



Primitive hyperideals and hyperstructure spaces of hyperrings

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Abstract. We introduce primitive hyperideals of a hyperring R and show how they are related to R itself, and to maximal and prime hyperideals of R . We endow a Jacobson topology on the set of primitive hyperideals of R and study the topological properties of the corresponding hyperstructure space.

1 Introduction

The notion of *multi-valued* algebraic structures was first considered in [19], where *hypergroups* were introduced. A hypergroup is a generalization of a group created by allowing the binary operation to be multi-valued. Later, in [17], the concept of a *hyperring* was introduced. Since their inception, (mostly commutative) hyperrings have been extensively studied in algebraic and geometric contexts. In [7] (see also [6]), a comprehensive account of various algebraic properties of hyperrings (as well as their generalizations) can

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be found. For applications of hyperrings in geometry, we refer the reader to [3–5, 16]. There have been extensive studies conducted on hypermodules (over commutative hyperrings) and their topological aspects. For example, [21] studied topological properties of second subhypermodules over commutative hyperrings. For a study of free and cyclic hypermodules, we refer to [20]. The role of supplements in Krasner hypermodules is examined in [25] (see also [1]) and related to normal π -projectivity. For other aspects of hypermodules, see [2, 9].

It is well known (see [11] and [12]) that for a noncommutative ring, the notion of primitive ideals plays a crucial role in determining its structure. Furthermore, in [12], a hull-kernel-type topology was endowed on the set of all primitive ideals of a ring, and representations of biregular rings were studied. Primitive ideals have also proven to be immensely important in understanding the structural aspects of modules [12, 23], Lie algebras [18], enveloping algebras [8, 14], PI-algebras [13], quantum groups [15], skew polynomial rings [10], and others.

The aim of this paper is to introduce primitive hyperideals of a (Krasner) hyperring and study some of their properties. We show the relations between prime, maximal, and primitive hyperideals of a hyperring and also characterize simple hypermodules. Similar to [12], we impose a Jacobson topology on the set of primitive hyperideals of a hyperring and investigate the topological properties of the corresponding hyperstructure space. We characterize irreducible closed subsets of a hyperstructure space and prove that every irreducible closed subset of a hyperstructure space has a unique generic point. We give a sufficient condition for the space to be Noetherian and study continuous maps between such spaces.

2 Preliminaries

Suppose R is a nonempty set and $\mathcal{P}^*(R)$ is the set of all nonempty subsets of R . A *Krasner hyperring* is a system $(R, +, \cdot, -, 0)$ such that

(I) $(R, +, 0)$ is a *canonical hypergroup*, that is, $+: R \times R \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(R)$ is a hyperoperation on R satisfying the following properties for all $a, b, c \in R$:

- (i) $a + b = b + a$;
- (ii) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$;

- (iii) there exists $0 \in A$ such that $a + 0 = \{a\}$;
- (iv) for every a , there exists a unique $-a \in A$ such that $0 \in a - a$;
- (v) if $a \in b + c$, then $c \in -b + a$ and $a \in c - b$,

- (II) (R, \cdot) is a semigroup,
 - (III) $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$, and
 - (IV) $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$,
 - (V) $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$,
- for all $a, b, c \in R$.

A hyperring R is called *unital* if R has a multiplicative identity, that is, there exists $1 \in R$ such that $a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$ for all $a \in R$. For simplicity, we shall write $a \cdot b$ as ab . We will restrict our focus to Krasner hyperrings in this paper, so if we refer to a hyperring, it will be a Krasner hyperring.

A nonempty subset S of a hyperring R is said to be a *subhyperring* of R if $(S, +, \cdot)$ is itself a hyperring. A subhypergroup \mathfrak{a} of a hyperring R is called a *left (right) hyperideal* of R if $r \cdot a \in \mathfrak{a}$ ($a \cdot r \in \mathfrak{a}$) for all $r \in R, a \in \mathfrak{a}$. If \mathfrak{a} is both a left and right hyperideal then \mathfrak{a} is called a *two-sided hyperideal* or simply a *hyperideal*. Unless otherwise stated, we assume all hyperideals are two-sided. If \mathfrak{a} is a hyperideal of R , then we can form the *quotient* hyperring $R/\mathfrak{a} = \{\mathfrak{a} + r \mid r \in R\}$ with the following two operations:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathfrak{a} + r_1) + (\mathfrak{a} + r_2) &= \{\mathfrak{a} + r \mid r \in r_1 + r_2\}; \\(\mathfrak{a} + r_1)(\mathfrak{a} + r_2) &= \mathfrak{a} + r_1 r_2.\end{aligned}$$

The following result is known, but the proof is included for completeness.

Proposition 2.1. *If $\{\mathfrak{a}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is a nonempty family of hyperideals of a hyperring R , then the following are also hyperideals of R .*

- (i) $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$
- (ii) $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda = \{x \mid x \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda, \mathfrak{a}_\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda\}$

Proof. (i) Suppose that $x, y \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$. Then $x, y \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Since each \mathfrak{a}_λ is a hyperideal, it follows that $x - y \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$. This implies that $x - y \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$. Now let $r \in R$. For each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, since \mathfrak{a}_λ is a hyperideal of R , it follows that $rx \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ and $xr \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$, and hence we conclude that $rx \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ and $xr \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$.

(ii) Suppose that $x, y \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$. Then $x \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} a_\lambda$ for some $a_\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ and $y \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} b_\lambda$ for some $b_\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$. Since each \mathfrak{a}_λ is a hyperideal, it follows that $a_\lambda - b_\lambda \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$. This implies that $x - y \subseteq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (a_\lambda - b_\lambda)$, where $a_\lambda - b_\lambda \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$, so $x - y \subseteq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$. Now let $r \in R$. For each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, since \mathfrak{a}_λ is a hyperideal of R , it follows that $ra_\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$ and $a_\lambda r \in \mathfrak{a}_\lambda$, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and hence we conclude that $rx \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} ra_\lambda$ and $xr \in \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} a_\lambda r$. \square

Recall that if \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} are nonempty subsets of a hyperring R , then the product $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ is defined by

$$\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} = \left\{ x \mid x \in \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i, a_i \in \mathfrak{a}, b_i \in \mathfrak{b}, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}.$$

Moreover, if \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} are hyperideals, $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ is also a hyperideal of R (see [7, p. 87]). Let X be a subset of a hyperring R . Let $\{\mathfrak{a}_i \mid i \in I\}$ be the family of all hyperideals in R which contain X . Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{a}_i$ is called the hyperideal *generated by* X and we denoted it by $\langle X \rangle$. A proper hyperideal \mathfrak{m} of a hyperring R is called *maximal* if the only hyperideals of R that contain \mathfrak{m} are \mathfrak{m} itself and R . A proper hyperideal \mathfrak{p} of a hyperring R is called *prime* if for every pair of hyperideals \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} of R , $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ implies either $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ or $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$.

Lemma 2.2. *Every proper right hyperideal \mathfrak{a} of a unital hyperring R is contained in a right maximal hyperideal of R .*

Proof. Suppose $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathfrak{u} \mid \mathfrak{u} \supseteq \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{u} \text{ is a proper hyperideal of } R\}$. Since $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{U}$, the set \mathcal{U} is nonempty. Consider a chain $\{\mathfrak{c}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ in \mathcal{U} . Then $\mathfrak{c} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{c}_\lambda$ is a proper hyperideal of R which is an upper bound of the chain $\{\mathfrak{c}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$. Moreover, $\mathfrak{c} \neq R$ because $1 \notin \mathfrak{c}$. Hence by Zorn's lemma \mathcal{U} contains a maximal element \mathfrak{m} , which is a maximal hyperideal of R containing \mathfrak{a} . \square

3 Primitive hyperideals

As for rings, in order to define primitive hyperideals of a hyperring, we require the notion of simple hypermodules. In the next subsection we first study simple hypermodules and their annihilators.

3.1 Simple hypermodules Recall from [20] that a (*right*) *Krasner R -hypermodule* M is a canonical hypergroup M endowed with an external composition $M \times R \rightarrow M$ (defined by $(m, r) \mapsto mr$) satisfying the conditions:

- (i) $(m + m')r = mr + m'r$;
- (ii) $m(r + r') = mr + m'r'$;
- (iii) $m(rr') = (mr)r'$;
- (iv) $m0 = 0$;

for all $m, m' \in M$ and $r, r' \in R$. If, moreover, R has a multiplicative identity 1 and $m1 = m$ for all $m \in M$, then M is called *unital*. We shall only consider right Krasner R -hypermodules and hence from now on we drop the adjective “right Krasner” and simply say R -hypermodule.

If an R -hypermodule M is generated by a single element m of M , then M is called *cyclic*, and we denote it by $\langle m \rangle$ or Rm . The proof of the following property of an R -hypermodule can be found in [24].

Lemma 3.1. *If M is an R -hypermodule then $(-m)r = -(mr) = m(-r)$ for all $r \in R$ and $m \in M$.*

A *subhypermodule* S of a hypermodule M is a subcanonical hypergroup of M such that $sr \subseteq S$, for all $r \in R$ and for all $s \in S$. If M, N are R -hypermodules, then a (*strong*) R -hypermodule homomorphism from M into N is a map $\mu: M \rightarrow N$ such that $\mu(m + m') = \mu(m) + \mu(m')$ and $\mu(mr) = \mu(m)r$ for all $r \in R$ and for all $m, m' \in M$. A hypermodule homomorphism μ is called an *isomorphism* if μ is also a bijection on the underlying sets.

If M is a R -hypermodule and K is a subhypermodule of M , then the set $M/K = \{K + a \mid a \in M\}$ endowed with a hyperoperation $+: M/K \times M/K \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(M/K)$ and an R -action $\cdot: M/K \times R \rightarrow M/K$ respectively defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} (K + a) + (K + a') &= \{K + b \mid b \in a + a'\}; \\ (K + a) \cdot r &= \{K + b \mid b \in ar\}, \end{aligned}$$

for every $a, a', b \in M$ and $r \in R$, is called the *quotient hypermodule* of M . It is easy to show (see [24, Corollary 2.2.8]) that $\ker(\mu)$ is a subhypermodule of M and $\text{im}(\mu)$ is a subhypermodule of N . As for modules over rings, we also have the fundamental theorem of homomorphisms for hypermodules.

Proposition 3.2. [24, Theorem 2.2.14] *If $\mu: M \rightarrow M'$ is a hypermodule homomorphism, then $M/\ker(\mu)$ is isomorphic to $\text{im}(\mu)$.*

An R -hypermodule M is called *simple* if $RM \neq 0$ and M has no subhypermodules other than 0 and M . The following proposition characterizes a simple hypermodule as a cyclic hypermodule generated by a nonzero element.

Proposition 3.3. *A nonzero R -hypermodule M is simple if and only if $M = mR$ for every nonzero $m \in M$.*

Proof. If M is simple, there exists a $0 \neq m \in M$ such that mR is a nonzero subhypermodule of M and we have that $mR = M$. Conversely, if $N \neq 0$ is a subhypermodule of M , then N must contain a nonzero element, say m of M . Then we have that $M = mR \subseteq N$, showing that $N = M$. \square

The following example of subhypermodule is going to play an important role in studying properties of primitive hyperideals.

Lemma 3.4. *If M is a R -hypermodule and \mathfrak{a} a hyperideal of R , then*

$$M\mathfrak{a} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i \mid m_i \in M, a_i \in \mathfrak{a}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$$

is a subhypermodule of M .

Proof. Let $\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i$ and $\sum_{j=1}^l m_j a_j$ be two elements of $M\mathfrak{a}$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i - \sum_{j=1}^l m_j a_j = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i + \sum_{j=1}^l (-m_j) a_j$$

where $-m_j \in M$ since $(M, +)$ is a canonical hypergroup. Hence, $\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i - \sum_{j=1}^l m_j a_j \subseteq M\mathfrak{a}$. Now let $r \in R$. Then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i \right) r = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i (a_i r)$$

where $a_i r \in R$ since \mathfrak{a} is a hyperideal of R . Thus $\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i\right)r \in M\mathfrak{a}$. \square

If M is a R -hypermodule then the additive subhypergroup Mr of M generated by the elements of the form $\{mr \mid m \in M, r \in R\}$ is a subhypermodule of M . The (right) annihilator of a R -hypermodule M is defined by

$$\text{Ann}_R(M) = \{r \in R \mid mr = 0 \text{ for all } m \in M\}.$$

When $M = \{m\}$, we write $\text{Ann}_R(m)$ for $\text{Ann}_R(\{m\})$. If $\text{Ann}_R(M) = \{0\}$ then M is said to be a *faithful* R -hypermodule. Like in rings, we have the following.

Lemma 3.5. *An annihilator $\text{Ann}_R(M)$ is a hyperideal of R .*

Proof. Let $x, x' \in \text{Ann}_R(M)$, $r \in R$, and $m \in M$. Then

$$m(x - x') = mx + m(-x') = mx - mx' = 0 + 0 = 0,$$

where the second equality follows from Lemma 3.1. Furthermore, $m(xr) = (mx)r = 0r = 0$ and $m(rx) = (mr)x = 0$. Thus, $\text{Ann}_R(M)$ is a hyperideal of R . \square

3.2 Primitivity A proper hyperideal of a hyperring R is called *primitive* if it is the annihilator of a simple R -hypermodule. We shall denote the set of all primitive hyperideals of R by $\text{Prim}(R)$. A hyperring R is said to be *primitive* if $\{0\}$ is a primitive hyperideal of R . The next two propositions show some implications between maximal, prime, and primitive hyperideals.

Proposition 3.6. *Every primitive hyperideal is a prime hyperideal.*

Proof. Suppose that $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_R(M)$ for some simple R -hypermodule M , and that \mathfrak{b} is a hyperideal of R such that $M\mathfrak{b} \neq 0$, that is, $\mathfrak{b} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. Since M is simple, we must have that $M\mathfrak{b} = M$. If \mathfrak{a} is a nonzero hyperideal of R , then

$$M(\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{a}) = (M\mathfrak{b})\mathfrak{a} = M\mathfrak{a} = M, \tag{3.1}$$

which implies that $M\mathfrak{a} \neq 0$, that is, $\mathfrak{a} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. Therefore, from (3.1) it follows that $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{a} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. \square

Proposition 3.7. *Every maximal hyperideal of a unital hyperring is a primitive hyperideal.*

Proof. Suppose \mathfrak{a} is maximal hyperideal of a hyperring R . Then by Lemma 2.2, \mathfrak{a} is contained in a maximal right hyperideal \mathfrak{b} of R and $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \text{Ann}(R/\mathfrak{b})$. Since \mathfrak{a} is a maximal hyperideal of R , we must have that $\mathfrak{a} = \text{Ann}(R/\mathfrak{b})$, and thus \mathfrak{a} is the annihilator of a simple R -hypermodule R/\mathfrak{b} . \square

Example 3.8. Let $R = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ be a set with the hyperoperation \oplus and the multiplication \odot defined as follows:

\oplus	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	a	b	c	d	e	f
b	b	$\{a, b\}$	d	$\{c, d\}$	f	$\{e, f\}$
c	c	d	c	d	$\{a, c, e\}$	$\{b, d, f\}$
d	d	$\{c, d\}$	d	$\{c, d\}$	$\{b, d, f\}$	R
e	e	f	$\{a, c, e\}$	$\{b, d, f\}$	e	f
f	f	$\{e, f\}$	$\{b, d, f\}$	R	f	$\{e, f\}$

and

\odot	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	a	a	a	a	a	a
b	a	b	a	b	a	b
c	a	a	c	c	e	e
d	a	b	c	d	e	f
e	a	a	e	e	c	c
f	a	b	e	f	c	d

Then, (R, \oplus, \odot) is a Krasner hyperring \square . Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 d \cdot a &= a, & a \cdot d &= a, \\
 d \cdot b &= b, & b \cdot d &= b, \\
 d \cdot c &= c, & c \cdot d &= c, \\
 d \cdot d &= d. \\
 d \cdot e &= e, & e \cdot d &= e, \\
 d \cdot f &= f, & f \cdot d &= f,
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that R is a unital hyperring. It is easy to check that $M_1 = \{a, b\}$ and $M_2 = \{a, c, e\}$ are maximal hyperideals of R . Hence, by Proposition 3.7, we conclude that M_1 and M_2 are primitive hyperideals.

From the definition at the start of this subsection, we have that a hyperring R is primitive if and only if the zero hyperideal of R is a primitive

hyperideal. This equivalence can further be generalized for an arbitrary primitive hyperideal of R .

Proposition 3.9. *A hyperideal \mathfrak{p} of a hyperring R is primitive if and only if R/\mathfrak{p} is a primitive hyperring.*

Proof. Suppose \mathfrak{p} is primitive hyperideal of R and let M be a simple R -hypermodule such that $\mathfrak{p} = \mathbf{Ann}(M)$. If we define $m(\mathfrak{p} + r) = mr$, for all $r \in R, m \in M$, then the additive canonical hypergroup of M is also a simple R/\mathfrak{p} -hypermodule. On the other hand, since $\mathbf{Ann}(M) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$, we have that M is a faithful R/\mathfrak{p} -hypermodule. Conversely, suppose that N is a faithful simple R/\mathfrak{p} -hypermodule and for all $r \in R, n \in N$, define $nr = n(\mathfrak{p} + r)$. Then the additive canonical hypergroup of N becomes a simple R -hypermodule with $\mathbf{Ann}(N) = \mathfrak{p}$. \square

Primitive hyperideals are also related to right maximal hyperideals, as we will see in the next proposition. We will need the following result.

Lemma 3.10. *Let R be a hyperring. An R -hypermodule M is simple if and only if M is isomorphic to R/\mathfrak{m} for some maximal right hyperideal \mathfrak{m} of R .*

Proof. Let M be a simple R -hypermodule. Choose $0 \neq m \in M$. Then $mR = M$ and hence $\psi : R \rightarrow M$, defined by $\psi(r) = mr$, is a surjective R -hypermodule homomorphism. Its kernel \mathfrak{m} is a right hyperideal of R and by Proposition 3.2, we have $R/\mathfrak{m} \cong M$. To show that \mathfrak{m} is maximal, let \mathfrak{b} be a right hyperideal of R such that $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$. Then $\mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{a}$ is a subhypermodule of R/\mathfrak{m} . Now since R/\mathfrak{m} is isomorphic to M and M is simple, we must have either $\mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{a} = 0$ or $\mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{a} = R/\mathfrak{a}$, and thus, either $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a}$ or $\mathfrak{b} = R$, which implies that \mathfrak{m} is maximal. Conversely, let \mathfrak{m} be a maximal hyperideal of R and consider a subhypermodule N of R/\mathfrak{m} . It is easy to see that $\mathfrak{b} = \{r \in R \mid \mathfrak{m} + r \in N\}$ is a right hyperideal of R containing \mathfrak{m} . Thus $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a}$ or $\mathfrak{b} = R$, giving that $N = 0$ or $N = R/\mathfrak{m}$. Thus R/\mathfrak{m} is a simple R -hypermodule. \square

Proposition 3.11. *If \mathfrak{p} is a primitive hyperideal of a hyperring R then there exists a maximal right hyperideal \mathfrak{m} of R such that*

$$\mathfrak{p} = \{r \in R \mid Rr \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\}. \quad (3.2)$$

Conversely, if \mathfrak{m} is a maximal right hyperideal of R and if $R^2 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}$, then the hyperideal \mathfrak{p} defined in (3.2) is primitive.

Proof. If $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_R(M)$, for some simple R -hypermodule M , then by Lemma 3.10, there exists a maximal right hyperideal \mathfrak{m} of R such that $M \cong R/\mathfrak{m}$. This implies $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_R(R/\mathfrak{m})$ and hence condition (3.2) is satisfied. Conversely, if we assume that \mathfrak{m} is a maximal right hyperideal of R , then again by Lemma 3.10, R/\mathfrak{m} is a simple R -hypermodule, and therefore, $\text{Ann}_R(R/\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{p}$, a primitive hyperideal of R . \square

Corollary 3.12. *Every maximal right hyperideal of a unital hyperring contains a primitive hyperideal.*

4 Hyperstructure spaces

We shall introduce Jacobson topology in $\text{Prim}(R)$, the set of primitive hyperideals of a hyperring R , by defining a closure operator for the subsets of $\text{Prim}(R)$. Once we have a closure operator, closed sets are defined as sets which are invariant under this closure operator.

Suppose S is a subset of $\text{Prim}(R)$. Set $\mathcal{K}_S = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{q} \in S} \mathfrak{q}$. We define the closure of the set S as

$$\text{Cl}(S) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Prim}(R) \mid \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathcal{K}_S\}. \quad (4.1)$$

If $S = \{\mathfrak{s}\}$, we will write $\text{Cl}(\{\mathfrak{s}\})$ as $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{s})$. We wish to verify that the closure operation defined in (4.1) satisfies Kuratowski's closure conditions.

Proposition 4.1. *The sets $\{\text{Cl}(S)\}_{S \subseteq \text{Prim}(R)}$ satisfy the following conditions for all subsets S and T of the hyperstructure space $\text{Prim}(R)$:*

- (i) $\text{Cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$;
- (ii) $\text{Cl}(S) \supseteq S$;
- (iii) $\text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(S)) = \text{Cl}(S)$;
- (iv) $\text{Cl}(S \cup T) = \text{Cl}(S) \cup \text{Cl}(T)$.

Proof. The proofs of ((i))-((iii)) are straightforward, whereas for ((iv)), it is easy to see that $\text{Cl}(S \cup T) \supseteq \text{Cl}(S) \cup \text{Cl}(T)$. To obtain the other inclusion, let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Cl}(S \cup T)$. Then

$$\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathcal{K}_{S \cup T} = \mathcal{K}_S \cap \mathcal{K}_T.$$

Since \mathcal{K}_S and \mathcal{K}_T are hyperideals of the hyperring R , it follows that

$$\mathcal{K}_S \mathcal{K}_T \subseteq \mathcal{K}_S \cap \mathcal{K}_T \subseteq \mathfrak{p}.$$

Since by Proposition 3.6, \mathfrak{p} is prime, either $\mathcal{K}_S \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ or $\mathcal{K}_T \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. This means either $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{Cl}(S)$ or $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{Cl}(T)$. Thus $\mathbf{Cl}(S \cup T) \subseteq \mathbf{Cl}(S) \cup \mathbf{Cl}(T)$. \square

The set $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ of primitive hyperideals of a hyperring R topologized (the Jacobson topology) by the closure operator defined in (4.1) is called the *hyperstructure space* of the hyperring R . If S is a subset of a hyperring R , then

$$\mathcal{O}(S) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{Prim}(R) \mid \mathfrak{p} \not\supseteq \mathcal{K}_S\}$$

is a typical open subset of this topology. It is evident from (4.1) that if $\mathfrak{p} \neq \mathfrak{p}'$ for any two $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}' \in \mathbf{Prim}(R)$, then $\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}) \neq \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}')$. Thus we have the following.

Proposition 4.2. *Every hyperstructure space $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is a T_0 -space.*

Using the finite intersection property, we can obtain compactness of the hyperstructure space.

Theorem 4.3. *If R is a unital hyperring then the hyperstructure space $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is compact.*

Proof. Let $\{C_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a family of closed sets of a hyperstructure space $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ such that $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda = \emptyset$. Then a primitive hyperideal $\mathfrak{p} \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$ if and only if $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{K}_{C_\lambda}$. Since $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda = \emptyset$, we must have that $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{K}_{C_\lambda} = R$. In particular, we obtain that $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_{C_{\lambda_i}}$ for a suitable finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ of Λ . This in turn implies that $\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_{\lambda_i} = \emptyset$, and hence $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is compact. \square

Recall that a nonempty closed subset C of a topological space X is *irreducible* if $C \neq C_1 \cup C_2$ for any two proper closed subsets C_1, C_2 of C . A maximal irreducible subset of a topological space X is called an *irreducible component* of X . A point x in a closed subset C is called a *generic point* of C if $C = \mathbf{Cl}(x)$.

Lemma 4.4. $\{\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})\}_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{Prim}(R)}$ are the only irreducible closed subsets of a hyperstructure space $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$.

Proof. Since $\{\mathfrak{p}\}$ is irreducible, so is $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$. Suppose $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ is an irreducible closed subset of $\text{Prim}(R)$ and $\mathfrak{a} \notin \text{Prim}(R)$. This implies there exist hyperideals \mathfrak{b} and \mathfrak{c} of R such that $\mathfrak{b} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ and $\mathfrak{c} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{a}$, but $\mathfrak{bc} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$. Then

$$\text{Cl}(\langle \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \rangle) \cup \text{Cl}(\langle \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{c} \rangle) = \text{Cl}(\langle \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{bc} \rangle) = \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}).$$

But $\text{Cl}(\langle \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \rangle) \neq \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ and $\text{Cl}(\langle \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{c} \rangle) \neq \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$, and hence $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ is not irreducible. \square

Proposition 4.5. *Every irreducible closed subset of $\text{Prim}(R)$ has a unique generic point.*

Proof. The existence of a generic point follows from Lemma 4.4, and the uniqueness of such a point follows from Proposition 4.2. \square

The irreducible components of a hyperstructure space can be characterised in terms of minimal primitive hyperideals, as shown in the following result.

Proposition 4.6. *The irreducible components of a hyperstructure space $\text{Prim}(R)$ are the closed sets $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$, where \mathfrak{p} is a minimal primitive hyperideal of R .*

Proof. If \mathfrak{p} is a minimal primitive hyperideal, then by Lemma 4.4, $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$ is irreducible. If $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$ is not a maximal irreducible subset of $\text{Prim}(S)$, then there exists a maximal irreducible subset $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}')$ with $\mathfrak{p}' \in \text{Prim}(S)$ such that $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}) \subsetneq \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}')$. This implies that $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{p}')$ and hence $\mathfrak{p}' \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}$, contradicting the minimality property of \mathfrak{p} . \square

Recall that a hyperring is called *Noetherian* if it satisfies the ascending chain condition, whereas a topological space X is called *Noetherian* if the descending chain condition holds for closed subsets of X . A relation between these two notions is shown in the following.

Proposition 4.7. *If a hyperring R is Noetherian, then $\text{Prim}(R)$ is a Noetherian hyperstructure space.*

Proof. It suffices to show that a collection of closed sets in $\text{Prim}(R)$ satisfy the descending chain condition. Let $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}_1) \supseteq \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}_2) \supseteq \cdots$ be a descending chain of closed sets in $\text{Prim}(R)$. Then, $\mathfrak{a}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_2 \subseteq \cdots$ is an ascending chain of

hyperideals in R . Since the hyperring R is Noetherian, the chain stabilizes at some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, $\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}_n) = \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}_{n+k})$ for any k . Thus $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is Noetherian. \square

Corollary 4.8. *The set of minimal primitive hyperideals in a Noetherian hyperring is finite.*

Proof. By Proposition 4.7, $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is Noetherian, thus $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ has finitely many irreducible components. By Proposition 4.6, every irreducible closed subset of $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is of the form $\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$, where \mathfrak{p} is a minimal primitive hyperideal. Thus $\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{p})$ is an irreducible component if and only if \mathfrak{p} is a minimal primitive hyperideal. Hence, R has only finitely many minimal primitive hyperideals. \square

In general, a hyperstructure space is not T_1 . However, with an added restriction we can characterize such spaces.

Theorem 4.9. *An hyperstructure space $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ is a T_1 -hyperstructure space if and only if $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ coincides with the set $\mathbf{Max}(R)$ of maximal hyperideals of R .*

Proof. By Proposition 3.7, $\mathbf{Max}(R) \subseteq \mathbf{Prim}(R)$. So, it is sufficient to prove the result for the other inclusion. Let $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathbf{Prim}(R)$. Then $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$. Let \mathfrak{m} be a maximal hyperideal with $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$. Then

$$\mathfrak{m} \in \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\mathfrak{a}\},$$

where the equality follows from $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ being a T_1 -space. Therefore $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{a}$, showing that $\mathbf{Prim}(R) \subseteq \mathbf{Max}(R)$. Conversely, in $\mathbf{Max}(R)$, $\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{m}) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ for every maximal hyperideal \mathfrak{m} , so that $\mathfrak{m} \in \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{m})$, showing that the hyperstructure space is T_1 . \square

A strong hyperring homomorphism induces a continuous map between corresponding hyperstructure spaces. We now study this continuity and homeomorphisms between such spaces.

Proposition 4.10. *Suppose $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$ is a strong hyperring homomorphism and define the map $\phi_*: \mathbf{Prim}(R') \rightarrow \mathbf{Prim}(R)$ by $\phi_*(\mathfrak{p}) = \phi(-^1\mathfrak{p})$, where $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{Prim}(R')$. Then ϕ_* is a continuous map.*

Proof. To show ϕ_* is continuous, we first show that $\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{p}) \in \text{Prim}(R)$, whenever $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Prim}(R')$. Note that $\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{p})$ is a hyperideal of R . Suppose $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_{R'}(M)$ for some simple R' -hypermodule. Then by the “change of hyperrings” property of hypermodules, $\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{p})$ is the annihilator of the simple R' -hypermodule M obtained by defining $sm = \phi(s)m$. Therefore $\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{p}) \in \text{Prim}(R)$. Now consider a closed subset $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ of $\text{Prim}(R)$. Then for any $\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Prim}(R')$, we have the following sequence of equivalent statements:

$$\mathfrak{q} \in \phi_*({}^{-1}\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})) \Leftrightarrow \phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{q}) \in \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a}) \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{q}) \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{q} \in \text{Cl}(\langle \phi(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle).$$

These prove the desired continuity of ϕ_* . \square

Proposition 4.11. *If \mathfrak{a} is a hyperideal of the hyperring R , then $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ is homeomorphic to the hyperstructure space $\text{Prim}(R/\mathfrak{a})$.*

Proof. We shall in fact prove more, i.e., if $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$ is a strong hyper-ring homomorphism and if ϕ is surjective, then the hyperstructure space $\text{Prim}(R')$ is homeomorphic to the closed subset $\text{Cl}(\ker(\phi))$ of the hyperstructure space $\text{Prim}(R)$. The desired result will then follow by taking the quotient map $R \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{a}$.

Since $\mathfrak{o} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}$ for all $\mathfrak{b} \in \text{Prim}(R')$, we have that $\ker(\phi) \subseteq \phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{b})$, or, in other words $f^*(\mathfrak{b}) \in \text{Cl}(\ker(\phi))$. This implies that $\text{im}(\phi^*) = \text{Cl}(\ker(\phi))$. Since for all $\mathfrak{b} \in \text{Prim}(R')$, $\phi(\phi^*(\mathfrak{b})) = \phi(\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{b})) = \mathfrak{b}$, the map ϕ^* is injective. To show that ϕ^* is a closed map, first we observe that for any closed subset $\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ of $\text{Prim}(R')$, we have that:

$$\phi^*(\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})) = \phi({}^{-1}\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})) = \phi\{{}^{-1}\mathfrak{i}' \in \text{Prim}(R') \mid \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{i}'\} = \text{Cl}(\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{a})).$$

Now if C is a closed subset of $\text{Prim}(R')$ and $C = \text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})$, then $\phi^*(C) = \phi({}^{-1}\text{Cl}(\mathfrak{a})) = \text{Cl}(\phi({}^{-1}\mathfrak{a}))$, a closed subset of $\text{Prim}(R)$. Since by Proposition 4.10, ϕ^* is continuous, we have the desired claim. \square

Corollary 4.12. *The hyperstructure spaces $\text{Prim}(R)$ and $\text{Prim}(R)/\sqrt{\mathfrak{o}}$ are homeomorphic, where $\sqrt{\mathfrak{o}}$ is the nil radical of R .*

Proposition 4.13. *Let ϕ^* be as in Proposition 4.10. Then $\phi^*(\text{Prim}(R'))$ is dense in $\text{Prim}(R)$ if and only if $\ker(\phi) \subseteq \sqrt{\mathfrak{o}}$.*

Proof. We first show that $\mathbf{Cl}(\phi^*(\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{b}))) = \mathbf{Cl}(\phi^{-1}\mathfrak{b})$, for all hyperideals \mathfrak{b} of R' . To this end, let $\mathfrak{s} \in \phi^*(\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{b}))$. This implies that $\phi(\mathfrak{s}) \in \mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{b})$, which means $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \phi(\mathfrak{s})$. In other words, $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{Cl}(\phi^{-1}\mathfrak{b})$. The other inclusion follows from the fact that $\phi^{-1}\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{b}) = \mathbf{Cl}(\phi^{-1}\mathfrak{b})$. Since

$$\mathbf{Cl}(\phi^*(\mathbf{Prim}(R'))) = \phi^*(\mathbf{Cl}(\mathfrak{o})) = \mathbf{Cl}(\phi^{-1}\mathfrak{o}) = \mathbf{Cl}(\ker(\phi)),$$

we see that $\mathbf{Cl}(\ker(\phi))$ is equal to $\mathbf{Prim}(R)$ if and only if $\ker(\phi) \subseteq \sqrt{\mathfrak{o}}$. \square

5 Conclusion

This paper had two main aims. The first was to introduce the notion of primitive hyperideals of a (Krasner) hyperring and study their properties. The second was to impose a Jacobson topology on the set of primitive hyperideals of a hyperring and investigate the topological properties of the corresponding hyperstructure space.

As part of the first aim we showed the relation between prime, maximal, and primitive hyperideals of a hyperring and also characterized simple hypermodules. We showed how the hyperideal is related to R itself, and to maximal and prime hyperideals of R .

As part of the second aim, we investigated the topological properties of the corresponding hyperstructure space. We characterized irreducible closed subsets of a hyperstructure space and proved that every irreducible closed subset of a hyperstructure space has a unique generic point. Finally we close with a sufficient condition for the space to be Noetherian and looked at continuous maps between such spaces.

As a continuation of this work, one may consider the following. Using the primitive hyperideals of hyperrings that have been introduced here, it would be interesting to investigate a structure theory of hyperrings as developed in [12] for rings.

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