

## 28. Axioms for Boolean Rings

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G. R. Blakley, S. Ôhashi, K. Iséki and the author gave some new definitions of commutative rings and semirings (see [1]-[4]). K. Iséki gave some new axiom systems for Boolean rings (see [5]). In this note, we shall give other definitions of Boolean rings with unity.

**Theorem 1.** *A set with two nullary operations, 0 and 1, and with two binary operations, + and juxtaposition, such that*

- 1.1)  $r + 0 = r$ ,
- 1.2)  $r1 = r$ ,
- 1.3)  $(r + r)a = 0$ ,
- 1.4)  $(a + (br + cz))r = (br + ar) + z(cr)$

*for any  $a, b, c, r, z$ , is a Boolean ring with unity.*

**Proof.** We can prove this theorem as follows.

- 1.5)  $r + r$   
 $\quad = (r + r)1$  by 1.2.  
 $\quad = 0$  by 1.3.
- 1.6)  $0a$   
 $\quad = (0 + 0)a$  by 1.1.  
 $\quad = 0$  by 1.3.
- 1.7)  $a + b = b + a$  (See 1.7 in [4])
- 1.8)  $cz = zc$  (See 1.8 in [4])
- 1.9)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  (See 1.9 in [4])
- 1.10)  $(zc)r = z(cr)$  (See 1.10 in [4])
- 1.11)  $(a + c)r$   
 $\quad = (a + (0r + c1))r$  by 1.6, 1.2, 1.7, 1.1.  
 $\quad = (0r + ar) + 1(cr)$  by 1.4.  
 $\quad = ar + cr$  by 1.6, 1.7, 1.1, 1.8, 1.2.
- 1.12)  $rr$   
 $\quad = (0 + (1r + 00))r$  by 1.7, 1.8, 1.6, 1.2, 1.1.  
 $\quad = (1r + 0r) + 0(0r)$  by 1.4.  
 $\quad = r$  by 1.6, 1.1, 1.8, 1.2.
- 1.13) For given  $a, b$ , the equation  $a + x = b$  is solvable. Let  $x = a + b$ .  
 $\quad a + (a + b)$   
 $\quad = (a + a) + b$  by 1.9.  
 $\quad = b$  by 1.5, 1.7, 1.1.

Hence  $a + b$  is one solution of the equation.

Therefore the proof of Theorem 1 is complete.