

58. Normal Band Compositions of Semigroups^{*})

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Abstract: In this paper we give a construction of bands of arbitrary semigroups and we apply this result to study of normal bands of semigroups, and especially for normal bands of monoids. We generalize some well-known results concerning normal bands of monoids and groups.

In this paper we consider band compositions in the general case. Using a general construction for a semilattice of semigroups, we give a construction for a band of arbitrary semigroups. This construction is a very simple consequence of Theorem A, but we give some important applications of this construction: We give a description of normal bands of arbitrary semigroups, especially of normal bands of monoids, and as consequences we obtain some well-known results concerning normal bands of monoids and groups. Note that in our considerations, the conditions (5) and (6) in Theorem A have the important role.

Throughout this paper, $S = (B; S_i)$ means that a semigroup S is a band B of semigroups S_i , $i \in B$. Let $S = (B; S_i)$, where each S_i is a monoid with the identity e_i , S is a *systematic band* B of S_i , $i \in B$, if $ij = j \Rightarrow e_i e_j = e_j$ and $ji = j \Rightarrow e_j e_i = e_j$ (M. Yamada [14]). S is a *proper band* of S_i if $\{e_i \mid i \in B\}$ is a subsemigroup of S (B.M. Schein [11]). Let S be an ideal of a semigroup D . A congruence σ on D is an S -congruence on D if its restriction on S is the equality relation on S . An ideal extension D of a semigroup S is a *dense extension* of S if the equality relation is the unique S -congruence on D .

Theorem A [9]. *Let Y be a semilattice. For each $\alpha \in Y$ we associate a semigroup S_α and an extension D_α of S_α such that $D_\alpha \cap D_\beta = \emptyset$ if $\alpha \neq \beta$. For every pair $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ such that $\alpha \geq \beta$ let $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}: S_\alpha \rightarrow D_\beta$ be a mapping satisfying:*

- (1) $\phi_{\alpha,\alpha}$ is the identity mapping on S_α ;
- (2) $(S_\alpha \phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(S_\beta \phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) \subseteq S_{\alpha\beta}$;
- (3) $[(a \phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(b \phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta})] \phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = (a \phi_{\alpha,\gamma})(b \phi_{\beta,\gamma})$,

for all $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y$ such that $\alpha\beta > \gamma$ and all $a \in S_\alpha$, $b \in S_\beta$.

Define a multiplication $*$ on $S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} S_\alpha$ with:

- (4) $a * b = (a \phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(b \phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta})$, ($a \in S_\alpha$, $b \in S_\beta$).

Then S is a semilattice Y of semigroups S_α , in notation $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}, D_\alpha)$.

Conversely, every semigroup S which is a semilattice Y of semigroups S_α can be so constructed. In addition, D_α can be chosen to satisfy:

- (5) $D_\alpha = \{b \phi_{\beta,\alpha} \mid \beta \geq \alpha, b \in S_\beta, \beta \in Y\}$;
- (6) D_α is a dense extension of S_α .

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If we assume $\alpha = \beta$ in (3), then $\phi_{\alpha,\gamma}$ is a homomorphism for all $\alpha, \gamma \in Y$ such that $\alpha \geq \gamma$. If each $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}$ maps S_α into S_β , i.e. if $S_\alpha \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq S_\beta$, or if $D_\alpha = S_\alpha$, for each $\alpha \in Y$, then we write $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$. In this case the condition (2) can be omitted. If $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ and if $\{\phi_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha \geq \beta\}$ is a *transitive system of homomorphisms*, i.e. if $\phi_{\alpha,\beta} \phi_{\beta,\gamma} = \phi_{\alpha,\gamma}$, for $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$, then S is a *strong semilattice* of semigroups S_α and we write $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$.

For undefined notions and notations we refer to [9] and [10].

A very important problem in the theory of semigroups is the following: Given a family $\{S_i \mid i \in B\}$ of semigroups indexed by a band B , how to define a multiplication on $S = \cup_{i \in B} S_i$ such that $S = (B; S_i)$, i.e. such that $S_i S_j \subseteq S_{ij}$, for all $i, j \in B$? In such a case, we say that S is a *band composition of semigroups* S_i . Band compositions have been considered merely in various special cases. Left, right and matrix compositions of semigroups were studied by R. Yoshida [15], [16], M. Petrich [10] and Š. Schwarz [12]. A composition of a semilattice of arbitrary semigroups is given by Theorem A ([9]). Some special types of such compositions were studied by G. Lallement [6] and M. Petrich [8]. Strong semilattices of semigroups were first defined and studied by A.H. Clifford [5], and then by M. Yamada and N. Kimura [13], M. Petrich [7], M. Yamada [14]. Some band compositions were considered by the authors [2], and compositions of bands of monoids were considered by B.M. Schein [11], M. Yamada [14] and by the authors [1], [3]. Band compositions obtained from spined products of some semigroups will be presented in the next paper of the authors [4].

Theorem 1. *Let a band B be a semilattice Y of rectangular bands B_α , $\alpha \in Y$. To each $i \in B$ we associate a semigroup S_i such that $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$. Then a semigroup S is a band B of semigroups S_i , $i \in B$, if and only if the following conditions hold:*

$$(7) S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}, D_\alpha);$$

(8) *each S_α is a matrix B_α of semigroups S_i , $i \in B_\alpha$, and D_α is an ideal extension of S_α ;*

$$(9) (S_i \phi_{\alpha,\beta})(S_j \phi_{\beta,\alpha}) \subseteq S_{ij}, \text{ for all } i \in B_\alpha, j \in B_\beta.$$

Proof. Let S be a band B of semigroups S_i , $i \in B$. Then S is a semilattice Y of semigroups S_α and for every $\alpha \in Y$, S_α is a matrix B_α of semigroups S_i , $i \in B_\alpha$. By Theorem A, we see (7) and (8), and by (4) we obtain (9).

Conversely, let (7), (8) and (9) hold. Then by (9) and by the definition of multiplication in B we obtain that S is a band B of semigroups S_i , $i \in B$.

A band B is *normal* if it is a strong semilattice of rectangular bands, or, equivalently, if it satisfies the identity $axya = ayxa$ ([10]).

Theorem 2. *Let S be a semigroup constructed as in Theorem 1. Then each D_α can be chosen to satisfy:*

$$(A1) D_\alpha \text{ is a matrix } B_\alpha \text{ of semigroups } D_i, i \in B_\alpha;$$

$$(A2) \text{ each } S_i \text{ is contained in } D_i;$$

if and only if B is a normal band.

Proof. Let S be a band composition constructed as in Theorem 1 and

let π be the related band congruence.

Assume $a, x, y \in S, a \in S_\alpha, x \in S_\beta, y \in S_\gamma, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y$. Let $\delta = \alpha\beta\gamma$, and let $a\phi_{\alpha,\delta} \in D_i, x \in \phi_\beta, \delta \in D_j, y\phi_{\gamma,\delta} \in D_k, i, j, k \in B_\delta$. By (4), (3) and by (A1) we obtain

$$(10) \quad a * x * y * a = (a\phi_{\alpha,\beta})(x\phi_{\beta,\delta})(y\phi_{\gamma,\delta})(a\phi_{\alpha,\delta}) \in D_i D_j D_k D_i \subseteq D_i,$$

$$(11) \quad a * y * x * a = (a\phi_{\alpha,\delta})(y\phi_{\gamma,\delta})(x\phi_{\beta,\delta})(a\phi_{\alpha,\delta}) \in D_i D_k D_j D_i \subseteq D_i.$$

Thus, by (10) and (11) we have that $a * x * y * a, a * y * x * a \in D_i \cap S = S_i$, so $a * x * y * a \pi a * y * x * a$, whence $B \cong S/\pi$ is a normal band.

Conversely, let $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$ be a normal band and each D_α be chosen to satisfy (5). Let $a \in S_i, b \in S_j$, where $i \in B_\alpha, j \in B_\beta, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y, \alpha, \beta \geq \gamma$. Then

$$(12) \quad a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma} = b\phi_{\beta,\gamma} \Rightarrow i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma} = j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}.$$

Indeed, let $a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma} = b\phi_{\beta,\gamma}$ and let $x \in S_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}}$. Then $a * x \in S_i * S_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} \subseteq S_{i(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})}, b * x \in S_j * S_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} \subseteq S_{j(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})}$, so by $a * x = (a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma})x = (b\phi_{\beta,\gamma})x = b * x$ we obtain that $(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}) = j(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}) = i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}$. Similarly we obtain that $(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}) = i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}$, so $i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma} = j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}$. Thus, (12) holds. Assume that

$$D_k = \{a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma} \mid \alpha \geq \gamma, a \in S_i, i \in B_\alpha, i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma} = k\}, \quad \gamma \in Y, k \in B_\gamma.$$

By (12) it follows that these sets are pairwise disjoint. It is clear that $D_\gamma = \cup \{D_k \mid k \in B_\gamma\}, S_k \subseteq D_k$, for all $k \in B_\gamma$ and $S_i\phi_{\alpha,\gamma} \subseteq D_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}}$, for all $\alpha \geq \gamma, i \in B_\alpha$.

Assume $a \in S_i, b \in S_j, \alpha, \beta \geq \gamma, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y, i \in B_\alpha, j \in B_\beta$. Then $a * b \in S_{ij}$, so by (3) it follows that

$$(a\phi_{\alpha,\gamma})(b\phi_{\beta,\gamma}) = ((a\phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(b\phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}))\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = (a * b)\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} \in S_{ij}\phi_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} \subseteq D_{(ij)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}}.$$

Since $(ij)\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = ((i\theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(j\theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta}))\theta_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} = (i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})$, then $D_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}}D_{j\theta_{\beta,\gamma}} \subseteq D_{(i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma})(j\theta_{\beta,\gamma})}$, so each D_γ is a matrix B_γ of semigroups $D_k, k \in B_\gamma$.

It is known that if S is a semilattice Y of monoids S_α , then this semilattice is composed as $(Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ (since monoids have not proper dense extensions). This result can be generalized in the following way.

Theorem 3. *A semigroup S is normal band of monoids if and only if $S = (Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ such that each S_α is a matrix of monoids.*

Proof. Let $B = [Y; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$, where B_α are rectangular bands and let S be a normal band B of monoids $S_i, i \in B_\alpha, \alpha \in Y$, constructed as in Theorem 1, with (5) and (6), and let (A1) and (A2) from Theorem 2 hold. For $i \in B_\alpha$, let e_i be the identity element of S_i .

Assume $\alpha \in Y$. Define a relation σ on D_α by

$$a \sigma b \Leftrightarrow a, b \in D_i, i \in B_\alpha, \text{ and } ae_i = be_i.$$

It is clear that σ is an equivalence relation. Let $a \sigma b$ and $x \in D_j$. Note, firstly, that $ae_i = e_i(ae_i) = (e_i a)e_i = e_i a$, for all $a \in D_i$ since $e_i a, ae_i \in S_i$. Assume that $a, b \in D_i$ for some $i \in B_\alpha$. Then $ax, bx \in D_{ij}$, whence

$$(ax)e_{ij} = e_{ij}(ax) = (e_{ij}a)e_i x = e_{ij}(ae_i)x = e_{ij}(be_i)x = (bx)e_{ij},$$

so σ is a right congruence. Similarly we prove that σ is a left congruence, so σ is a congruence.

Let $a, b \in S_\alpha$ and let $a \sigma b$. Then $a, b \in S_i$, for some $i \in B_\alpha$, whence $a = ae_i = be_i = b$. Thus, σ is a S_α -congruence. Since D_α is a dense extension of S_α (by the hypothesis (6)), then σ is the equality relation on D_α .

Assume $a \in D_i$, for some $i \in B_\alpha$. Then by $a \sigma a e_i$ it follows that $a = a e_i \in S_i$. Therefore $D_\alpha = S_\alpha$.

Conversely, let $S = (Y ; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ and let each S_α be a matrix B_α of monoids $S_i, i \in B_\alpha$. Assume $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ such that $\alpha \geq \beta$. Let us prove that

$$(13) \quad (\forall i \in B_\alpha) (\exists j \in B_\beta) S_i \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq S_j.$$

Assume $i \in B_\alpha$ and assume that e is an identity element of S_i . Let $j \in B_\beta$ such that $e \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \in S_j$. Then for every $a \in S_i$ we obtain that

$$a \phi_{\alpha,\beta} = (e a e) \phi_{\alpha,\beta} = (e \phi_{\alpha,\beta}) (a \phi_{\alpha,\beta}) (e \phi_{\alpha,\beta}) \in S_j S_\beta S_j \subseteq S_j.$$

Thus, $S_i \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq S_j$, and since S_k are pairwise disjoint, then (13) holds. Therefore, the mapping $\theta_{\alpha,\beta}$ of B_α into B_β given by:

$$i \theta_{\alpha,\beta} = j \Leftrightarrow S_i \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq S_j,$$

is well defined. It is not hard to verify that $\{\theta_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha \geq \beta, \alpha, \beta \in Y\}$ constitutes a transitive system. If $B = [Y ; \beta_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}]$, then B is a normal band and for $a \in S_i, b \in S_j$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= (a \phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) (b \phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) \in (S_i \phi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) (S_j \phi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) \subseteq S_{i \theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}} S_{j \theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta}} \\ &\subseteq S_{(i \theta_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}) (j \theta_{\beta,\alpha\beta})} = S_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

so S is a band B of monoids $S_i (\alpha \in Y, i \in B_\alpha)$.

Remark 1. Let $S = (B ; S_i), B$ be a normal band and each S_i be a monoid with the identity e_i , and let $B = [Y ; B_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta}], Y$ be a semilattice, B_α rectangular bands. By Theorem 3 it follows that this is equivalent to $S = (Y ; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$, where $S_\alpha = (B_\alpha ; S_i)$. Moreover, it can be proved that each $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}, \alpha, \beta \in Y, \alpha \geq \beta$, is uniquely determined with $a \phi_{\alpha,\beta} = a e_{i \theta_{\alpha,\beta}}$, for $a \in S_i, i \in B_\alpha$.

Example. The semilattice composition from Theorem 3 may not be strong. This is shown by the following example: let $Y = \{0, 1, 2\}, 0 > 1 > 2$, be a semilattice, and let $S_\alpha = \{e_\alpha, a_\alpha\}$ be monoids in which the multiplication is given by $e_\alpha^2 = e_\alpha, e_\alpha a_\alpha = a_\alpha e_\alpha = a_\alpha^2 = a_\alpha, \alpha \in Y$. Define homomorphisms $\phi_{\alpha,\beta}, \alpha > \beta$, by

$$\phi_{0,1} = \begin{pmatrix} e_0 & a_0 \\ a_1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_{0,2} = \begin{pmatrix} e_0 & a_0 \\ e_2 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_{1,2} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & a_1 \\ a_2 & a_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$\phi_{\alpha,\alpha}, \alpha \in Y$, satisfying (1). Then $S = (Y ; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta})$ is a semilattice of monoids S_α and it is not a strong semilattice of monoids S_α , since $(e_0 \phi_{0,1}) \phi_{1,2} \neq e_0 \phi_{0,2}$.

Let $S = (B ; S_i)$, where B is a band and each S_i is a monoid with the identity e_i . Then S is a weakly systematic band of monoids S_i if for $i, j, k \in B, i \geq j \geq k \Rightarrow e_i e_j e_k = e_i e_k$.

By the following theorem we describe strong semilattices of matrices of monoids.

Theorem 4. A semigroup S is a strong semilattice of matrices of monoids if and only if S is a weakly systematic normal band of monoids.

Proof. Let $S = [Y ; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$. By Theorem 3 we obtain that S is a normal band of monoids. Let us use notations of Remark 1. Assume $i, j, k \in B$ such that $i \geq j \geq k$. Then $i \in B_\alpha, j \in B_\beta, k \in B_\gamma, \alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ and $j = i \theta_{\alpha,\beta}, k = i \theta_{\alpha,\gamma}$, whence

$$e_i e_j e_k = e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} = e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}\theta_{\beta,\gamma}} = e_i \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \phi_{\beta,\gamma} = e_i \phi_{\alpha,\gamma} = e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} = e_i e_k.$$

Conversely, let S be a weakly systematic normal band of monoids and let us use notations of Remark 1. If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y$, $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ and $a \in S_i$, $i \in B_\alpha$, then

$$a \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \phi_{\beta,\gamma} = a e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}\theta_{\beta,\gamma}} = a e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} = a e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\gamma}} = a \phi_{\alpha,\gamma}.$$

Let $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$, where $S_\alpha = (B_\alpha; S_i)$, B_α is a rectangular band and each S_i is a monoid with the identity e_i . S is a *special strong semilattice* of S_α if for $\alpha, \beta \in Y$, $\alpha \geq \beta \Rightarrow \{e_i \mid i \in B_\alpha\} \phi_{\alpha,\beta} \subseteq \{e_j \mid j \in B_\beta\}$ (M. Yamada [14]). In notations of Remark 1, this is equivalent with: $\alpha \geq \beta$, $i \in B_\alpha \Rightarrow e_i e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}} = e_{i\theta_{\alpha,\beta}}$, $\alpha, \beta \in Y$, or, equivalently, if for $i, j \in B$, $i \geq j \Rightarrow e_i e_j = e_j$.

By Theorems 3 and 4 and Remark 1 we obtain the following consequences.

Corollary 1 [14]. *A semigroup S is a systematic normal band of monoids if and only if S is a special strong semilattice of systematic matrices of monoids.*

Corollary 2. *A semigroup S is a proper normal band of monoids if and only if S is a special strong semilattice of proper matrices of monoids.*

Note that S is a proper matrix of monoids if and only if S is isomorphic to a direct product of a monoid and a rectangular band [11].

Corollary 3. *A semigroup S is a normal band of unipotent monoids if and only if S is a strong semilattice of matrices of unipotent monoids.*

Corollary 4 [9]. *A semigroup S is a normal band of groups if and only if S is a strong semilattice of completely simple semigroups.*

Corollary 5 [9]. *A semigroup S is an orthodox normal band of groups if and only if S is a strong semilattice of rectangular groups.*

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