## An example of subquasi-order hypergroup

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## Abstract

The aim of this contribution is to give an example of subquasi-order hypergroup. By quasi-order hypergroups (order hypergroups) we mean the hypergroups determined by a binary relation of quasiordering (ordering). This special type of hypergroups were introduced in paper of Jan Chvalina: *Commutative hypergroups in the sence of Marty and ordered sets*.

In the paper [7] special types of hypergroups, so called *quasi-order hypergroups* ( $\mathbb{QOHG}$ ) and order hypergroups ( $\mathbb{OHG}$ ), were introduced (cf. also [2, 3, 6, 9]). Recall that a pair  $(H, \cdot)$ , where H is a (nonempty) set and  $\cdot: H \times H \to \mathscr{P}^*(H)$  (=  $\mathscr{P}(H) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ ) is a binary hyperoperation on the set H such that  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$  (associativity) and  $a \cdot H = H = H \cdot a$  (the reproduction axiom) is satisfied for all  $a, b, c \in H$ , is a hypergroup. Here, for  $A, B \subseteq H, A \neq \emptyset \neq B$  we define as usual  $A \cdot B = \bigcup \{a \cdot b; a \in A, b \in B\}$ , (see, e.g. [2]).

**Definition 1.** A hypergroup  $(H, \cdot)$  such that the conditions

- (i)  $a \in a^2 = a^3$  for any  $a \in H$ ,
- (ii)  $a \cdot b = a^2 \cup b^2$  for any pair  $a, b \in H$

are satisfied is called a quasi-order hypergroup. If moreover the unique square root condition

(iii)  $a, b \in H$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$  implies a = b

is satisfied, then  $(H, \cdot)$  is called an order hypergroup.

It is to be noted that from (i) and (ii) of Definition 1 there follows the extensivity of the hypergroup  $(H, \cdot)$ , i.e.  $\{x, y\} \subset x \cdot y$  for all  $x, y \in H$ . For the preceding definition see [7].

In [6] it was shown that the category of all *order hypergroups* ( $\mathbb{OHG}$ ) forms a full reflective subcategory of category of all *quasi-order hypergroups* and their inclusion homomorphisms as morphisms ( $\mathbb{QOHG}$ ).

**Definition 2.** A commutative hypergroup  $(H, \cdot)$  such that the conditions

(i)  $a \in a^2 = a^3$ , (ii)  $a \cdot b \subset a^2 \cup b^2$ , (iii)  $\{a, b\} \subset a \cdot b$ 

are satisfied for any pair  $a, b \in H$  will be called a subquasi-order hypergroup.

The category of all subquasi-order hypergroups with inclusive homomorphisms as their morphisms will be denoted SQOHG. Thus QOHG is a full subcategory of SQOHG. For  $x \in H$  denote  $[x]_{\leq}$  the upper end determined by x, i.e.,  $[x]_{\leq} = \{z \in H; x \leq z\}$ .

**Example 1.** By a modification of some examples contained in paragraph 3, chapt. IV[8] we obtain a large class of suborder hypergroups (or subquasi-order hypergroups). For an arbitrary upper semilattice  $(L, \vee)$  or especially a lattice  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  let us define a binary hyperoperation

$$\therefore L \times L \to \mathscr{P}^*(L) \ by \ x \cdot y = [x \lor y]_{\lt} \cup \{x, y\},$$

where " $\leq$ " is the ordering on L determined by the join (i.e. supremum) operation " $\vee$ " or by the usual rule:

$$x, y \in L$$
,  $x \leq y$  whenever  $x \vee y = y$  and  $x \wedge y = x$ .

Then with respect to Lemma 1.13 [5] it is easy to see that  $(L, \cdot)$  is a commutative extensive hypergroup, more precisely  $(L, \cdot)$  satisfies all conditions from Definition 1.

In particular, if S is at least a four element set and  $(L, \lor, \land) = (\mathscr{P}(S), \cup, \cap)$  then for any pair of singletons  $\{x\}, \{y\} \in \mathscr{P}(S)$  we have  $\{x\} \cdot \{y\} \subset \{x\}^2 \cup \{y\}^2$  and  $\{x\} \cdot \{y\} \neq \{x\}^2 \cup \{y\}^2$ . Take e.g. a four element set  $S = \{x, y, u, v\}$ . Then

$$\{x\} \cdot \{u\} = \{\{x\}, \{u\}, \{x, u\}, \{x, y, u\}, \{x, u, v\}, \{x, y, u, v\} \}$$
  
$$\{x\}^2 \cup \{u\}^2 = \{\{x\}, \{u\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, u\}, \{x, v\}, \{y, u\}, \{u, v\},$$
  
$$\{x, y, u\}, \{x, y, v\}, \{y, u, v\}, \{x, u, v\}, \{x, y, u, v\} \}.$$

So really  $\{x\} \cdot \{y\} \neq \{x\}^2 \cup \{y\}^2$ .



In the picture there is the set  $\{x\} \cdot \{u\}$  marked with a rectangle, the set  $\{x\}^2 \cup \{u\}^2$  is marked with a circle.

Similarly, a subquasi-order hypergroup can be obtained by the sum operation from lattices and quasi-ordered sets which are not ordered sets.

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