IDENTITIES AND MULTIALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. This paper deals with multialgebras. An important instrument in this paper is the fundamental relation of a multialgebra, which can bring us into the class of the universal algebras. In the first part of the article we will see that the fundamental structure of a multialgebra verifies the identities of the given multialgebra. When trying to obtain multistructures that verify (even in a weak manner) the identities of their fundamental structure we get a new class of multialgebras. In the particular case of the semihypergroups these multialgebras are the complete semihypergroups.

Let $\tau = (n_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)}$ be a sequence over $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \ldots\}$, where $o(\tau)$ is an ordinal and for any $\gamma < o(\tau)$, let \mathbf{f}_{γ} be a symbol of an n_{γ} -ary (multi)operation and let us consider the algebra of the *n*-ary terms (of type τ) $\mathfrak{P}^{(n)}(\tau) = (\mathbf{P}^{(n)}(\tau), (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$.

Let $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{P}^{(n)}(\tau)$. According to [4], the *n*-ary identity $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ is said to be satisfied in a class K of universal algebras of type τ if

$$q(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1}) = r(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1}),$$

for all $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and for all $\mathfrak{A} \in K$, (q and r are the term functions induced)by **q** and **r** respectively on \mathfrak{A} .)

Let A be a nonvoid set and $P^*(A)$ the set of the nonempty subsets of A. Let $\mathfrak{A} = (A, (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$ be a multialgebra, where $f_{\gamma} : A^{n_{\gamma}} \to P^*(A)$ is the multioperation of arity $n_{\gamma} \in \mathbb{N}$ that corresponds to the symbol \mathbf{f}_{γ} , for any $\gamma < o(\tau)$. The multialgebra \mathfrak{A} induces a universal algebra $(P^*(A), (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$ with the operations:

$$f_{\gamma}(A_0, \dots, A_{n_{\gamma}-1}) = \bigcup \{ f_{\gamma}(a_0, \dots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) \mid a_i \in A_i, i \in \{0, \dots, n_{\gamma}-1\} \},\$$

for any $\gamma < o(\tau)$ and $A_0, \ldots, A_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in P^*(A)$ (see [7]). We denote this algebra by $\mathfrak{P}^*(A)$.

In [4], Grätzer presents the algebra of the term functions of a universal algebra $\mathfrak{B} = (B, (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we can construct the algebra $\mathfrak{P}^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ of *n*-ary term functions on $\mathfrak{P}^*(A)$.

n-ary term functions on $\mathfrak{P}^*(A)$. Consider the set $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ of those and only those functions from $(P^*(A))^n$ into $P^*(A)$ which can be obtained from (i), (ii) and (iii) from bellow in a finite number of steps:

(i) for every $a \in A$, the function

$$c_a^n : (P^*(A))^n \to (P^*(A)), \ c_a^n(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = a$$

 $(X_0, \ldots, X_{n-1} \in P^*(A))$ is an element of $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A));$ (ii) for any $i = 0, \ldots, n-1$, the function

$$e_i^n : (P^*(A))^n \to P^*(A), \ e_i^n(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = X_i$$

 $(X_0,\ldots,X_{n-1}\in P^*(A))$ is an element of $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A));$

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(iii) if $p_0, \ldots, p_{n_\gamma - 1}$ are elements of $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ and $\gamma < o(\tau)$ then the function $p = f_\gamma(p_0, \ldots, p_{n_\gamma - 1}) : (P^*(A))^n \to P^*(A)$ defined by

$$p(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = f_{\gamma}(p_0(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}), \dots, p_{n_{\gamma}-1}(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}))$$

is also an element of $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$. In [5], one defines the fundamental relation of the multialgebra \mathfrak{A} as the transitive closure α^* of the relation α given on A as follows: for $x, y \in A$, $x \alpha y$ if and only if

(1) $x, y \in p(a_0, \ldots, a_n)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $p \in P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ and $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in A$.

It is easy to observe that, in this definition, we can consider $P^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ instead of $P_A^{(n)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ and the relation α remains the same. The relation α^* is the smallest equivalence relation on A with the property that the factor multialgebra \mathfrak{A}/α^* is a universal algebra. For the sake of brevity let us denote the algebra \mathfrak{A}/α^* by $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ (and A/α^* by \overline{A}) and let us call it fundamental algebra of the multialgebra \mathfrak{A} .

We can remember that the definition of the multioperations in the factor multialgebra \mathfrak{A}/ρ (ρ is an equivalence on A) is the same as in [3]:

(2)
$$f_{\gamma}(\rho\langle a_0\rangle,\ldots,\rho\langle a_{n_{\gamma}-1}\rangle) = \{\rho\langle b\rangle \mid b \in f_{\gamma}(b_0,\ldots,b_{n_{\gamma}-1}), \ b_i \in \rho\langle a_i\rangle,$$

$$i \in \{0, \dots, n_{\gamma} - 1\}\}, \quad \gamma < o(\tau)$$

(where $\rho \langle x \rangle$ denotes the class of x modulo ρ). The definition of the multioperations of \mathfrak{A}/ρ allows us to see the canonical map from A to A/ρ as an ideal homomorphism of multialgebras whenever ρ is an ideal equivalence on A (see [7]). We will drop the adjective 'ideal' because all our homomorphisms will be ideal.

The factorization with the fundamental relation of a multialgebra have a functorial character as we can deduce from the following:

Theorem 1. If \mathfrak{A} , \mathfrak{B} are multialgebras and $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$, $\overline{\mathfrak{B}}$ respectively are their fundamental algebras and if $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a homomorphism then there exists only one homomorphism $\overline{f}: \overline{A} \to \overline{B}$ so that the following diagram is commutative:

$$A \xrightarrow{J} B \\ \downarrow \varphi_A \qquad \qquad \downarrow \varphi_I \\ \overline{f} \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} B$$

where φ_A and φ_B are the canonical projections.

Proof. If we consider that such an \overline{f} exists, it is defined by

(3)
$$\overline{f}(\alpha^*\langle a \rangle) = \beta^*\langle f(a) \rangle,$$

for any $a \in A$, where α^* and β^* denote the fundamental relations of \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} respectively. Thus the uniqueness of \overline{f} is proved.

Let us show that f exists. We consider $f: A \to B$ given by (2). The application \overline{f} is well defined. Indeed, let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x\alpha^* y$, i.e. there exist $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x = x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_m = y \in A$ with $x_i \alpha x_{i+1}$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, m-1\}$, thus for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, m-1\}$, there exist $k_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $p_i \in P^{(k_i)}(\mathfrak{P}^*(A))$ and $a_0^i, \ldots, a_{k_i-1}^i \in A$ such that $x_i, x_{i+1} \in p_i(a_0^i, \ldots, a_{k_i-1}^i)$. Then we have

$$f(x_i), f(x_{i+1}) \in p_i(f(a_0^i), \dots, f(a_{k_i-1}^i))$$

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(see [1]) and, consequently, $f(x_i)\beta f(x_{i+1})$, for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, m-1\}$. It follows that $f(x) = f(x_0)\beta^* f(x_m) = f(y)$.

Now we will verify that \overline{f} is an homomorphism. If $\gamma < o(\tau)$ and $a_0, \ldots, a_{n_\gamma - 1} \in A$ we have:

$$\overline{f}(f_{\gamma}(\alpha^*\langle a_0\rangle,\ldots,\alpha^*\langle a_{n_{\gamma}-1}\rangle)) = \overline{f}(\alpha^*\langle a\rangle) = \beta^*\langle f(a)\rangle,$$

where $a \in f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$.

Since f is an homomorphism, $f(a) \in f_{\gamma}(f(a_0), \dots, f(a_{n_{\gamma}-1}))$ and

$$\beta^* \langle f(a) \rangle = f_{\gamma}(\beta^* \langle f(a_0) \rangle, \dots, \beta^* \langle f(a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) \rangle) = f_{\gamma}(\overline{f}(\alpha^* \langle a_0 \rangle), \dots, \overline{f}(\alpha^* \langle a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \rangle))$$

and the theorem is proved.

Corollary 1. If \mathfrak{A} is a multialgebra then $\overline{1_A} = 1_{\overline{A}}$.

Corollary 2. If \mathfrak{A} , \mathfrak{B} , \mathfrak{C} are multialgebras of the same type τ and if $f : A \to B$, $g : B \to C$ are homomorphisms, then $\overline{g \circ f} = \overline{g} \circ \overline{f}$.

For a given multialgebra $\mathfrak{A} = (A, (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$ we will use the following notations: $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ for the fundamental algebra, α^* (or $\alpha^*_{\mathfrak{A}}$ when it is necessary) for the fundamental relation on \mathfrak{A} (* means that we take the transitive closure of the relation α defined by (1)) and φ_A for the canonical projection of \mathfrak{A} onto $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$. We will also denote by \overline{a} the class $\alpha^* \langle a \rangle = \varphi_A(a)$, for any $a \in A$.

Looking at the definitions of the hyperstructures from [2] and also at the generalizations presented in [8], named H_v -structures, we can consider in a similar way that the *n*-ary identity

 $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$

is said to be satisfied in a class K of multialgebras of type τ if

$$q(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}) = r(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1})$$

for all $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and for all $\mathfrak{A} \in K$ (q and r are the term functions induced by **q** and **r** respectively on $\mathfrak{P}^*(A)$). We can also consider that a weak identity (the notation is intended to be as suggestive as possible)

$$\mathbf{q} \cap \mathbf{r} \neq \emptyset$$

is said to be satisfied in a class K of multialgebras of type τ if

$$q(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1})\cap r(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1})\neq \emptyset,$$

for all $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ and for all $\mathfrak{A} \in K$ (q and r have the same signification as before).

From [1] it results that

(4)
$$\varphi_A(p(a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1})) = p(\overline{a_0},\ldots,\overline{a_{n-1}}),$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, any $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ and any $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ (*p* denotes the term function induced by \mathbf{p} on $\mathfrak{P}^*(A)$).

Considering $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ such that $\mathbf{q} \cap \mathbf{r} \neq \emptyset$ on \mathfrak{A} , i.e.

$$q(a_0,\ldots,a_n)\cap r(a_0,\ldots,a_n)\neq \emptyset, \ \forall a_0,\ldots,a_n\in A,$$

it results that there exists an element

$$a \in q(a_0, \ldots, a_n) \cap r(a_0, \ldots, a_n)$$

and, according to (4), we have

$$\overline{a} = q(\overline{a_0}, \dots, \overline{a_{n-1}}) = r(\overline{a_0}, \dots, \overline{a_{n-1}}).$$

Thus we have proved the following:

Proposition 1. If \mathfrak{A} is a multialgebra and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ such that $\mathbf{q} \cap \mathbf{r} \neq \emptyset$ is satisfied on \mathfrak{A} then $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ is satisfied on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$.

Corollary 3. Let K be a class of multialgebras, and let \overline{K} be the class of the fundamental algebras of the multialgebras from K. If $\mathbf{q} \cap \mathbf{r} \neq \emptyset$ is satisfied in K then $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ is satisfied in \overline{K} .

Remark 1. Considering a family $\{\mathfrak{A}_i\}_{i\in I}$ of multialgebras or type τ , we can organize the Cartesian product $\prod_{i\in I} A_i$ as a multialgebra of type τ with the multioperations defined as it follows:

(5)
$$f_{\gamma}((a_i^0)_{i \in I}, \dots, (a_i^{n_{\gamma}-1})_{i \in I}) = \prod_{i \in I} f_{\gamma}(a_i^0, \dots, a_i^{n_{\gamma}-1}),$$

for any $\gamma < o(\tau)$. We observe that the canonical projections of the product are homomorphisms of multialgebras. Let us call variety of multialgebras a class of multialgebras closed under the formation of submultialgebras, homomorphic images and direct products. It is obvious that if K is a variety of multialgebras then Kincludes the class \overline{K} because each fundamental algebra is a homomorphic image of the multialgebra that determines it, thus the class \overline{K} is a variety of universal algebras.

Remark 2. If K is a variety of multialgebras, Σ is a set of weak or/and strong identities and K_{Σ} is the subclass of K with elements multialgebras that verify the identities from Σ , then K_{Σ} is also a variety of multialgebras. This way, many of the hyperstructures can be seen as varieties. For instance, we can see the class of the canonical hypergroups as a subclass in the class of the hypergroups characterized by some identities and it will result that the canonical hypergroups form a variety.

We start by identifying a hypergroup (H, \circ) with a multialgebra $(H, \circ, /, \backslash)$ with three binary multioperations, with $H \neq \emptyset$, with \circ associative and

$$a/b = \{x \in H \mid a \in x \circ b\}, \ b \setminus a = \{x \in H \mid a \in b \circ x\}, \ \forall a, b \in H.$$

The subalgebras of the multialgebra $(H, \circ, /, \backslash)$ are the closed subhypergroups of the hypergroup H. The (ideal) homomorphisms in our case are the very good homomorphisms. It results that the homomorphic image of such a multialgebra has the same properties, hence it is a hypergroup. The direct product of hypergroups is a hypergroup. Moreover, the multioperations / and \ defined on the Cartesian product by (5) are the same as those obtained from \circ by using the above equalities. So, the hypergroups form a variety.

Let us notice that a semihypergroup (H, \circ) (with $H \neq \emptyset$) is a hypergroup if and only if there exist two binary multioperations $/, \setminus$ on H such that

$$b \in a \circ (a \setminus b), \ b \in (b/a) \circ a, \ b \in a \setminus (a \circ b), \ b \in (b \circ a)/a, \ \forall a, b \in H.$$

The existence of / and \setminus need not mean that $x \in a/b$ ($x \in b \setminus a$) if and only if $a \in x \circ b$ ($a \in b \circ a$). However, the above considerations allows us to see the class of hypergroups as a subclass (strictly included) in the class of the multialgebras of type (2, 2, 2) which verify the associativity and the above identities. An immediate consequence is the fact that the fundamental algebra of a hypergroup is a group.

The canonical hypergroups form a variety because we can see them as multialgebras $(H, \circ, /, \backslash, e, ')$ with $(H, \circ, /, \backslash)$ hypergroup, *e* nullary (multi)operation and ' unary (multi)operation, which verify the following identities:

- (a) $a \circ b = b \circ a, \forall a, b \in H;$
- (b) $e \circ a = a(=a \circ e), \forall a \in A;$
- (c) a/b = (b/a)' $(a \setminus b = (b \setminus a)'), \forall a, b \in H.$

In general, Proposition 1 does not work with equivalence. A good example is when the fundamental algebra has only one element, but this is not the only situation. Yet, starting from a universal algebra with more than one element, we can construct multialgebras with a given fundamental algebra which verify the identities of the fundamental algebra, some of them in a weak manner, some of them in a strong manner.

Proposition 2. Let \mathfrak{A} be a multialgebra and let $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ be its fundamental algebra. If $|\overline{A}| > 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ and $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ is satisfied on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ then there exists a multistructure of multialgebra of type τ, \mathfrak{A}' , on A, with the multioperations $(f'_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)}$ such that $\overline{\mathfrak{A}'} = \overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ and $\mathbf{q} \cap \mathbf{r} \neq \emptyset$ is satisfied on \mathfrak{A}' .

Proof. Let us define

(6)
$$f'_{\gamma}(a_0,\ldots,a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) = \{a \in A \mid \overline{a} = f_{\gamma}(\overline{a_0},\ldots,\overline{a_{n_{\gamma}-1}})\},\$$

for any $\gamma < o(\tau)$ and for any $a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$, and let us take $\mathfrak{A}' = (A, (f'_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$. We start by proving that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in {0, \ldots, n-1}}$

and for any $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$ we have

(7)
$$p'(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = \{a \in A \mid \overline{a} = p(\overline{a_0}, \dots, \overline{a_{n-1}})\},\$$

where p' denotes the term function induced on \mathfrak{A}' by **p**.

Let us observe that for any $\gamma < o(\tau), \ \forall a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$

 $f_{\gamma}(a_0,\ldots,a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) \subseteq f_{\gamma}'(a_0,\ldots,a_{n_{\gamma}-1}).$

This allows us to verify that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ we have:

(8) $p(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}) \subseteq p'(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}), \ \forall a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A.$

From the definition (6) of the multioperations f'_{γ} , $\gamma < o(\tau)$, it follows that $p'(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1})$ is a class from \overline{A} whenever $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}\}$ (we identified \overline{a} with $\varphi_A^{-1}(\overline{a})$). Using (8) one obtains (7).

Let us consider the fundamental relation $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}^{\mathfrak{A}'}$ on the multialgebra \mathfrak{A}' . We can write $x\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}y$ iff there exist $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(m)}(\tau)$, $a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1} \in A$ so that $x, y \in p'(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1})$. If $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}_i$ for some $i \in \{0, \ldots, m-1\}$ then x = y hence $x\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}y$ and if $\mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{x}_i$, $\forall i \in \{0, \ldots, m-1\}$ then $x, y \in p'(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1}) \in A$ implies $x\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}^*y$, because x and y are in the same class from \overline{A} . It is clear now that $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}^* \subseteq \alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}^*$. The following implications justify the inverse inclusion: $x\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}y$ implies the existence of $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(m)}(\tau)$ and $a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1} \in A$ with $x, y \in p(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1})$; according to (8) we have $x, y \in p'(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1})$ and so $x\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}y$. We get that $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}^* = \alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}^*$. We also have $\forall \gamma < o(\tau)$, $\forall a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$, $f'_{\gamma}(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n_{\gamma}-1}}) = \overline{a}$ with $a \in f'_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, \overline{a_{n_{\gamma}-1}})$. It is now proved that $\overline{\mathfrak{A}'} = \overline{\mathfrak{A}}$.

Let us consider now $n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau)$ with

$$q(\overline{a_0},\ldots,\overline{a_{n-1}})=r(\overline{a_0},\ldots,\overline{a_{n-1}}),$$

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for all $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in A$. From $|\overline{A}| \neq 1$ it results that $\overline{x}, \overline{y} \in \overline{A}$ exist so that $\overline{x} \neq \overline{y}$ and so $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x}_j$ implies i = j and in this case the property holds in a trivial manner. If $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{x}_i$ and $\mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in {0, \ldots, n-1}}$ then $\overline{a_i} = r(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n-1}})$ leads us, according to (7), to $a_i \in r'(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1})$ and the property in the statement holds. If both \mathbf{q} and \mathbf{r} are in $P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in {0, \ldots, n-1}}$ and the property in the statement holds. If both \mathbf{q} and \mathbf{r} are in $P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in {0, \ldots, n-1}}$ then, using (7), from $q(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n-1}}) = r(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n-1}})$ we get that $q'(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}) = r'(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1})$ and the proof is accomplished.

Remark 3. Using the notations above, if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}\}$ and $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ then $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ on \mathfrak{A}' .

Remark 4. The multialgebra \mathfrak{A}' could be defined even if |A| = 1, but there will appear some problems about the identities satisfied on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}'} = \overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ which are also satisfied on \mathfrak{A}' (on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$, the identities $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_j$ with $i \neq j$ are satisfied, but they are not necessarily satisfied on \mathfrak{A}'). Yet, if \mathbf{q} or \mathbf{r} are in $P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}}$ and $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ on $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ then $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}$ on \mathfrak{A}' .

Remark 5. If we generalize \leq , presented for hyperproducts in [8], to multioperations then, for any multialgebra $\mathfrak{A}'' = (A, (f_{\gamma}'')_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$ with $\overline{\mathfrak{A}''} = \overline{\mathfrak{A}}$, we have $f_{\gamma}'' \leq f_{\gamma}', \forall \gamma < o(\tau)$.

Remark 6. The classes from \overline{A} are of the form $\{a\}$ or $f'_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$.

Remark 7. The fundamental relation of the multialgebra \mathfrak{A}' has the following property: $\forall \gamma < o(\tau), \forall a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A, a \in f'_{\gamma}(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n_{\gamma}-1}}) \Rightarrow \overline{a} = f'_{\gamma}(\overline{a_0}, \ldots, \overline{a_{n_{\gamma}-1}})$, thus $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}'}^*$ verifies a generalization of the property which defines, in [2], the notion of congruence (for semihypergroups).

The properties of the multialgebra \mathfrak{A}' suggests the construction of a new class of multialgebras.

Proposition 3. The following conditions are equivalent for a multialgebra $\mathfrak{A} = (A, (f_{\gamma})_{\gamma < o(\tau)})$ of type τ :

(i) for all $\gamma < o(\tau)$, for all $a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$,

 $a \in f_{\gamma}(a_0, \dots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) \Rightarrow \overline{a} = f_{\gamma}(a_0, \dots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}),$

(we identify \overline{a} with $\varphi^{-1}(\overline{a})$ whenever this identification does not create confusion).

(*ii*) for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, for all $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r} \in P^{(m)}(\tau) \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}\}$, for all $a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}, b_0, \dots, b_{m-1} \in A$,

 $q(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \cap r(b_0, \dots, b_{m-1}) \neq \emptyset \implies q(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) = r(b_0, \dots, b_{m-1}).$

Proof. $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$. If (i) holds for \mathfrak{A} then $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \mathbf{p} \in P^{(m)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in {0, ..., m-1}}, \forall a_0, ..., a_{m-1} \in A$, we have

$$a \in p(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1}) \Leftrightarrow \overline{a} \in p(a_0, \ldots, a_{m-1}),$$

which justify (ii).

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$. Let us consider $\gamma < o(\tau), a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A, a \in f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$ and $b \in A$ with $b \in \overline{a}$ (i.e. $a\alpha^*b$). It follows that $n \in \mathbb{N}, x_0, \ldots, x_n \in A$ exist so that $a = x_0\alpha x_1\alpha \ldots \alpha x_{n-1}\alpha x_n = b$ hence for any $i \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}$, there exist $m_i \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{p}_i \in P^{(m_i)}(\tau), a_0^i, \ldots, a_{m_i-1}^i \in A$ with $x_i, x_{i+1} \in p_i(a_0^i, \ldots, a_{m_i-1}^i)$. We can consider that every two consequent elements from x_0, \ldots, x_n are distinguished, thus no \mathbf{p}_i is equal to an $\mathbf{x}_i^i, (j < m_i), \forall i \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}$. Hence $\begin{array}{l} \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}, \ p_i(a_0^i, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^i) \cap p_{i+1}(a_0^{i+1}, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^{i+1}) \neq \neq \emptyset \ (\text{because this intersection contains } x_i) \ \text{and so} \ \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}, \ p_i(a_0^i, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^i) = p_{i+1}(a_0^{i+1}, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^{i+1}) \ \text{which leads us to} \ b \in p_0(a_0^0, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^0). \ \text{But} \end{array}$

 $a \in p_0(a_0^0, \dots, a_{m_i-1}^0) \cap f_\gamma(a_0, \dots, a_{n_\gamma-1})$

thus $p_0(a_0^0, \ldots, a_{m_i-1}^0) = f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$ hence $b \in f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$ and the proof is finished.

Remark 8. A multialgebra \mathfrak{A} which verifies one of the equivalent conditions (i) and (ii) from above is a generalization of the notion of complete semihypergroup from [2] (fact that suggests a name like complete multialgebra).

Remark 9. For a multialgebra \mathfrak{A} which verifies (i) the classes from \overline{A} have the form $\{a\}$ or $f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$, with $\gamma < o(\tau)$.

Remark 10. The multialgebra \mathfrak{A}' from the proof of Proposition 2 verifies (i).

Remark 11. The equality $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}} = \alpha_{\mathfrak{A}}^*$ holds, for any multialgebra \mathfrak{A} which verifies (i).

Proposition 4. Let \mathfrak{A} be a multialgebra of type τ . The multialgebra \mathfrak{A} verifies (i) if and only if A is a disjoint union of nonvoid sets A_b , $b \in B$, where B is the supporting set of a universal algebra \mathfrak{B} of type τ and for each $\gamma < o(\tau)$, for any $a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$, with $a_i \in A_{b_i}$ ($i \in \{0, \ldots, n_{\gamma}-1\}$), we have $f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) = A_{f_{\gamma}(b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1})}$.

Proof. Let us take $\mathfrak{B} = \overline{\mathfrak{A}}$ and $A_b = \varphi_A^{-1}(b)$, for any $b \in B$. For any $\gamma < o(\tau)$, $a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in A$, there exist $b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in B$ uniquely determined, with $a_i \in A_{b_i}$, for all $i \in \{0, \ldots, n_{\gamma} - 1\}$ and we have that $f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) = \varphi_A^{-1}(\overline{a})$, for each $a \in f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1})$ hence

$$\overline{a} = \varphi_A(a) = \varphi_A(f_\gamma(a_0, \dots, a_{n_\gamma - 1})) = f_\gamma(\varphi_A(a_0), \dots, \varphi_A(a_{n_\gamma - 1}))$$
$$= f_\gamma(b_0, \dots, b_{n_\gamma - 1}),$$

and so $f_{\gamma}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n_{\gamma}-1}) = \varphi_A^{-1}(f_{\gamma}(b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1})) = A_{f_{\gamma}(b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1})}.$

Conversely, let us notice that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{p} \in P^{(n)}(\tau) \setminus {\mathbf{x}_i \mid i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}}$, $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in A$ if $b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \in B$ so that $a_i \in A_{b_i}$, $\forall i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ we have that $p(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = A_{p(b_0, \dots, b_{n-1})}$. Using (ii) we obtain the wanted result.

Remark 12. This proposition gives us a method to obtain multialgebras that verify (i). The fundamental algebra of such a multialgebra contains \mathfrak{B} as a subalgebra.

Remark 13. We can construct multialgebras \mathfrak{A} with the fundamental algebra \mathfrak{B} considering that, in the family $\{A_b\}_{b\in B}$, $|A_b| = 1$ holds for each $b \in B$ which can not be expressed as $b = f_{\gamma}(b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1})$ with $\gamma < o(\tau)$ and $b_0, \ldots, b_{n_{\gamma}-1} \in B$.

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