

**REDUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS  
OF  $(n, m)$ –SEMIGROUPS INDUCED BY  
REDUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS  
OF BINARY SEMIGROUPS**

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**Abstract.** The question of finding a satisfactory combinatorial description of an  $(n, m)$ –semigroup given with its  $(n, m)$ –presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  can be answered by managing to construct a good reduction for the given  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  (if possible), which is usually quite complicated to achieve. Here, we construct good reductions for a class of  $(n, m)$ –presentations of  $(n, m)$ –semigroups that are induced by presentations of binary semigroups satisfying certain conditions. Namely, given a semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  with a good reduction  $\varphi$  that satisfy a pair of conditions, we define an associated  $(n, m)$ –semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  and derive a good reduction  $\psi$  for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . As a consequence, good description of the corresponding  $(n, m)$ –semigroup is obtained.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Bellow we give some definitions, notations and facts on combinatorial semigroup theory and combinatorial  $(n, m)$ –semigroup theory. (For more details see [2], [4]).

Let  $B$  be a nonempty set and let  $\mathbf{B}^+$  be the free semigroup with basis  $B$ .  $\mathbf{B}^+ = (B^+; \cdot)$  where  $B^+$  is the set of all finite (nonempty) sequences of the elements of  $B$  and  $\cdot$  is the concatenation of sequences. The element  $(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in B^r \subseteq B^+$  will be denoted simply by  $a_1^r$ , or by  $\overset{r}{a}$  in the case when  $a_1 = \dots = a_r = a$ . Also,  $a_i^j$  will denote the sequence  $a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_j$  when  $i \leq j$  or the empty sequence when  $i > j$ . Sometimes  $\underline{x}$  will be a short notation for a sequence of elements of a set  $B$ . As usual,  $d$  will be used to denote the dimension of a sequence  $a_1^r \in B^r$  (i.e.  $d(a_1^r) = r$ ), and  $\mathbb{N}$  will denote the set of all positive integers. By  $\mathbb{N}_r$  and  $\mathbb{N}_r^0$  we denote the sets  $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$  and  $\{0, 1, \dots, r\}$  respectively, where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\Lambda \subseteq B^+ \times B^+$ . The pair  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  is a presentation of the semigroup  $\mathbf{B}^+/\Lambda^\equiv$  where  $\Lambda^\equiv$  is the smallest congruence on  $\mathbf{B}^+$  containing  $\Lambda$ . We use the notation  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle = \mathbf{B}^+/\Lambda^\equiv$ .

A reduction for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  is a mapping  $\varphi : B^+ \rightarrow B^+$  satisfying the conditions:

(i)  $\varphi(xuy) = \varphi(x\varphi(u)y)$ , (ii)  $(u, v) \in \Lambda \Rightarrow \varphi(u) = \varphi(v)$ , (iii)  $\varphi(u)\Lambda^\equiv u$ ,  
for all  $u, v \in B^+$  and  $x, y \in B^*$ , where  $B^* = B^+ \cup \{1\}$  and  $1$  is a notation for the empty sequence.

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Each reduction  $\varphi$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  is a homomorphism from  $B^+$  to  $(\varphi(B^+); \circ)$ , where the operation 'o' on  $\varphi(B^+)$  is defined by  $u \circ v = \varphi(uv)$ ,  $u, v \in \varphi(B^+)$ . Moreover,  $\ker \varphi = \Lambda^=$  and thus  $B^+/\Lambda^= \cong (\varphi(B^+); \circ)$  i.e.  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle = (\varphi(B^+); \circ)$ .

A reduction  $\varphi$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  is good (effective) reduction for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  if there exists an invariant  $\rho : B^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi(x) \neq x$  implies  $\rho(\varphi(x)) < \rho(x)$  for all  $x \in B^+$ . In this case, for a given  $u \in B^+$ , the reduced represent  $\varphi(u)$  can be determined in a finite number of steps. (As a consequence, the existence of an algorithm for the decidability i.e. solvability of the word problem is provided).

Let  $Q \neq \emptyset$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $n - m = k \geq 1$ . We will also assume that  $m \geq 2$ . A mapping  $f : Q^n \rightarrow Q^m$  is an  $(n, m)$ -operation and the pair  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; f)$  is called an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid. A mapping  $f : \bigcup_{s \geq 1} Q^{m+sk} \rightarrow Q^m$  is called a poly- $(n, m)$ -operation and the pair  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; f)$  is said to be a poly- $(n, m)$ -groupoid.

An  $(n, m)$ -groupoid  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; f)$  is an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup if

$$f(f(x_1^n)x_{n+1}^{n+k}) = f(x_1^i f(x_{i+1}^{i+n})x_{i+n+1}^{n+k}) \text{ for all } x_v \in Q, i \in \mathbb{N}_k.$$

A poly- $(n, m)$ -groupoid  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q; f)$  is a poly- $(n, m)$ -semigroup if

$$f(x_1^j f(y_1^{m+rk})x_{j+1}^{sk}) = f(x_1^j y_1^{m+rk} x_{j+1}^{sk}) \text{ for all } x_\lambda, y_\mu \in Q, s, r \geq 1, j \in \mathbb{N}_{sk}^0.$$

*Remark.* It is not necessary to make distinction between the notions of  $(n, m)$ -semigroup and poly- $(n, m)$ -semigroup due to the fact there is no essential difference between them, a consequence from the general associative law (GAL) which holds in all  $(n, m)$ -semigroups. (See [2], §5.)<sup>3</sup>

The notions of  $(n, m)$ -operations (poly- $(n, m)$ -operations) are easily thought of as algebras with  $m$   $n$ -ary (poly  $n$ -ary) operations

$$f_1, \dots, f_m : \bigcup_{s \geq 1} Q^{m+sk} \rightarrow Q, \text{ where } f_i(x_1^{m+sk}) \stackrel{def}{=} z_i \Leftrightarrow f(x_1^{m+sk}) = z_1^m, i \in \mathbb{N}_m,$$

and  $s = 1$  for the  $(n, m)$ -case (i.e.  $s \geq 1$  for the poly- $(n, m)$ -case).

This allow us to translate all the notions which make sense for universal algebras to [poly-] $(n, m)$ -goupoids, without giving their explicit definitions.

Let  $\mathbf{F}(B) = (F(B); f)$  be a free poly- $(n, m)$ -groupoid with a basis  $B$ . We recall its construction. (See [2], §6).

$$B_{-1} = \emptyset, \quad B_0 = B, \quad B_{p+1} = B_p \cup \left( \mathbb{N}_m \times \bigcup_{s \geq 1} B_p^{m+sk} \right), \quad F(B) = \bigcup_{p \geq 0} B_p.$$

The poly- $(n, m)$ -operation  $f$  on  $F(B)$  is defined by

$$f(u_1^{m+sk}) = v_1^m \Leftrightarrow (\forall i \in \mathbb{N}_m) v_i = (i, u_1^{m+sk}).$$

Hierarchy of the elements of  $F(B)$  is a mapping  $\chi : F(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  defined by

$$\chi(u) = \min\{p \mid u \in B_p\}. \text{ Clearly, } \chi(u) = p \Leftrightarrow u \in B_p \setminus B_{p-1}.$$

Length on  $F(B)$  is a mapping  $|\cdot| : F(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by induction on  $\chi$  :

$$|u| = 1 \text{ for } u \in B_0, \quad |(i, u_1^{m+sk})| = |u_1| + \dots + |u_{m+sk}| \text{ for } (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p.$$

<sup>3</sup>However, there is a justified reason for introducing poly- $(n, m)$ -semigroups in the combinatorial  $(n, m)$ -semigroup theory (see [2], §6).

**Definition 1.1** ([4]). Let  $\Delta \subseteq F(B) \times F(B)$ .  $\Delta$  is said to be a set of  $(n, m)$ -defining relations on  $B$  and the pair  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  is a presentation of an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup.

**Proposition 1.1** ([4]).  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  presents the factor  $(n, m)$ -semigroup  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\overline{\Delta}$  where  $\overline{\Delta}$  is the least congruence on  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$  such that  $\Delta \subseteq \overline{\Delta}$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\overline{\Delta}$  is an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup. We use the notation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\overline{\Delta}$ .

**Definition 1.2** ([4]). Reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  is a mapping  $\psi : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $(u, v) \in \Delta \Rightarrow \psi(u) = \psi(v)$
- (ii)  $\psi(i, x'(1, y)(2, y) \dots (m, y)x'') = \psi(i, x'yx'')$
- (iii)  $\psi(i, x'wx'') = \psi(i, x'\psi(w)x'')$
- (iv)  $u\overline{\Delta}\psi(u)$
- (v)  $\psi(\psi(u)) = \psi(u)$ ,

for all  $u, v, w, (i, x'wx''), (i, x'(1, y)(2, y) \dots (m, y)x'') \in F(B)$  and  $x', x'' \in F(B)^*$ .

**Theorem 1.1** ([4]). The reduction  $\psi : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  is a homomorphism from  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$  to  $(\psi(F(B)); g)$  where

$$\psi(F(B)) = \{u \in F(B) \mid \psi(u) = u\} \text{ and}$$

$$g(u_1^{m+sk}) = v_1^m \Leftrightarrow v_i = \psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}), i \in \mathbb{N}_m.$$

Moreover,  $\ker \psi = \overline{\Delta}$  and thus  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\overline{\Delta} \cong (\psi(F(B)); g)$  i.e.  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle = (\psi(F(B)); g)$ .

If  $\psi$  is a reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  such that  $\psi(u)$  can be determined in a finite number of steps for a given  $u \in F(B)$ , then  $\psi$  is said to be a good (effective) reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . (It provides the existence of an algorithm for calculating the reduced represent  $\psi(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ ).

In the case when  $\Delta = \emptyset$ , the pair  $\langle B; \emptyset \rangle$  presents the free  $(n, m)$ -semigroup with a basis  $B$  and  $\langle B; \emptyset \rangle = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\approx$ , where  $\approx$  is the least congruence on  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})/\approx$  is an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup. We recall its combinatorial description from [3]. Let  $\psi_0 : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  be a mapping defined as follows:

$$\psi_0(b) = b, b \in B;$$

Assume that  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B)$  and that  $\psi_0(v) \in F(B)$  is well defined for all  $v \in F(B)$  such that  $|v| < |u|$ . Moreover, assume that  $\psi_0(v) \neq v$  implies  $|\psi_0(v)| < |v|$ . Then,  $v_\lambda = \psi_0(u_\lambda)$  is well defined for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$  and thus  $v = (i, v_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B)$ . If there exists a  $\lambda' \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$  such that  $v_{\lambda'} \neq u_{\lambda'}$  then  $|v| < |u|$  and consequently define

$$\psi_0(u) = \psi_0(v);$$

If  $v_\lambda = u_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$  and if  $u = (i, u_1^j(1, w_1^{m+rk}) \dots (m, w_1^{m+rk})u_{j+m+1}^{m+sk})$  where  $w_1^{m+rk} \in F(B)^{m+rk}$ , ( $r \geq 1$ ) and  $j$  is the smallest such index, define

$$\psi_0(u) = \psi_0(i, u_1^j w_1^{m+rk} u_{j+m+1}^{m+sk}).$$

If  $u$  doesn't satisfy any of the conditions above,  $\psi_0(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u$ .

The mapping  $\psi_0$  is well defined and it reduces the length, i.e.  $\psi_0(u) \neq u$  implies  $|\psi_0(u)| < |u|$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ .

**Proposition 1.2** ([3]). *The mapping  $\psi_0$  is a good reduction for  $\langle B; \emptyset \rangle$ .*

**Remark 1.1:** Note that the reduction  $\psi_0$  does not change the first coordinate nor decreases the dimension of the second coordinate when mapping elements from  $F(B) \setminus B$ . Also,  $\psi_0$  does not increase the hierarchy i.e.  $\chi(\psi_0(u)) \leq \chi(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ . (The proofs are by induction on  $|\cdot|$  and applying the definition of  $\psi_0$ .)

It is natural to look for a suitable combinatorial description of an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup given with its  $(n, m)$ -presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . Such description can be obtained if we manage to construct a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ , a task which is not easy nor always possible to fulfill. Some examples, constructions and results on the issue are given in [4], [5], [6]. Below we define a class of presentations of  $(n, m)$ -semigroups  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  such that good reductions for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  can be constructed. These  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  are induced by presentations of binary semigroups  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  with good reductions  $\varphi$  satisfying a pair of conditions. Given such  $(n, m)$ -semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ , and using the good reduction  $\varphi$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ , as well as the good reduction  $\psi_0$  for  $\langle B; \emptyset \rangle$ , we will construct a good reduction  $\psi$  for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ .

## 2. MAIN PART

Let  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  be a semigroup presentation satisfying the conditions:

- (I)  $d(\underline{x}), d(\underline{z}) > m$  for all  $(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in \Lambda$
- (II) There exists a good reduction  $\varphi : B^+ \rightarrow B^+$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  such that  $d(\varphi(\underline{x})) \equiv d(\underline{x}) \pmod{k}$  for all  $\underline{x} \in B^+$ .

We define a set of  $(n, m)$ -defining relations  $\Delta \subseteq F(B) \times F(B)$  by

$$\Delta = \left\{ (u, v) \in F(B) \times F(B) \mid \begin{aligned} &u = (i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), v = (i, u_1^\lambda b_1^l u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), \\ &a_1^r, b_1^l \in B^+ \text{ and } a_1^r = b_1^l \text{ in } \langle B; \Lambda \rangle, \\ &u_\alpha \in F(B), \alpha \in \{1, \dots, \lambda\} \cup \{\lambda+r+1, \dots, m+sk\}, \\ &0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r, 1 \leq r \leq m+sk, i \in \mathbb{N}_m, s \geq 1 \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

Thus, we get a  $(n, m)$ -semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  which is said to be induced by the semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ .

Our aim is to construct a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . For that purpose, we will use the mapping  $\psi_0$  and the fact that there exists an invariant  $\rho : B^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  which is reduced by  $\varphi$  (since  $\varphi$  is a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ ). We will extend such invariant  $\rho$  on  $F(B)$  and then, using  $\varphi$  we will define an auxiliary mapping  $\psi' : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  which will reduce the extended invariant  $\rho$ . Afterwards, we will show and display the properties of the mapping  $\psi'$  as well as some properties of compositions of  $\psi_0$  and  $\psi'$ . Applying these results and the properties of the reduction  $\psi_0$  (see [3]), we will define an appropriate mapping  $\psi : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  (by induction on hierarchy, combining  $\psi_0$  and  $\psi'$ ), and such  $\psi$  will be a good

reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . Let us now proceed to this construction.

Being  $\varphi$  a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ , there exists a mapping  $\rho : B^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi(\underline{x}) \neq \underline{x}$  implies  $\rho(\varphi(\underline{x})) < \rho(\underline{x})$ , for all  $\underline{x} \in B^+$ . We will extend the invariant  $\rho$  on  $F(B)$  and define a mapping

$$\rho : F(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0, \text{ by induction on } \chi \text{ as follows:}$$

For  $b \in B$ ,  $\rho(b)$  is already defined and since the condition (I') for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  implies that  $\varphi(b) = b, b \in B$  (the elements from the basis are alone in the class), we can take  $\rho(b) = 1, b \in B$  (the usual way of defining  $\rho$  on the basis in such cases).

Next, for  $(i, a_1^{m+sk}) \in B_1 \setminus B_0$ , define  $\rho(i, a_1^{m+sk}) = \rho(a_1^{m+sk})$ ; Assume that  $\rho(v)$  is well defined for all  $v \in B_p$  and extend the definition of  $\rho$  on  $B_p^*$  by induction on the dimension: We put  $\rho(1) = 0$ , assume that  $\rho$  is well defined for all  $\underline{x} \in B_p^+$  with  $d(\underline{x}) < q, (q \in \mathbb{N})$  and let  $x_1^q \in B_p^+$ .

If  $x_1^q = x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^q$  where:  $a_1^r \in B^+, 1 \leq r \leq q, x_\lambda, x_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B, 0 \leq \lambda \leq q - r$ , and  $\lambda$  is the smallest such index, then  $\rho(x_1^\lambda)$  and  $\rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^q)$  are well defined (by the hypothesis), and consequently define

$$\rho(x_1^q) = \rho(x_1^\lambda) + \rho(a_1^r) + \rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^q).$$

If  $x_1^q$  doesn't satisfy the conditions above, we put  $\rho(x_1^q) = \sum_{j=1}^q \rho(x_j)$ .

Now, for  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p$  we define  $\rho(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \rho(u_1^{m+sk})$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\rho(i, x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(x_1^\lambda) + \rho(a_1^r) + \rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$

where:  $a_1^r \in B^+, 1 \leq r \leq m + sk, x_\lambda, x_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m + sk - r$ .

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\rho(x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^q) = \rho(x_1^\lambda) + \rho(a_1^r) + \rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^q)$ , where:  $a_1^r \in B^+, x_\lambda, x_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m + sk - r, 1 \leq r \leq m + sk$ . Assume that the equality holds for all  $\underline{x} \in F(B)^+$  satisfying the conditions above and such that  $d(\underline{x}) < d(x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = m + sk$ . If  $\lambda$  is the smallest index such that  $x_\lambda \notin B, a_1^r \in B^+$  and  $x_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , the case is trivial (follows by definition). Hence, let  $x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk} = x_1^j b_1^l x_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}$  where:  $b_1^l \in B^+, x_j, x_{j+l+1} \notin B, 0 \leq j \leq \lambda - l - 1, (1 \leq l \leq \lambda - 1)$  and let  $j$  be the smallest such index. Then  $\rho(x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(x_1^j b_1^l x_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(x_1^j) + \rho(b_1^l) + \rho(x_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  and  $d(x_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = m + sk - j - l < m + sk$ . Thus,  $\rho(x_1^\lambda a_1^r x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(x_1^j) + \rho(b_1^l) + \rho(x_{j+l+1}^\lambda) + \rho(a_1^r) + \rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(x_1^\lambda) + \rho(a_1^r) + \rho(x_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ .  $\square$

Define a mapping  $\psi' : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  by induction on  $\rho$  as follows:

$$\psi'(b) = b, b \in B;$$

Let  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B) \setminus B$ , assume that  $\psi'$  is well defined for all  $v \in F(B)$  such that  $\rho(v) < \rho(u)$  and moreover, assume that

$$\psi'(v) \neq v \text{ implies } \rho(\psi'(v)) < \rho(v).$$

Let  $u_1^{m+sk} = u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}$  where:  $a_1^r \in B^+, 1 \leq r \leq m + sk, \varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r, u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m + sk - r$  and let  $\lambda$  (if exists) be the smallest such index. Then,  $d(\varphi(a_1^r)) > m$  (by (I')),  $d(\varphi(a_1^r)) \equiv d(a_1^r) \pmod{k}$  (by (II')), and thus

$(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in F(B)$ . Also,  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$  implies  $\rho(\varphi(a_1^r)) < \rho(a_1^r)$ , which implies that  $\rho(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(u)$ . Consequently, define

$$\psi'(u) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}).$$

Now,  $\rho(\psi'(u)) = \rho(\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})) \leq \rho(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(u)$  i.e. the mapping  $\psi'$  is well defined in this case, and it reduces the invariant  $\rho$ . If  $u_1^{m+sk}$  doesn't satisfy the conditions above, we put

$$\psi'(u) = u.$$

**Remark 2.1:** Note that  $\psi'$  does not change the first coordinate of  $(i, \underline{x}) \in F(B) \setminus B$ . Furthermore,  $\chi(\psi'(u)) = \chi(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ . (Easy to verify, by induction on  $\rho$ ).

**Lemma 2.2.** (1)  $\rho(\psi'(u)) \leq \rho(u)$  and  $\rho(\psi'(u)) = \rho(u) \Leftrightarrow \psi'(u) = u$

$$(2) \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), \text{ where}$$

$(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in F(B)$  and  $a_1^r \in B^+$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ .

(3) Let  $(j, y_1^{m+sk}), (i, \underline{x} y_1^{m+sk} \underline{z}) \in F(B)$ .

If  $\psi'(j, y_1^{m+sk}) = (j, y_1^{m+sk})$  then  $\psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^{m+sk} \underline{z}) = \psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^{m+sk} \underline{z})$ .

*Proof.* (1). Consequence from the fact that  $\psi'(u) \neq u$  implies  $\rho(\psi'(u)) < \rho(u)$  which is shown above, while defining  $\psi'$ .

(2). Firstly, will show that  $\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  for all  $(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in F(B)$  where  $a_1^r \in B^+$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ ) and  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , ( $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ ). If  $\varphi(a_1^r) = a_1^r$  the case is trivial, so let  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$  and assume that the equality stands for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\rho(v) < \rho(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ . If  $\lambda$  is the smallest index such that  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , the conclusion follows by definition. Let  $u_1^\lambda = u_1^j b_1^l u_{j+l+1}^\lambda$  where:  $b_1^l \in B^+$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq \lambda-1$ ,  $\varphi(b_1^l) \neq b_1^l$ ,  $u_j, u_{j+l+1} \notin B$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq \lambda-l-1$ , and assume that  $j$  is the smallest such index. Then

$$\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^j b_1^l u_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^j \varphi(b_1^l) u_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}),$$

and moreover,  $\varphi(b_1^l) \neq b_1^l$  implies  $\rho(\varphi(b_1^l)) < \rho(b_1^l)$ , which implies that

$$\rho(u_1^j \varphi(b_1^l) u_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(u_1^j b_1^l u_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \rho(u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}). \text{ Thus,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(i, u_1^j \varphi(b_1^l) u_{j+l+1}^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) &= \psi'(i, u_1^j \varphi(b_1^l) u_{j+l+1}^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \\ \psi'(i, u_1^j b_1^l u_{j+l+1}^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) &= \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}). \end{aligned}$$

To show the proposition (2), first assume that there exist  $\mu' \in \{1, \dots, \lambda\}$  and  $\mu'' \in \{\lambda+r+1, \dots, m+sk\}$  such that  $u_{\mu'}, u_{\mu''} \notin B$ . Moreover, let  $\mu'$  and  $\mu''$  be the biggest and the smallest such index respectively. Then,  $u_1^\lambda = u_1^{\mu'} b_1^l$  where  $b_1^l \in B^+$ ,  $l = \lambda - \mu' \geq 0$ , and,  $u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk} = c_1^q u_{\mu''}^{m+sk}$  where  $c_1^q \in B^+$ ,  $q = \mu'' - \lambda - r - 1 \geq 0$ . Now, using the equality from above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) &= \psi'(i, u_1^{\mu'} b_1^l a_1^r c_1^q u_{\mu''}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^{\mu'} \varphi(b_1^l a_1^r c_1^q) u_{\mu''}^{m+sk}) = \\ \psi'(i, u_1^{\mu'} \varphi(b_1^l \varphi(a_1^r) c_1^q) u_{\mu''}^{m+sk}) &= \psi'(i, u_1^{\mu'} b_1^l \varphi(a_1^r) c_1^q u_{\mu''}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $u_1^\lambda \in B^+$  or  $u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk} \in B^+$  the proof is analogical. If  $u_1^{m+sk} \in B^+$  the statement follows from definition of  $\psi'$  and the properties of the reduction  $\varphi$ .

(3). By induction on  $\rho$ . Assume that the proposition stands for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\rho(v) < \rho(j, y_1^{m+sk})$  and let  $\psi'(j, y_1^{m+sk}) = (j, y_1^{m+lk}) \neq (j, y_1^{m+sk})$ . Then  $y_1^{m+sk} = y_1^\lambda a_1^r y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ , where  $a_1^r \in B^+$ ,  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$  and  $y_\lambda, y_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ . We can (but not need to) take  $\lambda$  to be the smallest such index. Now,  $\psi'(j, y_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = (j, y_1^{m+lk})$  and we have that  $\rho(j, y_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(j, y_1^{m+sk})$ . Applying (2) and the inductive hypothesis for the element  $(j, y_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ , we obtain that  $\psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^{m+sk} \underline{z}) = \psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^\lambda a_1^r y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk} \underline{z}) = \psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) y_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk} \underline{z}) = \psi'(i, \underline{x} y_1^{m+lk} \underline{z})$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** (1) If  $(u, v) \in \Delta$  then  $\psi'(u) = \psi'(v)$ .

(2) If  $\psi'(u) \neq u$ , there exist a sequence  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{t-1}, u_t \in F(B)$  such that  $u = u_0 \Delta u_1 \Delta \dots \Delta u_{t-1} \Delta u_t = \psi'(u)$ , ( $t \geq 1$ ).

(3)  $u \bar{\Delta} \psi'(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$

(4)  $\psi'(\psi'(u)) = \psi'(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ .

*Proof.* (1). Consequence from (2) in Lemma 2.2.

(2). Let  $u \in F(B)$  and let  $\psi'(u) \neq u$ . Then  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B) \setminus B$  and assume that the proposition stands for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\rho(v) < \rho(u)$ . Since  $\psi'(u) \neq u$  we have that  $\psi'(u) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  for some  $a_1^r \in B^+$  and  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$  where  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$ , which implies that  $\rho(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(u)$ .

Also,  $u = (i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \Delta (i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ .

If  $\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = (i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  we immediately get  $u \Delta \psi'(u)$ .

If  $\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \neq (i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ , the hypothesis implies that there exists a sequence  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{t-1}, u_t \in F(B)$ , ( $t \geq 1$ ) such that

$$(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \Delta u_1 \Delta \dots \Delta u_{t-1} \Delta \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), \text{ and thus} \\ u \Delta (i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \Delta u_1 \Delta \dots \Delta u_{t-1} \Delta \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(u).$$

(3). Direct consequence from (2).

(4). By induction on  $\rho$ . Clearly it holds on  $B$ , let  $(i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B) \setminus B$ , and assume that  $\psi'(\psi'(v)) = \psi'(v)$  for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\rho(v) < \rho(i, u_1^{m+sk})$ . Let also  $\psi'(i, u_1^{m+sk}) \neq (i, u_1^{m+sk})$ . (Otherwise the equality is trivial). Then  $\psi'(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  for some  $a_1^r \in B^+$  such that  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ ), and some  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1}$  such that  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , ( $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ ). Moreover,  $\rho(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(i, u_1^{m+sk})$  and by the hypothesis we get  $\psi'(\psi'(i, u_1^{m+sk})) = \psi'(\psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^{m+sk})$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** (1)  $\psi_0 \psi' \psi_0(u) = \psi' \psi_0(u)$ ,

(2)  $\psi' \psi_0 \psi'(u) = \psi' \psi_0(u)$ ,  $u \in F(B)$ .

*Proof.* (1). We will show that  $v \in \psi_0(F(B))$  implies  $\psi'(v) \in \psi_0(F(B))$ . (By induction on  $\rho$ ). Since it holds on  $B$ , let  $v = (i, v_1^{m+sk}) \in \psi_0(F(B)) \setminus B$  and

assume that the statement holds for all  $z \in \psi_0(F(B))$  with  $\rho(z) < \rho(i, v_1^{m+sk})$ . Let also  $\psi'(i, v_1^{m+sk}) \neq (i, v_1^{m+sk})$ . Then,  $(i, v_1^{m+sk}) = (i, v_1^\lambda a_1^r v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ , where:  $a_1^r \in B^+$ ,  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$ ,  $v_\lambda, v_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ ,  $\rho(i, v_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(v)$ , and,  $\psi'(v) = \psi'(i, v_1^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, v_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ . Being  $a_1^r \in B^+$ ,  $\varphi(a_1^r) \in B^+$  and  $(i, v_1^\lambda a_1^r v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in \psi_0(F(B))$ , it is easy to conclude that  $(i, v_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in \psi_0(F(B))$ . Thus, and by the inductive hypothesis, we get that  $\psi'(i, v_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) v_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) \in \psi_0(F(B))$ . Therefore,  $\psi'(v) \in \psi_0(F(B))$ . Consequently,  $\psi' \psi_0(u) \in \psi_0(F(B))$  for all  $u \in F(B)$ , and now (1) follows from  $\psi_0 \psi_0 = \psi_0$  (Proposition 1.2).

(2). Let  $u \in F(B)$  and let  $\psi'(u) \neq u$ . (Otherwise the case is trivial). Then  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B) \setminus B$  and  $u_1^{m+sk}$  consists a subsequence  $u_\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}$  such that  $a_1^r \in B^+$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ ),  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$ ,  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , ( $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ ) and,  $\psi'(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ . Also,  $\rho(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) < \rho(u)$ . Assuming that the equality stands for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\rho(v) < \rho(u)$  we get

$$\psi' \psi_0 \psi'(u) = \psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi' \psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}).$$

Consider the images  $\psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  and  $\psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ . Recall Remark 1.1 and assume that  $\psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = (i, u_1^{m+s_0k})$ . Since  $\varphi(a_1^r) \in B^+$ , there exists an integer  $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda$  such that  $u'_{\lambda_0+1} \dots u'_{\lambda_0+d(\varphi(a_1^r))} = \varphi(a_1^r)$ . (Easy to conclude, by induction on the length). Similarly, and being  $a_1^r \in B^+$ , we obtain that  $\psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = (i, u_1' \dots u_{\lambda_0}' a_1^r u_{\lambda_0+d(\varphi(a_1^r))+1}' \dots u_{m+s_0k}'^m)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi' \psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) &= \psi'(i, u_1' \dots u_{\lambda_0}' \varphi(a_1^r) u_{\lambda_0+d(\varphi(a_1^r))+1}' \dots u_{m+s_0k}'^m) = \\ \psi'(i, u_1' \dots u_{\lambda_0}' a_1^r u_{\lambda_0+d(\varphi(a_1^r))+1}' \dots u_{m+s_0k}'^m) &= \psi' \psi_0(i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}) = \psi' \psi_0(u). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\psi' \psi_0 \psi'(u) = \psi' \psi_0(u)$ .  $\square$

Define a mapping  $\psi : F(B) \rightarrow F(B)$  by induction on  $\chi$  as follows:

$$\psi(b) = b, b \in B;$$

Let  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in F(B) \setminus B$  and assume that  $\psi(v)$  is well defined for all  $v \in F(B)$  such that  $\chi(v) < \chi(u)$ . Hence,  $\psi(u_\mu)$  is well defined for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$ , and consequently define  $\psi(u)$  by

$$\psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})).$$

**Lemma 2.5.** (1)  $\chi(\psi(u)) \leq \chi(u)$   
(2)  $\psi'(\psi(u)) = \psi(u)$   
(3)  $\psi_0(\psi(u)) = \psi(u)$   
(4)  $\psi(\psi(u)) = \psi(u)$ , for all  $u \in F(B)$ .

*Proof.* (1). By induction on the hierarchy.  $\chi(\psi(b)) = \chi(b)$ ,  $b \in B$ , assume that  $\chi(\psi(v)) \leq \chi(v)$  for all  $v \in B_p$  and let  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p$ . Then,



$\chi(\psi(u_\alpha)) \leq \chi(u_\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$  and applying the properties of  $\chi$  for the mappings  $\psi'$  and  $\psi_0$  respectively (Remark 2.1 and Remark 1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\psi(i, u_1^{m+sk})) &= \chi(\psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))) = \\ \chi(\psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))) &\leq \chi(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) \leq \chi(i, u_1^{m+sk}). \end{aligned}$$

(2). Consequence from (4) in Lemma 2.3.

(3). Consequence from (1) in Lemma 2.4.

(4). Firstly, we will show that all  $u \in F(B) \setminus B$  satisfy

$$\psi(u) = (i, w_1^{m+r_k}) \text{ where } i \in \mathbb{N}_m \text{ and } w_\eta \in \psi(F(B)), \eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}.$$

By induction on  $\chi$ . For  $u \in B_1 \setminus B$ ,  $u = (i, a_1^{m+sk})$  where  $i \in \mathbb{N}_m$  and  $a_1^{m+sk} \in B^+$ . Hence,  $\psi(u) = \psi' \psi_0(i, a_1^{m+sk}) = \psi'(i, a_1^{m+sk}) = (i, \varphi(a_1^{m+sk}))$  and the conclusion follows immediately, being  $B \subseteq \psi(F(B))$ . Assume that the statement holds for all  $u' \in B_p$  and let  $u \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p$ . Then,  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk})$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}_m$  and  $u_1^{m+sk} \in B_p^+$ , and  $\psi(u) = \psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))$ . Recalling that none of the mappings  $\psi_0$  and  $\psi'$  changes the first coordinate, assume that  $\psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = (i, w_1^{m+r_k})$ . Let also  $\psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = (i, v_1^{m+l_k})$ . We will show that  $v_\mu \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_{m+l_k}$ :

If  $\psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = (i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))$  the conclusion is trivial. If  $\psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) \neq (i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))$ , then there exists  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{N}_{s_k}^0$  such that  $\psi(u_{\vartheta+\beta}) = (\beta, y_1^{m+q_k})$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_m$  (since  $\psi_0 \psi = \psi$ ), and thus  $(i, v_1^{m+l_k}) = \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\vartheta) y_1^{m+q_k} \psi(u_{\vartheta+m+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk}))$ . Moreover, the hypothesis implies that  $y_j \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}_{m+q_k}$ . Consequently, if

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\vartheta) y_1^{m+q_k} \psi(u_{\vartheta+m+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) &= \\ (i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\vartheta) y_1^{m+q_k} \psi(u_{\vartheta+m+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})), & \end{aligned}$$

we immediately get  $v_\mu \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_{m+l_k}$ . Otherwise, the conclusion follows by induction (i.e. repeating the same process).

Hence, we have that  $\psi(u) = (i, w_1^{m+r_k}) = \psi'(i, v_1^{m+l_k})$ , where  $v_\mu \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_{m+l_k}$ . Thus, and being  $B \subseteq \psi(F(B))$  it is easy to verify that  $w_\eta \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}$ . (Induction on  $\rho$ ).

Let us now proof the statement (4). By induction on  $\chi$ .

It is clear that  $\psi\psi(b) = \psi(b)$ ,  $b \in B$ , assume that  $\psi\psi(z) = \psi(z)$  for all  $z \in F(B)$  with  $\chi(z) \leq p$ , and let  $(i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p$ . We have showed that  $\psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = (i, w_1^{m+r_k})$  (for some  $r \geq 1$ ) where  $w_\eta \in \psi(F(B))$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}$  and thus  $w_\eta = \psi(w'_\eta)$  for some  $w'_\eta \in F(B)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}$ . Furthermore,  $\chi(w'_\eta) < \chi(i, u_1^{m+sk})$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}$  and applying the hypothesis we get that  $\psi\psi(w'_\eta) = \psi(w'_\eta)$ , i.e.  $\psi(w_\eta) = w_\eta$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+r_k}$ . Thus, and by (2) and (3) (this lemma) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) &= \psi(i, w_1^{m+r_k}) = \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(w_1) \dots \psi(w_{m+r_k})) = \\ \psi' \psi_0(i, w_1^{m+r_k}) &= \psi' \psi_0 \psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) = \psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *The mapping  $\psi$  is a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* (i). Let  $u \Delta v$ , i.e. let  $u = (i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$ ,  $v = (i, u_1^\lambda b_1^l u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk})$  where  $a_1^r = b_1^l$  in  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq m+sk$ . Then,  $\varphi(a_1^r) = \varphi(b_1^l)$  and

by Lemma 2.4-(2) and Lemma 2.2-(2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(u) &= \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) a_1^r \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) a_1^r \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) \varphi(a_1^r) \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) \varphi(b_1^l) \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) b_1^l \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_\lambda) b_1^l \psi(u_{\lambda+r+1}) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = \psi(v). \end{aligned}$$

(ii). Let  $(i, x'(1, y) \dots (m, y)x'') \in F(B)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(i, x'(1, y) \dots (m, y)x'') &= \psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \psi(1, y) \dots \psi(m, y) \underline{\psi(x'')}) = \\ &= \psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \psi'(1, \underline{\psi(y)}) \dots \psi'(m, \underline{\psi(y)}) \underline{\psi(x'')}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi(x')$ ,  $\psi(x'')$  and  $\psi(y)$  denote the sequences of the images by  $\psi$  of the elements in the sequences  $x'$ ,  $x''$  and  $y$  respectively.

Assume that  $\psi_0(j, \underline{\psi(y)}) = (j, \underline{y^0})$  and that  $\psi'(j, \underline{y^0}) = (j, \underline{y'})$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ . (Note that such assumptions are correct, according to Remark 1.1 and Remark 2.1). Applying (2) from Lemma 2.4, (3) from Lemma 2.2 and the properties of  $\psi_0$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \psi'(1, \underline{\psi(y)}) \dots \psi'(m, \underline{\psi(y)}) \underline{\psi(x'')}) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} (1, \underline{y'}) \dots (m, \underline{y'}) \underline{\psi(x'')}) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \underline{y'} \psi(x'')) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \underline{y'} \psi(x'')) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0 \psi'(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \underline{y^0} \psi(x'')) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \underline{y^0} \psi(x'')) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} (1, \underline{y^0}) \dots (m, \underline{y^0}) \psi(x'')) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} (1, \underline{\psi(y)}) \dots (m, \underline{\psi(y)}) \underline{\psi(x'')}) = \\ &\psi' \psi_0(i, \underline{\psi(x')} \underline{\psi(y)} \psi(x'')) = \psi(i, x' y x''). \end{aligned}$$

(iii). Follows from (4) in Lemma 2.5, applying the definition of  $\psi$ .

(iv). By induction on  $\chi$ . If  $u \in B$  then  $\psi(u) = u \bar{\Delta} u$ . Assume that  $\psi(v) \bar{\Delta} v$  for all  $v \in F(B)$  with  $\chi(v) \leq p$ , and let  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk}) \in B_{p+1} \setminus B_p$ . Applying the hypothesis and the corresponding property for  $\psi'$  and  $\psi_0$  respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(i, u_1^{m+sk}) &= \psi' \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) \bar{\Delta} \psi_0(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) \approx \\ &(i, \psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) = f_i(\psi(u_1) \dots \psi(u_{m+sk})) \bar{\Delta} f_i(u_1^{m+sk}) = (i, u_1^{m+sk}). \end{aligned}$$

(v). Shown in Lemma 2.5.

Hence, the conditions (i)-(v) are satisfied and thus  $\psi$  is a reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . Moreover, for a given  $u \in F(B)$ , the reduced represent  $\psi(u)$  can be determined in a finite number of steps - according to its definition and since it can be done so for the corresponding images of the mappings  $\psi_0$  and  $\psi'$  respectively. Recall that  $\psi_0$  reduces the length (Proposition 1.2) and that  $\psi'$  reduces the invariant  $\rho$  (Lemma 2.2-(1)). Therefore,  $\psi$  is a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ . An element  $u$  from  $F(B)$  is

reduced if and only if  $u \in B$  or  $u = (i, u_1^{m+sk})$  where:  $\psi(u_\alpha) = u_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk}$ ; there is no  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_{sk}^0$  such that  $u_{\mu+\beta} = (\beta, w_1^{m+r_k})$  for each  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_m$ ; and the sequence  $u_1^{m+sk}$  doesn't consist a subsequence  $u_\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}$  such that  $a_1^r \in B^+$ ,  $\varphi(a_1^r) \neq a_1^r$  and  $u_\lambda, u_{\lambda+r+1} \notin B$ , where  $1 \leq r \leq m + sk$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq m + sk - r$ .  $\square$

Consider now a semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  satisfying the conditions:

- (I)  $d(\underline{x}), d(\underline{z}) > m$  and  $d(\underline{x}) \equiv d(\underline{z}) \pmod{k}$  for all  $(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in \Lambda$
- (II) There exists a good reduction  $\varphi : B^+ \rightarrow B^+$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ .

In this case,  $d(\varphi(\underline{x})) \equiv d(\underline{x}) \pmod{k}$  for all  $\underline{x} \in B^+$ , since the dimensions of the elements in the same class are equivalent modulo  $k$ . (Easy to show, applying condition (I)). Thus,  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  satisfies the conditions (I') & (II') given at the beginning. The converse is also true, i.e. if a semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  satisfies the conditions (I') & (II'), then  $d(\underline{x}) \equiv d(\underline{z}) \pmod{k}$  for all  $(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in \Lambda$  (since  $d(\underline{x}) \equiv d(\varphi(\underline{x})) = d(\varphi(\underline{z})) \equiv d(\underline{z}) \pmod{k}$ ). Hence, (I) & (II)  $\iff$  (I') & (II').

Our main result follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$  be a presentation of a binary semigroup satisfying:*

- (I)  $d(\underline{x}), d(\underline{z}) > m$  and  $d(\underline{x}) \equiv d(\underline{z}) \pmod{k}$  for all  $(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in \Lambda$
- (II) *There exists a good reduction  $\varphi$  for  $\langle B; \Lambda \rangle$ .*

Let  $\Delta \subseteq F(B) \times F(B)$  be the following set of  $(m+k, m)$ -defining relations

$$\Delta = \left\{ (u, v) \in F(B) \times F(B) \mid \begin{aligned} &u = (i, u_1^\lambda a_1^r u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), v = (i, u_1^\lambda b_1^l u_{\lambda+r+1}^{m+sk}), \\ &a_1^r, b_1^l \in B^+ \text{ and } a_1^r = b_1^l \text{ in } \langle B; \Lambda \rangle, \\ &u_\alpha \in F(B), \alpha \in \{1, \dots, \lambda\} \cup \{\lambda+r+1, \dots, m+sk\}, \\ &0 \leq \lambda \leq m+sk-r, 1 \leq r \leq m+sk, i \in \mathbb{N}_m, s \geq 1 \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

Then a good reduction  $\psi$  for the  $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$  can be constructed. (Essentially  $\psi$  is induced by  $\varphi$ ).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.1.** *There exists a good (satisfactory) description of the corresponding  $(m+k, m)$ -semigroup with presentation  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\psi$  is a good (effective) reduction for  $\langle B; \Delta \rangle$ , the statement follows from Theorem 1.1 and from the fact that  $\psi(u), u \in F(B)$  can be calculated in a finite number of steps. (See also [4], p.149–150).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.2.** *There exists an explicit description of the congruence  $\overline{\Delta}$ .*

*Proof.* Define a sequence  $\Delta_0, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_p, \dots$  of  $(m+k, m)$ -relations on the sets  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_p, \dots$  respectively, by induction, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_0 &= \{(b, b) \mid b \in B\}; \\ \Delta_1 &= \Delta_0 \cup \left\{ ((i, a_1^{m+sk}), (i, b_1^{m+qk})) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_m, s, q \geq 1, a_1^{m+sk} = b_1^{m+qk} \text{ in } \langle B; \Lambda \rangle \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $\Delta_p$  is defined on  $B_p$  and define  $\Delta_{p+1}$  on  $B_{p+1}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{p+1} = \Delta_p \bigcup & \left\{ ((i, u_1^{m+sk}), (i, v_1^{m+sk})) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_m, s \geq 1, u_\eta \Delta_p v_\eta, \eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk} \right\} \\ & \bigcup \left\{ ((i, u_1^\alpha a_1^r u_{\alpha+1}^{m+sk-r}), (i, v_1^\alpha b_1^l v_{\alpha+1}^{m+sk-r})) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_m, s \geq 1, \right. \\ & \left. a_1^r = b_1^l \text{ in } \langle B; \Lambda \rangle, u_\eta \Delta_p v_\eta, \eta \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk-r}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{m+sk-r}^0 \right\} \\ & \bigcup \left\{ ((i, u_1^\alpha(1, \underline{y}) \dots (m, \underline{y}) u_{\alpha+1}^{sk}), (i, v_1^\alpha \underline{y} v_{\alpha+1}^{sk})) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_m, \right. \\ & \left. s \geq 1, (j, \underline{y}) \in B_p, u_\eta \Delta_p v_\eta, \eta \in \mathbb{N}_{sk}, 0 \leq \alpha \leq sk \right\} \\ & \bigcup \left\{ ((i, u_1^\alpha \underline{y} u_{\alpha+1}^{sk}), (i, v_1^\alpha(1, \underline{y}) \dots (m, \underline{y}) v_{\alpha+1}^{sk})) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_m, \right. \\ & \left. s \geq 1, (j, \underline{y}) \in B_p, u_\eta \Delta_p v_\eta, \eta \in \mathbb{N}_{sk}, 0 \leq \alpha \leq sk \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Delta_* = \bigcup_{p \geq 0} \Delta_p$ . Then,  $\overline{\Delta}$  is the smallest transitive extension of  $\Delta_*$ . (Easy to verify, being  $\overline{\Delta} = \ker \psi$  and having the standard description of  $\overline{\Delta}$ , see [4],§1).  $\square$

At the end, we consider one special case of Theorem 2.1.

Let  $\langle B; \Lambda' \rangle$  be a presentation of a semigroup such that  $d(\underline{x}), d(\underline{z}) > m$  for all  $(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in \Lambda'$ , let  $\varphi$  be a good reduction for  $\langle B; \Lambda' \rangle$  and let  $k = 1$ .

Then, the conditions (I) & (II) from Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Consequently,  $\langle B; \Lambda' \rangle$  induces an  $(m+1, m)$ -semigroup presentation  $\langle B; \Delta' \rangle$  and  $\varphi$  induces a good reduction  $\psi$  for  $\langle B; \Delta' \rangle$ . The set of the corresponding  $(m+1, m)$ -defining relations  $\Delta'$  is given by Theorem 2.1, taking  $k = 1$ .

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