# COMPLEXITY OF HYPERSUBSTITUTIONS AND LATTICES OF VARIETIES 

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#### Abstract

Hypersubstitutions are mappings which map operation symbols to terms. The set of all hypersubstitutions of a given type forms a monoid with respect to the composition of operations. Together with a second binary operation, to be written as addition, the set of all hypersubstitutions of a given type forms a left-seminearring. Monoids and leftseminearrings of hypersubstitutions can be used to describe complete sublattices of the lattice of all varieties of algebras of a given type. The complexity of a hypersubstitution can be measured by the complexity of the resulting terms. We prove that the set of all hypersubstitutions with a complexity greater than a given natural number forms a sub-left-seminearring of the left-seminearring of all hypersubstitutions of the considered type. Next we look to a special complexity measure, the operation symbol count $o p(t)$ of a term $t$ and determine the greatest $M$-solid variety of semigroups where $M=H_{2}^{o p}$ is the left-seminearring of all hypersubstitutions for which the number of operation symbols occurring in the resulting term is greater than or equal to 2 . For every $n \geq 1$ and for $M=H_{n}^{o p}$ we determine the complete lattices of all $M$-solid varieties of semigroups.


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## 1. Introduction

Let $\tau=\left(n_{i}\right)_{i \in I}$ be a type indexed by a set $I$, with operation symbols $f_{i}$ of arity $n_{i}$ for $n_{i} \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $X=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots\right\}$ be a countably infinite set of variables. We denote by $W_{\tau}(X)$ the set of all terms of type $\tau$ over the alphabet $X$.

Terms are often identified with semantic trees to represent the terms. Consider for example the type $\tau=(2,1)$, with a binary operation symbol $f_{2}$ and a unary operation symbol $f_{1}$ and a set $X=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right\}$ of variables. Then the term $t=f_{2}\left(f_{1}\left(f_{2}\left(f_{2}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right), f_{1}\left(x_{3}\right)\right)\right), f_{1}\left(f_{2}\left(f_{1}\left(x_{1}\right), f_{1}\left(f_{1}\left(x_{2}\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$ corresponds to the following semantic tree.


The complexity of a term or a tree plays an important role in Computer Science applications and can be measured in different ways. One can count the number of occurrences of variables in the tree, or one can also count the number of operation symbols. Another method is to compare the lengths of all paths from the root to the leaves in the tree. The length of the longest such path gives the depth while the length of the shortest such path gives the mindepth ([4]). In [7] a general complexity function, called a valuation
of terms of type $\tau$ into an algebra $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$ of type $\tau$ with the set of all natural numbers $\mathbb{N}$ as universe, was considered.

Definition 1.1 [7]. Let $a$ be a fixed natural number and let $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}=(\mathbb{N}$; $\left.\left(f_{i}^{I N}\right)_{i \in I}\right)$ be an algebra of type $\tau$ with base set $\mathbb{N}$. Let $v: X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a mapping defined by $v(x)=a$ for all $x \in X$. Then $v$ has a unique extension (which we also denote by $v$ ) to the set $W_{\tau}(X)$ of all terms which is a homomorphism from the free algebra $\mathcal{F}_{\tau}(X)=\left(W_{\tau}(X) ;\left(\bar{f}_{i}\right)_{i \in I}\right)$ into $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$. This extension homomorphism is called a valuation of terms of type $\tau$ into $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$ if it satisfies the condition $v(t) \geq v(x)$ for every variable $x$ and every term $t$. The algebra $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$ will be called the valuation algebra of the valuation $v$, and $a$ is called the base value of the valuation.

Now we want to give some examples of such valuations of terms. The operation symbol count of a term, denoted by $o p(t)$ is inductively defined by
(i) $o p(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable,
(ii) $o p(t)=1+\sum_{j=1}^{n_{i}} o p\left(t_{j}\right)$ if $t$ is a composite term $t=f_{i}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{i}}\right)$.

In this case the operations $f_{i}^{I N}$ are defined by $f_{i}^{I N}\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right)=1+\sum_{j=1}^{n_{i}} a_{j}$, with $o p(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable.

The minimum depth of a term $t$, denoted by mindepth $(t)$, is the length of the shortest path from the root to a vertex in the tree, and is defined inductively by
(i) $\operatorname{mindepth}(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable,
(ii) $\operatorname{mindepth}(t)=1+\min \left\{\operatorname{mindepth}\left(t_{j}\right) \mid 1 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\}$ if $t$ is a composite term $t=f_{i}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{i}}\right)$.

For mindepth we use the operations $f_{i}^{I N}$ defined by $f_{i}\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right)=1+$ $\min \left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right\}$, with $\operatorname{mindepth}(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable.

The depth of a term $t$, denoted by $\operatorname{depth}(t)$, is inductively defined by
(i) $\operatorname{depth}(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable,
(ii) $\operatorname{depth}(t)=1+\max \left\{\operatorname{depth}\left(t_{j}\right) \mid 1 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\}$ if $t$ is a composite term $t=f_{i}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{i}}\right)$.

In this case $f_{i}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is defined by $f_{i}\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right)=1+\max \left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right\}$, with $\operatorname{depth}(t)=0$ if $t$ is a variable.

In all our examples the operations $f_{i}^{I N}$ of the valuation algebra are monotone, meaning that the following condition $(O C)$ is satisfied:
$(O C)$ If $a_{j} \leq b_{j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n_{i}$ and $f_{i}$ is an $n_{i}$ - ary operation symbol of type $\tau$, then for the corresponding operation $f_{i}^{I N}$ we have $f_{i}^{I N}\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{i}}\right) \leq$ $f_{i}^{I N}\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n_{i}}\right)$.

We denote the superposition of the term $s$ with the terms $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}$ by $s\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}\right)$. It was proved in [7] that for valuations satisfiying $(O C)$ the following condition is satisfied.

Lemma 1.2. Let $v$ be a valuation of terms of type $\tau$ into $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$ which satisfies (OC). Then for any $n$-ary term $s$ and $m$-ary terms $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}$ we have $v\left(s\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}\right)\right) \geq v(s)$.

Hypersubstitutions are defined as mappings from the set $\left\{f_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ of operation symbols to the set $W_{\tau}(X)$ of all terms of type $\tau$ which preserve the arity, i.e. $n_{i}$-ary operation symbols are mapped to terms which use at most the variables $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n_{i}}$.

Hypersubstitutions were introduced to make precise the concept of a hyperidentity and generalizations to $M$-hyperidentities.

Any hypersubstitution can be uniquely extended to a map $\hat{\sigma}$ on $W_{\tau}(X)$ which is inductively defined by the following steps:
(i) $\hat{\sigma}[x]:=x$ if $x \in X$,
(ii) $\hat{\sigma}[t]:=\sigma(f)\left(\hat{\sigma}\left[t_{1}\right], \ldots, \hat{\sigma}\left[t_{n_{i}}\right]\right)$ if $t=f\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{i}}\right)$.

An identity $s \approx t$ of type $\tau$ is called a hyperidentity of a variety $V$ of type $\tau$ if $\hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t]$ is an identity for every hypersubstitution $\sigma$.

Using this extension we can define a binary operation $\circ_{h}$ on the set $\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ of all hypersubstitutions of type $\tau$ by $\sigma_{1} \circ_{h} \sigma_{2}:=\hat{\sigma}_{1} \circ \sigma_{2}$, where $\circ$ is the usual composition of operations. Clearly, this makes ( $\left.\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau) ; \circ_{h}, \sigma_{i d}\right)$ a monoid with the identity $\sigma_{i d}$ which maps every operation symbol $f_{i}$ to a so-called fundamental term $f_{i}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n_{i}}\right)$. A second binary operation + can be defined on $\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ by $\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)\left(f_{i}\right)=\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)\left(\sigma_{1}\left(f_{i}\right), \ldots, \sigma_{1}\left(f_{i}\right)\right)$ for every $i \in I$. It was proved in [1] that $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau), \circ_{h},+\right)$ is a left-seminearring.

If $M$ is any submonoid of $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau), \circ_{h}\right)$, then an identity $s \approx t$ of a variety $V$ is called an $M$-hyperidentity in $V$ if for every $\sigma \in M$ the equation
$\hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t]$ is an identity in $V$. Here we remark that not every submonoid of $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau), o_{h}\right)$ is closed under addition.

A variety $V$ is said to be solid if every identity is satisfied as a hyperidentity or $M$-solid if every identity of $V$ is an $M$-hyperidentity in $V$. The set of all solid varieties of type $\tau$ forms a complete sublattice of the lattice of all varieties of type $\tau$ and if $M_{1} \subseteq M_{2}$, then for the lattices $S_{M_{1}}(\tau), S_{M_{2}}(\tau)$ of $M$-solid varieties we have $S_{M_{2}}(\tau) \subseteq S_{M_{1}}(\tau)$.

## 2. COMPLEXITY OF HYPERSUBSTITUTIONS

Since hypersubstitutions of type $\tau$ map operation symbols to terms, we can use the definition of a valuation of a term of type $\tau$ into an algebra $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}$ to define the value of a hypersubstitution.

Definition 2.1. Let $v$ be a valuation of terms of type $\tau$ into an algebra $\mathbb{N}_{\tau}=\left(\mathbb{N} ;\left(f_{i}^{I N}\right)_{i \in I}\right)$ and let $\sigma$ be a hypersubstitution of type $\tau$. Then we define $v(\sigma)=\min \left\{v\left(\sigma\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \mid i \in I\right\}$.

Example 2.2. For a hypersubstitution $\sigma$ which maps each $f_{i}$ to a variable we have $\left.v(\sigma)=\min \left\{v\left(x_{i}\right)\right) \mid i \in I\right\}=\min \{a\}=a$. For the hypersubstitution $\sigma_{i d}$ we have $v\left(\sigma_{i d}\right)=\min \left\{v\left(\sigma_{i d}\left(f_{i}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n_{i}}\right)\right)\right) \mid i \in I\right\}=$ $\min \left\{f_{i}^{I N}(a, \ldots, a) \mid i \in I\right\}$.

We denote by $\operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$ the set of all prehypersubstitutions, i.e. hypersubstitutions which do not map any operation symbol to a variable. From the definition one can easily derive some properties of the valuation of a hypersubstitution.

Proposition 2.3. For any two hypersubstitutions $\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2} \in \operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ and for every valuation $v$ which satisfies the condition $(O C)$ we have $v\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right) \geq$ $v\left(\sigma_{2}\right)$ and if $\sigma_{2} \in \operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$, then $v\left(\sigma_{1} \circ_{h} \sigma_{2}\right) \geq v\left(\sigma_{1}\right)$.

Proof. Let $f_{i}$ be an arbitrary operation symbol. For the operation + , we have $v\left(\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)\left(f_{i}\right)\right)=v\left(\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)\left(\sigma_{1}\left(f_{i}\right), \ldots, \sigma_{1}\left(f_{i}\right)\right)\right) \geq v\left(\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)\right)$ by Lemma 1.2 and then $v\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)=\min \left\{v\left(\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \mid i \in I\right\} \geq \min \left\{v\left(\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \mid\right.$ $i \in I\}=v\left(\sigma_{2}\right)$.

For the operation $\circ_{h}$, since $\sigma_{2} \in \operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$, we have $\sigma_{2}$ does not map $f_{i}$ to a variable. Then $v\left(\left(\sigma_{1} \circ_{h} \sigma_{2}\right)\left(f_{i}\right)\right)=v\left(\hat{\sigma}_{1}\left[\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)\right]\right)=v\left(\sigma_{1}\left(f_{k}\right)\left(\hat{\sigma}_{1}\left[t_{1}\right], \ldots\right.\right.$, $\left.\left.\hat{\sigma}_{1}\left[t_{n_{k}}\right]\right)\right) \geq v\left(\sigma_{1}\left(f_{k}\right)\right)$ by Lemma 1.2. Here we have used the fact that $\sigma_{2}$
does not $\operatorname{map} f_{i}$ to a variable, so we can write $\sigma_{2}\left(f_{i}\right)=f_{k}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{k}}\right)$ for some index $k \in I$ and some terms $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n_{k}}$. Then
$v\left(\sigma_{1} \circ_{h} \sigma_{2}\right)=\min \left\{\left(\sigma_{1} \circ_{h} \sigma_{2}\right)\left(f_{i}\right) \mid i \in I\right\} \geq \min \left\{\left(v\left(\sigma_{1}\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \mid i \in I\right\}=v\left(\sigma_{1}\right)\right.$.

If $v$ is a valuation of hypersubstitutions, then for every given natural number $n$ we consider the following set of hypersubstitutions:

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H_{n}^{v}=\{\sigma \in H y p(\tau) \mid v(\sigma) \geq n\}
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We list some properties of $H_{n}^{v}$.

Proposition 2.4. Let $v$ be a valuation of hypersubstitutions of type $\tau$ which satisfies the condition $(O C)$. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}, H_{n}^{v}$ has the following properties:
(i) $H_{n}^{v}=\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ if and only if $0 \leq n \leq a$ (where $a$ is the base value of $v$ ),
(ii) $H_{n}^{v} \subseteq \operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$ if and only if $n>a$.

Proof. (i) Assume that $n>a$. Then $H_{n}^{v} \neq \operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ since hypersubstitutions which map one of the operation symbols to a single variable, have the value $a$. Assume that $0 \leq n \leq a$. Let $\sigma$ be an element from $\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$. For all $i \in I$, we have $v\left(\sigma\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \geq a \geq n$ and this means $v(\sigma) \geq n$ and $\sigma \in H_{n}^{v}$. Altogether, we have $\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)=H_{n}^{v}$.
(ii) Assume that $0 \leq n \leq a$. By $(i)$ we have $H_{n}^{v}=\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)$ which is not contained in $\operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$. If $n>a$ and $\sigma \in H_{n}^{v}$, then for all $i \in I$ we have $v\left(\sigma\left(f_{i}\right)\right) \geq n>a$. Thus $\sigma\left(f_{i}\right)$ is not a variable and $\sigma \in \operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$.

Then we can prove:
Theorem 2.5. Let $v$ be a valuation of hypersubstitutions of type $\tau$ which satisfies the condition $(O C)$. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set $H_{n}^{v}$ forms a sub-left-seminearring of $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau) ; \circ_{h},+\right)$.

Proof. Let $a$ be the base value of $v$. If $0 \leq n \leq a$, then by Proposition 2.4 (i), $H_{n}^{v}=H y p(\tau)$. If $n>a$, by Proposition 2.4 (ii), $H_{n}^{v} \subseteq \operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$. By Proposition 2.3, $H_{n}^{v}$ forms a sub-left-seminearring of $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau) ; \circ_{h},+\right)$.

Clearly, from $n_{1} \leq n_{2}$ we get $H_{n_{1}}^{v} \supseteq H_{n_{2}}^{v}$ and therefore we have a chain $H_{a}^{v}=H y p(\tau) \supseteq H_{a+1}^{v} \supseteq \cdots$ of left-seminearrings. To each left-seminearring we form the reduct to $\circ_{h}$, add the identity hypersubstitution $\sigma_{i d}$ and consider the $H_{n}^{v}$-solid varieties. Then we get a chain of complete lattices: $S_{H_{a}^{v}}(\tau) \subseteq$ $S_{H_{a+1}^{v}}(\tau) \subseteq \cdots$ of $M$-solid varieties for the monoids $H_{n}^{v}, n \geq a$.

## 3. Applications to varieties of semigroups

As a special valuation we consider the operation symbol count op defined in the introduction. The valuation op satisfies the condition $(O C)$ and therefore for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set $H_{n}^{o p}$ forms a sub-left-seminearring of the leftseminearring $\left(\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau) ; \circ_{h},+\right)$. We add the identity hypersubstitution and denote by $H_{n}^{o p}$, for short, the left-seminearring $\left(H_{n}^{o p} ; \circ_{h},+, \sigma_{i d}\right)$.

Assume now that the type is $\tau=(2)$. Clearly, $H_{1}^{o p}$ is the set $\operatorname{Pre}(2)$ of all pre-hypersubstitutions. We determine the greatest $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid variety of semigroups. We denote by $\sigma_{t}$ for a term $t \in W_{\tau}(\{x, y\})$ the hypersubstitution which maps the binary operation symbol to the term $t$.

Theorem 3.1. The variety $V=\operatorname{Mod}\left\{x(y z) \approx(x y) z, x^{3} \approx x^{5}, x y x z x y x \approx\right.$ xyzyx, $\left.\left(x^{2} y\right)^{2} z \approx x^{2} y^{2} z, x\left(y z^{2}\right)^{2} \approx x y^{2} z^{2}\right\}$ is the greatest $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid variety of semigroups.

Proof. We denote by $f$ the binary operation symbol. The following hypersubstitutions belong to $H_{2}^{o p}: \sigma_{f(x, f(y, x))}, \sigma_{f(f(x, x), y))}, \sigma_{f(x, f(y, y))}$ and so does the identity hypersubstitution $\sigma_{i d}=\sigma_{f(x, y)}$, since we assume that $H_{2}^{o p}$ is a left-seminearring with identity. Applying these hypersubstitutions to the associative law we get $x(y z) \approx(x y) z, x y x z x y x \approx x y z y x,\left(x^{2} y\right)^{2} z \approx$ $x^{2} y^{2} z, x\left(y z^{2}\right)^{2} \approx x y^{2} z^{2}$ and applying $\sigma_{f(x, f(x, x))}$ which also belongs to $H_{2}^{o p}$ to the associative law we get the equation $x^{9} \approx x^{3}$. From $x y x z x y x \approx x y z y x$ by identification of all variables with $x$ one obtains $x^{7} \approx x^{5}$ and then $x^{3} \approx x^{5}$.

The greatest $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid variety of semigroups is the class of all semigroups which satisfy the associative law as a $H_{2}^{o p}$-hyperidentity. We denote this class by $H_{H_{2}^{o p}}$ ModAss. Our calculations so far show that $H_{H_{2}^{o p}}$ ModAss $\subseteq V$.

To prove the converse inclusion we use a result of [3]. In this paper all elements of the two-generated free algebra with respect to the variety $V_{H R}$ were calculated, where $V_{H R}=\operatorname{Mod}\{x(y z) \approx(x y) z, x y x z x y x \approx$ $\left.x y z y x,\left(x^{2} y\right)^{2} z \approx x^{2} y^{2} z, x\left(y z^{2}\right)^{2} \approx x y^{2} z^{2}\right\}$.

The algebra $F_{V_{H R}}(\{x, y\})$ consists exactly of the following elements, where congruence classes with respect to $I d V_{H R}$ are for short denoted by their representatives:
$x y x y x, x y^{2} x y x, x y^{2} x y, x y^{3} x y, x y^{4} x y, x y x^{2} y, x y x^{4} y, x^{2} y^{2} x y, x^{2} y^{3} x y, x^{3} y^{2} x y$, $x^{3} y^{3} x y, x y x^{2} y^{2}, x y x^{2} y^{3}, x y x^{3} y^{2}, x y x^{3} y^{3}, x^{2} y x^{2} y, x y^{2} x y^{2}, x y x y, x^{2} y x y$,
$x^{3} y x y, x y x y^{2}, x y x y^{3}, x^{2} y x y^{2}, x y^{2} x^{2} y, x y x, x^{2} y x, x^{3} y x, x^{4} y x, x^{5} y x, x^{2} y x^{2}$,
$x^{2} y x^{3}, x y x^{2}, x y x^{3}, x y x^{4}, x y x^{5}, x^{2} y^{2} x, x^{3} y^{2} x, x^{3} y^{3} x, x^{2} y^{3} x, x y^{2} x^{2}, x y^{2} x^{3}$, $x y^{3} x^{2}, x y^{3} x^{3}, x y^{2} x, x y^{3} x, x y^{4} x, x^{2} y^{2} x^{2}, x^{2} y^{5} x^{2}, x^{2} y^{2} x^{3}, x^{2} y^{3} x^{2}, x y, x^{2} y, x^{3} y$, $x^{4} y, x^{5} y, x y^{2}, x y^{3}, x y^{4}, x y^{5}, x^{2} y^{2}, x^{2} y^{3}, x^{2} y^{4}, x^{3} y^{2}, x^{3} y^{3}, x, x^{2}, x^{3}, x^{4}, x^{5}, x^{6}$ and all terms arising from these terms by exchanging $x$ and $y$.

Since our variety $V$ is a subvariety of $V_{H R}$, the set of all elements (classes) in $F_{V}(\{x, y\})$ is a subset of the set of all elements (classes) of $F_{V_{H R}}(\{x, y\})$. It was proved in [3] that every hypersubstitution $\sigma_{t}$, where $t$ is one of the terms listed before and containing both variables $x$ and $y$, preserves the associative identity in $V_{H R}$. Since we now have a subset of this set and the identities in $V_{H R}$ form a subset of the identities in $V$, all hypersubstitutions $\sigma_{t}$, where $t \in F_{V}(\{x, y\})$ preserve the associative law in $V$. We have only to consider the hypersubstitutions $\sigma_{t}$ where $t$ is a term built up only by $x$. Because of $o p(\sigma) \geq 2$, we have only to consider $\sigma_{x^{3}}$ and $\sigma_{x^{4}}$ since $x^{3} \approx x^{5}$ is an identity in $V$. Applying these hypersubstitutions to the associative law gives $x^{9} \approx x^{3}$ and $x^{16} \approx x^{4}$. Both equations are consequences of $x^{5} \approx x^{3}$ and therefore satisfied in $V$. This shows $V \subseteq H_{H_{2}^{o p}} M o d A s s$, and therefore $V$ is the greatest $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid variety of semigroups.
It is easy to get some conditions under which a $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid variety of semigroups is solid.

Proposition 3.2. Let $V$ be a non-trivial variety of semigroups. Then $V$ is solid if and only if the following conditions hold:
(i) $V$ is $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid,
(ii) $V$ is dual solid,
(iii) $R B \subseteq V$,
(iv) $V \subseteq \operatorname{Mod}\left\{x^{2} \approx x^{4}\right\}$.

Proof. If $V$ is solid, then $V$ is clearly $H_{2}^{o p}$-solid and dual solid, i.e. for every $s \approx t$ we have $\hat{\sigma}_{y x}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{y x}[t] \in I d V$.

The inclusion $R B \subseteq V$ is also clear, since every identity of $V$ is invariant under the application of $\sigma_{x}$ as well as under the application of $\sigma_{y}$, i.e. $s \approx t$ is outermost. The application of $\sigma_{x^{2}}$ to the associative identity gives $x^{2} \approx$ $x^{4} \in I d V$ and then $V \subseteq \operatorname{Mod}\left\{x^{2} \approx x^{4}\right\}$.

We assume now that (i)-(iv) are satisfied.
Note that $\operatorname{Hyp}(\tau)=H_{2}^{o p} \bigcup\left\{\sigma_{i d}, \sigma_{y x}\right\} \bigcup\left\{\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}\right\} \bigcup\left\{\sigma_{x^{2}}, \sigma_{y^{2}}\right\}$.
If $\sigma \in H_{2}^{o p}$, then, because of (i), $\hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t] \in I d V$ if $s \approx t \in I d V$.
If $\sigma \in\left\{\sigma_{i d}, \sigma_{y x}\right\}$, then, because of (ii), we have $\hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t] \in I d V$ if $s \approx t \in I d V$.

If $\sigma \in\left\{\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}\right\}$, then, because of (iii), we get $\hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t] \in I d V$ if $s \approx t \in I d V$.

Since $x^{2} \approx x^{4} \in I d V$ and we get $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{2}}[s] \approx x^{2 p} \approx x^{2 q} \approx \sigma_{x^{2}}[t] \in I d V$. For $\sigma_{y^{2}}$ we conclude in a similar way. Altogether, $V$ is solid.

If, in addition, the commutative identity is satisfied for arbitrary $n \geq 1$ we can give the following characterization of all $H_{n}^{o p}$-solid varieties of commutative semigroups.

Theorem 3.3. Let $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, \tau=(2)$ and $H_{n}^{o p}=\{\sigma \in \operatorname{Hyp}(2) \mid$ $o p(\sigma(f)) \geq n\}$. Let $V_{n}=\operatorname{Mod}\left(\left\{(x y) z \approx x(y z), x y \approx y x, x^{n+1} \approx y^{n+1}\right.\right.$, $\left.\left.x^{n+1} y \approx x y^{n+1}\right\} \bigcup\left\{x^{a} y^{b} \approx x^{b} y^{a} \mid a, b \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, a+b=n+1\right\}\right)$. Then $a$ variety of commutative semigroups is $H_{n}^{o p}$-solid if and only if $V \subseteq V_{n}$.

Proof. Let $V$ be $H_{n}^{o p}$-solid. We have to check that $V$ satisfies all identities of the identity basis of $V_{n}$. To do so, we consider the hypersubstitutions $\sigma_{x^{n+1}}, \sigma_{x^{n+1} y} \in H_{n}^{o p}$ and $\sigma_{x^{a} y^{b}} \in H_{n}^{o p}$ for $a, b \in\{1, \ldots, n\}$ with $a+b=$ $n+1$. Since $V$ is $H_{n}^{o p}$-solid, it has to satisfy the identities $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[x y] \approx$ $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[y x], \hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1} y}[x y] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1} y}[y x]$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[x y] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[y x]$. This gives $x^{n+1} \approx y^{n+1}, x^{n+1} y \approx x y^{n+1} \in I d V$ and $x^{a} y^{b} \approx x^{b} y^{a} \in I d V$ and the identity hypersubstitution gives the associative and commutative law. Therefore $V \subseteq V_{n}$.

Conversely, assume that $V \subseteq V_{n}$. We show that $V$ is $H_{n}^{o p}$-solid.
At first we derive some more identities in $V$.
(I) $x^{n+1} y \approx z^{n+1} w \in I d V$. Indeed, from $x^{n+1} y \approx x y^{n+1}$ and $x^{n+1} \approx y^{n+1}$ there follows $z^{n+1} y \approx x t^{n+1}$ and $x^{n+1} y \approx z^{n+1} w$.
(II) $x^{n+2} \approx x^{n+1} \in I d V$.

From $x^{n+1} \approx y^{n+1}$ there follows $x^{n+1} \approx x^{2(n+1)}$. If we replace in (I) $y$ and $z$ by $x$ and $w$ by $x^{n+1}$, we get $x^{n+2} \approx x^{2(n+1)}$. This gives $x^{n+2} \approx x^{n+1}$. Using the relation $\sim_{V}$ defined on $H y p(\tau)$ by $\sigma_{1} \sim_{V} \sigma_{2}$ if and only if $\sigma_{1}(f) \approx$ $\sigma_{2}(f) \in I d V$, because of

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\hat{\sigma}_{1}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{2}[t] \in I d V \text { and } \sigma_{1} \sim_{V} \sigma_{2} \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{2}[s] \approx \sigma_{2}[t] \in I d V,
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we can restrict ourselves to one representative from each equivalence class with respect to the relation $\sim_{V}$.

Using the identities in $V_{n}$ which are also satisfied in $V \subseteq V_{n}$ we consider the following list of representatives:
$\sigma_{x^{n+1}}, \sigma_{x^{a} y^{b}}$, for $a, b \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, a+b=n+1$.
Let $u \approx v \in I d V$. Then $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[u] \approx \operatorname{leftmost}(u)^{s}$ for some $s \geq n+$ 1 (where leftmost $(u)$ is the first variable occurring in $u$ ) and $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[v] \approx$ leftmost $(v)^{r}$ for some $r \geq n+1$. Using the identity (I) and $x^{n+1} \approx y^{n+1} \in$ $I d V$ we have $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[u] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{n+1}}[v] \in I d V$.

Now we consider hypersubstitutions of the form $\sigma_{x^{a} y^{b}}$ with $a, b \in$ $\{1, \ldots, n\}, a+b=n+1$. Let $u \approx v \in I d V$, and $u=u_{1} \ldots u_{m}, v=v_{1} \ldots v_{p}$ for variables $u_{1}, \ldots, u_{m}, v_{1}, \ldots, v_{p} \in X$.

We consider the following cases for $m$ and $p$ :
(1) $m=p=1$,
(2) $m=1, p \geq 2$,
(3) $m \geq 2, p=1$,
(4) $m=p=2$,
(5) $m=2, p \geq 3$,
(6) $m \geq 3, p=2$,
(7) $m \geq 3, p \geq 3$.
ad (1): In this case we have $u=u_{1} \approx v_{1}=v \in I d V$ and thus $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u]=$ $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}\left[u_{1}\right]=u_{1} \approx v_{1}=\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}\left[v_{1}\right]=\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \in I d V$.
ad (2): In this case we have $u=u_{1} \approx v \in I d V$. If we substitute for all variables occurring in $u_{1}$ and $v$ the variable $x$, we get $x \approx x^{p} \in I d V$ and together with $x^{n+2} \approx x^{n+1} \in I d V$ we have $x^{n p} \approx x^{2} \in I d V$ and since $n p \geq n+2$ we have $x^{n p} \approx x^{n(p-1)} \approx x$ and then $x \approx x^{2} \in I d V$. But then $\sigma_{x^{a} y^{b}} \sim_{V} \sigma_{x y}$ and we can apply $\sigma_{x y}$ to $u \approx v$ which gives $\hat{\sigma}_{x y}[u]=u \approx v=$ $\hat{\sigma}_{x y}[v] \in I d V$.
ad (3): $m \geq 2, p=1$ goes in the same way as Case (2).
ad (4): For $m=p=2$ we consider the following three cases:
(4.1) $u_{1}=v_{1}$ and $u_{2}=v_{2}$,
(4.2) $u_{1}=v_{2}$ and $u_{2}=v_{1}$,
(4.3) $u_{1} \neq v_{1}$ or $u_{2} \neq v_{2}$ and $u_{1} \neq v_{2}$ or $u_{2} \neq v_{1}$.

In the first case we have $u=v$ and therefore $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u]=\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \in I d V$.
In the second case, i.e. if $u_{1} v_{1} \approx v_{1} u_{1}$ we obtain $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}\left[u_{1} v_{1}\right]=u_{1}^{a} v_{1}^{b} \approx$ $v_{1}^{a} u_{1}^{b}=\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}\left[v_{1} u_{1}\right] \in I d V$ because of the identities in the basis of $V_{n}$ which are also satisfied in $V \subseteq V_{n}$.

In the third case we have $u_{1} \neq v_{1}, v_{2}$ or $u_{2} \neq v_{1}, v_{2}$ or $v_{2} \neq u_{1}, u_{2}$ or $v_{1} \neq u_{1}, u_{2}$. Without restriction of the generality we assume that $u_{1} \neq v_{1}, v_{2}$. If we replace $u_{1}$ by $x^{2}$ and $w \in W(X) \backslash\left\{u_{1}\right\}$ by $x$ in $u \approx v$, we obtain $x^{3} \approx x^{2}$ (If $u_{1}=u_{2}$, then we get at first $x^{4} \approx x^{2}$ which gives also $x^{3} \approx x^{2}$ because of $x^{n+2} \approx x^{n+1}$ ).

If $a=b=1$, then clearly $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \in I d V$.
Without restriction of the generality we assume now that $a \geq 2$. Then

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\begin{aligned}
\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u] \approx & u_{1}^{a} u_{2}^{b} \\
& \approx u_{1}^{n+1} u_{1}^{a} u_{2}^{b} \text { because of } x^{3} \approx x^{2} \\
& \approx v_{1}^{n+1}\left(\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v]\right) \text { because of }(\mathrm{I}) \\
& \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \text { since the term } \hat{\sigma}[v] \text { starts with } v_{1}^{2} \text { and then we } \\
& \quad \text { can use } x^{3} \approx x^{2} .
\end{aligned}
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ad (5): We replace all variables occurring in $u \approx v$ by $x$ and get $x^{2} \approx x^{p}$.

Together with (II), we get $x^{3} \approx x^{2}$. Then similar to (4.3) we get $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u]=$ $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \in I d V$.
ad (6): This case is similar to (5).
ad (7): Without loss of generality we may assume that the brackets in $u$ and in $v$ are canonical. Then there are terms $\bar{u}$ and $\bar{v}$ such that $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u] \approx$ $\left(\bar{u}^{a} u_{m-1}^{b}\right)^{a} u_{m}^{b} \approx \bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b a} u_{m}^{b}$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \approx\left(\bar{v}^{a} v_{p-1}^{b}\right)^{a} v_{p}^{b} \approx \bar{v}^{a a} u_{p-1}^{b a} u_{p}^{b}$.

It is easy to see that $a a \geq n+1$ or $b b \geq n+1$. In the first case we get $\bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b a} u_{m}^{b} \approx x^{n+1} z \approx x^{n+1}$ and $\bar{v}^{a a} v_{p-1}^{b a} u_{p}^{b} \approx x^{n+1} z$ by (I), i.e. $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u] \approx \bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b a} u_{m}^{b} \approx x^{n+1} z \approx \bar{v}^{a a} v_{p-1}^{b a} u_{p}^{b} \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v]$.

If $b b \geq n+1$, then we use $x^{a} y^{b} \approx x^{b} y^{a} \in I d V$ and get $\bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b a} u_{m}^{b} \approx$ $\bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b b} u_{m}^{a}$ and $\bar{v}^{a a} v_{p-1}^{b a} u_{p}^{b} \approx \bar{v}^{a a} v_{p-1}^{b b} u_{p}^{a}$. By (I) we have $\bar{u}^{a a} u_{m-1}^{b b} u_{m}^{a} \approx$ $x^{n+1} z$ and $\bar{v}^{a a} v_{p-1}^{b b} u_{p}^{a} \approx x^{n+1} z$ and thus $\hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[u] \approx \hat{\sigma}_{x^{a} y^{b}}[v] \in I d V$.
Now we apply our results to a particular case. We noticed already that $H_{1}^{o p}=\operatorname{Pre}(\tau)$ is the set $H y p \backslash\left\{\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}\right\}$ of all pre-hypersubstitutions and then $V_{P C}=V_{1}$ is the greatest pre-solid variety of commutative semigroups, i.e. $\quad V_{P C}=\operatorname{Mod}\left\{x(y z) \approx(x y) z, x y \approx y x, x^{2} \approx y^{2}, x^{2} y \approx x y^{2}\right\}$. Every subvariety of $V_{P C}$ is pre-solid. In [2] the lattice of subvarieties of $V_{P C}$ was determined.

If $p_{m}=x_{0} x_{1} \ldots x_{m} \approx y_{0} y_{1} \ldots y_{m}, I_{m}=\left\{x(y z) \approx(x y) z, x y \approx y x, x^{2} \approx\right.$ $\left.y^{2}, x^{2} y \approx x y^{2}, p_{m}\right\}, P_{m}=\operatorname{Mod}_{m}$ for every natural number $m$, then the varieties $P_{m}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ are exactly all subvarieties of $V_{P C}$.

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