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## HYPERGRAPHS AND INTERVALS, III

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Summary. Similarly to author's papers "Hypergraphs and intervals" and Hypergraphs and intervals, II" a projectoid means an ordered pair  $(V, \mathscr{E})$ , where V is a finite nonempty set,  $\mathscr{E}$  is a set of nonempty subsets of V, and V can be ordered as a sequence  $(v_1, \ldots, v_{|V|})$  in such a way that for each  $E \in \mathscr{E}$ , there exist  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, |V|\}$  such that  $i \leq j$  and  $E = \{v_1, \ldots, v_j\}$ . In the present paper special kinds of projectoids (called  $\Sigma$ -projectoids and active  $\Sigma$ -projectoids) are studied.

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The present paper is a free continuation of papers [1] and [2]. However, the results of Parts 1 and 2 of the present paper are independent of the results of [1] and [2].

0. Let X and X' be arbitrary sets. If at least one of the sets X - X',  $X \cap X'$ , and X' - X is empty, we write  $X \sim X'$ . Otherwise, we write  $X \sim X'$ .

By a nonempty sequence we shall mean an arbitrary finite sequence  $(u_1, ..., u_m)$ , where  $m \ge 1$ . If  $\alpha = (v_1, ..., v_n)$  is an arbitrary nonempty sequence  $(n \ge 1)$ , we define

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \{v; \text{ there exists } i \in \{1, ..., n\} \text{ such that } v = v_i\}$$

If  $\alpha_1 = (v_{11}, \dots, v_{1n_1}), \dots, \alpha_k = (v_{k_1}, \dots, v_{kn_k})$  are nonempty sequences (where  $k \ge 2$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_k \ge 1$ ), then the sequence

$$(v_{11}, \ldots, v_{1n_1}, \ldots, v_{k1}, \ldots, v_{kn_k})$$

will be denoted by  $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_k$ . Moreover, we introduce the empty sequence  $\omega$  satisfying  $\alpha \omega = \alpha = \omega \alpha$  for any nonempty sequence  $\alpha$ , and  $\omega \omega = \omega$ . By a sequence we shall mean either a nonempty sequence or the empty one.

Let V be a finite nonempty set with n elements. We denote by  $V^*$  the set of all sequences  $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$  such that

$$\langle (v_1, \ldots, v_n) \rangle = V.$$

Obviously,  $|V^*| = n!$  (note that if X is a finite set, |X| denotes the number of its elements). Let  $\alpha \in V^*$ ; we say that a set I is an interval set in  $\alpha$  if there exists a non-empty sequence  $\iota$  and sequences  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  such that  $\alpha = \beta \iota \gamma$  and  $I = \langle \iota \rangle$ ; we denote

by Int ( $\alpha$ ) the set of all interval sets in  $\alpha$ . If  $A \subseteq V^*$  and  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then we denote

$$\operatorname{Int}(A) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \operatorname{Int}(\alpha).$$

Similarly to [1] and [2], by a hypergraph we mean an ordered pair  $(V, \mathscr{E})$ , where V is a finite nonempty set and  $\mathscr{E}$  is a set of nonempty subsets of V. If  $H = (V, \mathscr{E})$  is a hypergraph, we write V(H) = V and  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \mathscr{E}$ . If  $H = (V, \mathscr{E})$  is a hypergraph, then we denote

$$\Pi(H) = \left\{ \alpha \in V^{\sharp}; \ \mathscr{E} \subseteq \operatorname{Int} (\alpha) \right\}.$$

We say that a hypergraph H is a projectoid if  $\Pi(H) \neq \emptyset$ .

The following definition can be motivated by some results of papers [1] and [2]. Let H be a projectoid. We shall say that H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid if the following conditions hold:

(1)  $V(H) \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ ,

(2) if  $v \in V(H)$ , then  $\{v\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ , and

(3) if  $E, E' \in \mathscr{E}(H)$  and  $E \sim E'$ , then  $E \cup E', E \cap E', E - E' \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ .

Theorem 2 in [1] can be reformulated as follows:

**Lemma 0.** If H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, then  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \text{Int}(\Pi(H))$ .

Let V be a finite nonempty set, and let  $A \subseteq V^*$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$ . It is obvious that  $(V, \operatorname{Int} (\alpha))$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Combining this fact with (1)-(3) we can easily get that  $(V, \operatorname{Int} (A))$  is also a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid. This observation together with Lemma 0 gives the following result:

**Theorem 0.** Let V be a finite nonempty set, and let H be a hypergraph such that V(H) = V. Then H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid if and only if there exists a nonempty subset A of  $V^*$  such that  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \text{Int}(A)$ .

1. Let H be a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid. We denote

$$\mathscr{F}(H) = \{F \in \mathscr{E}(H); F \sim E \text{ for each } E \in \mathscr{E}(H)\}$$

For every  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$ , we denote by  $\mathscr{N}_H(F)$  the set of  $F' \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that F' is a proper subset of F and if  $F'' \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  and  $F' \subseteq F'' \subseteq F$ , then either F' = F'' or F'' = F. Clearly, if  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$ , then  $\mathscr{N}_H(F) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $|F| \ge 2$ . Moreover, we denote by  $\mathscr{F}^*(H)$  the set of all  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  with the property that there exists a proper subset  $\mathscr{M}$ of  $\mathscr{N}_H(F)$  such that  $|\mathscr{M}| \ge 2$  and

$$\bigcup_{F'\in\mathscr{M}}F'\in\mathscr{E}(H).$$

Let  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that  $\mathscr{N}_H(F) \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $\alpha \in \Pi(H)$ . There exists exactly one sequence  $(F_1, \ldots, F_n) \in (\mathscr{N}_H(F))^*$  such that there exist sequences  $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  satisfying

$$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle = F_1, \dots, \langle \varphi_n \rangle = F_n$$
, and  $\alpha = \beta \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n \gamma$ .

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We denote the sequence  $(F_1, ..., F_n)$  by  $S_H(F, \alpha)$  and the set

 $\{F_i \cup \ldots \cup F_j; 1 \leq i < j \leq n, j - i < n - 1\}$ 

by  $\mathscr{P}_{H}(F, \alpha)$ .

The following theorem shows that if H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, then  $\mathscr{E}(H)$  can be derived from  $\mathscr{F}(H)$ ,  $\mathscr{F}^*(H)$ , and one arbitrary  $\alpha \in \Pi(H)$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let H be a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, and let  $\alpha \in \Pi(H)$ . Then

$$\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathscr{F}^{\bullet}(H)} \mathscr{P}_{H}(F, \alpha).$$

Proof. If  $H_0$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid and  $\alpha_0 \in \Pi(H_0)$ , then we denote

$$\mathscr{Q}(H_0, \alpha_0) = \bigcup_{F_0 \in \mathscr{F}^{\bullet}(H_0)} \mathscr{P}_{H_0}(F_0, \alpha_0).$$

We wish to prove that  $\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha)$ .

We proceed by induction on |V(H)|. The case when |V(H)| = 1 is obvious. Let |V(H)| > 1. Assume that for every  $\Sigma$ -projectoid H' such that |V(H')| < |V(H)| and every  $\alpha' \in \Pi(H')$ , it has been proved that  $\mathscr{E}(H') - \mathscr{F}(H') = \mathscr{Q}(H', \alpha')$ .

We distinguish two cases:

Case 1. Assume that there exists no  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that 1 < |F| < |V(H)|. If  $\mathscr{F}^*(H) = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) = \emptyset = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha)$ . Let  $\mathscr{F}^*(H) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\mathscr{F}^*(H) = \{V(H)\}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) \subseteq \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha)$ . We shall assume that  $\mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) - (\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H)) \neq \emptyset$ . Consider such  $X \in \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) - (\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H))$  that for each  $X' \in \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) - (\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H))$ ,  $|X'| \leq |X|$ . Denote

 $\alpha = (v_1, \ldots, v_n).$ 

There exist  $f, h \in \{1, ..., n\}$  such that  $1 \leq f \leq h \leq n$  and that  $X = \{v_f, ..., v_g\}$ . Since  $X \notin \mathscr{F}(H)$ , we have f < h and h - f < n - 1.

Assume that 1 < f and h < n. As follows from the maximality of |X|,  $\{v_1, ..., v_h\}$ ,  $\{v_f, ..., v_n\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ . Since H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, it follows from (3) that

 $\{v_1,\ldots,v_h\}\cap\{v_f,\ldots,v_n\}\in\mathscr{E}(H),$ 

which is a contradiction. This means that either f = 1 or h = n. Without loss of generality we assume that f = 1.

According to (2),  $\{v_1\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ . We denote by g the maximum integer not exceeding h such that  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_g\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ . Since  $\mathscr{F}^*(H) = \{V(H)\}$ , there exists  $E \in \mathscr{E}(H)$  such that  $E \sim E'$  for at least one  $E' \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ . By the assumption of Case 1, there exists no  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that 1 < |F| < |V(H)|. The fact that H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid implies that there exist  $E_1, E_2 \in \mathscr{E}(H)$  such that  $E_1 \sim E_2$  and  $E_1 \cup E_2 = V$ . Therefore, either  $g \ge 2$  or  $h + 1 \le n - 1$ . Moreover, we get  $\{v_{g+1}, \ldots, v_{h+1}\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ . Since  $\{v_{g+1}, \ldots, v_{h+1}\} \notin \mathscr{F}(H)$ , there exists  $E_0 \in \mathscr{E}(H)$  such that  $E_0 \sim \{v_{g+1}, \ldots, v_{h+1}\}$ . Clearly, either (i)  $E_0 \sim \{v_1, \ldots, v_{h+1}\}$  or (ii)  $E_0 \subseteq \{v_1, \ldots, v_{h+1}\}$  and  $v_g, v_{g+1} \in E_0$ .

Therefore, there exists  $k, g + 1 \leq k \leq h - 1$ , such that  $\{v_1, ..., v_k\} \in \mathscr{E}(H)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha)$ .

Case 2. Assume that there exists  $F_0 \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that  $1 < |F_0| < |V(H)|$ . Then there exists  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that 1 < |F| < |V(H)| and that for every  $F' \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  the inequality |F'| < |F| implies |F'| = 1. There exist sequences  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\varphi$  such that  $\alpha = \beta \varphi \gamma$  and  $\langle \varphi \rangle = F$ .

We denote by  $H_F$  the hypergraph defined as follows:

$$V(H_F) = F$$
 and  $\mathscr{E}(H_F) = \{E \in \mathscr{E}(H); E \subseteq F\}$ .

It is easy to see that  $H_F$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid,  $\varphi \in \Pi(H_F)$ ,  $\mathscr{F}(H_F) = \mathscr{F}(H) \cap \mathscr{E}(H_F)$ ,  $\mathscr{F}^*(H_F) = \mathscr{F}^*(H) \cap \mathscr{E}(H_F)$ , and  $\mathscr{Q}(H_F, \varphi) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) \cap \mathscr{E}(H_F)$ . Since |F| < |V(H)|, according to the induction hypothesis  $\mathscr{E}(H_F) - \mathscr{F}(H_F) = \mathscr{Q}(H_F, \varphi)$ ; thus

(4) 
$$(\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H)) \cap \mathscr{E}(H_F) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) \cap \mathscr{E}(H_F).$$

Consider an element x such that  $x \notin V(H)$ . We denote by  $H^F$  the hypergraph defined as follows:

$$V(H^F) = (V - F) \cup \{x\} \text{ and}$$
$$\mathscr{E}(H^F) = \{E_1; E_1 \in \mathscr{E}(H), E_1 \cap F = \emptyset\} \cup$$
$$\cup \{(E_2 - F) \cup \{x\}; E_2 \in \mathscr{E}(H), F \subseteq E_2\}.$$

We can easily see that  $H^F$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid and  $\beta(x) \gamma \in \Pi(H^F)$ . Moreover, we can see that

$$\mathcal{F}(H^F) = \{F_1; F_1 \in \mathcal{F}(H); F_1 \cap F = \emptyset\} \cup \\ \cup \{(F_2 - F) \cup \{x\}; F_2 \in \mathcal{F}(H), F \subseteq F_2\} \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{F}^*(H^F) = \{F_1; F_1 \in \mathcal{F}^*(H), F_1 \cap F = \emptyset\} \cup \\ \cup \{(F_2 - F) \cup \{x\}; F_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}^*(H), F \subseteq F_2, F \neq F_2\}.$$

Since  $|V(H^F)| < |V(H)|$ , it follows from the induction hypothesis that  $\mathscr{E}(H^F) - \mathscr{F}(H^F) = \mathscr{Q}(H^F, \beta(x) \gamma)$ . This implies

(5) 
$$(\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H)) - \mathscr{E}(H_F) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha) - E(H_F)$$

Combining (4) and (5), we get  $\mathscr{E}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H) = \mathscr{Q}(H, \alpha)$ , which completes the proof of Theorem 1.

**Corollary.** Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be  $\Sigma$ -projectoids such that  $V(H_1) = V(H_2)$  and  $\Pi(H_1) \cap \Pi(H_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\mathscr{E}(H_1) = \mathscr{E}(H_2)$  if and only if  $\mathscr{F}(H_1) = \mathscr{F}(H_2)$  and  $\mathscr{F}^*(H_1) = \mathscr{F}^*(H_2)$ .

2. Let V be a finite nonempty set. If  $A \subseteq V^*$ , then we denote by Stab (A) the set of all  $X \in Int(A)$  which possess the following property:

(6) if  $\varphi_i, \xi_i$ , and  $\psi_i$  (for i = 1 and 2) are arbitrary sequences such that  $\varphi_1 \xi_1 \psi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2 \xi_2 \psi_2 \in A$  and  $\langle \xi_1 \rangle = X = \langle \xi_2 \rangle$ , then  $\varphi_2 \xi_1 \psi_2 \in A$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let V be a finite nonempty set, and let  $A \subseteq V^*$ . Then  $(V, \operatorname{Stab}(A))$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid.

Proof. Denote  $H_A = (V, \operatorname{Stab}(A))$ . According to Theorem 0,  $H_A$  is a projectoid. It is obvious that  $V \in \operatorname{Stab}(A)$  and that  $\{v\} \in \operatorname{Stab}(A)$  for each  $v \in V$ . Let X,  $Y \in$  $\in \operatorname{Stab}(A), X \sim Y$ , and let  $Z \in \{X \cup Y, X \cap Y, X - Y\}$ . Consider arbitrary sequences  $\varphi_i, \zeta_i$ , and  $\psi_i$  for i = 1 and 2 such that  $\varphi_1\zeta_1\psi_1, \varphi_2\zeta_2\psi_2 \in A$ , and  $\langle\zeta_1\rangle = Z = \langle\zeta_2\rangle$ . We wish to show that  $\varphi_2\zeta_1\psi_2 \in A$ .

Since  $X \cup Y$ ,  $X \cap Y$ , X - Y,  $Y - X \in Int(A)$ , there exist sequences  $\varrho_i$ ,  $\beta_i$ ,  $\gamma_i$ ,  $\delta_i$ , and  $\sigma_i$  for i = 1 and 2 such that

$$\varrho_j \beta_j \gamma_j \delta_j \sigma_j = \varphi_j \zeta_j \psi_j, \text{ for } j = 1 \text{ and } 2, \text{ and}$$

$$\{\langle \beta_k \gamma_k \rangle, \langle \gamma_k \delta_k \rangle\} = \{X, Y\}, \text{ for } k = 1 \text{ and } 2.$$

Without loss of generality we assume that  $X = \langle \beta_1 \gamma_1 \rangle$ . Therefore,  $Y = \langle \gamma_1 \delta_1 \rangle$ .

Let  $X = \langle \gamma_2 \delta_2 \rangle$ . Then  $Y = \langle \beta_2 \gamma_2 \rangle$ . Since  $X \in \text{Stab}(A)$ , it follows from (6) that

 $\varrho_2\beta_2\beta_1\gamma_1\sigma_2\in A\;.$ 

We have  $\langle \beta_2 \rangle \cup \langle \gamma_1 \rangle = (Y - X) \cup (Y \cap X) = Y$ . Since  $\langle \beta_1 \rangle = X - Y$ ,  $\beta_1$  is a nonempty sequence. Thus

$$Y \notin \operatorname{Int}\left( \varrho_2 \beta_2 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \sigma_2 \right),$$

which is a contradiction. This means that  $X = \langle \beta_2 \gamma_2 \rangle$ , and therefore,  $Y = \langle \gamma_2 \sigma_2 \rangle$ .

Recall that  $\varrho_i\beta_i\gamma_i\delta_i\sigma_i \in A$  for i = 1, 2. Since  $\langle \beta_j\gamma_j \rangle = X$  for j = 1, 2, it follows from (6) that

 $\varrho_2\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_2\sigma_2\in A\;.$ 

Analogously, since  $\langle \gamma_k \delta_k \rangle = Y$  for k = 1, 2, it follows from (6) that

 $\varrho_2\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_1\sigma_2\in A.$ 

Since  $\langle \beta_1 \gamma_1 \rangle = \langle \beta_2 \gamma_1 \rangle$ , the fact that  $\varrho_2 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \delta_2 \sigma_2$ ,  $\varrho_2 \beta_2 \gamma_1 \delta_1 \sigma_2 \in A$  implies

$$\varrho_2\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_1\sigma_2\in A\;.$$

Since  $\langle \gamma_1 \delta_1 \rangle = \langle \gamma_1 \delta_2 \rangle$ , the fact that  $\varrho_2 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \delta_2 \sigma_2$ ,  $\varrho_2 \beta_2 \gamma_1 \delta_1 \sigma_2 \in A$  implies

$$\varrho_2\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_2\sigma_2\in A \ .$$

Finally, since  $\langle \gamma_2 \delta_2 \rangle = \langle \gamma_1 \delta_1 \rangle$ , the fact that  $\varrho_2 \beta_2 \gamma_2 \delta_2 \sigma_2$ ,  $\varrho_2 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \delta_1 \sigma_2 \in A$  implies  $\varrho_2 \beta_1 \gamma_2 \delta_2 \sigma_2 \in A$ .

Since  $Z \in \{X \cup Y, X \cap Y, X - Y\}$ , we have  $\varphi_2 \zeta_1 \psi_2 \in A$ . Hence,  $H_A$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, which completes the proof of the lemma.

We shall say that a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid H is active if  $\mathcal{N}_H(F) \cap \mathscr{F}^*(H) = \emptyset$  for each  $F \in \mathscr{F}^*(H)$ .

The statement of the next theorem is analogous to that of Theorem 0. In the proof Theorem 1 will be used.

**Theorem 2.** Let V be a finite nonempty set, and let H be a hypergraph such that V(H) = V. Then H is an active  $\Sigma$ -projectoid if and only if there exists a nonempty subset A of  $V^*$  such that  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \operatorname{Stab}(A)$ .

Proof. (I) Assume that H is an active  $\Sigma$ -projectoid. Consider an arbitrary  $\alpha \in \Pi(H)$ . For every  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$ , we introduce a set A(F) as follows:

(i) Let  $\mathcal{N}_H(F) = \emptyset$ . Let x denote the only vertex of F. Then we put  $A(F) = \{(x)\}$ . (ii) Let  $\mathcal{N}_H(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $(F_1, \dots, F_n)$  denote  $S_H(F, \alpha)$ . If  $F \in \mathscr{F}^*(H)$ , we put

$$A(F) = \{\varphi_1 \ldots \varphi_n; \varphi_1 \in A(F_1), \ldots, \varphi_n \in A(F_n)\};$$

if  $F \notin \mathscr{F}^*(H)$ , we put

$$A(F) = \{ \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n; \text{ either } \varphi_1 \in A(F_1), \dots, \varphi_n \in A(F_n) \text{ or} \\ \varphi_1 \in A(F_n), \dots, \varphi_n \in A(F_1) \}.$$

Moreover, we denote A = A(V) and  $H_A = (V, \text{Stab}(A))$ . According to Lemma 1,  $H_A$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid.

The definition of A easily yields that

(7) 
$$\mathscr{F}(H) \subseteq \mathscr{E}(H_A)$$
, and

(8) if  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$ ,  $\mathscr{N}_{H}(F) \neq \emptyset$ , and there exists  $Z \in \mathscr{E}(H_{A})$  such that Z is the union of at least two but not all elements of  $\mathscr{N}_{H}(F)$ , then  $F \in \mathscr{F}^{*}(H)$ ,  $Z \in \mathscr{P}_{H}(F, \alpha)$ and  $\mathscr{P}_{H}(F, \alpha) \subseteq \mathscr{E}(H_{A})$ .

We wish to show that  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \operatorname{Stab}(A)$ . To the contrary, let  $\mathscr{E}(H) \neq \operatorname{Stab}(A)$ . Combining Theorem 1 with (7) and (8), we get that  $\mathscr{F}(H) - \mathscr{F}(H_A) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence, there exist  $X \in \operatorname{Stab}(A)$  and  $F_0 \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  such that  $X \sim F_0$ . Consider such  $F \in \mathscr{F}(H)$  that  $X \subseteq F$  and for any  $F' \in \mathscr{F}(H)$ , if  $X \subseteq F' \subseteq F$ , then F' = F. Obviously,  $\mathscr{N}_H(F) \neq \emptyset$ . We denote  $S_H(F, \alpha)$  by  $(G_1, \ldots, G_m)$ . Since  $X \sim F_0$ , there exist f and h,  $1 \leq f < h \leq m$ , such that

 $G_f \cap X \neq \emptyset \neq G_h \cap X,$ 

 $G_g \subseteq X$  for each g, f < g < h, and either  $G_f \sim X$  or  $G_h \sim X$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $G_f \sim X$ . Obviously,  $\mathcal{N}_H(G_f) \neq \emptyset$ . We denote  $S_H(G_f, \alpha)$  by  $(J_1, \ldots, J_n)$ . Since  $X \cap G_{f+1} \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $i, 1 \leq i \geq n$ , such that

 $J_i \cap X \neq \emptyset,$ 

 $J_k \subseteq X$  for each k,  $i < k \leq n$ , and if i = 1, then  $J_i \sim X$ .

If i = 1, we put d = 2; if  $i \ge 2$ , we put d = i. According to (7),  $\mathscr{F}(H) \subseteq \text{Stab}(A)$ . Since  $H_A$  is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid, it follows from (3) that

$$J_d \cup \ldots \cup J_n \cup G_{f+1} \cup \ldots \cup G_h \in \operatorname{Stab}(A)$$
.

It follows from (6) that  $F, G_f \in \mathcal{F}^*(H)$ . This implies that H is not active, which is a contradiction. Hence,  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \text{Stab}(A)$ .

(II) Assume that there exists  $A \subseteq V^*$  such that  $\mathscr{E}(H) = \text{Stab}(A)$ . According to Lemma 1, H is a  $\Sigma$ -projectoid. We wish to show that H is active. To the contrary, we assume that there exist  $F, G \in \mathscr{F}^*(H)$  such that  $G \in \mathscr{N}_H(F)$ . According to the definition,  $\text{Stab}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(A)$ . It follows from the definition of a projectoid that  $A \subseteq \Pi(H)$ . Consider an arbitrary  $\alpha \in A$ . Denote  $S_H(F, \alpha) = (F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ . Since  $F \in \mathscr{F}^*(H), m \geq 3$ . Without loss of generality we assume that there exists  $k, 1 \leq k \leq m-1$ , such that  $G = F_k$ . Denote  $S_H(F_k, \alpha) = (G_1, \ldots, G_n)$ . Since  $F, G \in \mathscr{F}^*(H)$ , Theorem 1 implies

(9) 
$$S_H(F, \alpha') = (F_1, ..., F_m)$$
 and  $S_H(F_k, \alpha') =$   
=  $(G_1, ..., G_n)$ , for each  $\alpha' \in A$ .

Since  $G_n$ ,  $F_{k+1} \in \text{Stab}(A)$ , it follows from (6) and (9) that  $G_n \cup F_{k+1} \in \text{Stab}(A)$ . Since  $G \sim G_n \cup F_{k+1}$ ,  $G \notin \mathcal{F}(H)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus, H is active, which completes the proof.

Remark. The subject of the present paper has its origin in the author's study of combinatorial properties of linguistic notions.

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#### Souhrn

#### HYPERGRAFY A INTERVALY, III

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Podobně jako v autorových článcích "Hypergraphs and intervals" a "Hypergraphs and [intervals, II" se i v tomto článku projektoidem míní uspořádaná dvojice (V,  $\mathscr{E}$ ), kde V je konečná neprázdná množina,  $\mathscr{E}$  je množina nějakých neprázdných podmnožin množiny V a konečně kde V může být uspořádaná do posloupnosti  $(v_1, \ldots, v_{|V|})$  takovým způsobem, že pro každé  $E \in \mathscr{E}$ existují  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, |V|\}$ , že  $i \leq j$  a přitom  $E = \{v_i, \ldots, v_j\}$ . V tomto článku se studují zvláštní druhy projektoidů ( $\Sigma$ -projektoidy a aktivní  $\Sigma$ -projektoidy).

## Резюме

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Как и в статьях автора "Гиперграфы и интервалы" и "Гиперграфы и интервалы, II", так и в этой работе проектоидом называется упорядоченная пара  $(V, \mathscr{E})$ , где V – конечное непустое множество,  $\mathscr{E}$  – некоторая система непустых подмножеств множества V и элементы множества V можно расположиь в последовательность  $(v_1, ..., v_{|V|})$  таким образом, что для каждого  $E \in \mathscr{E}$  сущэствуют  $i, j \in \{1, ..., |V|\}$  такие, что  $i \leq j$  и  $E = \{v_i, ..., v_j\}$ . В настоящей статье изучаются специальные виды проектоидов ( $\Sigma$  – проектоиды и активные  $\Sigma$  – проектоиды).

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