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Further Results on Derivations of Ranked Bigroupoids

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Further properties on $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivations of ranked bigroupoids are investigated, and conditions for an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivation to be regular are provided. The notion of ranked $*$ -subsystems is introduced, and related properties are investigated.

1. Introduction

Several authors [1–4] have studied derivations in rings and near rings. Jun and Xin [5] applied the notion of derivation in ring and near-ring theory to BCI -algebras, and as a result they introduced a new concept, called a (regular) derivation, in BCI -algebras. Zhan and Liu [6] studied f -derivations in BCI -algebras. Alshehri [7] applied the notion of derivations to incline algebras. Alshehri et al. [8] introduced the notion of ranked bigroupoids and discussed $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivations. In this paper, we investigate further properties on $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivations and provide conditions for an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivation to be regular. We introduce the notion of ranked $*$ -subsystems and investigate related properties.

2. Preliminaries

In a nonempty set X with a constant 0 and a binary operation $*$, we consider the following axioms:

$$(a1) ((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0,$$

$$(a2) (x * (x * y)) * y = 0,$$

- (a3) $x * x = 0$,
 (a4) $x * y = 0$ and $y * x = 0$ imply $x = y$,
 (b1) $x * 0 = x$,
 (b2) $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$,
 (b3) $((x * z) * (y * z)) * (x * y) = 0$,
 (b4) $x * (x * (x * y)) = x * y$.

If X satisfies axioms (a1), (a2), (a3), and (a4), then we say that $(X, *, 0)$ is a *BCI-algebra*. Note that a *BCI-algebra* $(X, *, 0)$ satisfies conditions (b1), (b2), (b3), and (b4) (see [9]).

In a p -semisimple *BCI-algebra* X , the following hold:

- (b5) $(x * z) * (y * z) = x * y$,
 (b6) $0 * (0 * x) = x$.

3. Derivations on Ranked Bigroupoids

A *ranked bigroupoid* (see [8]) is an algebraic system $(X, *, \bullet)$ where X is a non-empty set and “ $*$ ” and “ \bullet ” are binary operations defined on X . We may consider the first binary operation $*$ as the major operation and the second binary operation \bullet as the minor operation.

Given a ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, \&)$, a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is called an $(X, *, \&)$ -*self-derivation* (see [8]) if for all $x, y \in X$,

$$d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) \& (x * d(y)). \quad (3.1)$$

In the same setting, a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is called an $(X, *, \&)$ -*self-coderivation* (see [8]) if for all $x, y \in X$,

$$d(x * y) = (x * d(y)) \& (d(x) * y). \quad (3.2)$$

Note that if $(X, *)$ is a commutative groupoid, then $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivations are $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivations. A map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is called an *abelian- $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation* (see [8]) if it is both an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation and an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

- (1) *Assume that X satisfies axioms (b1), (b2), (b3), (a3), and (a4). If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation, then $d(x) = d(x) \& x$ for all $x \in X$.*
- (2) *If X satisfies two axioms (b1) and (a3) and a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation, then the following are equivalent:*

$$(2.1) \quad d(0) = 0;$$

$$(2.2) \quad (\forall x \in X)(d(x) = x \& d(x)).$$

Proof. (1) Let $x \in X$. Using (b1) and (b2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x) &= d(x * 0) = (d(x) * 0) \& (x * d(0)) \\
 &= d(x) \& (x * d(0)) \\
 &= (x * d(0)) * ((x * d(0)) * d(x)) \\
 &= (x * d(0)) * ((x * d(x)) * d(0)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

It follows from (b3) that

$$d(x) * (d(x) \& x) = ((x * d(0)) * ((x * d(x)) * d(0))) * (d(x) \& x) = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Using (b2) and (a3), we have $(d(x) \& x) * d(x) = 0$, and so $d(x) = d(x) \& x$ for all $x \in X$ by (a4).

(2) Let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation. If $d(0) = 0$, then

$$d(x) = d(x * 0) = (x * d(0)) \& (d(x) * 0) = x \& d(x) \tag{3.5}$$

for all $x \in X$. Assume that $d(x) = x \& d(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Taking $x = 0$ implies that $d(0) = 0 \& d(0) = 0$. \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid in which $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

(1) *If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation, then $d(x) = d(x) \& x$ for all $x \in X$.*

(2) *If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation, then the following are equivalent:*

$$(2.1) \ d(0) = 0;$$

$$(2.2) \ (\forall x \in X) \ (d(x) = x \& d(x)).$$

Lemma 3.3. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which three axioms (b2), (a3), and (a4) are valid and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

(1) *For every $x \in X$ with $x \& 0 = x$, one has*

$$(\forall y \in X) \ (y * x = 0 \implies y = x). \tag{3.6}$$

(2) *If an element a of X satisfies $a \& 0 = a$, then $a \& x = a$ for all $x \in X$.*

Proof. (1) Let $y \in X$ be such that $y * x = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x * y &= (x \& 0) * y = (0 * y) * (0 * x) \\
 &= ((y * x) * y) * (0 * x) = (0 * x) * (0 * x) = 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

and so $y = x$ by (a4).

(2) Since $(a \& x) * a = 0$, it follows from (3.6) that $a \& x = a$ for all $x \in X$. \square

Corollary 3.4. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid in which $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

(1) For every $x \in X$ with $x\&0 = x$, one has

$$(\forall y \in X) \quad (y * x = 0 \implies y = x). \quad (3.8)$$

(2) If an element a of X satisfies $a\&0 = a$, then $a\&x = a$ for all $x \in X$.

Proposition 3.5. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which four axioms (b2), (b4), (a3), and (a4) are valid and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation, then $0 * d(x) = d(x)$ for all $x \in X$ with $0 * x = x$.

Proof. Let $x \in X$ be such that $0 * x = x$. Since $(0 * d(x))\&0 = 0 * d(x)$, it follows from Lemma 3.3(2) that $d(x) = d(0 * x) = (0 * d(x))\&(d(0) * x) = 0 * d(x)$. \square

Corollary 3.6. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid in which $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation, then $0 * d(x) = d(x)$ for all $x \in X$ with $0 * x = x$.

Using Proposition 3.5, we can find an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation which is not an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation.

Example 3.7. Let $(\mathbb{Z}, -, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid where \mathbb{Z} is the set of all integers with the minus operation “ $-$ ” and the minor operation “ $\&$ ” defined by $x\&y = y - (y - x)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let d be a self map of \mathbb{Z} given by $d(x) = x - 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then d is a $(\mathbb{Z}, -, \&)$ -self-derivation since

$$\begin{aligned} d(x - y) &= (x - y) - 1 = (x - y + 1) - 2 \\ &= (x - y - 1)\&(x - y + 1) = ((x - 1) - y)\&(x - (y - 1)) \\ &= (d(x) - y)\&(x - d(y)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Note that $0 - d(0) = 0 - (0 - 1) = 1 \neq -1 = 0 - 1 = d(0)$. Hence d is not a $(\mathbb{Z}, -, \&)$ -self-coderivation by Proposition 3.5.

Proposition 3.8. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. For an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation $d : X \rightarrow X$, if $(X, *, 0)$ satisfies axioms (b2), (b5), and (b6), then $d(x) = d(0) * (0 * x)$ for all $x \in X$. Moreover, if $d(0) = 0$, then d is an identity map.

Proof. Assume that $(X, *, 0)$ satisfies axioms (b2), (b5), and (b6). Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x) &= d(x\&0) = (d(0) * (0 * x))\&(0 * d(0 * x)) \\ &= (0 * d(0 * x)) * ((0 * d(0 * x)) * (d(0) * (0 * x))) \\ &= (0 * d(0 * x)) * ((0 * (d(0) * (0 * x))) * d(0 * x)) \\ &= 0 * (0 * (d(0) * (0 * x))) \\ &= d(0) * (0 * x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

for all $x \in X$. Moreover, if $d(0) = 0$ then $d(x) = d(0) * (0 * x) = x \& 0 = x$ for all $x \in X$, and so d is an identity map. \square

Corollary 3.9. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid in which $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. If a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation, then*

- (1) $d(0) = d(0) \& 0$;
- (2) if $(X, *, 0)$ is p -semisimple, then $d(x) = d(0) * (0 * x)$ for all $x \in X$;
- (3) if $(X, *, 0)$ is p -semisimple and $d(0) = 0$, then d is an identity map.

Definition 3.10. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0. A self map d of $(X, *, \&)$ is said to be *regular* if $d(0) = 0$.

Example 3.11. Consider a ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, \&)$ in which $X = \{0, a, b, c, d, e\}$ and binary operations “ $*$ ” and “ $\&$ ” are defined by

$$x * y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(0, a), (b, d), (c, e)\} \cup \{(z, z) \mid z \in X\}, \\ a & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(a, 0), (d, b), (e, c)\}, \\ b & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(b, 0), (0, c), (0, e), (a, e), (b, a), (c, b), (c, d), (d, a), (e, d)\}, \\ c & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(c, 0), (c, a), (e, a), (0, b), (b, c), (0, d), (a, d), (b, e), (d, e)\}, \\ d & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(d, 0), (e, b), (a, c)\}, \\ e & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(a, b), (d, c), (e, 0)\} \end{cases} \tag{3.11}$$

| | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $\&$ | 0 | a | b | c | d | e |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a | 0 | a | 0 | 0 | a | a |
| b | b | b | 0 | b | b | b |
| c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| d | b | d | b | b | d | d |
| e | c | e | c | c | e | e |

Define a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \{0, a\}, \\ b & \text{if } x \in \{b, d\}, \\ c & \text{if } x \in \{c, e\}. \end{cases} \tag{3.12}$$

Then d is an abelian $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation which is regular.

Proposition 3.12. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $0 * x = 0$ for all $x \in X$. Then every $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation is regular. Moreover, if X satisfies the axioms (b1) and (a3) then every $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation is regular.*

Proof. Let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation. Then

$$d(0) = d(0 * x) = (d(0) * x) \& (0 * d(x)) = (d(0) * x) \& 0 = 0. \quad (3.13)$$

If d is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation, then

$$d(0) = d(0 * x) = (0 * d(x)) \& (d(0) * x) = 0 \& (d(0) * x) = 0. \quad (3.14)$$

Hence every $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivation is regular. \square

Proposition 3.13. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and two axioms (a3) and (b1) are satisfied. Let d be a self map of X and $a \in X$ such that $d(x) * a = 0$ (resp., $a * d(x) = 0$) for all $x \in X$. If d is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation (resp., $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation), then it is regular.*

Proof. Assume that d is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation. For any $x \in X$, we have

$$0 = d(x * a) * a = ((d(x) * a) \& (x * d(a))) * a = (0 \& (x * d(a))) * a = 0 * a, \quad (3.15)$$

which implies that

$$d(0) = d(0 * a) = (d(0) * a) \& (0 * d(a)) = 0 \& (0 * d(a)) = 0. \quad (3.16)$$

Hence d is regular. Now, let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation such that $a * d(x) = 0$ for all $x \in X$. Then

$$0 = a * d(a * x) = a * ((a * d(x)) \& (d(a) * x)) = a * (0 \& (d(a) * x)) = a * 0, \quad (3.17)$$

and so

$$d(0) = d(a * 0) = (a * d(0)) \& (d(a) * 0) = 0 \& (d(a) * 0) = 0 \& d(a) = 0. \quad (3.18)$$

Therefore d is regular. \square

Definition 3.14. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0. Let d be a self map of $(X, *, \&)$. A subset A of X is called a ranked $*$ -subsystem of X if it satisfies the following:

- (r1) $0 \in A$,
- (r2) $(\forall x, y \in X)(x \in A, y * x \in A \Rightarrow y \in A)$.

Moreover, if a ranked $*$ -subsystem A of X satisfies $d(A) \subseteq A$, then we say that A is ranked d -invariant.

Example 3.15. Consider a ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, \&)$ in which $X = \{0, a, b, c, d, e\}$ and binary operations “ $*$ ” and “ $\&$ ” are defined by

$$x * y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(0, a), (b, c), (b, d), (b, e), (c, d), (c, e)\} \cup \{(z, z) \mid z \in X\}, \\ a & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{(a, 0), (c, b), (d, b), (e, b), (d, c), (e, c), (e, d), (d, e)\}, \\ c & \text{if } (x, y) = (c, 0), \\ d & \text{if } (x, y) = (d, 0), \\ e & \text{if } (x, y) = (e, 0), \\ b & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (3.19)$$

and $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Define a map $d: X \rightarrow X$ by

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } x \in \{0, a\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.20)$$

Then d is an abelian $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation which is not regular. It is easily check that $A = \{0, a\}$ is a ranked $*$ -subsystem of X . Since $d(A) = \{b\} \not\subseteq A$, d is not ranked d -invariant.

Example 3.16. In Example 3.11, $A = \{0, a\}$ is a ranked d -invariant $*$ -subsystem of X .

Theorem 3.17. *Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which three axioms (b1), (b2), and (a3) are valid and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. For an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation d , if d is regular then every ranked $*$ -subsystem of X is ranked d -invariant.*

Proof. Assume that d is regular and let A be a ranked $*$ -subsystem of X . Then $d(x) = x \& d(x)$ for all $x \in X$ by Proposition 3.1(2). Let $y \in d(A)$. Then $y = d(a)$ for some $a \in A$. Thus $y * a = d(a) * a = (a \& d(a)) * a = 0 \in A$, and so $y \in A$ by (r2). Hence $d(A) \subseteq A$ and A is ranked d -invariant. \square

Corollary 3.18. *Let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation where $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. If d is regular, then every ideal of X is ranked d -invariant.*

Example 3.15 shows that Theorem 3.17 is not true if we drop the regularity of d .

We consider the converse of Theorem 3.17.

Theorem 3.19. *Let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation where $(X, *, \&)$ is a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 in which the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x \& y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and there does not exist a nonzero element x of X such that $x * 0 = 0$. If every ranked $*$ -subsystem of X is ranked d -invariant, then d is regular.*

Proof. Assume that every ranked $*$ -subsystem of X is ranked d -invariant. Note that $A = \{0\}$ is a ranked $*$ -subsystem of X . Thus $d(A) = d(\{0\}) \subseteq \{0\}$, and therefore $d(0) = 0$, that is, d is regular. \square

Corollary 3.20. Let d be an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation where $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Then d is regular if and only if every ranked $*$ -subsystem of X is ranked d -invariant.

Proposition 3.21. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid where $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. For any $\alpha \in X$, let d_α be a self map of X defined by $d_\alpha(x) = x * \alpha$ for all $x \in X$. If X satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $((x * y) * z) * (x * (y * z)) = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in X$,
- (2) $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y)$,

then d_α is an abelian $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation.

Proof. If X satisfies two given conditions, then the following identity is valid (see [9]):

$$(\forall x, y, z \in X) ((x * y) * z = x * (y * z)). \quad (3.21)$$

It follows from (b1), (a3), and (b2) that

$$\begin{aligned} d_\alpha(x * y) &= (x * y) * \alpha = (x * (y * \alpha)) * 0 \\ &= (x * (y * \alpha)) * ((x * (y * \alpha)) * (x * (y * \alpha))) \\ &= (x * (y * \alpha)) * ((x * (y * \alpha)) * ((x * \alpha) * y)) \\ &= (d_\alpha(x) * y) \&(x * d_\alpha(y)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

Hence d_α is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation. Similarly, we can verify that d_α is an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-coderivation. \square

Corollary 3.22. Let $(X, *, \&)$ be a ranked bigroupoid where $(X, *, 0)$ is a BCI-algebra and the minor operation $\&$ is defined by $x\&y = y * (y * x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. For any $\alpha \in X$, let d_α be a self map of X defined by $d_\alpha(x) = x * \alpha$ for all $x \in X$. If X satisfies (b1) and the following conditions:

- (1) $((x * y) * z) * (x * (y * z)) = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in X$,
- (2) $(x * y) * (x * z) = z * y$ for all $x, y, z \in X$,

then d_α is an abelian $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation.

Proof. If X satisfies both (b1) and the second condition, then X is a p -semisimple BCI-algebra (see [9]). Hence the second condition of Proposition 3.21 is valid. Therefore d_α is an abelian $(X, *, \&)$ -self-derivation. \square

4. Conclusion

Alshehri et al. [8] introduced the notion of ranked bigroupoids and discussed $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivations.

A nonempty set X together with maps $*$: $X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $\&$: $X \times X \rightarrow X$ is called a *ranked bigroupoid*. For a ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, \&)$, a map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is called:

(1) an $(X, *, \&)$ -*self-derivation* if

$$d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) \& (x * d(y)) \quad (4.1)$$

for all $x, y \in X$;

(2) an $(X, *, \&)$ -*self-coderivation* if

$$d(x * y) = (x * d(y)) \& (d(x) * y) \quad (4.2)$$

for all $x, y \in X$.

In this paper, we have investigated further properties on $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivations and have provided conditions for an $(X, *, \&)$ -self-(co)derivation to be regular. We have introduced the notion of ranked $*$ -subsystems and have investigated related properties.

In general, there are many kind of derivations (generalized derivations, biderivations, triderivations, etc.) in algebraic structures, for example, (near) rings, prime rings, semiprime rings, Γ -near-rings, incline algebras, Banach algebras, lattices, MV-algebras, and BCK/BCI-algebras.

Based on this paper together with related papers on derivations, we will consider several kind of derivations in ranked bigroupoids.

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