

## Construction of some Join Spaces from Boolean Algebras

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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to construct an algebraic hyperstructure over a set  $G$  corresponding to a Boolean algebra  $B$  and a function  $s:G \rightarrow B$ . In order to accomplish this goal we will need to define a hyperoperation  $\overset{s}{*}$  on the set  $G$ . We define,

$$a \overset{s}{*} b = \{g \in G \mid s(g) \leq s(a) \vee s(b)\}$$

and prove that if the image of  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -semilattice or constitute a partition of 1 in  $B$ , then  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a hypergroup.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

First of all we will recall some algebraic definitions that will be used in the paper. A hyperstructure is a set  $H$  together with a function  $\cdot : H \times H \rightarrow P^*(H)$  called hyperoperation, where  $P^*(H)$  denotes the set of all non-empty subsets of  $H$ . Marty (Marty, 1934) defined a hypergroup as a hyperstructure  $(H, \cdot)$  such that the following axioms hold: (i)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z \ni x \cdot (y \cdot z)$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $H$ , (ii)  $x \cdot H = H \cdot x = H$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ . (ii) is called the reproduction axiom. A commutative hypergroup  $(H, \cdot)$  is called a join space if for all  $a, b, c, d \in H$ , the implication  $a/b \ni c/d \ni \emptyset \ni \forall aod \ni \forall boc \ni \emptyset$  is valid, in which,  $a/b = \{x \mid a \in xob\}$ .

The concept of an  $H_v$ -group is introduced by Vougiouklis in (Vougiouklis, 1994) and it is a hyperstructure  $(H, \cdot)$  such that (i)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z \ni x \cdot (y \cdot z) \ni \emptyset$ , for all  $x, y, z$  in  $H$ , (ii)  $x \cdot H = H \cdot x = H$  for all  $x$  in  $H$ . The first axiom is called weak associativity.

The partition function  $p(n)$  is defined as the number of sequences  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r)$ ,  $0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_r$ , that the positive integer  $n$  can be written as a sum of positive integers,  $a_i$ , as in  $n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_r$ . The summands  $a_j$  are called the parts of the partition. Also,  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  will denote the set of all integer partitions of  $n$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote  $\text{Part}(n)$  the set of positive integers  $a_j$  such that  $\sum_j a_j = n$ .

In this paper we construct some join space from Boolean algebras. Our notations are standard and taken mainly from (Corsini, 1993) and (Vougiouklis, 1994).

**2. Construction of some Join Spaces**

Let  $G$  be a set,  $B$  a Boolean algebra and  $s$  be a function from  $G$  into  $B$ .

We define the hyperoperation  $\overset{s}{*}$  as follows:

$$a \overset{s}{*} b = \{x \in G \mid s(x) \leq s(a) \vee s(b)\}$$

Since for all  $x, y \in G$ ,  $\{x, y\} \overset{s}{*} y$ , hence  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is an  $H_v$ -group.

Also, it is obvious that the hyperoperation  $\overset{s}{*}$  is commutative.

**Example 1.**

Suppose  $G = \mathcal{P}(6)$ ,  $I(6) = \{2, \dots, 6\}$  and  $s: \mathcal{P}(6) \rightarrow \mathcal{EP}(I(6))$  is defined by  $s(X) = \text{Part}(X)$ . In Table I, we compute all of integer partitions of six. From this table we can see that :

$$(a \overset{s}{*} d) \overset{s}{*} i = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, i\} \cup \{a, b, c, d, e, i\}$$

Therefore,  $(a \overset{s}{*} d) \overset{s}{*} i \neq (d \overset{s}{*} i) \overset{s}{*} a$  and so  $(\mathcal{P}(6), \overset{s}{*})$  is not a hypergroup.

Some special cases where  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a hypergroup are discussed in the following results.

**Proposition 2.**

If the image  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -sub-semilattice of  $B$  then  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a commutative hypergroup.

**Table I - Integer partitions of 6**

a	6=1+1+1+1+1+1	b	6=1+1+1+1+2
c	6=1+1+2+2	d	6=2+2+2
e	6=1+1+1+3	f	6=1+2+3
g	6=1+1+4	h	6=1+5
i	6=3+3	j	6=2+4
k	6=6		

**Proof.**

Suppose  $y \leq (a * b) * c$ , then there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $s(g) \leq s(a) \vee s(b)$  and  $s(y) \leq s(g) \vee s(c)$ . Therefore,  $s(y) \leq (s(a) \vee s(b)) \vee s(c) = s(a) \vee (s(b) \vee s(c))$ . Since the image  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -sub-semilattice of  $B$ , there exists  $t \in G$  such that  $s(b) \vee s(c) = s(t)$  and so  $s(y) \leq s(a) \vee s(t)$ . Thus,  $y \leq a * (b * c)$ , i.e.  $(a * b) * c \leq a * (b * c)$ . Similarly, we have  $a * (b * c) \leq (a * b) * c$ . Therefore, the associative law is valid.

**Lemma 3.**

If the image  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -sub-semilattice then we have,

$$a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n = \{ g \in G \mid s(g) \leq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_n) \}.$$

**Proof.**

Suppose  $U = a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n$  and

$$V = \{ g \in G \mid s(g) \leq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_n) \}$$

then we must prove  $U = V$ . It is easy to see that  $U \subseteq V$ . Suppose  $y \in V$ , then  $s(y) \leq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_n)$ . Since the image  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -sub-semilattice of  $B$ , hence there exists an element  $g \in G$  such that  $s(g) = s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_{n-1})$ . Using an inductive proof, we have  $g \leq a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_{n-1}$  and  $y \leq g * a_n$ . Therefore,  $y \in U$  and so  $V \subseteq U$ . This completes the proof.

**Definition 4.**

Let  $B=(B, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  be a Boolean algebra. A subset  $X \subseteq B$  is called a partition of  $1$  if and only if,

- 1) For all  $x \in X, x \neq 0$ ,
- 2)  $1 = \vee X$ ,
- 3) For all  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ , we have  $x \wedge y = 0$ .

For a Boolean algebra  $B$ , suppose  $A = \text{Atom}(B)$  is the set of all atoms of  $B$ . By 25. 1 and 2 of (Sikorski, 1964), if  $B$  is a complete Boolean algebra,  $B$  is a atomic if and only if it is completely distributive if and only if it is the field of all subsets of the set of all atoms of  $B$ . Therefore, the following lemma is true:

**Lemma 5.**

Let  $B=(B, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  be an atomic complete Boolean algebra and  $A = \text{Atom}(B)$ . An equivalence relation in the set  $A$  determines a partition of  $1$  and conversely, a partition of  $1$  defines an equivalence relation in  $A$ .

In fact the above lemma defines a one-to-one correspondence between the set of all partitions of  $1$  and the set of all equivalence relations on the set  $A$ .

**Proposition 6.**

If the image  $G$  is a partition of  $1$  then  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a commutative hypergroup.

**Proof.**

It is enough to show the associativity. Suppose  $a, b, c \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (a \overset{s}{*} b) \overset{s}{*} c &= \{g \in G \mid s(g) \leq s(a) \vee s(b)\} \overset{s}{*} c \\ &= \bigcup_{s(g) \leq s(a) \vee s(b)} g \overset{s}{*} c \end{aligned}$$

Set,  $T = \{x \in G \mid s(x) \leq s(a) \vee s(b) \vee s(c)\}$ . We now show that

$T = (a \overset{s}{*} b) \overset{s}{*} c$ . It is easy to see that  $(a \overset{s}{*} b) \overset{s}{*} c \subseteq T$ . Suppose  $y \in T$ , then  $s(y) \leq s(a) \vee s(b) \vee s(c)$  and so  $s(y) = (s(y) \wedge s(a)) \vee (s(y) \wedge s(b)) \vee (s(y) \wedge s(c))$ . Now by hypothesis  $\{s(g) \mid g \in G\}$  is a partition of  $1$  and our main proof will consider a number of cases.



If  $s(x)=s(a_n)$  then we choose  $g = a_1$  and we have,  $s(g) \neq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_{n-1})$ , so  $s(x) \neq s(g) \vee s(x) \neq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_n)$ . We now assume that  $s(x) \wedge s(a_n) = 0$ , therefore  $s(x)=s(x) \wedge (s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_{n-1}))$ . Choose  $g=x$  and we have,  $s(x) \neq s(g) \vee s(a_n)$ , so  $s(g)=s(x) \neq s(a_1) \vee \dots \vee s(a_{n-1})$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 8.**

If  $s$  is onto then  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a join space.

**Proof.**

Suppose  $s$  is onto, then by proposition 2,  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a hypergroup. Choose an element  $t$  such that  $s(t)=0$ , then  $t \overset{s}{*} d \neq b \overset{s}{*} c$ , for all  $a, b, c, d \in H$ . Therefore,  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a join space.

**Lamma 9.**

There exists a function  $s$  such that  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a hypergroup but it is not a join space.

**Proof.**

Suppose  $G$  is a Boolean algebra such that  $|Atom(G)| \geq 4$  and  $s:G \rightarrow G$  defined by  $s(0)=1$  and  $s(x) = x$ , for all  $x \neq 0$ . Since the image  $G$  is a  $\vee$ -sub-semilattice of  $G$  then by proposition 2,  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a hypergroup. We now assume that  $a,b,c,d$  are distinct atoms of  $G$ . It is clear that  $1 \neq a/b \neq c/d$  and so  $a/b \neq c/d \neq 0$ . But  $a \overset{s}{*} d = \{a, d, a \vee d\}$  and  $b \overset{s}{*} c = \{b, c, b \vee c\}$ . If  $a \vee d = b \vee c$  then  $a = a \wedge (a \vee d) = a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) = 0 \vee 0 = 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is not a join space.

**Proposition 10.**

If the image  $G$  is a partition of 1 then  $(G, \overset{s}{*})$  is a join space.

