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# On the Structure of Interior KU-algebras and KU-ideals

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**Abstract.** In this paper, the notation of interior KU-algebra and some related definitions are introduced. Various characterisations for the interior KU-algebra have been proved. The concept of interior positive implicative KU-algebra and prove some results regarding this concept are also presented. In addition, the interior KU-ideals and several properties of these ideals are presented.

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## 1. Introduction

There are several algebraic structures which defined with a standard operator, for instance, BCK-algebra [10] and BCI-algebra. Prabpayak and Leerawat [6,7] introduced the algebraic structure KU-algebra and studied some of its properties. Vorster [9] considered interior operators in category theory. This leads to fundamental applications in category theory and topology [8], [2] and [1].

In this paper, the notation of an interior KU-algebra is introduced. A number of questions regarding this notation with the composition are investigated. Moreover, a relation between two interior KU-algebras is introduced and provided a connection between this relation and composition. Also, some properties of interior KU-algebras are presented. Then, an interior positive implicative KU-algebra is defined and proved several related results. After that, the concept of interior ideals in KU-algebras and some of its properties are presented.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, some definitions and results are introduced that will be used in later sections.

Recall that a nonempty set *X* with a binary operation \* is called a KU-algebra if, for  $r, s, t \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

(KU1) (r \* s) \* [(s \* t) \* (r \* t)] = 0.

(KU2) r \* 0 = 0.

(KU3) 0 \* r = r.

(KU4) r \* s = 0 = s \* r implies that r = s.

A relation  $\leq$  defined on *X* as follows:

 $r \leq s$  if and only if s \* r = 0.

Thus, the above conditions can be rewritten as follows:

(KU1')  $(s * t) * (r * t) \le r * s$ .

- (KU2')  $0 \le r$ .
- (KU3') 0 \* r = r.
- (KU4')  $r \le s, s \le r$  implies that r = s.

Any KU-algebra satisfies the following properties:

**Theorem 1** ([3]). If X is a KU-algebra, then, for  $r, s, t \in X$ , the following axioms hold:

- (i) if  $r \leq s$ , then  $s * t \leq r * t$ .
- (ii) r \* (s \* t) = s \* (r \* t).
- (iii)  $((s * r) * r) \le s$ .
- (iv) ((s \* r) \* r) \* r = s \* r.

**Definition 1** ([6,7]). A nonempty subset M of a KU-algebra X is called a KU-ideal of X if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $0 \in M$ .
- (ii)  $s * t \in M$ ,  $s \in M$  implies that  $t \in M$ , for all  $r, s, t \in M$ .

#### 3. Interior KU-algebras

In this section, the main concept in this paper and some related results are introduced.

**Definition 2.** Let *X* be a KU-algebra and  $I : X \to X$  be a map. The pair (X, I) is called an interior KU-algebra if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $I(r) \le r$ , for all  $r \in X$ .
- (ii)  $I^2(r) = I(r)$ , for all  $r \in X$ .
- (iii)  $r \leq s$  implies that  $I(r) \leq I(s)$ , for all  $r, s \in X$ .

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A straightforward example of an interior KU-algebra is the identity map. We present the following examples:

**Example 1.** (i) Consider the KU-algebra (X, \*) which presented by Table 1:

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

Define the map  $I_1: X \to X$  by

 $I_1(0) = 0, I_1(1) = 2, I_1(2) = 2, I_1(3) = 3.$ 

Then  $(X, I_1)$  is an interior KU-algebra.

(ii) Consider the KU-algebra (X, \*) presented by Table 1. Define the map  $I_2: X \to X$  by

 $I_2(0) = 0$ ,  $I_2(1) = 1$ ,  $I_2(2) = 1$ ,  $I_2(3) = 3$ .

Then  $(X, I_2)$  is not an interior KU-algebra as  $I_2(2) \nleq 2$ .

Consider a KU-algebra X. Let I(X) be the set of all interior KU-algebras. Define an operation as following:

 $(X, I_j) \otimes (X, I_k) = (X, I_j \otimes I_k), \text{ for all } (X, I_j), (X, I_k) \in I(X),$ 

such that  $(I_j \otimes I_k)(r) = I_j(r) * I_k(r)$  for all  $r \in X$ . Note that  $I_0(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in X$ .

We are able to prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** Let X be a KU-algebra. Then  $(I(X), *, (X, I_0))$  is a KU-algebra.

Proof. Straightforward of the above definition.

Now, a natural question appears: Is the composition of two interior KU-algebra an interior KU-algebra? However, the statement need not be true and we provide a counterexample:

**Example 2.** Let X be the KU-algebra described in Example 1. Consider the two interior KU-algebras  $I_1, I_2$  defined as following:

$$I_1(0) = 0, I_1(1) = 2, I_1(2) = 2, I_1(3) = 3.$$

$$I_2(0) = 0, I_2(1) = 1, I_2(2) = 0, I_2(3) = 3$$

Then  $I_1 \circ I_2$  is not an interior KU-algebra as  $(I_2 \circ I_1)^2(3) = 0 \neq (I_2 \circ I_1)(3) = 2$ .

Consider the interior KU-algebra  $I_1$  described above. If i denotes the identity map, then

*	0	1	2	3
$I_1 \circ i$	0	2	2	3
$i \circ I_1$	0	2	2	3

Note that the composition of two interior KU-algebra need not be commutative in general. For instance, see Example 2.

In the case that the composition is commutative, we can prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(X, I_j)$  and  $(X, I_k)$  be two interior KU-algebras in which  $I_j \circ I_k = I_k \circ I_j$ . Then  $(X, I_j \circ I_k)$  is an interior KU-algebra.

*Proof.* (i) Since  $I_j, I_k$  are interior KU-algebras, we obtain

 $I_i(r) \le r$  and  $I_k(r) \le r$ , for all  $r \in X$ .

Thus, we have

$$(I_j \circ I_k)(r) = I_j(I_k(r)) \le I_k(r) \le r.$$

(ii) By hypothesis

$$I_j \circ I_k = I_k \circ I_j, \ I_j^2(r) = I_j(r), \ I_k^2(r) = I_k(r).$$

This implies that

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$$(I_{j} \circ I_{k})^{2}(r) = ((I_{j} \circ I_{k}) \circ (I_{j} \circ I_{k}))(r)$$

$$= (I_{j} \circ (I_{k} \circ I_{j}) \circ I_{k})(r)$$

$$= ((I_{j} \circ (I_{j} \circ I_{k}) \circ I_{k})(r)$$

$$= ((I_{j} \circ I_{j}) \circ (I_{k} \circ I_{k}))(r)$$

$$= (I_{j}^{2} \circ I_{k}^{2})(r)$$

$$= I_{j}^{2}(I_{k}^{2}(r))$$

$$= I_{j}(I_{k}(r))$$

$$= ((I_{j} \circ I_{k})(r).$$

(iii) If  $r, s \in X$  such that  $r \leq s$ , then

$$\begin{split} (I_j \circ I_k)(r) &= I_j(I_k(r)) \\ &\leq I_j(I_k(s)) \\ &\leq (I_j \circ I_k)(s). \end{split}$$

Hence  $(X, I_j \circ I_k)$  is an interior KU-algebra.

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Table 2

Now, we define a relation on interior KU-algebras as follows:

Consider two interior KU-algebras  $(X, I_j)$  and  $(X, I_k)$ . Write  $I_j \leq I_k$ , if  $I_j(r) \leq I_k(r)$  for all  $r \in X$ . Now, prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(X, I_i)$  and  $(X, I_k)$  be two interior KU-algebras. Then

 $I_j \leq I_k$  if and only if  $I_j \circ I_k = I_j$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $I_j \triangleleft I_k$ . Then, by definition,  $I_j(r) \leq I_k(r)$  for all  $r \in X$  that  $I_j$  is an interior KU-algebra, it implies that

$$I_{j}(r) = I_{j}^{2}(r)$$
$$= I_{j}(I_{j}(r))$$
$$\leq I_{j}(I_{k}(r))$$
$$= (I_{j} \circ I_{k})(r)$$

We also have

$$(I_j \circ I_k)(r) = I_j(I_k(r))$$

$$\leq I_k(I_k(r))$$

$$= I_k^2(r)$$

$$= I_k(r)$$

$$\leq r.$$

Thus

$$\begin{split} (I_{j} \circ I_{k})(r) &= I_{j}(I_{k}(r)) \\ &= I_{j}^{2}(I_{k}(r)) \\ &= I_{j}(I_{j}(I_{k}^{2}(r))) \\ &\leq I_{k}(r) \,. \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$I_j \circ I_k = I_j$$

Now, assume that  $I_j \circ I_k = I_j$ . It implies that

$$I_{j}(r) = (I_{j} \circ I_{k})(r)$$
$$= I_{j}(I_{k}(r))$$
$$\leq I_{k}(r)$$

and so  $I_j \triangleleft I_k$  as required.

For a KU-algebra X, we introduce the following definition:

**Definition 3.** A KU-algebra *X* is called a bounded KU-algebra if there exists an element  $1 \in X$  in which  $r \leq 1$  for all  $r \in X$ . We can write  $r * 1 = \neg r$ .

Now, we are able to present some properties of interior KU-algebras.

**Theorem 5.** Let X be a KU-algebra, (X,I) an interior KU-algebra and  $r,s,t \in X$ . Then

- (i)  $r * I(s) \le I(r) * I(s)$ .
- (ii)  $I(r*s) \leq I(r)*s$ .
- (iii) I(0) = 0.
- (iv)  $(r * s) * I(t) \le I(r * s) * I(t)$ .
- (v)  $(I(r) * s) * I(t) \le (r * s) * I(t)$ .
- (vi)  $I(\neg r) \leq \neg I(r)$ .
- (vii)  $I(\neg r * \neg s) \leq s * r$ .

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 1.

- (ii)  $I(r * s) \le r * s \le I(r) * s$ .
- (iii) Since  $I(0) \le 0$ , then we obtain

$$0 * I(0) = 0 = I(0) * 0.$$

Thus by (KU4), I(0) = 0.

- (iv) Using by Theorem 1.
- (v) Since  $I(r) \le r$ , by Theorem 1 we have,  $r * s \le I(r) * s$ . Hence

 $(I(r) * s) * I(t) \leq (r * s) * I(t)$ 

by Theorem 1.

(vi) By definition,  $I(\neg r) = I(r * 1)$ . Then by the second property, we obtain

 $I(r*1) \le I(r)*1 = \neg I(r).$ 

Hence  $I(\neg r) \leq \neg I(r)$ .

(vii)  $I(\neg r * \neg s) \le \neg r * \neg s = (r * 1) * (s * 1) \le s * r.$ 

We define a positive implicative KU-algebra as follows:

**Definition 4** ([4,5]). A KU-algebra X is called positive implicative if the following condition satisfied:

 $(t * r) * (t * s) = t * (r * s), \text{ for all } r, s, t \in X.$ 

**Example 3.** Consider the KU-algebra (X, \*) presented in Example 1. Let *I* be the interior KU-algebra defined as follows:

 $I_3(0) = I_3(1) = I_3(2) = 0, I_1(3) = 3.$ 

Then, it clear that  $I_3$  is a positive implicative interior KU-algebra.

Note that if (X, I) is an interior positive implicative KU-algebra, then X need not be positive implicative. As an example, consider  $I_3$  in Example 3. Then  $I_3$  is positive implicative while X is

not as

 $(2 * 1) * (2 * 3) = 2 \neq 0 = 2 * (1 * 3).$ 

**Remark 1.** Let *X* be a KU-algebra.

(i) It is not true in general that for  $r, s, t \in X$ :

I((t \* r) \* (t \* s)) = I(t \* (r \* s)).

For instance, check the interior KU-algebra  $I_1$  in Example 1. We have

 $I_1((2*1)*(2*3)) \neq I(2*(1*3)).$ 

(ii) It is not true in general that for  $r, s \in X$ :

I(r \* s) = I(r \* (r \* s)).

In Example 1, we obtain

 $I(2*1) = 2 \neq 0 = I(2*(2*1)).$ 

We provide now a condition which makes the above statements true.

**Theorem 6.** Let (X,I) be a positive implicative KU-algebra. Then for  $r,s,t \in X$ , we have

I((t \* r) \* (t \* s)) = I(t \* (r \* s))

and

I(r \* s) = I(r \* (r \* s)).

*Proof.* Since (X, I) is a positive implicative KU-algebra, the result hold.

### 4. Interior Ideals

This section begins with the following definition:

**Definition 5.** Let (X, I) be an interior KU-algebra. Then a subset M of X is called an interior ideal in (X, I) if M is an ideal of X that satisfies:

 $I(r) \in M \Rightarrow r \in M$ , for all  $r \in X$ .

**Example 4.** Consider the KU-algebra (X, \*) which presented by Table 3:

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

Table	3
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Define the map  $I: X \to X$  by

I(0) = I(1) = I(2) = I(3) = 0, I(4) = 4.

Then (X,I) is an interior KU-algebra. Let  $M = \{0,1,2,3\}$ . Then M is an ideal of X. It is clear that M is an interior ideal in (X,I). However, the zero ideal is not an interior ideal.

**Theorem 7.** The intersection of interior ideals in an interior KU-algebra is an interior ideal.

*Proof.* The intersection of interior ideals satisfies the condition in Definition 5.

Note that the union of interior ideals in an interior KU-algebra need not be an interior ideal. This is clear from the fact that the union of ideals need not be an ideal.

**Theorem 8.** Let (X, I) be an interior KU-algebra. If M is a subset of X in which

 $0 \in M,$   $r * (r * s) \in M_t \Rightarrow r * s \in M, \text{ for all } r, s \in X, \text{ for all } t \in M,$  $I(r) \in M \Rightarrow r \in M, \text{ for all } r \in X,$ 

then M is a positive implicative interior ideal in (X, I).

*Proof.* Let  $r, s, t \in X$  such that  $s * t \in M$  and  $s \in M$ . Then

 $t = 0 * (0 * t) \in M_t.$ 

By hypothesis,  $t = 0 * t \in M$ . Thus M is an interior ideal in (X, I). In order to see that M is positive implicative, we may assume that  $t * (r * s) \in M$  and  $t * r \in M$ . Then, by Theorem 1, we have

 $t * (r * s) = r * (t * s) \in M.$ 

Note that  $0 * (0 * r) \in M_t$  implies that  $r = 0 * r \in M$ . As M is an ideal and  $r \in M$ , we obtain  $t * s \in M$ . Therefore, M is a positive implicative interior ideal in (X, I).

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