## **Deductive Systems of BCK-Algebras**

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## Abstract

In this paper we shall give some results on irreducible deductive systems in BCK-algebras and we shall prove that the set of all deductive systems of a BCK-algebra is a Heyting algebra. As a consequence of this result we shall show that the annihilator  $F^*$  of a deductive system F is the the pseudocomplement of F. These results are more general than that the similar results given by M. Kondo in [7].

**Key words:** BCK-algebras, deductive system, irreducible deductive system, Heyting algebras, annihilators.

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## **1** Introduction and preliminaries

In [7] it was shown that the set of all ideals (or deductive systems, in our terminology) of a BCK-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is a pseudocomplement distributive lattice and that the annihilator  $F^*$  of a deductive system F of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the pseudocomplement of F. Related results on annihilators in Hilbert algebras and Tarski algebras (or also called commutative Hilbert algebras [6] or Abbot's implication algebras) are given in [2] and [3]. On the other hand, it was shown in [9] that the set of deductive systems  $Ds(\mathbf{A})$  of a BCK-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is an infinitely distributive lattice, and thus it is a Heyting algebra. In this note we will give a description of this fact and we shall prove that the annihilator  $F^*$  of the deductive system F can be obtained as  $F^* = F \Rightarrow \{1\}$ , where  $\Rightarrow$  is the Heyting implication defined in the lattice  $Ds(\mathbf{A})$ .