

## ON PROPERTIES OF VARIOUS MORPHISMS IN THE CATEGORIES OF GENERAL KRASNER HYPERMODULES

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**Abstract.** In a recent paper entitled *Pre-semihyperadditive Categories*, we introduced some categories in which for objects  $A$  and  $B$ , the class of all morphisms from  $A$  to  $B$  denoted by  $Mor(A, B)$ , admits an algebraic hyperstructures such as semihypergroup or hypergroup. Then after defining and fixing a general Krasner hyperring  $R$ , we introduced and studied the categories of general Krasner  $R$ -hypermultiples,  ${}_R\mathcal{G}\mathbf{mod}$ ,  ${}_{R_s}\mathcal{G}\mathbf{mod}$ ,  ${}_{R_w}\mathcal{G}\mathbf{mod}$  and etc. In this paper we present some properties of multi-valued homomorphisms as morphisms of these categories and study various concepts related to these morphisms in connection with the fundamental relation of their domain or codomain.

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### 1. Introduction

Hypergroup as a generalization of group in Algebra was introduced by Marty during the 8th Congress of the Scandinavian Mathematicians [15] in 1934. This concept has resulted in a new branch of mathematics science named Hyperstructures Theory. This theory as a new field of modern Algebra has been developed in the view points of theory and applications by many researchers, see e.g. [2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]. Among others, Ameri [1], Corsini [3], Corsini and Leoreanu [4], Cristea et al. [5,6,7], Novák [16,17], Massouros [13,14], Vougiouklis

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[20], studied hypercompositional structures defined in terms of binary relations. In [19], the authors described the interaction between hyperstructure theory and category theory. As defined in [19], in a pre-semihyperadditive category  $\mathcal{C}$  for two objects  $A$  and  $B$  the class of morphisms from  $A$  into  $B$  denoted by  $Mor_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$  is at least a semihypergroup.

As two examples of such categories, letting  $R$  be a general Krasner hyperring, we introduced the category  ${}_R\mathcal{G}.mod$  (resp.,  ${}_R\mathbf{G}.mod$ ) consisting of general Krasner hypermodules as objects and  $R - mv$ -homomorphism (resp.,  $R$ -homomorphism) as morphisms. Every morphism of  ${}_R\mathbf{G}.mod$  is a function that satisfies some conditions and can be considered as a special morphism of  ${}_R\mathcal{G}.mod$ . Behavior of a morphism of  ${}_R\mathcal{G}.mod$  differs from that of one (usual) function and we naturally do not expect to be the same. For example, an  $R - mv$ -homomorphism has various types of injectivity and monicness. In this regards we introduce some kinds of these concepts and obtain some results explaining the related properties of a morphism of  ${}_R\mathcal{G}.mod$ .

## 2. Preliminary

Let  $H$  be a nonempty set and  $P^*(H)$  denotes the set of all nonempty subsets of  $H$ . A hyperoperation  $\cdot$  on  $H$  is a map  $\cdot : H \times H \rightarrow P^*(H)$  sending  $(a, b)$  to  $a \cdot b \subseteq H$ . In this case  $(H, \cdot)$  is called a *hypergroupoid*. The hyperoperation  $\cdot$  is extended to subsets of  $H$  in a natural way. Indeed,  $A \cdot B$  or  $AB$  is given by

$$(2.1) \quad A \cdot B = \bigcup_{(a,b) \in A \times B} a \cdot b.$$

A hypergroupoid  $(H, \cdot)$  is said to be a semihypergroup if  $\cdot$  is associative. A hypergroupoid  $(H, \cdot)$  is a hypergroup if it is a semihypergroup satisfying (*reproductivity* property)  $Hx = xH = H$ , for every  $x \in H$ . A semihypergroup or hypergroup  $H$  is called commutative if  $xy = yx$  for every  $x, y \in H$ . An element  $y$  of semihypergroup  $(H, +)$  is called identity if for all  $x \in H$ ,  $y \in x + y \cap y + x$ .

Let  $x$  be an element of semihypergroup  $(H, +)$  (resp.,  $(H, \cdot)$ ) such that  $x + y = y$  (resp.,  $x \cdot y = y$ ). Then  $x$  is called a left scalar identity (resp., unit). Similarly, a right scalar identity (resp., unit) is defined with the affection on the right.

An element  $x$  of semihypergroup  $(H, +)$  (resp.,  $(H, \cdot)$ ) is called a scalar identity (resp., unit) if it is a left and right scalar identity (resp., unit). We denote the scalar identity (resp., unit) of  $H$  by  $0_H$  (resp.,  $1_H$ ). Every scalar identity or scalar unit in a semihypergroup  $H$  is unique.

**Definition 2.1.** A nonempty set  $H$  together with the hyperoperation “+” is called a *canonical hypergroup* if the following axioms hold:

1.  $(H, +)$  is a commutative semihypergroup,
2. there is a scalar identity  $0_H$ ,

3. for every  $x \in H$ , there is a unique element denoted by  $-x$  such that  $0_H \in x + (-x)$  which for simplicity we write  $0_H \in x - x$ ,
4.  $x \in y + z$  implies  $y \in x - z$  (and thus  $z \in -y + x$ ).

**Definition 2.2** ([12]). A non-empty set  $R$  together with the hyperoperation  $+$  and the operation  $\cdot$  is called a *Krasner hyperring* if the following axioms hold:

1.  $(R, +)$  is a canonical hypergroup;
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup including  $0_R$  as a bilaterally absorbing element, that is  $0_R \cdot x = x \cdot 0_R = 0_R$  for all  $x \in R$ ;
3.  $(y + z) \cdot x = (y \cdot x) + (z \cdot x)$  and  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([18]). Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a hyperring. A canonical hypergroup  $(A, +)$  together with left external multiplication  $* : R \times A \rightarrow A$  is called a *left Krasner hypermodule* over  $R$  if for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  the following axioms hold:

1.  $r_1 * (a_1 + a_2) := \bigcup_{b \in a_1 + a_2} r_1 * b = r_1 * a_1 + r_1 * a_2$ ;
2.  $(r_1 + r_2) * a_1 := \bigcup_{r \in r_1 + r_2} r * a_1 = r_1 * a_1 + r_2 * a_1$ ;
3.  $(r_1 \cdot r_2) * a_1 = r_1 * (r_2 * a_1)$ ;
4.  $0_R * a_1 = 0_A$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([19]). A nonempty set  $R$  together with two hyperoperations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is called a *general Krasner hyperring* if the following axioms hold:

1.  $(R, +)$  is a canonical hypergroup (with scalar identity  $0_R$ ),
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semihypergroup including  $0_R$  as a bilaterally absorbing element, i.e.,  $0_R \cdot a = a \cdot 0_R = 0_R$  for all  $a \in A$ ,
3.  $(y + z) \cdot x \subseteq (y \cdot x) + (z \cdot x)$  and  $x \cdot (y + z) \subseteq x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

We say a general Krasner hyperring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  has the scalar unit  $1_R$  if  $1_R \cdot r = r \cdot 1_R = r$  for all  $r \in R$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([19]). Let  $R$  be a general Krasner hyperring. A nonempty set  $A$  is called a *left general Krasner hypermodule over  $R$* , for short a left general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule, if  $(A, +)$  is a canonical hypergroup together with the map  $* : R \times A \rightarrow P^*(A)$  satisfying the following axioms for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ :

1.  $r_1 * (a_1 + a_2) := \bigcup_{b \in a_1 + a_2} r_1 * b \subseteq r_1 * a_1 + r_1 * a_2$ ;
2.  $(r_1 + r_2) * a_1 := \bigcup_{r \in r_1 + r_2} r * a_1 \subseteq r_1 * a_1 + r_2 * a_1$ ;

3.  $(r_1 \cdot r_2) * a_1 \subseteq r_1 * (r_2 * a_1)$  in which  $(r_1 \cdot r_2) * a_1 := \bigcup_{r \in r_1 \cdot r_2} r * a_1$  and  $r_1 * (r_2 * a_1) := \bigcup_{a \in r_2 * a_1} r * a$ ;
4.  $0_R * a_1 = 0_A$ .

A left general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule  $A$  is called unitary if  $R$  has the scalar unit  $1_R$  with  $1_R * a = a$  for all  $a \in A$ . Every general Krasner hyperring  $R$  with  $1_R$  is a unitary left general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule.

In an obvious way, one can consider the external multiplication map  $*$ :  $A \times R \rightarrow P^*(A)$  to define the right general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule. From now on,  $R$  denotes a general Krasner hyperring. Also, for convenience, by a hyperring  $R$  and an  $R$ -hypermodule we mean a general Krasner hyperring and a left general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule, respectively.

In order to have a category whose objects are the class of all  $R$ -hypermodules, we need morphisms. For this, we start with the following concept.

**Definition 2.6.** For two  $R$ -hypermodules  $A$  and  $B$ , let  $f$  be a function from  $A$  into  $P^*(B)$ , that is a multi-valued function from  $A$  to  $B$ , that satisfies the conditions

1.  $f(x + y) \subseteq f(x) + f(y)$ ,
2.  $f(r * x) \subseteq r * f(x)$ ,

for all  $r \in R$  and all  $x, y \in A$ . In this case,  $f$  is said to be a *multi-valued  $R$ -homomorphism*, for short we write  *$R$ -mv-homomorphism* from  $A$  to  $B$ . Sometimes an  $R$ -mv-homomorphism is called an *inclusion  $R$ -mv-homomorphism*.

Note that  $+$  in Definition 2.6 is given by (2 .1). If  $f$  satisfies the conditions

1.  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ ,
2.  $f(r * x) = r * f(x)$ ,

for all  $r \in R$  and all  $x, y \in A$ , then it is called a *strong  $R$ -mv-homomorphism*. Also, if  $f$  satisfies the conditions

1.  $f(x + y) \cap [f(x) + f(y)] \neq \emptyset$ ,
2.  $f(r * x) \cap r * f(x) \neq \emptyset$ ,

for all  $r \in R$  and all  $x, y \in A$ , then  $f$  is said to be a *weak  $R$ -mv-homomorphism*. The class of all  $R$ -mv-homomorphisms, strong  $R$ -mv-homomorphisms and weak  $R$ -mv-homomorphisms from  $A$  to  $B$  as morphisms from  $A$  to  $B$  is denoted by  $Hom_R(A, B)$ ,  $Hom_R^s(A, B)$  and  $Hom_R^w(A, B)$ , respectively.

Let  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  and  $g \in Hom_R(B, C)$ . Define the composition  $g \circ f$  as:

$$(2 .2) \quad (g \circ f)(a) = \bigcup_{b \in f(a)} g(b), \quad \forall a \in A.$$

Following [19],  ${}_R\mathcal{G}.\mathbf{mod}$ ,  ${}_{R_s}\mathcal{G}.\mathbf{mod}$  and  ${}_{R_w}\mathcal{G}.\mathbf{mod}$  denote the categories formed by the class of all  $R$ -hypermultiples together with the class of all  $R$ - $mv$ -homomorphisms, strong  $R$ - $mv$ -homomorphisms and weak  $R$ - $mv$ -homomorphisms, respectively, with the composition of morphisms as (2.2).

One can consider a function  $f$  from  $A$  into  $B$  satisfying two conditions in Definition 2.6 as a morphism. We call such morphism an (inclusion)  $R$ -homomorphism. Similarly, we can define strong  $R$ -homomorphisms and weak  $R$ -homomorphisms from  $A$  to  $B$ . We use  $hom_R(A, B)$ ,  $hom_R^s(A, B)$  and  $hom_R^w(A, B)$  for the class of (inclusion)  $R$ -homomorphisms, strong  $R$ -homomorphisms and weak  $R$ -homomorphisms from  $A$  to  $B$ , respectively. Also, we denote the corresponding categories by  ${}_R\mathbf{G}.\mathbf{mod}$ ,  ${}_{R_s}\mathbf{G}.\mathbf{mod}$  and  ${}_{R_w}\mathbf{G}.\mathbf{mod}$ , respectively. Any singleton set is identified with its element. Thus we may write  $f(a) = b$  instead of  $f(a) = \{b\}$ . Therefore, any single-valued  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is an element of  $hom_R(A, B)$ , and conversely, any element of  $hom_R(A, B)$  is a single-valued element of  $Hom_R(A, B)$ .

**Remark 2.7.** It is necessary to emphasize that according to [18], the external multiplication  $*$  in a Krasner hypermodule over a Krasner hyperring  $R$  is single-valued and for every morphism between two Krasner hypermodules such as  $f : A \rightarrow P^*(B)$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , we have  $f(r * x) = r * f(x)$  for every  $x \in A$  and  $r \in R$ , while in the categories of general Krasner hypermodules over a general Krasner hyperring  $R$ ,  $*$  is a multi-valued map and for an  $R$ - $mv$ -homomorphism  $f$ , we have  $f(r * x) \subseteq r * f(x)$  for every  $x \in A$  and  $r \in R$ .

In the sequel, we write  $ra$  instead of  $r * a$  if there is no confusion. For more details about hyperrings and hypermodules, see e.g. [1, 11, 13, 14]. For some concepts related to category theory the reader can refer to [3].

### 3. Some properties of morphisms of ${}_R\mathcal{G}.\mathbf{mod}$

From now on, fixing a general Krasner hyperring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and following [20], let  $\Gamma^*$  be the smallest equivalence relation such that  $(R/\Gamma^*, \oplus, \otimes)$  is a ring with

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y \in R : \quad & \Gamma^*(x) \oplus \Gamma^*(y) = \Gamma^*(z) \quad \forall z \in \Gamma^*(x) + \Gamma^*(y), \\ \forall x, y \in R : \quad & \Gamma^*(x) \otimes \Gamma^*(y) = \Gamma^*(z) \quad \forall z \in \Gamma^*(x) \cdot \Gamma^*(y). \end{aligned}$$

Also, let  $A$  be a general Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule and  $\epsilon_A^*$  be the smallest equivalence relation such that firstly,  $(A/\epsilon_A^*, \oplus)$  is a (commutative) group with

$$\forall x, y \in R : \quad \Gamma^*(x) \oplus \Gamma^*(y) = \Gamma^*(z) \quad \forall z \in \Gamma^*(x) + \Gamma^*(y),$$

and secondly,  $A/\epsilon_A^*$  is an  $R/\Gamma^*$ -module with the external multiplication

$$*': R/\Gamma^* \times A/\epsilon_A^* \rightarrow A/\epsilon_A^*, \quad \Gamma^*(r) *' \epsilon_A^*(a) = \epsilon_A^*(z) \quad \forall z \in \Gamma^*(r) * \epsilon_A^*(a)$$

for all  $(r, a) \in R \times A$ . Here,  $\Gamma^*$ ,  $\epsilon_A^*$ ,  $R/\Gamma^*$  and  $A/\epsilon_A^*$  are called *fundamental relation of  $R$* , *fundamental relation of  $A$* , *fundamental ring of  $R$*  and *fundamental module of  $A$* , respectively.

In this section, we study some properties of an arbitrary  $R - mv$ -homomorphism  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  in connection with the equivalence relations  $\epsilon_A^*$  and  $\epsilon_B^*$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A nonempty subset  $B \subseteq A$  is called an  $R$ -subhypermodule of the  $R$ -hypermodule  $A$  if  $B$  is an  $R$ -hypermodule itself.

Let  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} Ker(f) &:= \{x \in A \mid f(x) = 0_B\}, \\ K_f &:= \{x \in A \mid 0_B \in f(x)\}, \\ Im(f) &:= \{y \in B \mid \exists x \in A \quad y \in f(x)\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.2.** Clearly  $K_f$  and  $Im(f)$  are not necessarily  $R$ -subhypermodules of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. It is easy to see that the set  $Ker(f)$  is always an  $R$ -subhypermodule of  $A$ .

**Example 3.3.** Clearly every Krasner hyperring  $R$  is a Krasner  $R$ -hypermodule. Also, every Krasner hypermodule is a general Krasner hypermodule. Consider the set of nonnegative real numbers denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^{+0}$ . It is easy to verify that  $\mathbb{R}^{+0}$  under the hyperoperation  $+$  defined by  $x + y = \max\{x, y\}$  if  $x \neq y$ , and  $[0, x]$  if  $x = y$ , is a canonical hypergroup. Considering the usual multiplication  $*$ :  $\mathbb{R}^{+0} \times \mathbb{R}^{+0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{+0}$ , we can check that  $(\mathbb{R}^{+0}, +, *)$  is a Krasner hyperring, and indeed  $A := \mathbb{R}^{+0}$  is a Krasner  $A$ -hypermodule. Consequently,  $A$  is a unitary general Krasner  $A$ -hypermodule. Now define  $f : A \rightarrow P^*(A)$  with  $f(x) = [0, x]$  for every  $x \in A$ . Then  $f \in Hom_A^s(A, A)$  with  $Ker(f) = \{0\}$  and  $K_f = Im(f) = A$ .

In the sequel, we introduce few kinds of equality. First note that for an  $R$ -hypermodule  $A$  and  $X \subseteq A$ , we define  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(X)} = \{\epsilon_A^*(x) \mid x \in X\}$  as a subset of  $\frac{A}{\epsilon_A^*}$ . Note that  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(X)}$  is different from the subset  $\bigcup_{x \in X} \epsilon_A^*(x) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 3.4.**

- (i) We say  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  are  $\epsilon_A^*$ -equal if  $\epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2)$  and *product-equal*, for short *pro-equal*, if  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_1)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_2)} \neq \emptyset, \quad \forall r \in R$ .
- (ii) We say  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  are *R-equal* if  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(Ra_1)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(Ra_2)} \neq \emptyset$ .

It is necessary to emphasize  $ra_1$  and  $ra_2$  are two subsets of  $A$  in Definition 3.4.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $R$  be a hyperring with  $1_R$  and  $A$  be a unitary  $R$ -hypermodule.

1. If  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  are *pro-equal*, then they are  $\epsilon_A^*$ -equal.
2. If  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  are *pro-equal*, then they are *R-equal*.

**Proof.** 1. Let for all  $r \in R, \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_1)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_2)} \neq \emptyset$ . If  $1_R$  is the scalar unit of  $R$ , then  $1_R * a_1 = \{a_1\}$  and  $1_R * a_2 = \{a_2\}$ . Thus

$$\overline{\epsilon_A^*(\{a_1\})} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(\{a_2\})} \neq \emptyset \implies \{\epsilon_A^*(a_1)\} \cap \{\epsilon_A^*(a_2)\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence  $\epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2)$ .

2. Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  be pro-equal. Then for all  $r \in R$ ,  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_1)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_2)} \neq \emptyset$ . So  $\forall r \in R, \exists x \in ra_1, \exists y \in ra_2 : \epsilon_A^*(x) = \epsilon_A^*(y)$ . Clearly,  $x \in Ra_1$  and  $y \in Ra_2$  imply  $\epsilon_A^*(x) \in \overline{\epsilon_A^*(Ra_1)}$  and  $\epsilon_A^*(y) \in \overline{\epsilon_A^*(Ra_2)}$ . Thus the result is followed.  $\square$

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $g, h \in Hom_R(A, B)$ .

- (i) (equality of morphisms) We say  $g$  and  $h$  are *equal* if  $g(a) = h(a), \forall a \in A$ . In this case we write  $g = h$ .
- (ii) (*weak equality* of morphisms) We say  $g$  and  $h$  are *weakly equal* if  $g(a) \cap h(a) \neq \emptyset, \forall a \in A$ . In this case we write  $g \approx h$ .
- (iii) ( $\epsilon_B^*$ -equality of morphisms) We say  $g$  and  $h$  are  $\epsilon_B^*$ -equal if  $\overline{\epsilon_B^*(g(a))} = \overline{\epsilon_B^*(h(a))}, \forall a \in A$ . In this case we write  $g \doteq h$ .
- (iv) (*weak  $\epsilon_B^*$ -equality* of morphisms) We say  $g$  and  $h$  are *weakly  $\epsilon_B^*$ -equal* if  $\overline{\epsilon_B^*(g(a))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_B^*(h(a))} \neq \emptyset, \forall a \in A$ . In this case we write  $g \ddot{=} h$ .

Clearly  $g = h \implies g \approx h \implies g \ddot{=} h$ , and  $g \doteq h \implies g \ddot{=} h$ .

In the case that both  $f$  and  $g$  are single-valued, the above types of equality is as the following:

1.  $g = h$  if and only if  $g \approx h$ .
2.  $g \doteq h$  if and only if  $g \ddot{=} h$ .

**Definition 3.7.** A morphism  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is said

- (i) *injective* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) = f(a_2)$  implies  $a_1 = a_2$ .
- (ii) *strongly injective* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) \cap f(a_2) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $a_1 = a_2$ .

For a single-valued  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$ , injectivity is equivalent to strong injectivity.

**Example 3.8.** The morphism  $f$  mentioned in Example 3.3 is injective.

**Definition 3.9.** A morphism  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is said

- (i)  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) = f(a_2) \implies \epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2)$ .
- (ii) *strongly  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A, f(a_1) \cap f(a_2) \neq \emptyset \implies \epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2)$ .

Every (strongly) injective  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is (strongly)  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective. It is clear that if  $f$  is strongly  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective, then it is  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective. Also a single-valued  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is strongly  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective if and only if it is  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective.

**Definition 3.10.**  $f \in Hom_R(A, B)$  is said to be

- (i)  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A,$

$$\overline{\epsilon_B^*(f(a_1))} = \overline{\epsilon_B^*(f(a_2))} \implies \epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2).$$

(ii) *strongly*  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -*injective* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,

$$\overline{\epsilon_B^*(f(a_1))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_B^*(f(a_2))} \neq \emptyset \implies \epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2).$$

Obviously, each strongly  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective is  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective. A single-valued  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$  is  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective if and only if it is strongly  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective.

In every category  $\mathcal{C}$ , a morphism  $f \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, C)$  is said to be *mono* if for every  $g, h \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$ , the following implication holds  $f \circ g = f \circ h \implies g = h$ .

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(B, C)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be

- (i) *monic* or *R – mv-monomorphism* if  $f$  is a mono of  ${}_R\mathcal{G}\mathbf{.mod}$  (in the sense of category theory).
- (ii)  $\epsilon_{C,B}^*$ -*monic* if for all  $g, h \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ ,  $f \circ g \doteq f \circ h \implies g \doteq h$ .
- (iii) *partially*  $\epsilon_{C,B}^*$ -*monic* if for all  $g, h \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ ,  $f \circ g \ddot{=} f \circ h \implies g \ddot{=} h$ .

**Proposition 3.12.** *Every strongly  $\epsilon_{C,B}^*$ -injective R – mv-homomorphism  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(B, C)$  is partially  $\epsilon_{C,B}^*$ -monic.*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(B, C)$  be strongly  $\epsilon_{C,B}^*$ -injective and  $g, h \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ . Assume  $f \circ g \ddot{=} f \circ h$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a \in A : \quad & \overline{\epsilon_C^*[(f \circ g)(a)]} \cap \overline{\epsilon_C^*[(f \circ h)(a)]} \neq \emptyset \\ \implies \forall a \in A : \quad & \overline{\epsilon_C^*[f(g(a))]} \cap \overline{\epsilon_C^*[f(h(a))]} \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\forall a \in A : \exists x \in g(a), \exists y \in h(a) : \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f(x))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f(y))} \neq \emptyset$ . Now by assumption,  $\epsilon_B^*(x) = \epsilon_B^*(y)$ . On the other hand,  $x \in g(a)$  and  $y \in h(a)$  implies  $\overline{\epsilon_B^*(g(a))} \ni \epsilon_B^*(x) = \epsilon_B^*(y) \in \overline{\epsilon_B^*(h(a))}$ . So  $\overline{\epsilon_B^*(g(a))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_B^*(h(a))} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus we have  $g \ddot{=} h$ . □

**Proposition 3.13.** *Let  $R$  be a hyperring with  $1_R$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_R^s(A, B)$  be partially  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -monic. If for  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,  $f(a_1) \cap f(a_2) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are pro-equal.*

**Proof.** Assume  $f(a_1) \cap f(a_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Then for an arbitrary  $r \in R$ ,  $f(ra_1) \cap f(ra_2) = rf(a_1) \cap rf(a_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Now consider  $j_1, j_2 \in \text{Hom}_R(R, A)$ , with  $j_1(r) = ra_1$  and  $j_2(r) = ra_2$  for all  $r \in R$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(j_1(r)) \cap f(j_2(r)) \neq \emptyset & \implies \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f(j_1(r)))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f(j_2(r)))} \neq \emptyset \\ & \implies \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f \circ j_1)(r)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_C^*(f \circ j_2)(r)} \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . So  $f \circ j_1 \ddot{=} f \circ j_2$ . According to the assumption, we obtain  $j_1 \ddot{=} j_2$ , i.e.,  $\overline{\epsilon_B^*(j_1(r))} \cap \overline{\epsilon_B^*(j_2(r))} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $r \in R$ . Therefore  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_1)} \cap \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_2)} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $r \in R$  and the proof is complete. □

**Proposition 3.14.** *Let  $R$  be a hyperring with  $1_R$  and  $A$  be a unitary  $R$ -hypermodule. If  $f \in \text{Hom}_R^s(A, B)$  is partially  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -monic, then  $f$  is strongly  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective.*



**Proof.** Suppose  $f(a_1) \cap f(a_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Now Proposition 3.13 implies  $\overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_1)} = \overline{\epsilon_A^*(ra_2)}$ . Now it immediately follows from Case 1 of Proposition 3.5,  $\epsilon_A^*(a_1) = \epsilon_A^*(a_2)$ .  $\square$

Clearly, every (strongly)  $\epsilon_{B,A}^*$ -injective  $R$ - $mv$ -homomorphism  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$  is (strongly)  $\epsilon_A^*$ -injective.

**Proposition 3.15.** *Let  $R$  be a hyperring. Suppose  $R$  has  $1_R$  and  $B$  is a unitary  $R$ -hypermultiplication. If  $f \in \text{Hom}_R^s(A, B)$  is monic in  ${}_R\mathcal{G}\text{-mod}$ , then  $f$  is injective.*

**Proof.** Let  $f(a) = f(a')$  and consider  $\bar{a}, \bar{a}' \in \text{Hom}_R(R, A)$  with  $\bar{a}(r) = \{ra\}$  and  $\bar{a}'(r) = \{ra'\}$ . Then  $(f \circ \bar{a})(r) = f(ra) = rf(a) = rf(a') = f(ra') = (f \circ \bar{a}')(r)$ . Hence  $\bar{a}(r) = \bar{a}'(r)$ . Since  $\bar{a}(1_R) = \bar{a}'(1_R)$  and  $A$  is unitary, we have  $a = a'$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.16.** *If  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(B, C)$  is strongly injective, then  $f$  is monic in  ${}_R\mathcal{G}\text{-mod}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $f \circ g = f \circ h$  for  $g, h \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in g(a)$ . Clearly,  $f(b) \subseteq f(g(a)) = f(h(a))$ . This means  $f(b) \cap f(b') \neq \emptyset$  for some  $b' \in h(a)$ . Thus  $b = b'$ . So  $g(a) \subseteq h(a)$ . Similarly,  $g(a) = h(a)$ . Hence  $g = h$ .  $\square$

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