

## ALGEBRAIC HYPERSTRUCTURES OF SOFT SETS ASSOCIATED TO N-ARY POLYGROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper concerns a relationship between soft sets and  $n$ -ary polygroups. We consider the notion of an  $n$ -ary polygroup as a generalization of a polygroup and apply the notion of soft sets to  $n$ -ary polygroups. Some related notions are defined and several basic properties are discussed by using the soft set theory. Furthermore, we propose the homomorphism of  $n$ -ary polygroups and investigate the properties which are preserved under the homomorphism.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of algebraic hyperstructures introduced by Marty in 1934 [13] is a natural generalization of the theory of classical algebraic structures. It has been applied in many areas [3], such as geometry, lattices, fuzzy sets and rough sets, automata, cryptography, combinatorics, artificial intelligence, probabilities and so on. The concept of  $n$ -ary hypergroups is introduced by Davvaz and Vougiouklis [4] for the first time.  $n$ -ary polygroups defined by Ghadiri and Waphare in [8] are suitable generalizations of polygroups and a special case of  $n$ -ary hypergroups.

To solve complicated problems in economics, engineering, environmental science, medical science and social sciences, methods in algebraic hyperstructures may not be successfully used because of various uncertainties arising in these problems. Several theories such as probability theory, fuzzy set theory [19], vague set theory [7], rough set theory [16, 17] and interval mathematics [9] were established to model uncertainties appearing in the above fields. Molodtsov [14] introduced the concept of soft sets, which can be seen as a mathematical tool for dealing with uncertainties. Furthermore, he demonstrated that soft set theory has potential applications in many directions, including function smoothness, Riemann integration, Perron integration, probability theory, measurement theory, game theory and operations research [14, 15].

Inspired by the study of algebraic structures of soft sets, our aim in this paper is

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to initiate the study on the connection between soft sets and n-ary polygroups. We apply the notion of soft sets to n-ary polygroups. Some related notions are defined and several basic properties are discussed by using the soft set theory. Furthermore, the concept of a soft homomorphism of n-ary polygroups is introduced and it is investigated which properties are preserved under this homomorphism.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES OF N-ARY POLYGROUP AND SOFT SET

In this section, we review some notions and results concerning n-ary polygroups and soft sets.

Let  $H$  be a non-empty set and  $f$  be a mapping  $f : H \times H \rightarrow \wp^*(H)$ , where  $\wp^*(H)$  is the set of all non-empty subsets of  $H$ . Then  $f$  is called a binary hyperoperation on  $H$ .

**Definition 2.1.** ([2]) A polygroup is a system  $\wp = \langle P, \circ, e, {}^{-1} \rangle$ , where  $e \in P$ ,  ${}^{-1}$  is a unitary operation on  $P$ ,  $\circ$  maps  $P \times P$  into the non-empty subsets of  $P$  and the following axioms hold for all  $x, y, z$  in  $P$ :

- (1)  $(x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$ ,
- (2)  $e \circ x = x \circ e = x$ ,
- (3)  $x \in y \circ z$  implies  $y \in x \circ z^{-1}$  and  $z \in y^{-1} \circ x$ .

The following elementary facts concerning polygroups follow easily from the axioms:  $e \in x \circ x^{-1} \cap x^{-1} \circ x$ ,  $e^{-1} = e$ ,  $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$  and  $(x \circ y)^{-1} = y^{-1} \circ x^{-1}$ , where  $A^{-1} = \{a^{-1} | a \in A\}$ .

**Example 2.1.** Suppose  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Define a system

$$G//H = \langle \{HgH | g \in G\}, *, H, {}^{-1} \rangle$$

where  $(HgH)^{-1} = Hg^{-1}H$  and  $(Hg_1H) * (Hg_2H) = \{Hg_1hg_2H | h \in H\}$ . The algebra of double cosets  $G//H$  is a polygroup introduced in Dresher and Ore [5].

We denote by  $H^n$ , the cartesian product  $H \times \dots \times H$  where  $H$  appears  $n$  times. An element of  $H^n$  will be denoted by  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  where  $x_i \in H$  for any  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In general, a mapping  $f : H^n \rightarrow \wp^*(H)$  is called an n-ary hyperoperation and  $n$  is called the arity of the hyperoperation  $f$ .

Let  $f$  be an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation on  $H$  and

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \cup \{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) | x_i \in A_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

We shall 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. Thus

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

will be written as  $f(x_1^i, y_{i+1}^j, z_{j+1}^n)$ . If  $m = k(n-1) + 1$ , then the  $m$ -ary hyperoperation  $g$  given by

$$g(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) = \underbrace{f(f(\dots, f(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1}), \dots)}_k, x_{(k-1)(n-1)+2}^{k(n-1)+1}$$

will be denoted by  $f_{(k)}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([8]) An n-ary polygroup is a multivalued system  $\langle P, f, e, {}^{-1} \rangle$ , where  $e \in P$ ,  ${}^{-1}$  is a unitary operation on  $P$ ,  $f$  is an n-ary hyperoperation on  $P$  and the following axioms hold for all  $i, j \in 1, \dots, n, x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1}, x \in P$ :

- (1)  $f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = f(x_1^{j-1}, f(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1})$ ,
- (2)  $e$  is a unique element such that  $f(e, \dots, e, x, e, \dots, e) = x$ ,
- (3)  $x \in f(x_1^n)$  implies  $x_i \in f(x_{i-1}^{-1}, \dots, x_1^{-1}, x, x_n^{-1}, \dots, x_{i+1}^{-1})$ .

It is clear that every 2-ary polygroup is a polygroup.

A non-empty subset  $S$  of an  $n$ -ary polygroup  $P$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup if  $\langle S, f, e,^{-1} \rangle$  is an  $n$ -ary polygroup, i.e., if it is closed under the hyperoperation  $f$ ,  $e \in S$  and  $x \in S$  implies  $x^{-1} \in S$ .

Now, we review some notions concerning soft sets. The definitions may be found in references [14, 12, 1, 18]. Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be a set of parameters.  $P(U)$  denotes the power set of  $U$  and  $A \subseteq E$ .

**Definition 2.3.** ([14]). A pair  $(\eta, A)$  is called a soft set over  $U$ , where  $\eta$  is a set-valued function  $\eta : A \rightarrow P(U)$  can be defined as  $\eta(x) = \{y \in U \mid (x, y) \in R\}$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $R$  will refer to an arbitrary binary relation between an element of  $A$  and an element of  $U$ , that is,  $R$  is a subset of  $A \times U$ . In fact, a soft set over  $U$  is a parameterized family of subsets of the universe  $U$ . For a soft set  $(\eta, A)$ , the set  $Supp(\eta, A) = \{x \in A \mid \eta(x) \neq \emptyset\}$  is called the *support* of the soft set  $(\eta, A)$  and the soft set  $(\eta, A)$  is called a *non-null* if  $Supp(\eta, A) \neq \emptyset$  [6].

**Definition 2.4.** ([10]). Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be soft sets over a common universe  $U$ .

- (i)  $(\eta, A)$  is said to be a soft subset of  $(\gamma, B)$ , denoted  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\subseteq} (\gamma, B)$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $\eta(a) \subseteq \gamma(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ .
- (ii)  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are said to be soft equal, denoted  $(\eta, A) = (\gamma, B)$ , if  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\subseteq} (\gamma, B)$  and  $(\gamma, B) \widetilde{\subseteq} (\eta, A)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** ([14, 12]).

- (i) The *restricted-intersection* (or bi-intersection) of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$ , where  $C = A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\delta(c) = \eta(c) \cap \gamma(c)$  for all  $c \in C$ .
- (ii) The *extended intersection* of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \widetilde{\cap} (\gamma, B)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $c \in C$ ,

$$\delta(c) = \begin{cases} \eta(c) & \text{if } c \in A \setminus B \\ \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in B \setminus A \\ \eta(c) \cap \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in A \cap B. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.6.** ([12]).

- (i) The *restricted-union* of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \cup (\gamma, B)$ , where  $C = A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\delta(c) = \eta(c) \cup \gamma(c)$  for all  $c \in C$ .
- (ii) The *extended-union* of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \widetilde{\cup} (\gamma, B)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$

and for all  $c \in C$ ,

$$\delta(c) = \begin{cases} \eta(c) & \text{if } c \in A \setminus B \\ \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in B \setminus A \\ \eta(c) \cup \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in A \cap B. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.7.** ([14, 1]).

- (i) The  $\wedge$ -intersection of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \wedge (\gamma, B)$  where  $C = A \times B$  and  $\delta(a, b) = \eta(a) \cap \gamma(b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in C$ .
- (ii) The  $\vee$ -union of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A) \vee (\gamma, B)$ , where  $C = A \times B$  and  $\delta(a, b) = \eta(a) \cup \gamma(b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in C$ .

**Definition 2.8.** ([1]). Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft sets over  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively. The *cartesian product* of two soft sets  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  is defined as the soft set  $(\delta, A \times B) = (\eta, A) \times (\gamma, B)$ , where  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \times \gamma(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ .

### 3. SOFT N-ARY POLYGROUPS

In this section, we give the algebraic structure of soft n-ary polygroups and discuss some properties.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(\eta, A)$  be a soft set over  $P$ . Then  $(\eta, A)$  is called a *soft n-ary polygroup* over  $P$  if  $\eta(x)$  is an *n-ary subpolygroup* of  $P$  for all  $x \in A$ ; for our convenience, the empty set  $\emptyset$  is regarded as an n-ary subpolygroup of  $P$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let  $P = \{e, x, y\}$  be a set endowed with a 3-ary hyperoperation  $f$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(e, e, e) &= e, f(x, x, e) = \{e, y\}, f(y, e, e) = y \\ f(e, e, x) &= x, f(x, x, x) = \{x, y\}, f(y, e, x) = \{x, y\} \\ f(e, e, y) &= y, f(x, x, y) = P, f(y, e, y) = \{e, x\} \\ f(e, x, e) &= x, f(x, e, e) = x, f(y, x, e) = \{x, y\} \\ f(e, x, x) &= \{e, y\}, f(x, e, x) = \{e, y\}, f(y, x, x) = P \\ f(e, x, y) &= \{x, y\}, f(x, e, y) = \{x, y\}, f(y, x, y) = P \\ f(e, y, e) &= y, f(x, y, e) = \{x, y\}, f(y, y, e) = \{e, x\} \\ f(e, y, x) &= \{x, y\}, f(x, y, x) = P, f(y, y, x) = P \\ f(e, y, y) &= \{e, x\}, f(x, y, y) = P, f(y, y, y) = \{x, y\} \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that  $\langle P, f, e^{-1} \rangle$  is a 3-ary polygroup. Let  $(\eta, A)$  be a soft set over  $P$ , where  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\eta : A \rightarrow P(P)$  be a set-valued function defined by

$$\eta(x) = \{y \in P \mid (x, y) \in R\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ , where  $R = \{(1, e), (3, e), (3, x), (3, y)\}$ . Then  $\eta(1) = \{e\}$ ,  $\eta(2) = \emptyset$  and  $\eta(3) = P$  are 3-ary subpolygroups of  $P$ . Therefore  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft 3-ary polygroup over  $P$ .

**Example 3.2.** Consider the polygroup  $P = S_3 // \langle (132) \rangle$ . Then  $\{H\sigma H \mid \sigma \in S_3\} = \{H, A\}$  where  $H = \langle (132) \rangle = \{(1), (123), (132)\}$  and  $A = \{(1), (12), (13), (23)\}$ . Let  $(\eta, A)$  be a soft set over  $P$ , where  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\eta : A \rightarrow P(P)$  be a set-valued function defined by

$$\eta(x) = \{y \in P \mid (x, y) \in R\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ , where  $R = \{(a, H), (b, A), (c, H), (c, A), (d, H)\}$ . Then  $\eta(a) = \eta(d) = \{H\}$ ,  $\eta(b) = \{A\}$  and  $\eta(c) = \{H, A\}$ . Since  $\eta(b) = \{A\}$  is not a subpolygroup of  $S_3 // \langle (132) \rangle$ . Therefore  $(\eta, A)$  is not a soft polygroup over  $S_3 // \langle (132) \rangle$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ .*

- (i) *The extended intersection  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\cap}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*
- (ii) *The restricted intersection  $(\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$ , with  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*

**Proof.** (i) By definition 2.5 (ii), we can write  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\cap}(\gamma, B) = (\delta, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $c \in C$ ,

$$\delta(c) = \begin{cases} \eta(c) & \text{if } c \in A \setminus B \\ \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in B \setminus A \\ \eta(c) \cap \gamma(c) & \text{if } c \in A \cap B. \end{cases}$$

For all  $x \in C$ , if  $x \in A \setminus B$ , then  $\delta(x) = \eta(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ , since  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ ; if  $x \in B \setminus A$ , then  $\delta(x) = \gamma(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ , since  $(\gamma, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ ; if  $x \in A \cap B$ , then  $\delta(x) = \eta(x) \cap \gamma(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ , since the intersection of any two  $n$ -ary subpolygroups of  $P$  is also an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ . Thus we conclude that  $\delta(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$  for all  $x \in C$ . It follows that  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A)\tilde{\cap}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ . (ii) According to Definition 2.5(i), by assumption and the proof (i), it follows that  $(\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, A)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ . Then the extended intersection  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\cap}(\gamma, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ .*

- (i) *If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then the extended union  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\cup}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\eta(x) \subseteq \gamma(x)$  or  $\gamma(x) \subseteq \eta(x)$  for all  $x \in A \cap B$ , then the restricted union  $(\eta, A) \cup (\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*

**Proof.** (i) By Definition 2.6 (ii), we can write  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\cup}(\gamma, B) = (\delta, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , so for all  $x \in C$ , either  $x \in A \setminus B$  or  $x \in B \setminus A$ . If  $x \in A \setminus B$ , then  $\delta(x) = \eta(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ , since  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ ; if  $x \in B \setminus A$ , then  $\delta(x) = \gamma(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ , since  $(\gamma, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ . Therefore  $(\delta, C) = (\eta, A)\tilde{\cup}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ . (ii) According to Definition 2.6 (i), by assumption and the proof (i), it follows that  $(\eta, A) \cup (\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ . Then the  $\wedge$ -intersection  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\wedge}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*

**Proof.** By Definition 2.7 (i), we can write  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\wedge}(\gamma, B) = (\delta, C)$ , where  $C = A \times B$  and  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \cap \gamma(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . Since  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ , we deduce that  $\eta(x)$  and  $\gamma(y)$  are both  $n$ -ary subpolygroups of  $P$  and their intersection is also an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$ . So  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \cap \gamma(y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup  $P$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . Hence the  $\wedge$ -intersection  $(\eta, A)\tilde{\wedge}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ . If  $\eta(a) \subseteq \gamma(b)$  or  $\gamma(b) \subseteq \eta(a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , then the  $\vee$ -union  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\vee}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ . By Definition 2.7 (ii), we can write  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\vee}(\gamma, B) = (\delta, C)$ , where  $C = A \times B$  and  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \cup \gamma(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . Since  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ , we deduce that the set  $\eta(x)$  and  $\gamma(y)$  are both  $n$ -ary subpolygroups of  $P$ . By assumption,  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \cup \gamma(y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . Hence the  $\vee$ -union  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\vee}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Then the cartesian product  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\times}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1 \times P_2$ .*

**Proof.** By Definition 2.8., we can write  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\times}(\gamma, B) = (\delta, C)$ , where  $C = A \times B$  and  $\delta(x, y) = \eta(x) \times \gamma(y)$ . Since  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ , we deduce that the set  $\eta(x)$  and  $\gamma(y)$  are both  $n$ -ary subpolygroups of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. It follows that the cartesian product  $\eta(x) \times \gamma(y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_1 \times P_2$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . That is  $\delta(x, y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P$  for all  $(x, y) \in C$ . Hence the cartesian product  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\times}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1 \times P_2$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(\eta, A)$  be a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .

- (i)  $(\eta, A)$  is called a *trivial* soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$  if  $\eta(x) = \{e\}$  for all  $x \in A$ .
- (ii)  $(\eta, A)$  is called a *whole* soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$  if  $\eta(x) = P$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ .*

- (i) *If  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ , then the restricted intersection  $(\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*
- (ii) *If  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P$ , then the restricted intersection  $(\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*
- (iii) *If  $(\eta, A)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ , then the restricted intersection  $(\eta, A) \cap (\gamma, B)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P$ .*

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively.*

- (i) *If  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Then  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\times}(\gamma, B)$  are trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1 \times P_2$ .*
- (ii) *If  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  are whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Then  $(\eta, A) \widetilde{\times}(\gamma, B)$  are whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1 \times P_2$ .*

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft sets over the  $n$ -ary polygroups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively;  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2, g : A \rightarrow B$  be two functions. Then the pair  $(f, g)$  is called a soft function from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$ , denoted by  $(f, g) : (\eta, A) \rightarrow (\gamma, B)$

if  $f(\eta(x)) = \gamma(g(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ . If  $f, g$  are injective (resp. surjective, bijective), then  $(f, g)$  is called injective (resp. surjective, bijective).

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  two soft sets over the  $n$ -ary polygroups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively;  $(f, g)$  be a soft function from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$ .

- (i) The *image* of  $(\eta, A)$  under the soft function  $(f, g)$ , denoted by  $(f, g)(\eta, A) = (f(\eta), B)$ , is the soft set over  $P_2$  defined by

$$f(\eta)(x) = \begin{cases} \cup_{g(x)=y} f(\eta(x)) & \text{if } y \in \text{Img} \\ \emptyset & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in B$ .

- (ii) The *pre-image* of  $(\gamma, B)$  under the soft function  $(f, g)$ , denoted by  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma, B) = (f^{-1}(\gamma), B)$ , is the soft set over  $P_1$  defined by  $f^{-1}(\gamma)(y) = f^{-1}(\gamma(y))$  for all  $y \in B$ .

It is clear that  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a soft subset of  $(\gamma, B)$  and  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft subset  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma, B)$ .

**Definition 3.5.** ([8]). Let  $\langle P_1, f, e_1, {}^{-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle P_2, g, e_2, {}^{-1} \rangle$  be two  $n$ -ary polygroups. A mapping  $\varphi$  from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  is said to be strong homomorphism if for every  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in P_1$ ,

$$\varphi(e_1) = e_2 \text{ and } \varphi(f(a_1^n)) = g(\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n)).$$

A strong homomorphism  $\varphi$  is said to be an isomorphism if  $f$  is one to one and onto. Two  $n$ -ary polygroups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are said to be isomorphic if there exists an isomorphism from  $P_1$  onto  $P_2$ . In this case, we write  $P_1 \cong P_2$ . Moreover if  $\varphi$  is a strong homomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ , then the kernel of  $\varphi$  is the set  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \{x \in P_1 | \varphi(x) = e_2\}$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively and  $(f, g)$  be a soft function from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$ . If  $f$  is a strong homomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ , then  $(f, g)$  is called a *soft  $n$ -ary polygroup homomorphism* and we say that  $(\eta, A)$  is soft homomorphic to  $(\gamma, B)$  under the soft homomorphism  $(f, g)$ . In this definition, if  $f$  is an isomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  and  $g$  is a surjective mapping from  $A$  to  $B$ , then we say that  $(f, g)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup isomorphism and that  $(\eta, A)$  is soft isomorphic to  $(\gamma, B)$  under the soft homomorphism  $(f, g)$ , which is denoted by  $(\eta, A) \simeq (\gamma, B)$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The relation  $\simeq$  is an equivalence relation on soft  $n$ -ary polygroups.*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively and  $(f, g)$  be a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup homomorphism from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$ .*

- (i) *If  $g$  is injective,  $f$  is surjective and  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ , then  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .*  
(ii) *If  $(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ , then  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ .*

**Proof.**(i) Since  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ , it is clear that  $(f(\eta), B)$  is a soft set over  $P_2$ . Let  $y \in \text{Img}$ , then there exist a  $x \in A$  such that  $g(x) = y$  and  $\eta(x)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_1$  and its onto homomorphic image  $f(\eta(x))$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_2$ . Since  $g$  is injective, by Definition 3.4., we get

$f(\eta)(y) = f(\eta(x))$ , and so,  $f(\eta)(y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_2$ . Therefore  $(f(\eta), B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .

(ii) Assume that  $(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ . Then  $\gamma(y)$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup  $P_2$  for all  $y \in B$  and its homomorphic inverse image  $f^{-1}(\gamma(y))$  is also an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_1$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\gamma(y))$  is an  $n$ -ary subpolygroup of  $P_1$  for all  $y \in B$ . That is,  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma), B$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively and  $(f, g)$  be a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup homomorphism from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$ .*

- (i) *If  $\eta(x) = \ker(f)$  for all  $x \in A$ , then  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .*
- (ii) *If  $f$  is onto and  $(\eta, A)$  is whole, then  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .*
- (iii) *If  $\gamma(y) = f(P_1)$  for all  $y \in B$ , then  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma, B)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ .*
- (iv) *If  $f$  is injective and  $(\gamma, B)$  is trivial, then  $(f, g)^{-1}(\gamma, B)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Assume that  $\eta(x) = \ker(f)$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then,  $f(\eta)(x) = f(\eta(x)) = \{0_{P_2}\}$  for all  $x \in A$ . Hence  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$  by Theorem 3.6. and Definition 3.2.

(ii) Suppose that  $f$  is onto and  $(\eta, A)$  is whole. Then,  $\eta(x) = P_1$  for all  $x \in A$ , and so  $f(\eta)(x) = f(\eta(x)) = f(P_1) = P_2$  for all  $x \in A$ . It follows from Theorem 3.6. and Definition 3.2. that  $(f, g)(\eta, A)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .

(iii) Assume that  $\gamma(y) = f(P_1)$  for all  $y \in B$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(\gamma)(y) = f^{-1}(\gamma(y)) = f^{-1}(f(P_1)) = P_1$  for all  $y \in B$ . Hence  $(f^{-1}(\gamma), B)$  is a whole soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$  by Theorem 3.6. and Definition 3.2.

(iv) Suppose that  $f$  is injective and  $(\gamma, B)$  is trivial. Then,  $\gamma(y) = \{0\}$  for all  $y \in B$ , and so  $f^{-1}(\gamma)(y) = f^{-1}(\gamma(y)) = f^{-1}(\{0\}) = \ker(f) = \{0_{P_1}\}$  for all  $y \in B$ . It follows from Theorem 3.6. and Definition 3.2. that  $(f^{-1}(\gamma), B)$  is a trivial soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$  be  $n$ -ary polygroups and  $(\eta, A)$ ,  $(\gamma, B)$  and  $(\delta, C)$  soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1, P_2$ , and  $P_3$  respectively. Let the soft function  $(f, g)$  from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\gamma, B)$  be a soft homomorphism from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  and the soft function  $(f', g')$  from  $(\gamma, B)$  to  $(\delta, C)$  be a soft homomorphism from  $P_2$  to  $P_3$ . Then the soft function  $(f' \circ f, g' \circ g)$  from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\delta, C)$  is a soft homomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $P_3$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be  $n$ -ary polygroups and  $(\eta, A)$ ,  $(\gamma, B)$  soft sets over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. If  $(\eta, A)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_1$  and  $(\eta, A) \simeq (\gamma, B)$ , then  $(\gamma, B)$  is a soft  $n$ -ary polygroup over  $P_2$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is obtained by Definition 3.5. and Proposition 3.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  be an onto homomorphism of  $n$ -ary polygroups and  $(\eta, A)$  and  $(\gamma, B)$  be two soft  $n$ -ary polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively.*

- (i) *The soft function  $(f, I_A)$  from  $(\eta, A)$  to  $(\delta, A)$  is a soft homomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ , where  $I_A : A \rightarrow A$  is the identity mapping and the set-valued function  $\delta : A \rightarrow P(P_2)$  is defined by  $\delta(x) = f(\eta(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ .*



- (ii) If  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  is an isomorphism, then the soft function  $(f^{-1}, I_B)$  from  $(\gamma, B)$  to  $(\nu, B)$  is a soft homomorphism from  $P_2$  to  $P_1$ , where  $I_B : B \rightarrow B$  is the identity mapping and the set-valued function  $\nu : B \rightarrow P(P_1)$  is defined by  $\nu(x) = f^{-1}(\gamma(x))$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Proof.** Follows from Definition 3.6.  $\square$

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