

# $\beta$ - hypergroupoids on Partially Ordered Sets

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**Abstract.** In this paper we will attend to the study of the multioperation  $\circ$  on the partially ordered set  $M$  and to the multigroupoid  $(\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  defined in [13]. The properties of the multigroupoid, especially associativity, are influenced by the structure of the carrier set  $M$ . We show that this is satisfied only for such  $M$  that is equal to a chain and hence we prove that  $(\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  is associative only when the operation  $\circ$  is single-valued. Such restriction on  $\circ$  implies that the groupoid is an upper semilattice  $\mathcal{S} = (M, \vee, I)$  where the operation of supremum  $\vee = \circ$  is defined. These will be studied in the opening part of this article where we repeat fundamental definitions and theorems from [13] without proofs. In the next part we introduce the concept of  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid and the concept of distinguishing of a hypergroupoid. In the second part of the article the distinguishing subsets of hypergroupoids are studied. Finally the relation among  $\beta$ -hypergroupoids and some distinguishing subsets is given.

**Key words.** Hypersemigroup, hypergroup equivalence and congruence on semihypergroup and hypergroups.  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid, the set of dual-atoms, distinguishing subsets of hypergroupoids.

## 1 Introduction

**1.1 Definition** A *hypergroupoid* (or a *multigroupoid*) is a pair  $(M, \circ)$  where  $M$  is a nonempty set and  $\circ : M \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(M)$  is a binary hyperoperation called also a multioperation. ( $\mathcal{P}^*(M)$  is the system of all nonempty subsets of  $M$ ). A *semihypergroup* is an associative hypergroupoid, i.e. hypergroupoid satisfying the equality  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$  for every triad  $a, b, c \in M$ .

**1.2 Introduction** We denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  a partially ordered set  $M$  with the ordering  $\leq$  and with the greatest element  $I$  which will be inscribed in the next part of this article with  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, I)$

**1.3 Definition** By the length of a chain consisting of  $r + 1$  elements that is of the form

$$x_0 \prec x_1 \prec x_2 \prec \dots \prec x_r \quad [x_0, x_r]$$

(where the notation  $x_i \prec x_{i+1}$  means that the element  $x_i$  is covered by the element  $x_{i+1}$  - see [11]) we shall denote the non-negative number  $r$ . We define the length of the partial ordered set  $(\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, I)$  as

$$\max\{r_j \mid r_j, j \in J \text{ as lengths of chains in } M\}.$$

(This definition is opposite to the definition of the length of ordered set in [11]). We suppose the partially ordered sets of finite length.

**1.4 Definition** We introduce for every element  $u \in M$  a subset  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq M$  as follows:  $\mathcal{U} = \{u_i \mid u_i \geq u\}$ . We define for arbitrary  $x, y \in M$  on  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, I)$  the binary hyperoperation  $\circ$  as follows:

$$x \circ y = \{ \min(\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y}) \}.$$

We inscribe then the set  $\mathcal{M}$  with such defined binary operation with  $\mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I)$ .

**1.5 Definition - Remark** We introduce the following very important concept. A subset  $Di$  of  $\mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I)$  is called *dual ideal* of  $\mathcal{M}$  if  $Di$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\text{For } x, y \in Di \text{ the relation } x \circ y \subset Di \text{ holds.}$$

The subset  $U$  defined in 1.4 is the dual ideal of the element  $u \in \mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I)$ .

**1.6 Lemma** The binary hyperoperation  $\circ$  of multiplication  $\circ$  on  $(\mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I))$  is idempotent.

**1.7 Lemma** The binary hyperoperation  $\circ$  of multiplication on  $\mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I)$  is commutative.

**1.8 Theorem**  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  is commutative hypergroupoid.

**1.9 Theorem** Every upper-ideal of  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  is identical with the dual-ideal of commutative hypergroupoid.  $\mathcal{M} = (M \leq, \circ, I)$ .

**1.10 Definition** Let  $x \in M$ . We define by  $p(x)$  the position of  $x$  in  $M$  as the length of a chain between the element  $x$  and the greatest element  $I$ .

**1.11 Definition** Let  $Q = \{q_j \mid j \in J\}, R = \{r_k \mid k \in K\}$  are subsets of  $M$ . We say that the subset  $Q$  is smaller than the subset  $R$  in  $M$  when  $q_j < r_k$  for all  $j \in J, k \in K$  and we write  $Q < R$ . We say that the subset  $Q$  is incomparable to the subset  $R$  in  $M$  when  $q_j \parallel r_k$  for all  $j \in J, k \in K$  and we write  $Q \parallel R$ .

**1.12 Definition** We call the triad of elements  $x, y, z \in M$  an associative triad with respect to the operation  $\circ$  when  $x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ (y \circ z)$ .

**1.13 Lemma** Let  $x, y, z \in M$  create a triad whose elements are linearly ordered. Then this triad is an associative triad with respect to the operation  $\circ$ .

Proof. Without loss of generality we will suppose that  $x < y < z$ . Then we have  $(x \circ y) \circ z = y \circ z = z$  for  $(x \circ y) = y$  and hence  $y \circ z = z$  for  $y < z$ . By analogy  $x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ z = z$ . Hence  $(x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$ .

**1.14 Lemma** Let  $x, y \in M, x \parallel y$  with the greatest element  $I$  and  $x \circ y = K \subset M$  where  $\text{card}K > 1$ . Then there exists a triad which does not satisfy the law of associativity in the multigroupoid  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$ .

Proof. There exist at least two different elements  $u, v \in K$ . We choose the following triad:  $x, y, u$ . Let us calculate :  $x \circ (y \circ u) = x \circ u = u$  for  $(x < u) \wedge (y < u)$  At either side  $(x \circ y) \circ u = K \circ u = u \circ u \cup u \circ v$  and we see that the associativity is not satisfied.

**1.15 Remark** The Lemma 1.12 is visualised by means of a Figure 1.

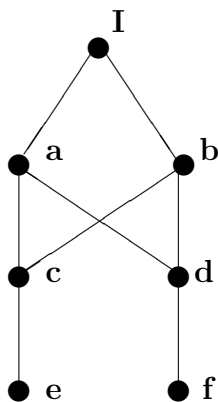


Figure 1

**1.16 Theorem** Let us suppose that the operation  $\circ$  is single-valued for all the elements of  $M$ . Then  $\circ$  is a semilattice operation of supremum and  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  is an upper semilattice.

Proof. The first affirmation follows from the definition of the multioperation.  $\circ$  for  $x \circ y = \min X \cap Y$  where  $X, Y$  are dual ideals of the elements  $x, y$ . (See 1.4, 1.5). The operation  $\circ$  satisfies idempotency and commutativity (1.6, 1.7) and for the unicity of the operation the associativity too. Hence  $\circ = \vee$  where  $\vee$  is a semilattice operation.

## 2. Distinguishing Subsets on $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$

**2.1 Definition** Let  $N \subset M$ . We say that the subset  $N$  distinguishes  $M$  if for every double  $(x, y) \in M \times M$  if there exists an element  $u \in M$  such that either  $u \circ x \in N$  and  $u \circ y \notin N$  or vice versa  $u \circ x \notin N$  and  $u \circ y \in N$ .

**2.2 Definition** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a hypergroupoid. We say that the  $\mathcal{M}$  has the property  $\beta$  if for every double  $(x, y) \in M \times M$  for which  $x \neq y$  and  $x \circ y \neq I$  there exists a subset  $Q \subset M$  such that  $x < Q, y \parallel Q$  or vice versa  $y < Q, x \parallel Q$ .

**2.3 Lemma** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid. Let  $x, y \in M, x \neq y, x \circ y \neq I$ . Then there exists either a subset  $Q = \{q_j \mid j \in J\}$  such that  $x < Q$  and  $x \circ y \parallel x \circ q_j = q_j$  for  $\forall j \in J$  for which  $x \circ y \parallel x \circ q_j = q_j$  or a subset  $R = \{r_k \mid k \in K\}$  such that  $y < R$  and  $x \parallel r_k \in R$  for which  $x \circ y \parallel y \circ r_k = r_k$ .

Proof. Let us permit that such a subset  $Q$  with given properties does not exist. Then for every  $Q$  for which  $x < Q, y \parallel Q$  implies  $Q < x \circ y$  or  $Q \geq x \circ y$ . The second event implies  $Q \geq y$  and that is a contradiction. Hence  $x < Q < x \circ y$ . The hypergroupoid  $\mathcal{M}$  has the property  $\beta$ . Hence for the double  $Q, x \circ y$  where  $Q < x \circ y < I$  there exists a subset  $Q_0 < I$  such that  $Q < Q_0 \parallel x \circ y$  or  $x \circ y < Q_0 \parallel Q$ . The second case implies  $Q, x \circ y < Q_0$  which is a contradiction. Therefore the first situation occurs. it is  $Q_0 < I \wedge Q < Q_0 \parallel x \circ y$ . Now we have  $x < Q < Q_0$ . From the assumption  $y < Q_0$  follows  $x \circ y \leq Q_0$  which is a contradiction. The dual assumption  $Q_0 < y$  implies  $Q_0 < x \circ y$  which is a contradiction with the property  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ . We proved that  $Q_0 \parallel y$  and  $Q_0 \parallel x \circ y$  which is a contradiction with the assumption of the proof and the lemma holds true when we entertain that the second situation with the subset  $R$  is analogous to the subset  $Q$ .

**2.4 Lemma** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid. Then for every double  $x, y \in M \times M, x \neq y$  there exists an element  $u \in M$  such that  $u \circ x = I \wedge u \circ y \neq I$  or  $u \circ x \neq I \wedge u \circ y = I$ .

Proof. Let us suppose that  $x, y$  are dual atoms in  $M$ . The elements  $x, y$  are different. Then it is sufficient to put  $u = x$  or  $u = y$ . We have then  $u \circ x = x \circ x = x \neq I$  and  $u \circ y = x \circ y = I$  or  $u \circ x = y \circ x = I$  and  $u \circ y = y \circ y = y \neq I$

Let  $x \circ y \neq I$ . For  $\mathcal{M}$  has the property  $\beta$  there exist at least one subset  $Q_0 \in M, Q_0 \neq I$  such that either  $x < Q_0 \parallel y$  or  $y < Q_0 \parallel x$ .

Let the first situation arrive. The second is analogous. Now let  $Q_0 < I$  and  $y \circ Q_0 = I$ . Simultaneously  $x \circ Q_0 < I$  Hence  $Q_0$  contains an element  $q_{j_0}$  for which  $x \circ q_{j_0} \neq I$  and simultaneously  $y \circ q_{j_0} = I$ . We put  $u = q_{j_0}$ . Now let  $y \circ Q_0 \neq I$  From the property  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  there exists a subset  $Q_1$  for which  $Q_0 < Q_1 \parallel y$  Let  $Q_1 < I$  then for all elements of  $Q_1 x \circ q_j < I$  for  $x < Q_1$  Simultaneously either  $y \circ Q_1 = I$  or  $y \circ Q_1 \neq I$ . In the first

case the proof is finished, the subset  $Q_1$  contains an element  $q_{j_1}$  for which  $q_{j_1} \circ y = I$  and we put  $u = q_{j_1}$ . In the contrary case we continue in the construction of the sequence of subsets  $Q_0 < Q_1 < Q_2 < \dots$  and after a finite number of steps we come to a subset  $Q$  for which  $x \circ Q < I$  and  $y \circ Q = I$ .

**2.5 Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid. The one-point subset  $\{I\}$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Proof. The proof follows from the Lemma 2.4.

**2.6 Lemma** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a hypergroupoid such that for every double  $(x, y) \in M \times M, x \neq y, x \circ y < I$  there exists an element  $u \in M$  such that either  $u \circ x = I, u \circ y < I$  or  $u \circ x < I, u \circ y = I$ , it is  $I$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  has the property  $\beta$ .

Proof. Let us permit that  $\mathcal{M}$  has not the property  $\beta$ . Then there exists a subset  $Q_0 \subset M$  such that  $x < Q_0$  and simultaneously  $y < Q_0$ . Hence  $x \circ y = Q_0$ . Then for arbitrary elements  $u, v \in M$  either  $u \circ x < I \wedge u \circ y < I$  or  $v \circ x = I \wedge v \circ y = I$ . This is a contradiction to the assumptions of the lemma and the proposition holds true.

**2.7 Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a hypergroupoid. Then the following propositions are equivalent:

- a) The one-point subset  $\{I\}$  distinguishes hypergroupoid  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- b) Hypergroupoid  $\mathcal{M}$  has the property  $\beta$ .

Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) according to the Lemma 2.6. (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) according to the Theorem 2.5.

**2.8 Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a hypergroupoid. Let the one-point subset  $\{I\}$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let us denote by  $DA$  the subset of dual-atoms in  $M$ . Then the subset  $DA$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Proof. According to the presumption  $\{I\}$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ . Hence for all doubles  $(x, y) \in M \times M, x \neq y$  there exists an element  $u \in M$  such that either  $u \circ x = I \wedge u \circ y \neq I$  or  $u \circ x \neq I \wedge u \circ y = I$ .

We entertain the first situation, the second is analogous. It is  $u \circ x = I$  and  $u \circ y = Q \subset M - \{I\}$ . Hence  $Q < DA_0 \subset DA$ . For all dual atoms  $d \in DA_0$  holds  $d \circ u \circ x = I$  for  $d < I$  for arbitrary  $d \in DA$ . There exists a dual atom  $d_0 \in DA_0$  such that  $d_0 \circ u \circ y = d_0$  for  $u \circ y < d_0$ . We found for every double  $(x, y) \in M \times M$  an element  $d_0$  for which  $d_0 \circ x \notin DA$  and  $d_0 \circ y \in DA$ . Hence  $DA$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**2.9 Corollary** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a  $\beta$ -hypergroupoid. Then the subset of dual-atoms distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**2.10 Remark** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \leq, \circ, I)$  be a hypergroupoid. From the result that the set of dual atoms  $DA$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$  does not follow that the one point subset  $\{I\}$  distinguishes  $\mathcal{M}$ . We put one concrete example. Let  $M = \{a, b, \alpha, \beta, I\}$  and the ordering is given by the operation  $\circ$ , see Figure 2.

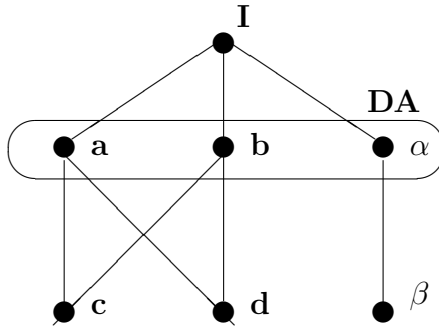


Figure 2

We see that the one-element subset  $\{I\}$  does not distinguish the hypergroupoid on Figure 2. It is sufficient to take the double  $(c, d)$ . Then for  $u = a$  or  $u = b$  or  $u = c$  and or  $u = d$  the multi-products  $u \circ c < I, u \circ d < I$  and for the areas elements, it is for  $u = I, u = \alpha$  and  $u = \beta$  the multi-products  $u \circ c, u \circ d$  are equal to  $I$ . Hence the one-point subset does not distinguish the hypergroupoid given by Figure 2.

The distinguishing of every double with respect to the set of dual atoms in hypergroupoid is given in Table 1.

	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	$\alpha$	$\beta$	<b>i</b>
<b>a</b>	/	<b>a</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	/	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>c</b>	/	<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>d</b>	/	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	<b>d</b>
$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	/	$\beta$	$\aleph$
$\beta$	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	$\beta$	/	$\alpha$
<b>I</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	/

Table1.

We find the distinguishing element  $u$  For wvery double of the given hypergroupoid as

the intersection of the row and column. For example let us choose the double  $(b, c)$ . We find as  $u$  the element  $c$  and really  $c \circ c = c$  and  $c \notin DA$  and  $c \circ d = \{a, b\} \subset DA$ , similarly for the double  $(b, \beta)$  we find as  $u$  the element  $b$  and  $b \circ b = b \in DA$  and  $b \circ \beta = I \notin DA$ .

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