

## JNB-ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** As a generalization of the self-distributive BE-algebra, the JNB-algebra is introduced, and its basic properties are investigated. This could play various roles in the study of logical algebra, including BCK-algebra. First, examples are presented showing that the three axioms of JNB-algebra are independent of each other. The basic properties of JNB-algebras that will be needed to study various theories about JNB-algebras are explored. Upper sets based on one and two elements are introduced and its associated properties are examined. Two concepts so called JNB-deductive system and JNB-filter are introduced, and their properties are investigated. Characterizations of the JNB-deductive system and the JNB-filter are discussed. It is finally confirmed that the JNB-deductive system matches the JNB-filter.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

L. Henkin and T. Skolem made significant contributions to the field of intuitionistic and non-classical logics during the 1950s by introducing Hilbert algebras. A. Diego studied the local finiteness of Hilbert algebras (see [9]). Later, several researchers introduced different concepts in Hilbert algebras and studied its properties (see [8, 7, 10]). J. C. Abbott introduced a concept of implication algebra in the sake to formalize the logical connective implication in the classical propositional logic and has shown that implication algebras are a natural generalization of Boolean algebras (see [1]). R. A. Borzooei and S. K. Shoar have shown that the implication algebras are equivalent to dual implicative BCK-algebras (see [5]). H. S. Kim and Y. H. Kim introduced the notion of BE-algebras as a generalization of dual BCK-algebras (see [11]). A. Rezaei et al. studied the relationship between Hilbert algebras and BE-algebras (see [12]). S. S. Ahn et al. studied the notions of ideas and upper sets in BE-algebras (see [2]). A. Borumand Saeid et al. introduced and studied some types of filters in BE-algebras (see [4]). R. A. Borzooei and J. Shohani introduced the notion of a generalized Hilbert algebra and studied its properties (see [6]). The process of generalization is pivotal in the study

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of algebraic structures, leading to the introduction of GE-algebras by R. K. Bandaru et al. elaborated in (see [3]).

In this paper, we introduce the concept of a JNB-algebra which is a generalization of self-distributive BE-algebra and study its properties. We give the relation between other algebraic structures related to BCK-algebra. We introduce the notion of upper sets in a JNB-algebra and investigate its properties. We consider JNB-deductive systems and JNB-filters in a JNB-algebra and characterize both.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Diego (cf. [9]) introduced the Hilbert algebra as follows.

**Definition 2.1** ([9]). A *Hilbert algebra* is defined to be an algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  of type  $(2,0)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (H1)  $\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a}) = 1$ ,
- (H2)  $(\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c})) * ((\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}) * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{c})) = 1$ ,
- (H3)  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} = 1 = \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$

for all  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([11]). A *BE-algebra* is an algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  of type  $(2,0)$  that satisfies:

- (BE1)  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{a} = 1$ ,
- (BE2)  $1 * \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}$ ,
- (BE3)  $\mathbf{a} * 1 = 1$ ,
- (BE4)  $\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{b} * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{c})$ ,

for all  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in X$ .

A BE-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  is said to be *self-distributive* (see [2, Definition 2.4]) if it satisfies:

$$(\forall \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in X)(\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}) * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{c})). \quad (2.1)$$

**Definition 2.3** ([5]). A *dual BCK-algebra* is a triple  $(X, *, 1)$  where  $X$  is a set with a constant 1 and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $X$  that satisfies:

- (DBCK1)  $(\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c}) * ((\mathbf{c} * \mathbf{a}) * (\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a})) = 1$ ,
- (DBCK2)  $\mathbf{b} * ((\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a}) * \mathbf{a}) = 1$ ,
- (DBCK3)  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{a} = 1$ ,
- (DBCK4)  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} = 1 = \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a}$  imply  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$ ,
- (DBCK5)  $\mathbf{a} * 1 = 1$

for all  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([3]). A *GE-algebra* is a structure  $(X, *, 1)$  in which  $X$  is set with a constant “1” and a binary operation “\*” satisfying the following axioms:

$$(GE1) \ a * a = 1,$$

$$(GE2) \ 1 * a = a,$$

$$(GE3) \ a * (b * c) = a * (b * (a * c))$$

for all  $a, b, c \in X$ .

### 3. JNB-ALGEBRAS

In this section, we give the definition of a JNB-algebra and its properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A *JNB-algebra* is defined to be an algebra  $(X, *, 1)$ , where  $X$  is a set with a special element 1 and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $X$  that satisfies:

$$1 * x = x, \tag{3.1}$$

$$x * (y * z) = (y * x) * (y * z), \tag{3.2}$$

$$(x * y) * ((y * z) * (x * z)) = 1 \tag{3.3}$$

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

We first illustrate how the three axioms of JNB algebra are independent of each other through examples.

**Example 3.2.** (i) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	c	c
b	1	1	1	c
c	1	1	c	c

At this time,  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies (3.1) and (3.2), but not satisfy (3.3) because of  $(a * a) * ((a * b) * (a * b)) = 1 * c = c \neq 1$ .

(ii) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	1	b
b	1	1	1	a
c	1	1	1	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies (3.1) and (3.3), but not satisfy (3.2) since

$$b * (a * c) = b * b = 1 \neq b = 1 * b = (a * b) * (a * c).$$

(iii) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	c	1
a	1	1	1	1
b	1	a	1	1
c	1	a	1	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies (3.2) and (3.3), but not satisfy (3.1) because of  $1 * b = c \neq b$ .

We display the relationship between JNB-algebra, self-distributive BE-algebra, dual BCK-algebra, BE-algebra, and GE-algebra.

First, we show by example that the BE-algebra and the JNB-algebra are independent of each other.

**Example 3.3.** (i) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	a	1
b	1	1	1	c
c	1	a	b	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a BE-algebra but not a JNB-algebra because

$$a * (a * b) = a * a = 1 \neq a = 1 * a = (a * a) * (a * b).$$

(ii) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c	d
1	1	a	b	c	d
a	1	1	b	c	c
b	1	a	1	d	d
c	1	a	1	1	1
d	1	a	1	1	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-algebra. We can observe that

$$(a * b) * (a * c) = d \neq c = a * d = a * (b * c)$$

and

$$b * (a * c) = b * c = d \neq c = a * d = a * (b * c).$$

Hence  $(X, *, 1)$  is not a (self-distributive) BE-algebra.

Thorough Example 3.3(ii), we can see that the JNB-algebra is not a (self-distributive) BE-algebra.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every self-distributive BE-algebra is a JNB-algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, *, 1)$  be a self-distributive BE-algebra and  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then

$$x * (y * z) \stackrel{(BE4)}{=} y * (x * z) \stackrel{(2.1)}{=} (y * x) * (y * z)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) * ((y * z) * (x * z)) &\stackrel{(BE4)}{=} (y * z) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) \\ &\stackrel{(2.1)}{=} (y * z) * (x * (y * z)) \\ &\stackrel{(BE4)}{=} x * ((y * z) * (y * z)) \\ &\stackrel{(BE1)}{=} x * 1 \\ &\stackrel{(BE3)}{=} 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-algebra.  $\square$

From the perspective of Theorem 3.4, we can consider the JNB-algebra as a generalization of the self-distributive BE-algebra.

We can see that the JNB-algebra and the dual BCK-algebra are independent of each other by the following example.

**Example 3.5.** (i) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

$*$	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	a	a
b	1	1	1	a
c	1	1	a	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a dual BCK-algebra but not a JNB-algebra since

$$a * (a * b) = a * a = 1 \neq a = 1 * a = (a * a) * (a * b).$$

(ii) The JNB-algebra in Example 3.3(ii) is not a dual BCK-algebra since  $c * d = 1$  and  $d * c = 1$  but  $c \neq d$ , i.e., (DBCK4) is not valid.

We can observe that the JNB-algebra and the GE-algebra are independent of each other by the following example.

**Example 3.6.** (i) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d, e\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c	d	e
1	1	a	b	c	d	e
a	1	1	1	d	d	e
b	1	a	1	e	d	e
c	1	a	1	1	1	1
d	1	a	1	1	1	1
e	1	a	1	1	1	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-algebra but not a GE-algebra since

$$a * (b * c) = a * e = e \neq d = a * d = a * (b * d) = a * (b * (a * c)).$$

(ii) Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	1	1
b	1	1	1	c
c	1	a	a	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a GE-algebra but not a JNB-algebra since

$$a * (b * c) = a * c = 1 \neq c = 1 * c = (b * a) * (b * c).$$

#### 4. PROPERTIES OF JNB-ALGEBRAS

In what follows, let  $(X, *, 1)$  denote a JNB-algebra unless otherwise specified.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Every JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies the following assertions.*

- (a1)  $x * ((x * y) * y) = 1$ ,
- (a2)  $x * x = 1$ ,
- (a3)  $x * (x * y) = x * y$ ,
- (a4)  $x * (y * x) = 1$ ,
- (a5)  $x * 1 = 1$ ,
- (a6)  $x * y = 1$  implies that  $(z * x) * (z * y) = 1$ ,
- (a7)  $((x * y) * z) * (y * (x * z)) = 1$ ,
- (a8)  $x * (y * (z * x)) = 1$ ,
- (a9)  $(y * z) * (y * (x * z)) = 1$ ,
- (a10)  $(y * z) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) = 1$ ,
- (a11)  $(x * y) * (y * z) = y * z$ ,
- (a12)  $x * (y * ((x * z) * z)) = 1$ ,

- (a13)  $x * (((y * x) * z) * z) = 1$ ,  
 (a14)  $x * ((x * y) * (z * y)) = 1$ ,  
 (a15)  $(x * (y * z)) * (y * (x * z)) = 1$ ,  
 (a16)  $(x * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) = 1$ ,  
 (a17)  $x * y = 1$  and  $y * z = 1$  imply  $x * z = 1$   
 for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$ . If we put  $x = 1$ ,  $y = x$  and  $z = y$  in (3.3) and use (3.1), then  $1 = (1 * x) * ((x * y) * (1 * y)) = x * ((x * y) * y)$ . Hence (a1) is valid. Also,

$$x * x \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * (x * x) \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * ((1 * x) * x) \stackrel{(a1)}{=} 1,$$

and so (a2) is valid.

(a3) We have  $x * (x * y) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (x * x) * (x * y) \stackrel{(a2)}{=} 1 * (x * y) \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} x * y$ .

(a4) We get  $x * (y * x) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (y * x) * (y * x) \stackrel{(a2)}{=} 1$ .

(a5) We have  $x * 1 \stackrel{(a2)}{=} x * (x * x) \stackrel{(a3)}{=} x * x \stackrel{(a2)}{=} 1$ .

(a6) If  $x * y = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (z * x) * (z * y) &\stackrel{(3.1)}{=} (z * x) * (1 * (z * y)) \\ &= (z * x) * ((x * y) * (z * y)) \\ &\stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1. \end{aligned}$$

(a7) We have

$$\begin{aligned} ((x * y) * z) * (y * (x * z)) &\stackrel{(3.2)}{=} ((x * y) * z) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) \\ &\stackrel{(3.1)}{=} ((x * y) * z) * (1 * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\ &\stackrel{(a4)}{=} ((x * y) * z) * ((z * (x * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\ &\stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1. \end{aligned}$$

(a8) We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x * (y * (z * x)) &\stackrel{(3.2)}{=} x * ((z * y) * (z * x)) \\ &\stackrel{(3.2)}{=} ((z * y) * x) * ((z * y) * (z * x)) \\ &\stackrel{(3.1)}{=} ((z * y) * x) * (1 * ((z * y) * (z * x))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{(a4)}{=} ((z * y) * x) * ((x * (z * x)) * ((z * y) * (z * x))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a9) We get  $(y * z) * (y * (x * z)) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} z * (y * (x * z)) \stackrel{(a8)}{=} 1$ .

(a10) We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& (y * z) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (y * z) * (y * (x * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} z * (y * (x * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(a8)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a11) We get

$$(x * y) * (y * z) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (y * (x * y)) * (y * z) \stackrel{(a4)}{=} 1 * (y * z) \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} y * z.$$

(a12) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& x * (y * ((x * z) * z)) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (y * x) * (y * ((x * z) * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} (y * x) * (1 * (y * ((x * z) * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(a1)}{=} (y * x) * ((x * ((x * z) * z)) * (y * ((x * z) * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a13) We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& x * (((y * x) * z) * z) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * (x * (((y * x) * z) * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(a1)}{=} ((y * x) * (((y * x) * z) * z)) * (x * (((y * x) * z) * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(a4) \&}{=} (x * (y * x)) * (((y * x) * (((y * x) * z) * z)) * (x * (((y * x) * z) * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a14) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& x * ((x * y) * (z * y)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * (x * ((x * y) * (z * y))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} ((z * x) * ((x * y) * (z * y))) * (x * ((x * y) * (z * y)))
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * (((z * x) * ((x * y) * (z * y))) * (x * ((x * y) * (z * y)))) \\
& \stackrel{(a4)}{=} (x * (z * x)) * (((z * x) * ((x * y) * (z * y))) * (x * ((x * y) * (z * y)))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a15) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x * (y * z)) * (y * (x * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * (1 * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * (((x * y) * ((y * z) * (x * z))) * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * (((y * z) * (x * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * (((x * (y * z)) * (x * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z))) \\
& \stackrel{(a14)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(a16) We get

$$(x * (y * z)) * ((x * y) * (x * z)) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} (x * (y * z)) * (y * (x * z)) \stackrel{(a15)}{=} 1.$$

(a17) Assume that  $x * y = 1$  and  $y * z = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x * z & \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * (x * z) = (y * z) * (x * z) \\
& \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * ((y * z) * (x * z)) \\
& = (x * y) * ((y * z) * (x * z)) \\
& \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof has been completed.  $\square$

We can observe that every JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies the three conditions (BE1), (BE2) and (BE3) in the definition of BE-algebra (see (3.1), (a2) and (a5)). So, if a JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies the condition (BE4), then it is a BE-algebra. However, we can observe that a JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  does not satisfy the condition (BE4). For example, the JNB-algebra in Example 3.3(ii) does not satisfy the condition (BE4) since  $a * (b * d) = c \neq d = b * (a * d)$ .

In general, a JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  does not satisfy the condition (2.1). For example, the JNB-algebra in Example 3.3(ii) does not satisfy the condition

(2.1) since

$$(a * b) * (a * c) = d \neq c = a * d = a * (b * c).$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *If a JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies the condition (2.1), then it is a self-distributive BE-algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, *, 1)$  be a JNB-algebra that satisfies the condition (2.1). It is sufficient to show that  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies the condition (BE4) because other three conditions are already checked (see (3.1), (a2) and (a5)). For every  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$x * (y * z) \stackrel{(2.1)}{=} (x * y) * (x * z) \stackrel{(3.2)}{=} y * (x * z),$$

that is, (BE4) is valid. Hence  $(X, *, 1)$  is a self-distributive BE-algebra.  $\square$

We define a binary relation “ $\leq$ ” on a JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  as follows:

$$(\forall x, y \in X)(x \leq y \text{ if and only if } x * y = 1). \quad (4.1)$$

It is clear that the relation  $\leq$  is reflexive and transitive by (a2) and (a17), respectively, that is,  $\leq$  is a quasi order. But it is not a partial order because it is not antisymmetric as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c	d
1	1	a	b	c	d
a	1	1	1	c	1
b	1	1	1	c	1
c	1	b	b	1	d
d	1	a	a	c	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-algebra. Since  $a * b = 1$  and  $b * a = 1$  but  $a \neq b$ , it is not antisymmetric.

For every  $x, y \in X$ , we define two sets:

$$\overrightarrow{x} = \{z \in X \mid x * z = 1\} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{(x, y)} = \{z \in X \mid x * (y * z) = 1\},$$

called the  $x$ -upper set and the  $(x, y)$ -upper set, respectively. We can observe that  $1, x \in \overrightarrow{x}$  and  $1, x, y \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Especially,  $\overrightarrow{1} = \{1\} = \overrightarrow{(1, 1)}$ . In general,  $\overrightarrow{x}$  and  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  cannot be identical. In fact,  $\overrightarrow{a} = \{1, a, b, d\}$  and  $\overrightarrow{(a, c)} = X$  in Example 4.3.

We explore the conditions under which the  $x$ -upper set and the  $(x, y)$ -upper set can be identical for  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *For every  $x, y \in X$ , we have*

$$y \in \overrightarrow{x} \Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{(x, y)}. \quad (4.2)$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $y \in \overrightarrow{x}$ . Then  $x * y = 1$ . Let  $a \in \overrightarrow{x}$ . Then  $x * a = 1$ . That implies  $y * (x * a) = (x * y) * (x * a) = 1$ . Therefore  $x * (y * a) = 1$ . So that  $a \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Thus  $\overrightarrow{x} \subseteq \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Let  $a \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Then  $x * (y * a) = 1$ . Hence  $y * (x * a) = 1$ . So that  $(x * y) * (x * a) = 1$ , which gives  $x * a = 1 * (x * a) = 1$ . Therefore  $a \in \overrightarrow{x}$ . Hence  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq \overrightarrow{x}$ . Thus  $\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Since  $x * (y * y) = 1$ , we get that  $y \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Therefore  $y \in \overrightarrow{x}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.5.** *For every  $x, y \in X$ , we have*

- (i) *The  $x$ -upper set can be represented by the intersection of  $(x, y)$ -upper sets for all  $y \in X$ , that is,  $\overrightarrow{x} = \bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ .*
- (ii)  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} = \overrightarrow{(y, x)}$ .
- (iii)  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $\overrightarrow{y} \subseteq \overrightarrow{x}$ .
- (iv)  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$  if and only if  $\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{y}$ .

*Proof.* (i). Let  $z \in \overrightarrow{x}$ . Then  $x * z = 1$  and hence  $y * (x * z) = 1$ , for all  $y \in X$  which implies that  $1 = y * (x * z) \leq x * (y * z)$ . Therefore  $x * (y * z) = 1$ . So that  $z \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ , for all  $y \in X$  which gives that  $z \in \bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Hence

$\overrightarrow{x} \subseteq \bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Now,  $z \in \bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  implies that  $x * (y * z) = 1$ , for all  $y \in X$ .

Since  $1 \in X$ , we have  $x * (1 * z) = 1$ . Hence  $x * z = 1$ . Therefore  $z \in \overrightarrow{x}$ .

Thus  $\bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq \overrightarrow{x}$ . Hence  $\overrightarrow{x} = \bigcap_{y \in X} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ .

(ii). We have

$$z \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)} \Leftrightarrow x * (y * z) = 1 \Leftrightarrow y * (x * z) = 1 \Leftrightarrow z \in \overrightarrow{(y, x)}.$$

Therefore  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} = \overrightarrow{(y, x)}$ .

(iii). Assume that  $x \leq y$ . Let  $a \in \overrightarrow{y}$ . Then  $y * a = 1$ . That implies  $y \leq a$ . By our assumption, we get that  $x \leq a$ . Therefore  $a \in \overrightarrow{x}$ . Hence  $\overrightarrow{y} \subseteq \overrightarrow{x}$ . Conversely, assume that  $\overrightarrow{y} \subseteq \overrightarrow{x}$ . For any  $y \in X$ , we have that  $y * y = 1$ . Therefore  $y \in \overrightarrow{y}$ . Hence  $y \in \overrightarrow{x}$  which gives  $x * y = 1$ . Therefore  $x \leq y$ .

(iv). It is straightforward by (iii).  $\square$

## 5. JNB-SUBALGEBRAS AND JNB-DEDUCTIVE SYSTEMS

In this section, we introduce JNB-subalgebra and JNB-deductive system in a JNB-algebra and study their properties. We characterize JNB-deductive systems in terms of upper sets.

**Definition 5.1.** A subset  $D$  of  $X$  is called a *JNB-subalgebra* of  $(X, *, 1)$  if  $x * y \in D$  for all  $x, y \in D$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $(X, *, 1)$  be the JNB-algebra in Example 4.3. Then the set  $D := \{1, a, b\}$  is a JNB-subalgebra of  $(X, *, 1)$ .

**Definition 5.3.** A subset  $D$  of  $X$  is called a *JNB-deductive system* of  $(X, *, 1)$  if it satisfies:

- (ds1)  $1 \in D$
- (ds2) if  $x * y \in D$  and  $x \in D$  then  $y \in D$ .

Obviously,  $\{1\}$  and  $X$  are JNB-deductive systems of  $(X, *, 1)$ . A JNB-deductive system  $D$  is said to be *proper* if  $D \neq X$ .

**Example 5.4.** Consider the JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  in Example 3.3(ii). Then we can verify that  $D_1 = \{1\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{1, a\}$ ,  $D_3 = \{1, a, b\}$ ,  $D_4 = \{1, b, c, d\}$ , and  $D_5 = X$  are all JNB-deductive systems of  $(X, *, 1)$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** Every JNB-deductive system  $D$  of  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies:

$$(\forall \mathbf{a}, x \in X)(\mathbf{a} \in D \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} * x) * x \in D). \quad (5.1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ , and let  $x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{a} \in D$ . Then  $\mathbf{a} * ((\mathbf{a} * x) * x) = 1 \in D$  by (a1) and (ds1). Hence  $(\mathbf{a} * x) * x \in D$  by (ds2).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6.** A subset  $D$  of  $X$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$  if and only if it satisfies:

$$(\forall x, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in X)(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in D, \mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x) = 1 \Rightarrow x \in D). \quad (5.2)$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $D$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $X$ . Let  $x, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in X$  be such that  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in D$  and  $\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x) = 1$ . Then  $\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x) \in D$  by (ds1), and so  $x \in D$  by (ds2).

Conversely, assume that  $D$  satisfies (5.2). Since  $\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{a} * 1) = 1$  for all  $\mathbf{a} \in D$ , we have  $1 \in D$  by (5.2). Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y \in D$  and  $x \in D$ . Then, since  $x * ((x * y) * y) \stackrel{(a1)}{=} 1 \in D$ , we have  $y \in D$  by (5.2). Hence  $D$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.7.** *A subset  $D$  of  $X$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$  if and only if  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq D$  for all  $x, y \in D$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $D$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ . For every  $x, y \in D$ , if  $z \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ , then  $x * (y * z) = 1 \in D$  and so  $z \in D$ . Hence  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq D$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq D$  for all  $x, y \in D$ . For every  $z \in D$ , we have  $1 \in \overrightarrow{(z, z)} \subseteq D$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y \in D$  and  $x \in D$ . Then  $y \in \overrightarrow{(x * y, x)} \subseteq D$ . Therefore  $D$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.8.** *Let  $D$  be a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Then  $D$  contains the  $x$ -upper set for all  $x \in D$ , and  $D$  can be represented by the union of  $(x, y)$ -upper sets for all  $x, y \in D$ .*

*Proof.* For every  $x \in D$ , if  $z \in \overrightarrow{x}$ , then  $x * z = 1 \in D$  and hence  $z \in D$ . Therefore  $\overrightarrow{x} \subseteq D$ .

Let  $x, y \in D$ . It is clear that  $x \in \overrightarrow{(x, 1)}$ . Thus

$$D \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in D} \overrightarrow{(x, 1)} \subseteq \bigcup_{x, y \in D} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}.$$

If  $z \in \bigcup_{x, y \in D} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ , then  $z \in \overrightarrow{(a, b)}$  for some  $a, b \in D$ , and so  $a * (b * z) = 1 \in D$ . It follows from (ds2) that  $z \in D$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{x, y \in D} \overrightarrow{(x, y)} \subseteq D$ , and consequently  $D = \bigcup_{x, y \in D} \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ .  $\square$

The proof of the following lemma is straightforward and hence we omit the proof.

**Lemma 5.9.** *If  $\{D_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  is a family of JNB-deductive systems (resp., JNB-subalgebras) of  $(X, *, 1)$ , then so is  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} D_i$ .*

The following example shows that the union of JNB-deductive systems (resp., JNB-subalgebras) of  $(X, *, 1)$  may not be a JNB-deductive system (resp., JNB-subalgebra) of  $(X, *, 1)$ .

**Example 5.10.** Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  be a set with the following table.

*	1	a	b	c	d	e	f
1	1	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	1	1	1	e	d	e	e
b	1	1	1	d	d	e	d
c	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
d	1	a	b	a	1	1	a
e	1	a	b	a	1	1	a
f	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Then  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-algebra. Let  $D = \{1, a, b\}$  and  $G = \{1, d, e\}$ . Then  $D$  and  $G$  are JNB-deductive systems of  $(X, *, 1)$ . But  $D \cup G = \{1, a, b, d, e\}$  is not a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$  since  $b * f = d \in D \cup G$  but  $f \notin D \cup G$ .

We denote the set of all JNB-deductive systems of  $(X, *, 1)$  by  $\mathcal{D}(X)$ . Since the set  $\mathcal{D}(X)$  is closed under arbitrary intersections, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.11.**  $(\mathcal{D}(X), \subseteq)$  is a complete lattice.

We now establish the relationship between a JNB-subalgebra and a JNB-deductive system.

**Theorem 5.12.** Every JNB-deductive system is a JNB-subalgebra.

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ . If  $x, y \in D$ , then

$$y * (x * y) \stackrel{(a4)}{=} 1 \in D,$$

and so  $x * y \in D$  by (ds2). Hence  $(X, *, 1)$  is a JNB-subalgebra of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

In Example 4.3, we can observe that  $D := \{1, a, b\}$  is a JNB-subalgebra of  $(X, *, 1)$ . But it is not a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$  since  $a * d = 1$  and  $a \in D$  but  $d \notin D$ . Therefore, we know the converse of Theorem 5.12 does not hold in general.

**Lemma 5.13.** Every JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies:

$$(\forall x \in X)(1 \leq x \Rightarrow x = 1).$$

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.14.** For every  $x, y \in X$ , the  $(x, y)$ -upper set  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  is both a JNB-subalgebra and a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Then  $x * (y * \mathbf{a}) = 1$  and  $x * (y * \mathbf{b}) = 1$ , that is,  $x \leq y * \mathbf{a}$  and  $x \leq y * \mathbf{b}$ . Using (a6) and (a15) in Proposition 4.1, we get  $\mathbf{a} * x \leq \mathbf{a} * (y * \mathbf{b}) \leq y * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})$ . Since  $\leq$  is transitive, it follows from (a4) and (a6) that

$$1 = x * (\mathbf{a} * x) \leq x * (y * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})).$$

Hence  $x * (y * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})) = 1$  by Lemma 5.13, that is,  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Thus  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  is a JNB-subalgebra of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $x * (y * 1) = x * 1 = 1$  by (a5), we have  $1 \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in X$  be such that  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Then  $x * (y * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})) = 1$  and  $x * (y * \mathbf{a}) = 1$ . Hence

$$x \leq y * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}) \leq \mathbf{a} * (y * \mathbf{b}) = (y * \mathbf{a}) * (y * \mathbf{b})$$

by (4.1), (a15) and (3.2), and so  $x \leq (y * \mathbf{a}) * (y * \mathbf{b})$  since  $\leq$  is transitive. Therefore  $1 = x * ((y * \mathbf{a}) * (y * \mathbf{b})) \leq (y * \mathbf{a}) * (x * (y * \mathbf{b}))$ , which implies from Lemma 5.13 that  $(y * \mathbf{a}) * (x * (y * \mathbf{b})) = 1$ , i.e.,  $y * \mathbf{a} \leq x * (y * \mathbf{b})$ . Hence  $1 = x * (y * \mathbf{a}) \leq x * (x * (y * \mathbf{b})) = x * (y * \mathbf{b})$  by (a6) and (a3), and so  $x * (y * \mathbf{b}) = 1$  by Lemma 5.13. Thus  $\mathbf{b} \in \overrightarrow{(x, y)}$ . Therefore  $\overrightarrow{(x, y)}$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

The combination of Proposition 4.5(i), Lemma 5.9 and Theorem 5.14 derives to the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.15.** *For every  $x \in X$ , the  $x$ -upper set  $\overrightarrow{x}$  is both a JNB-subalgebra and a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .*

**Proposition 5.16.** *Every JNB-deductive system  $D$  of  $(X, *, 1)$  satisfies:*

$$(\forall \mathbf{a}, x \in X)(\mathbf{a} \in D, \mathbf{a} \leq x \Rightarrow x \in D). \quad (5.3)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{a}, x \in X$  be such that  $\mathbf{a} \in D$  and  $\mathbf{a} \leq x$ . Then  $\mathbf{a} * x = 1 \in D$  by (ds1), and so  $x \in D$  by (ds2).  $\square$

**Definition 5.17.** A nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is called a *JNB-filter* of  $(X, *, 1)$  if it satisfies:

$$(\forall x, y \in X) (y \in F \Rightarrow x * y \in F), \quad (5.4)$$

$$(\forall x, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in X) (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in F \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * x \in F). \quad (5.5)$$

**Example 5.18.** Consider the JNB-algebra  $(X, *, 1)$  in Example 3.3(ii). It is routine to verify that  $F := \{1, a, b\}$  is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$

**Lemma 5.19.** *Let  $F$  be a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Then*

- (b1)  $1 \in F$ ,
- (b2)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x \in F \Rightarrow (x * y) * y \in F)$ ,
- (b3)  $(\forall \mathbf{a}, x \in X) (\mathbf{a} \in F, \mathbf{a} \leq x \Rightarrow x \in F)$ ,
- (b4)  $(\forall x, y, \mathbf{b} \in X) (x * (\mathbf{b} * y) \in F, \mathbf{b} \in F \Rightarrow x * y \in F)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Then there exists  $x \in F$ , and so  $1 = x * x \in F$  by (a2) and (5.4). Thus (b1) is valid. Let  $x \in F$  and  $y \in X$ . Then  $(x * y) * y = 1 * ((x * y) * y) \in F$  by (3.1), (b1) and (5.5). Thus (b2) is valid. Let  $\mathbf{a} \in F, x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{a} \leq x$ . Then  $\mathbf{a} * x = 1$ , and so  $x = 1 * x = (\mathbf{a} * x) * x \in F$  by (3.1) and (b2). Thus (b3) is valid. Let  $x, y, \mathbf{b} \in X$  be such that  $x * (\mathbf{b} * y) \in F$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in F$ . Then  $x * (\mathbf{b} * y) \leq \mathbf{b} * (x * y)$  by (a15), which implies from (b3) that  $\mathbf{b} * (x * y) \in F$ . Using (3.1), (a2) and (5.5), we have

$$x * y = 1 * (x * y) = ((\mathbf{b} * (x * y)) * (\mathbf{b} * (x * y))) * (x * y) \in F$$

which shows that (b4) is valid.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.20.** *If a nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  satisfies two conditions (b1) and (b4), then*

$$(\forall \mathbf{b}, x \in X) (\mathbf{b} \in F, \mathbf{b} \leq x \Rightarrow x \in F). \quad (5.6)$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  satisfies (b1) and (b4). Let  $\mathbf{b}, x \in X$  be such that  $\mathbf{b} \in F$  and  $\mathbf{b} \leq x$ . Then  $1 * (\mathbf{b} * x) = \mathbf{b} * x = 1 \in F$  by (3.1) and (b1). It follows from (3.1) and (b4) that  $x = 1 * x \in F$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.21.** *If a nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  satisfies two conditions (b1) and (b4), then it is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  satisfies (b1) and (b4). Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \in F$ . Then  $x * (y * y) = x * 1 = 1 \in F$  by (a2), (a5) and (b1), and so  $x * y \in F$  by (b4). Let  $x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in F$ . Then  $(\mathbf{a} * x) * (\mathbf{a} * x) = 1 \in F$  by (a2) and (b1), which implies from (b4) that  $(\mathbf{a} * x) * x \in F$ . Using (a10) induces

$$((\mathbf{a} * x) * x) * ((\mathbf{b} * (\mathbf{a} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x)) = 1,$$

that is,  $(\mathbf{a} * x) * x \leq (\mathbf{b} * (\mathbf{a} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x)$ . Hence  $(\mathbf{b} * (\mathbf{a} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x) \in F$  by Lemma 5.20, and thus  $(\mathbf{b} * (\mathbf{a} * x)) * x \in F$  by (b4). Therefore  $F$  is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

Let  $F$  be a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y \in F$  and  $x \in F$ . Then

$$y \stackrel{(3.1)}{=} 1 * y \stackrel{(a2)}{=} ((x * y) * (x * y)) * y \stackrel{(5.5)}{\in} F$$



which shows that  $F$  satisfies the condition (ds2). Hence we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.22.** *Every JNB-filter is a JNB-deductive system.*

**Corollary 5.23.** *If a nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  satisfies two conditions (b1) and (b4), then it is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ .*

We discuss the converse of Theorem 5.22.

**Theorem 5.24.** *Every JNB-deductive system is a JNB-filter.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ . If  $y \in F$ , then  $y * (x * y) = 1 \in F$  by (a4) and (ds1), and hence  $x * y \in F$  by (ds2) for all  $x \in F$ . Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in F$ . Since

$$\mathbf{a} * ((\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x)) = 1 \in F$$

by (a1) and (ds1), we have  $(\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x) \in F$  by (ds2). Also, since

$$(\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * (\mathbf{b} * x) \leq \mathbf{b} * ((\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * x)$$

by (a15), it follows from Proposition 5.16 that  $\mathbf{b} * ((\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * x) \in F$ . Thus  $(\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{b} * x)) * x \in F$  by (ds2). Therefore  $F$  is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 5.25.* Through Theorems 5.22 and 5.24, we can see that the JNB-deductive system and the JNB-filter are coincident concepts.

We finally discuss a characterization of the JNB-filter.

**Theorem 5.26.** *A subset  $F$  of  $X$  is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$  if and only if it satisfies (ds1) and*

$$(\forall x, \mathbf{a}, y \in X)(x * \mathbf{a} \in F, \mathbf{a} * y \in F \Rightarrow x * y \in F). \quad (5.7)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F$  is a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Then  $F$  is a JNB-deductive system of  $(X, *, 1)$ . Hence (ds1) is valid. Let  $x, \mathbf{a}, y \in X$  be such that  $x * \mathbf{a} \in F$  and  $\mathbf{a} * y \in F$ . Then  $(\mathbf{a} * y) * ((x * \mathbf{a}) * (x * y)) = 1 \in F$  by (a10) and (ds1). It follows from (ds2) that  $x * y \in F$ . Hence (5.7) is valid.

Assume that  $F$  satisfies (ds1) and (5.7). Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x \in F$  and  $x * y \in F$ . Then  $1 * x = x \in F$  by (3.1), and so  $y = 1 * y \in F$  by (3.1) and (5.7). Hence  $F$  is a JNB-deductive system, and so a JNB-filter of  $(X, *, 1)$ .  $\square$

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