

FREE OBJECTS IN A VARIETY OF COMMUTATIVE
VECTOR VALUED SEMIGROUPS

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0. **Abstract.** In [5] constructions of free objects in some classes of (n,m) -semigroups are given. In this paper we give a description of a free object with a given nonempty basis in a class of commutative (n,m) -semigroups defined by a system of identities of the form

$$[x_1^p] = [y_1^q],$$

where $p, q > m$ and $(x_1, \dots, x_p) = (y_1, \dots, y_q)$.

1. **Preliminaries.** Notations we use in this paper are the same as in [5]. Namely, if A^m is the m -th Cartesian power of A , $A \neq \emptyset$, then an element $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in A^m$ will be denoted by $a_1 \dots a_m$, or a_1^m ; a_1^r will denote the element $(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in A^{r-1}$ if $i \leq r$, and the empty sequence if $i > r$; $(x_j)^r$ denotes the sequence $x_j \dots x_j$.

Let $Q \neq \emptyset$, and m, k be positive integers. A mapping $[\]: a_1^{m+k} \rightarrow [a_1^{m+k}]$ from Q^{m+k} into Q^m , such that

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

for each $x_i \in Q$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, is said to be an associative $(m+k, m)$ -operation, and the pair $(Q; [\])$ an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup ([2]). By GAL (the general associative law for vector valued semigroups ([2])), for every $s \geq 1$, $[\]$ induces a unique $(m+sk, m)$ -operation $[\]^s: Q^{m+sk} \rightarrow Q^m$. We say that the $(m+sk, m)$ -semigroup $(Q; [\]^s)$ is derived by the $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup $(Q; [\])$. These facts suggest to use the notation $[a_1^{m+sk}]$ instead of $[a_1^{m+sk}]^s$.

If, moreover,

$$[x_1^{m+k}] = [x_{\sigma(1)} \dots x_{\sigma(m+k)}]$$

for every permutation σ on $(1, 2, \dots, m+k)$, then we say that $(Q, [\])$ is a commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup. Every derived semigroup of a commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup is commutative as well (GACL [4]).

Let $(Q, [\])$ be a commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup, such that the identities

$$[(x_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x_r)^{\alpha_r}] = [(x_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (x_r)^{\beta_r}], \quad (1.1)$$

are valid for $\alpha_v, \beta_v > 0$, $\Sigma \alpha_v = m \pmod{k}$, $\Sigma \beta_v = m \pmod{k}$, where $(x_v)^{\alpha_v}$ denotes the sequence $x_v \dots x_v$. Denote by $C_{k,m}$ the class of all commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups which satisfy (1.1).

Let us denote by C the class of commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups that satisfy the identity

$$[(x_1)^k x_1^{m+k}] = [x_1^{m+k}] \quad (1.1')$$

It is easy to prove that

1.1^o. The class $C_{k,m}$ is the class of commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups that satisfy (1.1').

1.2^o. Let $(Q, []) \in C_{1,m}$, and $[[]]$ be an $(m+k, m)$ -operation on Q defined by:

$$[[a_1^{m+k}]] = [a_1^{m+k}] \quad (1.2)$$

Then $(Q, [[]]) \in C_{k,m}$.

Conversely, let $(Q, [[]]) \in C_{k,m}$, and let $[]$ be an $(m+k, m)$ -operation defined by

$$[aa_1^m] = [[(a)^k a_1^m]] \quad (1.3)$$

Then $(Q, []) \in C_{1,m}$, and $[[a_1^{m+k}]] = [a_1^{m+k}]$.

Proof. By the general associative and commutative law (GACL) we obtain that $[[]]$ is a well defined associative and commutative operation on Q , and the identity (1.1') holds.

To prove the converse of the statement it suffices to prove only that $[]$ does not depend on the choice of a , i.e. that

$$[aa_1^m] = [a_1 a_1^{i-1} a_{i+1}^m a], \quad (1.4)$$

for every $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$.

Namely,

$$[aa_1^m] = [[(a)^k a_1^m]] = [[(a_1)^k a_1^{i-1} a_{i+1}^m a]] = [a_1 a_1^{i-1} a_{i+1}^m a] \quad \square$$

We note that using the GACL for commutative vector valued semigroups, it is clear that to any $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup can be associated, thus we can consider the $(m+k, m)$ -

semigroup $(Q, []) \in \mathcal{C}_{1,m}$, as a commutative $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup satisfying (1.1').

A subset $P \subseteq Q$ of an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup $(Q; [[]])$ is a subsemigroup iff $[[b_1^{m+k}]] \in P^m$, for every $b_i \in P$.

Let $(Q, [[]]), (Q', [[]']) \in \mathcal{C}_{k,m}$. A mapping $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ is a homomorphism iff

$$\phi[[a_1^{m+k}]] = [[\phi(a_1) \dots \phi(a_{m+k})]]'$$

We note that in [2] it is shown that a nonempty intersection of subsemigroups of an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup is a subsemigroup, that a homomorphic image of an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup is an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup, and thus a notion of subsemigroup generated by a nonempty set A can be introduced in a natural way.

A free object with a nonempty basis B in a class \mathcal{D} of $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups is introduced in the usual algebraic way, i.e.

$(Q; []) \in \mathcal{D}$ is a free object with a basis B iff the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) B generates $(Q; [])$;
- (ii) if $(Q'; [[]']) \in \mathcal{D}$, and $\lambda: Q \rightarrow Q'$ is an arbitrary mapping, then there exists a homomorphism $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ which is an extension of λ .

Next we note some connections between an $(m+1, m)$ -semigroup $(Q; []) \in \mathcal{C}_{1,m}$ and the associated $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup $(Q; [[]]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k,m}$. Namely,

1.3^o. Let $(Q; []), (Q'; [[]']) \in \mathcal{C}_{1,m}$, and $(Q; [[]]), (Q'; [[]'])$ be the associated $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups belonging to $\mathcal{C}_{k,m}$, respectively. Then

- (i) P is a subsemigroup of $(Q; [])$ iff P is a subsemigroup of $(Q; [[]])$.
- (ii) $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ is a homomorphism from $(Q; [])$ into $(Q'; [[]'])$ iff ϕ is a homomorphism from $(Q; [[]])$ into $(Q'; [[]'])$.
- (iii) A nonempty subset $A \subseteq Q$ generates $(Q; [])$ iff A generates $(Q; [[]])$.
- (iv) $(Q; [])$ is a free object with a basis B iff $(Q; [[]])$ is a free object with a basis B . \square

2. m-dimensional semilattices. Let Q be a nonempty set, $F(Q)$ the family of all finite nonempty subsets of Q , m be a positive integer, and $F_m(Q)$ the family of all nonempty subsets of Q with not more than m elements. Denote by π the canonical mapping from Q^m into $F_m(Q)$, i.e. $\pi(a_1^m) = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$. (In other words $\pi(a_1^m)$ is the content of a_1^m .)

We say that $(Q; f)$ is an m-dimensional groupoid if f is a mapping from $F(Q)$ into Q^m . If, in addition, the following equation

$$f(\pi f(X)UY) = f(XUY) \quad (2.1)$$

holds for every $X, Y \in F(Q)$, then we say that $(Q; f)$ is an m-dimensional semigroup.

The class of m -dimensional semigroups is (in a corresponding sense) equivalent to a class of $(m+k, m)$ -semigroups.

We are now ready to establish some connections between m -dimensional semigroups and vector valued semigroups. The proofs of these statements are quite clear.

2.1^o. Let $(Q; f)$ be an m -dimensional semigroup, and let a mapping $[\]: Q^{m+k} \rightarrow Q^m$ be defined by:

$$[a_1^{m+k}] = f(\{a_1, \dots, a_{m+k}\}) \quad (2.2)$$

Then, $(Q; [\])$ is an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup, such that for every $r, s \geq 1$, $a_1^{m+rk} \in Q^{m+rk}$, $b_1^{m+sk} \in Q^{m+sk}$, the following implication holds:

$$\pi(a_1^{m+rk}) = \pi(b_1^{m+sk}) \Rightarrow [a_1^{m+rk}] = [b_1^{m+sk}], \quad (2.3)$$

i.e. $(Q; [\]) \in C_{k, m}$.

Conversely, let $(Q; [\]) \in C_{k, m}$, i.e. $(Q; [\])$ satisfies the implications (2.3). Let $X = \{a, a_1, \dots, a_p\} \in F(Q)$, where $a, a_v \in Q$, $p \geq 1$, and let q be a positive integer such that $p+q = m+sk$, for some $s \geq 1$. Then, if we define

$$f(X) = [a^q a_1^p], \quad (2.4)$$

a well defined m -dimensional semigroup $(Q; f)$ is obtained, such that the identity (2.2) holds. (In this case we say that $(Q; [\])$ is an $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup associated to the m -dimensional semigroup $(Q; f)$, and vice versa). \square

A nonempty subset $A \subseteq Q$ is a subsemigroup of $(Q;f)$ iff $f(X) \in A^m$, for every $X \in F(A)$. Let $(Q;f)$ and $(Q';f')$ be two m -dimensional semigroups and $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ a mapping. ϕ is a homomorphism iff $\phi(f(X)) = f'(\phi(X))$, for every $X \in F(Q)$.

2.2^o. (i) A nonempty intersection of m -dimensional subsemigroups is an m -dimensional subsemigroup. \square

(ii) Homomorphic image of an m -dimensional semigroup is an m -dimensional semigroup.

This last proposition gives us an opportunity to define a subsemigroup of an m -dimensional semigroup $(Q;f)$ generated by a nonempty subset $A \subseteq Q$ in a natural way.

A free object with a basis $B \neq \emptyset$ in the class of m -dimensional semigroups is introduced in the usual way. Namely, let \mathcal{C} be a class of m -dimensional semigroups. We say that $(Q;f) \in \mathcal{C}$ is a free object with a basis B in the class \mathcal{C} iff the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) B generates $(Q;f)$;
- (ii) For any m -dimensional semigroup $(Q';f') \in \mathcal{C}$, and any mapping $\lambda: B \rightarrow Q'$, there exists a homomorphism $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ that extends λ .

The next proposition will explain the motivation of introducing the notion of m -dimensional semilattices.

2.3^o. Let $(Q;[]), (Q';[]') \in \mathcal{C}_{k,m}$, and $(Q;f), (Q';f')$ be the associated m -dimensional semigroups, respectively. Then

- (a) P is a subsemigroup of $(Q;[])$ iff P is a subsemigroup of $(Q;f)$;
- (b) $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$ is a homomorphism from $(Q;[])$ into $(Q';[]')$ iff it is a homomorphism from $(Q;f)$ into $(Q';f')$;
- (c) $A \neq \emptyset$ generates $(Q;[])$ iff A generates $(Q;f)$;
- (d) $(Q;[])$ is a free object with a basis A in the class $\mathcal{C}_{k,m}$ iff $(Q;f)$ is a free object with a basis A in the class of all m -dimensional semigroups. \square

This proposition, together with proposition 1.3 and 1.4 allow us to deal only with m -dimensional semigroups and giving a construction of a free m -dimensional semigroup with a given basis, we will obtain a free object with the same basis in $C_{k,m}$ and in $C_{1,m}$, as well.

3. Construction of a free m -dimensional semigroup. To give a construction of a free m -dimensional semigroup with a basis B , we will recall some definitions and results given in [9]. Namely, let $f:F(Q) \rightarrow F_m(Q)$ be a mapping. Then we say that $(Q;f)$ is an m -dimensional object. If, further more,

$$f(f(X)UY) = f(XUY), \quad (3.1)$$

for any $X, Y \in F(Q)$, then we say that $(Q;f)$ is an associative m -dimensional object.

Let $B \neq \emptyset$, $B \cap \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$ and let a sequence of sets $(C_\alpha \mid \alpha \geq 0)$ be defined by:

$$C_0 = B, \quad C_{p+1} = C_p \cup (N_m \times F(C_p)), \quad (3.2)$$

where $N_m = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, and m is a given positive integer, and put $S_B = \cup \{C_p \mid p \geq 0\}$.

Let $y \in S_B$. If p is the least nonnegative integer such that $y \in C_p$, then we write $\chi(y) = p$ and say that p is the hierarchy of y . The hierarchy, $\chi(Y)$ of a set $Y \in F(S_B)$ is the number $\max\{\chi(y) \mid y \in Y\}$.

We will next define a relation α , in $F(S_B)$.

(a) If $X, Y \in F(S_B)$, then: $X \alpha Y \Leftrightarrow X \alpha y$, for each $y \in Y$.

Thus, it remains to define the meaning of $X \alpha y$, for $X \in F(S_B)$, and $y \in S_B$, and we will define this relation by induction on the hierarchy of y . (Here we use the notation u for the set $\{u\}$.)

First:

(b) $\chi(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (X \alpha y \Leftrightarrow y \in X)$.

Assume $u = (1, Y) \in S_B$, $\chi(u) = t \geq 1$, and that we have a procedure to determine whether $X \alpha y$, for every $X \in F(S_B)$, $y \in S_B$ such that $\chi(y) < t$. Then $X \alpha u$, iff at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(c₁) $u \in X$,

(c₂) $X \alpha y$, for every $y \in Y$.

By induction on hierarchy, it can be easily seen that α is a well defined relation in $F(S_B)$. (If $X \alpha Y$, we say that "X absorbs Y".)

Now we will define a subset R_B of S_B (we will say that R_B is the set of irreducible elements of S_B) as follows:

- 1) $B \subseteq R_B$;
- 2) $u = (i, Y) \in R_B$ iff the following conditions are satisfied:
 - 2.1) $Y \in F(R_B)$,
 - 2.2) there does not exist a $z \in Y$, such that $(Y \setminus z) \alpha z$,
 - 2.3) Y does not contain a subset of the form $\{(1, z), (2, z), \dots, (m, z)\}$.

An $X \in F(R_B)$ is said to be reducible iff it satisfies the following conditions:

- 2.2') there exists a $z \in X$ such that $(X \setminus z) \alpha z$, or
- 2.3') there exists a subset of X of the form $\{(1, z), (2, z), \dots, (m, z)\}$.

$X \subseteq R_B$ is irreducible iff it is not reducible.

The next step is to define an associative object on R_B . For that purpose we need a definition of norm, $||X||$, $X \in F(R_B)$. It is defined by induction on hierarchy, in the following way:

- 3.1) $||X|| = 0 \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq B$;
- 3.2) $||(1, X)|| = 1 + ||X||$;
- 3.3) If $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, $|X| = n$, then

$$||X|| = ||x_1|| + ||x_2|| + \dots + ||x_n||$$

Now we will define an associative object $(R_B; g)$ as follows:

(i) If $X \in F(R_B)$ is irreducible, then $g(X) = X$.

Assume now that $X \in F(R_B)$ is reducible and for every $Y \in F(R_B)$, such that $||Y|| < ||X||$, an irreducible set $g(Y) \in F(R_B)$ is well defined and the following relation holds:

$$g(Y) \neq Y \Leftrightarrow \|g(Y)\| < \|Y\| \quad (3.3)$$

Consider, first, the case when 2.2') is satisfied, and let

$$X = X_{P_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{P_k}, \quad (3.4)$$

where $p_1 < \dots < p_k$, and $x \in X_{P_v} \Leftrightarrow \chi(x) = p_v$.

Let s be the greatest number such that

$$X' = X_{P_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{P_s}$$

does not satisfy 2.2'). Then $1 \leq s < k$. Denote by Z the set of all $z \in X \setminus X'$, such that $X' \alpha z$, and let $Y = X \setminus Z$. Then we have $Z \neq \emptyset$, $Z \cap Y = \emptyset$ and $\|Y\| < \|X\|$. Therefore $g(Y) \in F(R_B)$ is a well defined irreducible set, and now we define $g(X)$ by:

$$(ii) \quad g(X) = g(Y).$$

We have $\|g(X)\| = \|g(Y)\| \leq \|Y\| < \|X\|$, i.e. (2.3) holds.

Finally, assume that X does not satisfy 2.2'). Then 2.3') holds, and therefore X has the form

$$X = X' \cup \{(1, z_1), \dots, (m, z_m), \dots, (1, z_k), \dots, (m, z_k)\},$$

where $X' = \emptyset$ or X' is irreducible and $v \neq \lambda \Rightarrow z_v \neq z_\lambda$. Now we have $\|X' \cup Z_v \cup \dots \cup Z_k\| < \|X\|$, and thus $g(X)$ can be defined by:

$$(iii) \quad g(X) = g(X' \cup Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_k).$$

In this case, we also have

$$\|g(X)\| = \|g(X' \cup Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_k)\| \leq \|X' \cup Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_k\| < \|X\|$$

Therefore $g: F(R_B) \rightarrow F(R_B)$ is a well defined mapping, such that (1.5) holds for every $Y \in F(R_B)$.

3.1⁰. $(R_B; g)$ is an associative m -object. \square

Now we are ready to give a construction of a free m -dimensional semigroup with a basis B .

3.2⁰. Let B be a nonempty set, and let R_B and g be define as above. Define a mapping $f: F(R_B) \rightarrow (R_B)^m$ by

$$f(X) = (1, g(X)) \dots (m, g(X)) \quad (3.5)$$

Then we have:

(i) $(R_B; f)$ is a free m -dimensional semigroup with a basis B .

(ii) The identity automorphism of $(R_B; f)$ is the unique automorphism of $(R_B; f)$, which is an extension of the embedding mapping from B into R_B .

(iii) If $(Q; f')$ is a free m -dimensional semigroup with a basis B , then there is a unique isomorphism $\phi: (R_B; f) \rightarrow (Q; f')$ which is an extension of the embedding from B into Q .

Proof. It is clear that $(R_B; f)$ is an m -dimensional groupoid. Let $X, Y \in F(R_B)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi f(X)UY) &= f(\{(1, g(X)), \dots, (m, g(X))\}UY) = \\ &= ((1, g(\{(1, g(X)), \dots, (m, g(X))\}UY))_{i \in N_m} = \\ &= ((1, g((g(X))UY))_{i \in N_m} = \\ &= \{(1, g(XUY)), \dots, (m, g(XUY))\} = \\ &= f(XUY) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (R_B, f) is an m -dimensional semigroup.

Let (S, f) be a subsemigroup of (R_B, f) , generated by B . We shall prove, by induction on the hierarchy, that $S=R_B$.

Let $x \in R_B^*$. If $\chi(x)=0$, then $x \in B \subseteq S$. Suppose that for all $y \in R_B$, such that $\chi(y) < r$, $y \in S$, and let $x=(1, Y)$ is such that $\chi(x)=r$. Then $\chi(Y)=r-1$; thus $Y \subseteq S$. But then $f(Y)=\{(1, Y), \dots, (m, Y)\} \in S^m$ implies $x \in S$.

Let, now, (Q, f') be an m -dimensional semigroup, and $\lambda: B \rightarrow Q$ a mapping. By induction on the hierarchy, we define a sequence of mapping ξ_v in the following way:

$\xi_0 = \lambda$. Let ξ_v be define for all elements of R_B with hierarchy less then $i+1$, such that ξ_j is extension of ξ_{j-1} . We define ξ_{i+1} , in the following way:

if $\chi(x) < i$, then $\xi_{i+1}(x) = \xi_i(x)$. Let $\chi(x) = i+1$, and $x=(j, \{y_1, \dots, y_p\})$. Then

$$\xi_{i+1}((j, Y)) = f'_j(\{\xi_i(y_1), \dots, \xi_i(y_p)\})$$

Define a mapping $\xi: R_B \rightarrow Q$ by

$$\xi(x) = \xi_i(x) \text{ iff } \chi(x) = i.$$

Then ξ is a homomorphic extension of λ .

Thus, (R_B, f) is a free m -dimensional semigroup with a basis B .

It should be noted here that the class of semilattices is a proper subclass of the class of 1-dimensional semigroups. Namely, the class of corresponding semigroups coincides with the variety of commutative semigroups which satisfy the law:

$$x^2y = xy$$

This suggests to define an m -dimensional semilattice as an m -dimensional semigroup which satisfies the following equality:

$$\pi f(a) = a, \quad (3.6)$$

for every $a \in Q$.

3.3^o. Let B be a nonempty set and L_B^1 be defined in the following way

$$M_0 = B, \quad M_{p+1} = M_p \cup (N_m \times \{X \in F(M_p) \mid |X| > 1\}), \quad L_B^1 = \bigcup_{p > 0} M_p$$

If we define a mapping $\ell: F(L_B^1) \rightarrow (L_B^1)^m$ by:

$$\ell(X) = \begin{cases} x^m, & \text{if } X \in L_B^1 \\ (1, g(X)), \dots, (m, g(X)), & \text{if } X \in F(L_B^1) \setminus L_B^1 \end{cases}$$

then we obtain a free m -dimensional semilattice with a basis B . \square

There is a possibility to change the definition of the notion of m -dimensional semilattices replacing (2.8) by:

$$(\forall X \in F_m(Q)) \pi f(X) = X, \quad (3.6')$$

but in this case, if $m \geq 2$, free m -dimensional semilattices, such that $|B| \geq 2$, would not exist, as the following example shows:

Example 3.4. Let $m=2$, and $B=\{a, b\}$, and define operation f , and f' from $F(B)$ into B^2 by:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\{a\}) &= aa, & f(\{b\}) &= bb, & f(\{a, b\}) &= ab, \\ f'(\{a\}) &= aa, & f'(\{b\}) &= bb, & f'(\{a, b\}) &= ba. \end{aligned}$$

The mapping $a \rightarrow a, b \rightarrow b$ could not be extended into a homomorphism from $(B; f)$ into $(B; f')$, as $f(\{a, b\}) \neq f'(\{a, b\})$.

The class of m -dimensional semigroups is in fact a subclass of the class of vector valued semigroups ([2,5]). In a similar way, one could define a special kind of m -dimensional semilattices as a special subclass of fully commutative vector valued semigroups ([4]).

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СЛОБОДНИ ОБЈЕКТИ ВО ЕДНА МНОГУКРАТНОСТ КОМУТАТИВНИ
ВЕКТОРСКО ВРЕДНОСНИ ПОЛУГРУПИ

Б. Јанева

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Во овој труд разгледуваме една класа комутативни (n,m) -полугрупи во кои важат идентитетите

$$[(x_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x_r)^{\alpha_r}] = [(x_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (x_r)^{\beta_r}],$$

за $\alpha_v, \beta_v > 0$, $\sum \alpha_v = m \pmod{k}$, $\sum \beta_v = m \pmod{k}$, $k = n - m > 0$ и даваме конструкција на слободен објект со дадена непразна база.

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