



On exact category of (m, n) -ary hypermodules

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Abstract. We introduce and study category of (m, n) -ary hypermodules as a generalization of the category of (m, n) -modules as well as the category of classical modules. Also, we study various kinds of morphisms. Especially, we characterize monomorphisms and epimorphisms in this category. We will proceed to study the fundamental relation on (m, n) -hypermodules, as an important tool in the study of algebraic hyperstructures and prove that this relation is really functorial, that is, we introduce the fundamental functor from the category of (m, n) -hypermodules to the category (m, n) -modules and prove that it preserves monomorphisms. Finally, we prove that the category of (m, n) -hypermodules is an exact category, and, hence, it generalizes the classical case.

1 Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of a hypergroup was introduced by Marty in [19]. Afterwards, because of many applications of this theory in both pure and applied sci-

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ences, many authors have been doing research in this field. Some review of the hyperstructure theory can be found in [1, 6, 7, 10, 28].

In 1928, Dörnte introduced the concept of n -ary groups [12] and since then, n -ary system has been studied in different contexts (for instance see [8, 9]).

The research about n -ary hyperstructure was initiated by Davvaz and Vougiouklis who introduced these structures in [11]. The notation of (m, n) -ary hyperring was defined by Mirvakili et al. in [20]. After that, Anvariyeht et al. in [4] introduced the notion of (m, n) -hypermultiples over (m, n) -ary hyperrings. Ameri and Norouzi introduced [2] the concept of n -ary prime and n -ary primary hyperideals in Krasner (m, n) -hyperring and proved some results in this respect. Some review of (m, n) -ary hyperstructures can be found in [3, 5, 17, 23].

Also, Ameri introduced and studied categories of hypergroups and hypermodules [1]; Madanshekar in [18] proved that the category of hypermodules is an exact category. Recently, in numerous papers, categories of hyperstructures have been studied (for instance, see [1, 2, 13, 14, 18, 22, 24–27]).

In this paper, the authors follow [1, 14, 18] to study the category of (m, n) -hypermultiples and prove that this category is exact. This paper has been written in 5 sections. In Section 1, we give some basic preliminaries about (m, n) -rings and (m, n) -hypermultiples. In Section 2, we say about monomorphisms and epimorphisms in this category. In Section 3, monomorphisms and epimorphisms in the category of derived (m, n) -hypermultiples via the fundamental relation are discussed. In Section 4, some properties of the category $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ are given and it is proved that this category is an exact category. Finally in Section 5, conclusion of this paper is briefly describe.

In this section we recall some notions and results from [11] and other references for the sake of completeness.

A mapping $f : \underbrace{H \times \cdots \times H}_n \rightarrow P^*(H)$ is called an n -ary hyperoperation,

where $P^*(H)$ is the set of all nonempty subsets of H . An algebraic system (H, f) , where f is an n -ary hyperoperation defined on H , is called an n -ary hypergroupoid. We should use the following abbreviated notation:

The sequence x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j will be denoted by x_i^j . For $j < i$, x_i^j is the

empty set. Using this notation,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_i, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n)$$

will be written as $f(x_1^i, y_{i+1}^j, z_{j+1}^n)$. In the case when $y_{i+1} = \dots = y_j = y$, the last expression will be written $f(x_1^i, y_{(j-i)}, z_{j+1}^n)$.

If f is an n -ary hyperoperation and $t = l(n - 1) + 1$, for some $l \geq 0$, then t -ary hyperoperation f_l is given by

$$f_l(x_1^{l(n-1)+1}) = \underbrace{f(f(\dots, f(f(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1}), \dots), x_{(l-1)(n-1)+1}^{l(n-1)+1})}_{l}.$$

For nonempty subsets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n of H we define

$$f(A_1^n) = f(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = \bigcup \{f(x_1^n) | x_i \in A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

An n -ary hyperoperation f is called *associative* if

$$f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = f(x_1^{j-1}, f(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1}),$$

hold for every $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ and all $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in H$. An n -ary hypergroupoid with the associative n -ary hyperoperation is called an *n -ary semihypergroup*.

An n -ary hypergroupoid (H, f) in which the equation $b \in f(a_1^{i-1}, x_i, a_{i+1}^n)$ has a solution, $x_i \in H$ for every $a_1^{i-1}, a_{i+1}^n, b \in H$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$, is called an *n -ary quasihypergroup*. If (H, f) is an n -ary semihypergroup and n -ary quasihypergroup, then (H, f) is called an *n -ary hypergroup*. An n -ary hypergroupoid (H, f) is *commutative* if for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n$ and for every $a_1^n \in H$ we have $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(n)})$. If $a_1^n \in H$; then we denote $(a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(n)})$ by $a_{\sigma(1)}^{\sigma(n)}$.

Definition 1.1. Let (H, f) be an n -ary hypergroup and B be a non-empty subset of H . B is called an *n -ary subhypergroup* of (H, f) , if $f(x_1^n) \subseteq B$ for all $x_1^n \in B$, and the equation $b \in f(b_1^{i-1}, x_i, b_{i+1}^n)$ has a solution, $x_i \in B$ for every $b_1^{i-1}, b_{i+1}^n, b \in B$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Definition 1.2. [15] Let (H, f) be a commutative n -ary hypergroup. (H, f) is called a *canonical n -ary hypergroup* if

(1) there exists unique $e \in H$, such that for every $x \in H$,

$$f(x, \underbrace{e, \dots, e}_{(n-1)}) = x;$$

(2) for all $x \in H$ there exists unique $x^{-1} \in H$, such that

$$e \in f(x, x^{-1}, \underbrace{e, \dots, e}_{(n-2)});$$

(3) if $x \in f(x_1^n)$, then for all i , we have

$$x_i \in f(x, x^{-1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{-1}, x_{i+1}^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}),$$

we say that e is the scalar identity of (H, f) and x^{-1} is the inverse of x . Note that the inverse of e is e .

Definition 1.3. [21] A *Krasner (m, n) -hyperring* is an algebraic hyperstructure (R, h, k) which satisfies the following axioms:

- (1) (R, h) is a canonical m -ary hypergroup;
- (2) (R, k) is an n -ary semigroup;
- (3) the n -ary operation k is distributive to the m -array hyperoperation h , that is, for all $a_1^{i-1}, a_{i+1}^n, x_1^m \in R$, and $1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$k(a_1^{i-1}, h(x_1^m), a_{i+1}^n) = h(k(a_1^{i-1}, x_1, a_{i+1}^n), \dots, k(a_1^{i-1}, x_m, a_{i+1}^n));$$

- (4) 0 is a zero element (absorbing element), of the n -ary operation k , that is, for $x_2^n \in R$ we have

$$k(0, x_2^n) = k(x_2, 0, x_3^n) = \dots = k(x_2^n, 0).$$

A nonempty subset S of R is called a *subhyperring* of R if (R, h, k) is a Krasner (m, n) -hyperring. Let I be a non-empty subset of R . We say that I is a *hyperideal* of (R, h, k) if (I, h) is a canonical m -array hypergroup of (R, h) and $k(x_1^{i-1}, I, x_{i+1}^n) \subseteq I$, for every $x_1^n \in R$, and $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Definition 1.4. [4] Let M be a nonempty set. Then (M, f, g) is an (m, n) -*hypermodule* over an (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) , if (M, f) is an m -ary hypergroup and the map

$$g : \underbrace{R \times \dots \times R}_{n-1} \times M \rightarrow P^*(M)$$

satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $g(r_1^{n-1}, f(x_1^m)) = f(g(r_1^{n-1}, x_1), \dots, g(r_1^{n-1}, x_m))$;
- (ii) $g(r_1^{i-1}, h(s_1^m), r_{i+1}^{n-1}, x) = f(g(r_1^{i-1}, s_1, r_{i+1}^{n-1}, x), \dots, g(r_1^{i-1}, s_m, r_{i+1}^{n-1}, x))$;
- (iii) $g(r_1^{i-1}, k(r_i^{i+n-1}), r_{i+m}^{n+m-2}, x) = g(r_1^{n-1}, g(r_m^{n+m-2}, x))$;
- (iv) $0 \in g(r_1^{i-1}, 0, r_{i+1}^{n-1}, x)$.

If g is an n -ary hyperoperation, S_1, \dots, S_{n-1} are subsets of R and $M_1 \subseteq M$, we set

$$g(S_1^{n-1}, M_1) = \bigcup \{g(r_1^{n-1}, x) \mid r_i \in S_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1, x \in M_1\}.$$

If $n = m = 2$, then an (m, n) -ary hypermodule M is a hypermodule.

Let (M, f, g) be an (m, n) -hypermodule over an (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) . A non-empty subset N of M is called an (m, n) -ary subhypermodule of M if (N, f) is an m -ary subhypergroup of (M, f) and $g(R^{(n-1)}, N) \in P^*(N)$.

Definition 1.5. [4] A *canonical (m, n) -hypermodule* (M, f, g) is an (m, n) -hypermodule with a canonical m -ary hypergroup (M, f) over a Krasner (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) .

A Krasner (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) is *commutative* if (R, k) is a commutative n -ary semigroup. Also, we say that (R, h, k) is with a *scaler identity* if there exists an element 1_R such that $x = k(x, 1_R^{(n-1)})$ for all $x \in R$. Let (R, h, k) be a commutative Krasner (m, n) -hyperring with a scaler identity 1_R . For all $r_1^{n-1} \in R$ and $x \in M$ we have

$$g(r_1^{n-1}, 0_M) = \{0_M\}, \quad g(0_R^{n-1}, x) = \{0_M\} \text{ and } g(1_R^{n-1}, x) = \{x\}.$$

Moreover, let $g(r_1^{i-1}, -r_i, r_{i+1}^{n-1}, x) = -g(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}, x) = g(r_1^{n-1}, -x)$.

Definition 1.6. [4] Let (M_1, f_1, g_1) and (M_2, f_2, g_2) be two (m, n) -hypermodules over an (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) . We say that $\phi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is a *homomorphism of (m, n) -hypermodules* if for all x_1^m, x of M_1 and $r_1^{n-1} \in R$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m)) &= f_2(\phi(x_1), \dots, \phi(x_m)); \\ \phi(g_1(r_1^{n-1}, x)) &= g_2(r_1^{n-1}, \phi(x)). \end{aligned}$$

In the above definition, if we consider a map $\phi : M_1 \rightarrow P^*(M_2)$, then we obtain a *multivalued homomorphism*, shortly we write m -homomorphism.

Definition 1.7. [16] Let (H, f) be an n -ary hypergroup. The relation β^* is the smallest equivalence relation such that the quotient $(H/\beta^*, f/\beta^*)$ is an n -ary group. where H/β^* is the set of equivalence classes. The β^* is called *fundamental equivalence relation*.

Definition 1.8. [21] Let (R, h, k) be (m, n) -hyperring. The relation Γ^* is the smallest equivalence relation such that the quotient $(R/\Gamma^*, h/\Gamma^*, k/\Gamma^*)$ is an (m, n) -ring, where R/Γ^* is the set of equivalence classes. The Γ^* is called *fundamental equivalence relation*.

Definition 1.9. [4] Let (M, f, g) be an (m, n) -ary hypermodule over an (m, n) -ary hyperring (R, h, k) . Then $\hat{\epsilon}$ denotes the transitive closure of the relation $\epsilon = \bigcup_{\alpha \geq 0} \epsilon_\alpha$, where ϵ_0 is the diagonal, that is, $\epsilon_0 = \{(x, x) | x \in M\}$ and for every integer $\alpha \geq 1$, ϵ_α is the relation defined as follows:

$$x\epsilon_\alpha y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \{x, y\} \subseteq f_{(\alpha)},$$

for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$. If $x\epsilon_0 y$ (that is, $x = y$) then we write $\{x, y\} \subseteq u_{(0)}$. We define ϵ^* as the smallest equivalence relation such that the quotient $(M/\epsilon^*, f/\epsilon^*, g/\epsilon^*)$ is an (m, n) -ary module over an (m, n) -ary hyperring R , where M/ϵ^* is the set of equivalence classes. The ϵ^* is called *fundamental equivalence relation*.

Theorem 1.10. [4] *The fundamental relation ϵ^* is the transitive closure of the relation ϵ , that is, $(\epsilon^* = \hat{\epsilon})$.*

Theorem 1.11. [4] *Let (M, f, g) be an (m, n) -ary hypermodule over an (m, n) -ary hyperring (R, h, k) . Then, $(M/\epsilon^*, f/\epsilon^*)$ is an (m, n) -ary module over on (m, n) -ary ring $(R/\Gamma^*, h/\Gamma^*, k/\Gamma^*)$.*

Recall that, in the fundamental R/Γ^* -module $(M/\epsilon^*, f/\epsilon^*, g/\epsilon^*)$, the hyperoperations $f/\epsilon^*, g/\epsilon^*$ are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f/\epsilon^*(\epsilon^*(a_1), \dots, \epsilon^*(a_m)) &:= \{\epsilon^*(a) | a \in f(a_1, \dots, a_m)\} = \epsilon^*(f(a_1^m)), \\ g/\epsilon^*(\Gamma^*(r_1), \dots, \Gamma^*(r_{n-1}), \epsilon^*(x)) &:= g(\Gamma^*(r_1), \dots, \Gamma^*(r_{n-1}), \epsilon^*(x)). \end{aligned}$$

2 Monomorphisms and epimorphisms in the categories of $R_{(m,n)} - KH\text{mod}$

In this section, we recall the definition of the categories of (m, n) -ary hypermodules. Then we study the relationship between monomorphisms, epimorphisms, isomorphisms, monics, epics, and iso arrows in these categories.

Definition 2.1. [14] The category $R_{(m,n)} - Hmod$ of (m, n) -ary hypermodules is defined by

- (i) the objects of $R_{(m,n)} - Hmod$ are (m, n) -hypermodules,
- (ii) for the objects M and K , the set of all morphisms from M to K is defined as

$$Hom_R(M, K) = \{f | f : M \rightarrow P^*(K) \text{ is an m-homomorphism}\},$$

- (iii) the composition gf of morphisms $f : M \rightarrow P^*(K)$ and $g : K \rightarrow P^*(L)$ is defined by

$$gf : H \rightarrow P^*(K), \quad gf(x) = \bigcup_{t \in f(x)} g(t),$$

- (iv) for any object H , the morphism $1_H : H \rightarrow P^*(H)$, defined by $1_H(x) = \{x\}$, is the identity morphism.

Remark 2.2. [14] Consider the category whose objects are all (m, n) -hypermodules and whose morphisms are all R -homomorphisms denoted by $R_{(m,n)} - hmod$. The class of all R -homomorphisms from A into B is denoted by $hom_R(A, B)$. In addition, $R_{s(m,n)} - hmod$, is the category of all (m, n) -hypermodules whose morphisms are all strong R -homomorphisms. The class of all strong R -homomorphisms from A into B is denoted by $hom_{R_S}(A, B)$. It is easy to observe that $R_{s(m,n)} - hmod$ is a subcategory of $R_{(m,n)} - hmod$.

Remark 2.3. [14] Later in this paper, we consider the category of all (m, n) -hypermodules over a (m, n) -hyperring R , in the sense of canonical (m, n) -hypermodules over Krasner (m, n) -hyperring R with a scalar identity. We denote this category by $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$. Hence the objects of $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$ are the canonical (m, n) -hypermodules over Krasner (m, n) -hyperring and all morphisms are multivalued homomorphisms.

Theorem 2.4. $\mathcal{F} : R_{s(m,n)} - hmod \rightarrow R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - mod$, defined by $\mathcal{F}(M) = M/\epsilon^*$ and $\mathcal{F}(\phi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2) = \phi^* : M_1/\epsilon^* \rightarrow M_2/\epsilon^*$, is a functor, where $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - mod$ is the category of all (m, n) -modules over R/Γ^* .

The next results characterize monomorphisms and epimorphisms in the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$. First

Definition 2.5. Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism of (m, n) -hypermodules. We say that ϕ is *weakly injective* if

$$\forall a, b \in A, \phi(a) \cap \phi(b) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow a = b.$$

We say that ϕ is *strongly injective* if

$$\forall a, b \in A, \phi(a) = \phi(b) \Rightarrow a = b.$$

Remark 2.6. Clearly, every weakly injective morphisms is also strongly injective.

Proposition 2.7. *In the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$, if $\phi : B \rightarrow C$ is a monomorphism, then it is strongly injective.*

Proof. Suppose that $\phi : B \rightarrow C$ is a monomorphism. For $b_1, b_2 \in B$, let $\phi(b_1) = \phi(b_2)$. Define the mappings $\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2 : \underbrace{R \times \cdots \times R}_{n-1} \rightarrow P^*(B)$ by

$\hat{b}_1(r_1^{n-1}) = \{g_1(r_1^{n-1}, b_1)\}$ and $\hat{b}_2(r_1^{n-1}) = \{g_1(r_1^{n-1}, b_2)\}$ (here R is viewed as a (m, n) -hypermodule). By 2.1(ii), \hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2 are well-defined morphisms of (m, n) -hypermodules. Moreover,
 $\phi \circ (\hat{b}_1(r_1^{n-1})) = \phi(g_1(r_1^{n-1}, b_1)) = g_2(r_1^{n-1}, \phi(b_1)) = g_2(r_1^{n-1}, \phi(b_2)) = \phi(g_1(r_1^{n-1}, b_2)) = \phi \circ (\hat{b}_2(r_1^{n-1}))$, and thus $\hat{b}_1 = \hat{b}_2$. In particular $\hat{b}_1(1_1^{n-1}) = \hat{b}_2(1_1^{n-1})$, that is, $b_1 = b_2$. \square

Proposition 2.8. *In the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$, if $\phi : B \rightarrow C$ is weakly injective then it is a monomorphism.*

Proof. It easily follows from Proposition 4 of [13]. \square

Definition 2.9. Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of (m, n) -hypermodules. We say that ϕ is *weakly surjective* if

$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, b \in \phi(a).$$

We say that ϕ is *strongly surjective* if

$$\forall \hat{B} \in P^*(B), \exists a \in A, \hat{B} = \phi(a).$$

Remark 2.10. Clearly, strongly surjective morphisms are also weakly surjective.

| | | |
|---|---|------------|
| + | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | $\{0, 1\}$ |

Table 1: $(A, +)$

| | | | |
|------|----|----------------|----------------|
| $+'$ | 0 | 1 | -1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | $\{0, 1, -1\}$ |
| -1 | -1 | $\{0, 1, -1\}$ | -1 |

Table 2: $(B, +')$

Example 2.11. We shall provide an example of a weakly surjective morphism which is not strongly surjective. Let A and B be two canonical hypergroup as Tables 1 and 2:

Define $0 * x = 0$ and $1 * x = x$ for all $x \in A, B$. Then, it is easy to check that $(A, +, *)$ is a Krasner hyperring, and A and B are also A -hypermodule with the external multiplication $*$. Let $\varphi : B \rightarrow A$ with $\varphi(1) = \varphi(-1) = 0$ and $\varphi(0) = 0$. Clearly, φ is weakly surjective, but not strongly surjective (for example $\varphi(1), \varphi(-1), \varphi(0) \neq \{0, 1\}$).

Proposition 2.12. *In the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$, if $\phi : B \rightarrow C$ is an epimorphism then it is weakly surjective.*

Proof. It easily follows from Proposition 5 of [13]. □

Proposition 2.13. *In the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$, if $\phi : B \rightarrow C$ is strongly surjective, then it is an epimorphism.*

Proof. It easily follows from Proposition 5 of [13]. □

Remark 2.14. Clearly, an isomorphism of (m, n) -hypermodules is strongly injective and weakly surjective.

Proposition 2.15. *In the category $R_{(m,n)} - KHmod$, a morphism $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism if and only if it is a single-valued bijective morphism.*

Proof. Firstly, assume that $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism. By a similar way to Proposition 6 of [13], ϕ is single-valued bijective morphism.

Next, suppose that $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is a single-valued bijective morphism. Define the map $\psi : B \rightarrow A$ by

$$\psi(b) = \{a\} \text{ if and only if } \phi(a) = \{b\}.$$

Clearly, $\phi \circ \psi = id_B$ and $\psi \circ \phi = id_A$, and to check that ψ is a morphism fix $b_1^m \in B$ and $a_1^m \in A$ satisfy for all $i \in 1, 2, \dots, m$, $\phi(a_i) = b_i$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} a \in \psi(f_2(b_1^m)) &\Leftrightarrow a = \psi(b) \wedge b \in f_2(b_1^m) \Leftrightarrow b = \varphi(a) \wedge b \in f_2(b_1^m) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi(a) \in f_2(\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_m)) = \varphi(f_1(a_1^m)) \Leftrightarrow a \in f_1(a_1^m) \\ &\Leftrightarrow a \in f_1(\psi(b_1), \dots, \psi(b_m)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\psi(f_2(b_1^m)) = f_1(\psi(b_1), \dots, \psi(b_m))$, and

$$\begin{aligned} a \in \psi(g_2(r_1^{n-1}, b_1)) &\Leftrightarrow a = \psi(b) \wedge b \in g_2(r_1^{n-1}, b_1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow b = \varphi(a) \wedge b \in g_2(r_1^{n-1}, b_1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi(a) \in \varphi(g_1(r_1^{n-1}, a_1)) = g_2(r_1^{n-1}, \varphi(a_1)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow a \in g_1(r_1^{n-1}, a_1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow a \in g_1(r_1^{n-1}, \psi(b_1)). \end{aligned}$$

□

3 Monomorphisms and epimorphisms in categories of $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - mod$

In this section, we characterize monomorphisms and epimorphisms in the category of $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - mod$.

Definition 3.1. [4] Let B be a sub-hypermodule of an (m, n) - hypermodule over an (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) . Then the set

$$A/B = \{f(x_1^{i-1}, B, x_{i+1}^m) | x_1^{i-1}, x_{i+1}^m \in A\}$$

endowed with the m -array hyperoperation F is defined as follows: for all $x_{11}^{1m}, \dots, x_{m1}^{mm} \in A$

$$\begin{aligned} & F(f(x_{11}^{1(i-1)}, B, x_{1(i+1)}^{1m}), \dots, f(x_{m1}^{m(i-1)}, B, x_{m(i+1)}^{mm})) \\ & = \{f(t_1^{i-1}, B, t_{i+1}^m) | t_1 \in f(x_{11}^{m1}), \dots, t_m \in f(x_{1m}^{mm})\} \end{aligned}$$

and with the n -ary hyperoperation $G : \underbrace{R \times \dots \times R}_{n-1} \times A/B \rightarrow P^*(A/B)$ defined by: for all $x_1^{i-1}, x_{i+1}^m \in A$ and $r_1^{n-1} \in R$,

$$\begin{aligned} & G(r_1^{n-1}, f(x_1^{i-1}, B, x_{i+1}^m)) \\ & = \{f(z_1^{i-1}, B, z_{i+1}^m) | z_1 \in g(r_1^{n-1}, x), \dots, z_m \in g(r_1^{n-1}, x_m)\} \end{aligned}$$

is an (m, n) -hypermodule over an (m, n) -hyperring (R, h, k) , and $(A/B, F, G)$ is called the quotient (m, n) -ary hypermodule of A by B .

Definition 3.2. [4] Let (A, f, g) is a canonical (m, n) -hypermodule over R and B be a subhypermodule of A . The mapping $\pi : A \rightarrow A/B$ defined by $x \rightarrow f(x, B, 0^{(m-2)})$ is called the projection map of A by B .

Theorem 3.3. [4] *The projection map π is a homomorphism of (m, n) -hypermodules.*

Proposition 3.4. *Let $(A/\epsilon^*, f_1/\epsilon^*, g_1/\epsilon^*), (B/\epsilon^*, f_2/\epsilon^*, g_2/\epsilon^*)$ be (m, n) -modules over the $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^*$ -ring R . For any homomorphism $\varphi^* : A/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*$ the following are equivalent:*

- (1) φ^* is injective;
- (2) for any module C/ϵ^* and for homomorphisms $\psi^*, \gamma^* : C/\epsilon^* \rightarrow A/\epsilon^*$ if $\varphi^* \circ \psi^* = \varphi^* \circ \gamma^*$, then $\psi^* = \gamma^*$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) If φ^* is injective and $\psi^*, \gamma^* : C/\epsilon^* \rightarrow A/\epsilon^*$ are homomorphisms such that $\psi^* \neq \gamma^*$ then, for some $\epsilon^*(c) \in C/\epsilon^*$, $\psi^*(\epsilon^*(c)) \neq \gamma^*(\epsilon^*(c))$. Since φ^* is injective, it follows that $\varphi^*(\psi^*(\epsilon^*(c))) \neq \varphi^*(\gamma^*(\epsilon^*(c)))$, whence $\varphi^* \psi^* \neq \varphi^* \gamma^*$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose $\varphi^* : A/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*$. Let $\epsilon^*(a), \epsilon^*(\acute{a}) \in A/\epsilon^*$, and let $\{\epsilon^*(x)\}$ be any given one-element class. Consider the homomorphism

$$\bar{a}, \bar{\acute{a}} : \{\epsilon^*(x)\} \rightarrow A/\epsilon^*$$

where

$$\bar{a}(\epsilon^*(x)) = \epsilon^*(a), \quad \bar{\bar{a}}(\epsilon^*(x)) = \epsilon^*(\acute{a}).$$

Since $\bar{a} \neq \bar{\bar{a}}$, it follows, since φ^* is monomorphism, that $\varphi^*\bar{a} \neq \varphi^*\bar{\bar{a}}$. Thus, $\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = (\varphi^*\bar{a})(\epsilon^*(x)) \neq (\varphi^*\bar{\bar{a}})(\epsilon^*(x)) = \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(\acute{a}))$. Whence φ^* is injective. \square

Proposition 3.5. *Let $(A/\epsilon^*, f_1/\epsilon^*, g_1/\epsilon^*), (B/\epsilon^*, f_2/\epsilon^*, g_2/\epsilon^*)$ be (m, n) -modules over the (m, n) -ring R . For any homomorphisms $\varphi^* : A/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*$ the following are equivalent:*

(1) φ^* is surjective;

(2) for any module C/ϵ^* and for any homomorphisms $\psi^*, \gamma^* : B/\epsilon^* \rightarrow C/\epsilon^*$ if $\psi^* \circ \varphi^* = \gamma^* \circ \varphi^*$, then $\psi^* = \gamma^*$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Assume that $\varphi^* : A/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*$ is surjective and $\psi^*, \gamma^* : B/\epsilon^* \rightarrow C/\epsilon^*$ are morphisms such that $\psi^* \circ \varphi^* = \gamma^* \circ \varphi^*$. For a fixed $\epsilon^*(b) \in B/\epsilon^*$ let $\epsilon^*(a) \in A/\epsilon^*$ be such that $\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \epsilon^*(b)$. Then $\psi^*(\epsilon^*(b)) = \psi^*(\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a))) = \psi^* \circ \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \gamma^* \circ \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \gamma^*(\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a))) = \gamma^*(\epsilon^*(b))$. So φ^* is an epimorphism.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Will be proved by showing that the negation of (1) leads us to the negation of (2). Indeed, if $\text{Im}\varphi^* \neq B/\epsilon^*$, then $B/\epsilon^*/\text{Im}\varphi^*$ is a module with zero $\text{Im}\varphi^*$ and $|B/\epsilon^*/\text{Im}\varphi^*| \geq 2$. Consider the homomorphism $\psi^* = \pi_{\text{Im}\varphi^*} : B/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*/\text{Im}\varphi^*$ and $\gamma^* : B/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*/\text{Im}\varphi^*$ given by $\gamma^*(\epsilon^*(b)) = \text{Im}\varphi^*$ for any $\epsilon^*(b) \in B/\epsilon^*$. They are obviously different, but we have for any $\epsilon^*(a) \in A/\epsilon^*$,

$$\psi^* \circ \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \psi^*(\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a))) = f_2/\epsilon^*(\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a))), \text{Im}\varphi^*, o^{(m-2)} = \text{Im}\varphi^*,$$

$$\gamma^* \circ \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \gamma^*(\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a))) = \text{Im}\varphi^*.$$

Thus $\psi^* \circ \varphi^* \neq \gamma^* \circ \varphi^*$. \square

The following theorem is an immediate consequence of Propositions 3.1 and 3.2.

Theorem 3.6. (1) *In the category $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - \text{mod}$ all monomorphisms are the homomorphisms which are injective.*

(2) *In the category $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - \text{mod}$ the epimorphisms are all homomorphisms which are projective.*

Corollary 3.7. *The category $R_{(m,n)}/\Gamma^* - \text{mod}$ is a balanced category.*

Theorem 3.8. *The fundamental functor \mathcal{F} preserves monomorphisms.*

Proof. Let $(A, f_1, g_1), (B, f_2, g_2)$ be (m, n) -hypermodules over the (m, n) -hyperring R and $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ be a monomorphism, we prove $\varphi^* : A/\epsilon^* \rightarrow B/\epsilon^*$ is monic. For $a, b \in A$, let $\varphi^*(\epsilon^*(a)) = \varphi^*(\epsilon^*(b))$ since, $\varphi(a)\epsilon^*\varphi(b)$, then there exists $f_{2i} \in \mathcal{F}_2$ such that $\{\varphi(a), \varphi(b)\} \subseteq f_{2i}$. Since ϕ is a monomorphism, we have

$$\{a, b\} \subseteq \{\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)) \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(b))\} = \varphi^{-1}\{\varphi(a), \varphi(b)\} \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(f_{2i}) \in \mathcal{F}_1.$$

Thus φ^* is monic. □

4 Categorical properties of $R_{(m,n)} - \text{Khm od}$

In this section, we give some properties of the category $R_{(m,n)} - \text{Khm od}$. First of all, we characterize subobjects and quotient objects in this category.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $(A, f_1, g_1), (B, f_2, g_2), (C, f_3, g_3)$ be (m, n) -hypermodules over the (m, n) -hyperring R and $\varphi : A \rightarrow B, \psi : A \rightarrow C$ homomorphisms. If ψ is onto, then*

- (1) $\ker \psi \subseteq \ker \varphi$ implies the existence of a homomorphism $\gamma : C \rightarrow B$ and $\varphi = \gamma \circ \psi$;
- (2) φ is onto implies that γ is onto;
- (3) $\ker \varphi = \ker \psi$ implies that γ is one to one;
- (4) φ is onto and $\ker \varphi = \ker \psi$ implies that γ is an isomorphism.

Proof. (1) Since ψ is onto for any $c \in C$ there exists $a \in A$ such that $\psi(a) = c$. Define $\gamma(c) := \varphi(a)$. Then φ is well defined, because if there exist $a_1, a_2 \in A$ such that $\psi(a_1) = \psi(a_2)$, then $0 \in f_3(\psi(a_1), -\psi(a_2), o^{m-2}) = \psi(f_1(a_1, -a_2, o^{m-2}))$ and so there exists $a \in f_1(a_1, -a_2, o^{m-2})$ such that $0 = \psi(a)$. That is $a \in \ker \psi$ so, $a \in \ker \varphi$, that is, $0 \in \varphi(f_1(a_1, -a_2, o^{m-2})) = f_2(\varphi(a_1), -\varphi(a_2), o^{m-2})$. Hence $\varphi(a_1) = \varphi(a_2)$.

(2) It follows easily from definition of γ . Statements (3) and (4) are direct applications of (1) and (2). □

Corollary 4.2. *Let A, B be (m, n) -hypermodules over the (m, n) -hyperring R and $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ be a homomorphism, and C a subhypermodule of A . Then,*

(1) $C \subseteq \ker \varphi$, then there is a unique homomorphism $\bar{\varphi} : A/C \rightarrow B$ such that $\bar{\varphi}(f(a, C, 0^{(m-2)})) = \varphi(a)$; for all $a \in A$, that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A/C \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \bar{\varphi} \\ & & B \end{array}$$

commutes,

- (2) φ is onto then $\bar{\varphi}$ is onto,
- (3) $C = \ker \varphi$, then $\bar{\varphi}$ is one to one,
- (4) φ is onto and $C = \ker \varphi$, then $\bar{\varphi}$ is an isomorphism.

Theorem 4.3. Let A be an (m, n) -hypermodule over the (m, n) -hyperring R . Then

- (1) there exists a bijection between the subhypermodules of A and the subobjects of A in $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$;
- (2) there exists a bijection between the quotient hypermodules of A over subhypermodules and the quotient objects of A in $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$.

Proof. Let S_0 be the class of subhypermodules of A and S the class of subobjects of A in $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ and let us consider the function $\varphi : S_0 \rightarrow S$, $\varphi(B) = [B, i_B]$. ($i_B : B \rightarrow A$, $i_b(b) = b$, is the inclusion homomorphism).

First we prove that φ is one to one. To do so, considering $B_1, B_2 \in S_0$, $\varphi(B_1) = \varphi(B_2)$ implies that $[B_1, i_{B_1}] = [B_2, i_{B_2}]$, that is, $[B_1, i_{B_1}] \sim [B_2, i_{B_2}]$. Thus there exists an isomorphism $\phi : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$ such that $i_{B_1} = i_{B_2} \circ \phi$ for any $b \in B_1$, $b = \phi(b) \in B_2$. Hence, $B_1 \subseteq B_2$. But we also have $i_{B_1} \circ \phi^{-1} = i_{B_2}$, which follows that $B_2 \subseteq B_1$ and that is why $B_1 = B_2$.

The function φ is also onto. In fact, for any $[B, \gamma] \in S$ knowing that γ is a homomorphism it follows that $\gamma(B) \in S_0$. We will show that $\varphi(\gamma(B)) = [B, \gamma]$, that is $(\gamma(B), i_{\gamma(B)}) \sim (B, \gamma)$. The mapping $\phi : B \rightarrow \gamma(B)$, $\phi(b) = \gamma(b)$ is a bijection and it is a homomorphism. Thus ϕ is an isomorphism and we have $\gamma = i_{\gamma(B)} \circ \phi$ which means

that $(\gamma(B), i_{\gamma(B)}) \sim (B, \gamma)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & A \\
 \phi \downarrow & \nearrow i_{\gamma(B)} & \\
 \gamma(B) & &
 \end{array}$$

The first part of the theorem is proved now.

(2) Let Q_0 be the class of quotient hypermodules of A over the subhypermodules and Q the class of quotient objects of A in $h_{(m,n)} - Rmod$ and let us consider the function $\eta : Q_0 \rightarrow Q, \eta(A/B) = [\pi_B, A/B]$, where $\pi_B : A \rightarrow A/B$ is the canonical projection.

First we prove that η is one to one. To do so, considering $A/B_1, A/B_2 \in Q_0, \eta(A/B_1) = \eta(A/B_2)$ then $[\pi_{B_1}, A/B_1] = [\pi_{B_2}, A/B_2]$, that is, $(\pi_{B_1}, A/B_1) \sim (\pi_{B_2}, A/B_2)$. Thus there exists an isomorphism $\psi : A/B_1 \rightarrow A/B_2$ such that $\pi_{B_1} = \psi \circ \pi_{B_2}$, that is the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\pi_{B_2}} & A/B_2 \\
 \searrow \pi_{B_1} & & \downarrow \psi \\
 & & A/B_1
 \end{array}$$

commutes. We have

$B_1 = \{a \in A | \pi_{B_1}(a) = B_1\} = \{a \in A | \psi(\pi_{B_1}(a)) = B_1\} = \{a \in A | \pi_{B_2}(a) = B_2\} = B_2$, which leads to $A/B_1 = A/B_2$. The function η is also onto. In fact, for any $[\gamma, C] \in Q$ knowing that γ is a homomorphism which is onto (that is, an epimorphism in $h_{(m,n)} - Rmod$; by Theorem 2.3), if we set $B = \ker \gamma$, in view of Theorem 4.1, there exists an isomorphism $\alpha : A/B \rightarrow C$ such that $\alpha \circ \pi_B = \gamma$ (indeed α is an isomorphism because α is onto and $\ker \gamma = B = \ker \pi_B$). This means that $[\gamma, C] = [\pi_B, A/B] = \eta(A/B)$, which completes the bijective of η . \square

In the next theorem we show that the category $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ has images and coimages, too.

Theorem 4.4. (1) *The category $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ is a category with images.*

(2) *The category $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ is a category with coimages.*

Proof. (1) For any $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ among (m, n) -hypermodules, $[\varphi(A), i_{\varphi(A)}] \in S(B)$, where $S(B)$ is the class of subobjects of B and $i_{\varphi(A)} : \varphi(A) \rightarrow B$ is the inclusion mapping.

We will prove that $\text{Im}\varphi = [\varphi(A), i_{\varphi(A)}]$. If we consider $\theta : A \rightarrow \varphi(A), \theta(a) = \varphi(a)$ for every $a \in A$, then θ is a homomorphism and we have $\varphi = i_{\varphi(A)} \circ \theta$. Next, let $[K, u] \in S(B)$ and there exist homomorphism $\theta' : A \rightarrow K$ in such a way that $\varphi = u \circ \theta'$. Then u is clearly a monomorphism, and $\varphi(a) = u(\theta'(a))$, for any $a \in A$, implies that $\varphi(A) \subseteq u(K)$. But the mapping $u_1 : K \rightarrow u(K), u_1(a) = u(a)$, is an isomorphism, so $u_1^{-1} : u(K) \rightarrow K$ is also an isomorphism. Therefore, $\gamma = u_1|_{\varphi(A)}$ is a homomorphism and $i_{\varphi(A)} = u \circ \gamma$. Thus, $[\varphi(A), i_{\varphi(A)}] \leq [K, u]$ and this means that $\text{Im}\varphi = [\varphi(A), i_{\varphi(A)}]$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi(A) & \xrightarrow{i_{\varphi(A)}} & B \\ \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow id_B \\ K & \xrightarrow{u} & B \end{array}$$

(2) For any $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ let $C = \ker\varphi$. Then $[\pi_C, A/C] \in Q(A)$ where $Q(A)$ denotes the class of quotient objects of A in the sense of previous theorem. We claim that $\text{coim}(\varphi) = [\pi_C, A/C]$. To prove the claim, let $\theta : A/C \rightarrow B$ be defined by $\theta(f(a, C, 0^{(m-2)})) = \varphi(a)$, for any $a \in A$. Then θ is a homomorphism and $\theta \circ \pi_C = \varphi$. Next, let $[\nu, D] \in Q(A)$. Also there exists a homomorphism $\theta : D \rightarrow B$ such that $\varphi = \theta \circ \nu$. Then, according to the fact that ν is a homomorphism which is onto and $\ker\nu \subseteq \ker\varphi = C$, we can see that there exists a homomorphism $\gamma : D \rightarrow A/C$ such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\nu} & D & \xrightarrow{\theta} & B \\ & \searrow \pi_C & \downarrow \gamma & \nearrow \theta & \\ & & A/C & & \end{array}$$

Thus $[\pi_C, A/C] \leq [\nu, D]$ which leads us to the equality $\text{coim}(\varphi) = [\pi_C, A/C]$. □

Now we come to the concepts of kernel and cokernel.

Theorem 4.5. (1) *The category $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ has kernels and cokernels.*
 (2) *The category $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ is a normal and conormal category.*

Proof. $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ is a category with kernels. Let $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism in $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ and let $C = ker\varphi$. We know that $i_C : C \rightarrow A$ is a monomorphism in $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$. We will prove that $ker\varphi = [C, i_C]$.

(1) Let 0_{CB} be the zero morphism from C into B , $0_{CB} : C \rightarrow B$, $0_{CB}(c) = 0$ for any $c \in C$ we have $\varphi \circ i_C = \varphi(c) = 0 = 0_{CB}(c)$, thus $\varphi \circ i_C = 0_{CB}$. If $D \in Obj R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ and $\mu \in hom(D, A)$ such that $\varphi \circ \mu = 0_{DB}$ then $\varphi(\mu(d)) = 0$, for all $d \in D$, and hence $\mu(D) \subseteq C$. It follows that the mapping $\gamma : D \rightarrow C$, $\gamma(d) = \mu(d)$, is a monomorphism and it verifies the equality $\mu = i_C \circ \gamma$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & & \\ \downarrow \mu & \searrow \mu & \\ C & \xrightarrow{i_C} & A \xrightarrow{f} B \end{array}$$

Now, let $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism in $R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ and let $\pi : B \rightarrow B/\varphi(A)$ be the projection. We will show that $Coker\varphi = [\pi, B/\varphi(A)]$. We have $\pi\varphi(a) = \pi(\varphi(a)) = f(\varphi(a), \varphi(A), 0^{(m-2)}) = \varphi(A) = o_{A, B/\varphi(A)}$. For any $C \in Obj R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ and $\mu \in hom(B, C)$ such that $\mu \circ \varphi = 0_{AC}$. We have $(\mu \circ \varphi)(a) = \mu(\varphi(a)) = 0$, for all $a \in A$. Therefore, $\varphi(A) \subseteq ker\mu$. So, there exists a unique homomorphism $\gamma : B/\varphi(A) \rightarrow C$, such that $\gamma \circ \pi = \mu$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B & \xrightarrow{\pi} & B/\varphi(A) \\ & \searrow \mu & \downarrow \gamma \\ & & C \end{array}$$

(2) $Kh_{(m,n)} - Rmod$ is a normal category. Let A be an $Obj R_{(m,n)} - mod$ and $[B, \varphi]$ a subobject of A . Then we have $[B, \varphi] = [\varphi(B), i_{\varphi(B)}]$ and if $\pi_{\varphi(B)} : A \rightarrow A_{\varphi(B)}$ is the canonical projection, then, according to (i) of part 1, $ker\pi_{\varphi(B)} = [\varphi(B), i_{\varphi(B)}] = [B, \varphi]$.

Also, $Kh_{(m,n)} - Rmod$ is a conormal category. Let A be an $Obj R_{(m,n)} - Khmod$ and $[\psi, B]$ a quotient object of A . then $[\psi, B] = [\pi_C, A/C]$, where $C = ker\psi$, π_C is the canonical projection. According to (ii) of part 1 we have $cokeri_C = [\pi_C, A/C] = [\psi, B]$. \square

Recall from [18] that normal and conormal categories with kernels and cokernels are exact if every morphism $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ can be written as a composition $A \rightarrow I \rightarrow B$ where q is an epimorphism and ν is a monomorphism. Now we can easily prove the following theorem from the above theorem.

Theorem 4.6. *The category $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ is an exact category.*

5 Conclusions and future works

In this paper, some aspects of (m, n) -hypermodules, denoted by $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$, were studied. We constructed the category of (m, n) -hypermodules and proved that it is an exact category in the sense that it is normal and conormal with kernels and cokernels in which every morphism α has a factorization $\alpha = \nu q$, where q is an epimorphism and ν is a monomorphism. Two of the most used results of the paper were those which state that the monomorphisms of $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ (in the categorical sense) are the one-one-homomorphisms and the epimorphisms of $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ are the onto homomorphisms. Also, we proved that the fundamental relation on (m, n) -hypermodules induces a functor from category $R_{(m,n)} - K\text{hmod}$ into category (m, n) -hypermodules and this functor preserves monomorphisms. Therefore, this paper leads to a better study of algebraic hyperstructures theory in view of category theory and investigates the relationship between this category and its related classical category.

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