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# On some classes of hypergroups

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we first introduce the notion of power(ful) hypergroups, proving that the classes of cancelative semigroups and complete hypergroups are powerful hypergroups. We investigate some properties of this class of (semi) hypergroups.

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### 1. Introduction

Algebraic hyperstructures represent a natural extension of classical algebraic structures. In contemporary algebraic hyperstructures, one studies a series of algebraic objects, defined with the aid of one or several hyperoperations in a set of elements of this or that kind. One obtains one or another algebraic hyperstructure theory, depending upon the collection of these hyperoperations, their properties, and the nature of the set. One of these theories is the theory of semihypergroups. Definition of semihypergroups in general goes back at least to the 1934 by Marty (1934). Indeed, semihypergroups are the simplest algebraic hyperstructures which possess the properties of closure and associativity. In a semigroup, the composition of two elements is an element, while in a semihypergroup, the composition of two elements is a non-empty set. Semihypergroups have many applications in automata, probability, geometry, lattices, binary relations, graphs, hypergraphs, and other branches of science such as biology, chemistry and physics. Semihypergroups have attracted the attention of numerous researchers, both for their various properties and nowadays for their generalizations to  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroups (Hila, Davvaz, & Dine, 2012), LA-semihypergroups (Hila & Dine, 2011), or for their connections with groups (Aghabozorgi, Davvaz, & Jafarpour, 2013a), polygroups (Aghabozorgi, Davvaz, & Jafarpour, 2013b), or complete parts (Jafarpour, Leoreanu-Fotea, & Zolfaghari, 2013).

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Algebraic hyperstructures represent a field of algebra of major attraction and productive of many significant results in algebra. There are a lot of topics about hyperstructures, which can be in depth analyzed and there also are open problems and new connections to other fields that can be explored more in the future. Marty defined hypergroups as a generalization of groups. There are applications of hypergroups to the following subjects: geometry, hypergraphs, binary relations, combinatorics, codes, cryptography, probability and etc.

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In this paper, we first introduce the notion of power(ful) hypergroups, proving that the classes of cancelative semigroups and complete hypergroups are powerful hypergroups, we show that a subsemihypergroup of a powerful semihypergroup is not necessary a subsemihypergroup of  $H_n^*$ . Finally, we prove that if  $H_n$  is a powerful hypergroup, then  $\frac{H_n}{\beta}$  is the trivial group.

## 2. Preliminaries

We recall here some basic notions of hypergroup theory and we fix the notations used in this note. We refer the readers to the following fundamental books Corsini (1993), Corsini & Leoreanu (2003) and Vougiouklis (1994).

Let  $H$  be a non-empty set and  $P^*(H)$  denote the set of all non-empty subsets of  $H$ . Let  $\circ$  be a hyperoperation (or join operation) on  $H$ , that is, a function from the Cartesian product  $H \times H$  into  $P^*(H)$ . The image of the pair  $(a, b) \in H \times H$  under the hyperoperation  $\circ$  in  $P^*(H)$  is denoted by  $a \circ b$ . The join operation can be extended in a natural way to subsets of  $H$  as follows: for non-empty subsets  $A, B$  of  $H$ , define  $A \circ B = \bigcup_{a \in A, b \in B} a \circ b$ . The notation  $a \circ A$  is used for  $\{a\} \circ A$  and  $A \circ a$  for  $A \circ \{a\}$ . Generally, the singleton  $\{a\}$  is identified with its element  $a$ . The hyperstructure  $(H, \circ)$  is called a hypergroupoid and it is called commutative if  $a \circ b = b \circ a$ , for all  $a, b \in H$ . The hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  is called a semihypergroup if  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$  for all  $a, b, c \in H$ , which means that

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

A semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called complete if, for all natural numbers  $n, m \geq 2$  and all tuples  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in H^n$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \in H^m$ , we have the following implication:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \cap \prod_{j=1}^m y_j \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n x_i = \prod_{j=1}^m y_j.$$

where  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 \circ x_2 \circ \dots \circ x_n$  and  $\prod_{j=1}^m y_j = y_1 \circ y_2 \circ \dots \circ y_m$ .

A semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called a hypergroup if the reproduction law holds:  $a \circ H = H \circ a = H$ , for all  $a \in H$ . A non-empty subset  $K$  of a hypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called a subhypergroup if it is a hypergroup, too. An element  $e$  of  $H$  is called an identity if, for all  $x \in H$ ,  $x \in x \circ e \cap e \circ x$  and  $a' \in H$  is called an inverse of  $a$  in  $H$  if  $e \in a \circ a' \cap a' \circ a$ . Suppose that  $(H, \circ)$  and  $(H', *)$  are two semihypergroups. A function  $f : H \rightarrow H'$  is called a homomorphism if  $f(a \circ b) \subseteq f(a) * f(b)$ , for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $H$ . We say that  $f$  is a good homomorphism if, for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $H$ ,  $f(a \circ b) = f(a) * f(b)$ . If  $(H, \circ)$  is a hypergroup and  $\rho \subseteq H \times H$  is an equivalence relation, then, for all non-empty subsets  $A, B$  of  $H$ , we set

$$A \bar{\rho} B \Leftrightarrow a \rho b, \text{ for all } a \in A, b \in B.$$

The relation  $\rho$  is called strongly regular on the left (respectively, on the right) if  $x \rho y$  implies  $a \circ x \bar{\rho} a \circ y$  (respectively,  $x \rho y$  implies  $x \circ a \bar{\rho} y \circ a$ ), for all  $(x, y, a) \in H^3$ . Moreover,  $\rho$  is called strongly regular if it is strongly regular on the right and on the left. The significance of the strongly regular relation is given by the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** (Corsini, 1993) *If  $(H, \circ)$  is a semihypergroup (respectively, a hypergroup) and  $\rho$  is a strongly regular relation on  $H$ , then the quotient  $H/\rho$  is a semigroup (respectively, a group) under the operation defined by*

$$\rho(x) \otimes \rho(y) = \rho(z), \text{ for all } z \in x \circ y.$$

Denote the class  $\rho(x)$  of the element  $x$  by  $\bar{x}$  and write just  $\bar{x}\bar{y}$  instead of  $\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}$ . For all natural numbers  $n > 1$ , define the relation  $\beta_n$  on a semihypergroup  $H$ , as follows:

$$a \beta_n b \Leftrightarrow \exists (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in H^n \text{ such that } \{a, b\} \subseteq \prod_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

and take  $\beta = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \beta_i$ , where  $\beta_1 = \{(x, x) | x \in H\}$  is the diagonal relation on  $H$ . Denote by  $\beta^*$  the transitive closure of  $\beta$ . The relation  $\beta^*$  is a strongly regular relation (Corsini, 1993). This relation was introduced by Koskas (Koskas, 1970) and studied mainly by Freni (1991), proving the following basic result: If  $H$  is hypergroup, then  $\beta = \beta^*$ . Note that, in general, for a semihypergroup we may have  $\beta \neq \beta^*$ . Moreover, the relation  $\beta^*$  is the smallest equivalence relation on a hypergroup  $H$ , such that the quotient  $H/\beta^*$  is a group. The heart  $\omega_H$  of a hypergroup  $H$  is defined like the set of all elements  $x$  of  $H$ , for which the equivalence class  $\beta^*(x)$  is the identity of the quotient group  $H/\beta^*$ .

### 3. Power semihypergroup

In this section, we first introduce the notion of power(ful) hypergroup, proving that the classes of cancelative semigroups and complete hypergroups are powerful hypergroup. By an example we show that a subsemihypergroup of a powerful semihypergroup is not necessary a subsemihypergroup of  $H_n^*$ .

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote  $H_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Moreover, if  $\circ$  is a hyperoperation on  $H_n$  we define  $e_{ij} = (i, j)$  and  $D_k = \{e_{ij} | k \in i \circ j\}$ , for every  $(i, j, k) \in H_n^3$ . Notice that

$$e_{ij} = e_{rs} \Leftrightarrow (i, j) = (r, s), \forall (i, j, r, s) \in H_n^4.$$

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $(H_n, \circ)$  be a hypergroupoid. The  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  is a hypergroupoid, where  $H_n^* = \{e_{ij} | (i, j) \in H_n^2\}$  and for every  $(i, j, s, t) \in H_n^4$ ,*

$$e_{ij} \circ_D e_{st} = \bigcup_{k \in \{i, s\} \circ \{j, t\}} D_k.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\{e_{ij}, e_{st}\} \subseteq e_{ij} \circ_D e_{st}$ , for every  $(i, j, s, t) \in H_n^4$ . □

From now on we call  $\circ_D$  the power hyperoperation of  $\circ$ . Moreover,  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  is called the power hypergroupoid of  $(H_n, \circ)$ . If  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a (semi) hypergroup and the power hypergroupoid is a (semi) hypergroup, then we call  $(H_n, \circ)$  a powerful (semi)hypergroup and  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  is the power (semi) hypergroup of  $(H_n, \circ)$ .

**Example 3.2.** *Let  $(H_2, +)$  be the cyclic group of order 2. Then, the power hypergroup of  $(H_2, +)$  is as below:*

| $\circ_D$ | $e_{00}$             | $e_{01}$             | $e_{10}$             | $e_{11}$             |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $e_{00}$  | $\{e_{00}, e_{11}\}$ | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              |
| $e_{01}$  | $H_2^*$              | $\{e_{01}, e_{10}\}$ | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              |
| $e_{10}$  | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              | $\{e_{01}, e_{10}\}$ | $H_2^*$              |
| $e_{11}$  | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              | $H_2^*$              | $\{e_{00}, e_{11}\}$ |

In this case  $(H_2^*, \circ_D)$  is a hypergroup.

**Proposition 3.3.** *The power hypergroupoid  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  of  $(H_n, \circ)$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. □

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $(H_n, \circ)$  be a groupoid.*

- (i) If at  $(H_n, \circ)$  left cancellation property holds then  $|D_k| = n$ , for all  $k \in H_n$ .
- (ii) If at  $(H_n, \circ)$  right cancellation property holds then  $|D_k| = n$ , for all  $k \in H_n$ .
- (iii) If  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a group that  $|H_n| \geq 5$ , then for all  $(u, v, a, b) \in H_n^4$  we have  $e_{vs} \circ_D e_{ab} \neq H_n^*$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $(k, i) \in H_n^2$ . Because the left cancellation property holds we conclude that there exists a unique  $j \in H_n$  such that  $k = i \circ j$ . Notice that if  $k \neq i \circ j$  for every  $j \in H_n$  then there exists  $(s, t) \in H_n^2$  such that  $s \neq t$  and  $e_{is} = e_{it}$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $|D_k| = n$ . The proof of (ii) is similar to the part (i).

(iii) Let  $(u, v, a, b) \in H_n^4$ . According to parts (i) or (ii) and the definition of  $\circ_D$  we have

$$|e_{vs \circ_D e_{ab}}| = |D_{vos} \cup D_{vob} \cup D_{aos} \cup D_{aob}| \leq 4n(n^2) = |H_n^*|.$$

Hence, for  $|H_n| \geq 5$  we get  $e_{vs \circ_D e_{ab}} \neq H_n^*$ . □

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a group, then  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  is a hypergroup.*

*Proof.* First we prove that  $D_{u \circ v \circ_D e_{ab}} = H_n^* = e_{ab \circ_D} D_{u \circ v}$ , for all  $(u, v, a, b) \in H_n^4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D_{u \circ v \circ_D e_{ab}} &= \{e_{xy} | u \circ v = x \circ y\} \circ_D e_{ab} \\ &= \bigcup_{u \circ v = x \circ y} e_{xy \circ_D} e_{ab} \\ &\supseteq \bigcup_{u \circ v = x \circ y} D_{x \circ b} \\ &= \bigcup_{g \in H_n} D_g = H_n^*. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $e_{ab \circ_D} D_{u \circ v} = H_n^*$ . Let  $(u, t, v, s, a, b) \in H_n^6$ . Then, we obtain

$$(e_{ut \circ_D} e_{vs}) \circ_D e_{ab} \supseteq D_{u \circ t \circ_D} e_{ab} = H_n^*.$$

On the other hand,

$$e_{ut \circ_D} (e_{vs \circ_D} e_{ab}) \supseteq e_{ut \circ_D} D_{vos} = H_n^*.$$

Therefore,  $(e_{ut \circ_D} e_{vs}) \circ_D e_{ab} = e_{ut \circ_D} (e_{vs \circ_D} e_{ab})$

**Remark 3.6.** The following example shows that  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$  is not necessarily a hypergroup.

**Example 3.7.** Suppose that  $H_2 = \{1, 2\}$ . Consider the groupoid  $(H, \circ)$  endowed with the operation  $\circ$  defined as follows:

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| $\circ$ | 1 | 2 |
| 1       | 1 | 1 |
| 2       | 1 | 2 |

|           |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\circ_D$ | $e_{11}$ | $e_{12}$ | $e_{21}$ | $e_{22}$ |
| $e_{11}$  | $D_1$    | $D_1$    | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{12}$  | $D_1$    | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{21}$  | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{22}$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $D_2$    |

In this case,  $(H_2, \circ)$  is a semihypergroup but  $(H_2^*, \circ_D)$  is not a semihypergroup, because  $D_1 = \{e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{21}\}$  and  $(e_{11 \circ_D} e_{11}) \circ_D e_{12} = D_1 \circ_D e_{12} = H_2^*$ , while  $e_{11 \circ_D} (e_{11 \circ_D} e_{12}) = e_{11 \circ_D} D_1 = D_1$ . Hence,  $(e_{11 \circ_D} e_{11}) \circ_D e_{12} \neq e_{11 \circ_D} (e_{11 \circ_D} e_{12})$ , which implies that  $(H_2, \circ)$  is not a powerful semihypergroup.

**Example 3.8.** Suppose that  $H_2 = \{1, 2\}$ . Consider the hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  endowed with the hyperoperation  $\circ$  defined as follows:

|         |   |      |
|---------|---|------|
| $\circ$ | 1 | 2    |
| 1       | 1 | 1, 2 |
| 2       | 2 | 1    |

|           |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\circ_D$ | $e_{11}$ | $e_{12}$ | $e_{21}$ | $e_{22}$ |
| $e_{11}$  | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{12}$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{21}$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $D_2$    | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{22}$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $D_1$    |

In this case,  $(H_2, \circ)$  is not a semihypergroup, because  $(1 \circ 2) \circ 2 = \{1, 2\} \neq \{1\} = 1 \circ (2 \circ 2)$ , but  $(H_2^*, \circ_D)$  is a hypergroup.

If  $(H_n, \circ)$  and  $(H_n, \circ')$  are semihypergroups, for every map

$f : (H_n, \circ) \rightarrow (H_n, \circ')$  we define the map  $f^*$  as follows:

$$f^* : (H_n^*, \circ_D) \rightarrow (H_n^*, \circ'_D)$$

$$f^*(e_{ij}) = e_{f(i)f(j)}.$$

Moreover, if  $K$  is a non-empty subset of  $H_n$ , then we denote the set  $K^* = \{e_{ij} \mid (i, j) \in K^2\}$ . In the following example, we show that if  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a powerful semihypergroup and  $K$  is a subsemihypergroup of  $(H_n, \circ)$ , then  $K^*$  is not necessarily a subsemihypergroup of  $(H_n^*, \circ_D)$ .

**Example 3.9.** Let  $(H_2, \circ)$  and  $(H_2^*, \circ_D)$  be as follow:

|       |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|
| $H_2$ | $1$ | $2$ |
| $1$   | $1$ | $2$ |
| $2$   | $2$ | $1$ |

|          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $H_2^*$  | $e_{11}$ | $e_{12}$ | $e_{21}$ | $e_{22}$ |
| $e_{11}$ | $D_1$    | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{12}$ | $H_2^*$  | $D_2$    | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{21}$ | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $D_2$    | $H_2^*$  |
| $e_{22}$ | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $H_2^*$  | $D_1$    |

Then  $K = \{1\}$  is a subgroup of  $(H_2, \circ)$  but  $K^* = \{e_{11}\}$  is not subhypergroup of  $(H_2^*, \circ_D)$ , because  $D_1 = \{e_{11}, e_{22}\}$  and  $e_{11} \circ_D e_{11} = D_1 \not\subseteq K^*$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $(H_n, \circ)$  and  $(H_n, \circ')$  be a powerful semihypergroups and  $f : (H_n, \circ) \rightarrow (H_n, \circ')$  be a map.

- (1) If  $f$  is a homomorphism, then  $f^*$  is a homomorphism.
- (2) If  $f$  is an isomorphism, then  $f^*$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $(e_{ij}, e_{st}) \in H_n^2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(e_{ij} \circ_D e_{st}) &= f^*\left(\bigcup_{k \in \{i,s\} \circ \{j,t\}} D_k\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in \{i,s\} \circ \{j,t\}} f^*(D_k) \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in \{i,s\} \circ \{j,t\}} \{f^*(e_{ij}) \mid k \in i \circ j\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{f(k) \in \{f(i), f(s)\} \circ \{f(j), f(t)\}} \{e_{f(i)f(j)} \mid f(k) \in f(i) \circ' f(j)\} \\ &= \bigcup_{f(k) \in \{f(i), f(s)\} \circ \{f(j), f(t)\}} D_{f(k)} \\ &= e_{f(i)f(j)} \circ'_D e_{f(s)f(t)} \\ &= f^*(e_{ij}) \circ'_D f^*(e_{st}). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of (2) is straightforward.

Notice that if  $f$  is a good homomorphism in Theorem 3.10 then  $f^*$  is not necessarily a good homomorphism.

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $(H_n, \circ)$ ,  $(H_n, \circ')$ , and  $(H_n, \circ'')$  be powerful semihypergroups, and  $f : (H_n, \circ) \rightarrow (H_n, \circ')$  and  $g : (H_n, \circ') \rightarrow (H_n, \circ'')$  be maps. Then  $(gf)^* = g^*f^*$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e_{ij} \in H_n^*$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (gf)^*(e_{ij}) &= e_{(gf)(i)(gf)(j)} \\ &= e_{g(f(i))g(f(j))} \\ &= g^*(e_{f(i)f(j)}) \\ &= g^*f^*(e_{ij}). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of (2) is straightforward.

Notice that if  $f$  is a good homomorphism in Theorem 3.11 then  $f^*$  is not necessarily a good homomorphism.

**Example 3.12.** *Consider the Cayley tables of Example 3.9 and let  $f : (H_2, \circ) \rightarrow (H_2, \circ)$  be a good homomorphism satisfying  $f(1) = f(2) = 1$ . In this case, we have  $f^*(e_{11 \circ_D e_{11}}) = \{f(e_{11})\}$ , while  $f^*(e_{11 \circ_D} f^*(e_{11})) = e_{11 \circ_D} e_{11} = \{e_{11}, e_{22}\}$ . Hence,  $f^*(e_{11 \circ_D} e_{11}) \neq f^*(e_{11 \circ_D} f^*(e_{11}))$ . So,  $f^*$  is not a good homomorphism.*

**Theorem 3.13.** *Every complete hypergroup is a powerful hypergroup.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a complete hypergroup. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (e_{us \circ_D} e_{vt}) \circ_D e_{ab} &\supseteq \bigcup_{k \in u \circ s} D_k \circ_D e_{ab} \\ &\supseteq \bigcup_{k \in u \circ s, k \in x \circ y} e_{xy \circ_D} e_{ab} \\ &= \bigcup_{u \circ s = x \circ y} e_{xy \circ_D} e_{ab} \quad (H_n \text{ is complete}) \\ &\supseteq \bigcup_{t \in x \circ b, u \circ s = x \circ y} D_t = \bigcup_{t \in H_n} D_t = H_n^*. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $e_{us \circ_D} (e_{vt \circ_D} e_{ab}) = H_n^*$ . □

**Proposition 3.14.** *Let  $H_n$  be a complete hypergroup. Then  $\frac{H_n^*}{\beta}$  is a trivial group.*

*Proof.* For every  $(i, j, s, t, u, v) \in H_n^6$ , the equality  $(e_{ij \circ_D} e_{st}) \circ_D e_{uv} = H_n^*$  shows that  $\beta_3 = \beta^*$ , so  $\beta_3(x) = \beta^*(x) = H_n^*$ , for all  $x \in H_n^*$ . Hence,  $\frac{H_n^*}{\beta}$  is the trivial group.

#### 4. Complement of $H_n$

**Definition 4.1.** (Aghabozorgi, Cristea, & Jafarpour, 2016) Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a semihypergroup such that  $x \circ y \neq H$ , for all  $x, y \in H$ . We call the complement of  $(H, \circ)$  the hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ^c)$  endowed with the complement hyperoperation:  $x \circ^c y = H - x \circ y$ . We say that the semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is complementable if its complement  $(H, \circ^c)$  is a semihypergroup too, and in this case  $(H, \circ^c)$  is called the complement semihypergroup of  $(H, \circ)$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** (Aghabozorgi et al., 2016) *Every non-trivial group is complementable.*

**Lemma 4.3.** *If  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a group and  $(H_n, \circ^c)$  is the complement of  $(H_n, \circ)$ , then for every  $(i, j, s, t) \in H_n^4$ ,*

- (1) if  $i = s$  and  $j = t$ , then  $e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{st} = H_n^* - D_{ioj}$ ;  
 (2) if  $i \neq s$  or  $j \neq t$ , then  $e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{st} = H_n^*$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $i = s$  and  $j = t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{st} &= e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{ij} = \bigcup_{k \in i \circ j} D_k \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in H_n - \{ioj\}} D_k \\ &= H_n^* - D_{ioj}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let  $i \neq s$  or  $j \neq t$ . Then either  $i \circ j \neq i \circ t$  or  $s \circ j \neq s \circ t$  and so we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{st} &= \bigcup_{k \in \{i,s\} \circ^c \{j,t\}} D_k \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{k \in H_n - \{ioj\}} D_k \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{k \in H_n - \{i \circ t\}} D_k \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{k \in H_n - \{s \circ j\}} D_k \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{k \in H_n - \{s \circ t\}} D_k \right) \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in H_n} D_k \\ &= H_n^*. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.4.** In Lemma 4.3,  $\circ_D^c$  is not the complement of the hyperoperation  $\circ_D$ . Indeed, in Example 3.2  $e_{00} \circ_D^c e_{00} = \{e_{01}, e_{10}\}$ . But  $e_{00} (\circ_D)^c e_{00} = \{e_{00}, e_{11}\}$ . Thus  $e_{00} \circ_D^c e_{00} \neq e_{00} (\circ_D)^c e_{00}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** If  $(H_n, \circ)$  is a group, then  $(H_n, \circ^c)$  is a powerful hypergroup.

*Proof.* Using Lemma 4.3, we have  $(e_{ij} \circ_D^c e_{st}) \circ_D^c e_{uv} = H_n^* = e_{ij} \circ_D^c (e_{st} \circ_D^c e_{uv})$  for every  $(i, j, s, t, u, v) \in H_n^6$ . □

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced and analyzed the notion of power hyperoperation. A new class of semihypergroups called powerful semihypergroups are investigated. We showed that cancelative semigroups and complete hypergroups are powerful hypergroups. This construction of semihypergroups can be used for classification of the class of semihypergroups.

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