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On Rough Hyperideals in Hyperlattices

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We introduce and study rough hyperideals in hyperlattices. First, we give some interesting examples of hyperlattices and introduce hyperideals of hyperlattices. Then, applying the notion of rough sets to hyperlattices, we introduce rough hyperideals in hyperlattices, which are extended notions of hyperideals of hyperlattices. In addition, we consider rough hyperideals in Cartesian products and quotients of hyperlattices. Finally, we investigate some properties about homomorphic images of rough hyperideals in hyperlattices.

1. Introduction

In applied mathematics, we encounter many examples of mathematical objects that can be added to each other and multiplied by scalar numbers. First of all, the real numbers themselves are such objects. Other examples are real-valued functions, the complex numbers, infinite series, vectors in *n*dimensional space, and vector valued functions. Sometimes the sum of two elements is not an element. There are many examples in chemistry where the sum of two elements is a set of elements. In this case we have a hyperstructure. The concept of hyperstructure was introduced in 1934 by a French mathematician, Marty [1]. Algebraic hyperstructures are suitable generalizations of classical algebraic structures. In a classical algebraic structure, the composition of two elements is an element, while in an algebraic hyperstructure, the composition of two elements is a set. Since then, there appeared many components of hyperalgebras such as hypergroups in [2] and hyperrings in [3]. Moreover, Konstantinidou and Mittas introduced the concept of hyperlattices in [4] and superlattices in [5]; also see [6-8]. In particular, Rasouli and Davvaz further studied the theory of hyperlattices and obtained some interesting results [9, 10], which enriched the theory of hyperlattices.

Recently, a number of different hyperstructures are widely studied from the theoretical point of view and for their applications to many subjects of pure and applied mathematics by many mathematicians. Also, a recent book [11] contains a wealth of applications on geometry, binary relations, lattices, fuzzy sets and rough sets, automata, combinatorics, codes, artificial intelligence, and probabilistic. Another book [12] is devoted especially to the study of hyperring theory, written by Davvaz and Leoreanu-Fotea. Several kinds of hyperrings are introduced and analyzed. The volume ends with an outline of applications in chemistry and physics, analyzing several special kinds of hyperstructures: *e*-hyperstructures and transposition hypergroups. The theory of suitable modified hyperstructures can serve as a mathematical background in the field of quantum communication systems.

The theory of rough sets was introduced by Pawlak [13] to deal with uncertain knowledge in information systems. It is an expanding research area which stimulates explorations on both real-world applications and on the theory itself. Rough set theory is an extension of set theory, in which a subset of a universe is described by a pair of ordinary sets called the lower and upper approximations. It is a natural question to ask what happens if we substitute an algebraic system with the universe set. Some authors studied algebraic properties of rough sets. Since Biswas and Nanda [14] applied the notion of rough sets to algebra and introduced the notion of rough subgroups, Davvaz et al. have been engaged in extending concepts and methods of rough set theory to various algebraic structures [15-21]. With the development of the hyperstructure theory, Leoreanu-Fotea et al. attached importance to the connections among rough sets, fuzzy sets, and algebraic hyperstructures in [22-30]. These not only enriched the theory of rough sets but also provided new ideas in the study of pure algebra and algebraic hyperstructures.

The combination of rough set theory and algebraic systems may provide more new interesting research topics, which have drawn attention of many mathematicians and computer scientists. One can introduce roughness into an algebraic system and investigate algebraic properties of various rough objects. In this paper, in order to broaden application fields of the theory of rough sets and hyperstructures, we introduce the rough set theory into hyperlattices. We introduce rough hyperideals in hyperlattices, which are extended notions of hyperideals in hyperlattices. And we study some properties about rough hyperideals in hyperlattices.

2. Hyperideals in Hyperlattices

In this section, we recall the notion of hyperlattices and give several new examples of it. Moreover, we will introduce hyperideals in hyperlattices and discuss some basic properties of them, which will be used in the following paragraphs.

Let L be a nonempty set, and let $P^*(L)$ be the set of all nonempty subsets of L. A hyperoperation on L is a map \circ : $L \times L \to P^*(L)$, which associates a nonempty subset $a \circ b$ with any pair (a,b) of elements of $L \times L$. The couple (L,\circ) is called a *hypergroupoid*.

If *A* and *B* are nonempty subsets of *L*, for all $a, b, x \in L$, we denote

(1)
$$x \circ A = \{x\} \circ A = \bigcup_{a \in A} x \circ a, A \circ x = A \circ \{x\} = \bigcup_{a \in A} a \circ x;$$

(2)
$$A \circ B = \bigcup_{a \in A, b \in B} a \circ b$$
.

In what follows, let us see what a hyperlattice is.

There are several kinds of hyperlattices that can be defined on a nonempty set; see [4–8]. Throughout the paper, we shall consider one of general types of hyperlattices [8]; also see [4].

Definition 1 (see [8]). Let *L* be a nonempty set endowed with two hyperoperations \otimes and \oplus . The triple (*L*, \otimes , \oplus) is called a hyperlattice if the following conditions hold: for all *a*, *b*, *c* ∈ *L*,

- (1) $a \in a \otimes a, a \in a \oplus a;$
- (2) $a \otimes b = b \otimes a$, $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$;
- (3) $(a \otimes b) \otimes c = a \otimes (b \otimes c), (a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c);$
- (4) $a \in a \otimes (a \oplus b), a \in a \oplus (a \otimes b).$

Let (L, \wedge, \vee) be a lattice. Define hyperoperations " \otimes " and " \oplus " on L as follows: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{a \wedge b\}$, $a \oplus b = \{a \vee b\}$, then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice. From this, we can see that hyperlattices are suitable generalizations of lattices.

Now, we give some new examples of hyperlattices. From these examples, we can see that hyperlattices are connected to several domains of mathematics.

Example 2. Let (L, \leq) be a partially ordered set. Define the following hyperoperations on L: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{x \in L \mid x \leq a, x \leq b\}$, $a \oplus b = \{x \in L \mid a \leq x, b \leq x\}$. Then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice.

Example 3. Let Sub(*V*) be the set of all subspaces of *n*-dimensional vectors space *V*. Define hyperoperations ⊗ and ⊕ on Sub(*V*) as follows: for all $V_1, V_2 \in \operatorname{Sub}(V), V_1 \otimes V_2 = \operatorname{Sub}(V_1 \cap V_2), V_1 \oplus V_2 = \operatorname{Sub}(V_1 + V_2)$, where $V_1 + V_2$ represents the sum space of V_1 and V_2 . One can check that (Sub(*V*), ⊗, ⊕) is a hyperlattice.

Example 4. Let (L, \land, \lor) be a lattice. Define the following hyperoperations on L: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{x \in L \mid a \lor x = b \lor x = a \lor b\}$, $a \oplus b = \{x \in L \mid x \le a \land b\}$. Then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice.

Example 5. Let (L, \land, \lor) be a lattice. We define two hyperoperations on L: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{x \in L \mid a \lor b \le x\}$, $a \oplus b = \{x \in L \mid a \land x = b \land x = a \land b\}$. Then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is also a hyperlattice.

Example 6. Let N^+ be the set of all positive integers. We define hyperoperations \otimes and \oplus on N^+ as follows: for all $a, b \in N^+$, $a \otimes b = \{x \in N^+ \mid x \mid (a,b)\}$, $a \oplus b = \{x \in N^+ \mid x \mid [a,b]\}$, in which $a \mid b$ represents that a divides b, $(a,b) = \gcd\{a,b\}$ and $[a,b] = \operatorname{lcm}\{a,b\}$. We can check that (N^+, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice.

Definition 7 (see [8]). Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice. A nonempty subset A of L is called a subhyperlattice of L if (A, \otimes, \oplus) is itself a hyperlattice.

It is easy to see that a nonempty subset A of (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a subhyperlattice of L if and only if A holds: for all $a, b \in A$, $a \otimes b \in P^*(A)$, $a \oplus b \in P^*(A)$. That is to say, A is a subhyperlattice of (L, \otimes, \oplus) if and only if $A \otimes A \subseteq A$, $A \oplus A \subseteq A$.

Example 8. Let *L* be a nonempty set. Define hyperoperations on *L* as follows: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{a, b\}$, $a \oplus b = \{a, b\}$. Then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice. Each nonempty subset of *L* is a subhyperlattice of (L, \otimes, \oplus) .

Example 9 (see [8]). Let $L = \{a, b, c, d\}$, and let hyperoperations \otimes and \oplus on L be defined as follows:

8	а	b	С	d
а	{a}	{a}	{a}	{a}
b	{a}	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> }	{a}	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> }
С	{a}	{a}	{ <i>c</i> }	{c}
d	{a}	{a, b}	{ <i>c</i> }	{ <i>c</i> , <i>d</i> }

0	а	ь	С	d
а	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> }	{ <i>b</i> }	$\{c,d\}$	{ <i>d</i> }
b	{b}	{ <i>b</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }
С	{ <i>c</i> , <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }	{ <i>c</i> , <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }
d	{ <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }	{ <i>d</i> }

Then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice, in which $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are subhyperlattices.

In what follows, we introduce hyperideals of a hyperlattice.

Definition 10. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice, and let A be a nonempty subset of L.

- (1) A is called a \oplus -hyperideal of L if for all $a, b \in A$ and $x \in L$,
 - (i) $a \otimes b \subseteq A$,
 - (ii) $a \oplus x \subseteq A$.
- (2) *A* is called a \otimes -hyperideal of *L* if for all $a, b \in A$ and $x \in L$,
 - (i) $a \oplus b \subseteq A$,
 - (ii) $a \otimes x \subseteq A$.

Obviously, a subhyperlattice A of (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a \otimes -hyperideal of L if and only if $A \otimes L \subseteq A$. Similarly, a subhyperlattice A of (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a \oplus -hyperideal of L if and only if $A \oplus L \subseteq A$.

Now, we present some examples of \oplus -hyperideals and \otimes -hyperideals of hyperlattices.

Example 11. Let (L, \land, \lor) be a lattice. Define the hyperoperations \otimes and \oplus on L as follows: for all $a, b \in L$, $a \otimes b = \{a \land b\}$, $a \oplus b = \{a \lor b\}$, then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice. Every ideal and filter of the lattice (L, \land, \lor) are \otimes -hyperideal and \oplus -hyperideal of the hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) , respectively.

From the previous example, we can see that \otimes -hyperideals and \oplus -hyperideals of hyperlattices are suitable generalizations of ideals and filters of lattices, respectively.

Example 12. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice in Example 4. For any element a of the lattice L, denote the principal ideal generated by a of the lattice (L, \wedge, \vee) by I(a), which means that $I(a) = \{x \in L \mid x \leq a\}$, then it is easy to check that I(a) is a \oplus -hyperideal of the hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) .

Example 13. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice in Example 5. For any element a of the lattice L, denote the principal filter generated by a of the lattice (L, \wedge, \vee) by F(a), which means that $F(a) = \{x \in L \mid x \geq a\}$, then F(a) is a \otimes -hyperideal of the hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) .

Example 14. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be the hyperlattice in Example 9. One can check that $\{a,b\}$ is a \otimes -hyperideal, but not a \oplus -hyperideal of L and $\{c,d\}$ is a \oplus -hyperideal, but not a \otimes -hyperideal of L.

Next, we discuss some basic properties of hyperideals, which will be used in the following paragraphs.

Proposition 15. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice, and let A be a nonempty subset of L. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) A is a \otimes -hyperideal of (L, \otimes, \oplus) .
- (2) $a \oplus b \subseteq A$ and $a \otimes x \subseteq A$ for all $a, b \in A$ and $x \in L$.
- (3) $A \oplus A \subseteq A$ and $A \otimes L \subseteq A$.

Similarly, the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) A is a \oplus -hyperideal of (L, \otimes, \oplus) .
- (2) $a \otimes b \subseteq A$ and $a \oplus x \subseteq A$ for all $a, b \in A$ and $x \in L$.
- (3) $A \otimes A \subseteq A$ and $A \oplus L \subseteq A$.

Proof. It is obvious.

Let $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$ be two hyperlattices. Define hyperoperations on the Cartesian product $L_1 \times L_2$ as follows: for all $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in L_1 \times L_2, (x_1, y_1) \otimes (x_2, y_2) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \otimes_1 x_2, y \in y_1 \otimes_2 y_2\}, (x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \oplus_1 x_2, y \in y_1 \oplus_2 y_2\}.$ One can check that $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$ is a hyperlattice, which is called the *Cartesian product hyperlattice* of L_1 and L_2 .

Proposition 16. Let A and B be two nonempty subsets of $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, respectively.

- (1) If A and B are subhyperlattices of L_1 and L_2 , respectively, then $A \times B$ is a subhyperlattice of $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$.
- (2) If A and B are \otimes_1 -hyperideals (\oplus_1 -hyperideals) and \otimes_2 -hyperideals (\oplus_2 -hyperideals) of L_1 and L_2 , respectively, then $A \times B$ is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of ($L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus$).

Proof. The proof is straightforward.

Let $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$ be two hyperlattices. A map $f: L_1 \to L_2$ is called a *weak homomorphism* if $f(a\otimes_1 b) \subseteq f(a)\otimes_2 f(b)$ and $f(a\oplus_1 b) \subseteq f(a)\oplus_2 f(b)$ for all $a, b \in L_1$. In particular, if $f(a\otimes_1 b) = f(a)\otimes_2 f(b)$ and $f(a\oplus_1 b) = f(a)\oplus_2 f(b)$, then f is called a *homomorphism*.

If such a homomorphism f is surjective, injective, or bijective, then f is called an *epimorphism*, a *monomorphism*, or an *isomorphism* from $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, respectively.

Proposition 17. Let f be a surjective homomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$.

- (1) If A is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 , then f(A) is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2 .
- (2) If B is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2 , then $f^{-1}(B)$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 .

Proof. (1) Assume that A is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal of L_1 . For all $a',b' \in f(A)$, there exist $a,b \in A$ such that f(a) = a', f(b) = b'. Then $a'\oplus_2b' = f(a)\oplus_2f(b) = f(a\oplus_1b) = \{f(z) \mid z \in a\oplus_1b\}$. It follows from $a\oplus_1b \in P^*(A)$ that $a'\oplus_2b' \in P^*(f(A))$. Now, let $x' \in L_2$; notice that f is surjective, then there exists $x \in L_1$ such that f(x) = x'. Hence, $a'\otimes_2x' = f(a)\oplus_2f(x) = f(a\oplus_1x) = \{f(z) \mid z \in a\otimes_1x\}$. By $a\otimes_1x \subseteq A$, we have $a'\otimes_2x' \in P^*(f(A))$. Therefore, f(A) is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal of L_2 .

(2) Suppose that B is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal of L_2 . For all $a, b \in f^{-1}(B)$, then $f(a \oplus_1 b) = f(a) \oplus_2 f(b) \subseteq B$. It follows that $a \oplus_1 b \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. On the other hand, let $x \in L_1$, then $f(a \otimes_1 x) = f(a) \otimes_2 f(x) \subseteq B$; that is, $a \otimes_1 x \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(B)$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal of L_1 .

3. Rough Hyperideals in Hyperlattices

In this section, we introduce the notion of rough hyperideals in hyperlattices and discuss some properties of them.

Given a hyperlattice L, by $P^*(L)$ we will denote the set of all nonempty subsets of L. If θ is an equivalence relation on L, then, for every $a \in L$, $[a]_{\theta}$ stands for the equivalence class of a with the represent θ . For any nonempty subset A of L, we denote $[A]_{\theta} = \{[a]_{\theta} \mid a \in A\}$.

For any $A, B \in P^*(L)$, we denote $A\theta B$ if the following conditions hold:

- (1) for all $a \in A$, $\exists b \in B$ such that $a\theta b$;
- (2) for all $d \in B$, $\exists c \in A$ such that $c\theta d$.

Now, we can introduce the notion of hypercongruences on hyperlattices in the following manner.

Definition 18. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice. An equivalence relation θ on L is called a hypercongruence on L if for all $a, a', b, b' \in L$, the following implication holds: $a\theta a'$ and $b\theta b'$ imply $(a \otimes b)\overline{\theta}(a' \otimes b')$ and $(a \oplus b)\overline{\theta}(a' \oplus b')$.

Obviously, an equivalence relation θ on (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hypercongruence if and only if for all $a, b, x \in L$, we have that $a\theta b$ implies $(a \otimes x)\overline{\theta}(b \otimes x)$ and $(a \oplus x)\overline{\theta}(b \oplus x)$.

Lemma 19. Let (L, \otimes, \oplus) be a hyperlattice, and let θ be a hypercongruence on L. For all $a, b \in L$, then $[a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \otimes b]_{\theta}, [a]_{\theta} \oplus [b]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \oplus b]_{\theta}.$

Proof. Suppose that $x \in [a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta}$, then there exist $x_1 \in [a]_{\theta}$ and $x_2 \in [b]_{\theta}$ such that $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2$. Since $a\theta x_1$, $b\theta x_2$, by Definition 18, we have $(a \otimes b) \overline{\theta}(x_1 \otimes x_2)$. So $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2$ implies that there exists $y \in a \otimes b$ such that $x\theta y$. Therefore, we have $x \in [a \otimes b]_{\theta}$, which implies $[a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \otimes b]_{\theta}$. Similarly, we can prove that $[a]_{\theta} \oplus [b]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \oplus b]_{\theta}$.

A hypercongruence relation θ on (L, \otimes, \oplus) is called \otimes -complete if $[a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta} = [a \otimes b]_{\theta}$ for all $a, b \in L$. Similarly, θ is called \oplus -complete if $[a]_{\theta} \oplus [b]_{\theta} = [a \oplus b]_{\theta}$ for all $a, b \in L$. We call θ complete if it is both \otimes -complete and \oplus -complete.

Now, we briefly recall the rough set theory in Pawlak's sense. Let θ be an equivalence relation on L, and let A be a nonempty subset of L. Then, the sets $\overline{\theta}(A) = \{x \in L \mid [x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi\}$ and $\underline{\theta}(A) = \{x \in L \mid [x]_{\theta} \subseteq A\}$ are called, respectively, the *upper and lower approximations* of A with respect to θ . $\theta(A) = (\underline{\theta}(A), \overline{\theta}(A))$ is called a *rough set* with respect to θ .

Proposition 20. Let θ be a hypercongruence on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) . If A, B are two nonempty subsets of L, then

- (1) $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$. In particular, if θ is \otimes -complete, then $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$,
- (2) $\overline{\theta}(A) \oplus \overline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A \oplus B)$. In particular, if θ is \oplus -complete, then $\overline{\theta}(A) \oplus \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \oplus B)$.

Proof. (1) Suppose that $x \in \overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B)$. There exist $x_1 \in \overline{\theta}(A)$ and $x_2 \in \overline{\theta}(B)$ such that $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2$. It follows that there exist $a, b \in L$ such that $a \in [x_1]_{\theta} \cap A$ and $b \in [x_2]_{\theta} \cap B$. Since θ is a hypercongruence on L, we have $a \otimes b \subseteq [x_1]_{\theta} \otimes [x_2]_{\theta} \subseteq [x_1 \otimes x_2]_{\theta}$ by Lemma 19. On the other hand, since $a \otimes b \subseteq A \otimes B$, we obtain $a \otimes b \subseteq [x_1 \otimes x_2]_{\theta} \cap (A \otimes B)$, which implies $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.

If θ is \otimes -complete, let $x \in \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$, then $[x]_{\theta} \cap (A \otimes B) \neq \phi$. Therefore, there exists $y \in [x]_{\theta} \cap (A \otimes B)$, and so for some $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, we have $y \in a \otimes b$. Since θ is \otimes -complete, we can obtain $x \in [y]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \otimes b]_{\theta} = [a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta}$. Thus, there exist $x_1 \in [a]_{\theta}$ and $x_2 \in [b]_{\theta}$ such that $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2$. It follows that $a \in [x_1]_{\theta} \cap A$ and $b \in [x_2]_{\theta} \cap B$. Hence, $x_1 \in \overline{\theta}(A)$ and $x_2 \in \overline{\theta}(B)$, and we have $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B)$, which implies $\overline{\theta}(A \otimes B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.

(2) The proof is similar to that of (1). \Box

Proposition 21. Let θ be a hypercongruence on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and A, B are two nonempty subsets of L.

- (1) If A and B are two \otimes -hyperideals of L, then $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.
- (2) If A and B are two \oplus -hyperideals of L, then $\overline{\theta}(A) \oplus \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \oplus B)$.

Proof. (1) Let $x \in \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$, then there exist $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such that $[x]_{\theta} \cap (a \otimes b) \neq \phi$, which implies that there exists $t \in a \otimes b$ such that $x \theta t$. Since A is a \otimes -hyperideal of L, we have $a \otimes b \subseteq A$. It follows that $t \in A$. Hence, we obtain that $[x]_{\theta} \cap A = [t]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$, which implies $x \in \overline{\theta}(A)$. In a similar way, we have $x \in \overline{\theta}(B)$. Thus, $x \in x \otimes x \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B)$. Combining Proposition 20, we have $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(B) = \overline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.

(2) The proof is similar to that of (1).

Proposition 22. Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A, B be two nonempty subsets of L.

- (1) If θ is \otimes -complete, then $\underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.
- (2) If θ is \oplus -complete, then $\underline{\theta}(A) \oplus \underline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \oplus B)$.

Proof. (1) Let $x \in \underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(B)$, then there exist $x_1 \in \underline{\theta}(A)$ and $x_2 \in \underline{\theta}(B)$ such that $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2$. It follows that $[x_1]_{\theta} \subseteq A$ and $[x_2]_{\theta} \subseteq B$. Since θ is \otimes -complete, we have $[x_1 \otimes x_2]_{\theta} = [x_1]_{\theta} \otimes [x_2]_{\theta} \subseteq A \otimes B$, which implies $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$. Therefore, $\underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \otimes B)$.

(2) Similar to the proof of (1).

The following example shows that the converses of Proposition 22 do not hold in general.

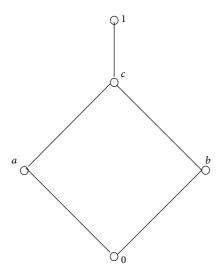


FIGURE 1: The lattice in Example 23.

Example 23. Let $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$ be a lattice (L, \land, \lor) , where the partial order relation on X is defined as shown in Figure 1. For all $x, y \in L, x \otimes y = \{x \land y\}, x \oplus y = \{x \lor y\}$, then (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice. Let θ be a complete hypercongruence relation on the hyperlattice L with the following equivalence classes: $[1]_{\theta} = \{1\}, \ [c]_{\theta} = \{a, c\}, \ [b]_{\theta} = \{b, 0\}.$ If $A = \{a\}, B = \{b, c, 0\}$, then $\underline{\theta}(A) = \phi$ and $\underline{\theta}(B) = \{b, 0\}$. We have $\underline{\theta}(A \oplus B) = \{a, c\}, \ \underline{\theta}(A) \oplus \underline{\theta}(B) = \phi$. So, $\underline{\theta}(A \oplus B) \nsubseteq \underline{\theta}(A) \oplus \underline{\theta}(B)$. If the partial order is reverse, then $\underline{\theta}(A \otimes B) = \{a, c\}, \underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(B) = \phi$. Therefore, $\theta(A \otimes B) \nsubseteq \theta(A) \otimes \theta(B)$.

Proposition 24. Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) . If A and B are \otimes -hyperideals $(\oplus$ -hyperideals) of L, then $\overline{\theta}(A \cap B) = \overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B)$.

Proof. Let $x \in \overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B)$, we have $[x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$ and $[x]_{\theta} \cap B \neq \phi$. Then, there exist $x_1 \in A$ and $x_2 \in B$ such that $x_1 \theta x$ and $x_2 \theta x$. It follows from θ which is a hypercongruence relation that $x_1 \otimes x_2 \overline{\theta} x \otimes x$, which implies that there exists $t \in x_1 \otimes x_2$ such that $t\theta x$. Since A and B are \otimes -hyperideals of L, we have $x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq A \cap B$. So, $t \in A \cap B$. It follows that $[x]_{\theta} \cap (A \cap B) = [t]_{\theta} \cap (A \cap B) \neq \phi$, which implies $x \in \overline{\theta}(A \cap B)$. Hence, $\overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A \cap B)$. On the other hand, it is clear that $\overline{\theta}(A \cap B) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A \cap B) = \overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B)$. In a similar way, if A and B are \oplus -hyperideals of L, we can also obtain $\overline{\theta}(A \cap B) = \overline{\theta}(A) \cap \overline{\theta}(B)$.

Up to now, we have studied some properties of the lower and upper approximations in hyperlattices. Next, we will introduce and investigate a new algebraic structure called rough hyperideals in hyperlattices. Let us begin with introducing the following definitions.

Definition 25. Let θ be a hypercongruence on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A be a nonempty subset of L. A is called a lower (an upper) rough subhyperlattice of L if $\underline{\theta}(A)$ ($\overline{\theta}(A)$) is a subhyperlattice of L. A is called a rough subhyperlattice of L if A is both a lower rough subhyperlattice and an upper rough subhyperlattice of L.

Similarly, A is called a lower (an upper) rough \otimes -hyperideal of L if $\underline{\theta}(A)$ ($\overline{\theta}(A)$) is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. And we call A a rough \otimes -hyperideal of L if A is both a lower rough \otimes -hyperideal and an upper rough \otimes -hyperideal of L. In a similar way, a rough \oplus -hyperideal of L can be defined.

Example 26. Let $L = \{a, b, c\}$ and hyperoperations \otimes and \oplus on L defined as follows:

8	а	b	С
а	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }
b	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }
С	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{a, b, c}	{c}

Φ	а	ь	С
а	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{ <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> }	{c}
b	{a, b, c}	{a, b, c}	{c}
С	{c}	{c}	{c}

Then, (L, \otimes, \oplus) is a hyperlattice. Let θ be a complete hypercongruence relation on the hyperlattice L with the following equivalence classes: $[a]_{\theta} = \{a,b\}$, $[c]_{\theta} = \{c\}$. Now for $A = \{b,c\}$, $\underline{\theta}(A) = \{c\}$ and $\overline{\theta}(A) = L$. It is clear that $\{c\}$ and L are \oplus -hyperideals, so A is a rough \oplus -hyperideal of L.

Example 27. Let $L = \{a,b,c,d\}$ be the hyperlattice in Example 9. Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on the hyperlattice L with the following equivalence classes: $[a]_{\theta} = \{a,b\}, [c]_{\theta} = \{c,d\}$. Considering $A = \{a,b,c\}$, we can obtain that $\underline{\theta}(A) = \{a,b\}$ and $\overline{\theta}(A) = L$. Notice that $\{a,b\}$ and L are \otimes -hyperideals, so A is a rough \otimes -hyperideal of L. If $A = \{b,c,d\}$, we have that $\underline{\theta}(A) = \{c,d\}$ and $\overline{\theta}(A) = L$. From Example 14, we obtain that $\{c,d\}$ and L are \oplus -hyperideals, so L is a rough \oplus -hyperideal of L.

Theorem 28. Let θ be a hypercongruence on a hyperlattice (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A be a nonempty subset of L.

- (1) If A is a subhyperlattice of L, then A is an upper rough subhyperlattice of L.
- (2) If A is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L, then A is an upper rough \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L.

Proof. (1) Suppose that $a,b \in \overline{\theta}(A)$, then $[a]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$ and $[b]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. It follows that there exist $x_1 \in [a]_{\theta} \cap A$ and $x_2 \in [b]_{\theta} \cap A$. Since A is a subhyperlattice of L, we have $x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq A$. Also, by Lemma 19, we can obtain $x \in x_1 \otimes x_2 \subseteq [a]_{\theta} \otimes [b]_{\theta} \subseteq [a \otimes b]_{\theta}$. Hence, $[a \otimes b]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$, which implies that $a \otimes b \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. In a similar way, we have $a \oplus b \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L; that is, A is an upper rough subhyperlattice of L.

(2) Let A be a \otimes -hyperideal of L; then A is a subhyperlattice of L. By (1), we have $\overline{\theta}(A) \oplus \overline{\theta}(A) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. On the other hand, by Proposition 20, we have $\overline{\theta}(A) \otimes L = \overline{\theta}(A) \otimes \overline{\theta}(L) \subseteq$

 $\overline{\theta}(A \otimes L) \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. Thus, $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. Therefore, A is an upper rough \otimes -hyperideal of L. The other case can be proved in a similar way.

Theorem 29. Let A be a nonempty subset of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let θ be a complete hypercongruence relation on L such that $\theta(A) \neq \phi$.

- (1) If A is a subhyperlattice of L, then A is a lower rough subhyperlattice of L.
- (2) If A is a ⊗-hyperideal (⊕-hyperideal) of L, then A is a lower rough ⊗-hyperideal (⊕-hyperideal) of L.

Proof. (1) Let A be a subhyperlattice of L. Since $\underline{\theta}(A) \neq \phi$, it follows from Proposition 22 that $\underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(A) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \otimes A) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$ and $\underline{\theta}(A) \oplus \underline{\theta}(A) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \oplus A) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$. Therefore, $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L; that is, A is a lower rough subhyperlattice of L.

(2) Assume that A is a \otimes -hyperideal of L; then A is a subhyperlattice of L. Notice that θ is complete; by the statement of (1), we obtain $\underline{\theta}(A) \oplus \underline{\theta}(A) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$. On the other hand, by Proposition 22, we have $\underline{\theta}(A) \otimes L = \underline{\theta}(A) \otimes \underline{\theta}(L) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A \otimes L) \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$. Thus, $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. Therefore, A is a lower rough \otimes -hyperideal of L. In a similar way, we can prove that A is a lower rough \oplus -hyperideal of L.

By the two theorems above, we have immediately the following corollary.

Corollary 30. Let A be a nonempty subset of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let θ be a complete hypercongruence relation on L such that $\theta(A) \neq \phi$.

- (1) If A is a subhyperlattice of L, then A is a rough subhyperlattice of L.
- (2) If A is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L, then A is a rough \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L.

The above corollary shows that under some conditions ⊗-hyperideals (⊕-hyperideals) are rough ⊗-hyperideals (⊕-hyperideals) in hyperlattices. The following example shows that the converse of this result does not hold in general.

Example 31. In Example 26, $A = \{b, c\}$ is a rough \oplus -hyperideal of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , but A is not a \oplus -hyperideal of L.

Example 32. In Example 27, $A = \{a, b, c\}$ is a rough \otimes -hyperideal of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , but A is not a \otimes -hyperideal of L.

Based on the discussion above, we obtain that rough hyperideals are extended notions of hyperideals in hyperlattices.

4. Rough Hyperideals in the Product Hyperlattices and Quotient Hyperlattices

In this section, we consider rough hyperideals in Cartesian products and quotients of hyperlattices. Let us begin with introducing the following proposition.

Let θ_1 and θ_2 be two hypercongruence relations on $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, respectively. Define a relation θ^* on $L_1 \times L_2$ as follows: for all $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in L_1 \times L_2$, $(x_1, y_1)\theta^*(x_2, y_2) \Leftrightarrow x_1\theta_1x_2$ and $y_1\theta_2y_2$. It is easy to check that θ^* is a hypercongruence on the product hyperlattice $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$. Then we can obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 33. Let A and B be two nonempty subsets of $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, respectively. Then,

- (1) $\overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) = \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B)$.
- (2) $\underline{\theta}^*(A \times B) = \theta_1(A) \times \theta_2(B)$.

Proof. (1) For all $(x, y) \in L_1 \times L_2$, $(x, y) \in \overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) \Leftrightarrow [(x, y)]_{\theta^*} \cap (A \times B) \neq \phi \Leftrightarrow \exists (x', y') \in A \times B \text{ such that } (x', y')\theta^*(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists x' \in A, y' \in B, x'\theta_1 x, y'\theta_2 y \Leftrightarrow [x]_{\theta_1} \cap A \neq \phi \text{ and } [y]_{\theta_2} \cap B \neq \phi \Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{\theta_1}(A), y \in \overline{\theta_2}(B) \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B).$ It follows that $\overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) = \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B)$.

(2) For all $(x, y) \in L_1 \times L_2$, $(x, y) \in \underline{\theta}^*(A \times B) \Leftrightarrow [(x, y)]_{\theta^*} \subseteq (A \times B) \Leftrightarrow$ for all $(x', y')\theta^*(x, y)$, $(x', y') \in A \times B \Leftrightarrow$ for all $x'\theta_1x$, $y'\theta_2y$, $x' \in A$, $y' \in B \Leftrightarrow [x]_{\theta_1} \subseteq A$ and $[y]_{\theta_2} \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow x \in \underline{\theta_1}(A)$, $y \in \underline{\theta_2}(B) \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in \underline{\theta_1}(A) \times \underline{\theta_2}(B)$. We conclude that $\underline{\theta}^*(A \times B) = \underline{\theta_1}(A) \times \underline{\theta_2}(B)$.

Theorem 34. Let θ_1 and θ_2 be hypercongruence relations on $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, respectively. If A and B are two nonempty subsets of L_1 and L_2 , respectively, then

- (1) $A \times B$ is a rough subhyperlattice of $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$ if and only if A and B are rough subhyperlattices of L_1 and L_2 , respectively.
- (2) $A \times B$ is a rough \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$ if and only if A and B are rough \otimes_1 -hyperideals (\oplus_1 -hyperideals) and rough \otimes_2 -hyperideals (\oplus_2 -hyperideals) of L_1 and L_2 , respectively.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow Assume that $A \times B$ is an upper rough subhyperlattice of $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$. Let $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{\theta_1}(A), y_1, y_2 \in \overline{\theta_2}(B)$, it follows from Proposition 33 that $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B) = \overline{\theta^*}(A \times B)$. Since $\overline{\theta^*}(A \times B)$ is a subhyperlattice of $L_1 \times L_2$, we have $(x_1, y_1) \otimes (x_2, y_2) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \otimes_1 x_2, y \in y_1 \otimes_2 y_2\} \subseteq \overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) = \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B), (x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \otimes_1 x_2, y \in y_1 \otimes_2 y_2\} \subseteq \overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) = \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B)$. It follows that $x_1 \otimes_1 x_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A), x_1 \otimes_1 x_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A), y_1 \otimes_2 y_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_2}(B), y_1 \otimes_2 y_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_2}(B)$, which implies that $\overline{\theta_1}(A)$ and $\overline{\theta_2}(B)$ are subhyperlattices of L_1 and L_2 , respectively. Therefore, A and B are upper rough subhyperlattices of L_1 and L_2 , respectively. The case of the lower approximation can be seen in a similar way.

 \Leftarrow This follows from Propositions 16 and 33.

(2) \Rightarrow Assume that $A \times B$ is an upper rough \otimes -hyperideal of $(L_1 \times L_2, \otimes, \oplus)$. Let $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{\theta_1}(A), \ y_1, y_2 \in \overline{\theta_2}(B)$; it follows from (1) that $x_1 \oplus_1 x_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A), \ y_1 \oplus_2 y_2 \subseteq \overline{\theta_2}(B)$. Now, for all $a_1 \in L_1, \ b_1 \in L_2, \ (x_1, y_1) \otimes (a_1, b_1) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \otimes_1 a_1, y \in y_1 \otimes_2 b_1\} \subseteq \overline{\theta^*}(A \times B) = \overline{\theta_1}(A) \times \overline{\theta_2}(B)$ since $\overline{\theta^*}(A \times B)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of $L_1 \times L_2$. Hence, $x_1 \otimes_1 a_1 \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A), \ y_1 \otimes_2 b_1 \in \overline{\theta_2}(B)$,

which implies that A and B are \otimes_1 -hyperideals and \otimes_2 -hyperideals of L_1 and L_2 , respectively. Similarly, the case of the lower approximation can be proved.

 \Leftarrow This follows from Propositions 16 and 33.

Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on (L, \otimes, \oplus) . For all $[a]_{\theta}, [b]_{\theta} \in L/\theta$, we define $[a]_{\theta} \otimes' [b]_{\theta} = \{[z]_{\theta} \mid z \in a \otimes b\}$ and $[a]_{\theta} \oplus' [b]_{\theta} = \{[z]_{\theta} \mid z \in a \oplus b\}$. Then, one can check $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$ is a hyperlattice, which is called the *quotient hyperlattice* of L with respect to θ .

When L is finite, L/θ is smaller than L, and its structure is usually less complicated than that of L. At the same time, L/θ simulates L in many ways. In fact, we may think of a quotient hyperlattice of L as a less complicated approximation of L.

The lower and upper approximations can be presented in an equivalent form as shown bellow.

Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A be a nonempty subset of L. Denote $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta = \{[x]_{\theta} \in L/\theta \mid [x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \emptyset\}, \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta = \{[x]_{\theta} \in L/\theta \mid [x]_{\theta} \subseteq A\}.$

Theorem 35. Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A be a nonempty subset of L. Then,

- (1) $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of (L, \otimes, \oplus) if and only if $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.
- (2) $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of (L, \otimes, \oplus) if and only if $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal (\oplus' -hyperideal) of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow Let $[a]_{\theta}$, $[b]_{\theta} \in \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$; then $[a]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$ and $[b]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. This implies that $a, b \in \overline{\theta}(A)$. Since $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L, we have $a \otimes b \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$, $a \oplus b \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. Then, for all $x \in a \otimes b$, $[x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. Thus, $[a]_{\theta} \otimes' [b]_{\theta} = \{[x]_{\theta} \mid x \in a \otimes b\} \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Similarly, $[a]_{\theta} \oplus' [b]_{\theta} \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of L/θ .

- \Leftarrow Assume that $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of L/θ . Let $a,b\in\overline{\theta}(A)$; then $[a]_{\theta}\cap A\neq \phi$ and $[b]_{\theta}\cap A\neq \phi$. This implies that $[a]_{\theta},[b]_{\theta}\in\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Since $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of L/θ , we conclude that $[a]_{\theta}\otimes'[b]_{\theta}=\{[x]_{\theta}\mid x\in a\otimes b\}\subseteq\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$, which implies that for all $x\in a\otimes b$, $[x]_{\theta}\cap A\neq \phi$; that is, $x\in\overline{\theta}(A)$. Hence $a\otimes b\subseteq\overline{\theta}(A)$. In a similar way, we have $a\oplus b\subseteq\overline{\theta}(A)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L.
- (2) \Rightarrow Assume that $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. Let $[a]_{\theta}, [b]_{\theta} \in \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$; it follows from the necessity of (1) that $[a]_{\theta} \oplus' [b]_{\theta} \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Now, for every $[a]_{\theta} \in \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ and $[x]_{\theta} \in L/\theta$, then $[a]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. This implies that $a \in \overline{\theta}(A)$. Since $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L, we have $a \otimes x \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. It follows that $[a \otimes x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. Then, for every $t \in a \otimes x$, $[t]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$, which implies that $[a]_{\theta} \otimes' [x]_{\theta} = \{[t]_{\theta} \mid t \in a \otimes x\} \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal of L/θ . The other case can be seen in a similar way.
- \Leftarrow Suppose that $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal of L/θ . Let $a,b\in\overline{\theta}(A)$; it follows from the sufficiency of (1) that $a\oplus b\subseteq\overline{\theta}(A)$. Now, let $x\in L$; then $[a]_{\theta}\in\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ and $[x]_{\theta}\in L/\theta$. Hence, we conclude that $[a]_{\theta}\otimes'[x]_{\theta}=\{[t]_{\theta}\mid t\in a\otimes x\}\subseteq$

 $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$, which implies that for all $t \in a \otimes x$, $[t]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$; that is, $t \in \overline{\theta}(A)$. Hence $a \otimes x \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. In a similar way, the other case can be seen.

Combining Theorems 28 and 35, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 36. Let θ be a hypercongruence relation on (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let A be a nonempty subset of L.

- (1) If A is a subhyperlattice of L, then $\theta(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.
- (2) If A is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L, then $\overline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal (\oplus' -hyperideal) of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.

Theorem 37. Let A be a nonempty subset of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let θ be a hypercongruence relation on L such that $\underline{\theta}(A) \neq \phi$.

- (1) $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L if and only if $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.
- (2) $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L if and only if $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal (\oplus' -hyperideal) of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow Let $[a]_{\theta}$, $[b]_{\theta} \in \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$, then $[a]_{\theta} \subseteq A$ and $[b]_{\theta} \subseteq A$. That is, $a \in \underline{\theta}(A)$ and $b \in \underline{\theta}(A)$. Since $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L, we have $a \otimes b \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$, $a \oplus b \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$. It follows that $[a \otimes b]_{\theta} \subseteq A$, $[a \oplus b]_{\theta} \subseteq A$. Thus, $[a]_{\theta} \otimes' [b]_{\theta} \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$, $[a]_{\theta} \oplus' [b]_{\theta} \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Therefore, $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of L/θ .

- (2) \Rightarrow Assume that A is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. Let $[a]_{\theta}, [b]_{\theta} \in \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$; it follows from the necessity of (1) that $[a]_{\theta} \oplus' [b]_{\theta} \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Now, for every $[a]_{\theta} \in \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ and $[x]_{\theta} \in L/\theta$, then $[a]_{\theta} \subseteq A$. This implies that $a \in \underline{\theta}(A)$. Since $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L, we have $a \otimes x \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)$. Then, for all $t \in a \otimes x$, we have $t \in \underline{\theta}(A)$, which implies that $[t]_{\theta} \subseteq A$. Hence, $[t]_{\theta} \in \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. On the other hand, from $t \in a \otimes x$, we have $[t]_{\theta} \in [a]_{\theta} \otimes' [x]_{\theta}$. It follows that $[a]_{\theta} \otimes' [x]_{\theta} \subseteq \underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$. Therefore, $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal of L/θ . The other case can be seen in a similar way.

 \Leftarrow Assume that $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal of L/θ . Let $a,b\in\underline{\theta}(A)$; it follows from the sufficiency of (1) that $a\oplus b\subseteq\underline{\theta}(A)$. Now, let $x\in L$; then $[a]_{\theta}\in\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ and $[x]_{\theta}\in L/\theta$. Hence, we conclude that $[a]_{\theta}\otimes'[x]_{\theta}=\{[t]_{\theta}\mid t\in a\otimes x\}\subseteq\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$, which implies that for all $t\in a\otimes x$, $[t]_{\theta}\subseteq A$; that is, $t\in\underline{\theta}(A)$. Hence $a\otimes x\subseteq\underline{\theta}(A)$. Therefore, $\underline{\theta}(A)$ is a \otimes -hyperideal of L. In a similar way, the other case can be seen.

Combining Theorems 29 and 37, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 38. Let A be a nonempty subset of (L, \otimes, \oplus) , and let θ be a complete hypercongruence relation on L such that $\theta(A) \neq \phi$.

- (1) If A is a subhyperlattice of L, then $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a subhyperlattice of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus')$.
- (2) If A is a \otimes -hyperideal (\oplus -hyperideal) of L, then $\underline{\theta}(A)/\theta$ is a \otimes' -hyperideal (\oplus' -hyperideal) of $(L/\theta, \otimes', \oplus^{\overline{l}})$.

5. Homomorphic Images of Rough Hyperideals

In this section, we will discuss relations between the upper (lower) rough hyperideals of hyperlattices and the upper (lower) approximations of their homomorphic images. Finally, combining results in the previous sections, we obtain the corresponding relationships between rough hyperideals of quotient hyperlattices of two homomorphic hyperlattices.

Lemma 39. Let $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ and $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$ be two hyperlattices, and let $f: L_1 \to L_2$ be a homomorphism from L_1 to L_2 . Then $\theta = \ker f = \{(a,b) \in L_1 \times L_1 \mid f(a) = f(b)\}$ is a hypercongruence on $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$, which is called the kernel of f.

Proof. Clearly, $\theta = \ker f$ is an equivalence relation on L_1 . For all $a, a', b, b' \in L_1$, let $a\theta a'$ and $b\theta b'$; then f(a) = f(a') and f(b) = f(b'). Let $x \in a \otimes_1 b$; then $f(x) \in f(a \otimes_1 b) = f(a) \otimes_2 f(b) = f(a') \otimes_2 f(b') = f(a' \otimes_1 b')$, which implies that there exists $y \in a' \otimes_1 b'$ such that f(x) = f(y). That is, there exists $y \in a' \otimes_1 b'$ such that $x\theta y$. Conversely, for any $s \in a' \otimes_1 b'$, there also exists $t \in a \otimes_1 b$ such that $s\theta t$. It follows that $(a \otimes_1 b) \overline{\theta}(a' \otimes_1 b')$. Similarly, we can prove that $(a \oplus_1 b) \overline{\theta}(a' \oplus_1 b')$. Therefore, $\theta = \ker f$ is a hypercongruence on $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$.

Theorem 40. Let f be a homomorphism from the hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to the hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$ and $\theta = \ker f$. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) $f(\overline{\theta}(A)) = f(A)$.
- (2) if f is one to one, $f(\theta(A)) = f(A)$.

Proof. (1) Since $A \subseteq \overline{\theta}(A)$, it follows that $f(A) \subseteq f(\overline{\theta}(A))$. Conversely, let $y \in f(\overline{\theta}(A))$; there exists $x \in \overline{\theta}(A)$ such that f(x) = y, so we have $[x]_{\theta} \cap A \neq \phi$. Thus, there exists $a \in [x]_{\theta} \cap A$. So, $a\theta x$; that is, $f(a) = f(x) = y \in f(A)$. Thus, $f(\overline{\theta}(A)) \subseteq f(A)$. Therefore, $f(\overline{\theta}(A)) = f(A)$.

(2) It is obvious that $f(\underline{\theta}(A)) \subseteq f(A)$. Let $y \in f(A)$; there exists $x \in A$ such that f(x) = y. If $a \in [x]_{\theta}$, then f(a) = f(x). Since f is one to one, we have $a = x \in A$. So $[x]_{\theta} \subseteq A$, which implies $x \in \underline{\theta}(A)$. Thus, $y = f(x) \in f(\underline{\theta}(A))$. Therefore, we obtain $f(\underline{\theta}(A)) = f(A)$.

In order to discuss some relations between the upper (lower) rough hyperideals of hyperlattices and the upper (lower) approximations of their homomorphic images, we give the following lemma. **Lemma 41.** Let f be a surjective homomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, and let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 . If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) $\theta_1 = \{(a,b) \in L_1 \times L_1 \mid (f(a), f(b)) \in \theta_2\}$ is a hypercongruence relation on a hyperlattice L_1 .
- (2) $f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) = \overline{\theta_2}(f(A)).$
- (3) $f(\underline{\theta_1}(A)) \subseteq \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Furthermore, if f is injective, then $f(\theta_1(A)) = \theta_2(f(A))$.

Proof. (1) It is clear that θ_1 is an equivalence relation. Now, let $x \in L_1$; if $a\theta_1b$, then $f(a)\theta_2f(b)$. Since θ_2 is a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , we have that $(f(a)\otimes_2 f(x))\times \overline{\theta_2}(f(b)\otimes_2 f(x))$ and $(f(a)\oplus_2 f(x))\overline{\theta_2}(f(b)\oplus_2 f(x))$. It follows that $f(a\otimes_1 x)\overline{\theta_2}f(b\otimes_1 x)$, $f(a\oplus_1 x)\overline{\theta_2}f(b\oplus_1 x)$. By the definition of θ_1 , we easily get that $(a\otimes_1 x)\overline{\theta_1}(b\otimes_1 x)$, $(a\oplus_1 x)\overline{\theta_1}\times (b\oplus_1 x)$. Therefore, θ_1 is a hypercongruence relation on a hyperlattice L_1 .

(2) For any $y \in f(\overline{\theta_1}(A))$, then there exists $x \in \overline{\theta_1}(A)$ such that f(x) = y; hence, $[x]_{\theta_1} \cap A \neq \phi$. This means that there exists $a \in [x]_{\theta_1} \cap A$ such that $f(a) \in f(A)$ and $f(a)\theta_2 f(x)$. It follows that $[f(x)]_{\theta_2} \cap f(A) \neq \phi$. Then $y = f(x) \in \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Therefore, we conclude that $f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) \subseteq \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Conversely, let $y \in \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$; then there exists $x \in L_1$ such that f(x) = y. Hence $[f(x)]_{\theta_2} \cap f(A) \neq \phi$. So, there exists $a \in A$ such that $f(a) \in f(A)$ and $f(a) \in [f(x)]_{\theta_2}$. Now, by definition of θ_1 , we have $a \in A$, $a \in [x]_{\theta_1}$. Thus $[x]_{\theta_1} \cap A \neq \phi$, which implies $x \in \overline{\theta_1}(A)$. So, $y = f(x) \in f(\overline{\theta_1}(A))$. This means that $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\overline{\theta_1}(A))$. Therefore, $f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) = \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$.

(3) If $y \in f(\underline{\theta_1}(A))$, then there exists $x \in \underline{\theta_1}(A)$ such that f(x) = y, so we have $[x]_{\theta_1} \subseteq A$. Now, let $\overline{b} \in [y]_{\theta_2}$; then there exists $a \in L_1$ such that f(a) = b; then $f(a) \in [f(x)]_{\theta_2}$. Therefore, $a \in [x]_{\theta_1} \subseteq A$, which implies $b = f(a) \in f(A)$. Thus $[y]_{\theta_2} \subseteq f(A)$; that is, $y \in \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Hence, $f(\underline{\theta_1}(A)) \subseteq \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Now, let f is injective. For any $y \in \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$, then there exists $x \in L_1$ such that f(x) = y and $[f(x)]_{\theta_2} \subseteq f(A)$. Let $a \in [x]_{\theta_1}$, then $f(a) \in [f(x)]_{\theta_2} \subseteq f(A)$, and so $a \in A$. Thus $[x]_{\theta_1} \subseteq A$, which implies $x \in \underline{\theta_1}(A)$. Then $y = f(x) \in f(\underline{\theta_1}(A))$, and so $\underline{\theta_2}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\underline{\theta_1}(A))$. From the above, we conclude that $f(\underline{\theta_1}(A)) = \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$.

Now, we arrive at one of our main theorems.

Theorem 42. Let f be a surjective homomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , and θ_1 the hypercongruence on L_1 defined in Lemma 41. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

(1) $\overline{\theta_1}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L_1 if and only if $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ is a subhyperlattice of L_2 .

(2) $\overline{\theta_1}(A)$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 if and only if $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2 .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow Let $x, y \in \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. By Lemma 41, we have that $x, y \in f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) = \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. So there exist $a, b \in \overline{\theta_1}(A)$ such that x = f(a), y = f(b). Then $x \otimes_2 y = f(a) \otimes_2 f(b) = f(a \otimes_1 b), x \oplus_2 y = f(a) \oplus_2 f(b) = f(a \oplus_1 b)$. Since $\overline{\theta_1}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L_1 , we have that $a \otimes_1 b \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A)$, $a \oplus_1 b \subseteq \overline{\theta_1}(A)$. It follows that $x \otimes_2 y \subseteq f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) = \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$, $x \oplus_2 y \subseteq f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) = \overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$. Therefore, $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ is a subhyperlattice of L_2 .

 $(2) \Rightarrow \text{Assume that } \overline{\theta_1}(A) \text{ is a } \otimes_1\text{-hyperideal of } L_1; \text{ let } x,y\in\overline{\theta_2}(f(A)). \text{ From the proof of necessity of (1), we obtain } x\oplus_2 y\subseteq\overline{\theta_2}(f(A)). \text{ On the other hand, it follows from } x\in\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))=f(\overline{\theta_1}(A)) \text{ that there exists } s\in\overline{\theta_1}(A) \text{ such that } x=f(s). \text{ Now, let } a=f(t)\in L_2; \text{ then } a\otimes_2 x=f(t)\otimes_2 f(s)=f(t\otimes_1 s). \text{ Since } \overline{\theta_1}(A) \text{ is a } \otimes_1\text{-hyperideal of } L_1, \text{ we have } t\otimes_1 s\subseteq\overline{\theta_1}(A). \text{ Hence } a\otimes_2 x=f(t\otimes_1 s)\subseteq f(\overline{\theta_1}(A))=\overline{\theta_2}(f(A)). \text{ Therefore, } \overline{\theta_2}(f(A)) \text{ is a } \otimes_2\text{-hyperideal of } L_2.$

The other cases can be seen in a similar way. \Box

Theorem 43. Let f be an isomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , and θ_1 the hypercongruence on L_1 defined in Lemma 41. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) $\underline{\theta_1}(A)$ is a subhyperlattice of L_1 if and only if $\underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ is a subhyperlattice of L_2 .
- (2) $\underline{\theta_1}(A)$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 if and only if $\underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2 .

Proof. Since f is one to one, we have $f(\underline{\theta_1}(A)) = \underline{\theta_2}(f(A))$ by Lemma 41. Therefore, the proof is similar to that of Theorem 42.

Combining Theorems 42 and 43, we have immediately the following corollary.

Corollary 44. Let f be an isomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , and θ_1 the hypercongruence on L_1 defined in Lemma 41. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) A is a rough subhyperlattice of L_1 if and only if f(A) is a rough subhyperlattice of L_2 .
- (2) A is a rough \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 if and only if f(A) is a rough \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2 .

In what follows, we obtain the corresponding relationships between rough hyperideals of quotient hyperlattices of two homomorphic hyperlattices.

Combining Theorems 35 and 42, we conclude the following theorem.

Theorem 45. Let f be a surjective homomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , and θ_1 the hypercongruence on L_1 defined in Lemma 41. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) $\overline{\theta_1}(A)/\theta_1$ is a subhyperlattice of L_1/θ_1 if and only if $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))/\theta_2$ is a subhyperlattice of L_2/θ_2 .
- (2) $\overline{\theta_1}(A)/\theta_1$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1 if and only if $\overline{\theta_2}(f(A))/\theta_2$ is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2/θ_2 .

Combining Theorems 37 and 43, we can obtain the following results.

Theorem 46. Let f be an isomorphism from a hyperlattice $(L_1, \otimes_1, \oplus_1)$ to a hyperlattice $(L_2, \otimes_2, \oplus_2)$, let θ_2 be a hypercongruence relation on L_2 , and θ_1 the hypercongruence on L_1 defined in Lemma 41. If A is a nonempty subset of L_1 , then

- (1) $\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2}(A)/\theta_1$ is a subhyperlattice of L_1/θ_1 if and only if $\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_2}(f(A))/\theta_2$ is a subhyperlattice of L_2/θ_2 .
- (2) $\frac{\theta_1}{if}(A)/\theta_1$ is a \otimes_1 -hyperideal (\oplus_1 -hyperideal) of L_1/θ_1 if and only if $\underline{\theta_2}(f(A))/\theta_2$ is a \otimes_2 -hyperideal (\oplus_2 -hyperideal) of L_2/θ_2 .

6. Conclusions

In the present paper, we have combined rough set theory and hyperlattices. We introduce rough hyperideals in hyperlattices, which are extended notions of hyperideals of hyperlattices. We conclude the corresponding relationships between rough hyperideals of hyperlattices and that of quotient hyperlattices. Also, we have the relations between rough hyperideals of two homomorphic hyperlattices. Based on this, we obtain the corresponding relationships between rough hyperideals of quotient hyperlattices of two homomorphic hyperlattices. We hope that our work can broaden application fields of the theory of rough sets and hyperlattices.

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