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Group

A system (G, \cdot) , where G is a non-empty set and \cdot is a binary operation, is called a group if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$, for all $a, b, c \in G$,
- (2) the equations $a \cdot x = b$ and $y \cdot a = b$ have solutions in G, for all $a, b, c \in G$.

$$f: G \times G \rightarrow G$$

- (1) f(a, f(b, c)) = f(f(a, b), c), for all $a, b, c \in G$,
- (2) the equations f(a, x) = b and f(y, a) = b have solutions in G, for all $a, b, c \in G$.

Group

Some books related to groups



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The first generalization

The non-empty set G together with an n-ary operation

$$f: G^n \longrightarrow G$$

is called an *n*-ary groupoid and is denoted by (G, f). According to the general convention used in the theory of such groupoids the sequence of elements $x_i, x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_j$ is denoted by x_i^j . The notion of an *n*-ary group is a natural generalization of the notion of a group and has many applications in different branches.

The first generalization

A non-empty set G with a ternary operation $f: G \times G \times G \rightarrow G$ is called a *ternary group* if

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(1) For every $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in G$,

$$f(f(x_1, x_2, x_3), x_4, x_5) = f(x_1, f(x_2, x_3, x_4), x_5)$$

= $f(x_1, x_2, f(x_3, x_4, x_5)),$

(2) For all $b, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in G$ the following equations have solutions

$$f(x, a_1, a_2) = b$$
, $f(a_1, y, a_3) = b$ and $f(z, a_1, a_2) = b$.



The first generalization

In general, we have the following definition.

Definition

A non-empty set G with an n-ary operation f is called an n-ary group if

(1) For every $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ and $x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2n-1} \in G$,

$$f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = f(x_1^{j-1}, f(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1}),$$

(2) for all $b, a_1, \ldots, a_{k-1}, a_{k+1}, \ldots, a_n \in G$ $(k = 1, \ldots, n)$ there exists a unique $z \in G$ such that

$$f(a_1^{k-1}, z, a_{k+1}^n) = b.$$



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The first generalization

If (G, \cdot) is a group, then (G, f) is an *n*-ary group, where $f(x_1^n) = x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot x_n$. But for every $n \geq 3$ there are *n*-ary groups which are not derived from any group.

The second generalization

Let H be a non-empty set and $\star: H \times H \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(H) \setminus \emptyset$ be a hyperoperation. The couple (H, \star) is called a hypergroupoid.

$$\circ: H \times H \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$$

$$\circ \blacksquare = \{ \bullet, \blacktriangle, \bullet \}$$

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The second generalization

Definition

A hypergroupoid (H, \star) is called a *hypergroup* if

(1) $a \star (b \star c) = (a \star b) \star c$ for all $a, b, c \in H$, which means that

$$\bigcup_{u \in a \star b} u \star c = \bigcup_{v \in b \star c} a \star v.$$

(2) $a \star H = H \star a = H$ for all $a \in H$. This condition is called the *reproduction axiom*.

The second condition is frequently used in the form: Given $a, b \in H$, there exist $x, y \in H$ such that $b \in a * x$ and $b \in y * a$.



The second generalization

Definition

A multi-valued system $\mathcal{M} = \langle P, \star, e,^{-1} \rangle$ where $e \in P, \ ^{-1}: P \longrightarrow P, \ \star: P \times P \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(P) \setminus \emptyset$ is called a polygroup if the following axioms hold for all $x, y, z \in P$:

(1)
$$(x \star y) \star z = x \star (y \star z)$$
,

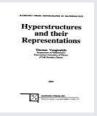
$$(2) x \star e = x = e \star x,$$

(3)
$$x \in y \star z$$
 implies $y \in x \star z^{-1}$ and $z \in y^{-1} \star x$.

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The second generalization





Weak hyperstructures (or H_{ν} -structures) first introduced by Vougiouklis in Fourth AHA congress (1990).

Definition

A hyperstructure (H, \star) is called an H_{ν} -group if

(1)
$$x \star (y \star z) \cap (x \star y) \star z \neq \emptyset$$
 for all $x, y, z \in H$,

(2)
$$a \star H = H \star a = H$$
 for all $a \in H$.



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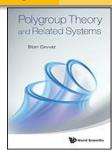
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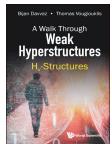
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Algebraic hyperstructures associated to biological inheritance



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By using a certain type of equivalence relations, we can connect semihypergroups to semigroups and hypergroups to groups. These equivalence relations are called strongly regular relations. More exactly, starting with a (semi)hypergroup and using a strongly regular relation, we can construct a (semi)group structure on the quotient set. A natural question arises: Do they also exist regular relations? The answer is positive, regular relations provide us new (semi)hypergroup structures on the quotient sets.

Let (H,\star) be a semihypergroup and ρ be an equivalence relation on H. If A and B are non-empty subsets of H, then $A\overline{\rho}B$ means that for all $a\in A$ there exists $b\in B$ such that $a\rho b$ and for all $b'\in B$ there exists $a'\in A$ such that $a'\rho b'$; also $A\overline{\rho}B$ means that for all $a\in A$ and for all $b\in B$, we have $a\rho b$.

The equivalence relation ρ is called

- (1) regular on the right (on the left) if for all x of H, from $a\rho b$, it follows that $(a\star x)\overline{\rho}(b\star x)$ $((x\star a)\overline{\rho}(x\star b)$ respectively);
- (2) strongly regular on the right (on the left) if for all x of H, from $a\rho b$, it follows that $(a\star x)\overline{\overline{\rho}}(b\star x)$ $((x\star a)\overline{\overline{\rho}}(x\star b)$ respectively);
- (3) ρ is called regular (strongly regular) if it is regular (strongly regular) on the right and on the left.

Theorem

Let (H, \star) be a (semi)hypergroup and ρ be an equivalence relation on H.

- (1) If ρ is regular, then H/ρ is a (semi)hypergroup with respect to the following hyperoperation:
 - $\rho(x) \odot \rho(y) = \{ \rho(z) \mid z \in x \star y \};$
- (2) If the above hyperoperation is well defined on H/ρ , then ρ is regular.

Theorem

Let (H, \star) be a (semi)hypergroup and ρ be an equivalence relation on H.

- (1) If ρ is strongly regular, then H/ρ is a (semi)group with respect to the following operation:
 - $\rho(x) \odot \rho(y) = \rho(z)$, for all $z \in x \star y$;
- (2) If the above operation is well defined on H/ρ , then ρ is strongly regular.

So, by strongly regular relations we obtain a group from a hypergroup (see the following figure).



Figura: A strongly regular relation gives us a group

Fundamental relations

For all n > 1, we define the relation β_n on a semihypergroup (H, \star) as follows:

$$x\beta_n y$$
 if there exist a_1,\ldots,a_n in H such that $\{x,y\}\subseteq\prod_{i=1}^n a_i$

and we set $\beta = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \beta_n$, where $\beta_1 = \{(x, x) \mid x \in H\}$ is the diagonal relation on H.

Fundamental relations

This relation was introduced by Koskas and studied mainly by Corsini, Davvaz, Freni, Vougiouklis, and many others. Clearly, the relation β is reflexive and symmetric. Denote by β^* the transitive closure of β . Freni proved that $\beta = \beta^*$ for hypergroups.

Theorem

If (H, \star) is a hypergroup, then the relation β^* is the smallest equivalence relation on H such that the quotient H/β^* is a group. This group is called the fundamental group.

Open Problem:

Is it true $\beta = \beta^*$ for H_{ν} -groups?

Fundamental relations

There exists semihypergroups in which the relation β is not transitive.

Example

Let $H = \{a, b, c, d\}$ be a semihypergroup with the following hyperoperation.

0	а	b	С	d
а	{ <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }
b	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }			
С	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }			
d	{ <i>b</i> , <i>d</i> }			

Then it is easy to see that $c\beta^*d$ but not $c\beta d$

We begin with the following question.

Whether there are any strongly regular relations on a hypergroup to obtain an abelian group, a cyclic group, a solvable group, or a nilpotent group?

Hypergroup ———▶

Abelian group
Cyclic group
Solvable group
Nilpotent group



Freni introduced the relation Γ as a generalization of the relation β .



D. Freni, A new characterization of the derived hypergroup via strongly regular equivalences, Comm. Algebra, 30(8) (2002) 3977–3989.

Let H be a (semi)hypergroup. Then, we set $\Gamma_1 = \{(x,x) \mid x \in H\}$ and for every integer n > 1, Γ_n is the relation defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
x\Gamma_n y \\
\Leftrightarrow \\
\exists (a_1,\ldots,a_n) \in H^n, \ \exists \sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n : \ x \in \prod_{i=1}^n a_i, \ y \in \prod_{i=1}^n a_{\sigma(i)},
\end{array}$$

where \mathbb{S}_n is the symmetric group on n letters.

The relations Γ_n are symmetric, and the relation $\Gamma = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \Gamma_n$ is reflexive and symmetric. Let Γ^* be the transitive closure of Γ . The relation Γ^* is a strongly regular relation. The quotient H/Γ^* is a commutative semigroup. Furthermore,

Theorem

If H is a hypergroup, then H/Γ^* is an abelian group (Freni).

The relation Γ^* is the smallest strongly regular relation on a semihypergroup H such that the quotient H/Γ^* is a commutative semigroup. Similar to the fundamental relation β , we have the following result.

Theorem

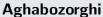
If (H, \star) is a hypergroup, then $\Gamma = \Gamma^*$ (Freni).

Mousavi, Leoreanu-Fotea and Jafarpour introduced a strongly regular relation ρ_A^* on the hypergroup H, such that in a particular case the quotient H/ρ_A^* is a cyclic group.



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Aghabozorgi, Davvaz and Jafarpour introduced and analyzed a new strongly regular relation on a hypergroup H, is named τ_n^* , such that H/τ_n^* is a solvable group.



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Solvable Polygroups and Derived Subpolygroups

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Solvable groups derived from hypergroups

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Indeed, for any hypergroup H and any natural number n, we define $H^{(0)} = H$ and

$$H^{(k+1)} = \left\{ h \in H^{(k)} \mid x \star y \cap h \star y \star x \neq \emptyset \text{ for some } x, y \in H^{(k)} \right\},\,$$

for all $k \geq 0$. Suppose that $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\tau_n = \bigcup_{m>1} \tau_{m,n}$, where τ_k is the diagonal relation and for every integer $m \geq 1$. τ_n

 $au_{1,n}$ is the diagonal relation and for every integer m>1, $au_{m,n}$ is the relation defined as follows:

$$x\tau_{m,n}y \Leftrightarrow \exists (z_1,\ldots,z_m) \in H^m, \exists \sigma \in \mathbb{S}_m : \\ \sigma(i) = i \text{ if } z_i \notin H^{(n)} \text{ such that } x \in \prod_{i=1}^m z_i \text{ and } y \in \prod_{i=1}^m z_{\sigma(i)}.$$

Obviously, for every $n \ge 1$, the relation τ_n is reflexive and symmetric. Now, let τ_n^* be the transitive closure of τ_n .

Theorem

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the relation τ_n^* is a strongly regular relation.

Theorem

 H/τ^* is a solvable group.

Also, Aghabozorgi, Davvaz and Jafarpour introduced another strongly regular relation ν^* on a hypergroup H such that the quotient H/ν^* , the set of all equivalence classes, is a nilpotent group.

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Nilpotent groups derived from hypergroups

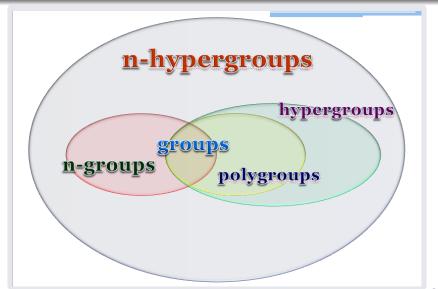
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Recently, Shirvani, Mirvakili and Davvaz determined a family $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathfrak{R}}^{H}$ of subsets of a hypergroup H such that the geometric space $(H, \mathfrak{P}_{\mathfrak{R}}^{H})$ is strongly transitive.



M. Shirvani, S. Mirvakili and B. Davvaz, *Strongly transitive geometric spaces on hypergroups from strongly U-regular relations*, *J. Algebra Appl.*, (2021) doi.org/10.1142/S0219498822500943.



Fuzzy sets are sets whose elements have degrees of membership. Fuzzy sets have been introduced by L. A. Zadeh (1965) as an extension of the classical notion of set.



Definition

Let X be a set. A fuzzy subset A of X is characterized by a membership function $\mu_A: X \to [0,1]$ which associates with each point $x \in X$ its grade or degree of membership $\mu_A(x)$.

Example

We can define a possible membership function for the fuzzy subsets of real numbers close to zero as follows:

$$\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(x)=\frac{1}{1+10x^2}.$$



Definition

Let A and B be fuzzy subsets of X.

- $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $\mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x)$, for all $x \in X$.
- A = B if and only if $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$, for all $x \in X$.
- $C = A \cup B$ if and only if $\mu_C(x) = \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$, for all $x \in X$.
- $D = A \cap B$ if and only if $\mu_D(x) = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\},$ for all $x \in X$.

The *complement* of A, denoted by A^c , is defined by

$$\mu_{A^c}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$$
, for all $x \in X$.



Definition

Let f be a mapping from a set X to a set Y. Let μ be a fuzzy subset of X and λ be a fuzzy subset of Y. Then, the *inverse image* $f^{-1}(\lambda)$ of λ is the fuzzy subset of X defined by $f^{-1}(\lambda)(x) = \lambda(f(x))$, for all $x \in X$. The *image* $f(\mu)$ of μ is the fuzzy subset of Y defined by

$$f(\mu)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup\{\mu(t) \mid t \in f^{-1}(y)\} & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for all $y \in Y$.

In 1971, Rosenfeld introduced the fuzzy sets in the context of group theory and formulated the concept of a fuzzy subgroup of a group. There is a considerable amount of work on the association between fuzzy sets and hyperstructures. This work can be classified into three groups. A first group of works studies crisp hyperoperations defined through fuzzy sets. This study was initiated by Corsini and others.

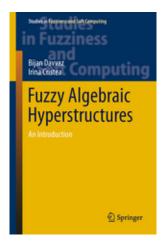
A second group of works concerns the fuzzy hyperalgebras. This is a direct extension of the concept of fuzzy algebras. This idea was applied by Zahedi and his group on polygroups. A third group deals also with fuzzy hyperstructures, but with a completely different approach. This was studied by Corsini, Zahedi and others. The basic idea is the following one: a crisp hyperoperation assigns to every pair of elements a crisp set; a fuzzy hyperoperation assigns to every pair of elements a fuzzy set.

In 1999, I introduced the notion of fuzzy subhypergroup of a hypergroup.

Let (H, \cdot) be a hypergroup and let μ be a fuzzy subset of H. Then, μ is said to be a *fuzzy subhypergroup* of H if the following axioms hold.

- (1) $\min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \le \inf_{\alpha \in x \cdot y} \{\mu(\alpha)\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in H;$
- (2) For all $x, a \in H$ there exists $y \in H$ such that $x \in a \cdot y$ and $\min\{\mu(a), \mu(x)\} \leq \mu(y)$;
- (3) For all $x, a \in H$ there exists $z \in H$ such that $x \in z \cdot a$ and $\min\{\mu(a), \mu(x)\} \leq \mu(z)$.





Intuitionistic fuzzy sets

As an important generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets on X, Atanassov introduced the concept of *intuitionistic fuzzy* sets defined on a non-empty set X as objects having the form

$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x)) \mid x \in X\},\$$

where the functions $\mu_A: X \to [0,1]$ and $\lambda_A: X \to [0,1]$ denote the *degree of membership* (namely $\mu_A(x)$) and the *degree of nonmembership* (namely $\lambda_A(x)$) of each element $x \in X$ to the set A respectively, and $0 \le \mu_A(x) + \lambda_A(x) \le 1$ for all $x \in X$.

Intuitionistic fuzzy sets

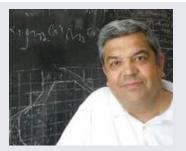


Figura: K. T. Atanassov

Intuitionistic fuzzy sets

For every two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B on X we define (see [?]):

- (1) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $\mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x)$ and $\lambda_A(x) \ge \lambda_B(x)$, for all $x \in X$.
- (2) $A^c = \{(x, \lambda_A(x), \mu_A(x)) \mid x \in X\}.$
- (3) $A \cap B = \{(x, \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}, \max\{\lambda_A(x), \lambda_B(x)\}) \mid x \in X\}.$
- (4) $A \cup B = \{(x, \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}, \min\{\lambda_A(x), \lambda_B(x)\}) \mid x \in X\}.$
- (5) $\Box A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \mu_A^c(x)) \mid x \in X\}.$
- (6) $\Diamond A = \{(x, \lambda_A^c(x), \lambda_A(x)) \mid x \in X\}.$



Group

Two Turkish Mathematicians who have worked on Intuitionistic Hyperstructures



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The concept of rough set was originally proposed by Pawlak as a formal tool for modelling and processing in complete information in information systems. The theory of rough set is an extension of set theory, in which a subset of a universe is described by a pair of ordinary sets called the lower and upper approximations.

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Figura: Z. Pawlak

A key notion in Pawlak rough set model is an equivalence relation, i.e., a reflexive, symmetric and transitive relation. The equivalence classes are the building blocks for the construction of the lower and upper approximations. The lower approximation of a given set is the union of all the equivalence classes which are subsets of the set, and the upper approximation is the union of all the equivalence classes which have a non-empty intersection with the set.

Suppose that U is a non-empty set. A partition or classification of U is a family \mathcal{P} of non-empty subsets of U such that each element of U is contained in exactly one element of \mathcal{P} . Recall that an equivalence relation θ on a set U is a reflexive, symmetric, and transitive binary relation on U, i.e., for all $x, y, z \in U$, we have

 $x\theta x$ Reflexivity $x\theta y$ implies $y\theta x$ Symmetry $x\theta y$ and $y\theta z$ imply $x\theta z$ Transitivity

Each partition ${\mathcal P}$ induces an equivalence relation θ on U by setting

$$x\theta y \iff x \text{ and } y \text{ are in the same class of } \mathcal{P}.$$

Conversely, each equivalence relation θ on U induces a partition \mathcal{P} of U whose classes have the form $[x]_{\theta} = \{y \in U | x\theta y\}.$

The following notation will be used. Given a non-empty universe U, by $\mathcal{P}(U)$ we will denote a power-set on U. If θ is an equivalence relation on U then for every $x \in U$, $[x]_{\theta}$ stands for the equivalence class of θ with the represent x. For any $X \subseteq U$, we write X^c to denote the complement of X in U,

Let U be a universe of objects and ρ be an equivalence relation on U. Given an arbitrary set $A \subseteq U$, a concept in U, it may be impossible to describe A precisely using the equivalence classes of ρ . That is, the available information is not sufficient to give a precise representation of A. In this case, one may characterize A by a pair of lower and upper approximations

$$\underline{app}(A) := \bigcup_{[a]_{\rho} \subseteq A} [a]_{\rho} \ \ \mathrm{and} \ \ \overline{app}(A) := \bigcup_{[a]_{\rho} \cap A \neq \emptyset} [a]_{\rho},$$

where $[a]_{\rho} = \{b \mid a \rho b\}$ is the equivalence class containing a.

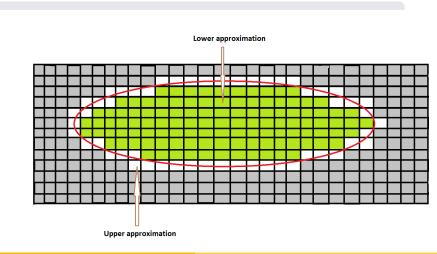
The lower approximation $\underline{app}(A)$ is the union of all the elementary sets which are subsets of A. The upper approximation $\overline{app}(A)$ is the union of all the elementary sets which have a non-empty intersection with A. An element in the lower approximation necessarily belongs to A, while an element in the upper approximation possibly belong to A. We can express lower and upper approximations as follows:

$$\underline{app}(A) = \{ a \in U \mid [a]_{\rho} \subseteq A \} \text{ and }$$

 $\overline{app}(A) = \{ a \in U \mid [a]_{\rho} \cap A \neq \emptyset \}.$

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The difference of upper and lower approximations is called ρ -boundary region of A and is denoted by $\widehat{app}(A)$. A subset X of U is called definable if $\underline{app}(X) = \overline{app}(X)$. If $X \subseteq U$ is given by a predicate P and $X \in U$, then

- (1) $x \in app(X)$ means that x certainly has property P,
- (2) $x \in \overline{app}(X)$ means that x possibly has property P,
- (3) $x \in U \setminus \overline{app}(X)$ means that x definitely does not have property P.

Proposition

We have

(1)
$$app(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \overline{app}(A)$$
;

(2)
$$app(\emptyset) = \emptyset = \overline{app}(\emptyset);$$

(3)
$$app(U) = U = \overline{app}(U);$$

(4) If
$$A \subseteq B$$
, then $app(A) \subseteq app(B)$ and $\overline{app}(A) \subseteq \overline{app}(B)$;

(5)
$$app(app(A)) = app(A);$$

(6)
$$\overline{app}(\overline{app}(A)) = \overline{app}(A);$$

(7)
$$\overline{app}(app(A)) = app(A);$$

Proposition

- (8) $app(\overline{app}(A)) = \overline{app}(A)$;
- (9) $app(A) = (\overline{app}(A^C))^C$;
- (10) $\overline{app}(A) = (app(A^C))^C$;
- (11) $app(A \cap B) = app(A) \cap app(B)$;
- (12) $\overline{app}(A \cap B) \subseteq \overline{app}(A) \cap \overline{app}(B)$;
- (13) $app(A \cup B) \supseteq app(A) \cup app(B)$;
- $(14) \ \overline{app}(A \cup B) = \overline{app}(A) \cup \overline{app}(B).$

A pair (U,ρ) where $U \neq \emptyset$ and ρ is an equivalence relation on U, is called an approximation space. For an approximation space (U,ρ) , by a rough approximation in (U,ρ) we mean a mapping $app: \mathcal{P}(U) \to \mathcal{P}(U) \times \mathcal{P}(U)$ defined by for every $X \in \mathcal{P}(U)$,

$$app(X) = (\underline{app}(X), \overline{app}(X)).$$

The rough equality between sets is defined in the following way: for any $A, B \subseteq U$

$$A \approx B \Leftrightarrow \underline{app}(A) = \underline{app}(B) \text{ and } \overline{app}(A) = \overline{app}(B).$$

Obviously, \approx is an equivalence relation on P(U). Any equivalence class of the relation \approx is called a rough set. We denote by

$$\mathcal{R}^0 = \{ [X]_{\approx} \mid X \subseteq U \}$$

the family of all rough sets Therefore, for a given approximation space (U, ρ) , a pair $(A, B) \in \mathcal{P}(U) \times \mathcal{P}(U)$ is a rough set in (U, ρ) if and only if (A, B) = app(X) for some $X \in \mathcal{P}(U)$.

Let $app(A) = (\underline{app}(A), \ \overline{app}(A))$ and $app(B) = (\underline{app}(B), \overline{app}(B))$ be any two rough sets in the approximation space (U, ρ) . Then, we set the union, intersection, inclusion relation, complement, and set difference between rough sets as follows:

(1)
$$app(A) \sqcup app(B) := (app(A) \cup app(B), \overline{app}(A) \cup \overline{app}(B)),$$

(2)
$$app(A) \cap app(B) := (\underline{app}(A) \cap \underline{app}(B), \overline{app}(A) \cap \overline{app}(B)),$$

(3)
$$app(A) \sqsubseteq app(B) :\Leftrightarrow app(A) \cap app(B) = app(A)$$
.

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When $app(A) \sqsubseteq app(B)$, we say that app(A) is a rough subset of app(B). Thus in the case of rough sets app(A) and app(B),

$$app(A) \sqsubseteq app(B)$$
 if and only if $app(A) \subseteq app(B)$ and $\overline{app}(A) \subseteq \overline{app}(B)$.

This property of rough inclusion has all the properties of set inclusion. The rough complement of app(A) denoted by $app^{C}(A)$ is defined by

$$app^{C}(A) := (U \setminus \overline{app}(A), U \setminus app(A)).$$



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Also, we can define $app(A) \setminus app(B)$ as follows:

$$app(A) \setminus app(B) := app(A) \cap app^{C}(B)$$

= $(app(A) \setminus \overline{app}(B), \overline{app}(A) \setminus app(B)).$

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Theorem. Let (U, ρ) be an approximation space and \mathcal{R}^0 the family of rough sets. Then the algebra $(\mathcal{R}^0, \sqcup, \sqcap)$ is a complete distributive lattice.

The lattice $(\mathcal{R}^0, \sqcup, \sqcap)$ is bounded, where $0 = [\emptyset]_{\approx}$ is the least element and $1 = [U]_{\approx}$ is the greatest element.

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For any $A \subseteq U$, a rough membership function is defined by

$$\mu_A(x) = \frac{|A \cap [x]_{\rho}|}{|[x]_{\rho}|}.$$

- 1) $\mu_A(x) = 1 \iff x \in app(A)$,
- 2) $\mu_A(x) = 0 \iff x \in app(A^c)$,
- 3) $0 < \mu_A(x) < 1 \iff x \in \widehat{app(A)}$,
- 4) $\mu_A(x) = 1 \mu_{A^c}$,
- 5) $\mu_{A \cup B} = \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) \mu_{A \cap B}(x)$,
- 6) $\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\} \le \mu_{A \cup B}(x) \le \min\{1, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)\},\$
- 7) $\mu_{A \cap B} \leq \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}.$

Hypergraphs are like simple graphs, except that instead of having edges that only connect two vertices, their edges are sets of any number of vertices. This happens to mean that all graphs are just a subset of hypergraphs.

Definition. A hypergraph is a pair $\Gamma = (H, E)$, where H is a finite set of vertices and $E = \{E_1, \dots, E_m\}$ is a set of hyperedges which are non-empty subsets of H such that

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^m E_i = H.$$

Connections between hypergraphs and hypergroups are studied by many authors. Corsini considered a hypergraph $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ and defined a hyperoperation \circ on H as follows:

$$\forall x, y \in H, \ x \circ y = E(x) \cup E(y),$$

where $E(x) = \bigcup_{x \in E_i} E_i$. The hypergroupoid $H_{\Gamma} = (H, \circ)$ is

called a *hypergraph hypergroupoid* or a *h.g. hypergroupoid*. Corsini proved that

Theorem.[Corsini]. The hypergroupoid H_{Γ} has the following properties for each $(x, y) \in H^2$:

- (1) $x \circ y = x \circ x \cup y \circ y$,
- (2) $x \in x \circ x$,
- $(3) \ y \in x \circ x \Longleftrightarrow x \in y \circ y.$

Also, he proved that:

Theorem.[Corsini].

(1) A hypergroupoid (H, \circ) satisfying (1), (2) and (3) of previous theorem is a hypergroup if and only if the following condition is valid:

$$\forall (a,c) \in H^2, \ c \circ c \circ c \setminus c \circ c \subseteq a \circ a \circ a.$$

(2) A hypergroup (H, \circ) satisfying (1), (2) and (3) of previous theorem is a join space.

An associative h.g hypergroupoid is called a h.g. hypergroup.



By using the concepts of lower and upper approximations, we define two new hyperoperations on the set of vertices of a given hypergraph.

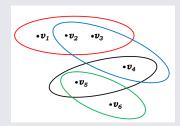
Definition. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph, $E(x) = \bigcup_{x \in E_i} E_i$ and ρ be an equivalence relation on H. By using the equivalence relation ρ and the notions of lower and upper approximations, we define two hyperoperations on H as follows:

$$x \underline{\circ} y = \underline{app}(E(x)) \cup \underline{app}(E(y)) \cup \{x, y\},$$
$$x \overline{\circ} y = \overline{app}(E(x)) \cup \overline{app}(E(y)),$$



Note that $\overline{app}(E(x))$ is a non-empty set, for all $x \in H$. But it is possible to have the case $app(E(x)) = \emptyset$, for some $x \in H$.

Example. Suppose that
$$H = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$$
 and $E = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$, where $E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$, $E_2 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$, $E_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ and $E_4 = \{v_4, v_5\}$.



Then, we have

$$E(v_1) = E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\},\$$

$$E(v_2) = E_1 \cup E_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\},\$$

$$E(v_3) = E_1 \cup E_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\},\$$

$$E(v_4) = E_2 \cup E_4 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\},\$$

$$E(v_5) = E_3 \cup E_4 = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\},\$$

$$E(v_6) = E_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}.$$

Let ρ be an equivalence relation on H that forms a partition on H as follows:

$$\{\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_3, v_5\}, \{v_4\}, \{v_6\}\}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{app(E(v_1)) = \{v_1, v_2\},}{app(E(v_2)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\},}
\underline{app(E(v_3)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\},}
\underline{app(E(v_4)) = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\},}
\underline{app(E(v_5)) = \{v_4, v_6\},}
\underline{app(E(v_6)) = \{v_6\}.}$$

Therefore, the lower hypergroupoid $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \underline{\circ})$ associated to ρ is as follows:

Similarly, we obtain

$$\overline{app}(E(v_1)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5\},
\overline{app}(E(v_2)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\},
\overline{app}(E(v_3)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\},
\overline{app}(E(v_4)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\},
\overline{app}(E(v_5)) = \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\},
\overline{app}(E(v_6)) = \{v_3, v_5, v_6\}.$$

Therefore, the upper hypergroupoid $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}=(H,\overline{\circ})$ associated to ρ is as follows:

Let (H, \circ) and (H, \star) be two hypergroupoids defined on the same set H.

(Vougiouklis.) The hyperoperation \circ is called *smaller* than \star , or \star *greater* than \circ if there exists $f \in Aut(H)$ such that $x \circ y \subseteq f(x \star y)$, for all $x, y \in H$. In this case, we write $\circ \leqslant \star$ and we say that (H, \star) contains (H, \circ) .

Corollary. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be an equivalence relation on H. If \circ is the hyperoperation defined by Corsini, i.e., $x \circ y = E(x) \cup E(y)$, then

$$\underline{\circ} \leqslant \circ \leqslant \overline{\circ}$$
.



Definition. We say an equivalence relation ρ on H is ρ -good if

$$x \in appE(y) \Leftrightarrow y \in appE(x)$$

and we say ρ is $\overline{\rho}$ -good if

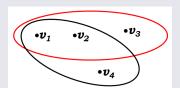
$$x \in \overline{app}E(y) \Leftrightarrow y \in \overline{app}E(x).$$

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\underline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. Then, $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \underline{\circ})$ satisfies the following conditions:

- $(1) x\underline{\circ} y = x\underline{\circ} x \cup y\underline{\circ} y,$
- (2) $x \in x \circ x$,
- $(3) x \in y \underline{\circ} y \Leftrightarrow y \in x \underline{\circ} x.$

Corollary. $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \underline{\circ})$ is a commutative H_{ν} -group. The hypergroup \mathbb{H}_{ρ} is called the *lower* $\underline{\rho}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ . Moreover, by Theorem **??**, \mathbb{H}_{ρ} is a join space.

Example. Suppose that $H = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ and $E = \{E_1, E_2\}$, where $E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ and $E_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$, see the following figure.



Then, we have

$$E(v_1) = E_1 \cup E_2 = H,$$

 $E(v_2) = E_1 \cup E_2 = H,$
 $E(v_3) = E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$
 $E(v_4) = E_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\}.$

Let ρ be the following relation on H,

$$\rho = \{(v_1, v_1), (v_2, v_2), (v_3, v_3), (v_4, v_4), (v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_1), (v_3, v_4), (v_4, v_3)\}.$$

Clearly, ρ is an equivalence relation.



Moreover, we have

This means that $x \in \underline{app}(E(y))$ if and only if $y \in \underline{app}(E(x))$. So, ρ is a ρ -good equivalence relation.

Now, we obtain

$$\underline{app}(E(v_1)) = H, \quad \underline{app}(E(v_2)) = H, \\
\underline{app}(E(v_3)) = \{v_1, v_2\}, \quad \underline{app}(E(v_4)) = \{v_1, v_2\}.$$

Therefore, the upper $\underline{\rho}$ -hypergroup $\mathbb{H}_{\rho}=(H,\underline{\circ})$ induced by Γ is as follows:

Farshi and Davvaz considered the special relation ρ on H as follows:

$$x \rho y \Leftrightarrow \{E_i \mid x \in E_i\} = \{E_i \mid y \in E_i\}.$$

Clearly, ρ is an equivalence relation. Moreover, we have the following two lemmas regarding to this special relation.

Lemma.

- (1) ρ is a ρ -good equivalence relation.
- (2) ρ is a $\overline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation.

Lemma. For all $a \in H$, E(x) is a definable set.



Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\overline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. Then, $(H, \overline{\circ})$ satisfies the following conditions:

- $(1) x \overline{\circ} y = x \overline{\circ} x \cup y \overline{\circ} y,$
- (2) $x \in x \overline{\circ} x$,
- $(3) x \in y \overline{\circ} y \Leftrightarrow y \in x \overline{\circ} x.$

Corollary. $\mathbb{H}^{\rho} = (H, \overline{\circ})$ is a commutative H_{ν} -group.

Corollary. If the H_{ν} -group $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}=(H,\overline{\circ})$ satisfies the following condition

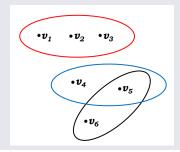
$$x \overline{\circ} x \overline{\circ} x = x \overline{\circ} x$$
, for all $x \in H$,

then $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \overline{\circ})$ is a hypergroup.

The hypergroup \mathbb{H}^{ρ} is called the *upper* $\overline{\rho}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ . Moreover, by Theorem **??**, \mathbb{H}^{ρ} is a join space.

Example.

Suppose that $H = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ and $E = \{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$, where $E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$, $E_2 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ and $E_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}$, see the following figure.





Then, we have

$$\begin{split} E(v_1) &= E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \\ E(v_3) &= E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \\ E(v_5) &= E_2 \cup E_3 = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\}, \\ E(v_6) &= E_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(v_2) &= E_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \\ E(v_4) &= E_2 = \{v_4, v_5\}, \\ E(v_6) &= E_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let ρ be the following relation on H,

$$\rho = \{(v_1, v_1), (v_2, v_2), (v_3, v_3), (v_4, v_4), (v_5, v_5), (v_6, v_6), (v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_1), (v_4, v_6), (v_6, v_4)\}.$$

Clearly, ρ is an equivalence relation. Moreover, we have



$$\begin{aligned} & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{3}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{3}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{3}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) = \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) = \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) = \emptyset \\ & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) = \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) = \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) = \emptyset \\ & [v_{1}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) = \emptyset & [v_{2}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) = \emptyset & [v_{3}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) = \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) = \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) = \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{1}) = \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) = \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) = \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{2}) = \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{4}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) \neq \emptyset \\ & [v_{4}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{5}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{6}) \neq \emptyset & [v_{6}]_{\rho} \cap E(v_{5}) \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\overline{app}(E(v_1)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\},
\overline{app}(E(v_2)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\},
\overline{app}(E(v_3)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\},
\overline{app}(E(v_4)) = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\},
\overline{app}(E(v_5)) = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\},
\overline{app}(E(v_6)) = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\}.$$

Therefore, the upper $\overline{\rho}$ -hypergroup $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}=(H,\overline{\circ})$ induced by Γ is as follows:

ō	v_1	<i>V</i> ₂	<i>V</i> ₃	V_4	<i>V</i> ₅
v_1	$\{v_1,v_2,v_3\}$	$\{v_1,v_2,v_3\}$	$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$	Н	Н
<i>V</i> ₂	$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$	$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$	$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$	Н	Н
<i>V</i> ₃		$\{v_1,v_2,v_3\}$	$\{v_1,v_2,v_3\}$	Н	Н
<i>V</i> 4	Н	Н	Н	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$
<i>V</i> ₅	Н	Н	Н	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$
<i>V</i> ₆	Н	Н	Н	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$	$\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$

Note that in the above example, every element is an identity element.

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\overline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. If $\mathbb{H}^{\rho} = (H, \overline{\circ})$ is the upper $\overline{\rho}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ , then $\{x, y\} \subseteq x \overline{\circ} y$.

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\overline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. If $\mathbb{H}^{\rho} = (H, \overline{\circ})$ is the upper $\overline{\circ}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ , then $\beta^* = H^2$ where β^* is the fundamental relation on \mathbb{H}^{ρ} .

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\underline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. If $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \underline{\circ})$ is the lower $\underline{\circ}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ , then $\beta^* = H^2$ where β^* is the fundamental relation on \mathbb{H}^{ρ} .

Let H be a hypergroup and A be a non-empty subset of H. We say that A is a *complete part* of H if for any nonzero natural number n and for all a_1, \ldots, a_n of H, the following implication holds:

$$A \cap \prod_{i=1}^{n} a_i \neq \emptyset \Longrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n} a_i \subseteq A.$$

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\overline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. If $\mathbb{H}^{\rho} = (H, \overline{\circ})$ is the upper $\overline{\circ}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ , then a complete part of \mathbb{H}^{ρ} is equal to H.

Theorem. Let $\Gamma = (H, \{E_i\}_i)$ be a hypergraph and ρ be a $\underline{\rho}$ -good equivalence relation on H. If $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} = (H, \underline{\circ})$ is the lower $\underline{\circ}$ -hypergroup induced by Γ , then a complete part of \mathbb{H}_{ρ} is equal to H.

A hypergraph homomorphism is a map from the vertex set of one hypergraph to another such that each hyperedge maps to one other hyperedge.

Let ρ_{Γ} and $\rho_{\Gamma'}$ be $\overline{\rho_{\Gamma}}$ -good and $\overline{\rho_{\Gamma'}}$ -good equivalence relations on hypergraphs Γ and Γ' respectively. A ρ -isomorphism from Γ to Γ' is a bijective homomorphism f from the vertex set of Γ to that of Γ' such that

$$x \rho_{\Gamma} y \iff f(x) \rho_{\Gamma'} f(y).$$

We say that Γ and Γ' are ρ -isomorphic (written $\Gamma \cong_{\rho} \Gamma'$) if there is an isomorphism between them.

Lemma Let $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}=(H,\overline{\circ})$ and $\mathbb{H}'^{\rho}=(H',\overline{\star})$ be two upper $\overline{\rho}$ -hypergroups induced by hypergraphs $\Gamma=(H,\{E_i\}_i)$ and $\Gamma'=(H',\{E'_j\}_j)$ respectively.

- (1) If $f: \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ is a ρ -isomorphism, then $f(\overline{app}(E(x))) = \overline{app}(E'(f(x)))$.
- (2) If $f: \mathbb{H}^{\rho} \to \mathbb{H}'^{\rho}$ is an isomorphism, then $f(\overline{app}(E(x))) = \overline{app}(E'(f(x)))$.

Theorem. Let $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}=(H,\overline{\circ})$ and $\mathbb{H}'^{\rho}=(H',\overline{\star})$ be two upper ρ -hypergroups induced by hypergraphs $\Gamma=(H,\{E_i\}_i)$ and $\Gamma'=(H',\{E'_j\}_j)$ respectively. If $\Gamma\cong\Gamma'$, then $\mathbb{H}^{\rho}\cong\mathbb{H}'^{\rho}$.

Lemma. Let $\mathbb{H}_{\rho}=(H,\underline{\circ})$ and $\mathbb{H}'_{\rho}=(H',\underline{\star})$ be two lower $\underline{\rho}$ -hypergroups induced by hypergraphs $\Gamma=(H,\{E_i\}_i)$ and $\Gamma'=(H',\{E'_i\}_i)$ respectively.

- (1) If $\Gamma \cong_{\rho} \Gamma'$, then f(app(E(x))) = app(E'(f(x))).
- (2) If $\mathbb{H}_{\rho} \cong \mathbb{H}'_{\rho}$, then f(app(E(x))) = app(E'(f(x))).

Theorem. Let $\mathbb{H}_{\rho}=(H,\underline{\circ})$ and $\mathbb{H'}_{\rho}=(H',\underline{\star})$ be two lower ρ -hypergroups induced by hypergraphs $\Gamma=(H,\{E_i\}_i)$ and $\overline{\Gamma}'=(H',\{E'_j\}_j)$ respectively. If $\Gamma\cong_{\rho}\Gamma'$, then $\mathbb{H}_{\rho}\cong\mathbb{H'}_{\rho}$.

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