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## Abelizations of weakly associative hyperstructures based on their direct squares

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**ABSTRACT.** The paper contains a simple construction of some types of commutative hyperstructures as hypergroupoids, weakly associative semi-hypergroupoids, hypergroups, quasi-hypergroups and weakly associative hyperrings from non-commutative hyperstructures. It is proved that the used construction induces reflectors on suitable categories of the mentioned hyperstructures.

There are some important reasons for introducing and investigation of so called  $H_\nu$  structures, that is  $H_\nu$ -group [20],  $H_\nu$ -ring [29], and so on, which are defined from the well known classes of hyperstructures in a certain simple way. The idea consists in replacing some axioms, such as the associative law, the distributive law and others by the corresponding weak ones.

In particular, a  $H_\nu$ -semigroup is a set  $H$  ( $H \neq \emptyset$ ) equipped with a weak associative (we write WASS) hyperoperation  $\star: H \times H \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$ , where for all  $a, b, c \in H$ , the following axiom is valid:

$$a \star (b \star c) \cap (a \star b) \star c \neq \emptyset.$$

A  $H_\nu$ -semigroup is called a  $H_\nu$ -group if moreover the reproduction axiom, i.e.  $a \star H = H = H \star a$  is satisfied for any  $a \in H$ . It is to be noticed that  $H_\nu$ -structures were introduced in [31] and investigated in the mentioned paper and in a series of others [5, 16, 17, 19–22, 25, 27–32]. In the classical group theory there is a well known construction called *abelization* of groups. From the point of view of the category theory, which allows one to make the notion of “universality”, the mentioned construction yields an example of a reflector from the category of all groups and their homomorphisms into its subcategory of all commutative, i.e. abelian groups [13]. This contribution aims to present simple constructions of abelization of some types of hyperstructures, especially weak hyperstructures and quasi-hypergroups [3, 24, 25]. The below described constructions preserve weak associativity law, but

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not associativity law, which also shows a certain compatibility of used constructions with the concept of weakly associative hyperstructures.

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathbb{B}$  with embedding functor  $E: \mathbb{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{B}$ . If  $\mathbb{E}$  is a class of  $\mathbb{B}$ -morphisms, then  $\mathbb{A}$  is called  $\mathbb{E}$ -reflective in  $\mathbb{B}$  provided that for each  $\mathbb{B}$ -object  $B$  there exists an  $\mathbb{A}$ -reflection  $(r_B, A_B)$  such that each  $r_B \in \mathbb{E}$ . By an  $\mathbb{A}$ -reflection  $(r_B, A_B)$  we mean — as usually — an  $E$ -universal map  $(r_B, A_B)$  for a  $\mathbb{B}$ -object  $B$ , i.e.  $r_B: B \rightarrow A_B$  is a  $\mathbb{B}$ -morphism for  $A_B \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{A}$  and for each  $A' \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{A}$  and each morphism  $f: B \rightarrow E(A')$  there exists a unique  $\mathbb{A}$ -morphism  $\tilde{f}: A_B \rightarrow A'$  such that the following triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{r_B} & A_B \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow E(\tilde{f}) \\ & & E(A') \end{array} \quad (\text{D1})$$

commutes. By this construction a functor  $R: \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  is defined, which is a left adjoint of  $E: \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ , called a *reflector* for  $A$ . In case  $\mathbb{E}$  is the class of all epimorphisms (monomorphisms) of  $\mathbb{B}$  we say that  $\mathbb{A}$  is *epireflective* (*monoreflective*) in  $\mathbb{B}$ . For the definition of a reflector a quadratic diagram can be also used (which is more convenient for our purposes) instead of the above triangle:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{f} & B' \\ r_B \downarrow & & \downarrow r_{B'} \\ A_B & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & A_{B'} \end{array} \quad (\text{D2})$$

Thus, for any  $\mathbb{B}$ -object  $B$  there exists a unique pair  $(r_B, A_B)$ ,  $A_B \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{A}$ ,  $r_B: B \rightarrow A_B$  such that for any object  $B' \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{B}$  and any  $\mathbb{B}$ -morphism  $f: B \rightarrow B'$  there exists a unique  $\mathbb{A}$ -morphism  $\tilde{f}: A_B \rightarrow A_{B'}$  making the diagram (D2) commutative. Then, by  $R(B) = A_B$ ,  $R(f) = \tilde{f}$  a reflector  $R: \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  is defined.

Recall the other basic notions. A *hypergroupoid* (or a *multigroupoid*) is a pair  $(M, \circ)$ , where  $M$  is a nonempty set and  $\circ: M \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(M)$  is a binary hyperoperation called also a multioperation.  $(\mathcal{P}^*(M))$  is the system of all nonempty subsets of  $M$ . A *semihypergroup* is an associative hypergroupoid, i.e. hypergroupoid satisfying the equality  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$  for every triad  $a, b, c \in M$ . A *quasi-hypergroup* is a hypergroupoid  $(M, \circ)$  fulfilling the reproduction axiom, i.e.  $a \circ M = M = M \circ a$  for any  $a \in M$ . A *hypergroup* is an associative hypergroupoid  $(M, \circ)$ , i.e. a semihypergroup, satisfying the reproduction axiom.

Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroupoid; by  $\Delta_H$  we mean the diagonal of the Cartesian product  $H \times H$ , i.e.  $\Delta_H = \{[x, x]; x \in H\}$ .

Let us define a mapping  $D: H \rightarrow H \times H$  by  $D(x) = [x, x]$  for all  $x \in H$ , i.e.  $\Delta_H = D(H)$ .

**Remark.** As a mapping, the operator  $D$  possesses usual properties, e.g. it is additive, i.e. for an arbitrary system  $\{M_\gamma; \gamma \in \Gamma\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^*(H)$ , where  $M_\gamma \subseteq H$  for

each  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , the equality  $D(\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_\gamma) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} D(M_\gamma)$  holds. Also the inclusion  $D(\bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_\gamma) \subseteq \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} D(M_\gamma)$  is evident.

Let  $(H, \cdot)$  be a hypergroupoid and  $(\Delta_H, \star)$  be the hypergroupoid defined above. The basic properties of the used construction yield the following auxiliary assertions.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(H, \cdot)$  be a hypergroupoid. Define a hyperoperation “ $\star$ ” on the diagonal  $\Delta_H$  as follows:  $[x, x] \star [y, y] = D(x \cdot y \cup y \cdot x) = \{[u, u]; u \in x \cdot y \cup y \cdot x\}$  for any pair  $[x, x], [y, y] \in \Delta_H$ . Then the following assertions hold:*

- 1° *For any hypergroupoid  $(H, \cdot)$  we have that  $(\Delta_H, \star)$  is a commutative hypergroupoid.*
- 2° *If  $(H, \cdot)$  is a weakly associative hypergroupoid, then the hypergroupoid  $(\Delta_H, \star)$  is weakly associative, as well.*
- 3° *If  $(H, \cdot)$  is a quasi-hypergroup, the hypergroupoid  $(\Delta_H, \star)$  also satisfies the reproduction law, i.e. it is a quasi-hypergroup.*
- 4° *If  $(H, \cdot)$  is associative, i.e., it is a semihypergroup, then the hypergroupoid  $(\Delta_H, \star)$  is weakly associative (but not associative in general).*

*Proof.* The assertion 1° follows immediately from the above definition of the hyperoperation “ $\star$ ”.

2° Suppose,  $[x, x], [y, y], [z, z] \in \Delta_H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 ([x, x] \star [y, y]) \star [z, z] &= D(x \cdot y \cup y \cdot x) \star [z, z] = (D(x \cdot y) \cup D(y \cdot x)) \star [z, z] \\
 &= (D(x \cdot y) \star [z, z]) \cup (D(y \cdot x) \star [z, z]) \\
 &= \left( \bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} [u, u] \star [z, z] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} [v, v] \star [z, z] \right) \\
 &= \bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} D(u \cdot z \cup z \cdot u) \cup \bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} D(v \cdot z \cup z \cdot v) \\
 &= \bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} D(u \cdot z) \cup \bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} D(z \cdot u) \cup \bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} D(v \cdot z) \cup \bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} D(z \cdot v) \\
 &= D\left(\bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} u \cdot z\right) \cup D\left(\bigcup_{u \in x \cdot y} z \cdot u\right) \cup D\left(\bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} v \cdot z\right) \cup D\left(\bigcup_{v \in y \cdot x} z \cdot v\right) \\
 &= D((x \cdot y) \cdot z) \cup D(z \cdot (x \cdot y)) \cup D((y \cdot x) \cdot z) \cup D(z \cdot (y \cdot x)) \\
 &= D((x \cdot y) \cdot z) \cup D(z \cdot (y \cdot x) \cup z \cdot (x \cdot y) \cup (y \cdot x) \cdot z).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x, x] \star ([y, y] \star [z, z]) &= ([z, z] \star [y, y]) \star [x, x] \\
 &= D((z \cdot y) \cdot x \cup x \cdot (z \cdot y) \cup (y \cdot z) \cdot x \cup x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \\
 &= D((x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup D((z \cdot y) \cdot x \cup x \cdot (z \cdot y) \cup (y \cdot z) \cdot x).
 \end{aligned}$$

As by the assumption  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z \cap x \cdot (y \cdot z) \neq \emptyset$  we get  $D((x \cdot y) \cdot z) \cap D(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \neq \emptyset$ .

Thus  $\left(\left([x, x] \star [y, y]\right) \star [z, z]\right) \cap \left([x, x] \star \left([y, y] \star [z, z]\right)\right) \neq \emptyset$ .

3° Let  $x \in H$  be an arbitrary element. Then  $x \cdot H = H = H \cdot x$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} [x, x] \star \Delta_H &= \bigcup_{y \in H} ([x, x] \star [y, y]) = \bigcup_{y \in H} D(x \cdot y \cup y \cdot x) \\ &= \bigcup_{y \in H} D(x \cdot y) \cup \bigcup_{y \in H} D(y \cdot x) = D\left(\bigcup_{y \in H} x \cdot y\right) \cup D\left(\bigcup_{y \in H} y \cdot x\right) \\ &= D(x \cdot H) \cup D(H \cdot x) = D(H) \cup D(H) = D(H) = \Delta_H. \end{aligned}$$

4° Since a semihypergroup is also weakly associative, the assertion 4° follows from 2°.  $\square$

**Example 1.** Let  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  be the naturally ordered set of all real numbers and  $H = \text{End}(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  the monoid (with a binary operation of composition “ $\circ$ ” of functions) of all endomorphisms preserving ordering of the chain  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$ , i.e., the monoid of all non-decreasing functions of one real variable. If we define  $f \preceq g$  for any pair  $f, g \in H$  such that  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is easy to show that  $(H, \circ, \preceq)$  is an ordered monoid. Let “ $\bullet$ ” be a hyperoperation defined in the following way:

$$f \bullet g := \{h \in H; g \circ f \preceq h\}, \text{ i.e., } h \in f \bullet g \Leftrightarrow g[f(x)] \leq h(x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(H, \bullet)$  is a semihypergroup.

As above  $D(H) = \{[f, f]; f \in H\}$ . Let “ $\star$ ” be a hyperoperation on  $D(H)$  given by the rule:

$$[f, f] \star [g, g] := D(f \bullet g \cup g \bullet f) = \{[h, h]; h \in f \bullet g \cup g \bullet f\}.$$

Notice that  $f \bullet g \bullet h = \{k(x); h(g[f(x)]) \leq k(x)\}$  (see [8]). Using a concrete triad of functions we will show that the hyperstructure  $(D(H), \star)$  satisfying the weak associativity law is not associative.

From the proof of Lemma 1, 2° we have:

$$([f, f] \star [g, g]) \star [h, h] = D(f \bullet g \bullet h \cup h \bullet f \bullet g \cup g \bullet f \bullet h \cup h \bullet g \bullet f) = D(M_1),$$

$$[f, f] \star ([g, g] \star [h, h]) = D(f \bullet g \bullet h \cup f \bullet h \bullet g \cup g \bullet h \bullet f \cup h \bullet g \bullet f) = D(M_2).$$

We will show that  $D(M_1) \neq D(M_2)$ , in general. Choosing, e.g.  $f(x) = x + 1$ ,  $g(x) = x^3$ ,  $h(x) = 2^x$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f \bullet g \bullet h &= h(g[f(x)]) = 2^{(x+1)^3}, & f \bullet g \bullet h &= h(g[f(x)]) = 2^{(x+1)^3}, \\ h \bullet f \bullet g &= g(f[h(x)]) = (2^x + 1)^3, & f \bullet h \bullet g &= g(h[f(x)]) = 2^{3x+3}, \\ g \bullet f \bullet h &= h(f[g(x)]) = 2^{x^3+1}, & g \bullet h \bullet f &= f(h[g(x)]) = 2^{x^3} + 1, \\ h \bullet g \bullet f &= f(g[h(x)]) = 2^{3x} + 1, & h \bullet g \bullet f &= f(g[h(x)]) = 2^{3x} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  have the following form:

$$M_1 = \bigcup_{k=1}^4 \{ \varphi: R \rightarrow R; \varphi_k(x) \leq \varphi(x) \text{ for any } x \in R \}, \text{ where}$$

$$\varphi_1(x) = 2^{(x+1)^3}, \varphi_2(x) = (2^x + 1)^3, \varphi_3(x) = 2^{x^3+1}, \varphi_4(x) = 2^{3x} + 1,$$

$$M_2 = \bigcup_{k=1}^4 \{ \psi: R \rightarrow R; \psi_k(x) \leq \psi(x) \text{ for any } x \in R \}, \text{ where}$$

$$\psi_1(x) = 2^{(x+1)^3}, \psi_2(x) = 2^{3x+3}, \psi_3(x) = 2^{x^3} + 1, \psi_4(x) = 2^{3x} + 1.$$

It is easy to see that e.g.  $\varphi_3 \in M_1$ ,  $\psi_2 \in M_2$ ,  $\varphi_3 \notin M_2$ ,  $\psi_2 \notin M_1$ , hence  $M_1 \neq M_2$  and consequently  $D(M_1) \neq D(M_2)$ .

On the other hand, e.g.  $\varphi_1 \in M_1 \cap M_2$ ,  $\psi_1 \in M_1 \cap M_2$  (since  $\varphi_1 = \psi_1$ ), thus  $\emptyset \neq \{ \varphi: R \rightarrow R; \varphi_1 \leq \varphi \} \subset M_1 \cap M_2$ ,  $\{ \psi: R \rightarrow R; \psi_1 \leq \psi \} \subset M_1 \cap M_2$ , which implies  $D(M_1) \cap D(M_2) \neq \emptyset$ . This follows, of course, from Lemma 1, 4°.

Let  $(H, \cdot)$  be a quasi-hypergroup. In connection with the concept of a reflector in the category theory it will be useful to write  $r_H$  instead of  $D: H \rightarrow H \times H$  because  $r_H$  will be considered as a morphism in a suitable category. That means  $r_H: (H, \cdot) \rightarrow (D(H), \star)$  is a homomorphism of quasi-hypergroups (Lemma 1, 2°) because for all pairs  $x, y \in H$  we have  $r_H(x, y) = D(x, y) \subset D(x, y) \cup D(y, x) = D(x, y \cup y, x) = [x, x] \star [y, y] = r_H(x) \star r_H(y)$ .

Let quasi-hypergroups  $(H_1, \cdot_1)$ ,  $(H_2, \cdot_2)$  be given. Suppose  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$  is a homomorphism. For an arbitrary  $[x, x] \in D(H_1)$  we define

$$\bar{f}([x, x]) = [f(x), f(x)] \in D(H_2).$$

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (H_1, \cdot_1) & \xrightarrow{f} & (H_2, \cdot_2) \\ r_{H_1} \downarrow & & \downarrow r_{H_2} \\ (D(H_1), \star_1) & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & (D(H_2), \star_2) \end{array} \quad (\text{D3})$$

**Lemma 2.** *The following assertions hold:*

- 1° *The mapping  $\bar{f}: (D(H_1), \star_1) \rightarrow (D(H_2), \star_2)$  is a homomorphism.*
- 2° *The diagram (D3) is commutative for any homomorphism  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$ .*
- 3° *The homomorphism  $\bar{f}$  completes the diagram (D3) for any homomorphism  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$  uniquely.*
- 4° *The homomorphism  $r_H: (H, \cdot) \rightarrow (D(H), \star)$  is a bimorphism, i.e., both a mono- and an epimorphism, for any quasi-hypergroup  $(H, \cdot)$ .*

*Proof.*

1° Suppose  $[x, x], [y, y] \in D(H_1)$  are arbitrary elements. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}([x, x] \star_1 [y, y]) &= \bar{f}(D(x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x)) \\ &= \bar{f}(\{[u, u]; u \in x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x\}) = \{\bar{f}([u, u]; u \in x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x)\} \\ &= \{[f(u), f(u)]; u \in x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since for any  $u \in x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x$  we have

$$f(u) \in f(x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x) = f(x_{.1}y) \cup f(y_{.1}x) \subset (f(x) \cdot_2 f(y)) \cup (f(y) \cdot_2 f(x)),$$

consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \{[f(u), f(u)]; u \in x_{.1}y \cup y_{.1}x\} &\subset \{[v, v]; v \in (f(x) \cdot_2 f(y)) \cup (f(y) \cdot_2 f(x))\} \\ &= [f(x), f(x)] \star_2 [f(y), f(y)] = f([x, x]) \star_2 \bar{f}([y, y]), \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $\bar{f}: (D(H_1), \star_1) \rightarrow (D(H_2), \star_2)$  is the homomorphism.

2° Suppose  $x \in H_1$  is an arbitrary element. Then

$$(r_{H_2} \circ f)(x) = r_{H_2}(f(x)) = [f(x), f(x)] = \bar{f}([x, x]) = \bar{f}(r_{H_1}(x)) = (\bar{f} \circ r_{H_1})(x).$$

Thus  $r_{H_2} \circ f = \bar{f} \circ r_{H_1}$ . Consequently the diagram (D3) commutes.

3° Suppose  $g: (D(H_1), \star_1) \rightarrow (D(H_2), \star_2)$  is a homomorphism which creates the diagram (D3) with  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$  commutative. Then for arbitrary  $[x_0, x_0] \in D(H_1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} g([x_0, x_0]) &= (g \circ \text{id}_{D(H_1)})([x_0, x_0]) = (g \circ r_{H_1} \circ r_{H_1}^{-1})([x_0, x_0]) \\ &= (g \circ r_{H_1})(r_{H_1}^{-1}[x_0, x_0]) = (r_{H_2} \circ f)(x_0) = r_{H_2}(f(x_0)) = \bar{f}([x_0, x_0]). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any homomorphism  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$  there exists a unique homomorphism  $\bar{f}: (D(H_1), \star_1) \rightarrow (D(H_2), \star_2)$  making the diagram (D3) commutative.

4° Let  $(A, \cdot)$  be an arbitrary quasi-hypergroup from  $\text{Ob}(\mathbb{Q}\text{HG})$  and  $\varphi, \psi: (A, \cdot) \rightarrow (H, \cdot)$  be homomorphisms such that  $r_H \circ \varphi = r_H \circ \psi$ . Let  $a \in A$  be an arbitrary element. Suppose  $\varphi(a) \neq \psi(a)$ . Then

$$(r_H \circ \varphi)(a) = r_H(\varphi(a)) = [\varphi(a), \varphi(a)] \neq [\psi(a), \psi(a)] = r_H(\psi(a)) = (r_H \circ \psi)(a).$$

Thus the morphism  $r_H$  is a monomorphism.

Now we will show that it is an epimorphism. Let  $x \in H$ ,  $[x, x] \in \Delta_H$  be an arbitrary element and  $\varphi, \psi$  be a homomorphisms such that  $\varphi \circ r_H = \psi \circ r_H$ . Suppose, that  $\varphi([x, x]) \neq \psi([x, x])$ . Then

$$(\varphi \circ r_H)(x) = \varphi(r_H(x)) \neq \psi(r_H(x)) = (\psi \circ r_H)(x),$$

hence  $\varphi \circ r_H \neq \psi \circ r_H$ . Thus  $\varphi \circ r_H = \psi \circ r_H$  implies  $\varphi = \psi$ . Therefore  $r_H$  is an epimorphism and simultaneously a monomorphism, thus it is a bimorphism.  $\square$

Let  $\mathbb{Q}\text{HG}$  be the category of all quasi-hypergroups and their homomorphisms,  $\mathbb{A}\text{QHG}$  be its full subcategory of all commutative (i.e. abelian) quasi-hypergroups. Define a functor  $F: \mathbb{Q}\text{HG} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}\text{QHG}$  by  $F((H, \cdot)) = (D(H), \star) = (\Delta_H, \star)$  for any quasi-hypergroup  $(H, \cdot) \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{Q}\text{HG})$ ,  $F(f) = \bar{f}: F((H_1, \cdot_1)) \rightarrow F((H_2, \cdot_2))$  for any pair of quasi-hypergroups and any homomorphism  $f: (H_1, \cdot_1) \rightarrow (H_2, \cdot_2)$ . Similarly, let us denote by  $\mathbb{H}_L\text{G}$  the category of all  $\mathbb{H}_L$ -groups and their homomorphisms,

by  $\mathbf{AH}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  its subcategory of all commutative  $\mathbb{H}_\nu$ -groups. In fact,  $\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  is a full subcategory of the category  $\mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G}$ . Thus, define a functor  $G: \mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{AH}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  as a restriction of the functor  $F$ , i.e.  $G(H, \cdot) = F(H, \cdot)$  for any  $(H, \cdot) \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G})$  and similarly for morphisms.

By the above considerations (concentrated in Lemma 1, Lemma 2) we have proved the next

**Theorem 1.** *The following assertions hold:*

1° *Let  $\mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G}$  be the category of all quasi-hypergroups and their homomorphisms,  $\mathbf{AQHG}$  be its full subcategory of all commutative (i.e. abelian) quasi-hypergroups. Then the functor  $F: \mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{AQHG}$  is a reflector; more precisely the pair  $(r_H, (\Delta_H, \star))$  is  $\mathbf{AQHG}$ -reflection for  $(H, \cdot) \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G})$ , hence the category  $\mathbf{AQHG}$  is a bireflective (i.e. mono- and epireflective) full subcategory of the category  $\mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G}$ .*

2° *Let  $\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  be the full subcategory of all  $\mathbb{H}_\nu$ -groups of the category  $\mathbf{QH}\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{AH}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  its full subcategory of all commutative  $\mathbb{H}_\nu$ -groups. Then the functor  $G: \mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{AH}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  is a reflector and  $\mathbf{AH}_\nu\mathbf{G}$  is a bireflective full subcategory of the category  $\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbf{G}$ .*

**Example 2.** Let  $S$  be a nonempty set,  $\mathcal{P}^*(S)$  be the system of all its nonempty subsets, i.e.,  $\mathcal{P}^*(S) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  is the power set of the set  $S$ . For any nonempty subsystem  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}^*(S)$  (possibly a covering of  $S$ , which means  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  implies  $\emptyset \neq X \subset S$  and  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} = S$ ) we denote by  $\text{Cst}(M, \mathcal{C})$  the combinatorial star of a nonempty set  $M \subset S$ , i.e.,  $\text{Cst}(M, \mathcal{C}) = \{X \in \mathcal{C}; X \cap M \neq \emptyset\}$ , cf. [8]. If we define

$$A \cdot B = \text{Cst}(A \setminus B, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\} \quad \text{for any pair of sets } A, B \in \mathcal{P}^*(S),$$

then it is easy to verify that  $(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \cdot)$  is a non-commutative  $H_\nu$ -group. Indeed, for an arbitrary triad of nonempty subsets  $X, Y, Z \subset S$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (X \cdot Y) \cdot Z &= (\text{Cst}(X \setminus Y, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y\}) \cdot Z \cup \{X, Y\} \cdot Z \\ &= \{V \in \mathcal{C}; V \cap (X \setminus Y) \neq \emptyset\} \cdot Z \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \text{Cst}(Y \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y, Z\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\substack{U \in \mathcal{C} \\ U \cap (X \setminus Y) \neq \emptyset}} (\text{Cst}(U \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{U, Z\}) \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \text{Cst}(Y \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y, Z\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} X \cdot (Y \cdot Z) &= X \cdot \text{Cst}(Y \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup X \cdot \{Y, Z\} \\ &= X \cdot \{V \in \mathcal{C}; V \cap (Y \setminus Z) \neq \emptyset\} \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Y, \mathcal{C}) \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y, Z\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\substack{V \in \mathcal{C} \\ V \cap (Y \setminus Z) \neq \emptyset}} (\text{Cst}(X \setminus V, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, V\}) \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Y, \mathcal{C}) \cup \\ &\quad \cup \text{Cst}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y, Z\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, it is evident that  $\emptyset \neq \text{Cst}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{X, Y, Z\} \subset ((X \cdot Y) \cdot Z) \cap (X \cdot (Y \cdot Z))$  and it is easy to see that the reproduction axiom is satisfied.



Applying the abelization to the hyperoperation “ $\cdot$ ” we get a new commutative hyperoperation “ $\bullet$ ”. With respect to an evident formula

$$\text{Cst}\left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_\gamma, \mathcal{C}\right) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \text{Cst}(M_\gamma, \mathcal{C})$$

for any family  $\{M_\gamma; \gamma \in \Gamma\} \subset \mathcal{P}^*(S)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} A \bullet B &= A \cdot B \cup B \cdot A = \text{Cst}(A \setminus B, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\} \cup \text{Cst}(B \setminus A, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\} \\ &= \text{Cst}(A \Delta B, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta$  means the symmetrical difference of set.

Similarly as in the proof of Lemma 1 it is easy to verify that  $(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \bullet)$  is the commutative  $H_\nu$ -group.

Now applying Theorem 1, 2° to  $(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \cdot)$  we obtain the commutative  $H_\nu$ -group  $G(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \cdot) = (D(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \star))$ , where  $G$  is a functor from the mentioned theorem. As in the preceding we have

$$\begin{aligned} [A, A] \star [B, B] &= \{[Z, Z]; Z \in \text{Cst}(A \Delta B, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\}\} = \\ &= \{[Z, Z]; Z \in \text{Cst}((A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A), \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\}\} \\ &= \{[Z, Z]; Z \in \text{Cst}(A \setminus B, \mathcal{C}) \cup \text{Cst}(B \setminus A, \mathcal{C}) \cup \{A, B\}\} \\ &= \{[Z, Z]; Z \in A \cdot B \cup B \cdot A\}. \end{aligned}$$

Evidently  $G(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \cdot) = (D(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \star)) \cong (\mathcal{P}^*(S), \bullet)$ . Moreover, it can be easily seen that the hyperstructure  $G(\mathcal{P}^*(S), \cdot)$  is not associative, in general.

From [31, 32] it follows that non-associative hyperstructures as quasi-hypergroups play an essential role in geometry. On the other hand certain quasi-hypergroups can be obtained from quite fundamental structures as transformation groups of bijective linear real functions of one variable. In [3] a certain construction of non-commutative quasi-hypergroups is described based on a certain decomposition of the structure mentioned above.

As an application of the previous results we obtain a theorem for binary hyperstructures with two binary hyperoperations — called  $H_\nu$ -rings — which is analogous to the above one. In [6], [29]  $H_\nu$ -rings are defined and investigated. Recall that  $H_\nu$ -rings are triads  $(R, +, \cdot)$ , where  $R$  is a set and  $+: R \times R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\cdot: R \times R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  are weakly associative (WASS) hyperoperations such that “ $+$ ” satisfies the reproduction axiom (i.e.  $(R, +)$  is  $H_\nu$ -group,  $(R, \cdot)$  is a  $H_\nu$ -semigroup) and the hyperoperation “ $\cdot$ ” is weakly distributive with respect to the hyperoperation “ $+$ ”, which means that

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot (y + z) \cap (x \cdot y + x \cdot z) &\neq \emptyset, \\ (x + y) \cdot z \cap (x \cdot z + y \cdot z) &\neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

for all elements  $x, y, z \in R$ , see [32].

Recall that  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphisms or weak homomorphisms of  $H_\nu$ -ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  into another one  $(S, +, \cdot)$  are mappings  $f: R \rightarrow S$  such that  $f(x + y) \cap (f(x) + f(y)) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f(x \cdot y) \cap (f(x) \cdot f(y)) \neq \emptyset$  for any pair  $x, y \in R$ . However, for our purposes we will consider so called inclusion homomorphisms between  $H_\nu$ -rings as the basic morphisms for this objects. Let us remind that a mapping of a

$H_\nu$ -ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  into another one  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is called an inclusion homomorphism if  $f(x) + f(y) \subset f(x + y)$ ,  $f(x) \cdot f(y) \subset f(x \cdot y)$  for all elements  $x, y \in R$ .

**Remark.** In the following consideration we will apply the following useful identity valid for subsets of any hypergroupoid. Let  $(R, +)$  be a hypergroupoid,  $R \neq \emptyset$ ,  $X, Y, U, V$  nonempty subsets of the set  $R$ . Then

$$(X \cup Y) + (U \cup V) = (X + U) \cup (X + V) \cup (Y + U) \cup (Y + V).$$

Further denote the category of all  $H_\nu$ -rings by  $\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  and their inclusion homomorphisms, by  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  its full subcategory of all commutative  $H_\nu$ -rings. Thus  $(R, +, \cdot) \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  whenever  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a  $H_\nu$ -ring such that  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$  for any pair  $x, y \in R$ . Similarly as above we define for an arbitrary  $H_\nu$ -ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  the hyperoperations  $\oplus, \odot$  on the diagonal  $D(R) = \Delta_R$  by

$$\begin{aligned} [x, x] \oplus [y, y] &= \{[u, u]; u \in (x + y) \cup (y + x)\}, \\ [x, x] \odot [y, y] &= \{[v, v]; v \in (x \cdot y) \cup (y \cdot x)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all pairs  $x, y \in R$ . Then we have

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a  $H_\nu$ -ring. Then  $(D(R), \oplus, \odot)$  is a commutative  $H_\nu$ -ring.*

Proof. Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a  $H_\nu$ -ring. According to Lemma 1 we obtain that  $(D(R), \oplus)$  is a commutative weakly associative hypergroupoid satisfying the reproduction axiom, thus it is a commutative  $H_\nu$ -group. Similarly  $(D(R), \odot)$  is a commutative  $H_\nu$ -semigroup. Thus it remains to prove that

$$[x, x] \odot ([y, y] \oplus [z, z]) \cap ([x, x] \odot [y, y]) \oplus ([x, x] \odot [z, z]) \neq \emptyset$$

for arbitrary elements  $x, y, z \in R$ .

Indeed, we have  $[y, y] \oplus [z, z] = \{[u, u]; u \in (y + z) \cup (z + y)\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [x, x] \odot ([y, y] \oplus [z, z]) &= \\ &= \bigcup_{u \in (y+z) \cup (z+y)} [x, x] \odot [u, u] \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{u \in (y+z)} [x, x] \odot [u, u] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{u \in (z+y)} [x, x] \odot [u, u] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{u \in (y+z)} \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot u \cup u \cdot x\} \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{u \in (z+y)} \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot u \cup u \cdot x\} \right) \\ &= \bigcup_{u \in (y+z)} \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot u\} \cup \bigcup_{u \in (y+z)} \{[v, v]; v \in u \cdot x\} \cup \bigcup_{u \in (z+y)} \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot u \cup u \cdot x\} \\ &= \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot (y + z)\} \cup M(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } M(x, y, z) = \bigcup_{u \in (y+z)} \{[v, v]; v \in u \cdot x\} \cup \bigcup_{u \in (z+y)} \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot u \cup u \cdot x\}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} [x, x] \odot [y, y] &= \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot y \cup y \cdot x\} = \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot y\} \cup \{[v, v]; v \in y \cdot x\}, \\ [x, x] \odot [z, z] &= \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot z\} \cup \{[v, v]; v \in z \cdot x\} \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}
& ([x, x] \odot [y, y]) \oplus ([x, x] \odot [z, z]) = \\
& = \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot y\} \cup \{[v, v]; v \in y \cdot x\} \oplus (\{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot z\} \cup \{[v, v]; v \in z \cdot x\}) \\
& = (\{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot y\} \oplus \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot z\}) \cup (\{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot y\} \oplus \{[v, v]; v \in z \cdot x\}) \\
& \quad \cup (\{[v, v]; v \in y \cdot x\} \oplus \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot z\}) \cup (\{[v, v]; v \in y \cdot x\} \oplus \{[v, v]; v \in z \cdot x\}) \\
& = \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in x \cdot z}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in z \cdot x}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \cup \\
& \quad \cup \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in y \cdot x \\ u \in x \cdot z}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in y \cdot x \\ u \in z \cdot x}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \\
& = \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in x \cdot z}} \{[t, t]; t \in (v + u) \cup (u + v)\} \cup K(x, y, z),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$K(x, y, z) = \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in x \cdot z}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in y \cdot x \\ u \in x \cdot z}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\substack{v \in y \cdot x \\ u \in z \cdot x}} [v, v] \oplus [u, u] \right).$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& ([x, x] \odot [y, y]) \oplus ([x, x] \odot [z, z]) = \\
& = \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in x \cdot z}} \{[t, t]; t \in u + v\} \cup \bigcup_{\substack{v \in x \cdot y \\ u \in x \cdot z}} \{[t, t]; t \in u + v\} \cup K(x, y, z) \\
& = \{[t, t]; t \in x \cdot y + x \cdot z\} \cup \{[t, t]; t \in x \cdot z + x \cdot y\} \cup K(x, y, z).
\end{aligned}$$

As by the supposition  $(x \cdot y + x \cdot z) \cap x \cdot (y + z) \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $[t_o, t_o] \in \{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot (y + z)\}$  for some  $t_o \in x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ , thus

$$\{[v, v]; v \in x \cdot (y + z)\} \cap \{[t, t]; t \in x \cdot y + x \cdot z\} \neq \emptyset,$$

consequently the sets  $[x, x] \odot ([y, y] \oplus [z, z])$ ,  $([x, x] \odot [y, y]) \oplus ([x, x] \odot [z, z])$  have a nonempty intersection.  $\square$

**Remark.** The above proof implies that either of the laws of the weak distributivity for  $(R, +, \cdot)$  (right or left) ensures the weak distributivity of  $(D(R), \oplus, \odot)$ .

From the above considerations it follows immediately:

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a  $H_\nu$ -ring and  $r_R(x) = [x, x] \in D(R)$  for any  $x \in R$ . Then the mapping  $r_R: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (D(R), \oplus, \odot)$  is an inclusion homomorphism of  $H_\nu$ -rings.*

In order to prove a theorem analogous to Theorem 1 we show that the following lemma holds.

**Lemma 5.** *For any pair of  $H_\nu$ -rings  $(R, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(S, +, \cdot)$  and for any inclusion  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphism  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, +, \cdot)$  there exists exactly one inclusion  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphism  $\bar{f}: (D(R), \oplus, \odot) \rightarrow (D(S), \oplus, \odot)$  such that the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(R, +, \cdot) & \xrightarrow{f} & (S, +, \cdot) \\
r_H \downarrow & & \downarrow r_S \\
(D(R), \oplus, \odot) & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & (D(S), \oplus, \odot)
\end{array} \quad (\text{D4})$$

is commutative.

Proof. Consider an arbitrary inclusion ring homomorphism  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, +, \cdot)$  and define  $\bar{f}: (D(R) \rightarrow (D(S)))$  as the restriction of the mapping  $f \times f: R \times R \rightarrow S \times S$  onto  $D(R) \subset R \times R$ , i.e.  $\bar{f} = (f \times f)|_{D(R)}$ , hence  $\bar{f}([x, x]) = [f(x), f(x)]$  for any  $x \in R$ .

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{f}([x, x] \oplus [y, y]) &= \bar{f}(\{[u, u]; u \in (x + y) \cup (y + x)\}) \\
&= \{[f(u), f(u)], u \in (x + y) \cup (y + x)\} \\
&= \{[v, v], v \in f(x + y) \cup f(y + x)\} \subset \{[v, v], v \in (f(x) + f(y)) \cup ((f(y) + f(x)))\} \\
&= [f(x) + f(y)] \oplus [f(y) + f(x)] = \bar{f}([x, x]) \oplus \bar{f}([y, y])
\end{aligned}$$

for any pair of elements  $x, y \in R$  and similarly  $\bar{f}([x, x] \odot [y, y]) \subset f([x, x]) \odot f([y, y])$ , which we obtain immediately from the above calculation changing the operation “ $\oplus$ ” by the operation “ $\odot$ ”. Moreover, we show that the diagram (D4) commutes.

Let us suppose  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, +, \cdot)$  is an arbitrary  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphism. Then evidently  $\bar{f}: (D(R), \oplus, \odot) \rightarrow (D(S), \oplus, \odot)$  is a  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphism as well. For an arbitrary  $x \in R$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(r_f \circ f)(x) &= r_f(f(x)) = [f(x), f(x)] = (f \times f)(x, x) = \bar{f}([x, x]) \\
&= \bar{f}(r_R(x)) = (\bar{f} \circ r_R)(x),
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$r_f \circ f = \bar{f} \circ r_R. \quad (1)$$

Now let  $g: (D(R), \oplus, \odot) \rightarrow (D(S), \oplus, \odot)$  be a  $H_\nu$ -ring homomorphism such that

$$r_f \circ f = g \circ r_R. \quad (2)$$

Since  $r_R: R \rightarrow D(R)$ ,  $r_S: S \rightarrow D(S)$  are bijections there is well defined  $r_R^{-1}: D(R) \rightarrow R$ ,  $r_S^{-1}: D(S) \rightarrow S$ . We get then that the equalities (1), (2) imply

$$\bar{f} = \bar{f} \circ \text{id}_{D(R)} = \bar{f} \circ r_R \circ r_R^{-1} = r_S \circ f \circ r_R^{-1} = g \circ r_R \circ r_R^{-1} = g \circ \text{id}_{D(R)} = g.$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

From the above results we obtain immediately the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  be the category of all  $H_\nu$ -rings and their inclusion homomorphisms,  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  be its full subcategory of all commutative  $H_\nu$ -rings. Then the functor  $\Phi: \mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\Phi(R, +, \cdot) = (D(R), \oplus, \odot), \quad \Phi(f) = \bar{f} \quad \text{for any } (R, +, \cdot) \in \text{Ob } \mathbb{H}_\nu\mathbb{R}$$

and any morphism  $f \in \text{Mor } \mathbb{H}_\nu \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, +, \cdot)$  is a reflector; more precisely the pair  $(r_R, (\Delta_R, \oplus, \odot))$  is an  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu \mathbb{R}$ -reflection for any  $(R, +, \cdot) \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{H}_\nu \mathbb{R})$ . Thus  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{H}_\nu \mathbb{R}$  is a reflective full subcategory of the category  $\mathbb{H}_\nu \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark.** The results presented at the Second Conference on Mathematics and Physics at Technical Universities and published in [11] are a special case of the topic studied in the first part of the presented paper.

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