

Soft Homomorphisms of k-Soft Hypergroups

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Abstract : Soft set theory was introduced by Molodtsov in 1999 as a general mathematical tool for dealing with problems that contain uncertainty. In this paper, we provide a definition of k-soft hypergroups and study some properties of homomorphisms of hypergroups (Z, omZ) and (Zn, omZn) that induce soft homomorphisms on k-soft hypergroup and kn-soft hypergroup.

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1 Introduction

The set of integers, the set of rational numbers and the set of real numbers are denoted by Z, Q and R, respectively.

A hyperoperation on a non-empty set H is a function o : H x H -> P(H) \ {empty set} where P(H) is the power set of H. The value of (x,y) in H x H under o is denoted by x o y which is called the hyperproduct of x and y. The system (H, o) is called a hypergroupoid. For A, B subset H and x in H, let

A o B = union\_{a in A, b in B} a o b, A o x = A o {x} and x o A = {x} o A.

The hypergroupoid (H, o) is called a semihypergroup if

(x o y) o z = x o (y o z) for all x, y, z in H.

A hypergroup is a semihypergroup (H, o) satisfying the condition

H o x = x o H = H for all x in H.

Then hypergroups are a generalization of groups.

Let (H, o) be a hypergroup and K be a non-empty subset of H, then K is called a subhypergroup if (K, o) is a hypergroup.

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Let  $(H_1, \circ)$  and  $(H_2, *)$  be two hypergroupoids. The map  $f : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is called a *good homomorphism* if for all  $x, y \in H_1$  the following relation holds:  $f(x \circ y) = f(x) * f(y)$  and is called an *(inclusion) homomorphism* if  $f(x \circ y) \subseteq f(x) * f(y)$ .

We denoted  $\text{Hom}((H_1, \circ), (H_2, *))$ ,  $\text{GHom}((H_1, \circ), (H_2, *))$ , the set of all (inclusion) homomorphism and the set of all good homomorphism from  $(H_1, \circ)$  into  $(H_2, *)$ , respectively. Let  $\text{Hom}(H, \circ)$ ,  $\text{GHom}(H, \circ)$  stand for  $\text{Hom}((H, \circ), (H, \circ))$  and  $\text{GHom}((H, \circ), (H, \circ))$  respectively. For  $f \in \text{Hom}((H_1, \circ), (H_2, *))$ ,  $f$  is called an epimorphism if  $f(H_1) = H_2$ . We denote  $\text{Epi}((H_1, \circ), (H_2, *))$  and  $\text{GEpi}((H_1, \circ), (H_2, *))$  for the set of all epimorphisms and the set of all good epimorphisms from  $(H_1, \circ)$  into  $(H_2, *)$ , respectively. Let  $\text{Epi}(H, \circ)$ ,  $\text{GEpi}(H, \circ)$  stand for  $\text{Epi}((H, \circ), (H, \circ))$  and  $\text{GEpi}((H, \circ), (H, \circ))$  respectively.

**Example 1.1.** [2] Let  $G$  be a group and  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $\circ_N$  is the hyperoperation defined on  $G$  by

$$x \circ_N y = xyN \quad \text{for all } x, y \in G,$$

then  $(G, \circ_N)$  is a hypergroup.

**Example 1.2.** [2] Let  $G$  be a group. For  $x, y \in G$ , define

$$x \circ y = \langle x, y \rangle, \text{ the subgroup of } G \text{ generated by } x \text{ and } y,$$

then  $(G, \circ)$  is a hypergroup. Note that if  $(A, +)$  is an abelian group, then  $x \circ y = \mathbb{Z}x + \mathbb{Z}y$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be a set of parameters. The power set of  $U$  is denoted by  $P(U)$  and  $A$  is a subset of  $E$ .

A pair  $(F, A)$  is called a *soft set* over  $U$ , where  $F$  is a mapping given by

$$F : A \rightarrow P(U).$$

The set  $\text{Supp}(F, A) = \{x \in A \mid F(x) \neq \emptyset\}$  is called the *support* of the soft set  $(F, A)$ . If  $\text{Supp}(F, A) \neq \emptyset$ , then a soft set  $(F, A)$  is called *non-null*.

Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be two soft sets over  $U$  and  $U'$  respectively,  $f : U \rightarrow U'$ ,  $g : A \rightarrow B$  be two functions. Then we say that pair  $(f, g)$  is a *soft function* from  $(F, A)$  to  $(G, B)$  denoted by  $(f, g) : (F, A) \rightarrow (G, B)$  if it satisfies

$$f(F(x)) = G(g(x))$$

for all  $x \in A$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are injective (resp. surjective, bijective), then  $(f, g)$  is said to be injective (resp. surjective, bijective).

**Example 1.3.** [1] Let us consider a soft set  $(F, E)$  which describes the "attractiveness of houses" that Mr.  $X$  is considering for purchase.

Suppose that there are six houses in the universe  $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6\}$  under consideration, and that  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$  is a set of decision parameters. The  $e_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) stand for the parameters "expensive", "beautiful", "wooden", "cheap" and "in green surroundings" respectively.

Consider the mapping  $F$  given by "houses(\*)", where (\*) is to be filled in by one of the parameters  $e_i \in E$ . For instance,  $F(e_1)$  means "houses(expensive)", and its functional value is the set  $\{h \in U : h \text{ is an expensive house}\}$ .

Suppose that  $F(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\}$ ,  $F(e_2) = \{h_1, h_3\}$ ,  $F(e_3) = \emptyset$ ,  $F(e_4) = \{h_1, h_3, h_5\}$  and  $F(e_5) = \{h_1\}$ . Then we can view the soft set  $(F, E)$  as consisting of the following collection of approximations:

$$(F, E) = \{(\text{expensive houses}, \{h_2, h_4\}), (\text{beautiful houses}, \{h_1, h_3\}), (\text{wooden houses}, \emptyset), (\text{cheap houses}, \{h_1, h_3, h_5\}), (\text{in the green surroundings}, \{h_1\})\}.$$

Each approximation has two parts: a predicate and an approximate value set.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Hypergroups

From Example 1.1, let  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  be groups and  $m\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m\mathbb{Z}_n$  are subgroups of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ , respectively. Then  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}})$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}_n})$  are the hypergroups where

$$\begin{aligned} x \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}} y &= x + y + m\mathbb{Z} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bar{x} \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}_n} \bar{y} &= \bar{x} + \bar{y} + m\mathbb{Z}_n \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** [4] For  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}})$ .
- (ii)  $f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iii) There exists an integer  $a$  such that

$$f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq xa + m\mathbb{Z}.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** [4] For  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f \in \text{Epi}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}})$  if and only if

- (i)  $f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) = xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and
- (ii)  $f(1)$  and  $m$  are relatively prime.

**Theorem 2.3.** [4] For  $f : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}_n})$ .
- (ii)  $f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \subseteq xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iii) There exists an integer  $a$  such that

$$f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \subseteq x\bar{a} + m\mathbb{Z}_n.$$

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- (i)  $f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) = xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and
- (ii) If  $f(\bar{1}) = \bar{a}$  for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $a$  and  $(m, n)$  are relatively prime.

## 2.2 Soft Hypergroup

Let  $(F, A)$  be a non-null soft set over  $H$ . Then  $(F, A)$  is called a *soft hypergroup* over  $H$  if  $F(x)$  is a subhypergroup of  $H$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(F, A)$ .

Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be two non-empty soft hypergroupoids over  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Let  $(f, g)$  be a soft function from  $(F, A)$  to  $(G, B)$ . If  $f$  is an inclusion (resp. good) homomorphism from  $H_1$  to  $H_2$ , then  $(f, g)$  is said to be a soft inclusion (resp. good) homomorphism of hypergroupoids.

For soft hypergroups  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  respectively. Denote the set of all soft inclusion homomorphisms and the set of all soft good homomorphisms from  $(F, A)$  to  $(G, B)$  by  $\text{SfHom}((F, A)_{(H_1, \circ)}, (G, B)_{(H_2, *)})$  and  $\text{SfGHom}((F, A)_{(H_1, \circ)}, (G, B)_{(H_2, *)})$ , respectively. Let  $\text{SfHom}((F, A)_{(H, \circ)}, (G, B)_{(H, \circ)})$  and  $\text{SfGHom}((F, A)_{(H, \circ)}, (G, B)_{(H, \circ)})$  stand for  $\text{SfHom}((F, H)_{(H, \circ)}, (G, H)_{(H, \circ)})$  and  $\text{SfGHom}((F, H)_{(H, \circ)}, (G, H)_{(H, \circ)})$  respectively.

## 2.3 $k$ -Soft Hypergroup and $k_n$ -Soft Hypergroup

For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $F : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{Z})$  be a mapping given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} x\mathbb{Z} & x|m \\ \mathbb{Z} & x \nmid m. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(F, \mathbb{Z})$  is a soft set over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\text{Supp}(F, \mathbb{Z}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $(F, \mathbb{Z})$  is a non-null.

Proposition 3.1 and 3.2 are shown that  $(k\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $(k\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m\mathbb{Z}_n)$  are subhypergroups of  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m\mathbb{Z}_n)$  respectively. For a hypergroup  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m\mathbb{Z})$ . If  $k|m$ , then  $(F_k, \mathbb{Z})$  is called a  *$k$ -soft hypergroup* over  $\mathbb{Z}$  where  $F_k : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow P(\mathbb{Z})$  defined by

$$F_k(x) = \begin{cases} k\mathbb{Z} & x|m \\ \mathbb{Z} & x \nmid m. \end{cases}$$

For a hypergroup  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m\mathbb{Z}_n)$ . If  $(k, n)|(m, n)$ , then  $(F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n)$  is called a  *$k_n$ -soft hypergroup* over  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  where  $F_k : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow P(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  defined by

$$F_k(x) = \begin{cases} k\mathbb{Z}_n & (x, n)|(m, n) \\ \mathbb{Z}_n & (x, n) \nmid (m, n). \end{cases}$$

### 3 Main Results

Throughout this Section, let  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$  be hypergroups,  $(F_k, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $(G_k, \mathbb{Z})$  be  $k$ -soft hypergroups over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $(F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n)$  and  $(G_k, \mathbb{Z}_n)$  be  $k_n$ -soft hypergroups over  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , if  $k|m$  then  $(k\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$  is a subhypergroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $k|m$  then  $m\mathbb{Z} \leq k\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus for every  $x \in k\mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} k\mathbb{Z} \circ_m \mathbb{Z} x &= \bigcup_{t \in k\mathbb{Z}} (t \circ_m \mathbb{Z} x) \\ &= \bigcup_{t \in k\mathbb{Z}} (t + x + m\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= k\mathbb{Z} + x + m\mathbb{Z} = k\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $x \circ_m \mathbb{Z} k\mathbb{Z} = k\mathbb{Z}$ .

Hence  $(k\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$  is a subhypergroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$ . □

**Proposition 3.2.** For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , if  $(k, n)|(m, n)$  then  $(k\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$  is a subhypergroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(k, n)|(m, n)$  then  $m\mathbb{Z}_n \leq k\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Thus for every  $\bar{x} \in k\mathbb{Z}_n$

$$\begin{aligned} k\mathbb{Z}_n \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n \bar{x} &= \bigcup_{\bar{t} \in k\mathbb{Z}_n} (\bar{t} \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n \bar{x}) \\ &= \bigcup_{\bar{t} \in k\mathbb{Z}_n} (\bar{t} + \bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \\ &= k\mathbb{Z}_n + \bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n = k\mathbb{Z}_n. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\bar{x} \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n k\mathbb{Z}_n = k\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Hence  $(k\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$  is a subhypergroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** For  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $k|m$ . If  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $x \in k\mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})$  and  $k|m$ . Then  $m = ks$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $x \in k\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $x = kt$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $f(a + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq af(1) + m\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) &\subseteq xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \\ &= kt f(1) + (ks)\mathbb{Z} \\ &\subseteq kt f(1) + k\mathbb{Z} \\ &\subseteq k\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 3.4.** For  $n, m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $(k, n)|(m, n)$ . If  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$ , then  $f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}_n$  for all  $\bar{x} \in k\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** For  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $k|m$ . Then

$$k\mathbb{Z} = (1 \cdot k + m\mathbb{Z}) \cup \dots \cup (ak + m\mathbb{Z}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ik + m\mathbb{Z})$$

where  $ak = m$ .

*Proof.* Since  $k|m$  and  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $ak = m$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by the Division Algorithm,  $x = aq + r$  for some  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r < a$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} kx &= k(aq + r) \\ &= kaq + rk \\ &= mq + rk \in rk + m\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $k\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ik + m\mathbb{Z})$ .

For  $i = 1, \dots, a$ , let  $y \in ik + m\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $y = ik + mt$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$y = ik + akt = k(i + at) \in k\mathbb{Z},$$

so  $ik + m\mathbb{Z} \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{i=1}^a (ik + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}$ .

Hence  $k\mathbb{Z} = \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ik + m\mathbb{Z})$ . □

**Corollary 3.6.** For  $n, m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $(k, n)|(m, n)$ . Then

$$k\mathbb{Z}_n = (1 \cdot \bar{k} + m\mathbb{Z}) \cup \dots \cup (a\bar{k} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) = \bigcup_{i=1}^a (i\bar{k} + m\mathbb{Z}_n)$$

where  $a(k, n) = n$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** For  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k|m$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}})$ . If  $g$  is an identity mapping, then  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}})}$  if and only if  $f(1)$  and  $m$  are relatively prime and  $xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \subseteq f(x + m\mathbb{Z})$  for  $x = 1, \dots, m$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be an identity map and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}})$ .

Assume that  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}})}$ . So  $f(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $f$  is onto. By Theorem 2.2,  $f(1)$  and  $m$  are relatively prime and  $xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \subseteq f(x + m\mathbb{Z})$  for  $x = 1, \dots, m$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f(1)$  and  $m$  are relatively prime and  $xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \subseteq f(x + m\mathbb{Z})$  for  $x = 1, \dots, m$ , we will show that  $f(F_k(x)) = G_k(g(x))$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $F_k(x) = \mathbb{Z}$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $f(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $F_k(x) = k\mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(k\mathbb{Z}) &= f\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^a (ik + m\mathbb{Z})\right) && \text{(by Theorem 3.5)} \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^a f(ik + m\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ikf(1) + m\mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{by } f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}}) \text{ and } xf(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \subseteq f(x + m\mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(1)$  and  $m$  are relatively prime,  $if(1) + m\mathbb{Z} \neq jf(1) + m\mathbb{Z}$  for  $i \neq j$ . By Theorem 3.3, that is  $f(x + m\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $x \in k\mathbb{Z}$ . We have  $f(k\mathbb{Z}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ikf(1) + m\mathbb{Z}) = k\mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circlearrowright_{m\mathbb{Z}})}$ . □

**Corollary 3.8.** For an identity mapping  $g$ ,

$$f \in \text{Epi}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}) \text{ if and only if } (f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z})}.$$

**Theorem 3.9.** For  $m, k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $(k, n) | (m, n)$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$ . If  $g$  is an identity mapping, then  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}_n))_{(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)}$  if and only if  $f(\bar{1})$  and  $(m, n)$  are relatively prime and  $xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n \subseteq f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n)$  for  $x = 1, \dots, \frac{n}{(m, n)}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be an identity map and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

Assume that  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}_n))_{(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)}$ . So  $f(\mathbb{Z}_n) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Hence  $f$  is an onto. By Theorem 2.4,  $f(\bar{1})$  and  $(m, n)$  are relatively prime and  $xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n \subseteq f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n)$  for  $x = 1, \dots, \frac{n}{(m, n)}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f(\bar{1})$  and  $(m, n)$  are relatively prime and  $xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n \subseteq f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n)$  for  $x = 1, \dots, \frac{n}{(m, n)}$ , we will show that  $f(F_k(x)) = G_k(g(x))$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $F_k(x) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $f(\mathbb{Z}_n) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

If  $F_k(x) = k\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(k\mathbb{Z}_n) &= f\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^a (i\bar{k} + m\mathbb{Z}_n)\right) && \text{(by Corollary 3.6)} \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^a f(i\bar{k} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ikf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \quad \text{by } f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n) \text{ and } xf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n \subseteq f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(\bar{1})$  and  $(m, n)$  are relatively prime,  $if(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n \neq jf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n$  for  $i \neq j$ . By Corollary 3.4, that is  $f(\bar{x} + m\mathbb{Z}_n) \subseteq k\mathbb{Z}_n$  for all  $\bar{x} \in k\mathbb{Z}_n$ . We have  $f(k\mathbb{Z}_n) = \bigcup_{i=1}^a (ikf(\bar{1}) + m\mathbb{Z}_n) = k\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Therefore  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}_n))_{(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)}$ . □

**Corollary 3.10.** For an identity mapping  $g$ ,

$$f \in \text{Epi}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n) \text{ if and only if } (f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}_n), (G_k, \mathbb{Z}_n))_{(\mathbb{Z}_n, \circ_m \mathbb{Z}_n)}.$$

**Example 3.11.** Consider  $m = 12, f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{12} \mathbb{Z})$  so  $(f, g)$  is a soft inclusion homomorphism from  $(F_4, \mathbb{Z})$  into  $(G_4, \mathbb{Z})$  where  $f(1) = 5, 5x + 12\mathbb{Z} \subseteq f(x + 12\mathbb{Z})$  and  $g$  is an identity map.

If  $5x + 12\mathbb{Z} \not\subseteq f(x + 12\mathbb{Z})$  then  $f(x + 12\mathbb{Z}) \neq 5x + 12\mathbb{Z}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} f(4\mathbb{Z}) &= f\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^3 (4i + 12\mathbb{Z})\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^3 f(4i + 12\mathbb{Z}) \\ &\neq \bigcup_{i=1}^3 (4if(1) + 12\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= (8 + 12\mathbb{Z}) \cup (4 + 12\mathbb{Z}) \cup (12\mathbb{Z}) = 4\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(4\mathbb{Z}) \neq 4\mathbb{Z}$  and  $(f, g) \notin \text{SfHom}((F_4, \mathbb{Z}), (G_4, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{12\mathbb{Z}})}$ .

If  $f(1) = 3$  then  $f(\mathbb{Z}) \neq \mathbb{Z}$  since  $\mathbb{Z} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{11} (i + 12\mathbb{Z})$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbb{Z}) &= f\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{11} (i + 12\mathbb{Z})\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{11} f(i + 12\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{11} (if(1) + 12\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= (3 + 12\mathbb{Z}) \cup (6 + 12\mathbb{Z}) \cup (9 + 12\mathbb{Z}) \cup (12\mathbb{Z}) \neq \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(f, g) \notin \text{SfHom}((F_4, \mathbb{Z}), (G_4, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{12\mathbb{Z}})}$ .

In conclusion, we will see that soft homomorphisms on  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}})$  preserves  $k$ -soft hypergroups that is the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.12.** *For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $g$  is an identity mapping. If  $(f, g) \in \text{SfHom}((F_k, \mathbb{Z}), (G_l, \mathbb{Z}))_{(\mathbb{Z}, \circ_{m\mathbb{Z}})}$ , then  $k = l$ .*

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