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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce the notion of a *BM*-algebra which is a specialization of *B*-algebras. We show that the class of *BM*-algebras is a proper subclass of *B*-algebras and show that a *BM*-algebra is equivalent to a 0-commutative *B*-algebra. Moreover, we prove that a class of Coxeter algebras is a proper subclass of *BM*-algebras.

## 1. Introduction.

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras: *BCK*-algebras and *BCI*-algebras ([4,5]). It is known that the class of *BCK*-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of *BCI*-algebras. In [2, 3] 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. J. Neggers and H. S. Kim ([10]) introduced the notion of *d*-algebras which is another generalization of *BCK*-algebras, and also they introduced the notion of *B*-algebras ([11, 12]), i.e., (I)  $x * x = 0$ ; (II)  $x * 0 = x$ ; (III)  $(x * y) * z = x * (z * (0 * y))$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , which is equivalent in some sense to the groups. Moreover, Y. B. Jun, E. H. Roh and H. S. Kim ([8]) introduced a new notion, called an *BH-algebra*, which is a generalization of *BCH/BCI/BCK*-algebras, i.e., (I); (II) and (IV)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . A. Walendziak obtained the another equivalent axioms for *B*-algebra ([13]). H. S. Kim, Y. H. Kim and J. Neggers ([7]) introduced the notion a (pre-) Coxeter algebra and showed that a Coxeter algebra is equivalent to an abelian group all of whose elements have order 2, i.e., a Boolean group. In this paper we introduce the notion of a *BM*-algebras which is a specialization of *B*-algebras. We prove that the class of *BM*-algebras is a proper subclass of *B*-algebras and also show that a *BM*-algebra is equivalent to a 0-commutative *B*-algebra. Moreover, we prove that a class of Coxeter algebras is a proper subclass of *BM*-algebras. And we investigate several relations between *BM*-algebras and (pre-) Coxeter algebras.

2. *BM*-algebras.

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

(A1)  $x * 0 = x$ ,

(A2)  $(z * x) * (z * y) = y * x$ ,

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for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a set with the following table:

$*$	0	1	2
0	0	2	1
1	1	0	2
2	2	1	0

Then  $(X; *, 0)$  is a *BM*-algebra.

It is easy to calculate the number of *BM*-algebras on a set  $X$  with  $|X| = 3, 4$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a set such that  $|X| = 3$  and let  $\Gamma(X)$  be the collection of all *BM*-algebras defined on  $X$ . Then  $|\Gamma(X)| = 1$ .*

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a set such that  $|X| = 4$  and let  $\Gamma(X)$  be the collection of all *BM*-algebras defined on  $X$ . Then  $|\Gamma(X)| = 2$ .*

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a *BM*-algebra. Then*

- (i)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $0 * (0 * x) = x$ ,
- (iii)  $0 * (x * y) = y * x$ ,
- (iv)  $(x * z) * (y * z) = x * y$ ,
- (v)  $x * y = 0$  if and only if  $y * x = 0$ ,

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

*Proof.* (i). Substituting  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$  in (A2), we obtain

$$(z * 0) * (z * 0) = 0 * 0$$

Applying (A1) we obtain  $z * z = 0$  for all  $z \in X$ .

(ii). Substituting  $z = 0$  and  $x = 0$  in (A2), we obtain

$$(0 * 0) * (0 * y) = y * 0.$$

Applying (A1) we have

$$0 * (0 * y) = y$$

for all  $y \in X$ .

(iii). Using (A2) with  $z = x$  we have

$$(x * x) * (x * y) = y * x$$

Hence, by applying (i), we obtain

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

for any  $x, y \in X$ .

(iv). For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x * z) * (y * z) &= (0 * (z * x)) * (0 * (z * y)) && [(iii)] \\
 &= (z * y) * (z * x) && [(A2)] \\
 &= x * y && [(A2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

(v). It follows immediately from (iii) and (A1).

Note that there is no non-trivial *BM*-algebra which is also a *BCK*-algebra, since  $x = 0 * (0 * x) = 0 * 0 = 0$  for any  $x \in X$ .

A *B-algebra* ([11]) is a non-empty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation “ $*$ ” satisfying the following axioms:

(B1)  $x * x = 0$ ,

(A1)  $x * 0 = x$ ,

(B3)  $(x * y) * z = x * (z * (0 * y))$ ,

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Recently, A. Walendziak obtained an equivalent axiomatizations for *B-algebras* ([13]), and he proved that the congruence lattice of any *B-algebra* is isomorphic to the lattice of its normal subalgebras ([14]).

**Theorem 2.5.** ([13]) *(X; \*, 0) is a B-algebra if and only if satisfies the axioms:*

(B1)  $x * x = 0$ ,

(C2)  $0 * (0 * x) = x$ ,

(C3)  $(x * z) * (y * z) = x * y$ ,

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

From (i), (ii) and (iv) of Lemma 2.4, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Every BM-algebra is a B-algebra.*

The converse of Theorem 2.6 does not hold in general. Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be a set with the following table:

$*$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	2	1	3	4	5
1	1	0	2	4	5	3
2	2	1	0	5	3	4
3	3	4	5	0	2	1
4	4	5	3	1	0	2
5	5	3	4	2	1	0

Then  $(X; *, 0)$  is a *B-algebra*, but not a *BM-algebra*, since  $(5 * 1) * (5 * 4) = 4 \neq 5 = 4 * 1$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** *If (X; \*, 0) is a BM-algebra, then*

$$(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$$

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.6 and Lemma 2.4-(iii),

$$\begin{aligned}
(x * y) * z &= [(z * y) * (z * x)] * z && [(A2)] \\
&= (z * y) * [z * (0 * (z * x))] && [(B3)] \\
&= [0 * (z * x)] * y && [(A2)] \\
&= (x * z) * y && [\text{Lemma 2.4-(iii)}]
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.8.** ([13]) *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $B$ -algebra, then  $0 * (x * y) = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .*

**Definition 2.9.** ([1]) A  $B$ -algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is said to be *0-commutative* if  $x * (0 * y) = y * (0 * x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra, then it is a  $BM$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* Since  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $B$ -algebra,  $x * 0 = x$  for all  $x \in X$ , i.e., (A1) holds. We show that (A2) holds in  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
(z * x) * (z * y) &= (0 * (x * z)) * (0 * (y * z)) && [\text{Lemma 2.8}] \\
&= (y * z) * [0 * (0 * (x * z))] && [0\text{-commutative}] \\
&= (y * z) * (x * z) && [(C2)] \\
&= y * z && [(C3)]
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $BM$ -algebra.

**Corollary 2.11.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $B$ -algebra with  $x * y = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , then it is a  $BM$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* Since  $x * y = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , we obtain  $x * (0 * y) = x * (y * 0) = x * y = y * x = y * (x * 0) = y * (0 * x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Thus  $(X; *, 0)$  is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra. Hence  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $BM$ -algebra by Theorem 2.10.

**Proposition 2.12.** ([13]) *An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra if and only if it satisfies the following axioms:*

$$(B1) \quad x * x = 0,$$

$$(D2) \quad y * (y * x) = x,$$

$$(C3) \quad (x * z) * (y * z) = x * y,$$

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $BM$ -algebra, then it is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $BM$ -algebra. Then, by Theorem 2.6, it is a  $B$ -algebra. From Theorem 2.5, we deduce that it satisfies (B1) and (C3). Substituting  $x = 0$  in (A2) we obtain

$$(z * 0) * (z * y) = y * 0$$

Applying (A1) we have

$$z * (z * y) = y$$

for any  $y, z \in X$ . Thus (B1), (D2) and (C3) hold in  $(X; *, 0)$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.12, it is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra.

From Theorem 2.10 and Theorem 2.13, we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.14.** *An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is a 0-commutative B-algebra if and only if it is a BM-algebra.*

**3. BM-algebras and (pre-) Coxeter algebras.**

H. S. Kim, Y. H. Kim and J. Neggers introduced and investigated a class of (pre-) Coxeter algebras. A *Coxeter algebra* ([7]) is a non-empty set with a constant 0 and a binary operation “\*” satisfying the following axioms:

- (B1)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (A1)  $x * 0 = x$ ,
- (E3)  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$ ,

for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

It is known that a Coxeter algebra is a special type of abelian groups (see [7]).

**Proposition 3.1.** ([7]) *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra, then*

- (i)  $0 * x = x$ ,
- (ii)  $x * y = y * x$ ,

for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(X; *, 0)$  be a Coxeter algebra. Then*

$$(y * x) * y = x$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 * x && \text{[Proposition 3.1-(i)]} \\ &= [(y * x) * (y * x)] * x && \text{[(B1)]} \\ &= (y * x) * [(y * x) * x] && \text{[(E3)]} \\ &= (y * x) * [(y * (x * x))] && \text{[(E3)]} \\ &= (y * x) * (y * 0) && \text{[(B1)]} \\ &= (y * x) * y, && \text{[(A1)]} \end{aligned}$$

proving the lemma.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Every Coxeter algebra is a BM-algebra.*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that the axiom (A2) holds in Coxeter algebra  $(X; *, 0)$ . For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (z * x) * (z * y) &= (z * x) * (y * z) && \text{[Proposition 3.1-(ii)]} \\ &= [(z * x) * y] * z && \text{[(E3)]} \\ &= [z * (x * y)] * z && \text{[(E3)]} \\ &= x * y && \text{[Lemma 3.2]} \\ &= y * x, && \text{[Proposition 3.1-(ii)]} \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $BM$ -algebra.

The converse of Theorem 3.3 does not hold in general. The  $BM$ -algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  given by Example 2.1 is not a Coxeter algebra, since  $(0 * 0) * 1 = 2 \neq 1 = 0 * (0 * 1)$ .

From Corollary 2.14 and Theorem 3.3, we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every Coxeter algebra is a 0-commutative  $B$ -algebra.*

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $(X; *, 0)$  is a  $BM$ -algebra with  $0 * x = x, \forall x \in X$ , then it is a Coxeter algebra.*

*Proof.* It is enough to show (E3). By applying Theorem 2.13, we have, for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) * z &= (x * z) * y && \text{[Proposition 2.7]} \\ &= x * [y * (0 * z)] && \text{[(B3)]} \\ &= x * (y * z), \end{aligned}$$

completing the proof.

From Proposition 3.1-(i), Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 3.5, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.6.** *An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is a Coxeter algebra if and only if it is a  $BM$ -algebra with  $0 * x = x$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

An algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  is called a *pre-Coxeter algebra* ([7]) if it satisfies the axioms: (B1); (A1); (F3) if  $x * y = 0 = y * x$ , then  $x = y$ ; (F4)  $x * y = y * x$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *Every  $BM$ -algebra  $X$  with  $0 * x = x, \forall x \in X$ , is a pre-Coxeter algebra.*

*Proof.* We show that the axioms (F3) and (F4) hold in  $X$ . Assume  $x * y = 0 = y * x$  where  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $x = x * 0 = (x * 0) * (x * y) = y * 0 = y$ . It follows from Proposition 3.1-(ii) and Theorem 3.5 that  $x * y = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . This completes the proof.

In general, a pre-Coxeter algebra need not be a  $BM$ -algebra.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with the following table:

*	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, but not a  $BM$ -algebra, since  $(1 * 0) * (1 * 2) = 3 \neq 2 = 2 * 0$ .

By Theorem 2.6, Corollary 2.14 and Theorem 3.3, we have the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{The class of Coxeter algebras} \subset \text{The class of 0-commutative } B\text{-algebras} \\ &= \text{The class of } BM\text{-algebras} \subset \text{The class of } B\text{-algebras} \\ &\subset \text{The class of } BG\text{-algebras} \subset \text{The class of } BH\text{-algebras.} \end{aligned}$$

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