

## BCK-ALGEBRAS OF EXTENDED POGROUPOID

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we construct a *BCK*-algebra  $(X^*; *, w)$  from the extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$ , and obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the algebraic system  $(X^*; *, \cdot, w)$  to have a property  $(x \cdot y) * z = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X^*$ .

### 1. Introduction

*BCK*-algebras and *BCI*-algebras were introduced by K. Iséki and Y. Imai in 1966 ([1, 2, 3, 5]), and then many authors have investigated various properties of these algebras. It is known that the class of *BCK*-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of *BCI*-algebras. On the while, J. Neggers ([6]) introduced the notion of pogroupoid, and J. Neggers and H. S. Kim ([8]) obtained a necessary and sufficient condition that a pogroupoid is to be a semigroup. Moreover, in [9] they investigated a class of algebras whose bases over field  $K$  are pogroupoid, and discussed several properties of these algebras as they relate to the structure of their associated pogroupoids and through these to the associated posets also. Given a pogroupoid  $(X, \cdot)$  we define an extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$  by adding  $w \notin X$  with the condition  $w \cdot a = w = a \cdot w$  for any  $a \in X \cup \{w\}$ . In this paper we construct a *BCK*-algebra  $(X^*; *, w)$  from the extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$ , and obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the algebraic system  $(X^*; *, \cdot, w)$  to have a property  $(x \cdot y) * z = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X^*$ .

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## 2. Extended pogroupoid

A groupoid  $(X, \cdot)$  is called a *pogroupoid* if (i)  $x \cdot y \in \{x, y\}$  (ii)  $x \cdot (y \cdot x) = y \cdot x$  (iii)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  ([6]). J. Neggers [6] defined an associated partially ordered set  $(X, \leq)$  by  $x \leq y$  iff  $y \cdot x = y$ . On the one hand, for a given poset  $(X, \leq)$  he also defined a binary operation on  $X$  by  $y \cdot x = y$  if  $x \leq y$ ,  $y \cdot x = x$  otherwise, and proved that  $(X, \cdot)$  is a pogroupoid. Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a pogroupoid and let  $w \notin X$ . Define  $w \cdot a = a \cdot w = w$  for all  $a \in X^* := X \cup \{w\}$ . Then  $(X^*, \cdot)$  is a pogroupoid, called the *extended pogroupoid* of  $(X, \cdot)$ . Define a partial order  $\leq$  on  $X^*$  by  $x \leq y$  iff  $y \cdot x = y$ . Then  $(X^*, \leq)$  is a poset, called the *associated poset with respect to*  $(X^*, \cdot)$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a pogroupoid and let  $(X^* := X \cup \{w\}, \cdot)$  be the extended pogroupoid of  $X$ . Then  $w$  is the greatest element of the associated poset  $(X^*, \leq)$ .*

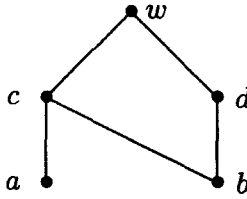
*Proof.* Since  $w \cdot a = w$  for any  $a \in X^*$ , we have  $a \leq w$ . This means that  $w$  is the greatest element of  $X^*$ . □

**EXAMPLE 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a pogroupoid with the left table below:

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$b$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$d$
$d$	$a$	$d$	$c$	$d$

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$w$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$w$
$b$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$w$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$d$	$w$
$d$	$a$	$d$	$c$	$d$	$w$
$w$	$w$	$w$	$w$	$w$	$w$

Then its extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$  is described as in the right table above. The associated poset  $(X^*, \leq)$  has  $w$  as the greatest element, and can be represented as follows:



### 3. BCK-algebra of $(X^*, \cdot)$

Let  $X$  be a set with a binary operation ‘ $\cdot$ ’ and a constant  $0$ . Then  $(X; \cdot, 0)$  is called a *BCK-algebra* if it satisfies the following conditions: (I)  $((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (z \cdot y) = 0$ , (II)  $(x \cdot (x \cdot y)) \cdot y = 0$ , (III)  $x \cdot x = 0$ , (IV)  $x \cdot y = 0$  and  $y \cdot x = 0$  imply  $x = y$ , (V)  $0 \cdot x = 0$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . We construct a *BCK-algebra*  $(X^*; \cdot, w)$  from the extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$  motivated from S. Tanaka ([10]).

**THEOREM 3.1.** Let  $(X^* := X \cup \{w\}, \cdot)$  be the extended pogroupoid of a pogroupoid  $(X, \cdot)$ . Define

$$x \cdot y := \begin{cases} w & \text{if } x \cdot y = x, \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X^*; \cdot, w)$  is a *BCK-algebra*.

*Proof.* (III). For any  $x \in X^*$ ,  $x \cdot x = x$  implies  $x \cdot x = w$ . (IV). If  $x \cdot y = w$  and  $y \cdot x = w$ , then  $x \cdot y = x$  and  $y \cdot x = y$ , and hence  $x = x \cdot y = x \cdot (y \cdot x) = y \cdot x = y$ . (V). Since  $w \cdot x = w$  for any  $x \in X^*$ ,  $w \cdot x = w$ . Note that  $x \cdot w = x$ , since  $x \cdot w = w$  for any  $x \in X^*$ . (I). We have two cases: (a)  $x \cdot y = x$ , (b)  $x \cdot y = y$ . If  $x \cdot y = x$ , then  $x \cdot y = w$ . Hence by applying (V) we have  $((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (z \cdot y) = (w \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (z \cdot y) = w$ . If  $x \cdot y = y$ , then  $x \cdot y = x$ . We consider two subcases: (b<sub>1</sub>)  $x \cdot z = z$ , (b<sub>2</sub>)  $x \cdot z = x$ . If  $x \cdot z = z$ , then  $x \cdot z = x$ , and hence  $((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (z \cdot y) = (x \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot y) = w \cdot (x \cdot y) = w$ . If  $x \cdot z = x$ , then  $x \cdot z = w$ . We claim that  $z \cdot y = y$ . Assume that  $z \cdot y = z$ . Then  $x \cdot y = (x \cdot z) \cdot y = (x \cdot z) \cdot (z \cdot y) = x \cdot z = x$ , a contradiction. Thus we have  $z \cdot y = y$ . Therefore  $((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (z \cdot y) = (x \cdot w) \cdot z = x \cdot z = w$ , which proves (I). Finally we consider (II). If  $x \cdot y = x$ , then  $x \cdot y = w$  and  $(x \cdot (x \cdot y)) \cdot y = (x \cdot w) \cdot y = x \cdot y = w$ . If  $x \cdot y = y$ , then  $x \cdot y = x$

and  $(x * (x * y)) * y = (x * x) * y = w * y = w$ . This proves (II). Hence  $(X^*; *, w)$  is a *BCK*-algebra.  $\square$

In Theorem 3.1 above we say  $(X^*; *, w)$  the *BCK-algebra associated with the extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$* . H. Yutani [11] proved that a *BCK*-algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  having a binary operation “ $\cdot$ ” on  $X$  with  $(x * y) * z = x * (y \cdot z)$ ,  $\forall x, y, z \in X$  is with condition (S). With this notion J. Meng [4] proved that implicative commutative semigroups are equivalent to *BCK*-algebras with condition (S). We consider some relations between the *BCK*-operation “ $*$ ” and the pogroupoid operation “ $\cdot$ ”.

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *If  $(X^*; *, w)$  is a *BCK*-algebra associated with the extended pogroupoid  $(X^*, \cdot)$ , then  $(y \cdot x) * x = w, \forall x, y \in X^*$ .*

*Proof.* If  $y \cdot x = y$ , then  $y * x = w$  and  $(y \cdot x) * x = y * x = w$ . If  $y \cdot x = x$ , then  $(y \cdot x) * x = x * x = w$ . This proves the proposition.  $\square$

Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a poset and  $S \subseteq X$ . A poset whose underlying set is  $S$  and whose poset structure is that inherited from  $(X, \leq)$  is called a *full subposet* of  $X$  ([7]). Given a poset  $(X, \leq)$  it is *Q-free* if there is no full subposet  $(P, \leq)$  of  $(X, \leq)$  which is order isomorphic to the poset  $(Q, \leq)$ . If  $C_n$  denotes a chain of length  $n$  and if  $\underline{n}$  denotes an antichain of cardinal number  $n$ , while  $+$  denotes the disjoint union of posets, then the poset  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$  (or  $C_2 + C_1$ ) has Hasse diagram



and may be represented as  $\{p \leq q, p \circ r, q \circ r\}$ , where  $a \circ b$  denotes the relation of not being comparable (i.e.,  $a \circ b$  iff  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  are both false).

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $(X^*, \leq)$  be a poset associated with the *BCK*-algebra  $(X^*; *, w)$ . Then  $(X^*, \leq)$  is  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ -free if and only if  $(X^*; *, \cdot, w)$  has a property:  $(x \cdot y) * z = (x * z) \cdot (y * z), \forall x, y, z \in X^*$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $(X^*, \leq)$  is not  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ -free. Then  $(X^*, \leq)$  has a full subposet, say  $\begin{matrix} x \\ \downarrow \\ z \end{matrix} \bullet y$ . This means that  $(x \cdot y) * z = y * z = y \neq w = w \cdot y = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$ , a contradiction.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) We consider 3 cases: (a)  $y \leq x$  (b)  $x \leq y$  (c)  $x \circ y$ . Case (a).  $y \leq x$ . Then  $x \cdot y = x$  and  $x * y = w$ . If  $x \geq z$ , then  $x * z = w$ , and hence  $(x \cdot y) * z = x * z = w$  and  $(x * z) \cdot (y * z) = w \cdot (y * z) = w$ . If  $z \geq x$ , then  $x * z = x$ . Since  $z \geq x \geq y$ ,  $y * z = y$ . Hence  $(x * z) \cdot (y * z) = x \cdot y = x = x * z = (x \cdot y) * z$ . If  $x \circ z$ , then we may consider two subcases: (i)  $y \leq z$  and (ii)  $y \circ z$ . Since  $(X^*, \leq)$  is  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ -free we need only to consider the subcase (i)  $y \leq z$ . It means that  $y * z = y$ . Hence  $(x \cdot y) * z = x * z = x = x \cdot y = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$ .

Case (b). Similar to the Case (a).

Case (c).  $x \circ y$ . Then  $x \cdot y = y$  and  $x * y = x$ . We consider three subcases: (i)  $\{x \circ y, x < z, y < z\}$ , (ii)  $\{x \circ y, z < x, z < y\}$  and (iii)  $\{x \circ y, y \circ z, z \circ x\}$ . If (i) holds, then  $x \cdot y = y, y * z = y$  and  $x * z = x$ . Hence  $(x \cdot y) * z = y = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$ . If (ii) holds, then  $(x \cdot y) * z = y * z = w = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$ . If (iii) holds, then  $x \cdot y = y, y * z = y$  and  $x * z = x$ . Hence  $(x \cdot y) * z = y * z = y = x \cdot y = (x * z) \cdot (y * z)$ . This proves the theorem.  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 3.4.** In Example 2.2  $(X^*, \leq)$  has a full subposet  $\{c \leq a, c \circ d, a \circ d\}$ , and so it is not  $(C_2 + \underline{1})$ -free. Moreover, we can see that  $(c \cdot d) * a = d * a = d$ , while  $(c * a) \cdot (d * a) = w \cdot d = w$ .

**REMARK.** We may have another candidates for such laws described in Theorem 3.3 as follows:

$$(\delta_1) \quad (x * y) \cdot z = ((x \cdot z) * y) \cdot (y * (y * z)),$$

$$(\delta_2) \quad x \cdot (y * z) = ((x \cdot y) * z) \cdot (x * (x * z)),$$

$$(\delta_3) \quad x * (y \cdot z) = (x * y) * z.$$

It will be interesting to obtain a necessary and sufficient conditions in poset structure or else for such conditions to be hold.

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