

ON HEYTING ALGEBRAS AND DUAL BCK-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. A Heyting algebra is a distributive lattice with implication and a dual *BCK*-algebra is an algebraic system having as models logical systems equipped with implication. The aim of this paper is to investigate the relation of Heyting algebras between dual *BCK*-algebras. We define notions of *i*-invariant and *m*-invariant on dual *BCK*-semilattices and prove that a Heyting semilattice is equivalent to an *i*-invariant and *m*-invariant dual *BCK*-semilattices, and show that a commutative Heyting algebra is equivalent to a bounded implicative dual *BCK*-algebra.

1. Introduction

A Heyting semilattice is an algebraic system equipped with implication and conjunction. The prepositions of Heyting semilattices in algebraic logic were clearly displayed by H. B. Curry([3]) and systematically studied in [7] and [8]. A dual *BCK*-algebra(*DBCK*-algebra) is an algebraic system having as models logical systems equipped with implication, which is the dual concept of *BCK*-algebra [4, 5], and it is a generalization of Heyting algebra. Heyting algebras(or Brouwerian lattices) were investigated by H. B. Curry[3] and G. Birkhoff [1], and all the important rules of computation with implication are contained in [3]. The notion of *DBCK*-algebra was studied and generalized in

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[2, 6, 11], and more relationships among Heyting semilattice, Hilbert algebra, L -algebra and $DBCK$ -algebra can be found in [9, 10].

In this paper, we define notions of i -invariant and m -invariant on $DBCK$ -semilattices and investigate the relation between Heyting algebras and $DBCK$ -algebras. We prove that a Heyting semilattice is equivalent to an i -invariant and m -invariant $DBCK$ -semilattices, and show that a commutative Heyting algebra is equivalent to a bounded implicative $DBCK$ -algebra.

2. Preliminaries

A $DBCK$ -algebra is an algebraic system $(X, \circ, 1)$ satisfying the following axioms.

- DBCK1. $(x \circ y) \circ ((y \circ z) \circ (x \circ z)) = 1$,
- DBCK2 $x \circ ((x \circ y) \circ y) = 1$,
- DBCK3. $x \circ x = 1$,
- DBCK4. $x \circ y = 1$ and $y \circ x = 1$ imply $x = y$,
- DBCK5. $x \circ 1 = 1$.

A $DBCK$ -algebra is a poset with the binary relation " $\leq$ " defined by $x \leq y$ if and only if $x \circ y = 1$, and 1 is the greatest element.

A *Heyting semilattice* (or *implicative semilattice*) is a (meet-)semilattice with a binary operation " $\circ$ " satisfying the axiom :

- H. $z \wedge x \leq y$ if and only if $z \leq x \circ y$.

Proposition 2.1. [5, 6, 7, 8] *A Heyting semilattice and DBCK-algebra have the following common properties.*

- (CP1) $x \circ (y \circ z) = y \circ (x \circ z)$,
- (CP2) $y \leq x \circ y$
- (CP3) $x \leq y$ implies $z \circ x \leq z \circ y$ and $y \circ z \leq x \circ z$,
- (CP4) $x \leq y \circ z$ implies $y \leq x \circ z$,
- (CP5) $1 \circ x = x$.

Proposition 2.2. [5, 6] *A DBCK-algebra has the following properties.*

- (DP1) $x \circ y \leq (y \circ z) \circ (x \circ z)$,
- (DP2) $x \leq (x \circ y) \circ y$,
- (DP3) $x \circ y \leq (z \circ x) \circ (z \circ y)$,
- (DP4) $(x \circ y) \circ y \circ y = x \circ y$.

In a $DBCK$ -algebra, $(x \circ y) \circ y$ is an upper bound of x and y by (DP2) and (CP2).

Proposition 2.3. [7, 8] *A Heyting semilattice has a greatest element 1 and has the following properties.*

- (HP1) $a \leq b$ if and only if $a \circ b = 1$,
- (HP2) $x \circ x = 1$,
- (HP3) $x \wedge (x \circ y) = x \wedge y$,
- (HP4) $x \circ (y \wedge z) = (x \circ y) \wedge (x \circ z)$,
- (HP5) $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \wedge y) \circ z$.

A *DBCK*-algebra $(X, \circ, 1)$ is said to be *bounded* if there exists an element 0 in X such that $0 \circ x = 1$ for all $x \in X$. For any element x in a bounded *DBCK*-algebra X , the element $x \circ 0$ will be denoted by x^* and $x^{**} = (x^*)^*$.

Proposition 2.4. [6] *A bounded DBCK-algebra has the following properties.*

- (1) $1^* = 0$ and $0^* = 1$,
- (2) $x \leq x^{**}$ and $x^{***} = x^*$,
- (3) $x \circ y \leq y^* \circ x^*$,
- (4) $x \leq y$ implies $y^* \leq x^*$,
- (5) $x \circ y^* = y \circ x^*$.

A *DBCK*-algebra is said to be *commutative* if it satisfies $(x \circ y) \circ y = (y \circ x) \circ x$ for every $x, y \in X$.

Proposition 2.5. [6] *A bounded commutative DBCK-algebra X has the following properties.*

- (1) X is a lattice with $x \vee y = (x \circ y) \circ y$ and $x \wedge y = (x^* \vee y^*)^*$,
- (2) $x = x^{**}$,
- (3) $x \circ y = y^* \circ x^*$.

3. Heyting semilattices and *DBCK*-semilattices

Definition 3.1. *A DBCK-algebra X is called a DBCK-semilattice if every finite subset of X has the greatest lower bound. A DBCK-semilattice X is said to be implication-invariant, shortly *i*-invariant, if $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x \circ y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and meet-invariant, shortly *m*-invariant, if $x \circ y = x \circ (x \wedge y)$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

Those axioms of the *i*-invariant and the *m*-invariant *DBCK*-semilattice are independent, as the following examples show.

Example 3.2. (1) Let $N_5 = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$ be a *DBCK*-semilattice with a binary operation “ $\circ$ ” and Hasse diagram given by Figure 1. Then N_5

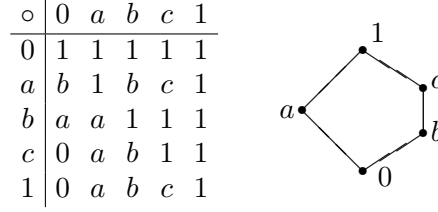


FIGURE 1. Cayley table and Hasse diagram of *DBCK*-semilattice N_5

is *i*-invariant but not *m*-invariant, in fact $a \circ (a \wedge c) = b \neq c = a \circ c$.

(2) Let $X = \{0, a, b, 1\}$ be a *DBCK*-semilattice with a binary operation “ $\circ$ ” and Hasse diagram given by Figure 2. Then X is *m*-invariant

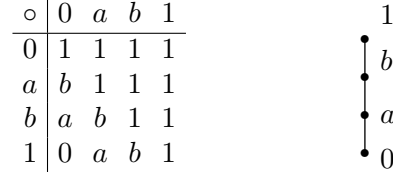


FIGURE 2. Cayley table and Hasse diagram of *DBCK*-semilattice X

but not *i*-invariant for $a \wedge 0 = 0 \neq a = a \wedge (a \circ 0)$.

Theorem 3.3. *Every Heyting semilattice is an i-invariant DBCK-semilattice.*

Proof. Suppose that X is a Heyting semilattice. Then DBCK3, DBCK4 and DBCK5 are trivial from (HP2) and (HP1). For any $x, y \in X$, $x \circ ((x \circ y) \circ y) = (x \circ y) \circ (x \circ y) = 1$ by (CP1). It is DBCK2. By (HP1) and (CP3), it implies that $y \leq (y \circ z) \circ z$ and $x \circ y \leq x \circ ((y \circ z) \circ z) = (y \circ z) \circ (x \circ z)$ for every $x, y, z \in X$, hence $(x \circ y) \circ ((y \circ z) \circ (x \circ z)) = 1$. Thus X is a *DBCK*-semilattice. Also, we have $x \wedge y \leq x \wedge (x \circ y)$ by (CP2). By axiom H, $x \wedge (x \circ y) \leq y$ since $x \circ y \leq x \circ y$. It implies $x \wedge (x \circ y) \leq x \wedge y$. Hence $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x \circ y)$ and X is *i*-invariant. $\square$

We have two types of distributive law on *DBCK*-semilattices with respect to “ $\circ$ ” and “ $\wedge$ ” respectively :

$$x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ (x \circ z) \quad (\text{self-distributive}),$$

$$x \circ (y \wedge z) = (x \circ y) \wedge (x \circ z) \quad (\text{meet-distributive}).$$

In *DBCK*-semilattice the following inequalities are true.

$$x \circ (y \circ z) \geq (x \circ y) \circ (x \circ z) \text{ and } x \circ (y \wedge z) \leq (x \circ y) \wedge (x \circ z).$$

Proposition 3.4. *Let X be a *DBCK*-semilattice. Then*

- (1) *If X satisfies the self-distributive law, then X is i -invariant,*
- (2) *If X satisfies the meet-distributive law, then X is m -invariant.*

Proof. (1) Suppose that X satisfies the self-distributive law and $x, y \in X$. Let $u = x \wedge (x \circ y)$. Then it is clear that $x \wedge y \leq x \wedge (x \circ y) = u$ since $y \leq x \circ y$. Also $u \leq x$ and $u \leq x \circ y$. It imply that $u \circ x = 1$ and

$$1 \circ (u \circ y) = (u \circ x) \circ (u \circ y) = u \circ (x \circ y) = 1$$

by hypothesis. It follows that $u \circ y = 1$ and $u \leq y$. Hence u is a lower bound of x and y , i.e., $u \leq x \wedge y$. Therefore $x \wedge (x \circ y) = u = x \wedge y$.

(2) If X satisfies meet-distributive, then $x \circ (x \wedge y) = (x \circ x) \wedge (x \circ y) = 1 \wedge (x \circ y) = x \circ y$ for any $x, y \in X$, $\square$

Proposition 3.5. *Let X be a *DBCK*-semilattice. Then X is i -invariant if and only if it satisfies $x \wedge (x \circ y) \leq y$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

Proof. Suppose that X is i -invariant. Then $x \wedge (x \circ y) = x \wedge y \leq y$. Conversely, suppose that $x \wedge (x \circ y) \leq y$ for all $x, y \in X$. Then it is clear that $x \wedge (x \circ y)$ is a lower bound of x and y . It implies $x \wedge (x \circ y) \leq x \wedge y$. Also $x \wedge y \leq x \wedge (x \circ y)$ since $y \leq x \circ y$. Hence $x \wedge (x \circ y) = x \wedge y$. $\square$

Theorem 3.6. *Let X be a *DBCK*-semilattice. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) *X is i -invariant and m -invariant.*
- (2) *X satisfies $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \wedge y) \circ z$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.*
- (3) *X is a Heyting semilattice.*

Proof. ((1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)) Suppose that X is i -invariant, m -invariant and $x, y, z \in X$. Let $u = x \circ (y \circ z)$. Then by definition of i -invariant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x \wedge y) \wedge u &= y \wedge [x \wedge (x \circ (y \circ z))] = y \wedge [x \wedge (y \circ z)] \\ &= x \wedge [y \wedge (y \circ z)] = x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z. \end{aligned}$$

It implies that by (CP2) and definition of m -invariant,

$$u \leq (x \wedge y) \circ u = (x \wedge y) \circ ((x \wedge y) \wedge u) = (x \wedge y) \circ ((x \wedge y) \wedge z) \leq (x \wedge y) \circ z.$$

Hence $x \circ (y \circ z) \leq (x \wedge y) \circ z$. To show that $(x \wedge y) \circ z \leq x \circ (y \circ z)$, let $v = (x \wedge y) \circ z$. Then by definition of i -invariant,

$$(x \wedge y) \wedge v = (x \wedge y) \wedge [(x \wedge y) \circ z] = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$$

and by definition of m -invariant,

$$\begin{aligned} x \wedge v &\leq y \circ (x \wedge v) = y \circ (y \wedge (x \wedge v)) = y \circ ((x \wedge y) \wedge v) \\ &= y \circ ((x \wedge y) \wedge z) \leq y \circ z. \end{aligned}$$

It implies $v \leq x \circ v = x \circ (x \wedge v) \leq x \circ (y \circ z)$. Hence $(x \wedge y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Suppose that X satisfies $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \wedge y) \circ z$ for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then we have

$$x \wedge y \leq z \iff (x \wedge y) \circ z = 1 \iff x \circ (y \circ z) = 1 \iff x \leq y \circ z.$$

Hence X is a Heyting semilattice.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose that $(X, \circ, \wedge, 1)$ is a Heyting semilattice. Then it is an i -invariant $DBCK$ -semilattice by Theorem 3.3, and it is m -invariant by (HP4) and Proposition 3.4(2). $\square$

Proposition 3.7. *Let X be a $DBCK$ -semilattice. Then the following properties are equivalent.*

- (1) X is i -invariant and m -invariant.
- (2) X satisfies the self-distributive and the meet-distributive law.

Proof. It is clear that (2) implies (1) by (1) and (2) of Proposition 3.4.

Conversely, suppose that X is i -invariant, m -invariant and $x, y, z \in X$. Then by Theorem 3.6(2) and definition of i -invariant,

$$\begin{aligned} x \circ (y \circ z) &= (x \wedge y) \circ z = [x \wedge (x \circ y)] \circ z \\ &= [(x \circ y) \wedge x] \circ z = (x \circ y) \circ (x \circ z). \end{aligned}$$

Hence X satisfies the self-distributive law. Also, X is a Heyting semilattice by Theorem 3.6. Hence X satisfies (HP4), i.e., X satisfies the meet-distributive law. $\square$

Corollary 3.8. *A semilattice X is a Heyting semilattice if and only if it is a $DBCK$ -semilattice satisfying the self-distributive and the meet-distributive law.*

Proof. It is clear from Theorem 3.6 and Proposition 3.7. $\square$

A *filter* of a $DBCK$ -algebra X is a non-empty subset F of X satisfying (1) $1 \in F$, and (2) $x \in F$ and $x \circ y \in F$ implies $y \in F$. A *filter* of a semilattice X is a non-empty subset F of X satisfying (1) $x \wedge y \in F$ for all $x, y \in F$, and (2) $x \in F$ and $x \leq y$ implies $y \in F$.

Proposition 3.9. *If X is an i -invariant $DBCK$ -semilattice, then every filter of X as a semilattice is a filter of X as a $DBCK$ -algebra.*

Proof. Suppose that F is a filter of X as a semilattice. Then it is clear that $1 \in F$ since $F \neq \emptyset$ and $1 \in X$. Let $x \in F$ and $x \circ y \in F$. Then $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x \circ y) \in F$ and $x \wedge y \leq y$. Hence $y \in F$. $\square$

Proposition 3.10. *If X is a m -invariant DBCK-semilattice, then every filter of X as a DBCK-algebra is a filter of X as a semilattice.*

Proof. Let F be a filter of X as a DBCK-algebra and $x, y \in F$. Since $y \leq x \circ y$, $y \circ (x \circ y) = 1 \in F$ and $y \in F$, hence $x \circ y \in F$. Also, since $x \circ (x \wedge y) = x \circ y \in F$ and $x \in F$, $x \wedge y \in F$. If $x \in F$ and $x \leq y$, then $x \in F$ and $x \circ y = 1 \in F$, hence $y \in F$. Hence F is a filter of X as a semilattice. $\square$

Corollary 3.11. *Let X be an i -invariant and m -invariant DBCK-semilattice. Then F is a filter of X as DBCK-algebra if and only if it is a filter of X as a semilattice.*

4. On Implicative DBCK-algebras

A bounded lattice $(X, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$ is called a *Heyting algebra* if there is a binary operation “ $\circ$ ” on X satisfying the axiom H. Every Heyting algebra is a Heyting semilattice and satisfies all properties of Proposition 2.1 and 2.3. Conversely, every bounded Heyting semilattice X with $x \vee y$ for all $x, y \in X$ is a Heyting algebra.

Definition 4.1. *A DBCK-algebra X is said to be implicative if it satisfies $x = (x \circ y) \circ x$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

Definition 4.2. *A Heyting algebra is said to be commutative if it satisfies $(x \circ y) \circ y = (y \circ x) \circ x$ for every $x, y \in X$.*

Proposition 4.3. *Let X be a Heyting algebra. Then X is commutative if and only if it satisfies $x = (x \circ y) \circ x$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

Proof. Suppose that X is commutative and $x, y \in X$. Then it is clear that $x \leq (x \circ y) \circ x$ by (CP2), and by commutativity and (HP5),

$$\begin{aligned} [(x \circ y) \circ x] \circ x &= [x \circ (x \circ y)] \circ (x \circ y) = [(x \wedge x) \circ y] \circ (x \circ y) \\ &= (x \circ y) \circ (x \circ y) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

It follows $(x \circ y) \circ x \leq x$. Hence $x = (x \circ y) \circ x$.

Conversely, Suppose that X satisfies $x = (x \circ y) \circ x$ for all $x, y \in X$. Then $y = (y \circ x) \circ y$. Since $x \circ y \leq x \circ y$, $x \leq (x \circ y) \circ y$ by (CP4). It follows that

$$(y \circ x) \circ x \leq (y \circ x) \circ ((x \circ y) \circ y) = (x \circ y) \circ ((y \circ x) \circ y) = (x \circ y) \circ y$$

by (CP1). Interchanging the role of x and y , we have $(x \circ y) \circ y \leq (y \circ x) \circ x$. Hence $(x \circ y) \circ y = (y \circ x) \circ x$, and X is commutative. $\square$

Proposition 4.4. *Let X be a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra. Then it has the following properties.*

- (1) X is commutative,
- (2) $x = x^* \circ x$ for every $x \in X$,
- (3) $x \vee y = y \vee x = x^* \circ y$ for every $x, y \in X$.

Proof. (1) We can prove it by the same way with the converse part of Proposition 4.3.

(2) If X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then $x^* \circ x = (x \circ 0) \circ x = x$ for any $x \in X$.

(3) Let X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra and $x, y \in X$. Then $0 \leq y$ and $x \circ 0 \leq x \circ y$ by (CP3). It implies $x \leq (x \circ y) \circ y \leq (x \circ 0) \circ y = x^* \circ y$ by (DP2) and (CP3). Since $y \leq x^* \circ y$ by (CP2), $x^* \circ y$ is an upper bound of x and y . Hence $x \vee y \leq x^* \circ y$. Also, by (DP1) and (2) of this proposition, we have that

$$x^* \circ y \leq (y \circ x) \circ (x^* \circ x) = (y \circ x) \circ x.$$

Since X is commutative by (1) of this proposition, $(y \circ x) \circ x = y \vee x$ by Proposition 2.5(1), and it implies $x^* \circ y \leq y \vee x$. Hence $y \vee x = x^* \circ y$. $\square$

If X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then it is a DBCK-semilattice, hence we can consider the notions of i -invariant and m -invariant of X .

Theorem 4.5. *If X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then it is i -invariant and m -invariant.*

Proof. Suppose that X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra and $x, y \in X$. Then X is commutative by Proposition 4.4(1) and we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^* \vee (x \circ y)^* &= x^{**} \circ (x \circ y)^* && \text{(by Proposition 4.4(3))} \\ &= x \circ (x \circ y)^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(2))} \\ &= (x \circ y) \circ x^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.4(5))} \\ &= (y^* \circ x^*) \circ x^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(3))} \\ &= y^* \vee x^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(1)).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \wedge (x \circ y) = (x^* \vee (x \circ y)^*)^* = (x^* \vee y^*)^* = x \wedge y$ by Proposition 2.5(1) and X is i -invariant. Also we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \circ (x \wedge y) &= x \circ (x^* \vee y^*)^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(1))} \\
 &= (x^* \vee y^*) \circ x^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.4(5))} \\
 &= (y \circ x^*) \circ x^* && \text{(by Proposition 4.4(3) and 2.5(2))} \\
 &= y \vee x^* && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(1))} \\
 &= y^* \circ x^* && \text{(by Proposition 4.4(3))} \\
 &= x \circ y && \text{(by Proposition 2.5(3))}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence X is m -invariant. $\square$

Corollary 4.6. *If X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then it is a Heyting algebra.*

Proof. If X is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then X is a bounded lattice, and it is Heyting algebra by Theorem 4.5 and 3.6. $\square$

The converse of Corollary 4.6 is not true in general, as the following example shows.

Example 4.7. *Let X be a bounded chain with $|X| \geq 3$. We define a binary operation “ $\circ$ ” on X by*

$$x \circ y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq y \\ y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then X is a Heyting algebra which is not implicative DBCK-algebra. In fact, for any element $x \in X$ with $0 < x < 1$, $(x \circ 0) \circ x = 0 \circ x = 1 \neq x$.

Theorem 4.8. *A semilattice X is a commutative Heyting algebra if and only if it is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra.*

Proof. If X is a commutative Heyting algebra, then X is an implicative DBCK-algebra by Proposition 4.3 and Theorem 3.3.

Conversely, if $(X, \circ, 0, 1)$ is a bounded implicative DBCK-algebra, then X is commutative Heyting algebra by Proposition 4.4(1) and Corollary 4.6. $\square$

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