

## ESSENTIAL OPERATION SYMBOLS IN TERMS

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### Abstract

Generalizing the concept of an essential variable in a term with respect to an algebra or a variety, we define essential operation symbols in a term with respect to an algebra or with respect to a variety of algebras. Using the concept of a unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$  we define so-called operator terms and prove that essential operation symbols in terms with respect to an algebra correspond to essential variables in operator terms with respect to the Menger algebra of all  $n$ -ary term operations of this algebra. After proving some elementary propositions, we extend our definition to essential operation symbols in hypersubstitutions and determine some monoids consisting of hypersubstitutions which contain the same essential operation symbols.

Using the isomorphism between the monoid of all endomorphisms of the unitary Menger algebra of all  $n$ -ary terms of type  $\tau$  and the monoid of all hypersubstitutions, we obtain an equivalence between essential variables in operator terms with respect to the Menger algebra  $n$ -clone  $V$  and essential operation symbols in terms with respect to the variety  $V$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The study of *essential* and *strongly essential* variables in functions defined on finite sets is a part of  $k$ -valued Logic (see e.g. [1], [2], [3], [8]) and plays an important role in Computer Science. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary non-empty set. The unary function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  depends essentially on its input  $x$  if it takes on at least two values, i.e. if  $f$  is not constant. The  $n$ -ary function  $f : A^n \rightarrow A$  depends essentially on its  $i$ -th input  $x_i$  if there are elements  $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that the unary function defined by

$$x_i \mapsto f(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, x_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$$

is not constant on  $A$ . In [11] the concept of an essential variable in a function was extended to terms. This allows to use concepts and results from Universal Algebra. At first we recall some basic facts on terms and term operations.

Let  $\tau = (n_i)_{i \in I}$  be an arbitrary type and let  $W_\tau(X_n)$  be the set of all  $n$ -ary terms of type  $\tau$  built up by the  $n_i$ -ary operation symbols  $f_i, i \in I$ , and by variables from an alphabet  $X_n = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Let  $W_\tau(X) := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} W_\tau(X_n)$  be the set of all terms of type  $\tau$  where  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$  is an arbitrary countably infinite alphabet. These two sets are the universes of two absolutely free algebras,

$\mathcal{F}_\tau(X) := (W_\tau(X); (\overline{f_i})_{i \in I})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\tau(X_n) := (W_\tau(X_n); (\overline{f_i})_{i \in I})$ , respectively. Here the operations  $\overline{f_i}$  are defined by setting

$$\overline{f_i}(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i}) := f_i(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i}).$$

Another operation on sets of terms is the *composition* or *superposition* of terms which plays an important role in Universal Algebra, Clone Theory and Theoretical Computer Science. For each pair of natural numbers  $m$  and  $n$  greater than zero, the superposition operation  $S_m^n$  maps one  $n$ -ary term and  $n$   $m$ -ary terms to an  $m$ -ary term, so that

$$S_m^n : W_\tau(X_n) \times W_\tau(X_m)^n \rightarrow W_\tau(X_m).$$

The operation  $S_m^n$  is defined inductively, by setting

$$S_m^n(x_j, t_1, \dots, t_n) := t_j \text{ for any variable } x_j \in X_n, \quad \text{and}$$

$$S_m^n(f_r(s_1, \dots, s_{n_r}), t_1, \dots, t_n) := f_r(S_m^n(s_1, t_1, \dots, t_n), \dots, S_m^n(s_{n_r}, t_1, \dots, t_n)).$$

Using these operations, we form the heterogeneous or multi-based algebra

$$\text{clone}_\tau := ((W_\tau(X_n))_{n>0}; (S_m^n)_{n,m>0}, (x_i)_{0<i \leq n}).$$

It is well-known and easy to check that this algebra satisfies the clone axioms

- (C1)  $\overline{S_m^p}(\tilde{Z}, \overline{S_m^n}(\tilde{Y}_1, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n), \dots, \overline{S_m^n}(\tilde{Y}_p, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n))$   
 $\approx \overline{S_m^n}(\overline{S_m^p}(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Y}_1, \dots, \tilde{Y}_p), \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ , for  $m, n, p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  
(C2)  $\overline{S_m^n}(\lambda_j, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n) \approx \tilde{X}_j$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

(C3)  $\overline{S_m^m}(\tilde{X}_j, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m) \approx \lambda_j$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  
 where  $\overline{S_m^p}$ ,  $\overline{S_m^n}$  and  $\overline{S_n^p}$  are operation symbols corresponding to the operations  $S_m^p$ ,  $S_m^n$  and  $S_n^p$  of clone  $\tau$ , where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  are nullary operation symbols and where  $\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Y}_1, \dots, \tilde{Y}_p, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_m$  are variables. The algebra  $\text{clone}\tau$  is also called clone of terms of type  $\tau$ .

Since the set  $W_\tau(X_n)$  of all  $n$ -ary terms of type  $\tau$  is closed under the superposition operation  $S^n := S_n^n$ , there is a homogeneous analogue of this structure. The algebra  $(W_\tau(X_n); S^n, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is an algebra of type  $(n+1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , which still satisfies the clone axioms above for the case that  $p = m = n$ . Such an algebra is called a *unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$*  (see [12] or [6]). Another example of a unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$  can be obtained as follows: We define a superposition operation  $S^{n,A}$  on the set  $O^{(n)}(A)$  of all  $n$ -ary operations  $f^A : A^n \rightarrow A$  defined on  $A$ . The operation  $S^{n,A} : O^{(n)}(A)^{n+1} \rightarrow O^{(n)}(A)$  is defined by

$$S^{n,A}(f_0^A, f_1^A, \dots, f_n^A)(a_1, \dots, a_n) := f_0^A(f_1^A(a_1, \dots, a_n), \dots, f_n^A(a_1, \dots, a_n))$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ . Then it is not difficult to check that (C1), (C2), (C3) are satisfied and thus  $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}(A) := (O^{(n)}(A); S^{n,A}, e_1^{n,A}, \dots, e_n^{n,A})$  is a unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$ .

To every term  $t \in W_\tau(X_n)$  and every algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of type  $\tau$  there belongs an induced  $n$ -ary term operation which is inductively defined by  $x_i^{\mathcal{A}} := e_i^{n,A}$  where  $e_i^{n,A} : A^n \rightarrow A$  and  $e_i^{n,A}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_i$  is the  $n$ -ary projection on the  $i$ -th component, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . For compound terms  $f_i(s_1, \dots, s_{n_i})$  we define  $(f_i(s_1, \dots, s_{n_i}))^{\mathcal{A}} := S^{n_i, \mathcal{A}}(f_i^{\mathcal{A}}, s_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, s_{n_i}^{\mathcal{A}})$ . Let  $W_\tau(X_n)^{\mathcal{A}}$  be the set of all  $n$ -ary term operations of  $\mathcal{A}$ . This set is closed under the superposition operation  $S^{n,A}$  and contains by definition all  $n$ -ary projections. Therefore  $n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A} := (W_\tau(X_n)^{\mathcal{A}}; S^{n,A}, e_1^{n,A}, \dots, e_n^{n,A})$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}(A) := (O^{(n)}(A); S^{n,A}, e_1^{n,A}, \dots, e_n^{n,A})$ .

Let  $s, t$  be  $n$ -ary terms of type  $\tau$ . The algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies  $s \approx t$ , written as  $\mathcal{A} \models s \approx t$ , if  $s^{\mathcal{A}} = t^{\mathcal{A}}$ . If  $V$  is a variety of algebras of type  $\tau$ , then  $V \models s \approx t$  means  $\mathcal{A} \models s \approx t$  for all algebras  $\mathcal{A} \in V$ . Let  $IdV$  be the set of all identities satisfied in the variety  $V$  and let  $Id_n V := IdV \cap W_\tau(X_n)^2$  be the set of all  $n$ -ary identities of  $V$ . It turns out that  $Id_n V$  is a congruence on the Menger algebra  $n\text{-clone}\tau$  (see e.g. [7]). Therefore the quotient algebra  $n\text{-clone}V := n\text{-clone}\tau / Id_n V$  is also a unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$ . Moreover, for a single algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of type  $\tau$  we have  $n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A} := n\text{-clone}\tau / Id_n \mathcal{A}$ .

Essential variables in terms with respect to an algebra of the same type are defined as follows.

**Definition 1.1** ([11]) Let  $t \in W_\tau(X_m)$  be an  $m$ -ary term and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial algebra of type  $\tau$ . Then the variable  $x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , is called *essential in  $t$  with respect to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$*  if the term operation  $t^A : A^m \rightarrow A$  induced by  $t$  on the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  depends essentially on its  $i$ -th input  $x_i$ . By  $Ess(t, \mathcal{A})$  we denote the set of all variables which are essential in  $t$  with respect to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Remark 1.2** 1. The variable  $x_i$  is essential in the term  $x_i$  with respect to the non-trivial algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i^A)_{i \in I})$ , iff  $|A| > 1$ .

2. Let  $var(t)$  be the set of all variables occurring in  $t$ . If the variable  $x_i$  does not occur in the term  $t$  then  $x_i$  is not essential in  $t$  with respect to any algebra since  $Ess(t, \mathcal{A}) \subseteq var(t)$ .

In [11] the following characterization for essential variables in a term was given.

**Lemma 1.3** ([11]) *A variable  $x_i$  is essential in the  $m$ -ary term  $t$  with respect to a non-trivial algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i^A)_{i \in I})$ , iff*

$$\mathcal{A} \not\models t \approx \bar{h}(t),$$

where  $h : X_m \rightarrow W_\tau(X_{m+1})$  is a mapping defined by  $h(x_i) = x_{m+1}$  and  $h(x_j) = x_j$  for all  $j \neq i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and where  $\bar{h}$  is the extension of  $h$  to a mapping defined on terms, i.e.

$$\bar{h} : W_\tau(X_m) \rightarrow W_\tau(X_{m+1}).$$

Another characterization is given by:

**Lemma 1.4** *A variable  $x_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  is essential in the  $m$ -ary term  $t$  with respect to a non-trivial algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i^A)_{i \in I})$ , iff there exists a mapping  $\beta : X_m \rightarrow W_\tau(X)$  with  $\beta(x_j) = x_j$  for all  $j \neq i$  and  $\beta(x_i) = t'$  with  $t' \in W_\tau(X)$  and  $\mathcal{A} \not\models x_i \approx t'$  and such that  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \bar{\beta}(t) \approx t$ .*

**Proof** We prove the equivalence to the condition in Lemma 1.3. If  $x_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ , then there is a mapping  $h : X_m \rightarrow W_\tau(X_{m+1})$  which is defined by  $h(x_i) = x_{m+1}$  and  $h(x_j) = x_j$  for all  $j \neq i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that

$$\bar{h} : W_\tau(X_m) \rightarrow W_\tau(X_{m+1})$$

satisfies  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \bar{h}(t) \approx t$ . If we choose  $\beta = h$  and  $t' = x_{m+1}$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \not\models x_i \approx t'$  since  $\mathcal{A}$  is not trivial and  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \bar{\beta}(t) \approx t$ .

If conversely  $\mathcal{A} \models t \approx \bar{h}(t)$  for the mapping  $h$  from Lemma 1.3 was satisfied, then by substitution of  $t'$  for  $x_{m+1}$  we obtain  $\mathcal{A} \models \bar{\beta}(t) \approx t$ , a contradiction. The contradiction shows that  $x_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

We notice that because of the freeness of the algebras  $\mathcal{F}_\tau(X_m)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\tau(X)$  the extensions  $\bar{h}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$  exist and are uniquely determined. As a consequence, the variable  $x_i$  is essential in the  $m$ -ary term  $t$  with respect to an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i^A)_{i \in I})$ , iff  $x_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to any  $V(\mathcal{A})$ - free algebra with at least  $n + 1$  free generators. One more corollary is:

**Corollary 1.5** ([11]) *Let  $s, t \in W_\tau(X_m)$ ,  $n \geq 1, m \geq 1$ , and assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra of type  $\tau$ . If  $s \approx t$  is an identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $Ess(s, \mathcal{A}) = Ess(t, \mathcal{A})$ .*

Considering Lemma 1.3 it is quite natural to define variables which are essential in a term of a given type with respect to a variety of the same type.

**Definition 1.6** Let  $V$  be a variety of type  $\tau$ , let  $t \in W_\tau(X_m)$ . Then a variable  $x_i \in X_m$  is called essential in  $t$  with respect to the variety  $V$  if it is essential in  $t$  with respect to the free algebra  $\mathcal{F}_V(X)$  with  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$  as set of free generators. The set of all variables in  $t$  which are essential with respect to the variety  $V$  is denoted by  $Ess(t, V)$ .

Clearly, Corollary 1.5 is also satisfied for varieties instead of algebras. The following proposition is obvious.

**Proposition 1.7** ([11]) *If  $x_i \in X_m$  is essential in the  $m$ -ary term  $t$  of type  $\tau$  with respect to the variety  $V$  of type  $\tau$  and if  $V$  is a subvariety of  $W$  then  $x_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to  $W$ .*

## 2 Essential Variables in Operator Terms with respect to Menger Algebras

Terms over unitary Menger algebras of rank  $n$  are also called operator terms and are defined in the usual way, i.e. as terms of the type  $\tau' = (n + 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with an  $(n + 1)$ -ary operation symbol  $\tilde{S}^n$  and  $n$  nullary operation symbols  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . We also need a new alphabet of variables,  $\mathcal{X} := \{\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n, \dots\}$ , or  $\mathcal{X}_n := \{\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n\}$  if finitely many variables are enough.

- (i)  $\tilde{X}_i$  is a term of type  $\tau'$  for all variables  $\tilde{X}_i$ .
- (ii)  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are terms of type  $\tau'$ .
- (iii) If  $T, T_1, \dots, T_n$  are terms and if  $\tilde{S}^n$  is  $(n+1)$ -ary, then  $\tilde{S}^n(T, T_1, \dots, T_n)$  is a term of type  $\tau'$ .

By  $W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_n)$  we denote the set of all  $n$ -ary terms of type  $\tau'$  and let  $W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})$  be the set of all terms of type  $\tau'$ .

The set  $W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})$  is the universe of the absolutely free algebra of type  $\tau' =$

$(n + 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . If we factorize this algebra by the fully invariant congruence (equational theory)  $\langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  generated by the equations (C1), (C2), (C3), we obtain a free unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$ , freely generated by the alphabet  $\mathcal{X}$ . With a free generating system  $\mathcal{X}_I := \{\tilde{X}_i \mid i \in I\}$  we get a free unitary Menger algebra of rank  $n$  which is isomorphic to the algebra  $n - clone\tau$ . The elements of this free algebra are blocks with respect to the equational theory generated by (C1), (C2), (C3), but instead of  $|T|$  we will only use the representative  $T$ . Further we consider a type  $\tau_n$  where every operation symbol  $f_i$  has the same arity  $n$ . Then we have a bijection  $\bar{\eta}$  between the set of all terms over the variety of unitary Menger algebras of rank  $n$  and the set  $W_{\tau_n}(X_n)$  which can be defined inductively as follows: If  $\eta : (\{\tilde{X}_i \mid i \in I\} \cup \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle \rightarrow \{f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid i \in I\} \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a bijection with  $\eta(\tilde{X}_i) = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\eta(\lambda_i) = x_i$ , then  $\eta$  can be extended to a bijection between  $W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  and  $W_{\tau_n}(X_n)$ . Indeed, if we define  $\bar{\eta} : W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle \rightarrow W_{\tau_n}(X_n)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\eta}(\tilde{X}_i) &:= f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{for all } i \in I \\ \bar{\eta}(\lambda_i) &:= x_i \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \bar{\eta}(\tilde{S}^n(T_0, T_1, \dots, T_n)) &:= S^n(\bar{\eta}(T_0), \bar{\eta}(T_1), \dots, \bar{\eta}(T_n)), \end{aligned}$$

then we show that  $\bar{\eta}$  is bijective. Given  $t \in W_{\tau_n}(X_n)$ . To prove that there exists a term  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  such that  $\bar{\eta}(T) = t$ , we proceed by induction on the complexity of the term  $t$ . If  $t = x_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then there exists a  $\lambda_i \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  such that  $\bar{\eta}(\lambda_i) := x_i$ . If  $t = f_i(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and assume that there exist  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  such that  $\bar{\eta}(T_1) = t_1, \dots, \bar{\eta}(T_n) = t_n$ , then we have  $\bar{\eta}(\tilde{S}^n(\tilde{X}_i, T_1, \dots, T_n)) \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  such that

$$\bar{\eta}(\tilde{S}^n(\tilde{X}_i, T_1, \dots, T_n)) = S^n(\bar{\eta}(\tilde{X}_i), \bar{\eta}(T_1), \dots, \bar{\eta}(T_n)) = f_i(t_1, \dots, t_n).$$

This shows that  $\bar{\eta}$  is surjective.

Let  $T, T' \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_I) / \langle\langle(C1), (C2), (C3)\rangle\rangle$  with  $\bar{\eta}(T) = \bar{\eta}(T')$ . We want to prove that  $T = T'$  and proceed by induction on the complexity of the term  $T$ . If  $T = \tilde{X}_i$ , then  $\bar{\eta}(\tilde{X}_i) = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bar{\eta}(T')$  and so we get  $T' = \tilde{X}_i$  (using the freeness of the algebra  $\mathcal{F}_{\tau_n}(X_n)$ ). If  $T = \lambda_i$ , then  $\bar{\eta}(\lambda_i) = x_i = \bar{\eta}(T')$  and so we get  $T' = \lambda_i$ .

Assume that  $T = \tilde{S}^n(T_0, T_1, \dots, T_n)$ ,  $T' = \tilde{S}^n(T'_0, T'_1, \dots, T'_n)$  and  $\bar{\eta}(T) = \bar{\eta}(T')$ . Further we assume that  $\bar{\eta}(T_j) = \bar{\eta}(T'_j)$  implies  $T_j = T'_j$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . By definition we have  $S^n(\bar{\eta}(T_0), \bar{\eta}(T_1), \dots, \bar{\eta}(T_n)) = S^n(\bar{\eta}(T'_0), \bar{\eta}(T'_1), \dots, \bar{\eta}(T'_n))$ . Since the absolutely free algebra  $\mathcal{F}_{\tau_n}(X_n)$  satisfies no identities, there follows  $\bar{\eta}(T_j) = \bar{\eta}(T'_j)$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and then  $T_j = T'_j$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$  by our hypothesis. Therefore  $T = T'$ , this means  $\bar{\eta}$  is injective. Altogether,  $\bar{\eta}$  is bijective.

Now we apply the definition of essential variables in terms to essential variables in operator terms.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial algebra of type  $\tau$  and let  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})$ . Then by definition,  $\tilde{X}_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , is essential in  $T$  with respect to  $n - clone\mathcal{A}$  iff

$$n - clone\mathcal{A} \not\models \bar{\beta}(T) = T,$$

where  $\beta : \mathcal{X}_m \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_{m+1})$  is a mapping defined by

$$\beta(\tilde{X}_j) = \tilde{X}_j \text{ for all } j \neq i \text{ and } \beta(\tilde{X}_i) = \tilde{X}_{m+1}$$

and where  $\bar{\beta}$  is the extension of  $\beta$  to a mapping defined on terms, i.e.

$$\bar{\beta} : W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m) \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_{m+1}).$$

### 3 Essential Operation Symbols in Terms

To extend the definition of essential variables in terms to essential operation symbols in terms, we need the concept of a hypersubstitution (see e.g. [4], [7], [5]).

Hypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$  are mappings which assign to each  $n_i - ary$  operation symbol of type  $\tau$  an  $n_i - ary$  term of the same type. If  $\sigma : \{f_i \mid i \in I\} \rightarrow W_{\tau}(X)$  is a hypersubstitution of type  $\tau$  then its extension  $\hat{\sigma} : W_{\tau}(X_n) \rightarrow W_{\tau}(X_n)$  is defined inductively by the following steps:

- (i) If  $t = x_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}[t] = x_i$ .
- (ii) If  $t = f_i(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i})$  for the  $n_i - ary$  operation symbol  $f_i$  and some  $n_i - ary$  terms  $t_j$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}[t] = S_n^{n_i}(\sigma(f_i), \hat{\sigma}[t_1], \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_{n_i}])$ .

Let  $Hyp(\tau)$  be the set of all hypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ . Together with the identity hypersubstitution  $\sigma_{id}$  mapping  $f_j$  to  $f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_j})$  for all  $j \in I$  we get a monoid  $(Hyp(\tau); \circ_h, \sigma_{id})$ , where  $\circ_h$  is defined by  $\sigma_1 \circ_h \sigma_2 := \hat{\sigma}_1 \circ \sigma_2$ .

An identity  $s \approx t$  of terms of type  $\tau$  is called a hyperidentity of a variety  $V$  if for every substitution of  $n_i - ary$  terms of  $V$  for the operation symbols  $f_i$  in  $s \approx t$  the resulting identity holds in  $V$  ( $i \in I$ ), i.e. if  $V \models \hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t]$  for every  $\sigma \in Hyp(\tau)$ . If  $s \approx t$  is a hyperidentity in  $V$ , we will also write  $V \models_{hyp} s \approx t$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $t \in W_{\tau}(X_n)$  be an  $n - ary$  term of type  $\tau$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra of type  $\tau$  and let  $op_s(t)$  be the set of all operation symbols occurring in

the term  $t$ . An operation symbol  $f_i$  of arity  $n_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  if there is a hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  of type  $\tau$  and an  $n_i$ -ary term  $t' \in W_\tau(X_{n_i})$  such that  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_j})$  for every  $j \neq i, j \in I$  and  $\sigma(f_i) = t'$  with  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i}) \approx t'$  is not an identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$ . In the opposite case,  $f_i$  is called fictitious in  $t$  with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $Hypess(t, \mathcal{A})$  be the set of all essential operation symbols in  $t$  with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

This definition corresponds to Lemma 1.4. We have the following simple consequences.

**Corollary 3.2** *Let  $s, t \in W_\tau(X_n)$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra of type  $\tau$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{A} \underset{hyp}{\models} s \approx t \implies Hypess(s, \mathcal{A}) = Hypess(t, \mathcal{A}).$$

**Proof** Assume that  $f_i \in Hypess(t, \mathcal{A})$ . Then there exists a hypersubstitution  $\sigma \in Hyp(\tau)$  and an  $n_i$ -ary term  $t'$  such that  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_j})$  for every  $j \neq i, j \in I$  and  $\sigma(f_i) = t'$  with  $\mathcal{A} \not\models f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i}) \approx t'$  and  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$ .

If  $\mathcal{A} \models \hat{\sigma}[s] \approx s$  then together with  $\mathcal{A} \models \hat{\sigma}[s] \approx \hat{\sigma}[t]$  we would have  $\mathcal{A} \models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \hat{\sigma}[s] \approx s$  and  $f_i \in Hypess(s, \mathcal{A})$ . This shows

$$Hypess(t, \mathcal{A}) \subseteq Hypess(s, \mathcal{A})$$

and similarly,

$$Hypess(s, \mathcal{A}) \subseteq Hypess(t, \mathcal{A}).$$

□

For the set of all operation symbols occurring in the term  $t$ ,  $f_i \notin op_s(t)$  implies  $f_i \notin Hypess(t, \mathcal{A})$ . Further, for variables  $x_i$  we have  $Hypess(x_i, \mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$ .

One more consequence of the definition is:

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra of type  $\tau$  and assume that the type contains one at least binary operation symbol  $f_i$ . Further we assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  does not satisfy  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i}) \approx x_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n_i$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is trivial iff for every  $t \in W_\tau(X)$  we have  $Hypess(t, \mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$ .*

**Proof** The trivial algebra satisfies  $\hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$  for every hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  and for every term  $t$ . Therefore, there is no essential operation symbol in  $t$  with respect to the trivial algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Conversely, assume that for every term  $t \in W_\tau(X)$  we have  $Hypess(t, \mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$ . That means, for every hypersubstitution  $\sigma \in Hyp(\tau)$  and for every  $i \in I$  with  $\sigma(f_i) = t'$  where  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i}) \approx t'$  is not an identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_j})$  if  $j \neq i$  we have  $\mathcal{A} \models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$ . Consider the hypersubstitutions



$\sigma_1$  with  $\sigma_1(f_i) = x_1$  and  $\sigma_1(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i})$  if  $j \neq i$  and  $\sigma_2(f_i) = x_2$  and  $\sigma_2(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i})$  if  $j \neq i$ . Since  $f_i$  is at least binary, we get  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Let  $t$  be an arbitrary term containing at least one operation symbol such that the first variable occurring in  $t$  is  $x_1$  and the last one is  $x_2$ . Then  $\hat{\sigma}_1[t] = x_1 \approx t \in Id\mathcal{A}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_2[t] = x_2 \approx t \in Id\mathcal{A}$  and therefore  $x_1 \approx x_2 \in Id\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is trivial.  $\square$

As in the case of essential variables in terms with respect to algebras we may extend our definition to varieties.

**Definition 3.4** *Let  $V$  be a variety of type  $\tau$  and assume that  $t \in W_\tau(X_n)$ . Then  $f_i$  is called essential in  $t$  with respect to the variety  $V$  if  $f_i$  is essential in  $t$  with respect to the free algebra  $F_V(X)$ . Let  $Hypess(t, V)$  be the set of all operation symbols which are essential in  $t$  with respect to  $V$ .*

An easy consequence of this definition is

**Corollary 3.5** *If  $V$  is a subvariety of  $W$ , then  $Hypess(t, V) \subseteq Hypess(t, W)$ .*

**Proof** If  $V \subseteq W$ , we get  $IdW \subseteq IdV$  for the sets of all identities satisfied in  $W$  and in  $V$  respectively. Assume that  $f_i \notin Hypess(t, W)$ . Then for every  $\sigma \in Hyp(\tau)$  such that  $\sigma(f_i) = t' \approx f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i})$  is not an identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $t'$  is an  $n_i$ -ary term of type  $\tau$  and  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_{n_j})$  if  $j \neq i$ , we have  $W \models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$ . But then  $V \models \hat{\sigma}[t] \approx t$  and  $f_i \notin Hypess(t, V)$ .  $\square$

The definition of an essential operation symbol in a term can be generalized to that of an essential operation symbol in a hypersubstitution of type  $\tau$ .

**Definition 3.6** *Let  $V$  be a variety of type  $\tau$  and let  $\sigma \in Hyp(\tau)$ . Then  $f_i$  is essential in  $\sigma$  with respect to  $V$  iff  $f_i$  is essential in the term  $\sigma(f_i)$  with respect to  $V$ , for all  $i \in I$ .*

For the type  $\tau = (n), n \geq 2$ , and the  $n$ -ary operation symbol  $f$ , the operation symbol  $f$  is essential in  $\sigma$  with respect to  $V$  iff  $f$  is essential in  $\sigma(f)$  with respect to  $V$ .

Now we consider the set of all hypersubstitutions  $\sigma$  for which  $f$  is essential in  $\sigma$  with respect to  $V$ , i.e.

$$M(V) := \{\sigma \mid f \in Hypess(\sigma(f), V)\}.$$

Since  $f$  is not essential in a variable  $x_i$ , the hypersubstitution which maps  $f$  to  $x_i$ , for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , does not belong to  $M(V)$ .

Let  $Pre(n) := Hyp(n) \setminus \{\sigma_{x_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . The set  $Pre(n)$  forms a submonoid

of  $Hyp(n)$ . The set  $M(V)$  is included in  $Pre(n)$ . We ask whether  $M(V)$  is a submonoid of  $Pre(n)$ .

To answer to this question we need the following well-known auxiliary result (for type  $\tau = (2)$  see e.g [9] or [10]).

**Lemma 3.7** *Let  $V_i = Mod\{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx x_i\}$ . Then  $V_i$  is a minimal variety.*

**Proof** Let  $V$  be a variety such that  $V \subseteq V_i$  and  $V \neq V_i$ . We have to prove that  $V$  is trivial. We will use the fact that  $s \approx t \in IdV_i$  iff there exists a variable  $x_j$  which occurs in  $s$  and in  $t$  such that  $s \approx x_j \in IdV_i$  and  $t \approx x_j \in IdV_i$ . Since  $V \subseteq V_i$  and  $V \neq V_i$ , there are terms  $s, t \in W_{(n)}(X_n)$  such that  $s \approx t \in IdV$  and  $s \approx t \notin IdV_i$ . Then there exist variables  $x_j, x_k$ , with  $j \neq k$  such that  $s \approx x_j \in IdV_i$  and  $t \approx x_k \in IdV_i$ . Therefore  $s \approx x_j \in IdV$  and  $t \approx x_k \in IdV$  and then  $x_j \approx x_k \in IdV$  since  $s \approx t \in IdV$ . That is,  $V$  is trivial.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8** *Let  $\tau = (n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $V$  be a non-trivial variety of type  $(n)$  with  $V \neq V_i = Mod\{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx x_i\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $M(V) = \{\sigma \mid f \in Hypess(\sigma(f), V)\}$  is a submonoid of  $Pre(n)$ .*

**Proof** Since  $V \neq V_i$  and since every variety  $W$  with  $W \subset V_i$  is trivial, the hypersubstitution  $\sigma \in Hyp(n)$  with  $\sigma(f) = x_i$  satisfies  $V \not\models \sigma(f) \approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  this means  $V \not\models \hat{\sigma}[f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and then  $V \not\models \hat{\sigma}[\sigma_{id}(f)] \approx \sigma_{id}(f)$ . Therefore  $f \in Hypess(\sigma_{id}(f), V)$  and we get  $\sigma_{id} \in M(V)$ .

Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in M(V)$ . Then  $f \in Hypess(\sigma_1(f), V)$  and  $f \in Hypess(\sigma_2(f), V)$  with  $\sigma_1(f) \neq x_i, \sigma_2(f) \neq x_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and there are hypersubstitutions  $\sigma, \sigma' \in Hyp(n)$  with  $\sigma(f) = t, \sigma'(f) = t'$  where  $t, t' \in W_{(n)}(X_n)$  such that  $V \not\models t \approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n), V \not\models t' \approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n), V \not\models \hat{\sigma}[\sigma_1(f)] \approx \sigma_1(f)$  and  $V \not\models \hat{\sigma}'[\sigma_2(f)] \approx \sigma_2(f)$ .

Let  $(\sigma_1 \circ_h \sigma_2)(f) = \hat{\sigma}_1[\sigma_2(f)] = w$  where  $w$  is an  $n$ -ary term with  $w \neq x_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Therefore, the hypersubstitution  $\sigma'' \in Hyp(n)$  with  $\sigma''(f) = x_l$  satisfies  $V \not\models \sigma''(f) \approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $V \not\models \hat{\sigma}''[w] \approx w$  since  $V \neq V_i$  and  $w$  is not a variable, but  $\hat{\sigma}''[w]$  is a variable. This means,  $f$  is essential in  $(\sigma_1 \circ_h \sigma_2)(f)$  with respect to  $V$  and so we have  $\sigma_1 \circ_h \sigma_2 \in M(V)$ .  $\square$

## 4 Essential Operation Symbols in Terms and Essential Variables in Operator terms

Let  $\eta$  be the bijection between the set  $(\{\tilde{X}_i \mid i \in I\} \cup \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\})/C$  with  $C := \langle \{(C1), (C2), (C3)\} \rangle$  and the set  $\{f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid i \in I\} \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , let  $\bar{\eta}$  be the extension of  $\eta$  introduced in section 2 and let  $\alpha$  be the bijection which maps each  $f_i$  to  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , ( $i \in I$ ). Since we are interested in essential variables in terms  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})$  with respect to  $n$ -clone  $\mathcal{A}$  for an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of type  $\tau_n$ , we consider a mapping  $\beta$  and its extension  $\bar{\beta}$  defined as in Lemma 1.4. Further we assume in addition that our type  $\tau_n$  is finite that means, we have only  $m$  operation symbols. More precisely,

$\beta : (\mathcal{X}_m \cup \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\})/C \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  is a mapping defined by  $\beta(\tilde{X}_j) = \tilde{X}_j$  for all  $j \neq i$  and  $\beta(\tilde{X}_i) = T'$  with  $T' \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  and  $n$ -clone  $\mathcal{A} \not\approx \tilde{X}_i \approx T'$  and  $\beta(\lambda_i) = \lambda_i$  for all  $i = 1 \dots, n$  and where  $\bar{\beta}$  is the extension of  $\beta$  to a mapping defined on terms, i.e.  $\bar{\beta} : W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$ .

Then we define a hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  by  $\sigma = \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha$  and have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(f_i) &= (\bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha)(f_i) = \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1}(\alpha(f_i)) \\ &= \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1}(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\ &= \bar{\eta} \circ \beta(\eta^{-1}(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n))) \\ &= \bar{\eta}(\beta(\tilde{X}_i)) = \bar{\eta}(T') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and for all } j \neq i, \quad \sigma(f_j) &= (\bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha)(f_j) = \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1}(\alpha(f_j)) \\ &= \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1}(f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\ &= \bar{\eta} \circ \beta(\eta^{-1}(f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n))) \\ &= \bar{\eta}(\beta(\tilde{X}_j)) = \bar{\eta}(\tilde{X}_j) \\ &= f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

To prove the main theorem, we need two auxiliary results.

**Lemma 4.1** *If  $\sigma = \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha$ , then  $\hat{\sigma} = \bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t \in W_{\tau_n}(X_n)$ . It is easy to check by induction on the complexity of the term  $t$  that  $\hat{\sigma}[t] = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(t)$ .

Indeed, if  $t = x_i$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}[x_i] = x_i$  and  $(\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(x_i) = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta})(\overline{\eta^{-1}}(x_i)) = \bar{\eta}(\bar{\beta}(\lambda_i)) = \bar{\eta}(\lambda_i) = x_i$  and so we get  $\hat{\sigma}[x_i] = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(x_i)$ .

If  $t = f_i(\underline{t}_1, \dots, t_n)$  and assume that  $\hat{\sigma}[t_1] = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(t_1), \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_n] = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(t_n)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}[t] &= \hat{\sigma}[f_i(\underline{t}_1, \dots, t_n)] = S^n(\sigma(f_i), \hat{\sigma}[t_1], \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_n]) \\ &= S^n((\bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha)(f_i), (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(t_1), \dots, (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \overline{\eta^{-1}})(t_n)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= S^n(\bar{\eta}((\beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha)(f_i)), \bar{\eta}((\bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\eta}((\bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(t_n))) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n((\beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha)(f_i), (\bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(t_1), \dots, (\bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(t_n))) \quad \text{by section 2} \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n((\beta \circ \eta^{-1})(\alpha(f_i)), \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n)))) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n((\beta \circ \eta^{-1})(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)), \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n)))) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n(\beta(\eta^{-1}(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n))), \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n)))) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n(\beta(\tilde{X}_i), \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n)))) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(S^n(\bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i), \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1)), \dots, \bar{\beta}(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n)))) \\
&= (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta})(S^n(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)), \bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_1), \dots, \bar{\eta}^{-1}(t_n))) \\
&\quad \text{because of the freeness of } \mathcal{F}_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})/C \\
&= (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta})(\bar{\eta}^{-1}(S^n(f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n), t_1, \dots, t_n))) \\
&= (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(f_i(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = (\bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1})(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\hat{\sigma} = \bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\beta} \circ \bar{\eta}^{-1}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial algebra of type  $\tau_n$ , let  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  and let  $\bar{\eta}(\beta(\tilde{X}_i)) \approx f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin Id\mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\bar{\beta}(T)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}} \neq T^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}} \iff \bar{\eta}(\bar{\beta}(T))^{\mathcal{A}} \neq \bar{\eta}(T)^{\mathcal{A}}.$$

**Proof** Let  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$ . We proceed by induction on the complexity on the term  $T$ .

Assume that  $T = \tilde{X}_i$ , for  $i \neq j$ , because of our assumption we have  $\bar{\eta}(\beta(\tilde{X}_i)) \approx f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin Id\mathcal{A}$  and using  $\eta$  we have  $\bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}} \neq (\tilde{X}_i)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}$ . By  $n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \tilde{X}_i \approx T'$  we have  $n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \tilde{X}_i \approx \bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i)$ . This means,  $\bar{\eta}(\bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i))^{\mathcal{A}} \neq \bar{\eta}(\tilde{X}_i)^{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Because of the definition of  $\bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i)$  we may assume that  $\bar{\beta}(\tilde{X}_i)$  is not a variable. Assume that  $T = \tilde{S}^n(T_0, T_1, \dots, T_n)$  and let  $\bar{\beta}(T) = T' = \tilde{S}^n(T'_0, T'_1, \dots, T'_n)$  and suppose that  $\bar{\eta}(T'_j)^{\mathcal{A}} = \bar{\eta}(T_j)^{\mathcal{A}}$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  iff  $(T'_j)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (T_j)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}} \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \text{ Then we have } \bar{\eta}(\bar{\beta}(T))^{\mathcal{A}} \\
&= S^{n,\mathcal{A}}(\bar{\eta}(T'_0)^{\mathcal{A}}, \bar{\eta}(T'_1)^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, \bar{\eta}(T'_n)^{\mathcal{A}}) \\
&= \bar{\eta}(T)^{\mathcal{A}} \\
&= S^{n,\mathcal{A}}(\bar{\eta}(T_0)^{\mathcal{A}}, \bar{\eta}(T_1)^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, \bar{\eta}(T_n)^{\mathcal{A}}) \\
&\text{iff } \bar{\beta}(T)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}} \\
&= S^{n,n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}((T_0)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}, \dots, (T_n)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}) \\
&= S^{n,n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}((T_0)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}, \dots, (T_n)^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}) \\
&= T^{n\text{-clone}\mathcal{A}}
\end{aligned}$$

and the desired result follows.  $\square$

Now we want to prove that essential variables in operator terms with respect to the  $n\text{-ary}$  clone of an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and essential operation symbols in terms with respect to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  are equivalent.

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial algebra of type  $\tau_n$  and let  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})/C$ . Then*

$$\tilde{X}_i \in \text{Ess}(T, n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A}) \iff f_i \in \text{Hypess}(\bar{\eta}(T), \mathcal{A}).$$

**Proof** Let  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X})/C$  and assume that  $\tilde{X}_i \in \text{Ess}(T, n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A})$ . Then there is a natural number  $m$  such that  $T \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  and we have  $T \neq \tilde{X}_j$  and  $T \neq \lambda_i$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then there is a mapping  $\beta : \mathcal{X}_m/C \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  with  $\beta(\tilde{X}_j) = \tilde{X}_j$  for all  $j \neq i$  and  $\beta(\tilde{X}_i) = T'$  with  $T' \in W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  such that  $n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \tilde{X}_i \approx T'$  and  $n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \beta(T) \approx T$ .

We want to prove that  $f_i \in \text{Hypess}(\bar{\eta}(T), \mathcal{A})$ . Since  $\tilde{X}_i \in \text{var}(T)$ , we have  $f_i \in \text{ops}(\bar{\eta}(T))$ . Now we define a hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  of type  $\tau_n$  with  $\sigma = \bar{\eta} \circ \beta \circ \eta^{-1} \circ \alpha$  such that  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  if  $j \neq i$  and  $\sigma(f_i) = \bar{\eta}(T')$ . By Lemma 4.2 we get  $\mathcal{A} \not\equiv f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx \bar{\eta}(T')$  and  $\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \bar{\eta}(\beta(T)) \approx \bar{\eta}(T)$  and then  $\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \hat{\sigma}[\bar{\eta}(T)] \approx \bar{\eta}(T)$ . This means,  $f_i \in \text{Hypess}(\bar{\eta}(T), \mathcal{A})$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f_i \in \text{Hypess}(\bar{\eta}(T), \mathcal{A})$ . Then there exists a hypersubstitution  $\sigma$  of type  $\tau_n$  with  $\sigma(f_j) = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  for every  $j \neq i, j \in I$  and  $\sigma(f_i) = t'$  with  $t' \in W_{\tau'}(X_n)$  such that  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx t'$  is not an identity in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \hat{\sigma}[\bar{\eta}(T)] \approx \bar{\eta}(T)$ . We show that  $\tilde{X}_i \in \text{Ess}(T, n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A})$ . Since  $\bar{\eta}(T) \neq x_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $f_i \in \text{ops}(\bar{\eta})$ , we have  $\tilde{X}_i \in \text{var}(T)$ . Now we define a mapping  $\beta : \mathcal{X}_m/C \rightarrow W_{\tau'}(\mathcal{X}_m)/C$  with  $\beta(\tilde{X}_j) = \tilde{X}_j$  for all  $j \neq i$  and  $\beta(\tilde{X}_i) = \eta^{-1}(t')$ . By Lemma 4.2 we have  $n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \tilde{X}_i \approx \beta(\tilde{X}_i)$  and  $n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A} \not\equiv \beta(T) \approx T$ . This means,  $\tilde{X}_i \in \text{Ess}(T, n - \text{clone}\mathcal{A})$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.4** If  $V$  is a variety of a finite type  $\tau_n$ , then we may consider  $n - \text{clone}V$  consisting of classes of terms of type  $\tau_n$  with respect to  $\text{Id}V$ . Then we have

$$\tilde{X}_i \in \text{Ess}(T, n - \text{clone}V) \iff f_i \in \text{Hypess}(\bar{\eta}(T), V).$$

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