

Derivations on ranked bigroupoids

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce the notion of ranked bigroupoids and we define as well as discuss $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-(co)derivations. In addition we define rankomorphisms and $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalars for ranked bigroupoids, and we consider some properties of these as well.

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1. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras: *BCK*-algebras and *BCI*-algebras ([4, 5]). J. Neggers and H. S. Kim introduced the notion of *d*-algebras which is another useful generalization of *BCK*-algebras, and then investigated several relations between *d*-algebras and *BCK*-algebras as well as several other relations between *d*-algebras and oriented digraphs ([8]). H. S. Kim and J. Neggers ([7]) introduced the notion of *Bin*(*X*) and obtained a semigroup structure. E. Posner [9] discussed derivations in prime rings, and H. E. Bell and L. C. Kappe [2] studied rings in which derivations satisfy certain algebraic conditions. Y. B. Jun and X. L. Xin [6] discussed derivations in *BCI*-algebras, and N. O. Alshehri [1] applied the notion of derivations in incline algebras. In this paper, we introduce the notion of ranked bigroupoids and discuss $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-(co)derivations. $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalars in ranked bigroupoids will be discussed as well.

2. Preliminaries

An *d*-algebra ([8]) is a non-empty set *X* with a constant 0 and a binary operation “*” satisfying the following axioms:

- (A) $x * x = 0$,
 (B) $0 * x = 0$,
 (C) $x * y = 0$ and $y * x = 0$ imply $x = y$ for all $x, y \in X$.

A *BCK*-algebra is a *d*-algebra *X* satisfying the following additional axioms:

- (D) $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$,
 (E) $x * (x * y) * y = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Given a non-empty set *X*, we let *Bin*(*X*) denote the collection of all groupoids $(X, *)$, where $*$: $X \times X \rightarrow X$ is a map and where $*(x, y)$ is written in the usual product form. Given elements $(X, *)$ and (X, \bullet) of *Bin*(*X*), define a product “□” on these groupoids as follows:

$$(X, *) \square (X, \bullet) = (X, \boxtimes), \quad (1)$$

where

$$x \boxtimes y = (x * y) \bullet (y * x), \quad (2)$$

for any $x, y \in X$. Using that notion, H. S. Kim and J. Neggers proved the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. ([7]) *(Bin*(*X*), □) *is a semigroup, i.e., the operation “□” as defined in general is associative. Furthermore, the left- zero-semigroup is the identity for this operation.*

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3. Ranked bigroupoids

A ranked bigroupoid 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*.

Example 3.1. A K -algebra ([3]) is defined as an algebraic system (G, \bullet, \odot) where (G, \bullet) is a group and where $x \odot y := x \bullet y^{-1}$. Hence every K -algebra is a ranked bigroupoid.

Example 3.2. We construct a ranked bigroupoid from any BCK -algebra. In fact, given a BCK -algebra $(X, *, 0)$, if we define a binary operation “ \wedge ” on X by $x \wedge y := x * (x * y)$ for any $x, y \in X$, then $(X, *, \wedge)$ is a ranked bigroupoid.

We introduce the notion of “ranked bigroupoids” to distinguish two bigroupoids $(X, *, \bullet)$ and $(X, \bullet, *)$. Even though $(X, *, \bullet) = (X, \bullet, *)$ in the sense of bigroupoids, the same is not true in the sense of ranked bigroupoids. This is analogous to the situation for sets, where $\{x, y\} = \{y, x\}$ but $\langle x, y \rangle \neq \langle y, x \rangle$ in general.

Given an element $(X, *) \in Bin(X)$, $(X, *)$ has a natural associated ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, *)$, i.e., the major operation and the minor operation coincide.

We denote the class of all ranked bigroupoids defined on a non-empty set X by $Rbbin(X)$, i.e., $Rbbin(X) := \{(X, *, \bullet) \mid (X, *, \bullet) \text{ is a ranked bigroupoid on } X\}$. We denote the class of all bigroupoids defined on a non-empty set X by $Bin^2(X)$, i.e., $Bin^2(X) := \{(X, *, \bullet) \mid *, \bullet \text{ are binary operations on } X\}$.

Theorem 3.3. If we define $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) := (X, *, \omega) \square (X, \bullet, \psi)$ for any $(X, *, \omega), (X, \bullet, \psi) \in Rbbin(X)$, then $(Rbbin(X), \square)$ is a semigroup where $x \boxtimes y := (x * y) \bullet (y * x)$ and $x \xi y := (x \omega y) \psi (y \omega x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Proof. The proof is similar to the case of Theorem 2.1 in [7], and we omit it.

Proposition 3.4. If $(X, *)$ is a left-zero-semigroup, then $(X, *, *)$ is the identity element in $(Rbbin(X), \square)$.

Proof. Let $(X, *)$ be the left-zero-semigroup and let $(X, \bullet, \psi) \in Rbbin(X)$. If $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) := (X, *, *) \square (X, \bullet, \psi)$, then, for all $x, y \in X$, we have $x \boxtimes y = (x * y) \bullet (y * x) = x \bullet y$ and $x \xi y = (x * y) \psi (y * x) = x \psi y$, since $(X, *)$ is the left-zero-semigroup, i.e., $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) = (X, \bullet, \psi)$. If $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) := (X, \bullet, \psi) \square (X, *, *)$, then, for all $x, y \in X$, we have $x \boxtimes y = (x \bullet y) * (y \bullet x) = x \bullet y$ and $x \xi y = (x \psi y) * (y \psi x) = x \psi y$, since $(X, *)$ is the left-zero-semigroup, i.e., $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) = (X, \bullet, \psi)$. This proves that $(X, *, *)$ is the identity in $(Rbbin(X), \square)$.

If $(X, *)$ is the right-zero-semigroup and if $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) := (X, *, *) \square (X, \bullet, \psi)$, then it is easy to see that $x \boxtimes y = y \bullet x$ and $x \xi y = y \psi x$ for all $x, y \in X$. We denote by $x \bullet^{op} y = y \bullet x$ and $x \psi^{op} y = y \psi x$. It follows that $(X, *, *) \square (X, \boxtimes, \xi) = (X, \bullet^{op}, \psi^{op})$ and $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) \square (X, *, *) = (X, \bullet^{op}, \psi^{op})$.

Proposition 3.5. If we define a map $E : Bin(X) \rightarrow Rbbin(X)$ by $E((X, *)) := (X, *, *)$, then it is an injective homomorphism of semigroups.

Proof. Given $(X, *), (X, \bullet) \in Bin(X)$, if we let $(X, \square) := (X, *) \square (X, \bullet)$, then $(X, \square, \square) = E((X, \square)) = E((X, *) \square (X, \bullet))$. If we let $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) := (X, *, *) \square (X, \bullet, \bullet)$, then $x \boxtimes y = (x * y) \bullet (y * x) = x \square y$ and $x \xi y = (x * y) \bullet (y * x) = x \square y$ for all $x, y \in X$. It follows that $(X, \boxtimes, \xi) = (X, \square, \square)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E((X, *) \square (X, \bullet)) &= E((X, \square)) \\ &= (X, \square, \square) \\ &= (X, *, *) \square (X, \bullet, \bullet) \\ &= E((X, *) \square E((X, \bullet))), \end{aligned}$$

proving the proposition.

A ranked bigroupoid (X, λ, ρ) is said to be *left-over-right* if for all $x, y \in X$, $x \lambda y = x$ and $x \rho y = y$. Similarly, a ranked bigroupoid (X, ρ, λ) is said to be *right-over-left* if for all $x, y \in X$, $x \rho y = y$ and $x \lambda y = x$.

Proposition 3.6. For any $(X, *, \omega) \in Rbbin(X)$, we have the following:

- (i) $(X, \lambda, \rho) \square (X, *, \omega) = (X, *, \omega) \square (X, \lambda, \rho) = (X, *, \omega^{op})$,
- (ii) $(X, \rho, \lambda) \square (X, *, \omega) = (X, *, \omega) \square (X, \rho, \lambda) = (X, *, \omega^{op}, \omega)$.

Using the notion of two binary operations λ and ρ we construct an interesting table which is a copy of the Klein-4-group as follows:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \square | (X, λ, λ) | (X, ρ, ρ) | (X, λ, ρ) | (X, ρ, λ) |
| (X, λ, λ) | (X, λ, λ) | (X, ρ, ρ) | (X, λ, ρ) | (X, ρ, λ) |
| (X, ρ, ρ) | (X, ρ, ρ) | (X, λ, λ) | (X, ρ, λ) | (X, λ, ρ) |
| (X, λ, ρ) | (X, λ, ρ) | (X, ρ, λ) | (X, λ, λ) | (X, ρ, ρ) |
| (X, ρ, λ) | (X, ρ, λ) | (X, λ, ρ) | (X, ρ, ρ) | (X, λ, λ) |

4. Derivations in ranked bigroupoids

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

$$d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) \omega (x * d(y))$$

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

$$d(x * y) = (x * d(y)) \omega (d(x) * y)$$

Note that if (X, ω) is a commutative groupoid, then $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivations are $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-

coderivations. A map $d : X \rightarrow X$ is called an *abelian- $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation* if it is both an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation and an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-coderivation.

Proposition 4.1. *Let $(X, *, \omega)$ be a ranked bigroupoid such that $(X, \omega, 0)$ is a d -algebra. For any $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation $d : X \rightarrow X$ if the identity mapping, then $X = \{0\}$.*

Proof. Consider $d(x * y) = (d(x) * y)\omega(x * d(y)) = (x * y)\omega(x * y) = 0$. Thus $x * y = y * x = 0$ and $x = y$, whence $|X| = 1$ and $X = \{0\}$.

For the case where $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-coderivation the same conclusion holds if d is the identity map. Indeed, $d(x * y) = (x * d(y))\omega(d(x) * y) = (x * y)\omega(x * y) = 0$, so that $x * y = y * x = 0$ implies $x = y$ and $|X| = 1$.

Proposition 4.2. *Let d be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation. If $(X, *)$ is a monoid with identity 1, then $d(1)$ is an idempotent in (X, ω) .*

Proof. Since d is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation, $d(x) = d(x * 1) = [d(x) * 1]\omega[x * d(1)] = d(x)\omega[x * d(1)]$ for all $x \in X$. If we let $x := 1$, then $d(1) = d(1)\omega[1 * d(1)] = d(1)\omega d(1)$, proving that $d(1)$ is an idempotent in (X, ω) .

Proposition 4.3. *Let d be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation and let $(X, *)$ be a semigroup with zero 0. If d is regular, i.e., $d(0) = 0$, then 0 is an idempotent in (X, ω) .*

Proof. Since d is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation, $d(0) = d(0 * x) = [d(0) * x]\omega[0 * d(x)] = [d(0) * x]\omega 0$, i.e., $d(0) = (d(0) * x)\omega 0$. If we let $x := 0$, then $0 = d(0) = (d(0) * 0)\omega 0 = 0\omega 0$. Hence 0 is an idempotent in (X, ω) .

Theorem 4.4. *Let $(X, *)$ be the left-zero-semigroup.*

- (i) if d_1 is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation and if d_2 is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-coderivation, then $(d_1 \circ d_2)(x * y) = d_1(x) * d_2(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (ii) if d_1 is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-coderivation and if d_2 is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation, then $(d_1 \circ d_2)(x * y) = d_2(x) * d_1(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (iii) if d_i are an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-coderivations ($i = 1, 2$), then $(d_1 \circ d_2)(x * y) = d_1(x) * d_2(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (iv) if d_i are an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivations ($i = 1, 2$), then $(d_1 \circ d_2)(x * y) = (d_1 \circ d_2)(x) * y$ for all $x, y \in X$,

Proof. (i). Given $x, y \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (d_2 \circ d_1)(x * y) &= d_1(d_2(x * y)) \\ &= d_1[(x * d_2(y))\omega(d_2(x) * y)] \\ &= d_1(x * d_2(y)) \\ &= [d_1(x) * d_2(y)]\omega[x * d_1(d_2(y))] \\ &= d_1(x) * d_2(y) \end{aligned}$$

Other cases are similar to the case (i), and we omit the proofs.

We can obtain similar properties to Theorem 4.4 when we discuss the right-zero-semigroup.

Proposition 4.5. *If (X, λ, ρ) is a left-over-right ranked bigroupoid, then every (X, λ, ρ) -self-derivation μ is the identity map on X .*

Proof. For any $x, y \in X$, $\mu(x) = \mu(x\lambda y) = (\mu(x)\lambda y)^\rho (x\lambda\mu(y)) = \mu(x)\rho x = x$.

Similarly we obtain the following proposition:

Proposition 4.5'. *If (X, ρ, λ) is a right-over-left ranked bigroupoid, then every (X, ρ, λ) -self-derivation μ is the identity map on X .*

Proposition 4.6. *If μ is an (X, λ, λ) -self-coderivation or an (X, ρ, ρ) -self-derivation, then it is the identity map on X .*

Proof. Given $x, y \in X$, if μ is an (X, λ, λ) -self-coderivation, then $\mu(x) = \mu(x\lambda y) = (x\lambda\mu(y))\lambda(\mu(x)\lambda y) = x\lambda\mu(x) = x$. If μ is an (X, ρ, ρ) -self-derivation, then $\mu(y) = \mu(x\rho y) = (x\rho\mu(y))\rho(\mu(x)\rho y) = y$.

Proposition 4.7. *Every map $\mu : X \rightarrow X$ is both an (X, λ, ρ) -self-coderivation and an (X, ρ, λ) -self-derivation.*

Proof. Given $x, y \in X$, we have $\mu(x\lambda y) = \mu(x) = x\rho\mu(x) = (x\lambda\mu(y))\rho(\mu(x)\lambda y)$, proving that μ is an (X, λ, ρ) -self-coderivation. Moreover, we have $\mu(x\rho y) = \mu(y) = \mu(y)\lambda y = (x\rho\mu(y))\lambda(\mu(x)\rho y)$, proving that μ is an (X, ρ, λ) -self-coderivation.

Let $(X, *, \omega)$ be a ranked bigroupoid with distinguished element 0 and let d be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation. A right ideal I , i.e., $I * X \subseteq I$, of the groupoid $(X, *)$ is said to be *d-friendly* if $x * d(x) \in I$ for any $x \in X$. We denote by $Ker(d) = \{x \in X | d(x) = 0\}$ the kernel of d .

Proposition 4.8. *Let $(X, *)$ be a groupoid and let $0 \in X$ such that $0 * x = x * x = 0$ for all $x \in X$. If d is an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation, then $Ker(d)$ is a d -friendly right ideal of $(X, *)$.*

Proof. If $x \in Ker(d)$ and $y \in X$, then $d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) * (x * d(y)) = (0 * y) * (x * d(y)) = 0$ and hence $x * y \in Ker(d)$, proving that $Ker(d)$ is a right ideal of $(X, *)$.

Given $x, y \in X$, since d is an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation, we have $d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) * (x * d(y))$. If we let $y := d(x)$, then $d(x * d(x)) = (d(x) * d(x)) * (x * d^2(x)) = 0$, which means that $x * d(x) \in Ker(d)$. This proves the proposition.

Corollary 4.9. *Let $(X, *, 0)$ be a d/BCK -algebra. If d is an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation, then $Ker(d)$ is a d -friendly right ideal of $(X, *)$.*

Proof. Every d/BCK -algebra contains $0 \in X$ such that $0 * x = x * x = 0$ for all $x \in X$.

Let d be an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation and let $Rad(d)$ be the intersection of all d -friendly right ideals of $(X, *)$.

Since $X \in \text{Rad}(d)$, $\text{Rad}(d)$ is always defined and $\text{Rad}(d) \subseteq \text{Ker}(d)$.

Proposition 4.10. Let $(X, *)$ be a groupoid and let $0 \in X$ such that $0 * x = 0, x * 0 = x$ for all $x \in X$. If d is an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation, then $\text{Ker}(d) = \text{Rad}(d)$.

Proof. If $x \in \text{Ker}(d)$, then $x = x * 0 = x * d(x) \in I_i$ for any d -friendly right ideal I_i of $(X, *)$, i.e., $x \in \bigcap I_i = \text{Rad}(d)$. Hence $\text{Ker}(d) \subseteq \text{Rad}(d)$.

Corollary 4.11. Let $(X, *, 0)$ be a BCK-algebra. If d is an $(X, *, *)$ -self-derivation, then $\text{Ker}(d) = \text{Rad}(d)$.

Proof. The conditions $0 * x = 0$ and $x * 0 = x$ hold for any $x \in X$ in every BCK-algebra.

5. $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalars in ranked bigroupoids

Let $(X, *, \omega)$ be a ranked bigroupoid and let $\xi \in X$. ξ is called an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar if for any $x, y \in X$,

$$(3) \xi * (x * y) = (\xi * x) * y = x * (\xi * y)$$

$$(4) \xi * (x \omega y) = (\xi * x) \omega (\xi * y).$$

For example, if $(R, \cdot, +)$ is a commutative ring, then every element is an $(R, \cdot, +)$ -scalar.

Example 5.1. Let (G, \bullet, \odot) be a K -algebra and let e_G be the identity of (G, \bullet) . Then e_G is the unique (G, \bullet, \odot) -scalar. In fact, if α is a (G, \bullet, \odot) -scalar, then $\alpha \bullet (a \odot b) = \alpha \bullet (ab^{-1})$ and $(\alpha \bullet a) \odot (\alpha \bullet b) = (\alpha \bullet a) \bullet (\alpha \bullet b)^{-1} = \alpha \bullet (a \bullet b^{-1}) \bullet \alpha^{-1}$. It follows that $\alpha \bullet (a \bullet b^{-1}) = \alpha \bullet (a \bullet b^{-1}) \bullet \alpha^{-1}$ and hence $\alpha^{-1} = e_G$, proving that $\alpha = e_G$.

Proposition 5.2. Let d be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation and let ξ be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar. If we define a map $\xi * d : X \rightarrow X$ by $(\xi * d)(x) := \xi * d(x)$, then it is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation.

Proof. Since $d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) \omega (x * d(y))$ for any $x, y \in X$, we have

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

proving that $\xi * d$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation.

Proposition 5.3. Let $(X, *) \in \text{Bin}(X)$. If $\xi \in X$ satisfies the condition (3), then ξ is both an $(X, *, \lambda)$ -scalar and an $(X, *, \rho)$ -scalar.

Proof. For any $x, y \in X$, we have $\xi * [x \lambda y] = \xi * x = (\xi * x) \lambda (\xi * y)$ and $\xi * [x \rho y] = \xi * y = (\xi * x) \rho (\xi * y)$.

Proposition 5.4. Let $(X, *, f)$ be a leftoid, i.e., $x * y = f(x)$, a function of x , for all $x, y \in X$. If a groupoid (X, ω) does not contain any idempotent, then the ranked bigroupoid $(X, *, \omega)$ does not contain any $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar.

Proof. Assume that there is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar α in X . Then for any $x, y \in X$, we have $f(\alpha) = \alpha * [x \omega y] = (\alpha * x) \omega (\alpha * y) = f(\alpha) \omega f(\alpha)$, which implies that $f(\alpha)$ is an idempotent in X , a contradiction.

Proposition 5.5. Let $(X, *, g)$ be a rightoid, i.e., $x * y = g(y)$, a function of y , for all $x, y \in X$. If $\alpha \in X$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar, then

$$(i) g^2(b) = g(b) \text{ for all } b \in X,$$

$$(ii) g : (X, \omega) \rightarrow (X, \omega) \text{ is a homomorphism.}$$

Proof. (i). Let α be an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar. Then $\alpha * (a * b) = \alpha * g(b) = g^2(b)$ and $(\alpha * a) * b = g(b)$ for all $a, b \in X$. Hence we obtain $g^2(b) = g(b)$ for all $b \in X$.

(ii). Given $a, b \in X$, we have $g(a \omega b) = \alpha * (a \omega b) = (\alpha * a) \omega (\alpha * b) = g(a) \omega g(b)$, proving that $g : (X, \omega) \rightarrow (X, \omega)$ is a homomorphism.

Proposition 5.6. Let $(X, *, g)$ be a rightoid and let $g : (X, \omega) \rightarrow (X, \omega)$ be an idempotent homomorphism. Then every element of X is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar.

Proof. For any $\alpha \in X$, we have $\alpha * (a * b) = \alpha * g(b) = g^2(b) = g(b) = (\alpha * a) * b$, since g is an idempotent map. Moreover, $a * (\alpha * b) = a * g(b) = g^2(b)$, proving the condition (3).

$\alpha * (a \omega b) = g(a \omega b) = g(a) \omega g(b) = (\alpha * a) \omega (\alpha * b)$, proving the condition (4).

Theorem 5.7. Let ξ, μ be $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalars. Then $\xi * \mu$ is also an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar.

Proof. Given $a, b \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi * \mu)(a * b) &= \xi * [\mu * (a * b)] = \xi * [(\mu * a) * b] \\ &= [\xi * (\mu * a)] * b = [(\xi * \mu) * a] * b, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * [(\xi * \mu) * b] &= a * [\xi * (\mu * b)] \\ &= \xi * [a * (\mu * b)] = \xi * [(\mu * a) * b] \\ &= \xi * [\mu * (a * b)] = (\xi * \mu)(a * b), \end{aligned}$$

proving the condition (3). Moreover, for any $a, b \in X$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi * \mu)(a \omega b) &= \xi * [\mu * (a \omega b)] \\ &= \xi * [(\mu * a) \omega (\mu * b)] \\ &= [\xi * (\mu * a)] \omega [\xi * (\mu * b)] \\ &= [(\xi * \mu) * a] \omega [(\xi * \mu) * b], \end{aligned}$$

proving the condition (4).

Up to this point we have discussed $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivations and self-coderivations as mappings $d : X \rightarrow X$ with certain properties.

Given ranked bigroupoids $(X, *, \omega)$ and (Y, \bullet, ψ) we shall be interested in defining what is meant by an $(X, *, \omega)$ -derivation $\delta : X \rightarrow Y$ of which $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivations form special cases.

In order to do so we need to introduce the concept of a rankomorphism, i.e., a morphism in the category of ranked bigroupoids.

Thus given ranked bigroupoids $(X, *, \omega)$ and (Y, \bullet, ψ) , a map $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is called a *rankomorphism* if for all $x, y \in X$, $f(x * y) = f(x) \bullet f(y)$ and $f(x\omega y) = f(x) \psi f(y)$. If $f(x * y) = f(x) \psi f(y)$ and $f(x\omega y) = f(x) \bullet f(y)$, then $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism for $Bin^2(X)$, but it is not a rankomorphism since it mixes the rankings.

If by *Rbbin* we denote $\cup_X Rbbin(X)$, i.e., the class of all ranked bigroupoids $(X, *, \omega)$ for arbitrary set X with rankomorphisms as the morphisms for this class of objects then *Rbbin* becomes a category since the (function) composition of rankomorphisms is also a rankomorphism and, since the identity map on a set, naturally generates a corresponding rankomorphism as well.

Rankomorphisms can be studied in much greater detail certainly, but here the purpose is to introduce the following idea.

A map $\delta : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is called an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation* if there exists a rankomorphism (not necessarily unique) $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $\delta(x * y) = (\delta(x) \bullet f(y)) \psi (f(x) \bullet \delta(y))$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Note that the composition of a rankomorphism and an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation forms an $(X, *, \omega)$ -derivation. In fact, if $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is a rankomorphism and $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation, then for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ d)(x * y) &= f(d(x * y)) \\ &= f((d(x) * y) \omega (x * d(y))) = f(d(x) * y) \psi f(x * d(y)) \\ &= ((f \circ d)(x) \bullet f(y)) \psi (f(x) \bullet (f \circ d)(y)) \end{aligned}$$

so that $f \circ d : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

Now suppose $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is a rankomorphism and $d : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a (Y, \bullet, ψ) -self-derivation. Then $d(f(x * y)) = (d(f(x)) \bullet f(y)) \psi (f(x) \bullet d(f(y)))$ and $d \circ f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

Thus, if $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (X, *, \omega)$ is the identity map, then it is a rankomorphism and if $d : X \rightarrow X$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -self-derivation, it is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

Suppose now that $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is a rankomorphism and that $\delta : (Y, \bullet, \psi) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ is a (Y, \bullet, ψ) -*derivation*, i.e., for some rankomorphism $g : (Y, \bullet, \psi) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ we have $\delta(f(x * y)) = \delta(f(x) \bullet f(y)) = (\delta f(x) \nabla g f(y)) \theta (g f(x) \nabla \delta f(y))$ where $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ and $(g \circ f)(x * y) = g(f(x) \bullet f(y)) = g(f(x)) \nabla g(f(y))$, i.e., $g \circ f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ is a rankomorphism since $(g \circ f)(x\omega y) = g(f(x) \psi f(y)) = (g \circ f)(x) \theta (g \circ f)(y)$ as well. Hence $\delta \circ f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

If $\delta : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation* and if $g : (Y, \bullet, \psi) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ is a rankomorphism

where $\delta(x * y) = (\delta(x) \bullet f(y)) \psi (f(x) \bullet \delta(y))$, then $(g \circ \delta)(x * y) = g((\delta(x) \bullet f(y)) \psi (f(x) \bullet \delta(y))) = g(\delta(x) \bullet f(y)) \theta (g(f(x) \bullet \delta(y))) = (g(\delta(x)) \nabla g(f(y))) \theta (g(f(x)) \nabla g(\delta(y)))$. Since $x \mapsto g(f(x))$ defines a rankomorphism $g \circ f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$, $g \circ \delta : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Z, \nabla, \theta)$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

Among the $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivations*, $\delta : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ there are those which correspond to additive maps, i.e., those for which $\delta(x\omega y) = \delta(x) \psi \delta(y)$. More generally, we shall consider mappings $\alpha : X \rightarrow X$, $\beta : Y \rightarrow Y$ where $\alpha(x\omega y) = \alpha(x) \omega \alpha(y)$ and $\beta(u \psi v) = \beta(u) \psi \beta(v)$ in addition to δ to obtain $\beta \delta \alpha(x\omega y) = \beta \delta (\alpha(x) \omega \alpha(y)) = \beta (\delta \alpha(x) \psi \delta \alpha(y)) = (\beta \delta \alpha(x)) \psi (\beta \delta \alpha(y))$. In particular, if α and β are rankomorphisms, then $\beta \delta \alpha$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation* if δ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -*derivation*.

Example 5.8. (i). Suppose that \mathbf{R} is the collection of all real numbers. Then we have ranked bigroupoids $(\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +)$ and $(\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot)$ where $+, \cdot$ are usual addition and multiplication on \mathbf{R} respectively. If $f : (\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +) \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot)$ is a rankomorphism, then $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) + f(y)$ and $f(x + y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$. Hence $f(0) = f(x \cdot 0) = f(x) + f(0)$, showing that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$. Thus the zero mapping is the only rankomorphism between $(\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +)$ and $(\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot)$.

(ii). Suppose that $\delta : (\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +) \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot)$ is an $(\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +)$ -*derivation*. Then for some rankomorphism $f : (\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +) \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot)$ we have $\delta(x \cdot y) = (\delta(x) + f(y)) \cdot (f(x) + \delta(y)) = (\delta(x) + 0) \cdot (0 + \delta(y)) = \delta(x) \cdot \delta(y)$ since $f = 0$ is the only rankomorphism by (i). Hence $(\mathbf{R}, \cdot, +)$ -*derivations* include multiplicative mappings on \mathbf{R} . If n is a positive integer, then $(x \cdot y)^n = x^n \cdot y^n$, $x \mapsto x^n$ is then a multiplicative map.

Proposition 5.9. *If $f : (X, *, \omega) \rightarrow (Y, \bullet, \psi)$ is an onto rankomorphism and $\xi \in X$ is an $(X, *, \omega)$ -scalar, then $f(\xi)$ is a (Y, \bullet, ψ) -scalar.*

Proof. Let $u = f(a), v = f(b)$ in Y . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\xi) \bullet (u \bullet v) &= f(\xi) \bullet (f(a) \bullet f(b)) \\ &= f(\xi) \bullet f(a * b) = f(\xi * (a * b)) \\ &= f(a * (\xi * b)) = f(a) \bullet [f(\xi) \bullet f(b)] \\ &= u \bullet [f(\xi) \bullet v], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u \bullet [f(\xi) \bullet v] &= f(a * (\xi * b)) \\ &= f(\xi * (a * b)) = f(\xi * a) \bullet f(b) \\ &= [f(\xi) \bullet f(a)] \bullet f(b) \\ &= [f(\xi) \bullet u] \bullet v, \end{aligned}$$

proving the condition (3).

$$\begin{aligned} f(\xi) \bullet [u \psi v] &= f(\xi) \bullet [f(a) \psi f(b)] \\ &= f([\xi * (a \omega b)]) = f([\xi * a] \omega [\xi * b]) \\ &= f(\xi * a) \psi f(\xi * b) \\ &= [f(\xi) \bullet u] \psi [f(\xi) \bullet v], \end{aligned}$$

proving the condition (4). This proves the proposition.

Example 5.10. Let K be a field. Define a binary operation “ $*$ ” on K by $x * y := x(x - y)$ for all $x, y \in K$

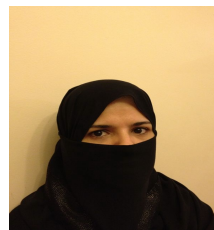
K . Let $(X, \omega) \in \text{Bin}(X)$. We show that there is no $(K, *, \omega)$ -scalar in K . Assume that α is a $(K, *, \omega)$ -scalar for some $(K, \omega) \in \text{Bin}(K)$. Then $\alpha * (a * b) = \alpha^2 - \alpha a^2 + \alpha ab$ and $(\alpha * a) * b = \alpha^4 - 2\alpha^3 a + \alpha^2(a^2 - b) + \alpha ab$ for any $a, b \in X$.

$$\alpha^2 - \alpha a^2 + \alpha ab = \alpha^4 - 2\alpha^3 a + \alpha^2(a^2 - b) + \alpha ab \quad (3)$$

If we let $a := 0$ in (5), then $\alpha^2 = \alpha^4 - b\alpha^2$ for any $b \in K$. If we let $b := -1$, then $\alpha^4 = 0$ and hence $\alpha = 0$. Hence we obtain $a^2 = a * 0 = a * (0 * b) = 0 * (a * b) = 0$ for all $a, b \in K$. It follows that $a = 0$, which shows that $|K| = 1$, a contradiction.

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