

## A RADICAL PROPERTY OF HYPERRINGS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we prove that Von Neumann regularity is a radical property on hyperrings.

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### 1. Introduction

The theory of hyperstructures was introduced in 1934 by Marty [11] at the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of Scandinavian Mathematicians. This theory has been subsequently developed by Corsini [5], [6], Mittas [12], [13], Stratigopoulos [17], Vougiouklis [20] and by various authors. Basic definitions and propositions about the hyperstructures are found in [5], [6] and [20]. Krasner [10] has studied the notion of hyperfields, hyperrings and then many researchers like Davvaz [7], Massouros [14] and others followed him.

There are different notions of hyperrings  $(R, +, \cdot)$ . If in a hyperring the addition  $+$  is a hyperoperation and the multiplication  $\cdot$  is a binary operation, then the hyperring is called a Krasner (additive) hyperring [10]. The monograph [8] of Davvaz and Leoreanu-Fotea contains many results about various hyperrings. Asokkumar and Velrajan [1], [4] have studied Von Neumann regularity in Krasner hyperrings. Rota [16] introduced multiplicative hyperrings, where the additions are binary operations and multiplications are hyperoperations. De Salvo [9] introduced hyperrings in which the additions and the multiplications are hyperoperations. These hyperrings are studied by Rahnamani Barghi [15] and also by Asokkumar and Velrajan [2], [3], [19].

In this paper we prove that regularity (Von Neumann) is a radical property on hyperrings, where the additions and the multiplications are hyperoperations. We also prove that if a hyperring  $R$  is regular, then for a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular. Conversely, if  $R$  is a hyperring and if there exists a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular, then  $R$  is regular.

## 2. Basic definitions and notations

This section explains some basic definitions that have been used in the sequel. A *hyperoperation*  $\circ$  on a nonempty set  $H$  is a mapping of  $H \times H$  into the family of nonempty subsets of  $H$  (i.e.,  $x \circ y \subseteq H$  for every  $x, y \in H$ ). A *hypergroupoid* is a nonempty set  $H$  equipped with a hyperoperation  $\circ$ . For any two subsets  $A, B$  of a hypergroupoid  $H$ , the set  $A \circ B$  means  $\bigcup_{\substack{a \in A \\ b \in B}} (a \circ b)$ . A hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *semihypergroup* if  $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$  for every  $x, y, z \in H$  (the associative axiom). A hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *quasihypergroup* if  $x \circ H = H \circ x = H$  for every  $x \in H$  (the reproductive axiom). A reproductive semihypergroup is called a *hypergroup* (Marty). A comprehensive review of the theory of hypergroups appears in [5].

A nonempty set  $H$  with a hyperoperation  $+$  is said to be a *canonical hypergroup* if the following conditions hold:

- (i) for every  $x, y, z \in H$ ,  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ ,
- (ii) for every  $x, y \in H$ ,  $x + y = y + x$ ,
- (iii) there exists  $0 \in H$  such that  $0 + x = x$  for all  $x \in H$ ,
- (iv) for every  $x \in H$  there exists a unique element denoted by  $-x \in H$  such that  $0 \in x + (-x)$ ,
- (v) for every  $x, y, z \in H$ ,  $z \in x + y$  implies  $y \in -x + z$  and  $x \in z - y$ .

A nonempty subset  $N$  of a canonical hypergroup of  $H$  is called a *subcanonical hypergroup* of  $H$  if  $N$  itself is a canonical hypergroup under the same hyperoperation as that of  $H$ . Equivalently, for every  $x, y \in N$ ,  $x - y \subseteq N$ . Moreover, for any subset  $A$  of  $H$ ,  $-A$  denotes the set  $\{-a : a \in A\}$ .

The following elementary facts in a canonical hypergroup easily follow from the axioms.

- (i)  $-(-a) = a$  for every  $a \in R$ ;
- (ii)  $0$  is the unique element such that for every  $a \in R$ , there is an element  $-a \in R$  with the property  $0 \in a + (-a)$ ;
- (iii)  $-0 = 0$ ;
- (iv)  $-(a + b) = -b - a$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Theorem 2.1** [19] *Let  $H$  be a canonical hypergroup and  $N$  be a subcanonical hypergroup of  $H$ . For any two elements  $a, b \in H$ , if we define a relation  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $a \in b + N$ , then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $H$ .*

Let  $\bar{x}$  be the equivalence class determined by the element  $x \in H$  and  $H/N$  be the collection of all equivalence classes.

**Theorem 2.2** [19] *Let  $H$  be a canonical hypergroup and  $N$  be a subcanonical hypergroup of  $H$ . Then  $\bar{x} = x + N$  for any  $x \in H$ .*

**Theorem 2.3** [19] *Let  $H$  be a canonical hypergroup,  $N$  be a subcanonical hypergroup of  $H$ . If we define  $\bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} = \{\bar{z} : z \in x + y\}$  for all  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in H/N$ , then  $H/N$  is a canonical hypergroup.*

A nonempty set  $R$  with two hyperoperations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is said to be a *hyperring* if  $(R, +)$  is a canonical hypergroup,  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semihypergroup with  $x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$  for all  $x \in R$  ( $0$  as a bilaterally absorbing element) and the hyperoperation  $\cdot$  is *distributive* over  $+$ , i.e., for every  $x, y, z \in R$ ,  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  and  $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$ . The hyperoperation  $+$  is usually called *hyperaddition* and the hyperoperation  $\cdot$  is called *hypermultiplication*.

**Definition 2.4** Let  $R$  be a hyperring and  $I$  be a nonempty subset of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is called a *left* (resp. *right*) *hyperideal* of  $R$  if  $(I, +)$  is a canonical subhypergroup of  $R$  and for every  $a \in I$  and  $r \in R$ ,  $ra \subseteq I$  (resp.  $ar \subseteq I$ ). A *hyperideal* of  $R$  is one which is a left as well as a right hyperideal of  $R$ .

If  $I, J$  are left (resp. right) hyperideals of a hyperring  $R$ , then  $I + J$  is a left (resp. right) hyperideal of  $R$ . If  $I, J$  are hyperideals of a hyperring  $R$ , then  $I + J$  is a hyperideal of  $R$ . Let  $R$  be a hyperring,  $I$  a hyperideal of  $R$  and  $R/I$  be the set of all distinct equivalence classes of  $I$  in  $R$  obtained by considering  $I$  as a subcanonical hypergroup of  $R$ . Then  $R/I$  is a canonical hypergroup under the hyperaddition defined in the Theorem 2.3.

**Theorem 2.5** [19] *If we define  $\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} = \{\bar{z} : z \in xy\}$  for all  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in R/I$ , then  $R/I$  is a hyperring.*

**Definition 2.6** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two hyperrings. A mapping  $\phi$  from  $R_1$  into  $R_2$  is called a *homomorphism* if the following conditions hold for all  $a, b \in R_1$  :

- (i)  $\phi(a + b) \subseteq \phi(a) + \phi(b)$ ;
- (ii)  $\phi(ab) \subseteq \phi(a)\phi(b)$ , and
- (iii)  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

The mapping  $\phi$  is called a *good homomorphism* or a *strong homomorphism* if

- (i)  $\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$ ;
- (ii)  $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$ , and
- (iii)  $\phi(0) = 0$  for all  $a, b \in R_1$ .

**Definition 2.7** A homomorphism (resp. strong homomorphism)  $\phi$  from a hyperring  $R_1$  into a hyperring  $R_2$  is said to be an *isomorphism* (resp. *strong isomorphism*) if  $\phi$  is one to one and onto. In this case we say  $R_1$  is *isomorphic* (resp. *strongly isomorphic*) to  $R_2$  and is denoted by  $R_1 \cong R_2$ .

**Definition 2.8** Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism from a hyperring  $R_1$  into another hyperring  $R_2$ . Then the set  $\{x \in R_1 : \phi(x) = 0\}$  is called the *kernel* of  $\phi$  and is denoted by  $\text{Ker}\phi$  and the set  $\{\phi(x) : x \in R_1\}$  is called *Image* of  $\phi$  and is denoted by  $\text{Im}\phi$ .

It is clear that  $\text{Ker}\phi$  is a hyperideal of  $R_1$  and  $\text{Im}\phi$  is a subcanonical hypergroup of  $R_2$  and  $R_1/\text{Ker}\phi$  is a hyperring.

**Theorem 2.9** [19] (First Isomorphism Theorem) *Let  $\phi$  be a strong homomorphism from a hyperring  $R_1$  onto a hyperring  $R_2$  with kernel  $K$ . Then  $R_1/K$  is strongly isomorphic to  $R_2$ .*

**Theorem 2.10** [19] (Second Isomorphism Theorem) *If  $I$  and  $J$  are hyperideals of a hyperring  $R$  then  $J/(I \cap J) \cong (I + J)/I$ .*

### 3. Regular hyperring

First, let us recall the definition of a regular ring. An element  $a$  in a ring  $R$  is said to be regular if  $a \in aRa$ . A ring  $R$  is called regular if every element of  $R$  is regular. We define a regular hyperring as follows.

**Definition 3.1** [2] An element  $a \in R$  is said to be regular if  $a \in aRa$ . That is, there exists an element  $b \in R$  such that  $a \in aba$ . A hyperring  $R$  is said to be regular if every element of  $R$  is regular.

**Proposition 3.2** [2] *Strong homomorphic image of a regular hyperring is a regular hyperring.*

**Proposition 3.3** *If  $I$  is a hyperideal of a regular hyperring  $R$ , then  $I$  is regular.*

**Proof.** Consider a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Let  $a \in I$ . Since  $R$  is regular, there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $a \in axa$ . Then  $a \in a(xa) \subseteq (axa)(xa) = a(xax)a$  where  $xax \subseteq I$ . Thus  $I$  is regular. ■

**Theorem 3.4** *If  $I, J$  are regular hyperideals of a hyperring  $R$ , then  $I \cap J$  is also a regular hyperideal of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $I \cap J$  is a hyperideal of  $R$ . Let  $a \in I \cap J$ . Then there exist  $x \in I$  and  $y \in J$  such that  $a \in axa$  and  $a \in aya$ . Now,

$$a \in axa \subseteq (axa)x(aya) = a(xaxay)a.$$

Since  $I, J$  are hyperideals of  $R$ ,  $xaxay \subseteq I \cap J$ . Thus  $I \cap J$  is regular. ■

#### 4. Regularity is a radical property on hyperrings

In this section, we show that regularity is a radical property on hyperrings. We also prove that if a hyperring  $R$  is regular, then for a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular. Conversely, if  $R$  is a hyperring and if there exists a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular, then  $R$  is regular.

**Definition 4.1** Let  $P$  be a property of hyperrings. A hyperring with the property  $P$  is called a  $P$ -hyperring. A hyperideal  $I$  of a hyperring  $R$  is called a  $P$ -hyperideal if the hyperideal  $I$ , as a hyperring, is a  $P$ -hyperring.

**Definition 4.2** A  $P$ -hyperideal  $P(R)$  of a hyperring  $R$  which contains every  $P$ -hyperideal of  $R$  is called the  $P$ -hyperradical of  $R$ .

**Definition 4.3** A property  $P$  of a hyperring is called a *radical property* (in the sense of Amitsur and Kurosh [18]) if  $P$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) Strong homomorphic image of a  $P$ -hyperring is a  $P$ -hyperring.
- (ii) Every hyperring  $R$  has a  $P$ -hyperradical  $P(R)$ .
- (iii) The hyperring  $R/P(R)$  has no non-zero  $P$ -hyperideals.

**Lemma 4.4** Let  $R$  be a hyperring and  $a \in R$ . If there exists  $x \in R$  and  $c \in axa - a$  such that  $c$  is regular, then  $a$  is regular.

**Proof.** Since  $c \in axa - a$  is regular, there exists  $d \in R$  such that  $c \in cdc$ . This means that

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in (axa - a)d(axa - a) \\ &= (axad - ad)(axa - a) \\ &\subseteq axadaxa - axada - adaxa + ada \\ &= a(xadaxa - xada - daxa + da) \\ &= a(xadax - xad - dax + d)a \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $c \in aba$  for some  $b \in xadax - xad - dax + d$ . Since  $c \in (axa - a)$ , we get  $a \in (axa - c) \subseteq axa - aba = a(x - b)a$ . So  $a \in aya$  for some  $y \in x - b$ . That is,  $a$  is regular. ■

**Theorem 4.5** *Let  $R$  be a regular hyperring and  $I$  be a hyperideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular. Conversely, if  $R$  is a hyperring and if there exists a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular, then  $R$  is regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a regular hyperring and  $I$  be a hyperideal of  $R$ . Then by the Proposition 3.3,  $I$  is a regular hyperideal. Let  $x+I \in R/I$ . Since  $R$  is regular, there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $x \in xyx$ . Consider  $\bar{y} = y + I$ . Now,  $\bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} = \{\bar{z} : z \in xyx\}$ . Since  $x \in xyx$  we have  $\bar{x} \in \{\bar{z} : z \in xyx\}$ . That is,  $\bar{x} \in \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x}$ . So  $x + I$  is regular in  $R/I$ . Hence  $R/I$  is regular.

Conversely, suppose  $R$  is a hyperring and there exists a hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that both  $I$  and  $R/I$  are regular. Let  $a \in R$ . Then  $\bar{a} \in R/I$ . Since  $R/I$  is regular, there exists an element  $\bar{b} \in R/I$  such that  $\bar{a} \in \bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{a} = \{\bar{z} : z \in aba\}$ . This means that  $\bar{a} = \bar{z}$  for some  $z \in aba$ . That is,  $a + I = z + I$  for some  $z \in aba$ . Since  $z \in a + I$ , we get  $z \in a + i$  for some  $i \in I$ . Therefore,  $i \in -a + z = z - a \subseteq aba - a$ . Thus  $i \in aba - a$ . Since  $I$  is regular,  $i$  is a regular element of  $I$  and therefore  $i$  is a regular element of  $R$ . Thus the set  $aba - a$  contains a regular element  $i$  of  $R$ . Then by the Lemma 4.4, the element  $a$  is regular in  $R$ . Hence  $R$  is regular. ■

**Theorem 4.6** *Let  $R$  be a hyperring. If  $I$  and  $J$  are regular hyperideals of  $R$ , then  $I + J$  is regular.*

**Proof.** Since  $J/(I \cap J)$  is a homomorphic image of a regular hyperideal  $J$ , it is regular. By the Theorem 2.10,  $J/(I \cap J)$  is isomorphic to  $(I + J)/I$ . Therefore,  $(I + J)/I$  is regular. Since both  $I$  and  $(I + J)/I$  are regular, by the Theorem 4.5, the hyperideal  $I + J$  is regular. ■

**Theorem 4.7** *Any hyperring has a regular hyperradical.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a hyperring. Consider the hyperideal  $(0)$  of  $R$ . Clearly,  $(0)$  is a regular hyperideal of  $R$ . If  $(0)$  is the only regular hyperideal of  $R$ , then this is the regular hyperradical.

Otherwise, let  $\{I_i\}$  be the collection of all regular hyperideals in a hyperring  $R$ . Their sum is given by  $M = \bigcup \{\sum_{finite} a_i : a_i \in I_i\}$ . Clearly,  $M$  is a hyperideal of  $R$ . If  $x \in M$ , then  $x \in a_i + a_j + a_k + \cdots + a_l$ , where  $a_i \in I_i$ . By Theorem 4.6,  $I_i + I_j + I_k + \cdots + I_l$  is a regular hyperideal. Therefore,  $x$  is regular. Hence,  $M$  is regular. Since  $M$  contains all regular hyperideals of  $R$ , we have  $M$  is the regular hyperradical of  $R$ . ■

**Theorem 4.8** *Let  $R$  be a hyperring and  $M$  be the regular hyperradical of  $R$ . Then the hyperring  $R/M$  has no non-zero regular hyperideals.*

**Proof.** Let  $J$  be a regular hyperideal of  $R/M$ . Then  $J = I/M$  for some hyperideal  $I$  of  $R$  containing  $M$ . Since  $M$  and  $I/M$  are regular, by the Theorem 4.5,  $I$  is regular. By the definition of  $M$ , we have  $I \subseteq M$ . Hence  $I = M$ . Therefore,  $J$  is a zero hyperideal of  $R/M$ . ■

**Theorem 4.9** *The regularity is a radical property on hyperrings.*

**Proof.** The proof follows from the Proposition 3.2, and the Theorems 4.7, 4.8. ■

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