

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.

Theorem 2. *A set with two nullary operations, 0 and 1, and with two binary operations, + and juxtaposition, such that*

$$2.1) \quad r+0=0+r=r,$$

$$2.2) \quad (r+r)a=0,$$

$$2.3) \quad (a+(br+cz))r+s=((br+ar)+z(cr))+s1$$

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

Proof. We can prove this theorem as follows.

$$2.4) \quad 0a=0 \quad (\text{See 1.6})$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2.5) \quad s1 & \\ &= ((0r+0r)+0(0r))+s1 && \text{by 2.4, 2.1.} \\ &= (0+(0r+00))r+s && \text{by 2.3.} \\ &= s && \text{by 2.4, 2.1.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2.6) \quad (a+(br+cz))r & \\ &= (br+ar)+z(cr) && \text{by 2.1, 2.3, 2.4.} \end{aligned}$$

The remaining part of the proof can be trivially given by using Theorem 1.

Theorem 3. *A set with two nullary operations, 0 and 1, and with two binary operations, + and juxtaposition, such that*

$$3.1) \quad r+0=0+r=r,$$

$$3.2) \quad r1=r,$$

$$3.3) \quad (a+(br+cz))r+(t+t)d=(br+ar)+z(cr)$$

for any a, b, c, d, r, t, z , is a Boolean ring with unity.

Proof. We can prove this theorem as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} 3.4) \quad (t+t)d & \\ &= (0+(01+01))1+(t+t)d && \text{by 3.2, 3.1.} \\ &= (01+01)+1(01) && \text{by 3.3.} \\ &= 10 && \text{by 3.2, 3.1.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3.5) \quad 10 & \\ &= (0+0)1 && \text{by 3.4.} \\ &= 0 && \text{by 3.1, 3.2.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3.6) \quad (t+t)d & \\ &= 0 && \text{by 3.4, 3.5.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3.7) \quad (a+(br+cz))r & \\ &= (br+ar)+z(cr) && \text{by 3.3, 3.6, 3.1.} \end{aligned}$$

The remaining part of the proof can be trivially given by using Theorem 1.

Theorem 4. *A set with two nullary operations, 0 and 1, and with two binary operations, + and juxtaposition, such that*

$$4.1) \quad r+0=0+r=r,$$

$$4.2) \quad 01=0,$$

$$4.3) \quad (a+(br+cz))r+(s+(t+t)d)=((br+ar)+z(cr))+s1$$

for any a, b, c, d, r, s, t, z , is a Boolean ring with unity.

Proof. We can prove this theorem as follows.

$$4.4) \quad (t+t)d=10 \quad (\text{See 3.4})$$

$$4.5) \quad 10=0 \quad (\text{See 3.5})$$

$$4.6) \quad (t+t)d=0 \quad (\text{See 3.6})$$

$$4.7) \quad (a+(br+cz))r+s=((br+ar)+z(cr))+s1 \\ (\text{See 3.7})$$

The remaining part of the proof can be trivially given by using Theorem 2.

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