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# COMPLETE HYPERGROUPS, 1-HYPERGROUPS AND FUZZY SETS

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### Abstract

In this paper we determine the fuzzy grades of the complete hypergroups of order less or equal to 6 and some properties of them.

## 1 Introduction

The correspondence between fuzzy sets and hyperstructures is known since 90's. In 2002, Corsini [2] has proved that it is possible to consider a new connection between fuzzy sets and hypergroupoids. In the following, we shall use notations, definitions and terminology in Corsini [1].

Given a hypergroupoid  $\langle H, \circ \rangle$ , we can associate a membership function  $\tilde{\mu} : H \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\forall (x, y) \in H^2, \forall u \in H, \text{ we set} \\
 &\mu_{xy}(u) = 0 \text{ if and only if } u \notin x \circ y \\
 &\mu_{xy}(u) = \frac{1}{|x \circ y|} \text{ if and only if } u \in x \circ y \\
 &A(u) = \sum_{(x,y) \in H^2} \mu_{xy}(u) \\
 &Q(u) = \{(a, b) \in H^2 \mid u \in a \circ b\}, \quad q(u) = |Q(u)| \\
 &\tilde{\mu}(u) = A(u)/q(u).
 \end{aligned} \tag{\omega}$$

From  $\tilde{\mu}$  one obtains a join space  ${}^1H$  as follows:

$$\forall (x, y) \in H^2, \quad x \circ_1 y = \{z \mid \tilde{\mu}(x) \wedge \tilde{\mu}(y) \leq \tilde{\mu}(z) \leq \tilde{\mu}(x) \vee \tilde{\mu}(y)\} \tag{1}$$

Then, from  $\langle {}^1H, \circ_1 \rangle$  we obtain, in the same way, a membership function  $\tilde{\mu}_1$  and we associate the join space  ${}^2H$  and so on. A sequence of fuzzy sets and join spaces  $\langle {}^rH, \tilde{\mu}_r \rangle$  is determined.

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**Theorem 1.1.** *A hypergroup  $H$  is a complete hypergroup if and only if has the form  $H = \bigcup_{g \in G} A_g$ , where:*

- (i)  $G$  is a group;
- (ii)  $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, g_1 \neq g_2$ , we have  $A_{g_1} \cap A_{g_2} = \emptyset$ ;
- (iii) if  $(a, b) \in A_{g_1} \times A_{g_2}$ , then  $a \circ b = A_{g_1 g_2}$  (see [1]).

**Definition 1.2.** *A hypergroup  $H$  is called 1-hypergroup if the cardinality of its core  $\omega_H$  is 1 (see [1]).*

**Definition 1.3.** *A hypergroupoid  $H$  has fuzzy grade  $fg(H) = r$  if  $\forall i < r, {}^i H$  and  ${}^{i+1} H$  are not isomorphic and  $\forall j > r, {}^j H$  is isomorphic to  ${}^r H$ . We say that  $H$  has strong fuzzy grade  $sfg(H) = r$  if  $fg(H) = r$  and  $\forall i > r, {}^i H = {}^r H$  (see [3]).*

## 2 Some properties of the complete hypergroup

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $n$  be a positive integer,  $n \geq 3$ . A  $k$ -decomposition of  $n$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$ , is an ordered system of natural numbers  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$  such that  $m_i \geq 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq k, m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k = n$ .*

We denote  $d_k(n)$  the number of  $k$ -decompositions of  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *There are  $\sum_{k=2}^{n-1} s_k d_k(n)$  nonisomorphic complete hypergroups of order  $n$ , where  $s_k$  denotes the number of the nonisomorphic groups of order  $k$ .*

**Proof.** We fix an arbitrary group  $G$  of order  $k$  and let  $H$  be a complete hypergroup of order  $n$ . Since  $H = A_{g_1} \cup A_{g_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{g_k}$ , we obtain  $|H| = \sum_{i=1}^k |A_{g_i}|$ . Hence there are  $d_k(n)$  possibilities of making a partition of  $H$  as in Theorem 1.1.

It follows that the class of complete hypergroups of order  $n$  has the cardinality  $\sum_{k=2}^{n-1} s_k d_k(n)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $H$  be a complete hypergroup. Then, for  $\forall u \in H, \tilde{\mu}(u) = \frac{1}{|A_{g_u}|}$ , where  $u \in A_{g_u}$ .*

**Proof.** By hypothesis, for  $\forall u \in H$ , there is a unique  $g_u \in G$ , such that  $u \in A_{g_u}$ . From  $(\omega)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \forall u \in H, A(u) &= \sum_{\substack{(x,y) \in H^2 \\ u \in x \circ y}} \mu_{xy}(u) = \sum_{\substack{(x,y) \in H^2 \\ u \in x \circ y}} \frac{1}{|x \circ y|} = \sum_{\substack{(x,y) \in H^2 \\ u \in x \circ y}} \frac{1}{|A_{g_x g_y}|} = \\ &= \sum_{\substack{(x,y) \in H^2 \\ u \in x \circ y}} \frac{1}{|A_{g_u}|} = \frac{q(u)}{|A_{g_u}|}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \tilde{\mu}(u) = \frac{1}{|A_{g_u}|}.$$

We used that  $u \in x \circ y = A_{g_x g_y}$  and  $g_u$  is unique in  $G$  with the property  $u \in A_{g_u}$  imply that  $g_x g_y = g_u$ . ■

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $H$  be an arbitrary hypergroup of order  $n$  and  $R$  the equivalence defined on  $H$ :  $xRy \iff \tilde{\mu}(x) = \tilde{\mu}(y)$ . If  $|H/R| = 2$  and each equivalence class has the same cardinality, then  ${}^2H$  is a total hypergroup and  $\text{sf}g(H) = 2$ . In this case  $n$  must be an even number.*

**Proof.** Let  $H$  be the set  $H = \{e, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$ ,  $n = 2k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . We denote  $e = a_0$ . Since  $|H/R| = 2$ , we can write  $H/R = C_1 \cup C_2$ ,  $|C_1| = |C_2| = k$ . After suitable relabelling of the elements of  $H$  if necessary,  $C_1 = \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}\}$  and  $C_2 = \{a_k, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$ , so that  $\forall 0 \leq i \leq k-1$ ,  $\hat{a}_i = C_1$ , and  $\forall k \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $\hat{a}_i = C_2$ .

For any  $a_i, a_j \in H$  there are two possibilities:

- $\hat{a}_i = \hat{a}_j$  then  $a_i \circ_1 a_j = \hat{a}_i$
- $\hat{a}_i \neq \hat{a}_j$  then  $a_i \circ_1 a_j = H$  (by (1)).

The join space  ${}^1H$  associated is

${}^1H$	$e$	$a_1$	$\dots$	$a_{k-1}$	$a_k$	$a_{k+1}$	$\dots$	$a_{n-1}$
$e$	$C_1$	$C_1$	$\dots$	$C_1$	$H$	$H$	$\dots$	$H$
$a_1$		$C_1$	$\dots$	$C_1$	$H$	$H$	$\dots$	$H$
$\vdots$			$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
$a_{k-1}$				$C_1$	$H$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_k$					$C_2$	$C_2$	$\dots$	$C_2$
$a_{k+1}$						$C_2$	$\dots$	$C_2$
$\vdots$							$\ddots$	$\dots$
$a_{n-1}$								$C_2$

hence  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = \tilde{\mu}_1(a_1) = \dots = \tilde{\mu}_1(a_{n-1})$ . We conclude that  ${}^2H$  is a total hypergroup and  ${}^rH = {}^2H$ ,  $\forall r \geq 3$ . ■

### 3 The sequences of fuzzy sets and of join spaces determined by all the complete hypergroups of order less or equal to 6

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $H$  be a complete hypergroup of order  $n \leq 6$ .*

- (i) *For  $n = 3$ ,  $sf g(H) = 1$ .*
- (ii) *For  $n = 4$ , there are 3 hypergroups with  $sf g(H) = 1$  and two hypergroups with  $sf g(H) = 2$ .*
- (iii) *For  $n = 5$ ,  $sf g(H) = 1$ .*
- (iv) *For  $n = 6$ , there are 17 hypergroups of  $sf g(H) = 1$  and 4 hypergroups of  $sf g(H) = 2$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Let consider  $H = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$  a complete hypergroup. In this case  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$ , so we have two structures:

a) 

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$e$	$e$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$e$

 where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . We note that  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup. By Theorem 2.3,  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_1) = \tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 0, 5$ .

The join space  ${}^1H$  associated is

${}^1H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$e$	$e$	$H$	$H$
$a_1$		$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_1$

hence  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = 0, 47$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_1) = \tilde{\mu}_1(a_2) = 0, 42$ . Then  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 2$ .

b) 

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$

 where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ . We have  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = 0, 5$  and  $\tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 1$ .

It follows that the join space  ${}^1H$  associated is

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$H$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$H$
$a_2$			$a_2$

with  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = \tilde{\mu}_1(a_1) = 0, 417$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_2) = 0, 467$ , so  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 2$ .

ii) Let  $H = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  be a complete hypergroup.

a) Setting  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$  we obtain:

$$\text{a}_1) \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & e & A_1 & A_1 & A_1 \\ \hline a_1 & & e & e & e \\ \hline a_2 & & & e & e \\ \hline a_3 & & & & e \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup. The membership function is  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_i) = 0$ ,  $(3)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

The join space associated is:

$${}^1H \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & H & H & H \\ \hline a_1 & A_1 & A_1 & A_1 \\ \hline a_2 & & A_1 & A_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & A_1 \end{array}$$

for which  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = 0, 36$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_i) = 0, 3$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , hence  ${}^rH = {}^1H$ ,  $\forall r \geq 2$ .

$$\text{a}_2) \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_1 & A_1 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_1 & A_1 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2, a_3\}$ . We obtain  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and it follows that  ${}^1H$  is a total hypergroup and  $sf g(H) = 1$ .

$$\text{a}_3) \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & A_1 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_0 & A_1 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 \end{array}$$

with  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3\}$ . Then  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = \tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 0, (3)$  and  $\tilde{\mu}(a_3) = 1$ . The join space associated is isomorphic with the one of  $\text{a}_1$ ), hence  ${}^rH = {}^1H$ ,  $\forall r \geq 2$ .

b) For  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_3, +)$  we distinguish two hypergroups :

$$\text{b}_1) \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & e & a_1 & A_2 & A_2 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_2 & e & e \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_1 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2, a_3\}$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

$$\text{b}_2) \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_3 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_2 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ .

In the last two cases, using Theorem 2.4, the  $sf g(H) = 2$  and  ${}^2H$  is a total hypergroup.

iii) Set  $H = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$  a complete hypergroup.

a) There are five complete 1-hypergroups of order 5.

a <sub>1</sub> )	$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
	$e$	$e$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
	$a_1$		$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
	$a_2$			$e$	$e$	$e$
	$a_3$				$e$	$e$
	$a_4$					$e$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_i\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .  
One obtains  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_i) = 0, 25$ ,  
 $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

The join space  ${}^1H$  associated is

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$e$	$H$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_1$		$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_3$				$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_4$					$A_1$

hence  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = 0, 29$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_i) = 0, 23$ ,  
 $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . It follows  ${}^rH = {}^1H$ ,  $\forall r \geq 2$ .

a <sub>2</sub> )	$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
	$e$	$e$	$a_1$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
	$a_1$		$A_2$	$e$	$e$	$e$
	$a_2$			$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
	$a_3$				$a_1$	$a_1$
	$a_4$					$a_1$

with  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ . We have  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = 1$   
and  $\tilde{\mu}(a_2) = \tilde{\mu}(a_3) = \tilde{\mu}(a_4) = 0, (3)$ .  
Then

${}^1H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$e, a_1$	$e, a_1$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_1$		$e, a_1$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_2$			$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_3$				$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_4$					$A_2$

is the join space associated and the  
membership function is:  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) =$   
 $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_1) = 0, 28$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_i) = 0, 26$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq$   
 $4$ . So  ${}^rH = {}^1H$ ,  $\forall r \geq 2$ .

a <sub>3</sub> )	$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
	$e$	$e$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_2$
	$a_1$		$A_2$	$A_2$	$e$	$e$
	$a_2$			$A_2$	$e$	$e$
	$a_3$				$A_1$	$A_1$
	$a_4$					$A_1$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3, a_4\}$ . We calculate  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_i) =$   
 $0, 5$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . The join space associ-  
ated is the same as in a<sub>1</sub>), so  ${}^rH = {}^1H$ ,  
 $\forall r \geq 1$ .

a<sub>4</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$A_3$	$A_3$
$a_1$		$a_2$	$A_3$	$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$e$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_3$				$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_4$					$a_2$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3, a_4\}$ . So,  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = \tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_3) = \tilde{\mu}(a_4) = 0, 5$ ; the membership function  $\tilde{\mu}_1$  is the same as in a<sub>2</sub>) and we have again  $sf g(H) = 1$ .

a<sub>5</sub>) For  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group and  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3, a_4\}$ , we obtain

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$A_3$	$A_3$
$a_1$		$e$	$A_3$	$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_2$			$e$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_3$				$e$	$e$
$a_4$					$e$

with the join space  ${}^1H$  equal to the one of a<sub>4</sub>), hence  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 2$ .

b) The following complete hypergroups are not 1-hypergroups :

b<sub>1</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_0$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2, a_3, a_4\}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = 0, 5$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_2) = \tilde{\mu}(a_3) = \tilde{\mu}(a_4) = 0, (3)$ . The join space  ${}^1H$  is the following:

${}^1H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$H$	$H$	$H$
$a_2$			$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_3$				$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_4$					$A_1$

which leads to  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 1$ .

b<sub>2</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_0$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3, a_4\}$ .  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_1) = \tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 0, (3)$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_3) = \tilde{\mu}(a_4) = 0, 5$ .

The join space associated is isomorphic with the one of the case b<sub>1</sub>), so  $sf g(H) = 1$ .

$$\text{b}_3) \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & a_4 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & A_0 \end{array}$$

with  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_4\}$ . We have  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_i) = 0, 25, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_4) = 1$ . The join space associated is

$${}^1H \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & H \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & H \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_0 & H \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & H \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_4 \end{array}$$

for which  $\tilde{\mu}_1(e) = \tilde{\mu}_1(a_i) = 0, 233, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_1(a_4) = 0, 289$ . Hence  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 2$ .

$$\text{b}_4) \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & A_2 & A_2 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & A_2 & A_2 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_2 & A_0 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_2 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_2 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3, a_4\}$ . We have  $\tilde{\mu}(e) = \tilde{\mu}(a_i) = 0, 5, i \in \{1, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(a_2) = 1$ . It follows the join space

$${}^1H \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & H_2 & H_2 & H & H_2 & H_2 \\ \hline a_1 & & H_2 & H & H_2 & H_2 \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_2 & H & H \\ \hline a_3 & & & & H_2 & H_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & H_2 \end{array}$$

where  $H_2 = H \setminus \{2\}$ , which is isomorphic with the preceding one. Then  ${}^rH = {}^1H, \forall r \geq 1$ .

$$\text{b}_5) \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_0 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_4 & A_0 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_3 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_4\}$ . It leads to the join space from the case b<sub>1</sub>).

$$\text{b}_6) \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_3 & a_4 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_3 \end{array}$$

with  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4\}$ . The join space is the one of b<sub>1</sub>).



b<sub>7</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$a_4$	$a_3$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$a_2$
$a_4$					$A_0$

with  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4\}$  and  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group. Again the join space is the one from b<sub>1</sub>).

iv) a) The following complete hypergroups

a<sub>1</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$A_3$	$A_3$	$A_3$
$a_1$		$a_2$	$A_3$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$e$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_3$				$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_4$					$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_5$						$a_2$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$ ,  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ .

a<sub>2</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_3$				$a_4$	$a_5$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$a_3$
$a_5$						$a_4$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_4\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_5\}$ ,  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ .

a<sub>3</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$A_3$	$A_3$	$A_3$
$a_1$		$e$	$A_3$	$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_2$			$e$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_3$				$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_4$					$e$	$e$
$a_5$						$e$

with  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group,  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$ .

a<sub>4</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_1$		$a_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$a_5$	$a_4$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$a_3$
$a_5$						$A_0$

with  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group,  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_4\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_5\}$ .

have the property  $|H/R| = 2$  and all the equivalence classes have the same cardinality. By Theorem 2.4,  $sfg(H) = 2$ .

b) The other complete hypergroups of order 6 have  $sf g(H) = 1$ . We list them, without writing the join spaces and the membership functions associated.

b<sub>1</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$e$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_3$				$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_4$					$e$	$e$
$a_5$						$e$

where

$$A_0 = \{e\},$$

$$A_1 = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5\}.$$

$H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

b<sub>2</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_5$						$A_0$

where

$$A_0 = \{e, a_1\},$$

$$A_1 = \{a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5\}.$$

b<sub>3</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_5$						$A_0$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$ .

b<sub>4</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_5$						$A_0$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .

b<sub>5</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_5$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_5$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_5$
$a_3$				$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_5$
$a_4$					$A_0$	$a_5$
$a_5$						$A_0$

with  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ ,  
 $A_1 = \{a_5\}$ .

b<sub>6</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$e$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_1$		$A_2$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_3$				$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_4$					$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_5$						$a_1$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_5\}$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

b<sub>7</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$e$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_1$		$A_2$	$A_2$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_2$			$A_2$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$a_3$				$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_4$					$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_5$						$A_1$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

b<sub>8</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$a_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_2$			$A_2$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_3$				$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_4$					$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_5$						$a_2$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$ .

b<sub>9</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_2$			$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_3$				$A_2$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$A_1$	$A_1$
$a_5$						$A_1$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .

b<sub>10</sub>)

$H$	$e$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$e$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_1$		$A_0$	$A_0$	$a_3$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_2$			$A_0$	$a_3$	$A_2$	$A_2$
$a_3$				$A_2$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$a_4$					$a_3$	$a_3$
$a_5$						$a_3$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .

$$b_{11}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_5 & A_0 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & a_4 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_4\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_5\}$ .

$$b_{12}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & e & a_1 & A_2 & A_2 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_2 & A_3 & A_3 & e & e \\ \hline a_2 & & & e & e & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & e & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & A_2 & A_2 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & A_2 \end{array}$$

with  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

$$b_{13}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_3 & A_3 & A_0 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & a_2 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_3 & a_3 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & a_3 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ .

$$b_{14}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & e & a_1 & A_2 & A_2 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_1 & & e & A_3 & A_3 & A_2 & A_2 \\ \hline a_2 & & & e & e & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & e & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & e & e \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & e \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group.  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

$$b_{15}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & A_3 & A_3 \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_0 & A_3 & a_3 & a_3 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & A_0 & a_2 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & A_0 & A_0 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & A_0 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .  $G = (K, \cdot)$  the Klein's group.

$$b_{16}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & A_4 & A_4 \\ \hline a_1 & & a_2 & a_3 & A_4 & e & e \\ \hline a_2 & & & A_4 & e & a_1 & a_1 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_1 & a_2 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_3 & a_3 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & a_3 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_1\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_4 = \{a_4, a_5\}$ .  $H$  is an 1-hypergroup.

$$b_{17}) \begin{array}{c|cccccc} H & e & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline e & A_0 & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_1 & & A_0 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \hline a_2 & & & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & A_0 \\ \hline a_3 & & & & a_5 & A_0 & a_2 \\ \hline a_4 & & & & & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline a_5 & & & & & & a_4 \end{array}$$

where  $A_0 = \{e, a_1\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{a_2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a_3\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a_4\}$ ,  $A_4 = \{a_5\}$ .

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