

## All Regular Elements in $Hyp_G(2)$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we consider mappings  $\sigma$  which map the binary operation symbol  $f$  to the term  $\sigma(f)$  which do not necessarily preserve the arities. We call these mappings generalized hypersubstitutions. Any generalized hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  can be extended to a mapping  $\hat{\sigma}$  on the set of all terms of type  $\tau = (2)$ . We define a binary operation on the set  $Hyp_G(2)$  of all generalized hypersubstitutions of type  $\tau = (2)$  by using this extension. The set  $Hyp_G(2)$  together with the identity generalized hypersubstitution  $\sigma_{id}$  which maps  $f$  to the term  $f(x_1, x_2)$  forms a monoid. We determine all regular elements of this monoid.

### 1. Introduction

The main tool for studying hyperidentities is the concept of a hypersubstitution which was introduced by K. Denecke, D. Lau, R.Pöschel and D. Schweigert [1] (see also in [3]). In [5], S. Leeratanavalee and K. Denecke generalized the concept of a hypersubstitution to a generalized hypersubstitution and that of hyperidentities to strong hyperidentities. Let  $\{f_i | i \in I\}$  be an indexed set of operation symbols of type  $\tau$  where  $f_i$  is  $n_i$ -ary,  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $W_\tau(X)$  be the set of all terms of type  $\tau$  built up by operation symbols from  $\{f_i | i \in I\}$  and variables from  $X := \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$ . A generalized hypersubstitution is a mapping  $\sigma$  which maps each  $n_i$ -ary operation symbol of type  $\tau$  to a term of this type which does not necessarily preserve the arity. To define the extension  $\hat{\sigma}$  of  $\sigma$ , we define inductively the concept of superposition of terms  $S^m : W_\tau(X)^{m+1} \rightarrow W_\tau(X)$  as follows:

for  $t \in W_\tau(X)$ ,

(i) if  $t = x_j, 1 \leq j \leq m$ , then  $S^m(x_j, t_1, \dots, t_m) := t_j$ ,

(ii) if  $t = x_j, m < j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $S^m(x_j, t_1, \dots, t_m) := x_j$ ,

(iii) if  $t = f_i(s_1, \dots, s_{n_i})$ , then

$$S^m(t, t_1, \dots, t_m) := f_i(S^m(s_1, t_1, \dots, t_m), \dots, S^m(s_{n_i}, t_1, \dots, t_m)).$$

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Then we extend the generalized hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  to a mapping  $\hat{\sigma} : W_\tau(X) \rightarrow W_\tau(X)$  as follows:

- (i)  $\hat{\sigma}[x_j] := x_j \in X$ ,
- (ii)  $\hat{\sigma}[f_i(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i})] := S^{n_i}(\sigma(f_i), \hat{\sigma}[t_1], \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_{n_i}])$ , for an  $n_i$ -ary operation symbol  $f_i$  where  $\hat{\sigma}[t_j]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$  are already known.

Let  $Hyp_G(\tau)$  be the set of all generalized hypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ . We define a binary operation  $\circ_G$  on  $Hyp_G(\tau)$  by  $\sigma_1 \circ_G \sigma_2 := \hat{\sigma}_1 \circ \sigma_2$  for every  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in Hyp_G(\tau)$ , where  $\circ$  denotes the usual composition of mappings. Let  $\sigma_{id}$  be the generalized hypersubstitution which maps each  $n_i$ -ary operation symbol  $f_i$  to the term  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i})$ . Then we have the following two propositions.

**Proposition 1.1([5]).** *For arbitrary terms  $t, t_1, \dots, t_n \in W_\tau(X)$  and for arbitrary generalized hypersubstitutions  $\sigma, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$  we have*

- (i)  $S^n(\hat{\sigma}[t], \hat{\sigma}[t_1], \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_n]) = \hat{\sigma}[S^n(t, t_1, \dots, t_n)]$ ,
- (ii)  $(\hat{\sigma}_1 \circ \sigma_2)^\wedge = \hat{\sigma}_1 \circ \hat{\sigma}_2$ .

**Proposition 1.2([5]).**  *$Hyp_G(\tau) = (Hyp_G(\tau); \circ_G, \sigma_{id})$  is a monoid where  $\sigma_{id}$  is the identity element and the monoid  $\overline{Hyp}(\tau) = (Hyp(\tau); \circ_h, \sigma_{id})$  of all arity preserving hypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$  forms a submonoid of  $\overline{Hyp}(\tau)$ .*

For more details on generalized hypersubstitutions see [4] and [5]. Next, we will determine all regular elements of the monoid  $Hyp_G(2)$ .

## 2. Regular elements in $Hyp_G(2)$

From now on, we assume that the type is  $\tau = (2)$ , i.e. we have only one binary operation symbol, say  $f$ . By  $\sigma_t$  we denote the generalized hypersubstitution which maps  $f$  to the term  $t$  and by  $var(t)$  we denote the set of all variables occurring in the term  $t$ . We will determine all regular elements of  $Hyp_G(2)$ . Firstly, we recall the definition of a regular element.

**Definition 2.1([2]).** An element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called *regular* if there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $axa = a$ . The semigroup  $S$  is called *regular* if all its elements are regular.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $t \in W_{(2)}(X)$ . Then  $\sigma_t$  is regular iff  $t$  has one of the following forms:*

- (a)  $t = f(x_2, s)$  for  $s \in W_{(2)}(X)$  with  $x_1 \notin var(s)$ ,
- (b)  $t = f(s, x_2)$  for  $s \in W_{(2)}(X)$  with  $x_1 \notin var(s)$ ,
- (c)  $t = f(x_1, s)$  for  $s \in W_{(2)}(X)$  with  $x_2 \notin var(s)$ ,
- (d)  $t = f(s, x_1)$  for  $s \in W_{(2)}(X)$  with  $x_2 \notin var(s)$ ,

$$(e) \quad t \in \{x_1, x_2, f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_1)\},$$

$$(f) \quad var(t) \cap \{x_1, x_2\} = \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* In the right-to-left direction, it is easy to verify that

$$(a) \quad \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_{f(x_1, x_1)} \circ_G \sigma_t = \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_{f(x_2, x_2)} = \sigma_t.$$

$$(b) \quad \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_{f(x_2, x_2)} \circ_G \sigma_t = \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_{f(x_2, x_2)} = \sigma_t.$$

(c) and (d) are similarly as (a) and (b), respectively.

(e) is trivial since  $\sigma_t^3 = \sigma_t$ .

$$(f) \quad \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_{id} \circ_G \sigma_t = \sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_t = \sigma_t.$$

For the converse direction, we have the following situation. Let  $\sigma_t$  be regular. Then there is  $\sigma_s \in Hyp_G(2)$  such that  $\sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_s \circ_G \sigma_t = \sigma_t$ . If  $t \notin X \cup \{f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_1)\}$  and  $var(t) \cap \{x_1, x_2\} \neq \emptyset$ , then we consider four cases for  $t$ :

Case 1:  $t = f(t_1, x_1)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in var(t_1)$  or  $t = f(x_1, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in var(t_2)$ .

Case 2:  $t = f(t_1, x_2)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in var(t_1)$  or  $t = f(x_2, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in var(t_2)$ .

Case 3:  $t = f(t_1, x_i)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in var(t_1)$  or  $t = f(x_i, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in var(t_2)$ .

Case 4:  $t = f(t_1, t_2)$  where  $t_1, t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in var(t_1) \cup var(t_2)$  or  $x_2 \in var(t_1) \cup var(t_2)$ .

Let  $t = f(t_1, t_2)$  where  $t_1, t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X)$ . Consider  $(\sigma_t \circ_G \sigma_s \circ_G \sigma_t)(f) = (\sigma_{f(t_1, t_2)} \circ_G \sigma_s \circ_G \sigma_{f(t_1, t_2)})(f) = \hat{\sigma}_s[f(t_1, t_2)] = f(t_1, t_2)$ . We put  $u = \hat{\sigma}_s[f(t_1, t_2)]$ . We have  $u \notin X$  and thus  $u = f(u_1, u_2)$  for some  $u_1, u_2 \in W_{(2)}(X)$ , i.e.

$$(1) \quad \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[f(u_1, u_2)] = S^2(f(t_1, t_2), \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[u_1], \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[u_2]) = f(t_1, t_2)$$

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**Case 1.1:**  $t = f(t_1, x_1)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in var(t_1)$ . Then by (1), we have

$$S^2(f(t_1, x_1), \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_1)}[u_1], \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_1)}[u_2]) = f(t_1, x_1).$$

Thus  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_1)}[u_1] = x_1$  and since  $x_2 \in var(t_1)$ , we have  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_1)}[u_2] = x_2$ . We have  $u_1 = x_1, u_2 = x_2$ . Thus  $u = f(x_1, x_2)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_s[f(t_1, x_1)] = f(x_1, x_2)$ . It is clear that  $s \notin X$ . So  $s = f(s_1, s_2)$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in W_{(2)}(X)$ . Thus  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[f(t_1, x_1)] = S^2(f(s_1, s_2), \hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1], x_1) = f(x_1, x_2)$ . Since  $t_1 \notin X$ , we have  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1] \notin X$ .

Therefore  $s_2 = x_1$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1] = x_2$  which contradicts to  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1] \notin X$ . Hence  $\sigma_{f(t_1, x_1)}$  is not regular.

**Case 1.2:**  $t = f(x_1, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in \text{var}(t_2)$ . We can prove that  $\sigma_{f(x_1, t_2)}$  is not regular by the similar way as in Case 1.1.

**Case 2:**  $t = f(t_1, x_2)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1)$  or  $t = f(x_2, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_2)$ . We can prove that  $\sigma_{f(t_1, x_2)}$  and  $\sigma_{f(x_2, t_2)}$  are not regular by the similar way as in Case 1.

**Case 3:**  $t = f(t_1, x_i)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1)$  or  $t = f(x_i, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in \text{var}(t_2)$ .

**Case 3.1:**  $t = f(t_1, x_i)$  where  $t_1 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1)$ . Then by (1), we have

$$S^2(f(t_1, x_i), \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_i)}[u_1], \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_i)}[u_2]) = f(t_1, x_i).$$

Since  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1)$ , we have  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, x_i)}[u_1] = x_1$ . We have  $u_1 = x_1$ . Thus  $u = f(x_1, u_2)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_s[f(t_1, x_i)] = f(x_1, u_2)$ . It is clear that  $s \notin X$ . So  $s = f(s_1, s_2)$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in W_{(2)}(X)$ . Thus  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[f(t_1, x_i)] = S^2(f(s_1, s_2), \hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1], x_i) = f(x_1, u_2)$ . Therefore  $s_1 = x_1 = \hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1]$ . Since  $t_1 \notin X$ , we have  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1] \notin X$  which contradicts to  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1] = x_1$ . Hence  $\sigma_{f(t_1, x_i)}$  is not regular.

**Case 3.2:**  $t = f(x_i, t_2)$  where  $t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_2 \in \text{var}(t_2)$ . We can prove that  $\sigma_{f(x_i, t_2)}$  is not regular by the similar way as in Case 3.1.

**Case 4:**  $t = f(t_1, t_2)$  where  $t_1, t_2 \in W_{(2)}(X) \setminus X$  and  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1) \cup \text{var}(t_2)$  or  $x_2 \in \text{var}(t_1) \cup \text{var}(t_2)$ .

**Case 4.1:**  $t = f(t_1, t_2)$  where  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1) \cup \text{var}(t_2)$ . Then by (1), we have

$$S^2(f(t_1, t_2), \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[u_1], \hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[u_2]) = f(t_1, t_2).$$

Since  $x_1 \in \text{var}(t_1) \cup \text{var}(t_2)$  then  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(t_1, t_2)}[u_1] = x_1$ . We have  $u_1 = x_1$ . Thus  $u = f(x_1, u_2)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_s[f(t_1, t_2)] = f(x_1, u_2)$ . It is clear that  $s \notin X$ . So  $s = f(s_1, s_2)$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in W_{(2)}(X)$ . Thus  $\hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[f(t_1, t_2)] = S^2(f(s_1, s_2), \hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_1], \hat{\sigma}_{f(s_1, s_2)}[t_2]) = f(x_1, u_2)$ . Therefore  $t_1 = x_1$  which contradicts to  $t_1 \notin X$ . Hence  $\sigma_{f(t_1, t_2)}$  is not regular.

**Case 4.2:**  $t = f(t_1, t_2)$  where  $x_2 \in \text{var}(t_1) \cup \text{var}(t_2)$ . We can prove that  $\sigma_{f(t_1, t_2)}$  is not regular by the similar way as in Case 4.1.  $\square$

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