

MORE ON NORMAL BAND COMPOSITIONS  
OF SEMIGROUPS\*

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**Abstract.** The authors in [1] gave a construction of a normal band of arbitrary semigroups, and in [2] they studied band compositions which are (punched) spined products of a band and a semilattice of semigroups. This paper is a continuation of these two papers. Using the constructions from [1], in this paper we give a construction of a semigroup which is a (punched) spined product of a normal band and a semilattice of semigroups, different than the one from [2]. The obtained results generalize the well-known characterizations of spined products of a normal band and a semilattice of groups through orthodox normal bands of groups and through strong semilattices of rectangular groups.

Let  $B$  be a band. By  $\leq$  we will denote the natural partial order on  $B$ , i.e. the relation on  $B$  defined by:  $j \leq i \Leftrightarrow ij = ji = j$ , ( $i, j \in B$ ). By  $\preceq$  we will denote a quasi-order on  $B$  defined by:  $j \preceq i \Leftrightarrow j = jij$ , ( $i, j \in B$ ). Let  $i \mapsto [i]$ ,  $i \in B$ , denote the natural homomorphism of the smallest semilattice congruence on  $B$ . It is easy to verify that  $j \preceq i \Leftrightarrow [j] \leq [i]$ , for all  $i, j \in B$ . If  $P$  and  $Q$  are two semigroups having a common homomorphic image  $Y$ , then the *spined product of  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to  $Y$*  is  $S = \{(a, b) \in P \times Q \mid a\varphi = b\psi\}$ , where  $\varphi : P \rightarrow Y$  and  $\psi : Q \rightarrow Y$  are homomorphisms onto  $Y$ , [6], [8], [9]. If  $Y$  is a semilattice and  $P$  and  $Q$  are a semilattice  $Y$  of semigroups  $P_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , and  $Q_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , respectively, then the spined product of  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to  $Y$  is  $S = \cup_{\alpha \in Y} P_\alpha \times Q_\alpha$ . A subsemigroup  $S$  of a spined product of semigroups  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to  $Y$ , that is also a subdirect product of  $P$  and  $Q$ , is a *punched spined product of  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to  $Y$* , [5]. If  $\xi$  is a congruence on a semigroup  $S$ ,  $\xi^\natural$  will denote the natural homomorphism induced by  $\xi$ .

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Let  $B$  be a band. To each  $i \in B$  we associate a semigroup  $S_i$  and an oversemigroup  $D_i$  of  $S_i$  such that  $D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset$ , if  $i \neq j$ . For  $i, j \in B$ ,  $i \succcurlyeq j$ , let  $\phi_{i,j}$  be a mapping of  $S_i$  into  $D_j$  and suppose that the family of  $\phi_{i,j}$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\phi_{i,i}$  is the identity mapping on  $S_i$ , for every  $i \in B$ ;
- (2)  $(S_i \phi_{i,i,j})(S_j \phi_{j,i,j}) \subseteq S_{ij}$ , for all  $i, j \in B$ ;
- (3)  $[(a \phi_{i,i,j})(b \phi_{j,i,j})] \phi_{ij,k} = (a \phi_{i,k})(b \phi_{j,k})$ , for  $a \in S_i, b \in S_j, ij \succcurlyeq k, i, j, k \in B$ .

Define a multiplication  $*$  on  $S = \cup_{i \in B} S_i$  by:  $a * b = (a \phi_{i,i,j})(b \phi_{j,i,j})$ , for  $a \in S_i, b \in S_j$ . Then  $S$  is a band  $B$  of semigroups  $S_i, i \in B$ , in notation  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}, D_i)$ . If we assume  $i = j$  in (3), then we obtain that  $\phi_{i,k}$  is a homomorphism, for all  $i, k \in B, i \succcurlyeq k$ . If  $D_i = S_i$ , for each  $i \in B$ , then we write  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j})$ . Here the condition (2) can be omitted. If  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}, D_i)$  and if

- (4)  $S_i \phi_{i,j} \subseteq S_j$ , for  $[i] = [j], i, j \in B$ ;
- (5)  $\phi_{i,j} \phi_{j,k} = \phi_{i,k}$ , for  $[i] = [j] \geq [k], i, j, k \in B$ ;

then we will write  $S = \llbracket B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}, D_i \rrbracket$ . If  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j})$  with (4) and (5), then we will write  $S = \llbracket B; S_i, \phi_{i,j} \rrbracket, [2]$ . If  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j})$  and if  $\{\phi_{i,j} \mid i, j \in B, i \succcurlyeq j\}$  is a *transitive system of homomorphisms*, i.e. if  $\phi_{i,j} \phi_{j,k} = \phi_{i,k}$ , for  $i \succcurlyeq j \succcurlyeq k$ , then we will write  $S = [B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]$ , and we will say that  $S$  is a *strong band*  $B$  of semigroups  $S_i$ . If  $B$  is a semilattice, then we obtain a *strong semilattice* of semigroups. A strong semilattice of rectangular bands will be called a *normal band* and in the further considerations, the phrase " $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$  is a normal band" will mean: a band  $B$  is a strong semilattice  $Y$  of rectangular bands  $B_\alpha, \alpha \in Y$ , with  $\{\theta_{\alpha,\beta}\}$  as its transitive system of homomorphisms.

Let a band  $B$  be a semilattice  $Y$  of rectangular bands  $B_\alpha, \alpha \in Y$ , and let  $\{S_i \mid i \in B\}$  be a family pairwise disjoint semigroups. The authors in [1] showed that a semigroup  $S$  is a band  $B$  of semigroups  $S_i, i \in B$ , if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (6)  $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}, D_\alpha)$ ;
- (7) for every  $\alpha \in Y, S_\alpha$  is a matrix  $B_\alpha$  of semigroups  $S_i, i \in B_\alpha$ ;
- (8)  $(S_i \phi_{\alpha,\alpha,\beta})(S_j \phi_{\beta,\alpha,\beta}) \subseteq S_{ij}$ , for all  $i \in B_\alpha, j \in B_\beta, \alpha, \beta \in Y$ . Furthermore, they proved that in a semigroup satisfying (6), (7) and (8), for each  $\alpha \in Y, D_\alpha$  can be chosen to satisfy:
- (9)  $D_\alpha$  is a matrix  $B_\alpha$  of semigroups  $D_i, i \in B_\alpha$ ;
- (10)  $S_i \subseteq D_i$ , for every  $i \in B_\alpha$ ;

if and only if  $B$  is a normal band. This gives a construction of a normal band of arbitrary semigroups. Here we pose the following question: How to obtain a (punched) spined product of a normal band and a semilattice of semigroups from this construction? An answer for this question will be

given by the next theorems.

For undefined notions and notations we refer to [1], [2] and [7].

In the further considerations of semigroups  $S$  satisfying the conditions (6), (7) and (8),  $*$  will denote the multiplication in  $S$ ,  $\circ$  will denote the multiplications in  $D_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , and the multiplications in  $S_i$ ,  $i \in B$ , will be denoted in the usual way.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a normal band.*

*If  $S$  is a semigroup which satisfies the conditions (6), (7) and (8), and if for each  $\alpha \in Y$ , a semigroup  $D_\alpha$  can be chosen to satisfy:*

- (11)  $D_\alpha = (B_\alpha; D_i, \chi_{i,j}, E_i)$ ;
- (12)  $S_i \subseteq D_i$ , for every  $i \in B_\alpha$ .

*Then*

- (A1) *a relation  $\rho$  on  $S$  defined by:  $a \rho b$  if and only if  $a \in S_i$ ,  $b \in S_j$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , and*

$$a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = b\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k},$$

*for every  $\beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $k \in B_\beta$ , is a congruence on  $S$  and the semigroup  $T = S/\rho$  is a semilattice  $Y$  of semigroups  $T_\alpha = S_\alpha\rho^{\natural}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ ;*

- (A2)  *$S$  is a punched spined product of  $T$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ .*

*Conversely, if a semigroup  $S$  is a punched spined product of semigroups  $T = (Y; T_\alpha, \omega_{\alpha,\beta}, U_\alpha)$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$  and if we assume that:*

- (B1)  $S_\alpha = (T_\alpha \times B_\alpha) \cap S$ ,  $D_\alpha = U_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ , for  $\alpha \in Y$ ;
- (B2) for  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , a mapping  $\phi_{\alpha,\beta} : S_\alpha \rightarrow D_\beta$  is defined by:

$$(a, i)\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = (a\omega_{\alpha,\beta}, i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}), \quad ((a, i) \in S_\alpha);$$

- (B3)  $S_i = (T_\alpha \times \{i\}) \cap S$ ,  $D_i = U_\alpha \times \{i\}$ , for  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ ;

*then  $S$  satisfies the conditions (6), (7) i (8), for every  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $D_\alpha$  is a strong matrix  $B_\alpha$  of semigroups  $D_i$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ , and the condition (12) holds.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a semigroup which satisfies (6), (7) and (8), and let for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , a semigroup  $D_\alpha$  can be chosen to satisfy (11) and (12).

(A1) It is clear that  $\rho$  is reflexive and symmetric. Let  $a \rho b$  and  $b \rho c$ ,  $a, b, c \in S$ . Then  $a \in S_i$ ,  $b \in S_j$ ,  $c \in S_k$ ,  $i, j, k \in B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ . Assume  $\beta \in Y$  such that  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , and assume  $l \in B_\beta$ . Then

$$a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},l} = b\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},l} = c\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{k\theta_{\alpha,\beta},l},$$

whence  $a \rho c$ . Thus,  $\rho$  is transitive.

Assume  $a, b \in S$  such that  $a \rho b$ , and assume  $x \in S$ . Let  $a \in S_i$ ,  $b \in S_j$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $x \in S_k$ ,  $k \in B_\beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ . Then  $a * x \in S_{ik}$ ,  $b * x \in S_{jk}$ , and  $ik, jk \in B_{\alpha\beta}$ . Assume  $\gamma \in Y$  such that  $\alpha\beta \geq \gamma$ , and assume  $l \in B_\gamma$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (a * x)\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}\chi_{(ik)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},l} &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) \circ (x\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta})]\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}\chi_{(ik)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},l} \\ &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}) \circ (x\phi_{\beta,\gamma})]\chi_{(ik)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},l} \\ &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(k\theta_{\beta,\gamma})}) (x\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{k\theta_{\beta,\gamma},(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(k\theta_{\beta,\gamma})})]\chi_{(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(k\theta_{\beta,\gamma}),l} \\ &= (a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},l})(x\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{k\theta_{\beta,\gamma},l}) = (b\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},l})(x\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{k\theta_{\beta,\gamma},l}) \\ &= \dots = (b * x)\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}\chi_{(jk)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},l}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $(ik)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = [(i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(k\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta})]\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = (i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(k\theta_{\beta,\gamma})$ . Thus,  $a * x \rho b * x$ . Similarly,  $x * a \rho x * b$ . Hence,  $\rho$  is a congruence. Let  $\eta$  be a semilattice congruence on  $S$  whose classes are the various  $S_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ . Then  $\rho \subseteq \eta$ , so  $T = S/\rho$  is a semilattice  $Y$  of semigroups  $T_\alpha = S_\alpha \rho^\natural$ .

(A2) Let  $\xi$  be the band congruence on  $S$  determined by the partition  $\{S_i \mid i \in B\}$ . Clearly,  $\rho \cap \xi = \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is the equality relation on  $S$ . Thus  $S$  is a subdirect product of  $T$  and  $B$ , where an one-to-one homomorphism  $\Phi$  of  $S$  into  $T \times B$  is given by:  $a\Phi = (a\rho^\natural, a\xi^\natural)$ ,  $a \in S$ . Assume  $a \in S$ . Let  $a \in S_i$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ . Then by  $a \in S_\alpha$  we obtain that  $a\rho^\natural \in T_\alpha$ ,  $a\xi^\natural = i \in B_\alpha$ , i.e.  $a\Phi \in T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ . Thus,  $S\Phi \subseteq \cup_{\alpha \in Y} T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ . Hence,  $S$  is a punched spined product of semigroups  $T$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ .

The converse follows immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a normal band.

If  $S$  is a semigroup which satisfies the conditions (6), (7) and (8), and if for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , a semigroup  $D_\alpha$  can be chosen to satisfy:

- (13)  $D_\alpha = [B_\alpha; D_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ ;
- (14)  $S_i \subseteq D_i$ , for each  $i \in B_\alpha$ ;
- (15)  $S_i\chi_{i,j} \subseteq S_j$ , for all  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ;
- (16)  $a\chi_{i,j}\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}$ , for  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $a \in S_i$ ;

then the condition (A1) of Theorem 1 holds and  $S$  is a spined product of semigroups  $T$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ .

Conversely, if a semigroup  $S$  is a spined product of semigroups  $T = (Y; T_\alpha, \omega_{\alpha,\beta}, U_\alpha)$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ , then in notations from (B1)–(B3) of Theorem 1,  $S$  satisfies the conditions (6)–(8) and (13)–(16).

*Proof.* Let a semigroup  $S$  satisfies the conditions (6)–(8) and let for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , a semigroup  $D_\alpha$  can be chosen to satisfy the conditions (13)–(16). Note that for  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ , by Theorem 2 [1]  $S_i\phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq D_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}$ , so the right hand side of (16) is correct. Also, the conditions (11) and (12)

hold, so by Theorem 1 we have that (A1) holds and that  $S$  is a punched spined product of semigroups  $T$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ .

Assume an arbitrary  $(u, i) \in \cup_{\alpha \in Y} T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ . Then  $(u, i) \in T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ , for some  $\alpha \in Y$ , and  $u = b\rho^\natural$ , for some  $b \in S_\alpha$ . Let  $b \in S_j$ ,  $j \in B_\alpha$ , and let  $a = b\chi_{j,i}$ . By (15),  $a \in S_i$ . Assume  $\beta \in Y$  such that  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , and assume  $k \in B_\beta$ . Then by (13) and (16) we obtain

$$a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = b\chi_{j,i}\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = b\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = b\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k}.$$

Hence,  $a\rho b$ , so  $a\rho^\natural = b\rho^\natural = u$ , whence  $a\Phi = (u, i)$ . Thus,  $S\Phi = \cup_{\alpha \in Y} T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ , so  $S$  is a spined product of semigroups  $T$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ .

The converse follows immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a normal band and let  $\{S_i \mid i \in B\}$  be a family of pairwise disjoint semigroups. Then*

(a)  $S = \llbracket B; S_i, \phi_{i,j} \rrbracket$  if and only if  $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ ,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , and

$$(17) \quad a\chi_{i,j}\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}},$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $a \in S_i$ ;

(b)  $S = [B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]$  if and only if  $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ ,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , and (17) holds.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $S = \llbracket B; S_i, \phi_{i,j} \rrbracket$ . By Theorem 3 [2] we obtain that  $S$  is a spined product of semigroups  $T = (Y; T_\alpha, \omega_{\alpha,\beta})$  and  $B$  with respect to  $Y$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $S = \cup_{\alpha \in Y} T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ . Let  $S_\alpha = T_\alpha \times B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , for  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , let a mapping  $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}$  of  $S_\alpha$  into  $S_\beta$  be defined by

$$(a, i)\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = (a\omega_{\alpha,\beta}, i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}), \quad ((a, i) \in S_\alpha),$$

$S_i = T_\alpha \times \{i\}$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , and for  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ , let a mapping  $\chi_{i,j}$  of  $S_i$  into  $S_j$  be defined by

$$(a, i)\chi_{i,j} = (a, j), \quad ((a, i) \in S_i).$$

Then it is easy to verify that  $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ ,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , and that (17) holds.

Conversely, let  $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ ,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , and let (17) holds. For  $i, j \in B$ ,  $i \succ j$ ,  $\alpha = [i]$ ,  $\beta = [j]$ , let  $\phi_{i,j}$  be a mapping of  $S_i$  into  $S_j$  defined by

$$a\phi_{i,j} = a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j}, \quad (a \in S_i).$$

Clearly,  $a\phi_{i,i} = a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha}\chi_{i,i} = a$ , for every  $i \in B$ . Assume  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y$ ,  $\alpha\beta \geq \gamma$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ ,  $j \in B_\beta$ ,  $k \in B_\gamma$ ,  $a \in S_i$ ,  $b \in S_j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [(a\phi_{i,i,j})(b\phi_{j,i,j})]\phi_{i,j,k} &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta},ij})(b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta},ij})]\phi_{i,j,k} \\ &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) \circ (b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta})]\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}\chi_{(ij)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},k} = [(a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}) \circ (b\phi_{\beta,\gamma})]\chi_{(ij)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma},k} \\ &= [(a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})})(b\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\gamma},(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})})]\chi_{(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}),k} \\ &= (a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},k})(b\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\gamma},k}) = (a\phi_{i,k})(b\phi_{j,k}), \end{aligned}$$

since  $(ij)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = [(i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta})]\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = (i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= (a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) \circ (b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) = (a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta},ij})(b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta},ij}) \\ &= (a\phi_{i,i,j})(b\phi_{j,i,j}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $S = (B; S_i, \phi_{i,j})$ .

Assume  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $k \in B_\beta$ ,  $a \in S_i$ . Then by (17),

$$\begin{aligned} a\phi_{i,j}\phi_{j,k} &= a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha}\chi_{i,j}\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = a\chi_{i,j}\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} \\ &= a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}\chi_{j\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},k} = a\phi_{i,k}, \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S = [[B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]]$ .

(b) Let  $S = [B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]$ . Assume that  $S_\alpha = \cup_{i \in B_\alpha} S_i$ . Clearly,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , where  $\chi_{i,j} = \phi_{i,j}$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ . For  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , define a mapping  $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}$  of  $S_\alpha$  into  $S_\beta$  by

$$a\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = a\phi_{i,i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}, \quad (a \in S_i, i \in B_\alpha).$$

Clearly,  $\{\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\}$  is a transitive system of homomorphisms. Assume  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $i \in B_\alpha$ ,  $j \in B_\beta$ ,  $a \in S_i$ ,  $b \in S_j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) \circ (b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) &= (a\phi_{i,i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}}) \circ (b\phi_{j,j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta}}) \\ &= (a\phi_{i,i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}}\phi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta},ij})(b\phi_{j,j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta}}\phi_{j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta},ij}) = (a\phi_{i,i,j})(b\phi_{j,i,j}) = a * b, \end{aligned}$$

since  $ij = (i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta})$ . Therefore,  $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ . Assume  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta$ ,  $i, j \in B_\alpha$ ,  $a \in S_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} &= a\phi_{i,i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}\phi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} = a\phi_{i,j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} = a\phi_{i,j}\phi_{j,j\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} \\ &= a\chi_{i,j}\phi_{\alpha,\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (17) holds.

Conversely, let  $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ ,  $S_\alpha = [B_\alpha; S_i, \chi_{i,j}]$ , for every  $\alpha \in Y$ , and let (17) holds. By (a) we have that  $S = [[B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]]$ . In notations from (a), assume that  $i, j, k \in B$  such that  $i \succ j \succ k$ , i.e.  $i \in B_\alpha$ ,  $j \in B_\beta$ ,  $k \in B_\gamma$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ . Let  $a \in S_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} a\phi_{i,j}\phi_{j,k} &= a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta},j}\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\gamma},k} = a\phi_{\alpha,\beta}\phi_{\beta,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}\theta_{\beta,\gamma},j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}}\chi_{j\theta_{\beta,\gamma},k} \\ &= a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}\chi_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma},k} = a\phi_{i,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $S = [B; S_i, \phi_{i,j}]$ .  $\square$

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