



### 3-Zero-Divisor Hypergraph with Respect to an Element in Multiplicative Lattice

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**Abstract.** Let  $L$  be a multiplicative lattice and  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . We introduce the 3-zero-divisor hypergraph of  $L$  with respect to  $z$  which is a hypergraph whose vertices are elements of the set  $\left\{x_1 \in L - \{z\} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ and } x_1x_3 \not\leq z \\ \text{for some } x_2, x_3 \in L - \{z\} \end{array} \right\}$  where distinct vertices  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are adjacent, that is,  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a hyperedge if and only if  $x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ and } x_1x_3 \not\leq z$ . Throughout this paper, the hypergraph is denoted by  $H_3(L, z)$ . We investigate many properties of the hypergraph over a multiplicative lattice. Moreover, we find a lower bound of diameter of  $H_3(L, z)$  and obtain that  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected.

**Keywords:** 3-Zero-Divisor Hypergraph, Complete n-partite Hypergraph.

#### Çarpımsal Kafeslerde Bir Eleman ile İlgili 3-lü Sıfır Bölen Hipergrafı

**Özet.**  $L$  bir çarpımsal kafes ve  $z, L$  nin bir has elemanı olsun.  $z$  ile ilgili  $L$  nin 3-lü sıfır bölen hipergrafını tanıttık öyle ki bu hipergrafın köşeleri  $\left\{x_1 \in L - \{z\} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ ve } x_1x_3 \not\leq z \\ \text{herhangi } x_2, x_3 \in L - \{z\} \text{ için} \end{array} \right\}$  kümesinin elemanlarıdır ki burada  $x_1, x_2$  ve  $x_3$  komşudur, yani,  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  bu hipergrafın bir hiperkenarıdır ancak ve ancak  $x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ ve } x_1x_3 \not\leq z$ . Bu çalışma boyunca, bu hipergrafı  $H_3(L, z)$  ile göstereceğiz. Çarpımsal bir kafes üzerinde bu hipergrafın birçok özelliğini araştırdık. Ayrıca,  $H_3(L, z)$  nin diametresinin bir alt sınırını bulduk ve bu hipergrafın bağlantılı olduğunu gösterdik.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** 3-lü Sıfır Bölen Hipergraf, n-parçalı Tam Hipergraf.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A complete lattice  $L$  is called multiplicative lattice if there exists a commutative, associative, completely join distributive product on the lattice with the compact greatest element  $1_L$ , which is the multiplicative identity, and the least element  $0_L$ . It can be easily seen that  $L/a = \{b \in L \mid a \leq b\}$  is a multiplicative lattice with the product  $x \circ y = xy \vee a$  where  $L$  is multiplicative lattice and  $a \in L$ . Note that  $0_{L/z} = z$ . D.D. Anderson and the current authors have studied on multiplicative lattices in a series of articles [1-4]. An element  $a \in L$  is said to be proper if  $a < 1_L$ . A proper element  $p \in L$  is called a prime element if  $ab \leq p$  implies  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$ , where  $a, b \in L$ . Then  $p$  is called 2-absorbing element of  $L$  if  $x_1x_2x_3 \leq p$  for some  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  in  $L$ , then  $x_1x_2 \leq p$  or  $x_1x_3 \leq p$  or  $x_2x_3 \leq p$ .

Let a finite set  $V$  be a vertex set and  $E(V) = \{(u, v) \mid u, v \in V, u \neq v\}$ . A pairwise  $G = (V, E)$  is called a graph on  $V$  where  $E \subseteq E(V)$ . The elements of  $V$  are the vertices of  $G$ , and those of  $E$  the

edges of  $G$ . Consider that the edges  $(x, y)$  and  $(y, x)$  denote the same edge (For more information, see [3-8]).

A hypergraph  $H$  is a pair  $(V, E)$  of disjoint sets, where the elements of  $E$  are nonempty subsets of  $V$ . The elements of  $V$  are called the vertices of  $H$  and the elements of  $E$  are called the hyperedges of  $H$ . If the size of any hyperedge  $e$  in the hypergraph  $H$  is  $n$ , then  $H$  is called  $n$ -uniform hypergraph. Let  $H$  be an  $n$ -uniform hypergraph. An alternating sequence of distinct vertices and hyperedges is called a path with the form  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_m$  such that  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  are in  $e_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ . The length of a path is the number of hyperedges of it. The distance  $d(x, y)$  between two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $H$  is the length of the shortest path from  $x$  to  $y$ . If no such path between  $x$  and  $y$  exists, then  $d(x, y) = \infty$ . The diameter  $diam(H)$  of  $H$  is the greatest distance between any two vertices. The hypergraph  $H$  is said to be connected if  $diam(H) < \infty$ . A cycle in a hypergraph  $H$  is an alternating sequence of distinct vertices and hyperedges of the form  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_m, e_m, v_1$  such that  $v_i, v_{i+1} \in e_i$  and  $v_m, v_1 \in e_m$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . The girth  $gr(H)$  of a hypergraph  $H$  containing a cycle is the smallest size of the length of cycles of  $H$ . (For more information, see [5]). A hypergraph  $H$  is called trivial if it has a single vertex and also it is called empty if it has no hyperedges.

The concept of a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring was first introduced in [6]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $k \geq 2$  be an integer. A nonzero nonunit element  $x_1$  in  $R$  is said to be a  $k$ -zero-divisor in  $R$  if there are  $k - 1$  distinct nonunit elements  $x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k$  in  $R$  different from  $x_1$  such that  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_k = 0$  and the product of no elements of any proper subset of  $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k\}$  is zero. The set of  $k$ -zero divisor elements of  $R$  is denoted by  $Z_k(R)$ . Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . The 3-zero-divisor hypergraph of  $R$  with respect to  $I$ , denoted by  $H_3(R, I)$ , is the hypergraph whose vertices are the set  $\{x_1 \in R \setminus I \mid x_1 x_2 x_3 \in I \text{ for some } x_2, x_3 \in R \setminus I \text{ such that } x_1 x_2 \notin I, x_2 x_3 \notin I \text{ and } x_1 x_3 \notin I\}$  where distinct vertices  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are adjacent if and only if  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \in I, x_1 x_2 \notin I, x_2 x_3 \notin I$  and  $x_1 x_3 \notin I$  (See [9]). Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Recall that  $I$  is called a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  if  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \in I$  for some  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  in  $R$ , then  $x_1 x_2 \in I$  or  $x_2 x_3 \in I$  or  $x_1 x_3 \in I$  (For more information, see [10]). Hence  $H_3(R, I)$  is not empty if and only if  $I$  is not a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  (see Proposition 1 in [9]).

Let  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . A proper element  $a_1$  of  $L$  is called  $n$ -zero divisor element with respect to  $z$  in  $L$  if there are  $n - 1$  distinct elements  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  in  $L$  different from  $a_1$  such that  $a_2 a_3 \dots a_n \leq z$  and the product of no elements of any proper subset of  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  is less than or equals to  $z$ . The set of all  $n$ -zero divisor element with respect to  $z$  in  $L$  is denoted by  $Z_n(L, z)$ . For example, consider the lattice of ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $L = I(\mathbb{Z})$  the set of all ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The ideal  $(2)$  is a 3-zero-divisor with respect to  $(8)$  in  $L$  since  $(2)(3)(6) \subseteq (8)$ , and the product of no elements of any proper subset of  $\{(2), (3), (6)\}$  is contained by  $(8)$ .

Throughout this paper, we assume that a lattice  $L$  is a multiplicative lattice. Let  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . The 3-zero-divisor hyper-graph of  $L$  with respect to  $z$ , denoted by  $H_3(L, z)$ , is a hypergraph whose vertices are elements of the set  $\left\{x_1 \in L - \{z\} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1 x_2 x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \not\leq z, x_2 x_3 \not\leq z \text{ and } x_1 x_3 \not\leq z \\ \text{for some } x_2, x_3 \in L - \{z\} \end{array} \right\}$  such that distinct vertices  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are adjacent, that is,  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a hyperedge if and only if  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \not\leq z, x_2 x_3 \not\leq z$  and  $x_1 x_3 \not\leq z$ . It can be seen that  $H_3(L, z)$  is a 3-uniform hypergraph. In this paper, we show that  $H_3(L, z)$  is empty if and only if  $z$  is a 2-absorbing element of  $L$  and also,  $H_3(L/z)$  is empty

hypergraph if and only if  $H_3(L, z)$  is empty hypergraph. Then we give that  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected and  $diam(H_3(L, z)) \leq 4$ . Additionally, we show that  $H_3(L, z)$  is a complete 3-partite hypergraph if  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  are prime elements of  $L$  and  $z = p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \neq 0_L$  and the converse is true if  $L$  is reduced lattice. Finally, we see that  $H_3(L, z)$  has no cut-point.

## 2. ZERO DIVISOR HYPERGRAPH $H_3(L, z)$ WITH RESPECT TO $z$

**Definition 1.** Let  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . The 3-zero-divisor hypergraph of  $L$  with respect to  $z$  is a hypergraph whose vertices are elements of the set  $\left\{x_1 \in L - \{z\} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ and } x_1x_3 \not\leq z \\ \text{for some } x_2, x_3 \in L - \{z\} \end{array} \right\}$ . Also, distinct vertices  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are adjacent, that is,  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a hyperedge if and only if  $x_1x_2x_3 \leq z \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z \text{ and } x_1x_3 \not\leq z$ . Throughout this paper, the hypergraph is denoted by  $H_3(L, z)$ .

Let  $z = 0_L$ . Then it is clear that  $H_3(L) = H_3(L, 0_L)$  is the hypergraph whose vertices are elements of the set  $\left\{x_1 \in Z_3(L) \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1x_2x_3 = 0_L \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \neq 0_L, x_2x_3 \neq 0_L \text{ and } x_1x_3 \neq 0_L \\ \text{for some } x_2, x_3 \in Z_3(L) \end{array} \right\}$  where distinct vertices  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are adjacent if and only if  $x_1x_2x_3 = 0_L \Rightarrow x_1x_2 \neq 0_L, x_2x_3 \neq 0_L \text{ and } x_1x_3 \neq 0_L$ .

The hypergraphs  $H_3(R)$  in [5] and  $H_3(R, I)$  in [10], which are defined on a commutative ring  $R$  and a proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , are examples for the hypergraph  $H_3(L, z)$ .

We obtain the following results with the above definition and the definition of 2-absorbing element in  $L$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . Then the following statements hold:

- 1)  $H_3(L, z)$  is empty hypergraph if and only if  $z$  is a 2-absorbing element of  $L$ .
- 2)  $H_3(L/z)$  is empty hypergraph if and only if  $H_3(L, z)$  is empty hypergraph.

**Proof. 1.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Let  $H_3(L, z)$  be empty hypergraph. Suppose that  $z$  is not a 2-absorbing element of  $L$ . Take  $x_1x_2x_3 \leq z$  for some  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in L$ . Then we get  $x_1x_2 \not\leq z, x_2x_3 \not\leq z$  and  $x_1x_3 \not\leq z$ . Hence  $e = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a hyperedge of  $H_3(L, z)$ , a contradiction.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): It is obvious.

**2.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Assume that  $H_3(L, z)$  is not an empty hypergraph. Then it has a hyperedge  $e = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Consider  $x_1 \vee z, x_2 \vee z, x_3 \vee z \in L/z$ . It is clear that  $x_1 \vee z, x_2 \vee z, x_3 \vee z$  are different from  $z$ . Then we have that  $(x_1 \vee z)(x_2 \vee z)(x_3 \vee z) = 0_{L/z}, (x_1 \vee z)(x_2 \vee z) \neq 0_{L/z}, (x_2 \vee z)(x_3 \vee z) \neq 0_{L/z}$  and  $(x_1 \vee z)(x_3 \vee z) \neq 0_{L/z}$ . Thus  $e' = \{x_1 \vee z, x_2 \vee z, x_3 \vee z\}$  is a hyperedge of  $H_3(L/z)$ , a contradiction.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Let  $H_3(L/z)$  be not an empty hypergraph. Then it has a hyperedge  $e = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  for some  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \in V(H_3(L/z))$ . Then  $y_1 \circ y_2 \circ y_3 = 0_{L/z}$ , that is,  $y_1y_2y_3 \leq z$  and since  $y_1 \circ y_2, y_2 \circ y_3$  and  $y_1 \circ y_3$  are different from  $0_{L/z}$ , then  $y_1y_2, y_2y_3, y_1y_3 \not\leq z$ . Therefore,  $e = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge of  $H_3(L, z)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $H_3(L, z)$  be a 3-zero-divisor hypergraph of  $L$  with respect to  $z$ . If  $x^2 \not\leq z$  for each 3-zero-divisor  $x \in L$  with respect to  $z$ , then  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected and  $diam(H_3(L, z)) \leq 4$ . Furthermore, if  $H_3(L, z)$  has a cycle, then  $gr(H_3(L, z)) \leq 9$ .

**Proof.** Let  $e_1 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $e_2 = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  be hyperedges of  $H_3(L, z)$ . If  $e_1 \cap e_2 \neq \emptyset$ , the proof is completed. Assume that  $e_1 \cap e_2 = \emptyset$ . We show that there are hyperedges  $e_3, e_4$  such that they satisfy one of the followings:

- (1)  $e_3 \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset, e_3 \cap e_2 \neq \emptyset$
- (2)  $e_3 \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset, e_4 \cap e_2 \neq \emptyset, e_4 \cap e_3 \neq \emptyset$

Assume that  $G$  is the partite graph such that  $V(G) = e_1 \cup e_2$  and  $x_i y_j \in E(G)$  if and only if  $x_i y_j \leq z$ .

Assume that  $G$  has two isolated vertices such that one is in  $e_1$  and the other is in  $e_2$ . Let  $deg_G(x_3) = deg_G(y_3) = 0$ . Suppose that there is  $a \in \{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2\}$  where  $x_3 y_3 a \leq z$ . Then  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_3, a\}$  is a hyperedge which holds the condition (1). Let the case not satisfy. If  $x_3 y_3 \notin \{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2\}$ , then  $e_3 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3 y_3\}$  and  $e_4 = \{y_1, y_2, x_3 y_3\}$  are two hyperedges which satisfy the condition (2). In the contrary case, without loss of generality (wlog.), suppose that  $x_3 y_3 = x_1$ . Hence  $e_3 = \{x_1, y_1, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Consequently,  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected. Now, we show that  $diam(H_3(L, z)) \leq 4$ . We consider the number of edges  $G$  for the rest of the proof.

**Case 1.** Assume that  $|E(G)| \leq 2$ . Then  $G$  has two isolated vertices such that one is in  $e_1$  and the other is in  $e_2$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $|E(G)| = 3$ . Take account of the next four different subcases for this case:

**Case 2.1:** Let  $deg_G(a) = 1$  for each vertex  $a$  of  $G$ . Assume that  $E(G) = \{x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2, x_3 y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_1, x_2 y_3, y_1 \vee y_2\}$ . If  $x_1 = x_2 y_3$ , then  $x_1 y_2 = x_2 y_3 y_2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $x_1 = y_1 \vee y_2$ , then  $y_1 x_2 x_3 \leq z$ . Thus  $e_3 = \{y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  satisfies the condition (1). If  $y_1 \vee y_2 = x_2 y_3$ , then  $x_1 y_2 x_3 \leq z$  and so the condition (1) is satisfied for  $e_3 = \{x_1, y_2, x_3\}$ . On the contrary, reconsider  $e_3 = \{x_1, x_2 y_3, y_1 \vee y_2\}$ . If  $e_3$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_1 x_2 y_3 \leq z$  or  $x_2 y_3 (y_1 \vee y_2) \leq z$ , that is,  $x_2 y_3 y_1 \leq z$ . Then  $e'_3 = \{x_1, x_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_2, y_3, x_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Let  $e_3 = \{x_1, x_2 y_3, y_1 \vee y_2\}$  be a hyperedge. In a similar way, we consider  $\{y_1, x_2 y_3, x_1 \vee x_3\}$ . If  $e_4$  is not a hyperedge, then  $y_1 x_2 y_3 \leq z$  or  $x_2 y_3 (x_1 \vee x_3) \leq z$ , that is,  $x_2 y_3 x_1 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{y_1, x_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e''_4 = \{x_2, y_3, x_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Assume that  $e_4 = \{y_1, x_2 y_3, x_1 \vee x_3\}$  is a hyperedge. Then we have two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_1, x_2 y_3, y_1 \vee y_2\}$  and  $e_4 = \{y_1, x_2 y_3, x_1 \vee x_3\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 2.2.** Let  $deg_G(a) = 1$  for only an element  $a$  of  $G$ . Wlog., suppose that  $E(G) = \{x_1 y_1, x_1 y_2, x_2 y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_2, x_3 y_1, x_1 \vee y_3\}$ . If  $x_2 = x_3 y_1$ , then  $x_1 x_2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_2 = x_1 \vee y_3$ , then  $x_2 y_2 y_1 \leq z$  and so the condition (1) is satisfied for  $e_3 = \{x_2, y_2, y_1\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_3 = x_3 y_1$ , then  $x_3 y_1 y_2 y_1 \leq z$ . In the circumstances, if  $x_3 = y_1 y_2$ , then  $x_1 x_3 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $y_1 = y_1 y_2$ , then  $y_1 y_3 \leq z$ , a contradiction. Hence, the condition (1) holds for  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_1 y_2, y_1\}$ . Let the above conditions not hold. If  $e_3 = \{x_2, x_3 y_1, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_2 x_3 y_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3 y_1 (x_1 \vee y_3) \leq z$ , that is,  $x_3 y_1 y_3 \leq z$ . Then  $e'_3 = \{x_2, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Suppose that  $e_3 =$

$\{x_2, x_3y_1, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  is a hyperedge. Now, similarly we consider  $\{y_2, x_3y_1, y_3\}$ . If  $e_4 = \{y_2, x_3y_1, y_3\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $y_2x_3y_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_1y_3 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{y_2, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Let  $\{y_2, x_3y_1, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  be a hyperedge. Then we obtain two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_2, x_3y_1, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  and  $e_4 = \{y_2, x_3y_1, y_3\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition.

**Case 2.3.** Let  $\deg_G(a) = \deg_G(b) = 2$  for  $a, b \in V(G)$ . Wlog., suppose that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_2\}$ . Then  $\deg_G(x_3) = \deg_G(y_3) = 0$  and so the proof is completed.

**Case 2.4.** Let  $\deg_G(a) = 3$  for only one element  $a$  of  $G$ . Wlog., suppose that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3\}$ . Let  $x_1^2x_2 \not\leq z$ . Consider  $\{x_1x_2 \vee y_1, x_1, x_3\}$ . If  $x_1x_2 \vee y_1 = x_1$ , then  $y_2y_1 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $x_1x_2 \vee y_1 = x_3$ , then  $x_3y_3y_2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. Hence  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). In the other case,  $e_3 = \{x_1x_2 \vee y_1, x_1, x_3\}$  is a hyperedge. In a similar way, we consider  $\{x_1x_2 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . Then we have a hyperedge  $e_3$  which satisfies the condition (1) or  $e_4 = \{x_1x_2 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2). Let  $x_1^2x_2 \leq z$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_1, x_2\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_2$ , then  $x_2y_3y_2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. Thus  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, x_1, x_2\}$  is a hyperedge. In a similar way, we consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . Then we have a hyperedge  $e_3$  which satisfies the condition (1) or  $e_4 = \{x_1x_2 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 3.** Assume that  $|E(G)| = 4$ . Consider four different subcases for this case:

**Case 3.1.** Let  $\deg_G(a) = 3$  for only one element  $a$  of  $G$ . Wlog., suppose that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_3\}$ . If  $x_3y_1 = x_2$ , then  $x_3y_3y_1 \leq z$ , a contradiction. Thus  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge which holds (1). If  $x_3y_1 = x_1 \vee y_3$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_2 = x_1 \vee y_3$ , then  $y_3^2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. In the other condition, consider again  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_3\}$ . If  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_2x_3y_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_1(x_1 \vee y_3) \leq z$ , that is,  $x_3y_1y_3 \leq z$ . Then  $e'_3 = \{x_2, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Assume that  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_3\}$  is a hyperedge. In a similar way, we consider  $\{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . If  $e_4 = \{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_3y_1y_2 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_1y_3 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{y_2, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Suppose that  $e_4 = \{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge. Then we get two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_3\}$ . and  $e_4 = \{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 3.2.** Assume that the degree of four vertices of  $G$  equals to two. Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_1, x_2y_2\}$ . Then  $\deg_G(x_3) = \deg_G(y_3) = 0$  and so the proof is completed.

**Case 3.3.** Suppose that the degree of three vertices of  $G$  is two. Wlog. assume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_2, x_2y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_3y_3, x_1, x_2\}$ . If  $x_3y_3 = x_1$  or  $x_3y_3 = x_2$ , then  $x_3y_3y_2 \leq z$  and so (1) is satisfied for a hyperedge  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_2, y_3\}$ . In the other case, let us view  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_1, x_2\}$ . If  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_1, x_2\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_3y_3x_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_3x_2 \leq z$ . Then  $e'_3 = \{x_3, y_3, x_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e'_4 = \{x_3, y_3, x_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Let  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_1, x_2\}$  be a hyperedge. In a similar way, we consider  $\{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$ . If  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_3y_3y_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_3y_2 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{x_3, y_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e''_4 = \{x_3, y_3, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge

satisfying the condition (1). Let  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  be a hyperedge. Then we get two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_1, x_2\}$  and  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 3.4.** Let  $\deg_G(a) = \deg_G(b) = 2$  for  $a, b \in V(G)$ . Then, we have two different cases and we can choose one of these sets  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_2, x_3y_3\}$  and  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_3, x_3y_3\}$ . In the first choice, we consider  $\{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$ . If  $x_3y_1 = x_2$ , then  $x_3y_1y_2 \leq z$  and so  $e_3 = \{x_3, y_1, y_2\}$  is an edge satisfying (1). If  $x_3y_1 = x_1 \vee y_2$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $x_2 = x_1 \vee y_2$ , then  $y_2^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. In the other case, consider  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$ . If  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_3y_1x_2 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_1(x_1 \vee y_2) \leq z$ , that is,  $x_3y_1y_2 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{x_3, y_1, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e''_4 = \{x_3, y_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Let  $e_4 = \{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  be a hyperedge. Then we get two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_3y_1, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$  and  $e_4 = \{x_3y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

In a similar manner, we consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  for the second choice. Hence, we have a hyperedge  $e_3$  which holds (1) or two hyperedges  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  which hold the condition (2).

**Case 4.** Assume that  $|E(G)| = 5$ . Consider four different subcases for this case:

**Case 4.1.** Wlog. assume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_2y_2\}$ . We consider  $\{x_3y_3, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$ . If  $x_3y_3 = x_2$ , then  $x_3y_3x_2 \leq z$ , and so the condition (1) is satisfied for a hyperedge  $e_3 = \{x_2, x_3, y_3\}$ . If  $x_3y_3 = x_1 \vee y_2$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $x_2 = x_1 \vee y_2$ , then  $y_1y_2 \leq z$ , yielding a contradiction. On the other hand,  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$  is an edge in  $G$ . In a similar way, we consider  $\{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$ . If  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  is not a hyperedge, then  $x_3y_3y_1 \leq z$  or  $x_3y_3y_2 \leq z$ . Then  $e''_3 = \{x_3, y_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1) or  $e''_4 = \{x_3, y_3, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). Let  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  be a hyperedge. Then we get two hyperedges  $e_3 = \{x_3y_3, x_2, x_1 \vee y_2\}$  and  $e_4 = \{x_3y_3, y_1, y_2\}$  with  $e_3$  and  $e_4$  satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 4.2.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_3y_2\}$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, y_2\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_2$ , then  $y_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_2$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. In the following situations,  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3y_3\}$  is a hyperedge of  $G$  satisfying (1).

**Case 4.3.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_3y_2\}$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, y_2\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_2$  then  $y_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_2$  then  $x_2x_3y_2 \leq z$ . Thus  $e_3 = \{x_2, x_3, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying (1). In the other case,  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, y_2\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying (1).

**Case 4.4.** Wlog., let  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_3 \vee y_1, x_1, y_3\}$ . If  $x_3 \vee y_1 = x_1$  or  $x_3 \vee y_1 = y_3$ , then  $x_1x_2y_3 \leq z$ . Then  $e_3 = \{x_1, x_2, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1). In the other case,  $e_3 = \{x_3 \vee y_1, x_1, y_3\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1).

**Case 4.5.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_2, x_2y_3, x_3y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_2, x_2, y_1\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_2 = x_2$ , then  $y_2^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_2 = y_1$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. Then  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_2, x_2, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1).

**Case 5.** Let  $|E(G)| = 6$ . Consider three different subcases for this case:

**Case 5.1.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_1\}$ .

We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_2$ , then  $y_1y_2 \leq z$ , a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_3$ , then  $y_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_2$  or  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_3$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. Thus  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $e_4 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  are hyperedges satisfying the condition (2).

**Case 5.2.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3\}$ .

We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_3, x_3, y_1\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_3 = x_3$ , then  $y_3^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_3 = y_1$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. Thus  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_3, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1).

**Case 5.3.** Wlog., presume that  $E(G) = \{x_1y_1, x_1y_3, x_2y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_2, x_3y_3\}$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_3, x_3, y_1\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_3 = x_3$ , then  $y_3^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_3 = y_1$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. Thus  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_3, x_3, y_1\}$  is a hyperedge satisfying the condition (1).

**Case 6.** If  $7 \leq |E(G)| \leq 9$ , then we have two vertices which are degree three in  $e_1$  and the other in  $e_2$ . We suppose that  $deg_G(x_1) = deg_G(y_1) = 3$ . We consider  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $\{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_2$  or  $x_1 \vee y_1 = x_3$ , then  $y_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. If  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_2$  or  $x_1 \vee y_1 = y_3$ , then  $x_1^2 \leq z$ , is a contradiction. Hence  $e_3 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $e_4 = \{x_1 \vee y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  are hyperedges satisfying the condition (2).

By the fact that  $gr(H_3(L, z)) \leq 2diam(H_3(L, z)) + 1$ , we have that  $gr(H_3(L, z)) \leq 9$ .

### 2.1. Complete 3-Partite Hypergraph

**Definition 2.** [10] A hypergraph  $H$  is called an  $n$ -partite if the vertex set  $V$  can be partitioned into disjoint subsets  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  of  $V$  such that a hyperedge in the hyperedge set  $E$  composes of a choice of completely one vertex from each subset of  $V$ . Also, a hypergraph  $H$  is called a complete  $n$ -partite hypergraph if the vertex set  $V$  can be partitioned into disjoint subsets  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  of  $V$  and each element of  $V_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$  creates a hyperedge of  $H$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $H_3(L, z)$  be a complete 3-partite hypergraph.

If  $xy \leq z$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are contained by same subset  $V_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $H_3(L, z)$  has disjoint subsets  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  which are partitions of the vertex set  $V$ . Let  $a$  be a vertex with  $xya \leq z$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $x \in V_1$  and  $a \in V_2$ . Then  $e = \{x, y, a\}$  is not a hyperedge in  $H_3(L, z)$  by our assumption. If  $y \in V_3$ , then  $e$  is a hyperedge since  $H_3(L, z)$  is a complete 3-partite hypergraph, a contradiction. If  $y \in V_2$ , then there is a vertex  $b \in V_3$  such that  $e' = \{x, y, b\}$ . But this contradicts the fact that  $xy \leq z$ . Therefore,  $y$  must be in  $V_1$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $z$  be a proper element of  $L$ . Then the following statements hold:

(1) If  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  are prime elements of  $L$  and  $z = p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \neq 0_L$ , then  $H_3(L, z)$  is a complete 3-partite hypergraph.

(2) Let  $a^2 \leq z$  for every 3-zero-divisor  $a \in L$  with respect to  $z$  and  $H_3(L, z)$  be a complete 3-partite hypergraph over the reduced lattice  $L$ . Then there exist prime elements  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  of  $L$  such that  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \leq z$ .

**Proof. (1).** Let  $e = \{a, b, c\}$  be a hyperedge of  $H_3(L, z)$ . Then  $abc \leq z = p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3$ , that is,  $abc \leq p_1, p_2, p_3$ . Since  $p_i$  is a prime element for any  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then  $a \leq p_1$  or  $b \leq p_1$  or  $c \leq p_1$  and  $a \leq p_2$  or  $b \leq p_2$  or  $c \leq p_2$  and  $a \leq p_3$  or  $b \leq p_3$  or  $c \leq p_3$ . Additionally,  $ab \not\leq p_i$  and  $bc \not\leq p_j$  and  $ac \not\leq p_k$  for some  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  since  $ab, bc, ac \not\leq z = p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3$ . Wlog., we assume  $ab \not\leq p_1$ . Then  $a \not\leq p_1$  and  $b \not\leq p_1$ . Thus, we have  $c \leq p_1$ . Indeed, if  $ac \not\leq p_1$ , then  $b \leq p_1$ , a contradiction. In a similar manner, suppose that  $ac \not\leq p_2$ . Then  $a \not\leq p_2$  and  $c \not\leq p_2$ . Thus, this yields  $b \leq p_2$ . Indeed, if  $bc \not\leq p_1$ , then  $a \leq p_1$ , a contradiction and if  $bc \not\leq p_2$ , then  $a \leq p_2$ , a contradiction. Thus, it must be  $bc \not\leq p_3$ . Then, we get  $a \leq p_3$ . We assume that  $a \leq p_3$  and  $a \not\leq p_1, p_2, b \leq p_2$  and  $b \not\leq p_1, p_3$  and  $c \leq p_1$  and  $c \not\leq p_2, p_3$ . Consequently,  $H_3(L, z)$  is a complete 3-partite hypergraph with parts  $V_i$  for any  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  whose vertices must be only less than or equal to  $p_i$ .

(2). Let  $H_3(L, z)$  be a complete 3-partite hypergraph and it has parts  $V_1, V_2$  and  $V_3$ . Set  $p_1 = V_1 \vee z, p_2 = V_2 \vee z$  and  $p_3 = V_3 \vee z$ . Then  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \leq z$  for every  $x_i \leq p_i$  for any  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . It is clear that  $(\bigvee_{x_1 \in V_1} x_1)(\bigvee_{x_2 \in V_2} x_2)(\bigvee_{x_3 \in V_3} x_3) \vee z \leq z$ , that is,  $p_1 p_2 p_3 \leq z$  since  $L$  is a multiplicative lattice. As  $L$  is reduced, then  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \leq z$ . We assume that  $p_1$  is not a prime element of  $L$ , that is,  $ab \leq p_1$  and  $a, b \not\leq p_1$  for some  $a, b \in L$ . Since  $ab \leq p_1 = V_1 \vee z$  then  $ab \leq z$  or  $ab \in V_1$ . We have three cases for this assumption.

**Case 1.** Let  $ab \in V_1$  and  $ab \leq z$ . This contradicts the definition of vertex set of  $H_3(L, z)$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $ab \in V_1$  and  $ab \not\leq z$ . Since  $ab \in V_1$  and  $a \notin V_1$ , then  $a \in V_2$  or  $a \in V_3$ . Wlog., assume that  $a \in V_2$ . So,  $\{ab, a, c\}$  must be a hyperedge of  $H_3(L, z)$  for any  $c \in V_3$ . However, since  $a^2 \leq z$  for every 3-zero-divisor  $a \in L$ , then  $a^2 b \leq z$ , contradiction.

**Case 3.** Let  $ab \notin V_1$  and  $ab \leq z$ . By Proposition 2,  $a$  and  $b$  must be in the same  $V_i$  for any  $i \in \{2, 3\}$ . Wlog., let  $a, b \in V_2$ . Then,  $xay \leq z, xa \not\leq z, xy \not\leq z, ay \not\leq z$  and  $xby \leq z, xb \not\leq z, xy \not\leq z, by \not\leq z$  for some  $x \in V_1$  and  $y \in V_3$ . By Proposition 2, we obtain that  $xa \in V_3, xb \in V_3, ay \in V_1, by \in V_1$ . Therefore,  $\{ay, b, xa\}$  must be a hyperedge, since  $H_3(L, z)$  is a complete 3-partite hypergraph. However,  $a^2 yx \leq z$  for  $a^2 \leq z$ , contradiction. We have a contradiction for each cases. Therefore,  $a$  or  $b$  must be less than or equal to  $p_1$ . Similarly, it can be seen that  $p_2$  and  $p_3$  are prime elements in  $L$ .

## 2.2. Cut Points and Bridge of $H_3(L, z)$

**Definition 3.** [6] A vertex  $a$  of a connected graph  $G$  is called a cut-point of  $G$  if there are vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $G$  with  $a \neq x$  and  $a \neq y$  such that  $a$  is in every path which is from  $x$  to  $y$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $z \in L$  and  $S = \{u \in L \mid u \leq z \text{ and } u \not\leq a\}$ . If  $S \neq \emptyset$ , then  $a$  is not a cut-point in  $H_3(L, z)$ .



**Proof.** Let  $a$  be in every path which is from  $x$  to  $y$  with  $a \neq x$  and  $a \neq y$ . We know that  $d(x, y) = 2, 3$  or  $4$  by Theorem 1. Consider  $a \vee u$ . Note that it is a vertex in  $H_3(L, z)$  which is different from  $a$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1.** Let  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Then there are two hyperedges  $e_1 = \{x, a, c_1\}$  and  $e_2 = \{a, y, c_2\}$  for some vertices  $c_1, c_2$  in  $H_3(L, z)$  such that  $x-e_1 a-e_2 y$  is a path. Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$  and  $e'_2 = \{a \vee u, y, c_2\}$ .

Let  $a \vee u \neq x, a \vee u \neq y$  and  $a \vee u \neq c_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . It is easily seen that  $e'_1$  and  $e'_2$  are two hyperedges such that  $x-e'_1 a \vee u-e'_2 y$  is a path.

- i. If  $a \vee u = x$  or  $a \vee u = y$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent.
- ii. Consider  $a \vee u = c_1$  or  $a \vee u = c_2$ . Wlog., assume that  $a \vee u = c_1$ . Then  $e''_1 = \{x, a \vee u, a\}$  and  $e'_2 = \{a \vee u, y, c_2\}$  are two hyperedges such that  $x-e''_1 a \vee u-e'_2 y$  is a path. Thus  $a$  is not a cut point.

**Case 2.** Let  $d(x, y) = 3$ . Then there are three hyperedges  $e_1 = \{x, a, c_1\}$  and  $e_2 = \{a, b, c_2\}$  and  $e_3 = \{b, y, c_3\}$  for some vertices  $b, c_1, c_2, c_3$  in  $H_3(L, z)$  such that  $x-e_1 a-e_2 b-e_3 y$  is a path. If  $a \vee u$  is different from each of  $x, b$  and  $c_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then there is a path from  $x$  to  $y$  which does not contain  $a$ . Now, we consider other situations.

- i. Let  $a \vee u = x$ . Then consider  $e'_2 = \{a \vee u, b, c_2\}$  and  $e_3$ . Note that there is a path  $a \vee u-e'_2 b-e_3 y$ . Thus  $a$  is not a cut point.
- ii. Let  $a \vee u = b$ . Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$  and  $e_3$ . Clearly, there is a path  $x-e'_1 a \vee u-e_3 y$ . Hence  $a$  is not a cut point.
- iii. Let  $a \vee u = y$ . Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$ . Thus  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent. Hence  $a$  is not a cut point.
- iv.  $a \vee u = c_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . It can be seen in a similar way in Case 1 (ii).
- v. Let  $a \vee u = c_3$ . Consider  $e'_3 = \{b, y, a \vee u\}$  and  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$ . Then there is a path such that  $x-e'_1 a-e'_3 y$ .

**Case 3.** Let  $d(x, y) = 4$ . Then there are four hyperedges  $e_1 = \{x, a, c_1\}$  and  $e_2 = \{a, b, c_2\}$ ,  $e_3 = \{b, c, c_3\}$  and  $e_4 = \{c, y, c_4\}$  for some vertices  $b, c, c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  in  $H_3(L, z)$  such that  $x-e_1 a-e_2 b-e_3 c-e_4 y$  is a path. If  $a \vee u$  is different from each of  $x, b, c, y$  and  $c_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then there is a path from  $x$  to  $y$  which does not contain  $a$ . Now, we consider other situations.

- i. Let  $a \vee u = x$ . Now, consider  $e'_2 = \{a \vee u, b, c_2\}$ . Then note that  $e'_2$  is a hyperedge and there is a path  $a \vee u-e'_2 b-e_3 c-e_4 y$ .
- ii. Let  $a \vee u = b$ . Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$  and  $e'_3 = \{a \vee u, c, c_3\}$ . Then note that  $e'_1$  and  $e'_3$  are two hyperedges and there is a path  $x-e'_1 a \vee u-e'_3 c-e_4 y$ .
- iii. Let  $a \vee u = c$ . Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$  and  $e'_4 = \{a \vee u, y, c_4\}$ . Then note that  $e'_4$  is a hyperedge and there is a path  $x-e'_1 a \vee u-e'_4 y$ .
- iv. Let  $a \vee u = y$ . Consider  $e'_1 = \{x, a \vee u, c_1\}$ . Note that  $e'_1$  is a hyperedge and  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent.
- iv. Let  $a \vee u = c_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . It can be seen in a similar way in Case 1 (ii).

v. Let  $a \vee u = c_i$  for  $i \in \{3,4\}$ . It can be seen in a similar way in Case 2 (v).

We obtain the following result by the previous theorem.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $a$  be a vertex in  $H_3(L, z)$  and  $z \not\leq a$ . Then  $a$  is not a cut-point of  $H_3(L, z)$ .

**Proposition 3.** If  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected, then  $H_3(L, z)$  has not any bridge.

**Proof.** Let  $e = \{a, b, c\}$  be a bridge of  $H_3(L, z)$ . Then  $H_3(L, z)$  is disconnected if  $e$  is omitted in hypergraph. Take an element  $y$  with  $0_L \neq y \not\leq z$ . Then  $a \vee y, b \vee y, c \vee y \not\leq z$ . Also each of  $e_1 = \{a \vee y, b, c\}$ ,  $e_2 = \{a, b \vee y, c\}$  and  $e_3 = \{a, b, c \vee y\}$  is a hyperedge. Thus, there is a cycle  $a -_{e_3} b -_{e_1} c -_{e_2} a$ . Indeed if  $e$  is omitted in hypergraph,  $H_3(L, z)$  is connected. Thus,  $H_3(L, z)$  has not any bridge.

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