



## Nilpotent soft polygroups

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce nilpotent soft (sub)polygroups. In addition, nilpotency of intersection, extended intersection, restricted union of two nilpotent soft polygroups are studied. Especially, a necessary and sufficient condition between nilpotency of a polygroup and soft polygroups is obtained. Finally, we define two new soft polygroups  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{c\}}$  and  $(Q_\alpha)_A$  derived from a soft polygroup  $\alpha_A$  and study on nilpotency of these structures. Also, we extend a soft homomorphism of groups to polygroups. This helps us to extend some properties of groups to polygroups.

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## 1 Introduction

Some problems in engineering, medical science and social science are uncertain. One way for dealing with them is soft set theory. It was proposed by Molodtsov [20]. In addition, it has applications in Riemann integration, probability theory, game theory and etc (see [20, 21]). After that time it became an interesting topic for many authors and so they work on soft set theory. Maji et al [17], introduced several operations on soft sets. Ali et al. [15], redefined complement of a soft set. Soft sets were used in lattice theory by Qin et al. [23]. Also, soft set theory was applied on research in BCI/BCK-algebras [10]. The studying of soft sets in groups began with the work of Aktas and Cagman in [2], where the notion of soft groups were investigated and then Acar et al. in [1], extended the notion to rings. Recently, Wang et al. in [24], introduced soft polygroups.

In group theory, nilpotent group is an interesting subject and has been studied by many scholars. Abelian groups are an example of nilpotent groups. Hassanzadeh [13] introduced the

concept of nilpotency for pair of groups. Also, Ozkan and et al. in [22], investigated some applications of Fibonacci sequences in a finite nilpotent group.

An important branch in algebra is hyperstructures. It has applications in geometry, automata, probabilities, and so on. In 1934, Marty [19] introduced the concept of polygroups as a special hypergroup. In addition, polygroups have been discussed by Corsini [6], Borzooei [5], Davvaz [8] and so on. Some results of group theory are translated on polygroups such as nilpotent polygroup that has been studied in [5, 8].

Now, in this paper we study on nilpotent soft polygroup and investigate some properties of it. Especially, we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition between soft nilpotent polygroups and nilpotent polygroups. Finally, we define two new soft sets  $(S_F, A \cup \{c\})$  and  $(Q_F, A)$  derived from a soft polygroup  $(F, A)$ . Then, we investigate some properties of them.

## 2 Preliminary

We begin our discussion with some fundamental definitions and results.

A hyperoperation  $\circ$  is a mapping from  $H \times H$  into the family of non-empty subsets of  $H$ . A *hypergroupoid*  $(H, \circ)$  is a non-empty set  $H$  with a hyperoperation  $\circ$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty subsets of  $H$ , then  $A \circ B = \bigcup_{a \in A, b \in B} a \circ b$ . Also, we use  $x \circ A$  instead of  $\{x\} \circ A$  and  $A \circ x$  for  $A \circ \{x\}$ .

The structure  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *hypergroup* if  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$  and  $a \circ H = H \circ a = H$  for any  $a, b, c \in H$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [8] *Let  $\cdot$  be a hyperoperation,  $e \in P$  and  $^{-1}$  be an unitary operation on  $P$ . Then  $(P, \cdot, e, ^{-1})$ , is called a polygroup if for any  $x, y, z \in P$  the following conditions hold:*

- (i)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$ ,
- (ii)  $e \cdot x = x \cdot e = x$ ,
- (iii)  $x \in y \cdot z \Leftrightarrow y \in x \cdot z^{-1} \Leftrightarrow z \in y^{-1} \cdot x$ .

Let  $(P_1, \cdot, e_1, ^{-1})$  and  $(P_2, *, e_2, ^{-1})$  be two polygroups. Then  $(P_1 \times P_2, \circ)$ , where  $\circ$  is defined as follows, is a polygroup (see [8]).

$$(x_1, y_1) \circ (x_2, y_2) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in x_1 \cdot x_2, \text{ and } y \in y_1 * y_2\}.$$

**Note.** From now on, let  $(H, \cdot)$  be a hypergroup and  $(P, \cdot, e, ^{-1})$  be a polygroup. For  $x, y \in P$  we use  $xy$  instead of  $x \cdot y$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [8] *Let  $K$  be a non-empty subset of  $P$ . Then for any  $a, b \in K$ ,  $K$  is called a subpolygroup of  $P$  and we denote by  $K \preceq P$  if  $ab \subseteq K$  and  $a^{-1} \in K$ . Also, a subpolygroup  $N$  of  $P$  is called normal and we denote by  $N \trianglelefteq P$  if for any  $a \in P$ ,  $a^{-1}Na \subseteq N$ .*

For  $K \preceq P$  and  $x \in P$ , let  $xK$  ( $Kx$ ) be the left (right) coset of  $K$  and  $P/K$  be the set of all left (right) cosets of  $K$  in  $P$ . We recall that for  $N \trianglelefteq P$ ,  $x, y \in P$  and every  $z \in xy$  we have  $Nx = xN$  and  $Nxy = Nz$ . Also,  $(P/N, \odot, N, ^{-1})$  is a polygroup, where

$$(Nx) \odot (Ny) = \{Nz \mid z \in xy\} \text{ and } (Nx)^{-1} = Nx^{-1}.$$

A polygroup is called commutative if for any  $x, y \in P$ ,  $xy = yx$ . For two polygroups  $(P, \bullet)$  and  $(P, *)$ , a map  $f : (P, \bullet) \rightarrow (P, *)$  is called a *homomorphism* if for any  $a, b \in P$ ,  $f(a \bullet b) \subseteq f(a) * f(b)$ .

Also,  $f$  is a *good homomorphism* if the equality holds. For an equivalence relation  $\rho \subseteq P \times P$  and two non-empty subsets  $X, Y$  of  $P$  we have

$$X\bar{\rho}Y \Leftrightarrow x\rho y, \quad \forall x \in X, \forall y \in Y.$$

The relation  $\rho$  is called *strongly regular* if for any  $x, y, a \in P$  we have

$$x\bar{\rho}y \Leftrightarrow a \cdot x\bar{\rho}a \cdot y \text{ and } x \cdot a\bar{\rho}y \cdot a.$$

We use  $SR(H)$  for the set of all strongly regular relations on  $H$ .

In [16], Koskas defined the relation  $\beta = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \beta_n$ , where  $\beta_1$  is the diagonal relation and

$$a\beta_n b \Leftrightarrow \exists (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in H^n, \{a, b\} \subseteq \prod_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

In addition  $\beta^* \in SR(H)$ , where  $\beta^*$  is the transitive closure of  $\beta$ . In [11], Freni showed that if  $H$  is a hypergroup, then  $\beta = \beta^*$ . The kernel of the canonical map  $\pi : H \rightarrow \frac{H}{\beta^*}$ , denote by  $\omega_P$  or  $\omega$ , is called the *core* of  $P$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** [8] *Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $P$ . The intersection of any subpolygroups of  $P$  containing  $A$ , denoted by  $\langle A \rangle$  is equal to  $\cup \{x_1^{\epsilon_1} \dots x_k^{\epsilon_k} \mid x_i \in A, k \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon_i \in \{1, -1\}\}$ .*

**Definition 2.4.** [8] *The lower central series of  $P$  is the sequence  $\dots \subseteq \gamma_1(P) \subseteq \gamma_0(P)$ , where  $\gamma_0(P) = P$  and for  $k > 0$ ,*

$$\gamma_{k+1}(P) = \langle \{h \in P \mid xy \cap hyx \neq \emptyset \text{ such that } x \in \gamma_k(P), y \in P\} \rangle.$$

*Also,  $P$  is called a nilpotent polygroup (we write  $NP$ ) if for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\gamma_n(P) \subseteq \omega$ . The smallest such  $n$  is called class of  $P$ .*

In [4] it is proved that for any  $x, y \in P$  we have

$$\{h \in P \mid xy \cap hyx \neq \emptyset\} = \{h \in P \mid h \in [x, y]\},$$

where  $[x, y] = \{t \mid t \in xyx^{-1}y^{-1}\}$  is the commutator of  $x, y$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** [8] *Let  $P$  be an  $NP$ ,  $N \trianglelefteq P$  and  $K \trianglelefteq P$ . Then  $K$  and  $P/N$  are  $NP$ .*

**Definition 2.6.** [17] *A pair  $(\alpha, A) = \alpha_A$  is called a soft set over  $U$ , where  $U$  refers to an initial universe set,  $E$  is a set of parameters,  $A \subseteq E$  and  $\alpha$  is a map from  $A$  to the power set  $P(U)$ .*

We use  $S(U)$  to show the set of all soft sets over  $U$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [10] *For  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in S(U)$  we have the following statements:*

- (i)  $\alpha_A \subseteq \gamma_B$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and for any  $a \in A$ ,  $\alpha(a) \subseteq \gamma(a)$ .
- (ii)  $\alpha_A = \gamma_B$ , if  $\alpha_A \subseteq \gamma_B$  and  $\gamma_B \subseteq \alpha_A$ .
- (iii) If for any  $a \in A$ ,  $\alpha(a) = \emptyset$ , then  $\alpha_A$  is said a null soft set.

**Theorem 2.8.** [17] *Let  $\alpha_A \in S(U)$  and  $Supp(\alpha_A) = \{x \in A \mid \alpha(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ . Then  $\alpha_A$  is non-null if  $Supp(\alpha_A) \neq \emptyset$ .*

**Definition 2.9.** [17] Let  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in S(U)$ . Then for any  $x \in A \cap B$  and  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  we have

- (i) the soft intersection  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\cap} \gamma_B, (A \cap B))$  is defined by  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\cap} \gamma_B)(x) = \alpha(x) \cap \gamma(x)$ .
- (ii) the soft  $\tilde{\wedge}$ -product  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\wedge} \gamma_B, (A \times B))$  is defined by  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\wedge} \gamma_B)(x, y) = \alpha(x) \cap \gamma(y)$ .
- (iii) the soft  $\tilde{\times}$ -product  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\times} \gamma_B, A \times B)$  is defined by  $(\alpha_A \tilde{\times} \gamma_B)(x, y) = \alpha(x) \times \gamma(y)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [24] Let  $\alpha_A$  be a non-null soft set over  $P$ . Then  $\alpha_A$  is called a soft polygroup over  $P$  if  $\alpha(x) \preceq P$  for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$

**Note.** From now on, assume  $A$  is a non-empty subset of  $P$  and  $\alpha_A \in SP(P)$ , where  $SP(P)$  is the set of all soft polygroups over  $P$ . In addition, we use  $K \preceq^n P$  when  $K$  is a nilpotent subpolygroup of  $P$ .

### 3 Nilpotent soft polygroups

In this section first we define a nilpotent soft polygroup (we write NSP). Then, some examples are added to clarify the notion. Basically, for two soft polygroups  $\alpha_A$  and  $\gamma_B$  we study the nilpotency of derived soft sets such as  $\alpha_A \cap_g \gamma_B$  and  $\alpha_A \cap_R \gamma_B$  and so on. Finally, a relation between a nilpotent polygroup and its soft polygroups is obtained.

**Definition 3.1.** The soft polygroup  $\alpha_A$  is called a nilpotent soft polygroup over  $P$ , we write NSP, if there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $a \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ ,  $\alpha(a) \preceq^n P$ .

We use  $\text{NSP}(P)$  for the set of all nilpotent soft polygroups over  $P$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $P = \{a, b, c, e\}$ . Then  $(P, \diamond)$  is an NP (see [8]).

$\diamond$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$e$
$a$	$\{e, a\}$	$c$	$\{b, c\}$	$a$
$b$	$c$	$e$	$a$	$b$
$c$	$\{b, c\}$	$a$	$\{e, a\}$	$c$
$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$e$

Assume  $A = P$  and define the soft set  $\alpha_A \in S(P)$  by  $\alpha(a) = \alpha(e) = P$  and  $\alpha(b) = \alpha(c) = \{a, e\}$ . Since  $\alpha(a), \alpha(e), \alpha(b), \alpha(c) \preceq^n P$  we conclude that  $\alpha \in \text{NSP}(P)$ .

In what follows we have a soft polygroup that is not an NSP.

**Example 3.3.** Assume  $P = \{a, b, c, d, f, g, e\}$  is a polygroup with the hyperoperation  $\bullet$  such that

$\bullet$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$	$g$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$	$g$
$b$	$b$	$b$	$\{e, a\}$	$g$	$f$	$d$	$c$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$f$	$\{e, a\}$	$g$	$b$	$d$
$d$	$d$	$d$	$g$	$f$	$\{e, a\}$	$c$	$b$
$f$	$f$	$f$	$c$	$d$	$b$	$g$	$\{e, a\}$
$g$	$g$	$g$	$d$	$b$	$c$	$\{e, a\}$	$f$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$	$g$

Assume  $A = P$  and define the soft set  $\alpha_A \in S(P)$  by  $\alpha(e) = \alpha(a) = \alpha(b) = \{e, a, b\}$  and  $\alpha(c) = \alpha(d) = \alpha(f) = \alpha(g) = P$ . Then  $P$  is not an NP. Because  $\omega_P = \{e, a\}$  and  $\gamma_n(P) = \{e, a, f, g\}$  and so  $\gamma_n(P) \not\subseteq \omega_P$ . Therefore,  $\alpha_A \notin \text{NSP}(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Assume  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . If  $(\alpha|_B)_B$  is non-null, then it is an NSP.

*Proof.* For  $b \in B$  since  $B \subseteq A$ , we have  $\alpha|_B(b) = \alpha(b)$  and so by hypotheses  $(\alpha|_B)_B \in NSP(P)$ .  $\square$

By the following example, we define a subset  $B \subseteq A$  such that  $\alpha_A$  is not an NSP but  $\alpha|_B$  is an NSP.

**Example 3.5.** Assume  $A$  and  $P$  are as Example 3.2, and  $B = \{e, a\}$ . Define the soft set  $\alpha_A \in S(P)$  by

$$\alpha(e) = \alpha(a) = \{e, a\}, \quad \alpha(b) = \alpha(c) = \{b, c\}.$$

$\{b, c\} \not\leq P$  implies that  $\alpha_A \notin SP(P)$ . But  $\{e, a\} \leq^n P$ . It implies that  $\alpha|_B \in NSP(P)$ .

**Example 3.6.** Consider  $P$ ,  $A$  and  $\alpha_A$  are as Example 3.3 and  $B = \{e, a, b\}$ . Since  $\alpha(c) = P$  and  $P$  is not nilpotent we have  $\alpha_A \notin NSP(P)$  but every proper polygroup of order less than 7 is an NP (see [8]), thus  $(\alpha|_B)_B \in NSP(P)$ .

**Definition 3.7.** [24] For  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in SP(U)$  and  $x \in A \cup B$ ,

(i) the soft extended intersection  $\alpha_A \cap_g \gamma_B$  is defined to be the soft set  $(D, A \cup B)$ , where

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha(x) & \text{if } x \in A - B, \\ \gamma(x) & \text{if } x \in B - A, \\ \alpha(x) \cap \gamma(x) & \text{if } x \in A \cap B. \end{cases}$$

Replacing  $\alpha(x) \cap \gamma(x)$  with  $\alpha(x) \cup \gamma(x)$  in  $D(x)$  we have the soft set  $\alpha_A \cup^{\sim} \gamma_B = (D, A \cup B)$ .

(ii) the restricted intersection  $\alpha_A \cap_R \gamma_B$  is the soft set  $(E, C)$  where  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $C = A \cap B$  and for any  $x \in C$ ,  $E(x) = \alpha(x) \cap \gamma(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$ . Then

- (i)  $\alpha_A \cap_g \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$  if it is non-null.
- (ii)  $\alpha_A \cap_R \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$  if it is non-null and  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha_A \tilde{\cup} \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$  if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha_A \tilde{\wedge} \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$ .

*Proof.*

(i) Consider  $\alpha_A \cap_g \gamma_B = (D, C)$  and  $x \in \text{Supp}(D, C)$  and  $x \in A - B$ . By Definition 3.7, since  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$  we obtain  $D(x) = \alpha(x) \prec^n P$ . For the case  $x \in B - A$  by  $\gamma_B \in NSP(P)$  we have  $D(x) = \gamma(x) \prec^n P$ . Finally, for  $x \in A \cap B$  by Theorem 2.5, we have  $D(x) = \alpha(x) \cap \gamma(x) \prec^n P$ . Hence  $(D, C) \in NSP(P)$ .

(ii) By Definition 3.7, and the same manipulation of part (i), we have  $\alpha_A \cap_R \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$ .

(iii) By Definition 3.7 and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , we have

$$\text{Supp}(D, C) = \text{Supp}(\alpha_A) \cup \text{Supp}(\gamma_B) \neq \emptyset.$$

Then  $(D, C)$  is non-null. For  $x \in A - B$  we have  $D(x) = \alpha(x)$  and  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$  implies that  $D(x) \prec^n P$ . Also, for the case  $x \in B - A$  we have  $D(x) = \gamma(x) \prec^n P$ . Therefore,  $(D, C) \in NSP(P)$ .

(iv) Put  $(H, A \times B)$  be the soft set  $\alpha_A \tilde{\wedge} \gamma_B$ . By Definition 2.9 and Theorem 2.8, since  $\alpha_A$  and  $\gamma_B$  are non-null we have

$$\text{Supp}(H, A \times B) = \text{Supp}(\alpha_A) \times \text{Supp}(\gamma_B) \neq \emptyset.$$

Also, since  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in \text{NSP}(P)$  we conclude that for any  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ ,  $\alpha(x) \cap \gamma(y) \preceq^n P$ . Therefore,  $(H, A \times B) \in \text{NSP}(P)$ . □

Assume  $I$  is an index set and  $(\alpha_i)_{A_i, i \in I} \in \text{NSP}(P)$ . Then by extending Theorem 3.8, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.9.** *The soft set  $(\bigcap_g)_{i \in I} (\alpha_i)_{A_i} \in \text{NSP}(P)$  if it is non-null. Also, if  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $(\bigcap_R)_{i \in I} (\alpha_i)_{A_i} \in \text{NSP}(P)$ , whenever it is non-null.*

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $(\alpha_i)_{A_i, i \in I} \in \text{NSP}(P)$  such that for any  $i, j \in I$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (\alpha_i)_{A_i} \in \text{NSP}(P)$ . Also,  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} (\alpha_i)_{A_i} \in \text{NSP}(P)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is clear by Theorem 3.8. □

In what follows we show that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  is a vital condition in Theorem 3.8(iii).

**Example 3.11.** *Let  $P$  and  $A$  be as Example 3.2, and  $B = \{a\}$ . Define two soft sets  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in \text{SP}(P)$  by  $\alpha(e) = P$ ,  $\alpha(a) = \alpha(b) = \alpha(c) = \{e, a\}$  and  $\gamma(a) = \{e, b\}$ , respectively. Then  $\gamma_B \in \text{NSP}(P)$ . But  $D(a) = \alpha(a) \cup \gamma(a) = \{b, a, e\} \not\subseteq P$  and so  $(D, C) \notin \text{NSP}(P)$ .*

**Theorem 3.12.** [8] *Let  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  be a one to one and good homomorphism of polygroups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . If  $A \preceq^n P_1$ , then  $f(A) \preceq^n P_2$ .*

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  be a good homomorphism,  $\alpha_A \in \text{SP}(P_1)$ . Then the soft set  $f\alpha_A \in \text{SP}(P_2)$ , where  $f\alpha_A(x) = f(\alpha(x))$  for any  $x \in A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in f\alpha_A(x)$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in \alpha_A(x)$  such that  $y_1 = f(x_1), y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is a good homomorphism we get that  $y_1 y_2 \subseteq f\alpha_A(x)$  and  $y_1^{-1} \in f\alpha_A(x)$ . This complete the proof. □

**Theorem 3.14.** *Assume  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  is a one to one and good homomorphism. If  $\alpha_A \in \text{NSP}(P_1)$ , then  $f\alpha_A \in \text{NSP}(P_2)$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.13,  $f\alpha_A \in \text{SP}(P_2)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Supp}(f\alpha_A) &= \{x \in A \mid (f\alpha_A)(x) \neq \emptyset\} \\ &= \{x \mid f(\alpha(x)) \neq \emptyset\} \\ &= \{x \mid \alpha(x) \neq \emptyset\} = \text{Supp}(\alpha_A). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha_A \in \text{NSP}(P_1)$  we conclude that for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ ,  $\alpha(x) \preceq^n P_1$ . It follows by Theorem 3.12 and  $(f\alpha_A)(x) = f(\alpha(x))$  that for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(f\alpha_A)$ ,  $(f\alpha_A)(x) \preceq^n P_2$ . Therefore,  $f\alpha_A \in \text{NSP}(P_2)$ . □

**Definition 3.15.** *Assume  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in \text{SP}(P)$ . Then  $\gamma_B$  is called a nilpotent soft subpolygroup of  $\alpha_A$ , denote by  $\gamma_B \triangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ , if  $B \subseteq A$  and for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\gamma_B)$ ,  $\gamma(x) \preceq^n \alpha(x)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Example 3.16.** Assume  $A, P$  are as Example 3.2. Define  $\alpha_A \in SP(P)$  by  $\alpha(e) = \alpha(b) = P$  and  $\alpha(c) = \alpha(a) = \{b, e\}$ . Let  $B = \{a, b, e\}$  and define  $\gamma_B \in SP(P)$  by  $\gamma(e) = \{b, e\} = \gamma(b)$  and  $\gamma(a) = \{e\}$ . Since  $B \subseteq A$  and

$$\gamma(e) = \gamma(b) = \{b, e\} \preceq^n P = \alpha(e) = \alpha(b), \quad \gamma(a) = \{e\} \preceq^n \alpha(a) = \{e, b\},$$

we conclude that  $\gamma_B \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** Assume  $\alpha_A, \gamma_B \in NSP(P)$ . If  $B \subseteq A$  and for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\gamma_B)$ ,  $\gamma(x) \subseteq \alpha(x)$ , then  $\gamma_B \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ .

*Proof.* It is straight forward. □

**Theorem 3.18.** Assume  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$  and  $(\gamma_i)_{B_i, i \in I} \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ . Then

- (i)  $\bigcap_{i \in I} (\gamma_i)_{B_i} \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ .
- (ii) If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $(\bigcap_{i \in I} \gamma_i)_{\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i} \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$  when it is non-null.
- (iii) If for any  $i, j \in I$ ,  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ , then  $\tilde{\bigcup}_{i \in I} (\gamma_i)_{B_i} \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \alpha_A$ .
- (iv)  $\tilde{\bigwedge}_{i \in I} (\gamma_i)_{B_i} \blacktriangleleft^{ns} \tilde{\bigwedge}_{i \in I} \alpha_A$ .

*Proof.* By Theorems 3.8 and 3.17, we get (ii). Other parts are proved similarly. □

**Definition 3.19.** The soft set  $\alpha_A$  is called a whole soft polygroup over  $P$  if for any  $x \in A$ ,  $\alpha(x) = P$ .

**Theorem 3.20.**  $P$  is an NP if and only if every soft polygroup of  $P$  is nilpotent.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Theorem 2.5, we get the result.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Consider every soft polygroup of  $P$  is nilpotent. Put  $\alpha_A$  be the whole soft polygroup. Then for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ ,  $P = \alpha(x)$  and so  $P$  is an NP. □

## 4 Soft homomorphism

In this section first we clarify the notion of soft homomorphism by an example. Also, we define two new soft sets  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{c\}}$  and  $(Q_\alpha)_A$  derived from a soft polygroup  $\alpha_A$ . Then, we investigate some properties of them.

**Definition 4.1.** [24] Suppose  $\alpha_A \in SP(P_1)$  and  $\gamma_B \in SP(P_2)$ . Then

- (i)  $(f, g)$  is called a soft homomorphism between  $\alpha_A$  and  $\gamma_B$  if  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  is a good epimorphism,  $g : A \rightarrow B$  is a surjective map and for any  $x \in A$ ,  $f(\alpha(x)) = \gamma(g(x))$ .
- (ii) we write  $\alpha_A \sim \gamma_B$  if there is a soft homomorphism.
- (iii) we write  $\alpha_A \simeq \gamma_B$  if  $\alpha_A \sim \gamma_B$  such that  $f$  is a good isomorphism and  $g$  is a bijective map.

**Theorem 4.2.** [8] Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group. Then  $(P_G, \circ, e, {}^{-1})$  is a polygroup, where  $P_G = G \cup \{a\}$ ,  $a \notin G$  and  $\circ$  is defined as follows:

- (1)  $a \circ a = e$ ,
- (2)  $e \circ x = x \circ e = x, \forall x \in P_G$ ,
- (3)  $a \circ x = x \circ a = x, \forall x \in P_G - \{e, a\}$ ,
- (4)  $x \circ y = x.y, \forall (x, y) \in G^2; y \neq x^{-1}$ ,
- (5)  $x \circ x^{-1} = x^{-1} \circ x = \{e, a\}, \forall x \in P_G - \{e, a\}$ .

In addition,  $P_G$  is an NP if and only if  $G$  is a nilpotent group.

**Example 4.3.** Assume  $G$  is the quaternion group  $Q_8 = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ . Since  $G$  is nilpotent by Theorem 4.2, we conclude that  $(P_G, \circ, e, {}^{-1})$  is an NP.

**Example 4.4.** Consider  $P = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{a\}$ ,  $P' = (\{0\} \otimes \mathbb{Z}) \cup \{(0, r)\}$  be two polygroups as Definition 4.2. Take  $A = 2\mathbb{Z} \cup \{a\}$ ,  $B = (\{0\} \otimes 6\mathbb{Z}) \cup \{(0, r)\}$  and define  $\delta_A \in SP(P)$  and  $\eta_B \in SP(P')$  by

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} x * 18\mathbb{Z} & x \in 2\mathbb{Z} \\ \{0, a\} & x = a, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(0, y) = \begin{cases} \{0\} \otimes 6y\mathbb{Z} & y \in 6\mathbb{Z} \\ \{(0, r), (0, 0)\} & y = r \end{cases}$$

Then the functions

$$f : P \rightarrow P', \quad g : A \rightarrow B$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (0, x) & x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (0, r) & x = a, \end{cases} \quad g(y) = \begin{cases} (0, 3y) & y \in 2\mathbb{Z} \\ (0, r) & y = a \end{cases}$$

are isomorphism and bijective map, respectively. Also, for any  $x \in A$ ,  $f(\delta(x)) = \eta(g(x))$ . Consequently,  $\delta_A \simeq \eta_B$ .

**Definition 4.5.** Assume  $\alpha_A$  is a soft group over the group  $G$  with identity element  $e$  and  $a \notin G$ . We define the soft set  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{a\}} \in S(P_G)$  by

$$S_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha(x) & x \in A \\ \{e, a\} & x = a. \end{cases}$$

In what follows we extend a soft group to an NSP.

**Theorem 4.6.** Consider  $\alpha_A$  is a soft group over a nilpotent group  $G$ . Then  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{a\}} \in NSP(P_G)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha(x), \{e, a\} \preceq P_G$  we conclude that  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{a\}} \in SP(P_G)$ . Also, by the nilpotency of  $G$  and Theorems 4.2 and 2.5, we get  $\alpha(x), \{a, e\} \preceq^n P_G$ . Consequently,  $(S_\alpha)_{A \cup \{a\}} \in NSP(P_G)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Consider  $\alpha_A$  and  $\gamma_B$  are two soft polygroups over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. If  $\alpha_A \simeq \gamma_B$  and  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P_1)$ , then  $\gamma_B \in NSP(P_2)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P_1)$  we have for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ ,  $\alpha(x) \preceq^n P_1$  and so by Theorem 3.12,  $f(\alpha(x)) \preceq^n P_2$ . On the other hand, for any  $y \in \text{Supp}(\gamma_B)$ , there exists  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$  with  $\gamma(x) = y$ . Thus,  $\alpha_A \simeq \gamma_B$  implies that  $\gamma(y) = \gamma(g(x)) = f(\alpha(x)) \preceq^n P_2$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_B \in NSP(P_2)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $\alpha_A \in SP(P)$  and  $N \trianglelefteq P$  such that for any  $x \in A$ ,  $N \subseteq \alpha(x)$ . Then the soft set  $Q_\alpha : A \rightarrow P(\frac{P}{N})$  defined by  $Q_\alpha(x) = \frac{\alpha(x)}{N}$  is called the quotient soft polygroup of  $\alpha_A$ .

**Example 4.9.** Assume  $P$  and  $A$  are an Example 3.2,  $N = \{e, a\}$  and  $\alpha_A$  is the whole soft polygroup of  $P$ . Then  $Q_\alpha(x) = \frac{P}{N}$  is the whole soft polygroup of  $\alpha_A$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** Assume  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$ . Then  $(Q_\alpha)_A \in NSP(\frac{P}{N})$ .

*Proof.* By  $\alpha_A \in NSP(P)$ , for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ , we have  $\alpha(x) \preceq^n P$  of class say  $n$ . Since

$$\emptyset \neq \text{supp}(Q_\alpha) = \{x \in A \mid Q_\alpha(x) \neq \emptyset\} = \{x \in A \mid \frac{\alpha(x)}{N} \neq \emptyset\},$$

we conclude that  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$ , i.e  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$ . Then by Definition 4.8 and Theorem 3.4, for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(Q_\alpha)$ ,  $Q_\alpha(x) = \frac{\alpha(x)}{N} \preceq^n \frac{P}{N}$  and so  $(Q_\alpha)_A \in NSP(\frac{P}{N})$ .  $\square$



**Theorem 4.11.** [8] Consider  $\alpha_A \in SP(P_1)$ ,  $\gamma_B \in SP(P_2)$  and  $\alpha_A \sim \gamma_B$  with a soft homomorphism  $(f, g)$ . If  $N \trianglelefteq P_1$ ,  $N \subseteq \alpha(x)$  for any  $x \in \text{Supp}(\alpha_A)$  and  $g$  is a bijective map, then  $(Q_\alpha)_A \simeq \gamma_B$ , where  $Q_\alpha(x) = \frac{\alpha(x)}{N}$ .

**Corollary 4.12.** Assume  $\alpha_A$  and  $\gamma_B$ ,  $N$  and  $(Q_\alpha)_A$  are as Theorem 4.11. If  $\gamma_B \in NSP(P_2)$ , then  $(Q_\alpha)_A \in NSP(\frac{P_1}{N})$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.11,  $(Q_\alpha)_A \simeq \gamma_B$ . Since  $\gamma_B \in NSP(P_2)$  by Theorems 4.7 and 4.10, we conclude that  $(Q_\alpha)_A \in NSP(\frac{P_1}{N})$ .  $\square$

By the following theorem we extend a soft homomorphism of groups to polygroups.

**Theorem 4.13.** If  $\alpha_{A_1}$ ,  $\gamma_{A_2}$  are two soft groups of  $G_1, G_2$ ,  $c_i \notin G_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) and  $\alpha_{A_1} \sim \gamma_{A_2}$ , then

$$(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}} \sim (S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}.$$

*Proof.* The proof of Theorem 4.6, implies that  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}} \in SP(P_{G_1})$ ,  $(S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}} \in SP(P_{G_2})$ . Since  $\alpha_{A_1} \sim \gamma_{A_2}$  by Definition 4.1,  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a homomorphism of groups,  $g : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  is a surjective map and for any  $x \in A_1$ ,  $f(\alpha_{A_1})(x) = (\gamma_{A_2})(g(x))$ . Define  $g_1 : A_1 \cup \{c_1\} \rightarrow A_2 \cup \{c_2\}$  and  $f_1 : P_{G_1} \rightarrow P_{G_2}$ , by

$$g_1(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma(x) & x \in A_1, \\ c_2 & x = c_1, \end{cases} \text{ and } f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha(x) & x \in G_1, \\ c_2 & x = c_1. \end{cases}$$

Now, it is easy to see that  $f_1$  is a good epimorphism of polygroups and  $g_1$  is a surjective map. In addition,  $(f_1(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}})(c_1) = (S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}(g_1(c_1))$  and so for any  $x \in B_1$ ,

$$(f_1(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}})(x) = (S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}(g_1(x)).$$

Therefore,  $(f_1, g_1)$  is a soft homomorphism between  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}}$  and  $(S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}$ . Consequently,  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}} \sim (S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.14.** Consider  $\alpha_{A_1}$  and  $\gamma_{A_2}$  are as Theorem 4.13. If  $G_1$  is a nilpotent group and  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1} \simeq (S_\gamma)_{A_2}$ , then  $(S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}} \in NSP(P_{G_2})$ .

*Proof.* By the same manipulation of Theorem 4.13, we have if  $(\alpha_{A_1}) \simeq (\gamma)_{A_2}$ , then  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}} \simeq (S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}}$ . Also, by Theorem 4.2,  $P_{G_1}$  is an NP and so Theorem 3.20, implies that  $(S_\alpha)_{A_1 \cup \{c_1\}} \in NSP(P_{G_1})$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.7, we have  $(S_\gamma)_{A_2 \cup \{c_2\}} \in NSP(P_{G_2})$ .  $\square$

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper, for a polygroup  $P$  and a soft set  $\alpha_A$  the notion of nilpotent soft (sub)polygroups were defined. Some examples have been used to clarify the concept of nilpotent soft polygroup. In addition, a connection between nilpotency of soft polygroup and polygroup was obtained. Especially, the quotient of a soft polygroup was defined and a relation between nilpotency of a soft polygroup and its quotient was obtained. Also, by the notion of soft homomorphism we extend a soft homomorphism of groups to get a soft homomorphism of polygroups. Then, some new nilpotent soft polygroups were attained. This work can be used on Engel and solvable soft polygroups, too.

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