}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $0 \in DA_l \cup DA_r \cup DA$ . Then  $NNa = 1$ , for all  $a \in A$ , and so by Lemma 3.8  $A = \{1\}$ . Conversely, let  $A = \{1\}$ . Then by Theorem 3.10, it is clear that  $0 \in DA_l \cup DA_r \cup DA$ .

**Theorem 3.13** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then  $DA_l(DA_r, DA)$  is a subalgebra of  $X$  if and only if  $A = \{1\}$ .*

**Proof** The proof follows from Theorems 3.10 and 3.12.

**Theorem 3.14** *If  $Nx = 1$ , for all  $x \in X - \{1\}$ , then  $DA_r = DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ , for any nonempty subset  $A \neq \{1\}$  of  $X$ .*

**Proof** Straightforward.

**Theorem 3.15** *Let  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X$ . If there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $Na = 1$ , then  $DA_r = DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $x \in DA_r$ . Then  $Nx * Nt = Nx$ , for all  $t \in A$ . Put  $t = a$ , then  $Nx = Nx * 1 = 0$ , and so  $x = 1$ . Thus  $DA_r = \{1\}$ . Similarly we can get that  $DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ .

**Theorem 3.16** *Let  $a \in X - \{0, 1\}$  and  $Nx = 1$ , for all  $x \in X - \{a, 1\}$ . Then  $DA_r = DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ , for any nonempty subset  $A \neq \{1\}$  of  $X$ .*

**Proof** First we show that  $1 * a = a$ . Let  $1 * a = c$  and  $c \neq a$ . Since  $1 * a \neq 1$ , then  $c \neq 1$  and also  $a \neq 1$  implies that  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $0 = c * c = (1 * a) * c = (1 * c) * a = 1 * a$ , so  $a = 1$ , which is not true. Thus  $1 * a = a$ . Now we consider two cases:

Case i:  $a \notin A$ . If  $x \in DA_r$ , then  $(1 * x) * (1 * b) = 1 * x$ , for all  $b \in A$ . Thus we get that  $1 * x = 0$ , hence  $x = 1$ . Therefore  $DA_r = \{1\}$ . Also  $x \in DA_l$  implies that  $(1 * b) * (1 * x) = 1 * b$ , for all  $b \in A$ , thus we get that  $NNx = 1$ . Then  $x = 1$ , by Lemma 3.8, and so  $DA_l = \{1\}$ .

Case ii:  $a \in A$ . If  $A \not\subseteq \{a, 1\}$ , then similar to above argument we get that  $DA_r = DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ . If  $A = \{a\}$  or  $A = \{a, 1\}$ . Then  $x \in DA_r$  implies that  $(1 * x) * (1 * a) = 1 * x$ . Since  $a \neq 0$ , so  $x \neq a$ . If  $x \neq 1$ , then we get that  $1 * a = 1$ , hence  $a = 1$ , which is not true. Then  $x = 1$  and so  $DA_r = \{1\}$ . Similarly we can get that  $DA_l = DA = \{1\}$ .



**Theorem 3.17** For all  $x, y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in X$ ,

$$NN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n = \dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n$$

also  $NN(Nx *^n y) = Nx *^n y$ .

**Proof** It is clear that  $NN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n \leq \dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n) * NN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n \\ &= \dots(((Nx * NN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n)) * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n \\ &= \dots(((NNN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n) * x) * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n \\ &= \dots(((N(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n)) * x) * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n \\ &= ((\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n) * ((\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $NN(\dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n = \dots((Nx * y_1) * y_2) * \dots) * y_n$ .

Put  $y_1 = y_2 = \dots = y_n = y$ , we get that  $NN(Nx *^n y) = Nx *^n y$ .

**Theorem 3.18** Let  $D$  be a dual ideal of  $X$ . Then  $NNx \in D$  if and only if  $x \in D$ .

**Proof** Let  $x \in D$ . Since  $N(NNNx * Nx) = N(Nx * Nx) = 1 \in D$  and  $x \in D$ , then  $NNx \in D$ . Conversely, let  $NNx \in D$ , since  $NNx \leq x$  and so  $x \in D$ .

**Theorem 3.19** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then

- (i)  $[A] \cap DA_r = \{1\}$ ,
- (ii)  $DA_r = D[A]_r$ ,
- (iii) if  $DA_r$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ , then  $DA = DA_r$ .

**Proof** (i) Let  $x \in [A] \cap DA_r$ . Then by  $x \in [A]$ , there exists  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that  $\dots((Nx * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n = 0$ , moreover by  $x \in DA_r$ ,  $Nx = Nx * Na_n = (Nx * Na_{n-1}) * Na_n = \dots = \dots((Nx * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n = 0$ , so  $Nx = 0$ , i.e.  $x = 1$ . Therefore  $[A] \cap DA_r = \{1\}$ .

(ii) Let  $x \in D[A]_r$ . Since  $A \subseteq [A]$ , then  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Hence  $x \in DA_r$ .

On the other hand, suppose that  $x \in DA_r$ . So  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , for all  $a \in A$ . For any  $a \in [A]$ , there exists  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ , such that  $(\dots((Na * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n = 0$ . By hypothesis we have  $(\dots((Nx * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n = Nx$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} Nx * (Nx * Na) &= ((\dots((Nx * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n) * (Nx * Na) \\ &= (\dots(((Nx * (Nx * Na)) * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n \\ &\leq (\dots((Na * Na_1) * Na_2) * \dots) * Na_n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Namely,  $Nx \leq Nx * Na$ , and so  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , for all  $a \in [A]$ . Hence  $x \in D[A]_r$ .

(iii) It is clear that  $DA \subseteq DA_r$ . Now let  $x \in DA_r$ . So by Lemma 3.18  $NNx \in DA_r$  and  $NNa \in [A]$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Since  $Na * (Na * Nx) \leq Nx$  and  $Na * (Na * Nx) \leq Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ , then  $NNx \leq N(Na * (Na * Nx))$  and  $NNa \leq N(Na * (Na * Nx))$ . Thus by hypothesis we get that  $N(Na * (Na * Nx)) \in [A] \cap DA_r = \{1\}$ , by (i). Then  $N(Na * (Na * Nx)) = 1$  and so by Theorem 3.17,  $Na * (Na * Nx) = NN(Na * (Na * Nx)) = N1 = 0$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Hence  $Na * Nx = Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Thus  $x \in DA_l$ , i.e.  $x \in DA_r \cap DA_l = DA$ . Therefore  $DA = DA_r$ .

**Theorem 3.20** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Then*

- (i)  $A \cap DA_l = \emptyset$  or  $\{1\}$ ,  $A \cap DA_r = \emptyset$  or  $\{1\}$  and  $A \cap DA = \emptyset$  or  $\{1\}$ ,
- (ii) if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $DB_l \subseteq DA_l$ ,  $DB_r \subseteq DA_r$  and  $DB \subseteq DA$ ,
- (iii)  $A \subseteq D(DA_r)_l \cap D(DA_l)_r$  and  $A \subseteq D(DA)$ ,
- (iv)  $DA_l = D(D(DA_l)_r)_l$ ,  $DA_r = D(D(DA_r)_l)_r$  and  $DA = D(D(DA))$ ,
- (v)  $D(A \cup B)_l = DA_l \cap DA_l$ ,  $D(A \cup B)_r = DA_r \cap DA_r$  and  $D(A \cup B) = DA \cap DB$ ,
- (vi)  $DA_l = \bigcap_{a \in A} DL_a$ ,  $DA_r = \bigcap_{a \in A} DR_a$  and  $DA = \bigcap_{a \in A} DS_a$ .

**Proof** (i) Let  $A \cap DA_l \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists  $x \in A \cap DA_l$  and so  $Nx * Nx = Nx$ , i.e.  $Nx = 0$ . Therefore  $x = 1$ . The proof of the other parts is similar.

(ii) Let  $x \in DB_l$ . Then  $Nb * Nx = Nb, \forall b \in B$ . Since  $A \subseteq B, Nb * Nx = Nb, \forall b \in A$ . So  $x \in DA_l$ . Similarly  $DB_r \subseteq DA_r$  and  $DB \subseteq DA$ .

(iii) Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $Nx * Na = Nx, \forall x \in DA_r$  and  $Na * Ny = Na, \forall y \in DA_l$ . So  $a \in D(DA_r)_l \cap D(DA_l)_r$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq D(DA_r)_l \cap D(DA_l)_r$ . Since  $DA \subseteq DA_r$  and  $DA \subseteq DA_l$ , then by (ii)  $D(DA_r)_l \subseteq D(DA)_l$  and  $D(DA_l)_r \subseteq D(DA)_r$ . Hence  $A \subseteq D(DA_r)_l \cap D(DA_l)_r \subseteq D(DA)_l \cap D(DA)_r = D(DA)$ .

(iv) By (iii) we get that  $DA_l \subseteq D(D(DA_l)_r)_l$  and  $DA_r \subseteq D(D(DA_r)_l)_r$ . Also by (ii) and (iii) we have  $D(D(DA_r)_l)_r \subseteq DA_r$  and  $D(D(DA_l)_r)_l \subseteq DA_l$ . Therefore  $DA_l = D(D(DA_l)_r)_l$  and  $DA_r = D(D(DA_r)_l)_r$ , similar to argument in (iii) we can get that  $DA = D(D(DA))$ .

(v) Since  $A, B \subseteq (A \cup B)$ , then  $D(A \cup B)_l \subseteq DA_l \cap DB_l$ . Now let  $x \in DA_l \cap DB_l$ , then  $Na * Nx = Na, \forall a \in A$  and  $Nb * Nx = Nb, \forall b \in B$ . Thus  $Na * Nx = Na, \forall a \in (A \cup B)$  i.e.  $x \in D(A \cup B)_l$ . Therefore  $D(A \cup B)_l = DA_l \cap DB_l$ . Similarly  $D(A \cup B)_r = DA_r \cap DB_r$ , also  $D(A \cup B) = D(A \cup B)_r \cap D(A \cup B)_l = (DA_r \cap DB_r) \cap (DA_l \cap DB_l) = DA \cap DB$ .

(vi) The proof is similar to the proof of part (v).

The following example shows that  $A$  is a dual ideal, but  $DA_r$  is not a dual ideal.

**Example 3.21** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in which  $*$  is defined by the table

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0
2	2	1	0	0	0
3	3	3	3	0	0
4	4	3	3	1	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded BCK-algebra with unit 4. Also  $A = \{3, 4\}$  is a dual ideal,

but  $DA_r = \{1, 2, 4\}$  is not a dual ideal, because  $4 * ((4 * 3) * (4 * 2)) = 4 \in DA_r$  and  $2 \in DA_r$  but  $3 \notin DA_r$ .

**Theorem 3.22** *If  $A$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ , then  $DA$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof** Let  $N(Nx * Ny) \in DA$  and  $y \in DA$ . Then by Theorem 3.4 we get that  $x \in DA_l$ . Since  $A$  is a dual ideal, then  $NNa \in A$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Also  $x \in DA_l$  implies that  $NNx \in DA_l$ . We have  $NNx \leq N(Nx * (Nx * Na))$  and  $NNa \leq N(Nx * (Nx * Na))$ . Then by hypothesis we get that  $N(Nx * (Nx * Na)) \in A \cap DA_l = \{1\}$ , by Theorem 3.20(i) and so  $N(Nx * (Nx * Na)) = 1$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.17,  $Nx = Nx * Na$ , i.e.  $x \in DA_r$ . Therefore  $x \in DA$ .

**Theorem 3.23** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two dual ideals of  $X$ . Then  $A \cap B = \{1\}$  if and only if  $A \subseteq DB$ .*

**Proof** Let  $A \cap B = \{1\}$  and  $a \in A$ . Since  $NNa \leq N(Na * (Na * Nb))$  and  $NNb \leq N(Na * (Na * Nb))$ , for all  $b \in B$ , also  $NNa \in A$  and  $NNb \in B$ , thus by hypothesis we get that  $N(Na * (Na * Nb)) \in A \cap B = \{1\}$ . Then  $N(Na * (Na * Nb)) = 1$  and so  $Na * (Na * Nb) = 0$ , by Theorem 3.17. Therefore  $Na = Na * Nb$ , for all  $b \in B$ . Similarly, we can get that  $Nb * Na = Nb$ , for all  $b \in B$ , then  $a \in DB$ .

Conversely, let  $A \subseteq DB$ . Consider  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $Nx * Nb = Nx$ , for all  $b \in B$  and so  $0 = Nx * Nx = Nx$ . Thus  $x = 1$ . Therefore  $A \cap B = \{1\}$ .

**Theorem 3.24** *Let  $A$  be a dual ideal of  $X$ . Then  $DA_l = DA \subseteq DA_r$ . In particular, if  $DA_r$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ ,  $DA = DA_l = DA_r$ .*

**Proof** We have  $DA \subseteq DA_l$ . Since  $DA_l$  and  $A$  are dual ideals and  $DA_l \cap A = \{1\}$  by Theorem 3.20(i), then  $DA_l \subseteq DA$ , by Theorem 3.23. Therefore  $DA_l = DA \subseteq DA_r$ . In particular, if  $DA_r$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ , then by Theorem 3.19(iii) we get that  $DA = DA_r$ . Therefore  $DA = DA_l = DA_r$ .

## 4 Dual normal BCK-algebras

**Definition 4.1** A bounded BCK-algebra  $X$  is called dual normal, if the dual right stabilizer  $DR_a$  of any element  $a \in X$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ .

The following theorem follows from Theorems 3.10, 3.14 and 3.16.

**Theorem 4.2** Under each of the following conditions,  $X$  is dual normal.

- (i)  $Nx = 1$ , for all  $x \in X - \{1\}$ ,
- (ii)  $a \in X - \{0, 1\}$  and  $Nx = 1$ , for all  $x \in X - \{a, 1\}$ .

According to Theorem 3.7 any commutative bounded BCK-algebra is a dual normal BCK-algebra, but the converse may not be true.

**Example 4.3** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in which  $*$  is defined by the table

$*$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0
2	2	1	0	0	0
3	3	3	3	0	0
4	4	4	4	4	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a bounded BCK-algebra with unit 4 and it is dual normal, by Theorem 4.2(i). But  $X$  is not commutative, because  $4 * (4 * 2) = 0 \neq 2 = 2 * (2 * 4)$ .

**Theorem 4.4** The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is dual normal,
- (ii)  $DR_a \subseteq DL_a, \forall a \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $DR_a = DL_a, \forall a \in X$ ,
- (v)  $Nx * Ny = Nx$  implies  $Ny * Nx = Ny, \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) Since  $X$  is dual normal, then for all  $a \in X$ ,  $DR_a$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ . So

$$DR_a = D[a]_r, \text{ by Theorem 3.19(ii)}$$

$$= D[a]_l, \text{ by Theorem 3.24}$$

$$\subseteq DL_a, \text{ by Theorem 3.20(ii)}$$

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) For any  $x \in DL_a$ , we have  $Na * Nx = Na$ , thus  $a \in DR_x$ . By (ii) we have  $DR_x \subseteq DL_x$ , hence  $a \in DL_x$ . So  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , i.e.  $x \in DR_a$ . Hence  $DL_a \subseteq DR_a$ . Therefore  $DR_a = DL_a$ .

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (v) Assume that  $x, y \in X$  and  $Nx * Ny = Nx$ . Then  $x \in DR_y = DL_y$  and so  $Ny * Nx = Ny$ .

(v)  $\rightarrow$  (i) By hypothesis we have

$$DR_a = \{x \in X \mid Nx * Na = Nx\} = \{x \in X \mid Na * Nx = Na\} = DL_a$$

Since  $DL_a$  is a dual ideal, then  $DR_a$  is too. Therefore  $X$  is dual normal.

**Definition 4.5** A bounded BCK -algebra  $X$  is called dual semisimple if every dual ideal  $A$  of  $X$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ , i.e. there exists a dual ideal  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap B = \{1\}$  and  $X = [A \cup B]$ .

Consider Example 3.6. It is easy to check that  $A_1 = \{1, 3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{3, 2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{3\}$  and  $A_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  are the only dual ideals of  $X$ . Also  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{3\}$  and  $[A_1 \cup A_2] = [\{1, 2, 3\}] = X$ . Thus  $X$  is dual semisimple.

**Theorem 4.6** Every dual semisimple bounded BCK-algebra is dual normal.

**Proof** Let  $a \in X$ . Then there exists a dual ideal  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $[a] \cap B = \{1\}$  and  $X = [[a] \cup B]$ . By  $[a] \cap B = \{1\}$  and Theorem 3.23 we get that  $B \subseteq D[a] \subseteq D[a]_r$ .

Since by Theorem 3.19(ii)  $D[a]_r = DR_a$ , then  $B \subseteq DR_a$ . Let  $x \in DR_a$ . Then by  $x \in X = [[a] \cup B]$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N(Nx *^n Na) \in B$ . Since  $x \in DR_a$ , then  $Nx *^n Na = Nx$ . Hence  $NNx \in B$  and so  $x \in B$  by Lemma 3.18. Thus  $B = DR_a$ . Therefore  $X$  is dual normal.

**Theorem 4.7** *Let  $[a]$  be a sub-summand of  $X$ , for any  $a \in X$ . Then  $DR_a$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ , for any  $a \in X$ .*

**Proof** Let  $a \in X$ . Then there exists dual ideal  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $X = [[a] \cup B]$  and  $[a] \cap B = \{1\}$ . By the proof of Theorem 4.6, we get that  $B = DR_a$ . Therefore  $DR_a$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.8** *Let  $X$  be a finite bounded BCK-algebra. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  is dual normal,
- (ii)  $[a]$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ , for any  $a \in X$
- (iii)  $DR_a$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ , for any  $a \in X$
- (iv) There exists a fixed natural number  $n$  such that  $Nx * (Ny *^n Nx) = Nx$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (v) There exists a fixed natural number  $n$  such that  $Nx * (Nx * Ny) \leq Ny * (Ny *^n Nx)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (vi)  $X$  is dual semisimple.

**Proof** (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $a \in X$ . Since for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\dots \leq Nx *^n Na \leq \dots \leq Nx *^2 Na \leq Nx * Na$  and  $X$  is finite, then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $Nx *^n Na = Nx *^{n+1} Na$ . This show that by Theorem 3.17,  $NN(Nx *^n Na) * Na = NN(Nx *^n Na)$  and so  $N(Nx *^n Na) \in DR_a$ . Since  $DR_a$  is a dual ideal, then by Theorem 2.3, we get that  $x \in [[a] \cup DR_a]$  i.e.  $X = [[a] \cup DR_a]$ . Also by Theorem 3.19(i),  $[a] \cap DR_a = \{1\}$ . Therefore  $[a]$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ .

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) It is proved in Theorem 4.7.

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $DR_x$  is a sub-summand of  $X$ , then there exists a dual ideal  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap DR_x = \{1\}$  and  $X = [DR_x \cup A]$ . By argument in the last part we get that there exists  $m = m(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N(Ny *^m Nx) \in DR_x$ . Consider  $T = \{n = n(u, v) \in \mathbb{N} \mid N(Nu *^n Nv) \in DR_v, u, v \in X\}$ . Since  $X$  is finite, then  $T$  is a finite set and so it has the greatest element, say  $n$ . Clearly  $N(Ny *^n Nx) \in DR_x$ . Now  $x \in X = [A \cup DR_x]$  implies that by Theorem 2.2 there exists  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in DR_x$  such that  $N(\dots((Nx * Nx_1) * Nx_2) * \dots) * Nx_n) \in A$ . On the other hand since  $[x] \cap DR_x = \{1\}$ , by Theorem 3.23  $[x] \subseteq D(DR_x)$ , and thus by  $x \in [x] \subseteq D(DR_x)$  we get that  $Nx * Nx_i = Nx$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence  $NNx \in A$ , so by Lemma 3.18,  $x \in A$ . Since  $A \cap DR_x = \{1\}$ , then by Theorem 3.23  $A \subseteq D(DR_x)$ , so  $x \in A$  and  $N(Ny *^n Nx) \in DR_x$  implies that  $Nx * NN(Ny *^n Nx) = Nx$ . Therefore by Theorem 3.17,  $Nx * (Ny *^n Nx) = Nx$ .

(iv)  $\rightarrow$  (v)  $Nx * (Nx * Ny) = (Nx * (Ny *^n Nx)) * (Nx * Ny) \leq Ny * (Ny *^n * Nx)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(v)  $\rightarrow$  (vi) Let  $A$  be a dual ideal of  $X$  and  $x \in DA_r$ . Then  $Nx * Na = Nx$ , for all  $a \in A$  and so  $Nx *^n Na = Nx$ . Hence by (v) we get that  $Na * (Na * Nx) \leq Nx * (Nx *^n Na) = Nx * Nx = 0$ , that is,  $Na = Na * Nx$  and so  $x \in DA_l$ . Therefore  $DA_r \subseteq DA_l$ . Since  $A$  is a dual ideal, then by Theorem 3.24,  $DA_l \subseteq DA_r$  and so  $DA_r = DA_l$ . Hence by Theorem 3.4  $DA_r$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is finite, we suppose that  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  and  $Nx *^{n_i} Na_i = Nx *^{n_i+1} Na_i$ , where  $x \in X$ ,  $a_i \in A$  and  $n_i = n_i(x, a_i) \in \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Put  $y = N(\dots((Nx *^{n_1} Na_1) *^{n_2} Na_2) *^{n_3} \dots) *^{n_k} Na_k)$  by hypothesis and Theorem 3.17  $Ny = (\dots((Nx *^{n_1} Na_1) *^{n_2} Na_2) *^{n_3} \dots) *^{n_k} Na_k)$  and so  $Ny = Ny * Na$ , for all  $a \in A$ , that is  $y \in DA_r$  also  $((\dots((Nx *^{n_1} Na_1) *^{n_2} Na_2) *^{n_3} \dots) *^{n_k} Na_k) * Ny = 0$ , hence  $x \in [A \cup DA_r]$  i.e  $X = [A \cup DA_r]$ . Also  $A \cap DA_r = \{1\}$ , by Theorem 3.20(i). Therefore  $X$  is dual semisimple.

(vi)  $\rightarrow$  (i) It is proved in Theorem 4.6.



**Open problem.** Is any infinite dual normal *BCK*-algebra a dual semisimple?

**Definition 4.9** *The dual  $J$ -radical, denoted by  $DJ(X)$ , of a bounded  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  means the intersection of all maximal dual ideals of  $X$ . By Zorn's Lemma the collection of maximal dual ideals of  $X$  is nonempty. If  $DJ(X) = \{1\}$ , then  $X$  is called dual  $J$ -semisimple.*

Consider bounded *BCK*-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  in Example 3.5. We can see that the only dual ideals of  $X$  are  $\{3, 4\}$ ,  $\{4\}$  and  $X$ , so  $DJ(X) = \{3, 4\}$ .

Bounded *BCK*-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  in Example 3.6 is a dual  $J$ -semisimple, because the only dual ideals on  $X$  are  $\{2, 3\}$ ,  $\{1, 3\}$ ,  $\{3\}$  and  $X$ , so  $DJ(X) = \{3\}$ .

**Theorem 4.10** *Every dual  $J$ -semisimple bounded  $BCK$ -algebra is dual normal.*

**Proof** On the contrary, let  $X$  do not be dual normal. Then  $\exists a \in X$  such that  $DR_a$  is not a dual ideal. Thus  $DR_a \subset [DR_a]$  (proper containing). We show that  $[DR_a] \cap [a] \neq \{1\}$ .

If  $[DR_a] \cap [a] = \{1\}$ , then by Theorem 3.23  $[DR_a] \subseteq D[a] \subseteq D[a]_r$ . Since by Theorem 3.19  $DR_a = D[a]_r$ , then we get that  $[DR_a] \subseteq DR_a$ , which is impossible. Thus  $[DR_a] \cap [a] \neq \{1\}$ . We choose  $1 \neq b \in [a] \cap [DR_a]$ . Let  $M$  be a maximal dual ideal of  $X$ . We consider the following cases:

Case (i):  $a \in M$ , since  $b \in [a] \subseteq M$ , then  $b \in M$ .

Case (ii):  $a \notin M$ , then by maximality of  $M$ ,  $X = [M \cup \{a\}]$ . We show that  $DR_a \subseteq M$ . Let  $x \in DR_a \subseteq X$ . Then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N(Nx *^n Na) \in M$  and so by  $x \in DR_a$ , we get that  $NNx \in M$ . Thus by Lemma 3.18,  $x \in M$  and so  $DR_a \subseteq M$ . Hence  $b \in M$ , since  $b \in [DR_a] \subseteq M$ . This show that  $1 \neq b \in DJ(X)$ , a contradiction with  $DJ(X) = \{1\}$ .

**Open problem.** Is any dual normal *BCK*-algebra a dual  $J$ -semisimple?

**Theorem 4.11** *Let  $Y$  be a bounded BCK-algebra with unit 1. Then  $Y$  is a dual normal BCK-algebra if and only if every subalgebra  $X$  of  $Y$  containing 1, is dual normal BCK-algebra .*

**Proof** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) It is clear.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $a \in X$  and let  $DR_a$  and  $DR'_a$  be the dual right stabilizers of element  $a$  with respect to  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively . i.e.

$$DR_a = \{x \in X \mid Nx * Na = Nx\}$$

and

$$DR'_a = \{x \in Y \mid Nx * Na = Nx\}.$$

Then  $DR_a = DR'_a \cap X$ . Now we show that  $DR_a$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X, N(Nx * Ny) \in DR_a$  and  $y \in DR_a$ . Since  $DR_a \subseteq DR'_a$  and  $DR'_a$  is a dual ideal of  $Y$ , so  $x \in DR'_a$ . Also  $x \in DR'_a \cap X = DR_a$  implies  $DR_a$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ . Therefore  $X$  is dual normal.

Let  $(X_i, *_i, 0_i)(i \in I)$  be an indexed family of BCK-algebras and  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  be the set of all mapping  $f : I \longrightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$  and  $f(i) \in X_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

For  $f, g \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  , we define  $f * g$  by

$$(f * g)(i) = f(i) *_i g(i), \text{ for all } i \in I \text{ and } 0 \text{ by } 0(i) = 0_i.$$

Then  $(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, *, 0)$  is a BCK-algebra. Also  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is bounded if and only if every  $X_i$  is bounded.

**Theorem 4.12** *Let  $\{I_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an indexed family of subsets of bounded BCK-algebras  $X_i(i \in I)$ . Then*

- (i) if every  $I_i$  is a dual ideal of  $X_i (i \in I)$ , then  $\prod_{i \in I} I_i$  is a dual ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ ,
- (ii) if  $\prod_{i \in I} I_i$  is a dual ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ , then every  $I_i$  is a dual ideal of  $X_i$ .

**Proof** (i) Let  $I_i$  be a dual ideal of  $X_i, \forall i \in I$  and let  $N(Nx*Ny) \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$  and  $y \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$ . Then  $1_i * ((1_i * x(i)) * (1_i * y(i))) = 1(i) * ((1(i) * x(i)) * (1(i) * y(i))) = 1 * ((1 * x) * (1 * y))(i) \in I_i$  and  $y(i) \in I_i$ , for all  $i \in I$ . So  $x(i) \in I_i$ . This shows  $x \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $\prod_{i \in I} I_i$  is a dual ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . Without loss of generality we show that  $I_j$  is a dual ideal of  $X_j$ . If  $1_j * ((1_j * x_1) * (1_j * y_1)) \in I_j$  and  $y_1 \in I_j$ , we define  $x$  and  $y$  as follows

$$x(i) = \begin{cases} x_1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 1_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$y(i) = \begin{cases} y_1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 1_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

and so

$$N(Nx*Ny)(i) = \begin{cases} 1_j * ((1_j * x_1) * (1_j * y_1)) & \text{if } i = j \\ 1_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Then  $N(Nx*Ny) \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$  and  $y \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$ . Thus  $x \in \prod_{i \in I} I_i$ , i.e.  $x_1 \in I_j$ .

**Theorem 4.13** Let  $(X_i, *_i, 0_i, 1_i)(i \in I)$  be an indexed family of bounded BCK-algebras. Then every  $X_i$  is dual normal BCK-algebra if and only if  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is dual normal BCK-algebra.

**Proof** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $f \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 DR_f &= \{g \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i \mid 1 * g = (1 * g) * (1 * f)\} \\
 &= \{g \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i \mid 1(i) * _i g(i) = (1(i) * _i g(i)) * _i (1(i) * _i f(i)), \forall i \in I\} \\
 &= \{g \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i \mid 1_i * _i g(i) = (1_i * _i g(i)) * _i (1_i * _i f(i)), \forall i \in I\} \\
 &= \{g \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i \mid g(i) \in DR_{f(i)}\} = \prod_{i \in I} DR_{f(i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $DR_{f(i)}$  is a dual ideal of  $X_i, \forall i \in I$  then by Theorem 4.12 we get that  $DR_f = \prod_{i \in I} DR_{f(i)}$  is a dual ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $a_j \in X_j$ . Then we define  $f : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$  such that

$$f(i) = \begin{cases} a_j & \text{if } i = j \\ 1_j & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

So  $f \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . Similar to above we have  $DR_f = \prod_{i \in I} DR_{f(i)}$  where,

$$DR_{f(i)} = \begin{cases} DR_{a_j} & \text{if } i = j \\ X_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Since  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is dual normal, then  $DR_f$  is a dual ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . So by Theorem 4.12  $DR_{a_j}$  is a dual ideal of  $X_j$ . Therefore  $X_j$  is dual normal.

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