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# Idempotent of Weak Projection Cohypersubstitutions

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Abstract : K. Denecke and K. Saengsura established a Galois-connection between monoids of cohypersubstitutuions of a given type  $\tau$  and varieties of the same type, showing that for any monoid M of cohypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ , the collection of all M-solid varieties of type  $\tau$  forms a complete sublattice of the lattice of all varieties ([1]). It is of interest to know which semigroup properties of cohypersubstitutions can be transferred by this Galois connection. In this paper, we study the semigroup properties of weak projection cohypersubstitutions of all mappings from the set of cooperation symbols to the set of coterms which preserve arities type (2, 2). In particular, we characterize all idempotent elements of such cohypersubstitutions.

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## 1 Introduction

Let A be a nonempty set and n a natural number. The set  $A^{\sqcup n} = \underline{n} \times A$ where  $\underline{n} := \{1, \ldots, n\}$  is called the n-th copower. Dualizing the concept of n-ary operation we obtain that of an n-ary cooperation on A is a mapping  $f^A : A \to A^{\sqcup n}$ and the number n is called the arity of the cooperation  $f^A$ . Each n-ary cooperation  $f^A$  is uniquely determined by the pair of mappings  $(f_1^A, f_2^A)$  where  $f_1^A : A \to \underline{n}$ ,  $f_2^A : A \to A$  and  $f^A(a) = (f_1^A(a), f_2^A(a))$ . The mappings  $f_1^A$  and  $f_2^A$  is called the labelling and the mapping of  $f^A$ , respectively, (see, [2]). An indexed coalgebra is a pair  $(A; (f_i^A)_{i \in I})$ , where  $f_i^A$  is an  $n_i$ -ary cooperation defined on A, and  $\tau =$  $(n_i)_{i \in I}$  is called the *type of the coalgebra*, (see, [1,3,4]). This particular structure was introduced by Drbohlav and the Birkhoff's variety theorem for coalgebra was proven [5].

Let  $cO_A^{(n)}$  be the set of all *n*-ary cooperations defined on *A*. In [2], Csákány introduced the notion of superposition as follows. If  $f^A \in cO_A^{(n)}$  and  $g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A \in cO_A^{(k)}$ , then define a *k*-ary cooperation  $f^A[g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A] : A \to A^{\sqcup k}$  by

$$a \mapsto ((g_{f_1^A(a)}^A)_1(f_2^A(a)), (g_{f_1^A(a)}^A)_2(f_2^A(a)))$$

for all  $a \in A$ . We call the cooperation  $f^A[g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A]$  a superposition of  $f^A$  and  $g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A$ . Instead of  $f^A[g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A]$  we also write  $\operatorname{comp}_k^n(f^A, g_1^A, \ldots, g_n^A)$ . For example, let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  and  $f^A, g_1^A, g_2^A, g_3^A : A \to A^{\sqcup 3}$  by

We can see that  $f_1^A(a_i)$  and  $f_2^A(a_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le 3$ , are a natural number in the first and an element of A in the second component of  $f^A(a_i)$ , respectively. The labelling and the mapping of  $g_1^A, g_2^A, g_3^A$  can be considered similarly. Thus,

$$\begin{split} f^{A}[g_{1}^{A},g_{2}^{A},g_{3}^{A}](a_{1}) &= ((g_{2}^{A})_{1}(a_{2}),(g_{2}^{A})_{2}(a_{2})) = (3,a_{1}), \\ f^{A}[g_{1}^{A},g_{2}^{A},g_{3}^{A}](a_{2}) &= ((g_{3}^{A})_{1}(a_{1}),(g_{3}^{A})_{2}(a_{1})) = (3,a_{1}), \end{split}$$

and

$$f^{A}[g_{1}^{A}, g_{2}^{A}, g_{3}^{A}](a_{3}) = ((g_{1}^{A})_{1}(a_{3}), (g_{1}^{A})_{2}(a_{3})) = (1, a_{3}).$$

The injection  $\iota_i^{n,A}$  are special cooperations which are defined by  $\iota_i^{n,A} : A \to A^{\sqcup n}$  with  $a \mapsto (i, a)$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Then we obtain a multi-based algebra

$$((cO_A^{(n)})_{n\geq 1}; (comp_k^n)_{k,n\geq 1}, (\iota_i^{n,A})_{1\leq i\leq n}).$$

In [2], Csákány mentioned that it is a clone.

Coalgebras are pairs consisting of a nonempty set and a set of cooperations defined on this set. In [1], K. Denecke and K. Saengsura defined terms for coalgebras, coidentities and cohyperidentities. These concepts can be applied to give a new

solution of the completeness problem for clones of cooperations defined on a twoelement set and to separate clones of cooperations by coidentities. The concepts of coidentities and cohyperidentities, help to solve the functional completeness problem, are defined by coterm.

Let  $\tau = (n_i)_{i \in I}$  be an indexed family of natural numbers and let  $(f_i)_{i \in I}$  be an indexed set of cooperation symbols. To each cooperation symbol we assign  $n_i$  as its arity. Let  $\{e_j^n : n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  be a set of symbols which is disjoint from the set  $\{f_i : i \in I\}$ . To each  $e_j^n$  we assign the positive integer n as its arity. Coterm of type  $\tau$  are defined by the following recursion:

- (i) For every  $i \in I$ , the cooperation symbol  $f_i$  is an  $n_i$ -ary coterm of type  $\tau$ .
- (ii) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the symbol  $e_i^n$  is an *n*-ary coterm of type  $\tau$ .
- (iii) If  $t_1, \ldots, t_{n_i}$  are *m*-ary coterms of type  $\tau$ , then  $f_i[t_1, \ldots, t_{n_i}]$  is an *m*-ary coterm of type  $\tau$  and if  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$  are *m*-ary coterms of type  $\tau$ , then  $e_i^n[t_1, \ldots, t_n]$  is an *m*-ary coterm of type  $\tau$  where  $1 \le j \le n$ .

Let  $\mathrm{cT}_{\tau}^{(n)}$  be the set of all *n*-ary coterms of type  $\tau$  and let  $\mathrm{cT}_{\tau} := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathrm{cT}_{\tau}^{(n)}$  be the set of all coterms of type  $\tau$ . For simply, we write the set  $\{e_j^n : n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  by *E*. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote the set  $\{e_j^n : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  by  $E_n$ .

**Definition 1.1.** For each  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A superposition of coterms  $S_m^n : cT_{\tau}^{(n)} \times (cT_{\tau}^{(m)})^n \to cT_{\tau}^{(m)}$  defined inductively by the following steps;

- (i) if  $t = e_i^n, 1 \le i \le n$ , then  $S_m^n(t, t_1, ..., t_n) := t_i$  where  $t_1, ..., t_n \in cT_{\tau}^{(m)}$ ,
- (ii) if  $t = f_i$  is an  $n_i$ -ary cooperation symbol, then  $S_{n_i}^{n_i}(t, e_1^{n_i}, \dots, e_{n_i}^{n_i}) := f_i$ ,
- (iii) if  $t = g_j$  is an  $n_j$ -ary cooperation symbol, then  $S_m^{n_j}(t, t_1, \dots, t_{n_j}) := g_j[t_1, \dots, t_{n_j}]$  where  $t_1, \dots, t_{n_j} \in cT_{\tau}^{(m)}$ ,
- (iv) if  $t = e_j^p[s_1, \ldots, s_p]$  where  $s_1, \ldots, s_p$  are *n*-ary coterms and assume that  $S_m^n(s_k, t_1, \ldots, t_n)$  are already defined for  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in cT_{\tau}^{(m)}, 1 \le k \le p$ , then

$$S_m^n(t, t_1, \dots, t_n) := e_j^p [S_m^n(s_1, t_1, \dots, t_n), \dots, S_m^n(s_p, t_1, \dots, t_n)],$$

(v) if  $t = f_i[s_1, \ldots, s_{n_i}]$  where  $f_i$  is an  $n_i$ -ary cooperation symbol,  $s_1, \ldots, s_{n_i}$  are *n*-ary coterns and assume that  $S_m^n(s_k, t_1, \ldots, t_n)$  are already defined for  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in cT_{\tau}^{(m)}, 1 \le k \le n_i$ , then

$$S_m^n(t, t_1, \dots, t_n) := f_i[S_m^n(s_1, t_1, \dots, t_n), \dots, S_m^n(s_{n_i}, t_1, \dots, t_n)].$$

The above definition is defined slightly different from [1,3]. Indeed, the property (iv) is added since an *n*-ary coterm of type  $\tau$  can start with symbol  $e_j^p$  for  $p \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq j \leq p$ . For instance, the binary coterm *t* can be written by  $e_2^3[e_2^2, e_1^2, e_2^2]$ . In [1], the authors proved that the multi-based algebra

$$((cT_{\tau}^{(n)})_{n\geq 1}; (S_m^n)_{m,n\geq 1}, (e_j^n)_{1\leq j\leq n})$$

is a clone. That is, it satisfied the conditions

- (C1)  $\hat{S}_{m}^{p}(z, \hat{S}_{m}^{n}(y_{1}, x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}), \dots, \hat{S}_{m}^{n}(y_{p}, x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}))$   $\approx \hat{S}_{m}^{n}(\hat{S}_{m}^{p}(z, y_{1}, \dots, y_{p}), x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}),$  $(m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}),$
- (C2)  $\hat{S}_m^n(e_i^n, x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx x_i, m \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \le i \le n,$
- (C3)  $\hat{S}_n^n(y, e_1^n, \dots, e_n^n) \approx y, \ (n \in \mathbb{N}).$
- Here  $\hat{S}_m^n, \hat{S}_m^p, \hat{S}_n^n$  and  $e_i^n$  are operation symbols corresponding to the clone type.

The concept of cohypersubstitution was introduced in [1] as making precise the concept of cohyperidentities.

**Definition 1.2.** A cohypersubstitution of type  $\tau$  is a mapping  $\sigma : \{f_i : i \in I\} \cup E \to cT_{\tau}$  which maps each  $n_i$ -ary cooperation symbols of type  $\tau$  to an  $n_i$ -ary coterm of this type and  $\sigma(e) = e$  if  $e \in E$ . Any cohypersubstitution  $\sigma$  can be extended to a mapping  $\hat{\sigma} : cT_{\tau} \to cT_{\tau}$  on the set of all coterms of type  $\tau$  inductively defined as follows:

- (i)  $\hat{\sigma}[f_i] := f_i$  for all  $i \in I$ ,
- (ii)  $\hat{\sigma}[e_i^n] := e_i^n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \le i \le n$ ,
- (iii)  $\hat{\sigma}[e_i^n[t_1,\ldots,t_n]] := \hat{\sigma}[t_i]$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \le i \le n$ ,
- (iv)  $\hat{\sigma}[f_i[t_1, \dots, t_{n_i}]] := S_n^{n_i}(\sigma(f_i), \hat{\sigma}[t_1], \dots, \hat{\sigma}[t_{n_i}]).$

This definition is also slightly different from [1,3] by the same reason as defining superposition of coterms. Moreover, we set  $\sigma(e) = e$  for all  $e \in E$ . We denote by  $\operatorname{cHyp}(\tau)$  the set of all cohypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ . In [1], the authors defined a binary operation  $\circ_{\mathcal{C}}$  on  $\operatorname{cT}_{\tau}$  by  $\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2 := \hat{\sigma}_1 \circ \sigma_2$  for all  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \operatorname{cT}_{\tau}$  where  $\circ$ is a usual composition of mapping. They showed that the structure  $\operatorname{cHyp}(\tau) :=$  $(\operatorname{cHyp}(\tau); \circ_{\mathcal{C}}, \sigma_{\operatorname{id}})$  is a monoid where  $\sigma_{\operatorname{id}}$  is an identity cohypersubstitution defined by  $\sigma_{\operatorname{id}}(f_i) = f_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

In semigroup theory, it is of interest to consider various type of its elements, including regular, idempotent, completely regular, etc. In [6], the authors characterized idempotent and regular elements of  $\mathbf{cHyp}(2)$ . The characterizations of idempotent and regular elements of cohypersubstitutions of type (3) and type (n) was given in [7] and [8], respectively, by D. Boonchari and K. Saengsura.

In this paper, we continue in this vein, by consider the submonoid of cohypersubstitutions of type (2, 2), so-called *weak projection cohypersubstitutions* and characterize its idempotent elements.

## 2 Some Submonoids

In this section, we present two submonoids based on various properties of cohypersubstitutions.

**Definition 2.1.** A cohypersubstitution  $\sigma$  of type  $\tau$  is called a *projection cohyper-substitution* of type  $\tau$  if  $\sigma(f_i) \in E_{n_i}$  for all  $i \in I$ .

Denoted by  $P(\tau)$  the set of all projection cohypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** An algebra  $(P(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$  is a submonoid of  $(cHyp(\tau); \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in P(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}.$ 

• If  $\sigma_1 \in P(\tau)$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_{id}$ , then

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(f_i) = f_i = \sigma_{\mathrm{id}}(f_i).$$

• If  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{id}$  and  $\sigma_2 \in P(\tau)$ , then  $\sigma_2(f_i) = e_j^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \le j \le n$ . Thus,

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(e_j^n) = e_j^n.$$

• If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \mathbf{P}(\tau)$ , then  $\sigma_2(f_i) = e_j^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \le j \le n$ . Thus,

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(e_i^n) = e_i^n.$$

• If  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{id} = \sigma_2$ , then

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(f_i) = f_i = \sigma_{\mathrm{id}}(f_i).$$

Therefore,  $\sigma_1 \circ_C \sigma_2 \in P(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}$ . Altogether, we have that  $(P(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$  is a submonoid of  $(cHyp(\tau); \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A cohypersubstitution  $\sigma$  of type  $\tau$  is called a *weak projection* cohypersubstitution of type  $\tau$  if there is  $i \in I$  such that  $\sigma(f_i) \in E_{n_i}$ .

Denoted by WP( $\tau$ ) the set of all weak projection cohypersubstitutions of type  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** An algebra  $(WP(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$  is a submonoid of  $(cHyp(\tau); \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in WP(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}.$ 

• If  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{id}$  and  $\sigma_2 \in WP(\tau)$ , then there is  $i \in I$  such that  $\sigma_2(f_i) = e_j^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Thus,

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(e_j^n) = e_j^n.$$

• If  $\sigma_1 \in WP(\tau)$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_{id}$ , then there is  $i \in I$  such that  $\sigma_1(f_i) = e_j^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Thus,

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(f_i) = f_i = \sigma_{\mathrm{id}}(f_i).$$

• If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in WP(\tau)$ , then there is  $i \in I$  such that  $\sigma_2(f_i) = e_j^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Thus,

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(e_j^n) = e_j^n$$

• If  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{id} = \sigma_2$ , then

$$(\sigma_1 \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_2)(f_i) = \hat{\sigma}_1(\sigma_2(f_i)) = \hat{\sigma}_1(f_i) = f_i = \sigma_{\mathrm{id}}(f_i).$$

Therefore,  $\sigma_1 \circ_C \sigma_2 \in WP(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}$ . Altogether, we have that  $(WP(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$  is a submonoid of  $(cHyp(\tau); \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** An algebra  $(P(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$  is a submonoid of  $(WP(\tau) \cup \{\sigma_{id}\}; \circ_C, \sigma_{id})$ .

## 3 Idempotent Elements of Weak Projection Cohypersubstitutions

For a semigroup S, an element  $e \in S$  is called an *idempotent element* of S if e = ee. We consider the idempotent elements of WP(2, 2). It is clear that every element of P(2, 2) is idempotent. Thus, we only consider the idempotent elements of WP(2, 2)  $\setminus$  P(2, 2). Let f and g be the binary cooperation symbols. We denote the cohypersubstitution  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma(f) = t_1$  and  $\sigma(g) = t_2$  by  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$ . We start with the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\sigma_{(t_i)_{i \in I}}$  be a cohypersubstitution of type  $\tau = (n_i)_{i \in I}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}$  is idempotent;
- (ii)  $\hat{\sigma}_{(t_i)_{i \in I}}[t_j] = t_j$  for all  $j \in I$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $j \in I$ . Then

$$\hat{\sigma}_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}[t_j] = \hat{\sigma}_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}[\sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}(f_j)] = (\sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}} \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}})(f_j) = \sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}(f_j) = t_j.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): For each  $j \in I$ , we obtain

$$(\sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}} \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}})(f_j) = \hat{\sigma}_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}[\sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}(f_j)] = \hat{\sigma}_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}[t_j] = t_j = \sigma_{(t_i)_{i\in I}}(f_j).$$

Thus, we complete the proof.

For a cohypersubstitution  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  of WP(2,2)  $\smallsetminus$  P(2,2) we separate our consideration into four cases:

- (i)  $t_1 \in E_2, t_2 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_2) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $t_2 \in E_2, t_1 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_1) = 1$ ,

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- (iii)  $t_1 \in E_2, t_2 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,
- (iv)  $t_2 \in E_2, t_1 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_1) > 1$ ,

where  $co(t_1)$  and  $co(t_2)$  denote the number of all cooperation symbols occurring in the coterms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , respectively. We will start with some notions that used to prove our main results.

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and F be a variable over the two-elements alphabet  $\{f, g\}$  where  $\operatorname{ar}(F)$  denotes the arity of F. We define  $M^i(t), 1 \leq i \leq \operatorname{ar}(F)$  by

- (i) if  $t = e_i^n$ , then  $M^i(t) = t$ ,
- (ii) if t = F, then  $M^i(t) = F$ ,
- (iii) if  $t = F[s_1, ..., s_{ar(F)}]$  and  $1 \le i \le ar(F)$ , then  $M^i(t) = M^i(s_i)$ ,
- (iv) if  $t = e_i^n[s_1, ..., s_n]$ , then  $M^i(t) = M^i(s_i)$ .

For example, let f, g be binary cooperation symbols and  $t = f[g[e_1^2[f, e_2^2], e_1^2], e_2^2[g, e_1^2[e_2^2, e_1^2]]]$ . Then

$$\begin{split} M^1(t) &= M^1(f[g[e_1^2[f,e_2^2],e_1^2],e_2^2[g,e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]]]) \\ &= M^1(g[e_1^2[f,e_2^2],e_1^2]) \\ &= M^1(e_1^2[f,e_2^2]) \\ &= M^1(f) \\ &= f, \end{split}$$
$$M^2(t) &= M^2(f[g[e_1^2[f,e_2^2],e_1^2],e_2^2[g,e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]]]) \end{split}$$

$$M^{2}(t) = M^{2}([g[e_{1}[J, e_{2}], e_{1}], e_{2}[g, e_{1}[e_{2}, e_{1}]]])$$
  
=  $M^{2}(e_{2}^{2}[g, e_{1}^{2}[e_{2}^{2}, e_{1}^{2}]])$   
=  $M^{2}(e_{1}^{2}[e_{2}^{2}, e_{1}^{2}])$   
=  $M^{2}(e_{2}^{2})$   
=  $e_{2}^{2}$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and F be a variable over the two-element alphabet  $\{f, g\}$  where  $\operatorname{ar}(F)$  denotes the arity of F. For a coterm t, we let  $\operatorname{inn}(t)$  be the set of inner coterm of the coterm t defined inductively by the following,

- (i) if t = F, then  $inn(t) = \{F\}$ ,
- (ii) if  $t = e_j^n$ , then  $inn(t) = \{e_j^n\},\$
- (iii) if  $t = e_i^n[s_1, ..., s_n]$ , then  $inn(t) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n inn(s_i)$ ,
- (iv) if  $t = F[s_1, ..., s_{ar(F)}]$ , then  $inn(t) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{ar(F)} inn(s_i)$ .



For example, let f, g be binary cooperation symbols and  $t = f[g[e_1^2[f, e_2^2], e_1^2], e_2^2[g, e_1^2[e_2^2, e_1^2]]]$ . Then

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{inn}(t_2) = \operatorname{inn}(f[g[e_1^2[f, e_2^2], e_1^2], e_2^2[g, e_1^2[e_2^2, e_1^2]]]) \\ &= \operatorname{inn}(g[e_1^2[f, e_2^2], e_1^2]) \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_2^2[g, e_1^2[e_2^2, e_1^2]]) \\ &= \operatorname{inn}(e_1^2[f, e_2^2]) \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_1^2) \cup \operatorname{inn}(g) \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_1^2[e_2^2, e_1^2]) \\ &= \operatorname{inn}(f) \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_2^2) \cup \{e_1^2\} \cup \{g\} \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_2^2) \cup \operatorname{inn}(e_1^2) \\ &= \{f\} \cup \{e_2^2\} \cup \{e_1^2\} \cup \{g\} \cup \{e_2^2\} \cup \{e_1^2\} \\ &= \{e_1^2, e_2^2, f, g\}. \end{split}$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and F be variables over the two-elements alphabet  $\{f, g\}$  where  $\operatorname{ar}(F)$  denotes the arity of F. Let  $1 \leq i \leq \operatorname{ar}(F)$ . We define  $P^i(t)$  by

- (i) if  $t = e_i^n$ , then  $P^i(t) = t$ ,
- (ii) if t = F, then  $P^i(t) = F$ ,
- (iii) if  $t = e_i^n[s_1, ..., s_n]$ , then  $P^i(t) = P^i(s_j)$
- (iv) if  $t = F(t_1, ..., t_i, ..., t_{ar(F)})$ , then  $P^i(t) = FP^i(t_i)$ .

For example, let f,g be binary cooperation symbols and  $t=f[g[e_1^2[f,e_2^2],e_1^2],e_2^2[g,e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]]].$  Then

$$\begin{split} P^{1}(t) &= P^{1}(f[g[e_{1}^{2}[f,e_{2}^{2}],e_{1}^{2}],e_{2}^{2}[g,e_{1}^{2}[e_{2}^{2},e_{1}^{2}]]]) \\ &= fP^{1}(g[e_{1}^{2}[f,e_{2}^{2}],e_{1}^{2}]) \\ &= fgP^{1}(e_{1}^{2}[f,e_{2}^{2}]) \\ &= fgP^{1}(f) \\ &= fgf \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} P^2(t) &= P^2(f[g[e_1^2[f,e_2^2],e_1^2],e_2^2[g,e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]]]) \\ &= fP^2(e_2^2[g,e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]]) \\ &= fP^2(e_1^2[e_2^2,e_1^2]) \\ &= fP^2(e_2^2) \\ &= fe_2^2. \end{split}$$

Now, we are ready to prove our results. In the case that  $t_1 \in E_2$ ,  $t_2 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_2) = 1$ , we obtain the following propositions.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_1 \in E_2$ ,  $co(t_2) = 1$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.

- (ii)  $t_2$  is one of the following forms;
  - $t_2 \in \{f, g\},$
  - in  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , there is the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$  such that
    - $\begin{array}{l} \ t_2' = g \ or \\ \ t_2' = g[x_1, x_2] \ where \ x_1, x_2 \in cT_{(2,2)}^{(2)} \ and \ the \ following \ conditions \\ hold; \\ * \ if \ e_1^2 \in inn(t_2), \ then \ M^1(x_1) = e_1^2, \\ * \ if \ e_2^2 \in inn(t_2), \ then \ M^2(x_2) = e_2^2. \end{array}$

Proof. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assume that  $t_2 \notin \{f, g\}$ . Suppose that, in  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$ where  $F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , there is the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ such that  $F_l = f$ . This implies that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2} \in E_2$ , which is a contradiction. This implies that in  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , there is the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$ . Let  $t'_2 \neq g$ . Assume that  $t'_2 = g[x_1, x_2]$  where  $x_1, x_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Since  $\sigma_{t_1, t_2}$  is idempotent,

$$t_2 = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[t_2] = S^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[x_1], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[x_2])$$

Let  $e_1^2 \in \operatorname{inn}(t_2)$ . Suppose that  $M^1(x_1) = e_2^2$ . Then we have to replace  $e_1^2$  in  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_2^2$ . Thus,  $S^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[x_1], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[x_2]) \neq t_2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence, if  $e_1^2 \in \operatorname{inn}(t_2)$ , then  $M^1(x_1) = e_1^2$ . Similarly, if  $e_2^2 \in \operatorname{inn}(t_2)$ , then  $M^2(x_2) = e_2^2$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): It is clear that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[F] = F$  where  $F \in \{f,g\}$ . Thus, if  $t_2 \in \{f,g\}$ , then  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent. Assume that in  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_i \in \{f,g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , there is the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$ . In this case, since  $t_1 \in E_2$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_1] = t_1$ . If  $t'_2 = g$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t'_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g] = t_2$ . Assume that  $t'_2 = g[x_1,x_2]$  where  $x_1, x_2 \in \operatorname{cT}^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Let  $e_1^2 \in \operatorname{inn}(t_2)$ . Then  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t'_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g] = s_2(t_2, e_1^2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[x_2])$ . Thus, we have to replace  $e_1^2$  in  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_1^2$ . Similarly, if  $e_2^2 \in \operatorname{inn}(t_2)$ , then we have to replace  $e_2^2$  in  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_2^2$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_1 = e_2^2$  and  $t_2 = e_2^3[e_2^2, e_1^2[g[e_1^2, e_2^2], e_2^2], e_1^2]$ .
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_1 = e_2^2$  and  $t_2 = g[e_2^2, e_1^2]$ .

Similarly, in case of  $t_2 \in E_2$ ,  $t_1 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_1) = 1$ , we have as follows.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_2 \in E_2$ ,  $co(t_1) = 1$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.

- (ii)  $t_1$  is one of the following forms;
  - $t_1 \in \{f, g\},$
  - in  $P^1(t_1) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \le i \le k$ , there is the smallest positive integer  $1 \le l \le k$  such that  $F_l = f$  with a subcoterm  $t'_1$  of  $t_1$  such that
    - $\begin{array}{l} t_{1}' = f \ or \\ t_{1}' = f[x_{1}, x_{2}] \ where \ x_{1}, x_{2} \in cT_{(2,2)}^{(2)} \ and \ the \ following \ conditions \\ hold; \\ * \ if \ e_{1}^{2} \in inn(t_{1}), \ then \ M^{1}(x_{1}) = e_{1}^{2}, \end{array}$

\* if 
$$e_2^2 \in inn(t_1)$$
, then  $M^2(x_2) = e_2^2$ .

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_2 = e_2^2$  and  $t_1 = e_1^3[f, e_1^2, e_2^2]$ .
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_2 = e_2^2$  and  $t_1 = e_1^2[e_2^2, f[e_2^2, e_2^2]]$ .

**Remark 3.4.** We observe that for  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_1 \in E_2$  and  $co(t_2) > 1$ , if  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent, then  $inn(t_2) \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset$ . To see this, we suppose that  $inn(t_2) \cap E_2 = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $inn(t_2) \cap \{f,g\} \neq \emptyset$ . If  $f \in inn(t_2)$ , then  $t_1 \in inn(t_2)$ . If  $g \in inn(t_2)$ , then the coterm  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}$  is longer that the coterm  $t_2$ . These contradict that  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$ . Hence,  $inn(t_2) \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Dually, for  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_2 \in E_2$  and  $co(t_1) > 1$ , if  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent, then  $inn(t_2) \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

By the above observation, we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_{j_1} \in E_2$ ,  $co(t_{j_2}) > 1$  where  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are distinct elements in  $\{1,2\}$ . We have that if  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent, then  $inn(t_{j_2}) \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

In case that  $t_1 \in E_2$ ,  $t_2 \notin E_2$  and  $co(t_2) > 1$ , we obtain the following propositions.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_1 = e_m^2$ , m = 1, 2,  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,  $t_2 = F[s_1, s_2]$  with  $P^m(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f,g\} \cup E, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_2) \cap E_2 = \{e_j^2\}, j = 1, 2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^m(t_2)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$ , and one of the following conditions hold;
  - if  $inn(t_2) \cap \{f, g\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $t'_2 = g$ ,
  - if inn(t<sub>2</sub>) ∩ {f, g} = Ø, then t'<sub>2</sub> = g[s'<sub>1</sub>, s'<sub>2</sub>], s'<sub>1</sub>, s'<sub>2</sub> ∈ cT<sup>(2)</sup><sub>(2,2)</sub> such that the set of cooperation symbols occurring in P<sup>m</sup>(s'<sub>i</sub>) is {f} or Ø.

Proof. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Since  $P^m(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_l \in \{f,g\} \cup E, 1 \leq l \leq k$ for some natural number k, then there exists  $q \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_q = g$ since otherwise  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \in E_2$ , which is a contradiction. Let  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $F_l = g$  with the subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$  where  $t'_2 = g$  or  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2], s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Let  $inn(t_2) \cap \{f,g\} \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$  where  $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Since  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent, we consider

$$\begin{split} t_2 &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2'] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g[s_1',s_2']] \\ &= S_2^2(\sigma_{t_1,t_2}(g), \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \\ &= S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']). \end{split}$$

If f occurs in  $inn(t_2)$ , then we have to replace f in  $inn(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $f[e_j^2, e_j^2]$ . Thus,  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \neq t_2$ , which is a contradiction. If g occurs in  $inn(t_2)$ , then the coterm  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2'])$  must be longer that the coterm  $t_2$ . These implies that  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \neq t_2$ , which is a contradiction. Thus, we obtain  $t_2' = g$ .

Let  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2) \cap \{f, g\} = \emptyset$ . Then we have that  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$  and  $s'_1, s'_2 \in \operatorname{cT}^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Suppose that the nonempty set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^m(s'_j)$  is not  $\{f\}$ . Since  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent, we consider

$$\begin{split} t_2 &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2'] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g[s_1',s_2']] \\ &= S_2^2(\sigma_{t_1,t_2}(g), \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \\ &= S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']). \end{split}$$

This implies that the coterm  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[s'_1], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[s'_2])$  must be longer than the coterm  $t_2$ . This follows that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1, t_2}[t_2] \neq t_2$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2], s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$  such that the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^m(s'_i)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Without loss of generality, we assume that m, j = 1. Then, in  $P^1(t_2)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$ . Assume that  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2) \cap \{f, g\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $t'_2 = g$ . This clearly implies that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] = t_2$ . Assume that  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2) \cap \{f, g\} = \emptyset$ . Then  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$ ,  $s'_1, s'_2 \in \operatorname{cT}^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$  such that the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_1)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Since  $\operatorname{inn}(t_2) \cap E_2 = \{e_1^2\}$ , we obtain that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] = t_2$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have •  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_1 = e_1^2$  and  $t_2 = e_2^2[e_1^2, f[g[e_1^2, e_1^2], g[e_1^2, f[e_1^2, e_1^2]]]]$ .

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- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_1 = e_2^2$  and  $t_2 = g[e_2^2, g[e_2^2, e_2^2]]$ .

Similarly, we can prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_2 = e_m^2$ , m = 1, 2,  $co(t_1) > 1$ ,  $t_1 = F[s_1, s_2]$  with  $P^m(t_1) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f,g\} \cup E, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_1) \cap E_2 = \{e_j^2\}, j = 1, 2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^m(t_1)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = f$  with a subcoterm  $t'_1$ , and one of the following conditions hold;
  - if  $inn(t_1) \cap \{f, g\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $t'_1 = f$ ,
  - if inn(t<sub>1</sub>) ∩ {f,g} = Ø, then t'<sub>1</sub> = f[s'<sub>1</sub>, s'<sub>2</sub>], s'<sub>1</sub>, s'<sub>2</sub> ∈ cT<sup>(2)</sup><sub>(2,2)</sub> such that the set of cooperation symbols occurring in P<sup>m</sup>(s'<sub>j</sub>) is {g} or Ø.

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_2 = e_1^2$  and  $t_1 = g[f[e_2^2, e_2^2], f[e_2^2, e_2^2]]$ .
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_2 = e_2^2$  and  $t_1 = f[g, g[e_1^2, e_1^2]]$ .

Next, we give a characterization that a weak projection cohypersubstitution  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $inn(t_i) = E_2$ , i = 1, 2.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_1 = e_1^2$ ,  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,  $t_2 = F[s_1, s_2]$  with  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_2) = E_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^1(t_2)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$ , and one of the following conditions holds;
  - $t'_2 = g$ ,
  - if  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$  where  $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ , then the following conditions hold;
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_1)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ , and  $M^1(s'_1) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_1) = f$ ,
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_2)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$  and  $M^1(s'_2) = e_2^2$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Since  $P^1(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  where  $F_l \in \{f, g\} \cup E, 1 \leq l \leq k$ for some natural number k, then there exists  $q \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  such that  $F_q = g$ since otherwise  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \in E_2$ , which is a contradiction. Let  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $F_l = g$  with the subcoterm  $t'_2$  of  $t_2$  where  $t'_2 = g$  or  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2], s'_1, s'_2 \in \mathrm{cT}^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Assume that  $t'_2 \neq g$ . Then  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$ ,

 $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ . Suppose that the nonempty set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_1)$  is not  $\{f\}$ . Since  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent,

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$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2'] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g[s_1',s_2']] \\ &= S_2^2(\sigma_{t_1,t_2}(g), \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \\ &= S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that the coterm  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_1], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_2])$  must be longer that the coterm  $t_2$ . This follows that  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] \neq t_2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence, the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_1)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_1) = e_2^2$ . Then we have to replace  $e_1^2$  in inn $(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_2^2$ . This implies that  $t_2 \neq \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2]$ , which is a contradiction. Suppose that  $M^1(s'_1) = g$ . Then the coterm  $S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_1], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_2])$  must be longer that the coterm  $t_2$ . This implies that  $t_2 \neq \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2]$ , which is a contradiction. If  $M^1(s'_1) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_1) = f$ , then we replace  $e_1^2$  in inn $(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_1^2$ . Hence,  $M^1(s'_1) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_1) = f$ . Similarly, we can show that the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_2)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_2) = f$ . Then we have to replace  $e_2^2$  in inn $(t_2)$  of the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_1^2$ . This implies that  $t_2 \neq \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2]$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_2) = f$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = g$ . Then the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_1^2$ . This implies that  $t_2 \neq \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2]$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_2) = f$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = g$ . Then the coterm  $t_2$  by  $e_1^2$ . This implies that  $t_2 \neq \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2]$ . Suppose that  $M^1(s'_2) = g$ . Then the coterm  $S^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_1]), \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s'_2])$  must be longer that coterm  $t_2$ . Hence, for any cases we obtain  $M^1(s'_2) = e_2^2$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): In  $P^1(t_2)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$ . It is clear that if  $t'_2 = g$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t'_2] = \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g] = t_2$ . Now, if  $t'_2 \neq g$  we consider

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2] &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[t_2'] \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[g[s_1',s_2']] \\ &= S_2^2(\sigma_{t_1,t_2}(g), \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']) \\ &= S_2^2(t_2, \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_1'], \hat{\sigma}_{t_1,t_2}[s_2']). \end{aligned}$$

If  $M^{1}(s'_{1}) = e_{1}^{2}$  and  $M^{1}(s'_{2}) = e_{2}^{2}$ , then we have to replace  $e_{1}^{2}$ ,  $e_{2}^{2}$ , f and g in  $inn(t_{2})$  by  $e_{1}^{2}$ ,  $e_{2}^{2}$ , f and g, respectively. So,  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_{1},t_{2}}[t_{2}] = t_{2}$ . If  $M^{1}(s'_{1}) = f$  and  $M^{1}(s'_{2}) = e_{2}^{2}$ , then we have to replace  $e_{1}^{2}$ ,  $e_{2}^{2}$ , f and g in  $inn(t_{2})$  by  $e_{1}^{2}$ ,  $e_{2}^{2}$ , f and g, respectively. So,  $\hat{\sigma}_{t_{1},t_{2}}[t_{2}] = t_{2}$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{t_{1},t_{2}}$  is idempotent.

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2,2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_1 = e_1^2$  and  $t_2 = e_1^2[f[g[f, e_2^2], g[f[e_2^2, e_1^2], f]], g[g, f]].$
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_1 = e_1^2$  and  $t_2 = f[g[e_2^2, e_1^2], f[e_1^2, e_1^2]]$ .

Similarly, we can prove the following propositions.

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_1 = e_2^2$ ,  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,  $t_2 = F[s_1,s_2]$  with  $P^2(t_2) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f,g\} \cup E, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_2) = E_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^2(t_2)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = g$  with a subcoterm  $t'_2$ , and one of the following conditions hold;
  - $t'_2 = g$ ,
  - if  $t'_2 = g[s'_1, s'_2]$  where  $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ , then the following conditions hold;
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^2(s'_1)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$ , and  $M^2(s'_1) = e_1^2$ ,
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^2(s'_2)$  is  $\{f\}$  or  $\emptyset$  and  $M^2(s'_2) = e_2^2$  or  $M^2(s'_2) = g$ .

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_1 = e_2^2$  and  $t_2 = g[f[g, e_1^2], f[e_2^2, f[e_1^2, e_2^2]]]$ .
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_1 = e_2^2$  and  $t_2 = e_1^1[f[g, f[e_1^2, e_2^2]]]$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_2 = e_1^2$ ,  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,  $t_1 = F[s_1, s_2]$  with  $P^1(t_1) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f, g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_1) = E_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^1(t_1)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = f$  with a subcoterm  $t'_1$ , and one of the following conditions hold;
  - $t'_1 = f$ ,
  - if  $t'_1 = f[s'_1, s'_2]$  where  $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ , then the following conditions hold:
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_1)$  is  $\{g\}$  or  $\emptyset$ , and  $M^1(s'_1) = e_1^2$  or  $M^1(s'_1) = f$ ,
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^1(s'_2)$  is  $\{g\}$  or  $\emptyset$  and  $M^1(s'_2) = e_2^2$ .

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_2 = e_1^2$  and  $t_1 = g[g[f, e_1^2], f[e_2^2, g]]$ .
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_2 = e_1^2$  and  $t_1 = g[f[e_2^2, e_1^2], g[e_1^2, e_2^2]]$ .

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2} \in WP(2,2) \setminus P(2,2)$ ,  $t_2 = e_2^2$ ,  $co(t_2) > 1$ ,  $t_1 = F[s_1,s_2]$  with  $P^2(t_1) = F_1 \cdots F_k$  for some natural number k where  $F, F_i \in \{f,g\} \cup E$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $inn(t_1) = E_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent.
- (ii) In  $P^2(t_1)$ , there exists the smallest positive integer  $l \in \{1, ..., k\}$  such that  $F_l = f$  with a subcoterm  $t'_1$ , and one of the following conditions hold;
  - $t'_1 = f$ ,
  - if  $t'_1 = f[s'_1, s'_2]$  where  $s'_1, s'_2 \in cT^{(2)}_{(2,2)}$ , then the following conditions hold;
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^2(s'_1)$  is  $\{g\}$  or  $\emptyset$ , and  $M^2(s'_1) = e_1^2$ ,
    - the set of cooperation symbols occurring in  $P^2(s'_2)$  is  $\{g\}$  or  $\emptyset$  and  $M^2(s'_2) = e_2^2$  or  $M^2(s'_2) = f$ .

For example, let f and g be cooperation symbols of type (2, 2). Then we have

- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is idempotent where  $t_2 = e_2^2$  and  $t_1 = e_1^2[g[f[e_1^2, e_1^2], f[e_1^2, e_2^2]], f[g[e_1^2, e_1^2], f[e_1^2, e_2^2]]].$
- $\sigma_{t_1,t_2}$  is not idempotent where  $t_2 = e_2^2$  and  $t_1 = e_1^2[g[f[e_1^2, e_1^2], f[e_2^2, e_2^2]], f[g[e_1^2, e_1^2], f[e_1^2, e_2^2]]].$

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