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Abstract. The notions of a dual pseudo-Q algebra and a dual pseudo-QC algebra are introduced. The properties and characterizations of them are investigated. Conditions for a dual pseudo-Q algebra to be a dual pseudo-QC algebra are given. Commutative dual pseudo-QC algebras are considered. The interrelationships between dual pseudo-Q/QC algebras and other pseudo algebras are visualized in a diagram.

1. Introduction

G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu [6] and independently J. Rachůnek [15], introduced pseudo-MV algebras which are a non-commutative generalization of MV-algebras. After pseudo-MV algebras, pseudo-BL algebras [7] and pseudo-BCK algebras [8] were introduced and studied by G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu. A. Walendziak [18] gave a system of axioms defining pseudo-BCK algebras. W.A. Dudek and Y.B. Jun defined pseudo-BCI algebras as an extension of BCI-algebras [5]. Y.H. Kim and K.S. So [11] discussed on minimal elements in pseudo-BCI algebras. G. Dymek studied p -semisimple pseudo-BCI algebras and then defined and investigated periodic pseudo-BCI algebras [3].

A. Walendziak [19] introduced pseudo-BCH algebras as an extension of BCH-algebras and studied ideals in such algebras.

The notion of BE-algebras was introduced by H.S. Kim and Y.H. Kim [10].

B.L. Meng [13] introduced the notion of CI-algebras as a generalization of BE-algebras and dual BCK/BCI/BCH-algebras. R.A. Borzooei et al. defined and studied pseudo-BE algebras which are a generalization of BE-algebras [1]. A. Rezaei et al. introduced the notion of pseudo-CI algebras as a generalization

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of pseudo-BE algebras and proved that the class of commutative pseudo-CI algebras coincides with the class of commutative pseudo-BCK algebras [16]. Recently, Y.B. Jun et al. defined and investigated pseudo-Q algebras [9] as a generalization of Q-algebras [14].

In this paper, we define dual pseudo-Q and dual pseudo-QC algebras. We investigate the properties and characterizations of them. Moreover, we provide some conditions for a dual pseudo-Q algebra to be a dual pseudo-QC algebra. We also consider commutative dual pseudo-QC algebras and prove that the class of such algebras coincides with the class of commutative pseudo-BCI algebras. Finally, the interrelationships between dual pseudo-Q/QC algebras and other pseudo algebras are visualized in a diagram.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we review the basic definitions and some elementary aspects that are necessary for this paper.

DEFINITION 2.1 ([5])

An algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is called a *pseudo-BCI algebra* if it satisfies the following axioms: for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$(\text{psBCI}_1) \quad (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) = 1,$$

$$(\text{psBCI}_2) \quad (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow ((y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z)) = 1,$$

$$(\text{psBCI}_3) \quad x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y) = 1 \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow ((x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y) = 1,$$

$$(\text{psBCI}_4) \quad x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1,$$

$$(\text{psBCI}_5) \quad x \rightarrow y = y \rightsquigarrow x = 1 \implies x = y,$$

$$(\text{psBCI}_6) \quad x \rightarrow y = 1 \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 1.$$

Every pseudo-BCI algebra \mathfrak{X} satisfying, for every $x \in X$, condition

$$(\text{psBCK}) \quad x \rightarrow 1 = 1$$

is said to be a *pseudo-BCK algebra* ([12]).

From [4] it follows that a pseudo-BCI-algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ has the following property (for all $x, y \in X$)

$$(\text{psEx}) \quad x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z).$$

DEFINITION 2.2 ([17])

A (dual) pseudo-BCH algebra is an algebra $(X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ verifying the axioms (psBCI_4) – (psBCI_6) and (psEx) .

REMARK 2.3

Obviously, every pseudo-BCI algebra is a pseudo-BCH algebra.

DEFINITION 2.4 ([16])

An algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is called a *pseudo-CI algebra* if, for all $x, y, z \in X$, it satisfies the following axioms:

- (psCI₁) $x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1$,
- (psCI₂) $1 \rightarrow x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x = x$,
- (psCI₃) $x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)$,
- (psCI₄) $x \rightarrow y = 1 \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 1$.

REMARK 2.5

Since every pseudo-BCH algebra satisfies (psCI₁)–(psCI₄), pseudo-BCH algebras are contained in the class of pseudo-CI algebras.

A pseudo-CI algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ verifying condition

$$(psBE) \quad x \rightarrow 1 = x \rightsquigarrow 1 = 1,$$

for all $x \in X$, is said to be a *pseudo-BE algebra* (see [1]).

PROPOSITION 2.6 ([2])

Any pseudo-BCK algebra is a pseudo-BE algebra.

In a pseudo-CI algebra \mathfrak{X} we can introduce a binary relation “ \leq ” by

$$x \leq y \iff x \rightarrow y = 1 \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 1 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

An algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is called *commutative* if for all $x, y \in X$, it satisfies the following identities:

- (i) $(x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x$,
- (ii) $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x$.

From [2] (see Theorem 3.4) it follows that any commutative pseudo-BE algebra is a pseudo-BCK algebra. By Theorem 3.9 of [16], any commutative pseudo-CI algebra is a pseudo-BE algebra. Therefore we obtain

PROPOSITION 2.7

Commutative pseudo-CI algebras coincide with commutative pseudo-BE algebras and with commutative pseudo-BCK algebras (hence also coincide with commutative pseudo-BCI algebras and with commutative pseudo-BCH algebras).

DEFINITION 2.8 ([9])

An algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; *, \diamond, 0)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is called a *pseudo-Q algebra* if, for all $x, y, z \in X$, it satisfies the following axioms:

- (psQ₁) $x * x = x \diamond x = 0$,
- (psQ₂) $x * 0 = x \diamond 0 = x$,
- (psQ₃) $(x * y) \diamond z = (x \diamond z) * y$.

3. Dual pseudo-Q algebras

DEFINITION 3.1

An algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 0)$ is called a *dual pseudo-Q algebra* if, for all $x, y, z \in X$, it verifies the following axioms:

$$(\text{dpsQ}_1) \quad x \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow x = 1,$$

$$(\text{dpsQ}_2) \quad 1 \rightarrow x = 1 \rightsquigarrow x = x,$$

$$(\text{dpsQ}_3) \quad x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow z) = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z).$$

In a dual pseudo-Q algebra, we can introduce two binary relations \leq_{\rightarrow} and \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} by

$$x \leq_{\rightarrow} y \iff x \rightarrow y = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} y \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 1.$$

PROPOSITION 3.2

Let $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ be a dual pseudo-Q algebra. Then \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-CI algebra if and only if $\leq_{\rightarrow} = \leq_{\rightsquigarrow}$.

EXAMPLE 3.3

- (i) Let $X = \{1, a, b, c, d\}$. Define binary operations \rightarrow and \rightsquigarrow on X by the following tables ([16]):

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} \rightarrow & 1 & a & b & c & d \\ \hline 1 & 1 & a & b & c & d \\ a & 1 & 1 & c & c & 1 \\ b & 1 & d & 1 & 1 & d \\ c & 1 & d & 1 & 1 & d \\ d & 1 & 1 & c & c & 1 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c|ccccc} \rightsquigarrow & 1 & a & b & c & d \\ \hline 1 & 1 & a & b & c & d \\ a & 1 & 1 & b & c & 1 \\ b & 1 & d & 1 & 1 & d \\ c & 1 & d & 1 & 1 & d \\ d & 1 & 1 & b & c & 1 \end{array}.$$

Then $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ is a dual pseudo-Q algebra which is not a pseudo-BCI algebra, since $b \neq c$ and $b \rightarrow c = c \rightsquigarrow b = 1$ (that is, (psBCI_5) does not hold in \mathfrak{X}).

- (ii) Let $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$. Define binary operations \rightarrow and \rightsquigarrow on X by the following tables:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \rightarrow & 1 & a & b & c \\ \hline 1 & 1 & a & b & c \\ a & 1 & 1 & b & c \\ b & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ c & 1 & 1 & a & 1 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c|cccc} \rightsquigarrow & 1 & a & b & c \\ \hline 1 & 1 & a & b & c \\ a & 1 & 1 & c & c \\ b & 1 & 1 & 1 & c \\ c & 1 & 1 & c & 1 \end{array}.$$

Then $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ is a dual pseudo-Q algebra which is not a pseudo-CI algebra, because $b \rightarrow c = 1$ but $b \rightsquigarrow c = c$.

By definition, we have

PROPOSITION 3.4

Any pseudo-CI algebra is a dual pseudo-Q algebra.

REMARK 3.5

The converse of Proposition 3.4 does not hold. See Example 3.3 (ii).

PROPOSITION 3.6

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-Q algebra. If one of the following identities:

- (1) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x$,
- (2) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$,
- (3) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x$,
- (4) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightarrow x$,
- (5) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$,
- (6) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$,
- (7) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = y \rightarrow x$,
- (8) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = y \rightsquigarrow x$

holds in \mathfrak{X} , then \mathfrak{X} is a trivial algebra.

Proof. Suppose, for example, that (1) is satisfied. Let $x \in X$. Applying (dpsQ₁), (1) and (dpsQ₂) we have

$$1 = x \rightarrow x = (x \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = 1 \rightarrow x = x.$$

Thus \mathfrak{X} is a trivial algebra.

PROPOSITION 3.7

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-Q algebra. If one of the following identities:

- (1) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = x \rightarrow y$,
- (2) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow y$,
- (3) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x = x \rightarrow y$,
- (4) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = x \rightarrow y$,
- (5) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow y$,
- (6) $(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow y$,
- (7) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = x \rightarrow y$,
- (8) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = x \rightsquigarrow y$

holds in \mathfrak{X} , then \mathfrak{X} is a trivial algebra.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Proposition 3.6.

PROPOSITION 3.8

In a dual pseudo-Q algebra \mathfrak{X} , for all $x, y, z \in X$, we have:

- (1) if $1 \leq_{\rightarrow} x$ or $1 \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} x$, then $x = 1$,

- (2) $x \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} y \rightarrow z \iff y \leq_{\rightarrow} x \rightsquigarrow z$,
- (3) $x \rightarrow 1 = x \rightsquigarrow 1$,
- (4) $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow 1 = (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow 1)$ and $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightsquigarrow 1 = (x \rightsquigarrow 1) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow 1)$,
- (5) if $x \leq_{\rightarrow} y$, then $x \rightarrow 1 = y \rightarrow 1$,
- (6) if $x \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} y$, then $x \rightsquigarrow 1 = y \rightsquigarrow 1$,
- (7) $y \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x) = 1$ and $y \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x) = 1$,

Proof. (1) Let $1 \leq_{\rightarrow} x$. Then $1 \rightarrow x = 1$. Now, by (dpsQ₂) we obtain $x = 1$. Similarly, if $1 \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} x$, then $x = 1$.

- (2) Let $x, y, z \in X$. By (dpsQ₃),

$$x \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow z) = 1 \iff y \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow z) = 1.$$

Consequently, (2) holds.

- (3) We have $x \rightarrow 1 = x \rightarrow (x \rightsquigarrow x) = x \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow x) = x \rightsquigarrow 1$.
- (4) Let $x, y, z \in X$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow 1 &= (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow [(x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow 1)] \\ &= (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow [(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow 1)] \\ &= (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow [(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow y))] \\ &= (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow [(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y))] \\ &= (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow [y \rightsquigarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y))] \\ &= (x \rightarrow 1) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow 1). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the second part is similar.

- (5) Let $x \leq_{\rightarrow} y$. Then $x \rightarrow y = 1$ and so $y \rightarrow 1 = y \rightsquigarrow 1 = y \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow y) = x \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow y) = x \rightarrow 1$. Thus $y \rightarrow 1 = x \rightarrow 1$.

- (6) The proof is similar to the proof of (5).

- (7) By (dpsQ₃) and (dpsQ₁) we get

$$y \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x) = (y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow x) = 1$$

and

$$y \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x) = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x) = 1.$$

A dual pseudo-Q algebra $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ satisfying the conditions (psBCI₁) and (psBCI₂) is said to be a *dual pseudo-QC algebra*. The following example shows that there exist pseudo-Q algebras which do not satisfy (psBCI₁) or (psBCI₂).

EXAMPLE 3.9

- (i) Dual pseudo-Q algebra from Example 3.3 (ii) satisfies (psBCI₂) but it does not satisfy (psBCI₁), since

$$(a \rightarrow b) \rightsquigarrow ((b \rightarrow c) \rightsquigarrow (a \rightarrow c)) = b \rightsquigarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow c) = c \neq 1.$$

- (ii) Let $X = \{1, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$. We define the binary operations \rightarrow and \rightsquigarrow on X as follows ([17]):

\rightarrow	1	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	and	\rightsquigarrow	1	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
1	1	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h		1	1	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
a	1	1	1	1	d	e	f	g	h		a	1	1	1	1	d	e	f	g	h
b	1	c	1	1	d	e	f	g	h		b	1	c	1	1	d	e	f	g	h
c	1	c	b	1	d	e	f	g	h		c	1	c	b	1	d	e	f	g	h
d	d	d	d	d	1	g	h	e	f		d	d	d	d	d	1	h	g	f	e
e	e	e	e	e	h	1	g	f	d		e	e	e	e	g	1	h	d	f	
f	f	f	f	f	g	h	1	d	e		f	f	f	f	h	g	1	e	d	
g	h	h	h	h	e	f	d	1	g		g	h	h	h	h	f	d	e	1	g
h	g	g	g	g	f	d	e	h	1		h	g	g	g	g	e	f	d	h	1

Then $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ is a dual pseudo-Q algebra which does not satisfy (psBCI₁) and (psBCI₂). Indeed,

$$(c \rightarrow a) \rightsquigarrow ((a \rightarrow b) \rightsquigarrow (c \rightarrow b)) = c \rightsquigarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow b) = c \rightsquigarrow b = b \neq 1$$

and

$$(c \rightsquigarrow a) \rightarrow ((a \rightsquigarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightsquigarrow b)) = c \rightarrow (1 \rightarrow b) = c \rightarrow b = b \neq 1.$$

- (iii) Let $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$. Define binary operations \rightarrow and \rightsquigarrow on X by the following tables:

\rightarrow	1	a	b	c	and	\rightsquigarrow	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c		1	1	a	b	c
a	1	1	b	b		a	1	1	b	c
b	1	a	1	c		b	1	a	1	a
c	1	1	1	1		c	1	1	1	1

Then $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ is a dual pseudo-QC algebra.

LEMMA 3.10

Let $\mathfrak{X} = (X; \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 1)$ be a dual pseudo-QC algebra and $x, y \in X$. Then $x \rightarrow y = 1$ if and only if $x \rightsquigarrow y = 1$.

Proof. Let $x \rightarrow y = 1$. Using (dpsQ₂) and (psBCI₁) we obtain

$$x \rightsquigarrow y = x \rightsquigarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow y) = (1 \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow (1 \rightarrow y)) = 1.$$

Similarly, if $x \rightsquigarrow y = 1$, then $x \rightarrow y = 1$.

From Lemma 3.10 we have

PROPOSITION 3.11

Any dual pseudo-QC algebra is a pseudo-CI algebra.

REMARK 3.12

The converse of Proposition 3.11 does not hold. See Example 3.9 (ii).

PROPOSITION 3.13

Every pseudo-BCI algebra is a dual pseudo-QC algebra.

Proof. Let \mathfrak{X} be a pseudo-BCI algebra. It is easy to see that \mathfrak{X} satisfies (dpsQ₁)–(dpsQ₃), that is, it is a dual pseudo-Q algebra. Moreover, \mathfrak{X} obviously satisfies (psBCI₁) and (psBCI₂). Consequently, \mathfrak{X} is a dual pseudo-QC algebra.

REMARK 3.14

In a dual pseudo-QC algebra, $\leq_{\rightarrow} = \leq_{\rightsquigarrow}$. Set $\leq = \leq_{\rightarrow} (= \leq_{\rightsquigarrow})$.

PROPOSITION 3.15

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-QC algebra and $x, y, z \in X$. Then:

- (1) if $x \leq y$, then $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$ and $y \rightsquigarrow z \leq x \rightsquigarrow z$,
- (2) if $x \leq y$, then $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$ and $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y$.

Proof. (1) Let $x \leq y$. Then $x \rightarrow y = 1$. By (dpsQ₂) and (psBCI₁) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z) &= 1 \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) \\ &= (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$. The proof of the second part is similar.

(2) Let $x \leq y$. Hence $x \rightarrow y = 1$. Applying (dpsQ₂) and (psBCI₁) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (z \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y) &= 1 \rightsquigarrow ((z \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y)) \\ &= (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow ((z \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow y)) \\ &= (z \rightarrow x) \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow (z \rightarrow y)) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$. Similarly, $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y$.

THEOREM 3.16

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-Q algebra. Then \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-QC algebra if and only if it satisfies the following implications:

- (*) $y \leq_{\rightarrow} z \implies x \rightarrow y \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} x \rightarrow z$,
- (**) $y \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} z \implies x \rightsquigarrow y \leq_{\rightarrow} x \rightsquigarrow z$.

Proof. If \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-QC algebra, then it satisfies (*) and (**) by Proposition 3.15. Conversely, suppose that implications (*) and (**) hold for all $x, y, z \in X$. By Proposition 3.8 (7), $y \leq_{\rightarrow} (y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z$. Using (*) we get $x \rightarrow y \leq_{\rightsquigarrow} x \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z)$. Hence $(x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z)) = 1$. Applying (psEx) we obtain $(x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) = 1$, that is, (psBCI₁) holds. Similarly, using (**) we have (psBCI₂).

PROPOSITION 3.17

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-QC algebra. Then \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-BCI algebra if and only if it verifies (psBCI₅).

Proof. Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-QC algebra satisfying (psBCI₅). Clearly, \mathfrak{X} verifies (psBCI₁), (psBCI₂) and (psBCI₄). The axiom (psBCI₃) follows from Proposition 3.8 (7). By Lemma 3.10, (psBCI₆) holds in \mathfrak{X} . Therefore, \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-BCI algebra.

The converse is obvious.

PROPOSITION 3.18

Let \mathfrak{X} be a dual pseudo-QC algebra and $x, y, z \in X$ such that $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$. Then $x \leq z$.

Proof. Applying (dpsQ₂) and (psBCI₁) we get

$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow z &= 1 \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z) \\ &= 1 \rightsquigarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) \\ &= (x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (x \rightarrow z)) \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $x \leq z$.

COROLLARY 3.19

If a dual pseudo-QC algebra \mathfrak{X} satisfies the condition (psBCI₅), then $(X; \leq)$ is a poset.

THEOREM 3.20

If \mathfrak{X} is a commutative dual pseudo-QC algebra, then it is a pseudo-BCI algebra.

Proof. It is sufficient to prove that (psBCI₅) holds in \mathfrak{X} . Let $x, y \in X$ and $x \rightarrow y = y \rightsquigarrow x = 1$. Then

$$x = 1 \rightarrow x = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightarrow y = 1 \rightarrow y = y.$$

Therefore, \mathfrak{X} satisfies (psBCI₅). Thus \mathfrak{X} is a pseudo-BCI algebra.

From Theorem 3.20 it follows

COROLLARY 3.21

Commutative dual pseudo-QC algebras coincide with commutative pseudo-BCI algebras.

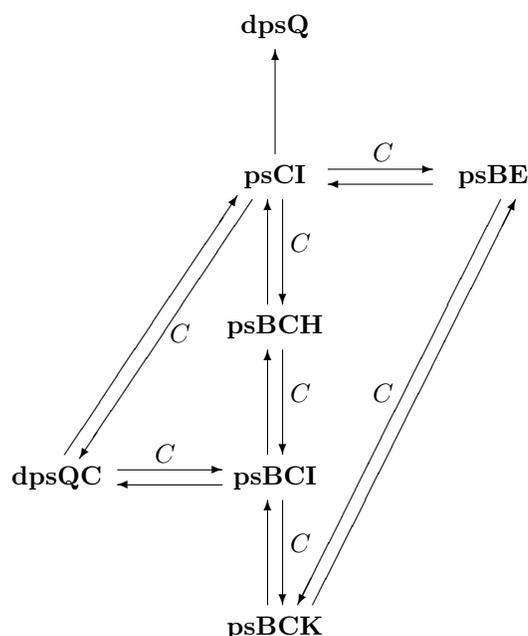
4. Conclusion

Denote by **psBCK**, **psBCI**, **psBCH**, **psCI**, **psBE**, **dpsQ**, and **dpsQC** the classes of pseudo-BCK, pseudo-BCI, pseudo-BCH, pseudo-CI, pseudo-BE, dual pseudo-Q, and dual pseudo-QC algebras respectively. By definition, **psBCK** \subset **psBCI** and **psBE** \subset **psCI** \subset **dpsQ**. From Remarks 2.3 and 2.5 we obtain **psBCI**

$\subset \mathbf{psBCH} \subset \mathbf{psCI}$. Moreover, that $\mathbf{psBCI} \subset \mathbf{dpsQC} \subset \mathbf{psCI}$ follows from Propositions 3.13 and 3.11.

By Proposition 2.7 and Corollary 3.21, commutative pseudo-QC algebras coincide with commutative algebras pseudo-BCK, -BCI, -BCH, -CI, -BE.

Now, in the following diagram we summarize the results of this paper and the previous results in this filed. An arrow indicates proper inclusion, that is, if \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are classes of algebras, then $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$ denotes $\mathbf{X} \subset \mathbf{Y}$. The mark $\mathbf{X} \xrightarrow{C} \mathbf{Y}$ means that every commutative algebra of \mathbf{X} belongs to \mathbf{Y} .



PROBLEM 4.1

Is it true that every commutative dual pseudo-Q algebra is a pseudo-BCK algebra?

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