## Weak complete parts in semihypergroups

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ABSTRACT. In this article we generalize the notion of complete parts, by introducing a weaker condition in definition. Using this generalization we define and analyse a new class of semihypergroups, which are called weak complete semihypergroups. Complete parts were introduced about 40 years ago by M. Koskas and they represent a basic notion of hyperstucture theory, utilized in constructing an important class of subhypergroups of a hypergroup and also they are used to define complete hypergroups.

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## 1. Introduction

Hyperstructure theory was born in 1934 at the 8th congress of Scandinavian Mathematicions, where Marty [14] introduced the hypergroup notion as a generalization of groups and after, he proved its utility in solving some problems of groups, Algebraic functions and Rational fractions. Surveys of the theory can be found in the book of Corsini [3], Vougiouklis [19], Corsini and Leoreanu [4]. Complete parts were introduced by Koskas [10] and studied then

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by Miglirato [15], Corsini and Sureau [3, 4]. In [6], Davvaz and Karimian introduced the concept of  $\gamma$ -parts and studied some properties of  $C_{\gamma}(A)$ , where  $C_{\gamma}(A)$  is the intersection of all  $\gamma$ -parts of a semihypergroup H, which include a subset A. See [7, 11]. In [16] Mousavi, Leoreanu-Fotea and Jafarpour introduced the notion of a  $\Re$ -part in semihypergroups and studied its properties. H. Babaie, M. Jafarpour and S.Sh. Mousavi in [1] introduced and investigated  $\Re$ -part in hyperrings. In this article we introduce and analyse the notion of weak complete part of a semihypergroup which is a generalization of the notion of a complete part in semihypergroups. This generalization leads to a new class of semihypergroups.

We recall here some basic notions of hypergroup theory.

Let H be a nonempty set and  $P^*(H)$  the set of all non-empty subsets of H. Let  $\circ$  be a hyperoperation (or join operation) on H, that is,  $\circ$  is a function from  $H \times H$  into  $P^*(H)$ . If  $(a,b) \in H \times H$ , its image under  $\circ$  in  $P^*(H)$  is denoted by  $a \circ b$  or ab. The join operation is extended to subsets of H in a natural way, that is  $A \circ B = \bigcup \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ . The notation aA is used for  $\{a\}A$  and Aa for  $A\{a\}$ . Generally, the singleton  $\{a\}$  is identified with its member a. The structure  $(H, \circ)$  is called a semihypergroup if a(bc) = (ab)c for all  $a, b, c \in H$  and is called a hypergroup if it is a semihypergroup and aH = Ha = H for all  $a \in H$ . A non-empty subset A of a semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called subsemihypergroup of H if  $A \circ A \subseteq A$  and it is called a complete part of H if for all  $n \geqslant 2$  and for all  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in H^n$  the following implication holds:

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i \bigcap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i \subseteq A.$$

The complete closure of A in H is the intersection of all complete parts which contain A and it will be denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . A semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called complete if for all  $(x, y) \in H^2$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(x \circ y) = x \circ y$ .

In what follows, we mention some results concerning complete parts and complete semihypergroups which can be found in [4].

**Theorem 1.1.** If A is a non-empty subset of a semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$ , then  $C(A) = \bigcup_{a \in A} C(a)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** A semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is complete if  $H = \bigcup_{s \in S} A_s$ , where S and  $A_s$  satisfy the conditions:

- (i)  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup;
- (ii) for all  $(s,t) \in S^2$ , where  $s \neq t$  we have  $A_s \cap A_t = \emptyset$ ;
- (iii) if  $(a, b) \in A_s \times A_t$ , then  $a \circ b = A_{s \cdot t}$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a semihypergroup. The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) for all  $(x, y) \in H^2$  and for all  $a \in x \circ y$ ,  $C(a) = x \circ y$ ;

(ii) for all 
$$(x, y) \in H^2$$
  $C(x \circ y) = x \circ y$ .

For all n > 1 define the relation  $\beta_n$  on a semihypergroup H, as follows:

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

and  $\beta = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \beta_{i}$ , where  $\beta_{1} = \{(x, x) \mid x \in H\}$  is the diagonal relation on H. Suppose that  $\beta^*$  is the transitive closure of  $\beta$  so  $\beta^*$  is an equivalence relation, see [3].  $\beta^*$  is the least equivalence strongly regular relation on a hypergroup H, such that the quotient  $H/\beta^*$  is a group with respect to the following operation,

$$\beta^*(x) \otimes \beta^*(y) = \beta^*(z), \quad \forall z \in x \circ y.$$

The heart  $\omega_H$  of a hypergroup H is the set of all elements x of H, for which the equivalence class  $\beta^*(x)$  is the identity of the group  $H/\beta^*$ .

**Theorem 1.4.**  $\omega_H$  is a complete part of H.

**Theorem 1.5.** If  $(H, \circ)$  is a semihypergroup and A is a non-empty subset of H then  $C(A) = \omega_H \circ A$ .

# 2. WEAK COMPLETE PARTS

In this section first we generalize the notion of complete parts and then we introduce the class of weak complete semihypergroups which contains the class of complete semilypergroups.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a semihypergroup. For a non-empty subset A of H we say that:

A is a weak complete part of H, if for all  $x_1,...,x_n \in H$  the following impli-

where 
$$A^m=A\circ A...\circ A$$
 ( $m$  times), for some  $m\in\mathbb{N}$ .

Remark 2.2. Every complete part is a weak complete part but the following example shows that the converse is not true.

**Example 2.3.** Suppose that  $H = \{e, a, b\}$ . Define the hyperoperation  $\circ$  on Has follows:

Now let  $A = \{a\}$ . In above table we have  $b \circ b = \{e, a\}$  thus  $b \circ b \cap A \neq \emptyset$  but  $b \circ b \not\subseteq A$  hence A is not a complete part. Since  $a \circ a = H$  we conclude that A is a weak complete part of H.

**Example 2.4.** Suppose that  $H = \{e, a, b, c\}$ . Consider the hypergroup  $(H, \circ')$ , where  $\circ'$  is defined on H as fallows:

In this case we can see that  $A = \{e, a, b\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$  are weak complete parts while  $A \cap B = \{b\}$  is not a weak complete part of H.

Denote by W(A) the intersection of all weak complete parts which contain A. Notice that  $\mathcal{W}(A)$  is not a weak complete part of H necessarily.

In what follows, we present a manner to construct weak complete parts of H. Let H be a semihypergroup,  $\mathcal{U}$  be the set of finite products of elements of H. If  $u = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$  and  $1 \le k \le m \le n$  we denote  $u_{k,m} = \prod_{i=k}^m x_i$  and we call it a subproduct of u. Moreover we denote by M(u) the set of all subproducts of u.

... $m_j \le n = m_{j+1}, \ (j \in \mathbb{N})$  and  $u = \prod_{i=0}^j u_{m_i,m_{i+1}} \cap B \ne \emptyset$ . We define

$$\lambda(u,B) = \{(u_{{\scriptscriptstyle 1,m_1}},...,u_{{\scriptscriptstyle m_j},{\scriptscriptstyle n}}) | u_{{\scriptscriptstyle m_s},{\scriptscriptstyle m_{s+1}}} \cap B \neq \emptyset, \ \text{ for every } \ 0 \leq s \leq j\}.$$

Denote 
$$|\lambda|=\max\{j|(u_{1,m_1},...,u_{m_j,n})\in\lambda(u,B)\}$$
 and 
$$\Lambda(u,B)=\{(u_{1,m_1},...,u_{m_{|\lambda|},n})|(u_{1,m_1},...,u_{m_j,n})\in\lambda(u,B)\}$$

and 
$$\Lambda(B) = \bigcup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \Lambda(u, B)$$
. Notice that  $\Lambda(u, B) \subseteq \lambda(u, B)$  and  $0 \le |\lambda|$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let H be a semihypergroup and A, B be non-empty subsets

Set 
$$K_1(A) = A$$
,  $K_{t+1}(A) = \{x \mid \exists s: \ 0 \le s \le |\lambda|, \ x \in u_{m_s, m_{s+1}}, \text{where } (u_{1,m_1}, ..., u_{m_{|\lambda|}, n}) \in \Lambda(K_t(A))\},$  and  $K(A) = \bigcup_{n > 1} K_n(A).$ 

Let us consider what exactly the above notation means.

For all  $0 \le s \le |\lambda|$ , we say that a hyperproduct  $u_{m_s,m_{s+1}}$  is  $irreducible\ with$ respect to A if  $u_{m_s,m_{s+1}} \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and all proper subproducts of  $u_{m_s,m_{s+1}}$  have empty intersection to A. For instance, if we consider  $A = \{a\}$  in Example 2.4, then  $a \circ' b$  is an irreducible with respect to A, while  $a \circ' b \circ' a$  contains a, but it is not irreducible with respect to A.

Hence  $K_2(A)$  is the union of all hyperproducts, which are irreducible with respect to A. Generally,  $K_{t+1}(A)$  is the union of all hyperproducts, which are irreducible with respect to  $K_t(A)$ .

Notice that the complete closure C(A) of A is the union of the sets  $C_t(A)$ , where t is a nonzero natural number and  $C_1(A) = A$ , while  $C_{t+1}(A)$  is the union of all hyperproducts, which have nonempty intersection to  $C_t(A)$ , see [3, 4]. Since we clearly have  $K_t(A) \subseteq C_t(A)$ , for all t, it follows that  $K(A) \subseteq C(A)$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let H be a semihypergroup and A be a non-empty subset of H. Then K(A) is a weak complete part of H which contains A.

*Proof.* For proving our claim suppose that  $u=\prod\limits_{i=1}^n x_i$  and  $u\bigcap K(A)\neq\emptyset$  so there exists  $t\in\mathbb{N}$  such that  $u\bigcap K_{t+1}(A)\neq\emptyset$ , hence there exists  $(u_{1,m_1},...,u_{m_{|\lambda|},n})$  in  $\Lambda(K_t(A))$ , whence  $u_{m_s,m_{s+1}}\subseteq K_{t+1}(A), \forall s:\ 0\leq s\leq |\lambda|$ , thus

$$u = u_{1,m_1}...u_{m_{|\lambda|},^n} \subseteq [K_{t+1}(A)]^{|\lambda|+1} \subseteq [K(A)]^{|\lambda|+1}.$$

**Proposition 2.7.** Let H be a semihypergroup and A be a non-empty subset of H. Then K(C(A)) = C(A), where C(A) is the complete closure of A in H.

Proof. According previous proposition we have  $C(A) \subseteq K(C(A))$  so it is necessary to prove that  $K(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ . By induction on t we prove that  $K_t(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ , for every  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is clear that  $K_1(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ . Suppose that  $K_t(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ . We prove that  $K_{t+1}(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ . If  $z \in K_{t+1}(C(A))$ , then there exists  $(u_{1,m_1},...,u_{m_{|\lambda|},n}) \in \Lambda(K_t(C(A)))$  such that  $z \in u_{m_s,m_{s+1}}$  for some  $s, 0 \le s \le |\lambda|$  and  $u_{m_s,m_{s+1}} \cap K_t(C(A)) \ne \emptyset$ . Since  $K_t(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$  and C(A) is complete, it follows that  $z \in u_{m_s,m_{s+1}} \subseteq C(A)$  hence  $K_{t+1}(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$  and so  $K(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** If H is a semihypergroup and A is a non-empty subset of H, then  $K(C(A)) = \mathcal{W}(C(A))$  and  $\mathcal{W}(A) \subseteq C(A)$ .

**Example 2.9.** Suppose  $H = \{e, a\}$ . Consider the hyperoperation  $\circ$  on H as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \circ & e & a \\ \hline e & e & a \\ a & a & \{e,a\} \end{array}$$

It is easy to see that  $\{a\}$  is a weak complete part of H and  $K(a) = \{a\} = \mathcal{W}(a)$  while C(a) = H.

**Proposition 2.10.** If H is a semihypergroup and A is a subsemihypergroup of H then A is a weak complete part if and only if A is a complete part.

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*Proof.* Let A be a weak complete part of H and  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , therefore  $\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i \subseteq A^m$ . Since A is a subsemily pergroup of H we have  $A^m \subseteq A$  hence  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \subseteq A$  and so A is a complete part of H. 

**Definition 2.11.** A semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called *weak complete* if

$$\forall (x,y) \in H^2, \ K(x \circ y) = x \circ y.$$

Remark 2.12. Every complete semihypergroup is a weak complete semihypergroup but the hypergroup in Example 2.3 is a weak complete semihypergroup which is not a complete semilypergroup.

**Example 2.13.** Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a semigroup and  $\{A_s\}_{s\in S}$  be a family of nonempty sets, such that the following condition holds:

For all  $s \in S$ , the set  $T_s = (\{A_{s^k} \mid k \text{ is a nonzero natural number}\}, \subseteq)$  has a maximum, denoted by  $A_{s^{M_s}}$ , such that if  $A_t \cap A_s \neq \emptyset$  then  $A_t \subseteq A_{s^{M_s}}$ .

Clearly, if  $A_t \cap A_s \neq \emptyset$ , then we also have  $A_s \subseteq A_{t^{M_t}}$ .

Let  $H = \bigcup_{s \in S} A_s$ . For all  $x \in H$ , we denote  $S_x = \{A_s \mid x \in A_s\}$ .

By hypothesis, if  $A_s \in S_x$  then  $S_x \subseteq T_s$ . Since for all nonzero natural number  $k, A_{s^k} \subseteq A_{s^{M_s}}, it follows that A_{s^{M_s}} \in S_x.$  That is why we shall write sometimes  $A_{s_x}$  instead of  $A_{s^{M_s}}$ .

We define on H the following hyperoperation: for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$x \circ y = A_{s_x \cdot s_y}.$$

Then  $(H, \circ)$  is a weak complete semihypergroup.

Indeed, if  $\prod_{i=1}^k x_i \cap \prod_{j=1}^r y_j \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A_{\prod_{i=1}^k s_{x_i}} \cap A_{\prod_{j=1}^r s_{y_j}} \neq \emptyset$ . If we denote  $\prod_{j=1}^r s_{y_j} = s_0$  then by hypothesis  $A_{\prod_{i=1}^k s_{x_i}} \subseteq A_{s_0}$ . This means that  $\prod_{i=1}^{k} x_i \subseteq (\prod_{j=1}^{r} y_j)^{M_{s_0}}.$ Hence  $(H, \circ)$  is a weak complete semihypergroup.

Starting with a weak complete semihypergroup, we can construct other weak complete semihypergroups, by constructing the so-called  $K_H$ -semihypergroups, see [3, 4]. We recall that a  $K_H$ -semihypergroup is a semihypergroup constructed from a semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  and a family  $\{A(x)\}_{x\in H}$  of nonempty and mutually disjoint subsets of H. Set  $K_H = \bigcup_{x \in H} A(x)$  and define the hyperoperation

\* on  $K_H$  as follows:

$$\forall (a,b) \in K_H^2; \ a \in A(x), \ b \in A(y), \ a*b = \bigcup_{z \in x \circ y} A(z)$$

 $(H, \circ)$  is a hypergroup if and only if  $(K_H, *)$  is a hypergroup (see [7]). For all  $P \in P^*(H)$ , set  $A(P) = \bigcup_{x \in P} A(x)$ . Then we obtain the following **Theorem 2.14.** P is a weak complete part of H if and only if A(P) is a weak complete part of  $K_H$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that A(P) is a weak complete part of  $K_H$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^m y_i \cap P \neq \emptyset$ . So we have

$$\prod_{i=1}^m y_i \cap P \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists p \in P, \text{ such that } p \in \prod_{i=1}^m y_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists p \in P, \text{ such that } A(p) \subseteq \bigcup_{u \in \prod_{i=1}^m y_i} A(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{u \in \prod_{i=1}^m y_i} A(u) \cap A(P) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ such that } \bigcup_{u \in \prod_{i=1}^m y_i} A(u) \subseteq [A(P)]^n.$$
For all  $t \in \prod_{i=1}^m y_i$ , there exists  $(q_1, ..., q_n) \in P^n$  such that  $A(t) \subseteq \bigcup_{s \in q_1 \circ ... \circ q_n} A(s)$ .
Thus,  $A(t) \cap A(s) \neq \emptyset$  and therefore  $t = s$  and hence  $t \in P^n$ , thus,  $\prod_{i=1}^m y_i \in P^n$ .

Thus  $A(t) \cap A(s) \neq \emptyset$  and therefore t = s and hence  $t \in P^n$ , thus  $\prod_{i=1}^m y_i \subseteq P^n$ .

Conversely, let  $(z_1, ..., z_m) \in K_H^m$  be such that  $*\prod_{i=1}^m z_i \cap A(P) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $*\prod_{i=1}^m z_i \cap A(P) \neq \emptyset$ denotes a hyperproduct of elements in  $K_H$ . There exists  $(x_1, ..., x_m) \in H^m$  such that for all  $1 \le i \le m$ ,  $z_i \in A(x_i)$ . Suppose that  $u \in \bigcup A(y) \cap A(P)$ . Thus

 $u \in A(y_0)$  for some  $y_0 \in \prod_{i=1}^{m} x_i$ . Since  $u \in A(P)$ , there exists  $y_1 \in P$  such that  $u \in A(y_1)$ . Therefore  $A(y_0) \cap A(y_1) \neq \emptyset$ , which implies that  $y_0 = y_1 \in \prod_{i=1}^m x_i \cap P$ . Since P is weak complete part of H there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\prod_{i=1}^m x_i \subseteq P^n$ . Hence  $*\prod_{i=1}^{m} z_i \subseteq [A(P)]^n$ . 

Corollary 2.15. H is a weak complete semihypergroup if and only if  $K_H$  is a weak complete semihypergroup.

*Proof.* We consider  $P = x \circ y$  so  $a * b = A(x \circ y)$ , where  $a \in A(x), b \in A(y)$ and we apply the above theorem.

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper we have introduced a generalization of the notion of complete parts, which is useful in order to analyse a new class of semihypergroups: the weak complete semihypergroups. Complete parts are connected to a special subhypergroup of a hypergroup, which is the heart of a hypergroup. Our study can be continued in order to analyse other subhypergroups, which can be connected to weak complete parts.

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