

Class of Sheffer stroke BCK-algebras

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Abstract

In this paper, Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is defined and its features are investigated. It is indicated that the axioms of a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra are independent. The relationship between a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and a BCK-algebra is stated. After describing a commutative, an implicative and an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebras, some of important properties are proved. The relationship of this structures is demonstrated. A Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S) is described and the connection with other structures is shown. Finally, it is proved that for a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra to be a Boolean lattice, it must be an implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

1 Introduction

The study of BCK-algebra was initiated by Imai and Iséki in 1966 [6]. This notion is originated from two different ways. One of the motivations is based on set theory. Another motivation is from classical and non-classical propositional calculi. The BCK-operator * is an analogue of the set theoretical difference. BCK-algebras have been applied to many branches of mathematics such as group theory, functional analysis, probability theory and topology. For the general development of BCK-algebras, the ideal theory plays an important role. Since then quite literature has been produced on the theory of BCK-algebras, especially, emphasis seems to have been put on the ideal theory of BCK-algebras.

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The Sheffer stroke operation, which was first introduced by H. M. Sheffer [18], engages many scientists' attention, because any Boolean function or axiom can be expressed by means of this operation [9]. It reducts axiom systems of many algebraic structures. So, many researchers want to use this operation on their studies. For example, Sheffer stroke non-associative MV-algebras [3] and filters [13], (fuzzy) filters of Sheffer stroke BL-algebras [14], Sheffer stroke Hilbert algebras [11] and filters [12], Sheffer stroke UP-algebras [15], Sheffer stroke BG-algebras [16], Sheffer stroke BE-algebras[17] and Sheffer operation in ortholattices [2] are given as some research on Sheffer stroke operation in recent years.

After giving definitions of a Sheffer operation and a BCK-algebra, by using Sheffer stroke operation, we reduce the axioms of BCK-algebra. This axioms make easier our work. It is proved that the axiom system of a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is independent and presented its some properties. Then a partial order on a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is determined and it is stated that this algebra has the greatest element 1 and the least element 0. It is demonstrated the relationships between a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and a (bounded) BCK-algebra. It is proved that every Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a Sheffer stroke BE-algebra. A commutative, an implicative and an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebras are defined, respectively. Some of their properties are shown and the connection of this structures is given. It is indicated that every implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a commutative and positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. A Sheffer stroke BCKalgebra with condition (S) is identified and it is stated that every involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra A is with the condition (S). It is presented that if a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S) is a lattice, then it must be distributive. The necessary condition for a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra to be a Boolean lattice is shown.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give the fundamental concepts of a Sheffer stroke and a BCK-algebra.

Definition 2.1. [2] Let A = (A, |) be a groupoid. The operation | is said to be Sheffer stroke if it satisfies the following conditions:

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 \begin{array}{l} (S1) \; x|y=y|x, \\ (S2) \; (x|x)|(x|y)=x, \\ (S3) \; x|((y|z)|(y|z))=((x|y)|(x|y))|z, \\ (S4) \; (x|((x|x)|(y|y)))|(x|((x|x)|(y|y)))=x. \end{array}
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Lemma 2.1. [2] Let A = (A, |) be a groupoid. The binary relation \leq defined on A as below

$$x < y \Leftrightarrow x|y = x|x$$

is an order on A.

Lemma 2.2. [2] Let | be Sheffer stroke on A and \leq the induced order of A = (A, |). Then

- (i) $x \le y$ if and only if $y|y \le x|x$,
- (ii) x|(y|(x|x)) = x|x is the identity of A,
- (iii) $x \le y$ implies $y|z \le x|z$,
- (iv) $a \le x$ and $a \le y$ imply $x|y \le a|a$.

Definition 2.2. [7] Let A be a set with a binary operation * and a constant 0. Then (A, *, 0) is called a BCK-algebra if it satisfies the following axioms:

$$(BCK-1)((x*y)*(x*z))*(z*y) = 0,$$

(BCK-2)(x*(x*y))*y=0,

(BCK-3) x * x = 0,

 $(BCK-4) \ x * y = 0 \ and \ y * x = 0 \ imply \ x = y,$

 $(BCK-5) \ 0 * x = 0,$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

A partial order \leq on A can be defined by $x \leq y$ if and only if x * y = 0.

Definition 2.3. [1, 7, 10, 19] Let A be a BCK-algebra. Then

- (i) A is called a positive implicative BCK-algebra if (x*y)*z = (x*z)*(y*z),
- (ii) A is called an implicative BCK-algebra if x * (y * x) = x,
- (iii) A is called a commutative BCK-algebra if x * (x * y) = y * (y * x),
- (iv) A is called a bounded BCK-algebra, if there exists the greatest element 1 of A and 1 * x is denoted by Nx for any $x \in A$,
- (v) A is called involutory BCK-algebra, if NNx = x for all $x \in A$.

Definition 2.4. [5, 8] Let A be a BCK-algebra. Then

- (i) A is said to have condition (S), if the set $A(x,y) = \{t \in A : t * x \le y\}$ has the greatest element which is denoted by x o y for any $x, y \in A$,
- (ii) $(A, *, \leq)$ is called a BCK-lattice, if (A, \leq) is a lattice, where \leq is the partial order on A, which has been introduced in Definition 2.2.

Definition 2.5. [4] Let P be a set. An order (or partial order) on P is a binary relation \leq on P such that:

- (i) x < x,
- (ii) $x \le y$ and $y \le x$ imply x = y,
- (iii) $x \le y$ and $y \le z$ imply $x \le z$.

for all $x, y, z \in P$. A set P equipped with an order relation \leq is said to be an ordered set.

Definition 2.6. [4] Let P be a non-empty ordered set. If $x \lor y$ and $x \land y$ exist for all $x, y \in P$, then P is called a lattice.

3 Sheffer stroke BCK-algebras

In this paper, we introduce a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and give some properties.

Definition 3.1. A Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a structure (A, |, 0) of type (2,0) such that 0 is the constant in A, | is a Sheffer operation on A and the following axioms are satisfied for all $x, y, z \in A$

$$\begin{array}{l} (sBCK\text{-}1)\;((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z)))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z))))|\\ (z|(y|y))=0|0,\\ (sBCK\text{-}2)\;(x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))=0\;\;and\;(y|(x|x))|y|(x|x))=0\;\;imply\;x=y. \end{array}$$

A partial order \leq on A can be defined by

$$x \le y \Leftrightarrow (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) = 0.$$

A Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is called bounded if it has the greatest element.

Remark 3.1. The axioms (sBCK-1) and (sBCK-2) are independent:

To prove this claim, we construct a model for each axiom in which this axiom is true while the other is false.

Let $U = \{0,1\}$ be the universe of our model. The symbol | is interpreted as a binary operation on U. Let (U,|) be an algebra.

(1) Independence of (sBCK-1):

We define the operation | on U as in the following Cayley table:

Then (sBCK-2) holds while (sBCK-1) does not when $x=0,\ y=1$ and z=1.

(2) Independence of (sBCK-2):

We define the operation | on U as in the following Cayley table:

Then (sBCK-1) holds while (sBCK-2) does not when x=0 and y=1. We get (0|(1|1))|(0|(1|1))=0|0=0 and (1|(0|0))|(1|(0|0))=0|0=0 and then $0\neq 1$.

Example 3.1. Consider (A, |, 0) with the following Hasse diagram, where $A = \{0, x, y, z, 1\}$:

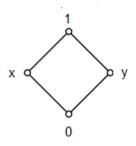


Figure 1:

The binary operation | has Cayley table as follow:

		Table 3:				
	0	x	y	1		
0	1	1	1	1		
\boldsymbol{x}	1	y	1	y		
y	1	1	\boldsymbol{x}	\boldsymbol{x}		
1	1	y	x	0		

Then (A, |, 0) is a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Lemma 3.1. Let A be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then the following features hold for all $x, y, z \in A$:

- (1) (x|(x|x))|(x|x) = x,
- (2) (x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)) = 0,

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(3) x|(((x|(y|y))|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(y|y))) = 0|0,
(4) (0|0)|(x|x) = x,
(5) x|0=0|0,
(6) (x|(0|0))|(x|(0|0)) = x,
(7) (0|(x|x))|(0|(x|x)) = 0,
(8) x|((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z))) = y|((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))),
(9) \left( (x|(((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z))))|((y|(x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))|(y|(x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))) \right) =
0|0,
(10) ((x|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(x|(y|y))))|(y|y) = 0|0.
Proof. (1) Substituting [y := (x|x)] in (S2), we obtain (x|x)|(x|(x|x)) = x.
Then (x|(x|x))|(x|x) = x from (S1).
         (2) In (sBCK-1), by substituting [y := x|x] and [z := x] simultaneously
and using (S2), (S3) and (1), we have
                0|0 = ((((x|((x|x)|(x|x)))|(x|((x|x)|(x|x))))|(x|(x|x)))|(((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)))|((x|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x|x)|(x|x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|(x|x|x)|
                                       = ((((x|x)|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)))|((x|x)|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)))|(x|x)
                             = ((x|(x|(x|x)))|(x|(x|(x|x))))|(x|x)
                             = x|(((x|(x|x))|(x|x))|((x|(x|x))|(x|x)))
                             = x|(x|x).
From (S2), we obtain (x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)) = 0.
         (3) In (S3), by substituting [y := x | (y|y)] and [z := y|y] and applying (S1),
(S3) and (2), we obtain
x|((x|(y|y))|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(y|y)) = x|(((y|y)|(x|(y|y)))|((y|y)|(x|(y|y)))|
                                                                                             = ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y))
                                                                                              = (x|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))
                                                                                              = 0|0.
         (4) (0|0)|(x|x) = (x|(x|x))|(x|x) = x from (1), (2) and (S2).
        (5) By using (4), (S1) and (S2),
                                                      x|0 = x|((0|0)|(0|0))
                                                                    = ((0|0)|(x|x))|((0|0)|(0|0))
                                                                          ((0|0)|(0|0))|((0|0)|(x|x))
                                                                           (0|0).
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(6) By using (S1), (S2) and (4),

$$\begin{aligned} (x|(0|0))|(x|(0|0)) &= & ((0|0)|((x|x)|(x|x)))|((0|0)|((x|x)|(x|x))) \\ &= & (x|x)|(x|x) \\ &= & x. \end{aligned}$$

- (7) From (5), (S1) and (S2), we have (0|(x|x))|(0|(x|x)) = (0|0)|(0|0) = 0.
- (8) By using (S1) and (S3), we have

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x|((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z))) & = & (((x|y)|(x|y))|(z|z)) \\ & = & (((y|x)|(y|x))|(z|z)) \\ & = & y|((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))). \end{array}$$

- (9) It is obtained from (2) and (8).
- (10) It is obtained from (3) and (S3).

Lemma 3.2. Let (A, |, 0) be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. A binary relation \leq is defined on A as follows:

$$x \le z$$
 if and only if $(x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)) = 0$.

Then the binary relation \leq is a partial order on A such that $0 \leq x$ for each $x \in A$. Moreover, we have

$$y \le (x|(y|y))$$
 and $x \le z$ implies $(x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) \le (z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y))$ for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Proof. • Reflexivity follows from Lemma 3.1 (2).

- Assume that $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$. Then (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) = 0 and (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) = 0. We obtain from (sBCK-2) that x = y.
- Assume that $x \leq z$ and $z \leq y$. Then (x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))=0 and (z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y))=0. Using (S1), (S2), (sBCK-1) and Lemma 3.1 (4), we get

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0|0 & = & ((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z)))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z))))|\\ & & (z|(y|y))\\ & = & ((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(0|0))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(0|0)))|(z|(y|y))\\ & = & ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(0|0)\\ & = & (x|(y|y)). \end{array}$$

Then $x \leq y$ and so \leq is a partial order on A. From Lemma 3.1 (7), we get $0 \leq x$ for each $x \in A$.

Moreover, assume that $x \leq z$ and $y \in A$. Then

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\begin{array}{lll} 0|0 & = & ((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z)))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z))))|\\ & & (z|(y|y))\\ & = & ((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(0|0))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(0|0)))|(z|(y|y))\\ & = & (((0|0)|((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))))|((0|0)|((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))))|(z|(y|y))\\ & = & ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|(y|y))\\ & = & (z|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))), \end{array}
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which means $z|(y|y) \le x|(y|y)$. From Lemma 2.2 (i), we have $(x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) \le (z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y))$. Putting here [z:=0|0], we obtain $y=(0|0)|(y|y) \le x|(y|y)$.

Let A be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then 1 = 0|0 is the greatest element and 0 = 1|1 is the least element of A.

Proposition 3.1. Let (A, |, 0) be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then the following features are hold for all $x, y, z \in A$:

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(i) x \le z implies (y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)) \le (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)),

(ii) ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z) = ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))|(y|y),

(iii) ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))) \le z \Leftrightarrow ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))) \le y,

(iv) (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) \le x,

(v) x \le y|(x|x),

(vi) x \le (x|(y|y))|(y|y),

(vii) If x \le y, then z|(x|x) \le z|(y|y).
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 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} \ (i) : \ \text{Let} \ x \leq z. \ \text{Then by (sBCK-1), we have } (((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))(y|(x|x)))(y|(x|x)))|\\ (((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))|(y|(x|x))) \leq (x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)). \ \text{Hence, } (((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))|(y|(x|x)))|\\ ((y|(z|z)))|(y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))|(y|(x|x))) \leq 0. \ \text{By using Lemma } 3.1 \ (6) \ \text{and } (S2), \ \text{we have } (((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))(y|(x|x)))|(((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)))|(y|(x|x)).\\ (ii) : \ \text{By Lemma } 3.1 \ (3) \ \text{and } (S3), \ \text{we have } (x|(x|(z|z)))|(x|(x|(z|z))) \leq z. \ \text{Making use of } (\text{sBCK-1}) \ \text{and } (i), \ \text{we get } (((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z))|(((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(x|(z|z)))|(y|y))|\\ ((y|y)))|(z|z) \leq (((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(((x|(z|z)))|(y|y))|((x|(x|(z|z)))|(y|y)). \ \text{By using Lemma } 2.2 \ (i) \ \text{and } (S2), \ \text{we have } ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))|(y|y) \leq ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z). \ \text{Interchanging } y \ \text{and } z \ \text{in the above inequality, we obtain } ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y))|(z|z) \leq ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))|(y|y). \end{array}$

(iii): This is a straightforward consequence of (ii).

(iv): By (ii), Lemma 3.1 (2), (7) and (S2), we have ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|x) = ((x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)))|(y|y) = (0|(y|y)) = 0|0. Consequently, (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) < x.

(v): By using (S1), (S2), (S3), Lemma 3.1 (2) and (5), we have

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x|((y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x))) & = & x|(((x|x)|y)|((x|x)|y)) \\ & = & ((x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)))|y \\ & = & 0|y \\ & = & y|0 \\ & = & 0|0, \end{array}$$

that is, $x \leq y(x|x)$.

(vi): By using (S1), (S2), (S3) and Lemma 3.1 (2), we have

$$\begin{array}{lll} x|(((x|(y|y))|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(y|y))) & = & x|(((y|y)|(x|(y|y))) \\ & & |((y|y)|(x|(y|y)))| \\ & = & ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)) \\ & = & (x|(y|y))|((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))) \\ & = & 0|0, \end{array}$$

that is, $x \leq (x|(y|y))|(y|y)$.

(vii): By using (S1), Lemma 2.2 (i) and (iii), we have

$$\begin{split} x \leq y &\Leftrightarrow y|y \leq x|x \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x|x)|z \leq (y|y)|z \\ &\Leftrightarrow z|(x|x) \leq z|(y|y). \end{split}$$

Theorem 3.1. Let (A, |, 0) be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. If we define

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

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

Proof. By using (S1), (S2), (sBCK-1), (sBCK-2), Lemma 3.1 (2), (7) and (10), we have:

(BCK - 5): 0 * x = (0|(x|x))|(0|(x|x)) = 0.

imply x = y.

$$(BCK-1): \\ ((x*y)*(x*z))*(z*y) &= (((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z)))|((((x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)))| \\ (y|y)))|(x|(y|y))|(x|(z|z)))|(z|(y|y))| \\ (((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z))))|((((x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)))| \\ &= (0|0)|(0|0) \\ &= 0. \\ (BCK-2): \\ (x*(x*y))*y &= ((x|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(x|(y|y)))|(y|y) \\ &= (0|0)|(0|0) \\ &= 0. \\ (BCK-3): x*x &= (x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (BCK-4): x*y &= (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) &= 0 \text{ and } y*x &= (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (BCK-4): x*y &= (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) &= 0 \text{ and } y*x &= (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (BCK-4): x*y &= (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) &= 0 \text{ and } y*x &= (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (BCK-4): x*y &= (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) &= 0 \text{ and } y*x &= (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (BCK-4): x*y &= (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) &= 0 \text{ and } y*x &= (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) &= 0. \\ (x*y) &= (x*y$$

Example 3.2. Consider the Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra (A, |, 0) in Example 3.1. Then a BCK-algebra (A, *, 0) defined by this Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra has the following Cayley table:

Theorem 3.2. Let (A, *, 0, 1) be a bounded BCK-algebra. If we define $x|y := (x*y^0)^0$ and $x^0 = 1*x$, where x*(1*x) = x and 1*(1*x) = x, then (A, |, 0) is a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Proof. From (BCK-3), we have $1^0=1*1=0$ and $0^0=(1^0)^0=1*(1*1)=1$. (sBCK-1): By using (BCK-1), we have $((((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z)))|((((x|(y|y)))|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(z|z))))|(z|(y|y))=(((x*y)|(x*z)^0)|((x*y)|(x*z)^0))|(z*y)^0$

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= (((x*y)*(x*z))^{0}|((x*y)*(x*z))^{0})|(z*y)^{0}
= (((x*y)*(x*z))*(z*y))^{0}
= 0^{0}
= 1
= 0|0.
(sBCK-2): \text{ By using (BCK-2), we get } (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)) = x*y = 0 \text{ and } (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) = y*x = 0 \text{ imply } x = y.
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Example 3.3. Consider a bounded BCK-algebra (A, *, 0, 1) with $A = \{0, x, y, z, t, u, v, 1\}$ and the binary operation * on A defined as follows:

	Table 5:							
*	0	\boldsymbol{x}	y	z	t	u	v	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
x	x	0	\boldsymbol{x}	x	0	0	\boldsymbol{x}	0
y	y	y	0	y	0	y	0	0
z	z	z	z	0	z	0	0	0
t	t	y	\boldsymbol{x}	t	0	y	\boldsymbol{x}	0
u	u	z	u	x	z	0	\boldsymbol{x}	0
v	v	v	z	y	z	y	0	0
1	1	v	u	t	z	y	\boldsymbol{x}	0

Then a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra (A, |, 0) defined by this bounded BCK-algebra (A, *, 0, 1) has the following Cayley table:

	Table 6:							
	0	\boldsymbol{x}	y	z	t	u	v	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
\boldsymbol{x}	1	v	1	1	v	v	1	v
y	1	1	u	1	u	1	u	u
z	1	1	1	t	1	t	t	t
t	1	v	u	1	z	v	u	z
u	1	v	1	t	v	y	t	y
v	1	1	u	t	u	t	\boldsymbol{x}	\boldsymbol{x}
1	1	v	u	t	z	y	\boldsymbol{x}	0

Definition 3.2. [17] A Sheffer stroke BE-algebra is a structure (S, |, 1) of type (2,0) such that 1 is the constant in S, | is a Sheffer operation on S and the

following axioms are satisfied for all $x, y, z \in S$:

$$(SBE - 1) x|(x|x) = 1,$$

$$(SBE - 2) \ x|((y|(z|z))|(y|(z|z)) = y|((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))).$$

Example 3.4. [17] Consider a structure (S, |, 1) where $S = \{0, u, v, w, t, 1\}$ and a binary operation | with the following Cayley table:

	Table 7:						
	0	u	v	w	t	1	
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
u	1	v	1	1	1	v	
v	1	1	u	1	1	u	
w	1	1	1	t	1	t	
t	1	1	1	1	w	w	
1	1	v	u	t	w	0	

Then this structure is a Sheffer stroke BE-algebra.

Theorem 3.3. Every Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a Sheffer stroke BE-algebra.

Proof. It is obtained from Lemma 3.1 (2), (8) and (S2). \Box

Remark 3.2. The converse of Theorem 3.3 is not true as in the following example.

Example 3.5. Consider the Sheffer stroke BE-algebra (A, |, 1) in Example 3.4. Then S is not a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra when x = u, y = v and z = t, since $((((u|(v|v))|(u|(v|v)))|(u|(t|t)))|(((u|(v|v))|(u|(v|v)))|(u|(t|t)))|(t|(v|v)) = v \neq 0|0$.

Definition 3.3. Let A be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then

- (i) A is called a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra if ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z) = ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))|(y|(z|z)),
- (ii) A is called an implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra if x|(y|(x|x)) = x|x, (iii) A is called a commutative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra if x|(x|(y|y)) = y|(y|(x|x)),
- (iv) A is called a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra, if there exists the greatest element 1 of A and (1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)) is denoted by Nx for any $x \in A$,
- (v) A is called an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra, if NNx = x for all $x \in A$.

Example 3.6. Consider the Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra (A, |, 0) in Example 3.1. Then A is a positive implicative, an implicative, a commutative, a bounded and a involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Proposition 3.2. Let A be a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then the following features hold for all $x, y \in A$:

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(i) N1 = 0 and N0 = 1,
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- (ii) $(Nx|(Ny|Ny))|(Nx|(Ny|Ny)) \le (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)),$
- (iii) $y \le x$ implies $Nx \le Ny$,
- (iv) Nx|(y|y) = Ny|(x|x).

Proof. (i) By using (S1), (S2) and Lemma 3.1 (2), we obtain

$$\begin{array}{lll} N1 & = & (1|(1|1))|(1|(1|1)) \\ & = & ((0|0)|((0|0)|(0|0)))|((0|0)|((0|0)|(0|0))) \\ & = & ((0|0)|0)|((0|0)|0) \\ & = & (0|(0|0))|(0|(0|0)) \\ & = & 0. \\ \\ N0 & = & (1|(0|0))|(1|(0|0)) \\ & = & ((0|0)|(0|0))|((0|0)|(0|0)) \\ & = & 0|0 \\ & = & 1. \end{array}$$

(ii) By using (S1), (S2), Lemma 3.1 (2) and (4), we have

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 (Nx|(Ny|Ny))|(Nx|(Ny|Ny))|(y|(x|x)) = (((((0|0)|(x|x))|((0|0)|(x|x)))|((0|0)|(x|x)))|(((0|0)|(x|x)))|(((0|0)|(x|x)))| 
 ((0|0)|(y|y)))|(y|(x|x)) 
 = (((x|x)|y)|((x|x)|y)|(y|(x|x)) 
 = ((y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) 
 = 0|0,
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which means, $(Nx|(Ny|Ny))|(Nx|(Ny|Ny)) \le (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x))$.

- (iii) Assume that $y \le x$. We get (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) = 0. By using Lemma 3.1 (4) and (S1), we obtain (Nx|(Ny|Ny))|(Nx|(Ny|Ny)) = ((x|x)|y)|((x|x)|y) = (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) = 0. Therefore, $Nx \le Ny$.
- (iv) Nx|(y|y)=(x|x)|(y|y)=(y|y)|(x|x)=Ny|(x|x) from (S1) and Lemma 3.1 (4). \Box

Theorem 3.4. Let A be a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then the following are equivalent for any $x, y \in A$:

- (i) A is involutory,
- (ii) x|(y|y) = Ny|(Nx|Nx),
- (iii) x|(Ny|Ny) = y|(Nx|Nx),
- (iv) $x \leq Ny$ implies $y \leq Nx$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Since A is involutory, we have NNx = x for all $x \in A$. Then Proposition 3.2 (iv) implies that x|(y|y) = NNx|(y|y) = Ny|(Nx|Nx).

- (ii) \Rightarrow (iii): By (ii), x|(Ny|Ny) = NNy|(Nx|Nx) and y|(Nx|Nx) = NNx|(Ny|Ny). Also, by Proposition 3.2 (iv), NNy|(Nx|Nx) = NNx|(Ny|Ny). Therefore, x|(Ny|Ny) = y|(Nx|Nx).
- (iii) \Rightarrow (iv): If $x \leq Ny$ then (x|(Ny|Ny))|(x|(Ny|Ny)) = 0. So, (y|(Nx|Nx))|(y|(Nx|Nx)) = 0 by (iii). Therefore, $y \leq Nx$.
- (iv) \Rightarrow (i): It is clear that $NNx \leq x$. Also it is obvious that $Nx \leq Nx$ then (iv) gives $x \leq NNx$. Comparison gives NNx = x for all $x \in A$. Therefore, A is involutory. \Box

Theorem 3.5. Let A be an implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then

- (a) A is a commutative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.
- (b) A is a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Proof. (a): By using Proposition 3.1 (ii), Lemma 3.1 (10), Definition 3.3 (ii), we get

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x|(x|(y|y)) & = & ((x|(y|(x|x)))|(x|(y|(x|x))))|(x|(y|y)) \\ & = & ((x|(x|(y|y)))|(x|(x|(y|y))))|(y|(x|x)) \\ & = & y|(y|(x|x)) \end{array}$$

Therefore, A is a commutative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

(b): Substituting [x := (x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))] in the identity x|x = x|(y|(x|x)) and by using (S1), (S2), Lemma 3.1 (2) and (4), we have,

$$x|(y|y) = ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(y|(x|(y|y)))$$

= $((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(y|y)$

Therefore, A is a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Theorem 3.6. Let A be a both commutative and positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then A is an implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Proof. From Proposition 3.1 (v), we have $x \le y|(x|x)$. By using Proposition 3.1 (vii), Lemma 2.2 (i) and (S2), we get

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\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow (y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)) \leq x|x. \\ \Rightarrow x|(((y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)))|((y|(x|x))|(y|(x|x)))) \leq x|((x|x)|(x|x)) \\ \Rightarrow x|(y|(x|x)) \leq x|x. \\ \text{Therefore, } (x|(y|(x|x)))|x=x|(x|(y|(x|x)))=0|0. \\ \text{By using Lemma 3.1 (2), (4), (5), (6), (S2), Definition 3.3 (i), (ii), (iii), we obtain} \end{array}
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 \begin{aligned} (x|(y|(x|x)))|(x|(y|(x|x))) &= & (x|(y|(x|x)))|(0|0) \\ &= & ((x|(y|(x|x)))|((x|(y|(x|x)))|x) \\ &= & ((x|(y|(x|x)))|((x|(y|(x|x)))|((x|x)|(x|x))) \\ &= & (x|x)|(((x|x)|((x|(y|(x|x)))|(x|(y|(x|x))))) \\ &= & (x|x)|(((x|(y|(x|x)))|(x|(y|(x|x)))|(x|x)) \\ &= & (x|x)|(((x|(x|x))|(x|(x|x)))|((y|(x|x))|(x|x))) \\ &= & (x|x)|(0|((y|(x|x))|(x|x))) \\ &= & (x|x)|(0|0) \\ &= & x. \end{aligned}
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From (S2), x|(y|(x|x)) = x|x. Then A is an implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Definition 3.4. Let A be a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then (i) A is said to have condition (S) if the set $A(x,y) = \{t \in A : (t|(x|x))|(t|(x|x)) \le y\}$ has the greatest element which is denoted by $x \circ y$ for any $x, y \in A$. Moreover,

$$((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z) = (x|((y \circ z)|(y \circ z))),$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$,

(ii) $(A, |, \leq)$ is called a Sheffer stroke BCK-lattice, if (A, \leq) is a lattice, where \leq is the partial order on A defined as in Definition 3.1.

Example 3.7. Consider the Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra (A, |, 0) in Example 3.1. Then (A, |, 0) is a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S) where $x \circ y = x \vee y$. Moreover, $(A, |, \leq)$ is a Sheffer stroke BCK-lattice.

Proposition 3.3. If A is a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then A satisfies condition (S). In this case $x \circ y = (1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(1|(((1|(x|x)))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))$.

Proof. Define $x \circ y = (1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))$, for all $x, y \in A$. Then by using Proposition 3.1 (ii) and Lemma 3.1

(3), we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} ((x\circ y)|(x|x))|((x\circ y)|(x|x)) & = & (((1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(1\\ & & |(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(x|x))\\ & & |(((1|(((1|(x|x)))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(1|\\ & & (((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(((1|(x|x)))\\ & = & (((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(((1|(x|x)))\\ & & & (1|(x|x))|(y|y))|(((1|(x|x)))|(1|(x\\ & & & |x)))|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))\\ & \leq & y. \end{array}$$

For $z \in A$, by using (S2), (S3) and Lemma 3.1 (4), we have

$$\begin{split} z|((x\circ y)|(x\circ y)) &= z|(1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))\\ &= z|((0|0)|((((0|0)|(x|x))|((0|0)|(x|x)))|(y|y)))\\ &= z|(((x|x)|(y|y))|(x|x)|(y|y))\\ &= ((z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x)))|(y|y). \end{split}$$

Hence, A satisfies condition (S).

Theorem 3.7. Every involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra A is with the condition (S).

Proof. Suppose that 1 is the greatest element of A and $x, y, z \in A$. Because A is involutory, we have

$$Nx|(Ny|Ny) = y|(x|x) \tag{1}$$

by Theorem 3.4. We define "o" as follows:

$$x \circ y = N((Nx|(y|y))|(Nx|(y|y))).$$

Using the involutory property of x and Equation (1) as well as Proposition 3.1 (ii), we obtain

$$\begin{array}{lll} (x|((y\circ z)|(y\circ z))) & = & NNx|(N((Ny|(z|z))|(Ny|(z|z))) \\ & & |(N((Ny|(z|z))|(Ny|(z|z))))) \\ & = & ((Ny|(z|z))|(Ny|(z|z)))|(Nx|Nx) \\ & = & ((Ny|(Nx|Nx))|(Ny|(Nx|Nx)))|(z|z) \\ & = & ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y)))|(z|z). \end{array}$$

Therefore, A is with condition (S).

Remark 3.3. Let A be a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then every commutative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra.

Corollary 3.1. Every bounded commutative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra satisfies condition (S).

Proof. It is obtained from Theorem 3.7 and Remark 3.3. \Box

Corollary 3.2. Any bounded implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra satisfies condition (S) and

$$x \circ y = x \vee y$$
.

Indeed, it is possible to show that a least upper bound of x and y, $x \lor y$, exists in A and $x \lor y = (1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))|(1|(((1|(x|x))|(1|(x|x)))|(y|y)))$.

Theorem 3.8. Let A be a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S). If (A, \leq) is a lattice, it must be distributive.

Proof. From the theory of lattices, a lattice is distributive if and only if it contains neither a rhombus sublattice nor a pentagon sublattice. Assume that the lattice (A, \leq) contains either a rhombus sublattice or a pentagon sublattice whose Hasse diagrams are respectively assumed as follows:

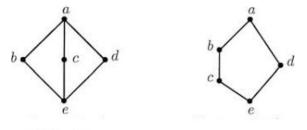


Figure 2:

For the first diagram, we have $b \lor c = a$ and $b \lor d = a$, which means from Corollary 3.2 that $b \circ c = a$ and $b \circ d = a$. Then we have from Definition 3.4 and Lemma 3.1 (2) that

$$\begin{aligned} ((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b)))|(c|c) &= a|((b \circ c)|(b \circ c)) \\ &= a|(a|a) \\ &= 0|0. \end{aligned}$$

Namely, $((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b))) \le c$. Likewise, $((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b))) \le d$. So, $((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b))) \le c \land d$. Noticing, $c \land d = e$, it follows $((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b))) \le e$. Also, since $e \le b$ by Corollary 3.2, $b \circ e = b \lor e = b$. Now, Definition 3.4 gives

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 \begin{aligned} ((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b))) &= (a|((b \circ e)|(b \circ e)))|(a|((b \circ e)|(b \circ e))) \\ &= (((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b)))|(e|e))|(((a|(b|b))|(a|(b|b)))|(e|e)) \\ &\leq e|(e|e))|(e|(e|e)) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}
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Therefore, $a \le b$ which is a contradiction with a > b.

For the second diagram, we have $c \lor d = a$. Then Corollary 3.2 implies that $c \circ d = a$. Applying Definition 3.4 and the fact that $b \le a$, we derive

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 \begin{aligned} ((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c)))|(d|d) &= b|((c \circ d)|(c \circ d)) \\ &= (b|(a|a)) \\ &= 0|0. \end{aligned}
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That is $((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c))) \le d$. Also, by Proposition 3.1 (iv), $((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c))) \le b$. Then $((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c))) \le b \land d = e$ and so ((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c)))|(e|e) = 0|0. Using Corollary 3.2 again, it follows $b|((c \circ e)|(c \circ e)) = 0|0$. Next, because $e \le c$, $c \circ e = e \lor c = c$. Hence

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 \begin{aligned} ((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c))) &= & (b|((c\circ e)|(c\circ e)))|(b|((c\circ e)|(c\circ e))) \\ &= & (((b|(c|c))|(b|(c|c)))|(e|e))|(((b|(c|c)))|(e|e)) \\ &\leq & (e|(e|e))|(e|(e|e)) \\ &= & 0. \end{aligned}
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Therefore, $b \le c$, which is impossible since b > c. The proof is complete. \square

Lemma 3.3. Let A be a Sheffer stroke BCK-lattice. Then $(x|((y \land z)|(y \land z)))|(x|((y \land z)|(y \land z))) = ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))) \lor ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z)))$, for any $x, y, z \in A$.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} \text{ Suppose that } A \text{ is a Sheffer stroke BCK-lattice and } x,y,z \in A. \text{ Since } y \land z \leq y \text{ and } y \land z \leq z, \text{ by Proposition 3.1 (i), we obtain } ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))) \leq (x|((y \land z)|(y \land z)))|(x|((y \land z)|(y \land z))) \text{ and } ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))) \leq (x|((y \land z)|(y \land z)))|(x|((y \land z)|(y \land z))). \\ \text{Hence, } ((x|(y|y))|(x|(y|y))) \vee ((x|(z|z))|(x|(z|z))) \leq (x|((y \land z)|(y \land z)))|(x|((y \land z)|(y \land z))). \end{array}$

Lemma 3.4. Let A be a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and $x, y \in A$. (1) If the greatest lower bound $x \wedge y$ of x and y exists, then least upper bound $Nx \vee Ny$ of Nx and Ny exists and $Nx \vee Ny = N(x \wedge y)$.

(2) If A is involutory and if the least upper bound $x \lor y$ exists, then the greatest lower bound $Nx \land Ny$ exists and $Nx \land Ny = N(x \lor y)$.

Proof. It is known from Lemma 3.3 that if the greatest lower bound $x \wedge y$ of x and y exists, then for any $z \in A$, the least upper bound $((z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x))) \vee ((z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y)))$ exists and $(z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x))) \vee ((z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y))) = ((z|(x \wedge y)|(x \wedge y)))|(z|((x \wedge y)|(x \wedge y))))$.

- (1) Assume that z is the greatest element of A. If $x \wedge y$ exists, then $((z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x))) \vee ((z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y)))$ exists and $(z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x))) \vee ((z|(y|y))|(z|(y|y))) = ((z|((x\wedge y)|(x\wedge y)))|(z|((x\wedge y)|(x\wedge y))))$. Because ((z|(x|x))|(z|(x|x))) = Nx, it yields that $Nx \vee Ny$ exists and $Nx \vee Ny = N(x \wedge y)$.
- (2) If $x \vee y$ exists, since $x \leq x \vee y$ and $y \leq x \vee y$, it follows from Proposition 3.2 (iii) that $N(x \vee y) \leq Nx$ and $N(x \vee y) \leq Ny$. Hence, $N(x \vee y)$ is a lower bound of Nx and Ny. Also let z be any lower bound of Nx and Ny. Since $z \leq Nx$ and $z \leq Ny$ by A being involutory, Theorem 3.4 (iv) gives $x \leq Nz$ and $y \leq Nz$. So, $x \vee y \leq Nz$. Using Theorem 3.4 (iv) once more, we get $z \leq N(x \vee y)$. Hence, $N(x \vee y)$ is the greatest lower bound of Nx and Ny. Therefore, $Nx \wedge Ny$ exists and $Nx \wedge Ny = N(x \vee y)$.

Theorem 3.9. Let A be an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) (A, <) is a lower semilattice,
- (2) (A, \leq) is an upper semilattice,
- (3) (A, \leq) is a lattice.

Moreover, Sheffer stroke BCK-lattice (A, \leq) is a distributive lattice, where

$$x \wedge y = N(Nx \vee Ny)$$
 and $x \vee y = N(Nx \wedge Ny)$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Since (A, \leq) is a lower semilattice, $Nx \wedge Ny$ exists for any $x, y \in A$. Then Lemma 3.4 (1) gives that $NNx \vee NNy$ exists. Also, since A is involutory, we have $NNx \vee NNy = x \vee y$. Hence $x \vee y$ exists and (A, \leq) is

an upper semilattice.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$: Because (A, \leq) is an upper semilattice by using Lemma 3.4 (2) and following the preceding proof, we obtain that (A, \leq) is a lower semilattice. Therefore, (A, \leq) is a lattice.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$: Obvious.

Moreover, if (A, \leq) is a lattice, then we have from Lemma 3.4 that

$$NNx \wedge NNy = N(Nx \vee Ny)$$
 and $NNx \vee NNy = N(Nx \wedge Ny)$.

for all $x, y \in A$. So, we derive

$$x \wedge y = N(Nx \vee Ny)$$
 and $x \vee y = N(Nx \wedge Ny)$

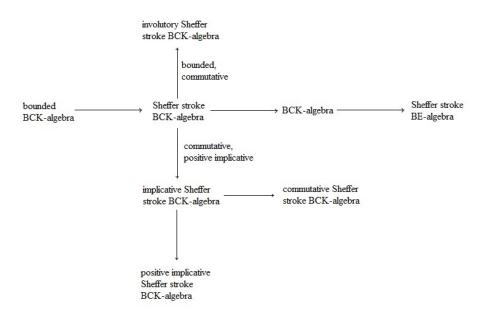
by the involution.

Corollary 3.3. Let A be a bounded Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. Then any implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a Boolean lattice.

Proof. The proof is obtained from Theorem 3.5, Remark 3.3, Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 3.9. $\hfill\Box$

4 Conclusion

In this study, a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra, a partial order, a commutative, an implicative, an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and their some properties are investigated. By presenting definitions of a Sheffer stroke and a BCK-algebra, a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is introduced and related notions are given. It is proved that the axiom system of a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is independent. It is stated the relationships between a Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra and a (bounded) BCK-algebra. It is proved that every Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a Sheffer stroke BE-algebra. A commutative, an implicative and an involutory Sheffer stroke BCK-algebras are defined and the relationship of this structures is given. It is indicated that every implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a commutative and a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra. A Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S) is identified. It is presented that if a positive implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra with condition (S) is a lattice, then it must be distributive. Finally, it is shown that any implicative Sheffer stroke BCK-algebra is a Boolean lattice.



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