

## COXETER ALGEBRAS AND PRE-COXETER ALGEBRAS IN SMARANDACHE SETTING

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**Abstract.** In this paper we introduce the notion of a (pre-)Coxeter algebra and show that a Coxeter algebra is equivalent to an abelian group all of whose elements have order 2, i.e., a Boolean group. Moreover, we prove that the class of Coxeter algebras and the class of  $B$ -algebras of odd order are Smarandache disjoint. Finally, we show that the class of pre-Coxeter algebras and the class of  $BCK$ -algebras are Smarandache disjoint.

### 1. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras:  $BCK$ -algebras and  $BCI$ -algebras ([5, 6]). It is known that the class of  $BCK$ -algebras is a proper subclass of the class of  $BCI$ -algebras. In [3, 4] Q. P. Hu and X. Li introduced a wide class of abstract algebras:  $BCH$ -algebras. They have shown that the class of  $BCI$ -algebras is a proper subclass of the class of  $BCH$ -algebras. Recently, Y. B. Jun, E. H. Roh and H. S. Kim ([7]) introduced a new notion, called a  $BH$ -algebra, i.e., (I), (II) and (V)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$ , which is a generalization of  $BCH/BCI/BCK$ -algebras. They also defined the notions of ideals and boundedness in  $BH$ -algebras, and showed that there

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is a maximal ideal in bounded  $BH$ -algebras. J. Neggers and H. S. Kim ([10]) introduced and investigated a class of algebras which is related to several classes of algebras of interest such as  $BCH/BCI/BCK$ -algebras and which seems to have rather nice properties without being excessively complicated otherwise. Furthermore, they demonstrated a rather interesting connection between  $B$ -algebras and groups. P. J. Allen et al. ([1]) included several new families of Smarandache-type  $P$ -algebras and studied some of their properties in relation to the properties of previously defined Smarandache-types. In this paper we introduce the notion of a (pre-)Coxeter algebra and show that a Coxeter algebra is equivalent to an abelian group all of whose elements have order 2, i.e., a Boolean group. Moreover, we prove that the class of Coxeter algebras and the class of  $B$ -algebras of odd order are Smarandache disjoint. Finally, we show that the class of pre-Coxeter algebras and the class of  $BCK$ -algebras are Smarandache disjoint.

## 2. Coxeter algebras

A *Coxeter algebra* is a non-empty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation “ $*$ ” satisfying the following axioms:

- (I)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (II)  $x * 0 = x$ .
- (III)  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Coxeter algebras are special types of semigroups. An example of a Coxeter algebra is a Klein 4-group (see Theorem 2.3).

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra, then  $0 * x = x$  for any  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $x \in X$ , we obtain  $x = x * 0 = x * (x * x) = (x * x) * x = 0 * x$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra, then the cancellation laws hold.*

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.1 we have  $y = 0 * y = (x * x) * y = x * (x * y)$ . Similarly,  $z = x * (x * z)$ . If  $x * y = x * z$ , then we obtain  $y = z$  which shows that the left cancellation law holds. On the other hand, since  $y = (y * x) * x$  and  $z = (z * x) * x$  for any  $x \in X$ , it follows that the right cancellation law holds.

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra, then it is an abelian group all of whose elements have order 2, i.e., a Boolean group, and conversely.*

**Proof.** First, we show that every element  $x$  of  $X$  has a right inverse. For any  $x \in X$ , let  $y \in X$  such that  $x * y = 0$ . Since  $x * x = 0$ , we have  $x * y = x * x$ . By Proposition 2.2, we have  $x = y$ , i.e., every element of  $X$  has a self-inverse. Moreover, the axiom (I) means that the order of  $x \in X$  is 2, and hence  $(x * y) * (x * y) = 0$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . This means that

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 0 * y && \text{[Proposition 2.1]} \\
 &= [(x * y) * (x * y)] * y \\
 &= (x * y) * [(x * y) * y] \\
 &= (x * y) * [x * (y * y)] \\
 &= (x * y) * (x * 0) \\
 &= (x * y) * x
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying  $x$  to the right side, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 y * x &= [(x * y) * x] * x \\
 &= (x * y) * (x * x) \\
 &= x * y,
 \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $(X; *, 0)$  is abelian. The converse is trivial, and we omit the proof.

### 3. Coxeter algebras and $B$ -algebras

J. Neggers and H. S. Kim introduced and investigated a class of algebras, called a  $B$ -algebra, which is related to several classes of algebras such as  $BCH/BCI/BCK$ -algebras. A  $B$ -algebra ([10]) is a non-empty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation “ $*$ ” satisfying the following axioms: (I), (II) and (IV)  $(x * y) * z = x * (z * (0 * y))$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra, then it is a  $B$ -algebra.*

**Proof.** For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x * y) * z &= x * (y * z) && \text{[(III)]} \\
 &= x * (z * y) && \text{[Theorem 2.3]} \\
 &= x * (z * (0 * y)) && \text{[Proposition 2.1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** ([10]) *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a  $B$ -algebra. If  $(X; *, 0) \rightarrow (X; \circ, 0)$ , i.e., if  $x \circ y = x * (0 * y)$ , then  $(X; \circ, 0)$  is a group.*

Moreover, given a group  $(X; \cdot, e)$ , if we define  $x * y := x \cdot y^{-1}$ , then  $(X; *, 0 = e)$  is a  $B$ -algebra. We define  $x \circ y := x * (0 * y)$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , and

we denote

$$x^n = \underbrace{(((x \circ x) \circ x) \circ \dots) \circ x}_n$$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a Coxeter algebra. Then it cannot contain a B-algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  which contains an element of the prime order  $p (\geq 3)$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $X$  contains a B-algebra  $(Y; *, e)$ . Then  $e = x * x = 0$  for any  $x \in X$ . Let  $x \in X$  be an element of the prime order  $p (\geq 3)$ . Then  $(\langle x \rangle, \circ)$  is a cyclic subgroup of the prime order  $p (\geq 3)$  of the derived group  $(Y; \circ, 0)$ , where  $x \circ y = x * (0 * y)$ . By applying Proposition 2.1 we obtain

$$x^n = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Thus  $0 = x^p = x$ , a contradiction.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a Coxeter algebra. Then it cannot contain a B-algebra  $(X; \circ, e)$  such that  $|X| = 2n + 1$  is odd.*

**Proof.** Assume it has a B-algebra  $(X; \circ, e)$  where  $|X| = 2n + 1$  is odd. Then, by Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 3.2,  $x \circ y = x * (0 * y) = x * y$ . In particular,  $x \circ x = x * x = 0$  for any  $x \in X$ . Hence the cyclic group  $\langle x \rangle$  of its derived group  $(X; \circ, e)$  is of order 2. By the Lagrange theorem,  $o(x) = 2 \mid 2n + 1 = |X|$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a B-algebra and  $|X| = 2n + 1$  where  $n$  is a natural number. If  $(C; *, e)$  is a Coxeter algebra with  $C \subseteq X$ , then  $|C| = 1$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $x \in C$ ,  $0 = x * x = e$ , i.e.,  $0 = e$ . If  $x \neq 0$  then  $x * x = 0$  and  $x = x^{-1}$ , by Lagrange theorem,  $o(x) = 2 \mid \mid X \mid = 2n + 1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $o(x) = 1$  and  $x = 0$ , i.e.,  $\mid C \mid = 1$ .

Let  $(X, *)$  be a binary system/algebra. Then  $(X, *)$  is a *Smarandache-type  $P$ -algebra* if it contains a subalgebra  $(Y, *)$ , where  $Y$  is non-trivial, i.e.,  $\mid Y \mid \geq 2$ , or  $Y$  contains at least two distinct elements, and  $(Y, *)$  is itself of type  $P$ . Thus, we have *Smarandache-type semigroups* (the type  $P$ -algebra is a semigroup), *Smarandache-type groups* (the type  $P$ -algebra is a group), *Smarandache-type abelian groups* (the type  $P$ -algebra is an abelian group). A Smarandache semigroup in the sense of Kandasamy is in fact a Smarandache-type group (see [11]). Smarandache-type groups are of course a larger class than Kandasamy's Smarandache semigroups since they may include non-associative algebras as well.

Given algebra types  $(X, *)$  (type- $P_1$ ) and  $(X, \circ)$  (type- $P_2$ ), we shall consider them to be *Smarandache disjoint* ([1]) if the following two conditions hold:

- (A) If  $(X, *)$  is a type- $P_1$ -algebra with  $\mid X \mid > 1$  then it cannot be a Smarandache-type- $P_2$ -algebra  $(X, \circ)$ ;
- (B) If  $(X, \circ)$  is a type- $P_2$ -algebra with  $\mid X \mid > 1$  then it cannot be a Smarandache-type- $P_1$ -algebra  $(X, *)$ .

Using Corollary 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 we obtain:

**Theorem 3.6.** *The class of Coxeter algebras and the class of  $B$ -algebras of odd order are Smarandache disjoint.*

A  $B$ -algebra  $X$  is said to be *0-commutative* ([2]) if  $x*(0*y) = y*(0*x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** ([10]) *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra, then  $(0 * x) * (0 * y) = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .*

**Lemma 3.8.** ([10]) *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a  $B$ -algebra. Then  $0 * (0 * x) = x$  for any  $x \in X$ .*

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a  $B$ -algebra. If  $(0 * y) * (0 * x) = x * y$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , then  $(X; *, 0)$  is 0-commutative.*

**Proof.** For any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x * (0 * y) &= (0 * (0 * y)) * (0 * x) \\ &= y * (0 * x), \end{aligned}$$

proving the proposition.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $(X; *, e)$  be an abelian group. If we define  $x * y := x \cdot y^{-1}$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , then  $(X; *, 0 = e)$  is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra.*

**Proof.** It is shown that  $(X; *, 0 = e)$  is a  $B$ -algebra and  $e * y = y^{-1}$  and  $x * y = x \cdot y^{-1} = y^{-1}(x^{-1})^{-1} = (e * y) * (e * x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . By Proposition 3.9, it is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra.

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a  $B$ -algebra with  $x * y = y * x$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . Then it is a Coxeter algebra.*

**Proof.** For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) * z &= x * (z * (0 * y)) && \text{[(IV)]} \\ &= x * ((0 * y) * z) && \text{[commutative]} \\ &= x * ((y * 0) * z) && \text{[commutative]} \\ &= x * (y * z) && \text{[(II)]} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a Coxeter algebra. If  $x * y = 0$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , then  $x = y$ , i.e., the axiom (V) holds.*

**Proof.** If  $x * y = 0$ , then by (I),  $x * x = x * y$ . By applying Proposition 2.2 we have  $x = y$ .

### 4. Pre-Coxeter algebras

An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is called a *pre-Coxeter algebra* if it satisfies the axioms (I), (II), (V), (VI)  $x * y = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X := [0, \infty)$ . If we define  $x * y := |x - y|$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , then  $(X; *, 0)$  is a pre-Coxeter algebra, but not a Coxeter algebra, since  $(1 * 2) * 3 = 2$ , but  $1 * (2 * 3) = 0$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X := \{e, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table:

$*$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$b$	$a$	$e$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$a$	$a$	$e$

Then  $X := \{e, q, b, c\}$  is a pre-Coxeter algebra, but not a Coxeter algebra, since  $(a * b) * c = a \neq e = a * (b * c)$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *Every Coxeter algebra is a pre-Coxeter algebra.*

**Proof.** It follows from Theorem 2.3 and Proposition 3.12.



**Theorem 4.4.** *The class of pre-Coxeter algebras and the class of BCK-algebras are Smarandache disjoint.*

**Proof.** Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a BCK-algebra and  $(Y; *, 0)$  be a pre-Coxeter algebra with  $Y \subseteq X, |Y| \geq 2$ . Then  $x = x * 0 = 0 * x = 0$  for any  $x \in Y$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a pre-Coxeter algebra. If  $x * y = 0, x, y \in X$ , then  $x = y$ .*

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a Coxeter algebra. Then  $x * (x * y) = y$ , for any  $x, y \in Y$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x * (x * y)) * y &= ((x * x) * y) * y && \text{[(III)]} \\
 &= (0 * y) * y && \text{[(I)]} \\
 &= y * y && \text{[Proposition 2.1]} \\
 &= 0 && \text{[(II)]}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since every Coxeter algebra is a pre-Coxeter algebra, by Lemma 4.5, we obtain  $x * (x * y) = y$ .

Note that  $x * (x * y) = y$  does not hold for pre-Coxeter algebras in general.

**Example 4.7.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with

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

Then  $(X; *, 0)$  is a pre-Coxeter algebra, but  $(1 * (1 * 2)) * 2 = (1 * 3) * 2 = 3 * 2 = 1 \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a pre-Coxeter algebra with  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ . Then the cancellation laws hold.

**Proof.** Assume  $x * a = x * b$ , where  $x, a, b \in X$ . Then, by Lemma 4.5,  $a = x * (x * a) = x * (x * b) = b$ .

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