

### On Soft BCK-Modules

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**Abstract.** In the current work, the Molodtsov's idea of soft sets [14] is applied on the theory of BCK-modules [1]. The aim here, is to introduce the notion of soft BCK-modules and discuss its basic properties. In this regard, three theorems for soft BCK-modules isomorphism are developed. The notion of soft  $X$ -exactness of BCK-modules is introduced and its relation with soft  $X$ -isomorphism is studied. A transitivity between two soft  $X$ -exact sequences is also established.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The limitations of classical methods in dealing with uncertainties in economics, environmental sciences, engineering models and other fields persuade researchers to think otherwise. This result in development of fuzzy sets [20], rough set theory [16], probability theory, and other mathematical tools. However, these methods inherited their own difficulties and limitations. Consequently, in [14], Molodtsov proposed a new approach to deal with these difficulties, which is referred as the soft set theory. The idea attracted many researchers and the theory developed rapidly. A detailed theoretical study of soft sets and

their implementation on decision making is discussed by Maji et al. in [12]. The application of soft sets is not limited to these areas only but it also motivated people working in more abstract areas of mathematics to apply soft sets in their areas. In this regard, Aktas et al. [3], introduced the notion of soft groups and developed its basic theory. Jun. applied soft set theory to BCK/BCI-algebras in [10]. Soft rings were introduced by Acar et al. in [2]. Atagün and Sezgin, discussed soft substructures of rings, fields and modules in [4]. For other developments in soft set theory, we refer [15, 18, 19].

This paper is intended to apply the theory of soft sets on BCK-modules and thereby introducing the notion of soft BCK-modules. A BCK-module was presented in [1] as an action of a BCK-algebra on an abelian group. It has been explored by many researchers for various ventures (see [5, 6, 7, 11, 17]).

The paper begins with the preliminary concepts from the theories of soft sets, BCK-algebras and BCK-modules. The presentation of the notion soft BCK-module and developing its basic theory is one of the prime motives of the current work. Several examples and results have been presented in this regard. The three isomorphism theorems of soft BCK-modules are established. Finally, soft exactness of BCK-modules is introduced and a relationship between soft  $X$ -exactness and soft  $X$ -isomorphism as well as transitivity of soft  $X$ -exact sequences of BCK-modules is established.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, some preliminaries from the soft set theory, BCK-algebras and BCK-modules are included. All through the section,  $U$  is referred an initial universe,  $E$  is a parameters set,  $A \subseteq E$  and  $P(U)$  is the power set of  $U$ .

### Definition 2.1. [13] (Soft Set)

A pair  $(F, A)$  is called a soft set ( $S$ -set) over  $U$ , where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $F : A \rightarrow P(U)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [13] Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are  $S$ -sets over  $U$ ,  $(F_1, A_1)$  is called a soft subset of  $(F_2, A_2)$  if

- (i):  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$  and
- (ii):  $\forall \varepsilon \in A_1, F_1(\varepsilon)$  and  $F_2(\varepsilon)$  are identical approximations.

The above relation is denoted by  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\subset} (F_2, A_2)$ . Similarly, the notation  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\supset} (F_2, A_2)$  denotes that  $(F_1, A_1)$  is a soft superset of  $(F_2, A_2)$ .

Also,  $(F_1, A_1) = (F_2, A_2)$ , if  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\subset} (F_2, A_2)$  and  $(F_2, A_2) \tilde{\subset} (F_1, A_1)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [13] Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be  $S$ -sets over  $U$

- (1) The intersection of  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  is the  $S$ -set  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$ , where  $\tilde{A} = A_1 \cap A_2$  and  $\forall \varepsilon \in \tilde{A}, \tilde{F}(\varepsilon) = F_1(\varepsilon) \cap F_2(\varepsilon)$ . This relationship is denoted by  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$ .
- (2) The union of  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  is the  $S$ -set  $(\tilde{\tilde{F}}, \tilde{\tilde{A}})$ , where  $\tilde{\tilde{A}} = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $\forall \varepsilon \in \tilde{\tilde{A}}$

$$\tilde{\tilde{F}}(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} F_1(\varepsilon) & \varepsilon \in A_1 \setminus A_2 \\ F_2(\varepsilon) & \varepsilon \in A_2 \setminus A_1 \\ F_1(\varepsilon) \cup F_2(\varepsilon) & \varepsilon \in A_1 \cap A_2 \end{cases}$$

This relationship is denoted by  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cup} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$ .

**Example 2.4.** Let  $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $E = \text{Set of Colours}$ . Suppose that  $A_1 = \{\text{red, green, blue}\}$  and  $A_2 = \{\text{green, blue}\}$  are two subsets of  $E$ . Define  $F_1 : A_1 \rightarrow P(U)$  and  $F_2 : A_2 \rightarrow P(U)$  by

$$F_1(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{red} \\ \{1, 2\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{green} \\ \{1, 2, 3\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{blue} \end{cases} \quad F_2(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{1, 3\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{green} \\ \{2, 3\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{blue} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are a  $S$ -sets over  $U$ . Here,  $A_2 \subset A_1$ , but  $F_2(\varepsilon)$  is not equal to  $F_1(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon$  in  $A_2$ , therefore,  $(F_2, A_2)$  is not  $S$ -subset of  $(F_1, A_1)$ .

Also,  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$  and

$$\tilde{F}(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } a = \text{green} \\ \{2, 3\} & \text{if } a = \text{blue} \end{cases}$$

Similarly,  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cup} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$  and

$$\tilde{F}(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } a = \text{red} \\ \{1, 2, 3\} & \text{if } a = \text{green} \\ \{1, 2, 3\} & \text{if } a = \text{blue} \end{cases}$$

Next we define a BCK-algebra. It is an important class of logical structure introduced as a natural generalization of propositional calculus by K. Iseki and S. Tanaka in [9]. Several researchers have been investigating it since then.

**Definition 2.5.** [9] (**BCK-Algebra**)

A BCK-algebra is an algebraic system  $(X, *, 0)$  that satisfies the following axioms for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$ :

- (1)  $((x_1 * x_2) * (x_1 * x_3)) * (x_3 * x_2) = 0$
- (2)  $(x_1 * (x_1 * x_2)) * x_2 = 0$
- (3)  $x_1 * x_1 = 0$
- (4)  $0 * x_1 = 0$
- (5)  $x_1 * x_2 = 0, x_2 * x_1 = 0$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$
- (6)  $x_1 * x_2 = 0$  iff  $x_1 \leq x_2$

It can be noted that  $(X, \leq)$  forms a poset. In sequel, the BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is denoted by  $X$ . If  $\exists 1 \in X$  such that  $x_1 \leq 1$  for all  $x_1$  in  $X$ , then  $X$  is called bounded,  $X$  is called commutative if  $x_1 \wedge x_2 = x_2 \wedge x_1$  holds for all  $x_1, x_2$  in  $X$ , where  $x_1 \wedge x_2 = x_2 * (x_2 * x_1)$ . We refer [8, 9] for undefined terms and more details of BCK-algebras. Here, we present some examples of BCK-algebra.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and “\*” be a binary operation on  $X_1$  defined as  $x_1 * x_2 = x_1 - \min(x_1, x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in X_1$ . Then it can be seen from Table 1 that  $(X_1, *, 0)$  forms a commutative BCK-algebra. Indeed, one can extend this example by taking  $X_1 = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  for any finite  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 2.7.** Let  $A$  be a non-empty set and  $P(A)$  be its power set. Then  $(P(A), \setminus, \emptyset)$  forms a bounded commutative and implicative BCK-algebra, where the binary operation

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0
2	2	1	0	0	0
3	3	2	1	0	0
4	4	3	2	1	0

TABLE 1. Cayley table for BCK-algebra  $(X_1, *, 0)$ 

“ $\setminus$ ” is the usual set difference. Indeed, if  $A = \{a_1, a_2\}$ , then  $P(A) = \{\emptyset, S_1 = \{a_1\}, S_2 = \{a_2\}, A\}$ . It can be seen from Table 2 that  $(P(A), \setminus, \emptyset)$  forms a BCK-algebra.

$\setminus$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$	$S_2$	$A$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$S_1$	$S_1$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$	$\emptyset$
$S_2$	$S_2$	$S_2$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$A$	$A$	$S_2$	$S_1$	$\emptyset$

TABLE 2. Cayley table for BCK-algebra  $(P(A), \setminus, \emptyset)$ 

The next in the sequel, is the notion of a BCK-module. It was introduced as an action of BCK-algebras on an abelian group by H.A.S. Abujabal, M. Aslam and A.B. Thaheem in [1]. Interests have been shown by several researchers in the development of its theory. Some of the developments can be seen in [5, 11, 17].

**Definition 2.8.** [1] **(BCK-Module)**

Let  $(M, +)$  be an abelian group and  $X$  be a BCK-algebra. Then  $M$  is said to be an  $X$ -module if there exists a mapping  $(x, m) \mapsto xm$  from  $X \times M \rightarrow M$  such that for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $m, m_1, m_2 \in M$ , following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $(x_1 \wedge x_2)m = x_1(x_2m)$
- (2)  $x_1(m_1 + m_2) = x_1m_1 + x_1m_2$
- (3)  $0m = 0$
- (4)  $1m = m$ , if  $X$  is bounded.

One can define a right  $X$ -module in a similar way. In this paper, an  $X$ -module  $M$ , is used to refer a left BCK-module.

Some examples of BCK-modules are presented here.

**Example 2.9.** [1] A BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  which is bounded and implicative forms an  $X$ -module over itself.

**Example 2.10.** Let  $(P(A), \setminus, \emptyset)$  be the BCK-algebra defined in Example 2.7. Then the set  $M_1 = \{\emptyset, S_1\}$  forms an abelian group w.r.t. the addition “+” defined by  $m_1 + m_2 = (m_1 \setminus m_2) \cup (m_2 \setminus m_1) \forall m_1, m_2 \in M_1$ . Define an action of  $P(A)$  on  $M_1$  by  $xm = x \cap m$

+	$\emptyset$	$S_1$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$
$S_1$	$S_1$	$\emptyset$

TABLE 3. Cayley table of group  $(M_1, +)$

for all  $x \in P(A)$  &  $m \in M_1$ . Then it is easy to see that  $M_1$  forms an  $P(A)$ -module. Table 4 summarize the action of  $P(A)$  on  $M_1$ .

$\cap$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$	$S_2$	$A$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$S_1$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$	$\emptyset$	$S_1$

TABLE 4. Action of  $P(A)$  on  $M_1$

**Example 2.11.** Let  $(X_1, *, 0)$  be the BCK-algebra discussed in Example 2.6 and  $N_1 = \{0, 1\} \subset X_1$ . Define an operation of addition “+” on  $N_1$  as  $x_1 + x_2 = \max(x_1 * x_2, x_2 * x_1) \forall x_1, x_2 \in N_1$ . Then it is easy to see that  $(N_1, +)$  forms an abelian group. Now if an action of  $X_1$  is defined on  $N_1$  by  $xn = \min(x, n) \forall x \in X_1, n \in N_1$ , then Table 5 shows that  $N_1$  forms an  $X_1$ -module.

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	1

TABLE 5. Action of  $X_1$  on  $N_1$

A subgroup  $N$  of an  $X$ -module  $M$  is called an  $X$ -submodule of  $M$  if  $N$  is also an  $X$ -module. Let  $M_1, M_2$  be  $X$ -modules. A mapping  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is called an  $X$ -homomorphism if for any  $x \in X$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M_1$  the following hold: 1)  $f(m_1 + m_2) = f(m_1) + f(m_2)$ , 2)  $f(xm_1) = xf(m_1)$ . An  $X$ -homomorphism  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  which is both one to one as well as onto is called an  $X$ -isomorphism. The  $\text{Ker } f$  and  $\text{Im } f$ , both in usual sense, are submodules of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively (see [17]). If  $N$  is an  $X$ -submodule of an  $X$ -module  $M$ , then quotient group  $M/N$  forms an  $X$ -module called the factor  $X$ -module w.r.t the scalar multiplication  $(x, m + N) \rightarrow xm + N \forall x \in X, m \in M$  from  $X \times (M/N) \rightarrow M/N$ . (see for details and developments [1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 17]).

### 3. SOFT BCK-MODULES

In this section, the notion of Soft BCK-Modules is introduced. Some related examples will be discussed. The notion of soft  $X$ -submodules will be introduced and discussed. The necessary conditions on summation, intersection and union of an arbitrary family of soft  $X$ -submodules to become a soft  $X$ -submodule will also be established.

**Definition 3.1. (Soft BCK-Module)**

An  $S$ -set  $(F, A)$  over an  $X$ -module  $M$  is said to be a soft  $X$ -module ( $SX$ -module) over  $M$ , if for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ ,  $F(\varepsilon)$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M$ . The collection of all  $SX$ -modules over an  $X$ -module  $M$  is denoted by  $SX(M)$

Some examples of soft BCK-modules are produced here.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $M_1$  be a  $P(A)$ -module defined in Example 2.10 and  $B_1 \subset P(A) = E$ . Define  $G_1 : B_1 \rightarrow P(M_1)$  and  $G_2 : B_1 \rightarrow P(M_1)$  by

$$G_1(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{\emptyset\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \not\subseteq M_1 \\ \{\emptyset, A_1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \subseteq M_1 \end{cases} \quad G_2(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{\emptyset\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \not\supseteq M_1 \\ \{\emptyset, A_1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \supseteq M_1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $(G_1, B_1)$  and  $(G_2, B_1)$  are soft  $P(A)$ -modules over  $M_1$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $N_1$  be an  $X_1$ -module defined in Example 2.11 and  $A_1 = \{\text{red, green}\}$  and  $A_2 = \{\text{green, blue}\}$  be two subsets of the set  $E$  of all colours. Define  $F_1 : A_1 \rightarrow P(N_1)$  and  $F_2 : A_2 \rightarrow P(N_1)$  by

$$F_1(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{red} \\ \{0, 1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{green} \end{cases} \quad F_2(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{green} \\ \{0, 1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon = \text{blue} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are soft  $X_1$ -modules over  $N_1$ . Similarly, if  $A_3 = X$  in Example 2.11, then  $F_3 : A_3 \rightarrow P(N_1)$  defined below forms a soft  $X_1$ -module over  $N_1$ .

$$F_3(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \notin N_1 \\ \{0, 1\} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in N_1 \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be in  $SX(M)$ . Then

- (1)  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A_2)$  is in  $SX(M)$ .
- (2)  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cup} (F_2, A_2)$  is in  $SX(M)$ , provided  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* It is clear from Definition 2.3 that  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{A})$  is a  $S$ -set, where,  $\tilde{A} = A_1 \cap A_2$  and  $\forall \varepsilon \in \tilde{A}, \tilde{F}(\varepsilon) = F_1(\varepsilon) \cap F_2(\varepsilon)$ . Also from the fact that intersection of  $X$ -submodules is again an  $X$ -submodule (see [1]),  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A_2)$  is a  $SX$ -module  $M$ .

Similarly, if  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , then from Definition 2.3,  $(F_1, A_1) \tilde{\cup} (F_2, A_2) = (\tilde{\tilde{F}}, \tilde{\tilde{A}})$  is a  $S$ -set such that  $\tilde{\tilde{F}}(\varepsilon)$  either equals  $F_1(\varepsilon)$  or  $F_2(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1 - A_2$  or  $\varepsilon \in A_2 - A_1$  respectively. Since  $F_1(\varepsilon)$  and  $F_2(\varepsilon)$  are  $X$ -submodules of  $M$ , therefore  $\tilde{\tilde{F}}(\varepsilon)$  is an  $X$ -submodules of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be  $SX$ -modules over an  $X$ -module  $M$ . Then  $(F_1, A_1) + (F_2, A_2)$  is defined as  $(S, A \times B)$ , where  $S(\varepsilon, \delta) = F_1(\varepsilon) + F_2(\delta) \forall (\varepsilon, \delta) \in A_1 \times A_2$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be in  $SX(M)$ . Then  $(F_1, A_1) + (F_2, A_2)$  is also belongs to  $SX(M)$ .

*Proof.* This can be easily obtained from the fact that sum of  $X$ -submodules is again an  $X$ -submodule of  $M$  (see [1]).  $\square$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be two  $SX$ -modules over  $X$ -modules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively. Then we define  $(F_1, A_1) \times (F_2, A_2) = (P, A_1 \times A_2)$  as  $P(\varepsilon, \delta) = F_1(\varepsilon) \times F_2(\delta)$  for all  $(\varepsilon, \delta) \in A_1 \times A_2$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be two  $SX$ -modules over  $X$ -modules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively. Then  $(F_1, A_1) \times (F_2, A_2)$  is a  $SX$ -module over the  $X$ -module  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

*Proof.* This is clear from the fact that the cartesian product of two  $X$ -modules is also an  $X$ -module (see[1]).  $\square$

It was shown in [1] that direct product of two  $X$ -modules is isomorphic to the cartesian product. Therefore,  $\oplus$  can be used instead of  $\times$  in the above proposition.

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be  $SX$ -modules over an  $X$ -module  $M$ . Then  $(F_2, A_2)$  is a soft  $X$ -submodule ( $SX$ -submodule) of  $(F_1, A_1)$  if

- (1)  $A_2 \subset A_1$  and
- (2)  $F_2(\varepsilon) < F_1(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon \in A_2$ .

This is denoted by  $(F_2, A_2) \widetilde{<} (F_1, A_1)$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be  $SX$ -modules over an  $X$ -module  $M$  such that  $A_2 \subseteq A_1$ . Then  $(F_2, A_2) \widetilde{<} (F_1, A_1)$  if  $F_2(\varepsilon) \subseteq F_1(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon \in A_2$ .

*Proof.* It is simple to prove.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $(F, A)$  be a  $SX$ -module over an  $X$ -module  $M$ , and consider the nonempty family  $\{(G_i, B_i) | i \in I\}$  of soft  $X$ -submodules of  $(F, A)$ . Then

- (1)  $\sum_{i \in I} (G_i, B_i) \widetilde{<} (F, A)$ .
- (2)  $\bigcap_{i \in I} (G_i, B_i) \widetilde{<} (F, A)$ .
- (3)  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (G_i, B_i) \widetilde{<} (F, A)$ , if  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i, j \in I$ .

*Proof.* It can be seen from Propositions 3.4, 3.6 and 3.10.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.12.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be two  $SX$ -modules over an  $X$ -module  $M$  such that  $(F_2, A_2)$  be soft  $X$ -submodule of  $(F_1, A_1)$ . Let  $\tilde{M}$  be an  $X$ -module and  $f : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  is an  $X$ -homomorphism. Then  $(f(F_1), A_1)$  and  $(f(F_2), A_2)$  are  $SX$ -modules over  $\tilde{M}$ , and  $(f(F_2), A_2) \widetilde{<} (f(F_1), A_1)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  is an  $X$ -homomorphism, therefore,  $f(F_1(\varepsilon))$  and  $f(F_2(\delta))$  are  $SX$ -modules of  $\tilde{M} \quad \forall \varepsilon \in A_1$  and  $\forall \delta \in A_2$ . This implies that both  $(f(F_1), A_1)$  and  $(f(F_2), A_2)$  are  $SX$ -modules over  $\tilde{M}$ . If  $(F_2, A_2) \widetilde{<} (F_1, A_1)$ , then indeed it follows that  $F_2(\delta)$  and  $f(F_2(\delta))$  are the  $X$ -submodules of  $F_1(\delta)$  and  $f(F_1(\delta)) \quad \forall \delta \in A_2$ , respectively. Therefore, by Definition 3.9, we immediately conclude that  $(f(F_2), A_2) \widetilde{<} (f(F_1), A_1)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. ISOMORPHISM THEOREM OF SOFT BCK-MODULES

In this section, we introduce the notion of soft  $X$ -homomorphisms and soft  $X$ -isomorphisms of  $X$ -modules and establish the isomorphism theorems on  $SX$ -modules.

**Definition 4.1. (Soft  $X$ -Homomorphism)**

Let  $(F_1, A_1) \in SX(M_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2) \in SX(M_2)$ ,  $\phi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ , &  $\theta : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  be any two mappings. Then  $(\phi, \theta)$  is said to be a soft  $X$ -homomorphism ( $SX$ -homomorphism) if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\phi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is an  $X$ -homomorphism;
- (2)  $\theta : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  is surjective;
- (3)  $\phi(F_1(\varepsilon)) = F_2(\theta(\varepsilon))$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon \in A_1$ .

In this case, we say  $(F_1, A_1)$  is soft  $X$ -homomorphic to  $(F_2, A_2)$ , and it is denoted by  $(F_1, A_1) \simeq (F_2, A_2)$ .

In this definition, if  $\phi$  is an  $X$ -isomorphism and  $\theta$  is a bijection, then we say that  $(\phi, \theta)$  is a soft  $X$ -isomorphism and that  $(F_1, A_1)$  is soft  $X$ -isomorphic to  $(F_2, A_2)$ , denoted by  $(F_1, A_1) \cong (F_2, A_2)$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  be a  $SX$ -module over an  $X$ -module  $M_1$  and consider the  $S$ -set  $(F_2, A_2)$  over an  $X$ -module  $M_2$ . If  $(F_1, A_1) \simeq (F_2, A_2)$  as an  $S$ -set, then  $(F_2, A_2) \in SX(M_2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\phi, \theta) : (F_1, A_1) \rightarrow (F_2, A_2)$  be an  $X$ -homomorphism. Now,  $\forall \delta \in A_2 \exists \varepsilon \in A_1$  such that  $\theta(\varepsilon) = \delta$ . Therefore,  $F_2(\delta) = F_2(\theta(\varepsilon)) = \phi(F_1(\varepsilon))$  is an  $X$ -submodule of the module  $M_2$ . This implies  $(F_2, A_2) \in SX(M_2)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $(F_1, A_1) \in SX(M_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2) \in SX(M_2)$ . If  $(\phi, \theta) : (F_1, A_1) \rightarrow (F_2, A_2)$  is an  $SX$ -homomorphism and  $(F', A') \tilde{<} (F_1, A_1)$ , then  $(F_2, \theta(A')) \tilde{<} (F_2, A_2)$ .

*Proof.* Indeed clear, since for all  $\varepsilon \in \theta(A') \subset A_2$ ,  $F_2(\varepsilon)$  is a soft  $X$ -submodule of  $M_2$ .  $\square$

We conclude this section by presenting the isomorphism theorems of  $SX$ -modules.

**Theorem 4.4. (1<sup>st</sup> Iso-Theorem of  $SX$ -modules)**

Let  $(F_1, A_1) \in SX(M_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2) \in SX(M_2)$ . If  $(\phi, \theta) : (F_1, A_1) \rightarrow (F_2, A_2)$  is an  $SX$ -homomorphism and  $\ker \phi \subset F(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1$ . Then the following conditions hold:

- (1) If  $I(\varepsilon) = F(\varepsilon)/\ker \phi$ ,  $J(x) = \phi(F(\varepsilon))$ ,  $\varepsilon \in A_1$ , then  $(I, A_1) \cong (J, A_1)$ .
- (2)  $(I, A_1) \cong (F_2, A_2)$ , provided  $\theta$  is a bijection.

*Proof.* (1) From [1],  $\ker \phi$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M_1$  and therefore,  $M_1/\ker \phi$  forms an  $X$ -module. Also, since  $\ker \phi$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $F_1(\varepsilon)$ , therefore,  $F_1(\varepsilon)/\ker \phi$  is also an  $X$ -module, for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1$ . Indeed,  $F_1(\varepsilon)/\ker \phi$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M_1/\ker \phi$ . This implies that  $(I, A_1)$  is a  $SX$ -module over  $M_1/\ker \phi$ . Now for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1$ , it is easy to see that  $J(\varepsilon) = \phi(F_1(\varepsilon)) = F_2(\theta(\varepsilon))$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M_2$ . Therefore,  $(J, A_1)$  is a  $SX$ -module over  $M_2$ .

Define  $\bar{\phi} : M_1/\ker \phi \rightarrow M_2$  by  $\bar{\phi}(m + \ker \phi) = \phi(m)$ ; for all  $m \in M_1$ . Then



$\bar{\phi} : M_1 / \ker \phi \rightarrow M_2$  is an  $X$ -isomorphism.

Let  $i_\theta : A_1 \rightarrow A_1$  defined by  $i_\theta(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$  be an identity mapping. Then  $i_\theta$  is indeed a bijection. Now, we have  $\bar{\phi}(I(x)) = \bar{\phi}(F_1(\varepsilon) / \ker \phi) = \phi(F_1(\varepsilon)) = J(\varepsilon) = J(i_\theta(\varepsilon))$ . Consequently,  $(\bar{\phi}, i_\theta)$  is a soft  $X$ -isomorphism i.e.  $(I, A_1) \cong (J, A_1)$ .

(2) Define  $\bar{\phi} : M_1 / \ker \phi \rightarrow M_2$  by  $\bar{\phi}(m + \ker \phi) = \phi(m)$ ; for all  $m \in M_1$ . Then  $\bar{\phi}$  is an  $X$ -isomorphism from  $M_1 / \ker \phi$  to  $M_2$ . Since  $\theta$  is a bijection and  $\bar{\phi}(I(\varepsilon)) = \bar{\phi}(F(\varepsilon) / \ker \phi) = \phi(F(\varepsilon)) = H(\theta(\varepsilon))$ , we conclude that  $(I, A_1) \cong (F_2, A_2)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $(F, A)$  be in  $SX(M)$ . If  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are  $SX$ -submodules of  $(F, A)$ , then  $(P_1, A_1) \simeq (Q_1, A_1)$  and  $(P_2, A_2) \simeq (Q_2, A_2)$ , where  $P_1(\varepsilon) = F_1(\varepsilon) / (M_1 \cap M_2)$ ,  $Q_1(\varepsilon) = (F_1(\varepsilon) + M_2) / M_2$ ,  $P_2(\varepsilon) = F_2(\varepsilon) / (M_1 \cap M_2)$ ,  $Q_2(\varepsilon) = (F_2(\varepsilon) + M_1) / M_1$ ,  $M_1 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in A_1} F_1(\varepsilon)$  and  $M_2 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in A_2} F_2(\varepsilon)$ .*

*Proof.* Let us denote  $K = \langle \bigcup_{\varepsilon \in A_1} F_1(\varepsilon) \rangle$  and  $L = \langle \bigcup_{\varepsilon \in A_2} F_2(\varepsilon) \rangle$ . Then,  $M_1 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in A_1} F_1(\varepsilon)$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M$ . It is clear that  $M_1$  is also an  $X$ -submodule  $K$  so that  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $K$  and hence,  $(P_1, F_1)$  is a  $SX$ -module over  $K / (M_1 \cap M_2)$ . It is trivial that  $(Q_1, F_1)$  is an  $SX$ -module over  $(K + M_2) / M_2$ .

Now, define a mapping  $f : K / (M_1 \cap M_2) \rightarrow (K + M_2) / M_2$  by  $f(k + (M_1 \cap M_2)) = k + M_2$  and  $i_d : F_1 \rightarrow F_1$  by  $i_d(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ . Then  $f$  from  $K / (M_1 \cap M_2)$  to  $(K + M_2) / M_2$  is an  $X$ -homomorphism, where  $i_d$  is a bijection and  $f(P_1(\varepsilon)) = f(F_1(\varepsilon) / (M_1 \cap M_2)) = (F_1(\varepsilon) + M_2) / M_2 = Q_1(\varepsilon) = Q_1(i_d(\varepsilon))$ . This shows that  $(P_1, A_1) \simeq (Q_1, A_1)$ .

$(P_2, A_2) \simeq (Q_2, A_2)$  can be proved similarly.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6. (2<sup>nd</sup> Iso-Theorem of  $SX$ -modules)**

*Let  $(F, A)$  be in  $SX(M)$ . If  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are  $SX$ -submodules of  $(F, A)$  such that  $F_1(\varepsilon) = M_1$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1$ , then  $(P_1, A_1) \cong (Q_1, A_1)$ , where  $P_1(\varepsilon) = F_1(\varepsilon) / (M_1 \cap M_2)$ ,  $Q_1(\varepsilon) = (F_1(\varepsilon) + M_2) / M_2$ ,  $M_2 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in A_2} F_2(\varepsilon)$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, if we replace  $K = M_1 = F_1(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_1$  in Theorem 4.5, the proof of the theorem can be similarly furnished.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7. (3<sup>rd</sup> Iso-Theorem of  $SX$ -modules)**

*Let  $(F, A)$  be in  $SX(M)$ . If  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  are  $SX$ -submodules of  $(F, A)$ , such that  $A_1 \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $F_2(\varepsilon) \subset F_1(\varepsilon) \forall \varepsilon \in A_1 \cap A_2$ , then*

$$(P, A_1 \cap A_2) \cong (Q, A_1 \cap A_2),$$

where,  $P(\varepsilon) = (F(\varepsilon) / M_2) / (M_1 / M_2)$ ,  $Q(x) = F(\varepsilon) / M_1$  with  $M_1 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in (A_1 \cap A_2)} F_1(\varepsilon)$

and  $M_2 = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in (A_1 \cap A_2)} F_2(\varepsilon)$ .

*Proof.* It is indeed clear that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $X$ -submodules of  $M$ , and  $M_2$  is an  $X$ -submodule of  $M_1$ . Therefore,  $(M / M_2) / (M_1 / M_2)$  forms an  $X$ -module (from [1]) and  $(P, A_1 \cap A_2)$  is a soft  $X$ -submodule over it. Also,  $(Q, A_1 \cap A_2)$  is a  $SX$ -module over  $M / M_1$ . Now define the mapping  $f : (M / M_2) / (M_1 / M_2) \rightarrow M / M_1$  by

$$f((m + M_2) + (M_1 / M_2)) = m + M_1 \quad \forall m \in M$$

and an identity mapping  $i_d : A_1 \cap A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \cap A_2$  by  $i_d(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ . One can see that  $f$  is an  $X$ -isomorphism therefore

$$f(P(\varepsilon)) = f((F(\varepsilon)/M_2)/(M_1/M_2)) = F(\varepsilon)/M_1 = Q(i_d(\varepsilon)).$$

Hence, from Definition 4.1,  $(P, A_1 \cap A_2) \cong (Q, A_1 \cap A_2)$ .  $\square$

## 5. EXACTNESS OF SOFT BCK-MODULES

In the current section, all nonempty sets are considered as  $X$ -modules.

### Definition 5.1. (Soft $X$ -Exactness)

Let  $(F_1, A_1)$ ,  $(F_2, A_2)$  and  $(F_3, A_3)$  be in  $SX(M_1)$ ,  $SX(M_2)$  and  $SX(M_3)$ , respectively. Then a sequence  $(F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_2, \theta_2)} (F_3, A_3)$  of  $SX$ -homomorphisms is said to be soft  $X$ -exact ( $SX$ -exact) at  $(F_2, A_2)$ , if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} M_3$  is exact.
- (2)  $A_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} A_3$  is exact.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$ , and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be in  $SX(M_1)$ , and  $SX(M_2)$ , respectively. If  $(F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \rightarrow 0$  is  $SX$ -exact, then  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  is  $SX$ -homomorphism. In particular, if  $0 \rightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \rightarrow 0$  is  $SX$ -exact, then  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  is a  $SX$ -isomorphism.

*Proof.* From Definition 5.1, it follows that  $M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} 0$  and  $A_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} 0$  are  $X$ -exact. Therefore,  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  are  $X$ -epimorphisms, which implies  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  is an  $X$ -homomorphism.

In particular, if  $0 \rightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \rightarrow 0$  is  $SX$ -exact, then again from Definition 5.1,  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} 0$  are  $X$ -exact. This implies that  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  are  $X$ -isomorphisms, and hence  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  is a  $SX$ -isomorphism.  $\square$

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $M = 0$  and  $A = 0$ , then  $(F_1, A_1) = 0$ . We call  $(F_1, A_1)$  is a zero- $SX$ -module.

**Proposition 5.4.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$ ,  $(F_2, A_2)$  and  $(F_3, A_3)$  be in  $SX(M_1)$ ,  $SX(M_2)$  and  $SX(M_3)$ , respectively. If  $(F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_2, \theta_2)} (F_3, A_3)$  is  $SX$ -exact with  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$   $X$ -epimorphism and  $(\phi_2, \theta_2)$   $X$ -monomorphism, then  $(F_2, A_2)$  is a zero- $SX$ -module.

*Proof.* Indeed in this case, we have the following diagram.

$$A_1 r \theta_1 d F_1 A_2 r \theta_2 d F_2 A_3 d F_3 M_1 r \phi_1 M_2 r \phi_2 M_3 \quad (5.1)$$

The  $X$ -exactness of  $A_i$ 's and  $M_i$ 's and the fact that  $(\phi_1, \theta_1)$  are  $X$ -epimorphism and  $(\phi_2, \theta_2)$  are  $X$ -monomorphism, forces  $A_2 = 0 = M_2$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Here we recall from [1], that if  $N$  is an  $X$ -submodule of an  $X$ -module  $M$ , then  $M/N$  forms an  $X$ -module called quotient  $X$ -module.

**Theorem 5.5.** Let  $(F_1, A_1)$  and  $(F_2, A_2)$  be in two  $SX(M_1)$  and  $SX(M_2)$ , respectively. For any  $M_1 \subset M_2, A_1 \subset A_2$  and  $M_1 \subset F_2(\varepsilon)$  where  $\varepsilon \in A_2$ . If  $(F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2)$  is  $SX$ -homomorphism, then  $0 \longrightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_2, \theta_2)} (I, A_2/A_1) \longrightarrow 0$  is  $SX$ -exact, where  $I(\varepsilon + A_1) = F_2(\varepsilon) = M_1$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_2$ .

*Proof.* Since for all  $\varepsilon \in A_2, M_1 \leq F_2(\varepsilon) \leq M_2$ , therefore,  $F_2(\varepsilon)/M_1 \leq M_2/M_1 \quad \forall \varepsilon \in A_2$ . Next, we define in a natural way  $X$ -homomorphisms  $\phi_2 : M_2 \rightarrow M_2/M_1$  and  $\theta_2 : A_2 \rightarrow A_2/A_1$  by;

$$\phi_2(m_2) = m_2 + M_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2(a_2) = a_2 + A_1 \quad \forall m_2 \in M_2 \ \& \ a_2 \in A_2.$$

It is clear that in this case,

$$0 \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} M_2/M_1 \longrightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \longrightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} A_2/A_1 \longrightarrow 0$$

are  $X$ -exact.

Finally, we see that  $\phi_2(F_2(\varepsilon)) = F_2(\varepsilon) + M_1 = I(\varepsilon + A_1) = I(\theta_2(\varepsilon))$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_2$ . This implies

$$0 \longrightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_2, \theta_2)} (I, A_2/A_1) \longrightarrow 0$$

is  $SX$ -exact □

We conclude the paper with the following result, discussing the transitivity of two  $SX$ -exact sequences.

**Theorem 5.6.** Let  $(F_i, A_i)$  be a  $SX$ -module over BCK-modules  $M_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , respectively. If

$$0 \longrightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_2, \theta_2)} (F_3, A_3) \longrightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \longrightarrow (F_3, A_3) \xrightarrow{(\phi_3, \theta_3)} (F_4, A_4) \xrightarrow{(\phi_4, \theta_4)} (F_5, A_5) \longrightarrow 0$$

are  $SX$ -exact. Then

$$0 \longrightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_3 \phi_2, \theta_3 \theta_2)} (F_4, A_4) \xrightarrow{(\phi_4, \theta_4)} (F_5, A_5) \longrightarrow 0$$

is  $SX$ -exact.

*Proof.* We have from the hypothesis of the theorem

$$0 \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} M_3 \longrightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \longrightarrow M_3 \xrightarrow{\phi_3} M_4 \xrightarrow{\phi_4} M_5 \longrightarrow 0$$

are  $SX$ -exact. This clearly implies that

$$0 \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_3 \phi_2} M_4 \xrightarrow{\phi_4} M_5 \longrightarrow 0$$

is  $SX$ -exact.

Similarly, from the hypothesis

$$0 \longrightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_3\theta_2} A_4 \xrightarrow{\theta_4} A_5 \longrightarrow 0$$

is  $SX$ -exact.

Since  $\phi_2(F_2(\varepsilon)) = F_3\theta_2(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_2$  and  $\phi_3(F_3(\varepsilon)) = F_4\theta_3(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_3$ . We have  $\phi_3\phi_2(F_2(\varepsilon)) = \phi_3(F_3\theta_2(\varepsilon)) = F_4\theta_3\theta_2(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A_2$ . This implies

$$0 \longrightarrow (F_1, A_1) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1, \theta_1)} (F_2, A_2) \xrightarrow{(\phi_3\phi_2, \theta_3\theta_2)} (F_4, A_4) \xrightarrow{(\phi_4, \theta_4)} (F_5, A_5) \longrightarrow 0$$

is  $SX$ -exact. □

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