

## Graph-Theoretic Property: *atis* **HierarchyConnectedComponentsSet**

(*Graph-theoretic properties* are those properties that are part of the meta-theory and have been abducted from graph theory to be used as a tool to provide solutions concerning the theory. Those solutions may be assigned as values to components or relations of the theory and thereby become part of the theory.)

**Hierarchy-connected components set**,  ${}_{HI}e$ , =<sub>df</sub> a set of components that are unilaterally connected from a primary-initiating component.

$${}_{HI}e =_{df} \mathcal{X} = \{x \mid x \in \mathcal{RCS}_0 \wedge \exists z \in \mathcal{R}[(z \in {}_{PI}E \wedge \forall y \in \mathcal{R}[y \neq z \wedge (z,y) \in {}_{UC}E]]\}$$

**Hierarchy-connected components set** is a set of components,  $x$ ; such that, the components,  $x$ , are in a subset of the object-set, and there exist distinct components,  $z$ , of the subset, such that  $z$  are primary-initiating components and for all distinct components,  $y$ , in the subset,  $(z,y)$  are unilaterally connected.

The following diagram depicts a *Hierarchy-Connected Components Set*.

