

## FREE $(m + k, m)$ – RECTANGULAR BANDS WHEN $k < m$

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**Abstract:** A characterization of  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular bands when  $k < m$ , using the usual rectangular bands is given in [4]. This result is used to obtain a free  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular band when  $k < m$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

First, we will introduce some notations which will be used further on:

- 1) The elements of  $Q^s$ , where  $Q^s$  denotes the  $s$  – th Cartesian power of  $Q$ , will be denoted by  $x_1^s$ .
- 2) The symbol  $x_i^j$  will denote the sequence  $x_i x_{i+1} \dots x_j$  when  $i \leq j$ , and the empty sequence when  $i > j$ .
- 3) If  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_s = x$ , then  $x_1^s$  is denoted by the symbol  $x^s$ .
- 4) The set  $\{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  will be denoted by  $N_s$ .

Let  $Q \neq \emptyset$  and  $n, m$  be positive integers. If  $[ ]$  is a map from  $Q^n$  into  $Q^m$ , then  $[ ]$  is called an  $(n, m)$  – operation. A pair  $(Q; [ ])$  where  $[ ]$  is an  $(n, m)$  – operation is said to be an  $(n, m)$  – groupoid. Every  $(n, m)$  – operation on  $Q$  induces a sequence  $[ ]_1, [ ]_2, \dots, [ ]_m$  of  $n$  – ary operations on the set  $Q$ , such that

$$((\forall i \in N_m) [x_1^n]_i = y_i) \Leftrightarrow [x_1^n] = y_1^m.$$

Let  $m \geq 2, k \geq 1$ . An  $(m + k, m)$  – groupoid  $(Q; [ ])$  is called an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup if for each  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

$$[x_1^i [x_{i+1}^{i+m+k} x_{i+m+k+1}^{m+2k}] = [x_1^{m+k} x_{m+k+1}^{m+2k}].$$

Let  $(A; [ ])$  be an  $(m + k, m)$  – groupoid, where  $[ ]$  is an  $(m + k, m)$  – operation defined by  $[x_1^{m+k}] = x_1^m$ . Then  $(A; [ ])$  is an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup and it is called a left-zero  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup. Dually, a right-zero  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup  $(B; [ ])$  is defined by the operation  $[x_1^{m+k}] = x_{k+1}^{m+k}$ .

The pair  $(A \times B; [ ])$ , where  $[ ]$  is an  $(m + k, m)$  – operation on  $A \times B$  defined by

$$[x_1^{m+k}] = y_1^m \Leftrightarrow (x_i = (a_i, b_i), y_j = (a_j, b_{j+k}), i \in N_{m+k}, j \in N_m)$$

is an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup and it is a direct product of a left-zero and a right-zero  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup on  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Such an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup is called  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular band.

The following propositions characterizes  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular bands when  $k < m$ .

Proposition 1.1 ([4, Proposition 2]) Let  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; [ \ ])$  be an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup,  $k < m$ .  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular band if and only if the conditions

- (a)  $\left[ x_1^{m+2k} \right]_j = \left[ x_1^i x_{i+k+1}^{m+2k} \right]_j, i \in \mathbf{N}_m$
- (b)  $\left[ x_1^{m+k} \right]_j = \left[ y_1^{j-1} x_i y_{j+1}^{j+k-1} x_{i+k} y_{j+k+1}^{m+k} \right]_j, i, j \in \mathbf{N}_m$
- (c)  $\left[ x \right]^{m+k} = x$

are satisfied in  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

Proposition 1.2 ([4, Proposition 3]) Let  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; [ \ ])$  be an  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup,  $k < m$ . Then  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a direct product of a left-zero and a right-zero  $(m + k, m)$  – semigroup if and only if there is a rectangular band  $(Q; *)$ , such that  $\left[ x_1^{m+k} \right]_j = x_i * x_{i+k}, x_1^{m+k} \in Q^{m+k}, i \in \mathbf{N}_m$ .

Proposition 1.2 gives a characterization of  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular bands using the usual rectangular bands. Rectangular band is a semigroup which is a direct product of a left-zero and a right-zero semigroup, or equivalent, rectangular band is a semigroup  $(Q; *)$  that satisfies the following two identities  $x * y * z = x * z$  and  $x * x = x$ , for each  $x, y, z \in Q$ .

This result of Proposition 1.2 is used to obtain a free  $(m + k, m)$  – rectangular band when  $k < m$ .

## 2. Free $(m + k, m)$ – rectangular bands when $k < m$

Let  $(Q; *)$  be a free rectangular band with a basis  $B$ . Then  $Q = B \cup \{ab \mid a, b \in B, a \neq b\}$  and operation  $*$  is defined by:

$$x * y = \begin{cases} a & \begin{cases} x = y = a \\ x = a, y = ca \\ x = ac, y = a \\ x = ac, y = da \end{cases} \\ ab & \begin{cases} x = a, y = b \\ x = a, y = cb \\ x = ac, y = b \\ x = ac, y = db \end{cases}, a \neq b \end{cases}$$

Let  $k < m$  and let  $[ ]$  be the  $(m+k, m)$ -operation on  $Q$  defined by

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = x_i * x_{i+k}, x_i^{m+k} \in Q^{m+k}, i \in \mathbf{N}_m.$$

Then

Proposition 2 ( $Q; [ ]$ ) is a free  $(m+k, m)$ -rectangular band when  $k < m$  with a basis  $B$ .

Proof. Since  $k < m$ , let  $k+t = m, t \geq 1$ .

First, we will prove that  $\left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = x_i * x_{i+2k}$ .

a) Let  $i \leq t$ . Then  $i+k \leq t+k = m$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = \\ & = \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j * \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_{j+k} = \\ & = (x_i * x_{i+k}) * (x_{i+k} * x_{i+2k}) = \\ & = x_i * x_{i+2k} \end{aligned}$$

b) Let  $t < i \leq m$ . Then  $i = t + \lambda, 1 \leq \lambda \leq k$  and  $i+k = t + \lambda + k = m + \lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = \\ & = \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j * x_{m+k+\lambda} = \\ & = (x_i * x_{i+k}) * x_{m+k+\lambda} = \\ & = x_i * x_{m+k+\lambda} = \\ & = x_i * x_{i+2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Further on we will prove that  $\left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^j \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = x_i * x_{i+2k}$ .

c) Let  $i \leq j$ . Then  $i \leq j < j+t$  implies  $i+k < j+t+k = j+m$ . Moreover,  $i+k > k \geq j$  i.e.  $j < i+k < j+m$ . Let  $i+k = j + \lambda$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^j \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^{m+2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_j = \\ & = \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1^i x_{i+1}^j \left[ \begin{matrix} x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_1 \cdots \left[ \begin{matrix} x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_\lambda \left[ \begin{matrix} x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_{\lambda+1} \cdots \left[ \begin{matrix} x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_m x_{j+m+k+1}^{m+2k} \end{matrix} \right]_j = \\ & = x_i * \left[ \begin{matrix} x_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j+m+k+1} \end{matrix} \right]_\lambda = \\ & = x_i * (x_{j+\lambda} * x_{j+\lambda+k}) = \end{aligned}$$

$$= X_i * X_{j+\lambda+k} =$$

$$= X_i * X_{i+2k}.$$

d) Let  $j < i$ .

d1) Let  $j+1 \leq i \leq j+t$  i.e.  $i = j+\lambda$ ,  $1 \leq \lambda \leq t$ .

Then  $i+k = j+\lambda+k \leq j+t+k = j+m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ X_1^j \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right] X_{j+m+k+1}^{m+2k} \right]_i = \\ & = \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right]_{\lambda} * \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right]_{\lambda+k} = \\ & = (X_{j+\lambda} * X_{j+\lambda+k}) * (X_{j+\lambda+k} * X_{j+\lambda+k+k}) = \\ & = X_{j+\lambda} * X_{j+\lambda+k+k} = \\ & = X_i * X_{i+2k}. \end{aligned}$$

d2) Let  $j+t < i$  i.e.  $i = j+t+\lambda$ ,  $1 \leq \lambda \leq k-j$ . Then  $j+t+k < i+k$  i.e.  $j+m < i+k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ X_1^j \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right] X_{j+m+k+1}^{m+2k} \right]_i = \\ & = \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right]_{t+\lambda} * X_{j+m+k+\lambda} = \\ & = (X_{j+t+\lambda} * X_{j+t+\lambda+k}) * X_{j+k+t+k+\lambda} = \\ & = X_{j+t+\lambda} * X_{j+k+t+k+\lambda} = \\ & = X_i * X_{i+2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\left[ \left[ X_1^{m+k} \right] X_{m+k+1}^{m+2k} \right]_i = \left[ X_1^j \left[ X_{j+1}^{j+m+k} \right] X_{j+m+k+1}^{m+2k} \right]_i$ , for any  $i \in \mathbf{N}_m$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k$ . So  $(Q; [ \ ])$  is an  $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup, when  $k < m$ .

According to Proposition 1.2  $(Q; [ \ ])$  is an  $(m+k, m)$ -rectangular band, when  $k < m$ .

It is clear that  $B \subseteq Q$ . Let  $u \in Q$  and let  $[B]$  be an  $(m+k, m)$ -subsemigroup of  $(Q; [ \ ])$  generated by  $B$ . Then, for  $c \in B$  we have  $u = ab = a * b = \left[ \begin{matrix} i-1 & k-1 & m-i \\ c & a & c & b & c \end{matrix} \right]_i \in [B]$ , i.e.  $Q \subseteq [B]$ . So,  $(Q; [ \ ])$  is generated by  $B$ .

Let  $(S; [ \ ]')$  be an  $(m+k, m)$ -rectangular band when  $k < m$  and let  $f : B \rightarrow S$  be a map. By Proposition 1.2, there is a rectangular band  $(S; \circ)$  such that  $\left[ X_1^{m+k} \right]_j' = X_i \circ X_{i+k}$ ,  $X_1^{m+k} \in S^{m+k}$ ,  $i \in \mathbf{N}_m$ . Since  $(Q; *)$  is a free rectangular band with a basis  $B$ , there is a homomorphism  $g : Q \rightarrow S$ , such that  $g(b) = f(b)$ ,  $b \in B$ .

Let  $X_1^{m+k} \in Q^{m+k}$ . Then

$$g\left(\left[ X_1^{m+k} \right]_j\right) = g(X_i * X_{i+k}) = g(X_i) \circ g(X_{i+k}) = [g(X_1)g(X_2) \dots g(X_{m+k})]_j'.$$

So,  $g$  as an extension of the map  $f$ , is  $(m+k, m)$ -homomorphism from  $(Q; [ \ ])$  into  $(S; [ \ ]')$ . Hence  $(Q; [ \ ])$  is a free  $(m+k, m)$ -rectangular band with a basis  $B$  when  $k < m$ . ■

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