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# Free normal dibands

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ABSTRACT. We construct a free normal diband, a free  $(\ell n, n)$ diband, a free (n, rn)-diband and a free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband. We also describe the structure of free normal dibands and characterize some least congruences on these dibands.

# 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The notions of a dialgebra and a dimonoid were introduced by J.-L. Loday [1]. For further details and background see [1], [10].

J.-L. Loday constructed a free dimonoid [1]. Pirashvili [3] introduced the notion of a duplex and constructed a free duplex. Dimonoids in the sense of Loday [1] are examples of duplexes. In [6] a free commutative dimonoid was constructed. Free rectangular dimonoids (rectangular dibands) were constructed in [9].

In this paper the research which was started in [6] and [9] is continued. Here we construct a free normal diband, a free  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband, a free (n, rn)-diband and a free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband. It turns out that the operations of a dimonoid with left (right) normal bands coincide and it is a left (right) normal band. We also describe the structure of free normal dibands and, as a consequence, obtain the description of some least congruences on free normal dibands.

We refer to [6] and [9] for the terminology and notations.

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Recall that an idempotent semigroup S is called a normal band, if axya = ayxa for all  $a, x, y \in S$ . It is well-known that a normal band satisfies any identity of the form

$$ax_1x_2...x_n b = ax_{1\pi}x_{2\pi}...x_{n\pi}b,$$
(1)

where  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ .

A dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  will be called a normal diband, if both semigroups  $(D, \dashv)$  and  $(D, \vdash)$  are normal bands.

**Lemma 1.** ([11], Sect. 3.5, Lemma) Let  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  be an arbitrary dimonoid,  $x, a_i \in D, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \in N, n > 1$ . Then

(i)  $(a_n \dashv \ldots \dashv a_i \dashv \ldots \dashv a_1) \vdash x = a_n \vdash \ldots \vdash a_i \vdash \ldots \vdash a_1 \vdash x;$ 

(ii)  $x \dashv (a_1 \vdash \ldots \vdash a_i \vdash \ldots \vdash a_n) = x \dashv a_1 \dashv \ldots \dashv a_i \dashv \ldots \dashv a_n$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  be an idempotent dimonoid. Then  $(D, \dashv)$  is a normal band if and only if  $(D, \vdash)$  is a normal band.

*Proof.* If  $(D, \dashv)$  is a normal band,  $a, x, y \in D$ , then

$$a \dashv x \dashv y \dashv a = a \dashv y \dashv x \dashv a.$$

Multiplying both parts of the last equality on the right by a concerning the operation  $\vdash$ , we obtain

$$(a \dashv x \dashv y \dashv a) \vdash a = a \vdash x \vdash y \vdash a \vdash a = a \vdash x \vdash y \vdash a,$$
$$(a \dashv y \dashv x \dashv a) \vdash a = a \vdash y \vdash x \vdash a \vdash a = a \vdash y \vdash x \vdash a$$

according to Lemma 1 (i) and the idempotent property of the operation  $\vdash$ . So,  $(D, \vdash)$  is a normal band.

Conversely, let  $(D, \vdash)$  be a normal band. Then

$$a \vdash x \vdash y \vdash a = a \vdash y \vdash x \vdash a$$

for all  $a, x, y \in D$ . Multiplying both parts of the last equality on the left by a concerning the operation  $\dashv$ , we obtain

$$a \dashv (a \vdash x \vdash y \vdash a) = a \dashv a \dashv x \dashv y \dashv a = a \dashv x \dashv y \dashv a,$$
$$a \dashv (a \vdash y \vdash x \vdash a) = a \dashv a \dashv y \dashv x \dashv a = a \dashv y \dashv x \dashv a$$

according to Lemma 1 (ii) and the idempotent property of the operation  $\neg$ . So,  $(D, \neg)$  is a normal band.

For an arbitrary nonempty set X denote the set of all nonempty finite subsets of X by B[X].

Let  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  be an arbitrary dimonoid and D be a totally ordered set. For every  $A = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\} \in B[D]$  assume

$$\overrightarrow{A} = x_1 \vdash x_2 \vdash \ldots \vdash x_n,$$
  
$$\overleftarrow{A} = x_1 \dashv x_2 \dashv \ldots \dashv x_n,$$

where  $x_1 < x_2 < ... < x_n$  in the total order.

Using the identity (1), the idempotent property of the operations of a normal diband and Lemma 1, we can prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  be a normal diband, D be a totally ordered set and  $A, B, C \in B[D], C \subseteq B, a \in A, x, y \in D$ . Then

(i)  $x \vdash a \vdash \overrightarrow{A} = x \vdash \overrightarrow{A}$ ; (ii)  $\overleftarrow{A} \dashv a \dashv x = \overleftarrow{A} \dashv x$ ; (iii)  $\overrightarrow{A} \vdash a \vdash x = \overrightarrow{A} \vdash x$ ; (iv)  $x \dashv a \dashv \overleftarrow{A} = x \dashv \overleftarrow{A} = x \dashv \overrightarrow{A}$ ; (v)  $x \vdash \overrightarrow{A \cup B} \vdash y = x \vdash \overrightarrow{A} \vdash \overrightarrow{B} \vdash y = x \vdash \overleftarrow{A \cup B} \vdash y$ ; (vi)  $x \dashv \overleftarrow{A \cup B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overleftarrow{A} \dashv \overrightarrow{B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overrightarrow{A \cup B} \dashv y$ ; (vii)  $x \vdash \overrightarrow{B} \vdash \overrightarrow{C} \vdash y = x \vdash \overrightarrow{C} \vdash \overrightarrow{B} \vdash y = x \dashv \overrightarrow{B} \vdash y$ ; (viii)  $x \dashv \overleftarrow{B} \dashv \overleftarrow{C} \dashv y = x \dashv \overleftarrow{C} \dashv \overrightarrow{B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overrightarrow{B} \dashv y$ .

Note that the class of normal dibands is a subclass of the variety of all dimonoids which is closed under the taking of homomorphic images, subdimonoids and Cartesian products. Therefore it is a subvariety of the variety of all dimonoids. A dimonoid which is free in the variety of normal dibands will be called a free normal diband.

The necessary information about varieties of dimonoids can be found in [6].

Now we consider a free rectangular dimonoid [9].

Let  $I_n = \{1, 2, ..., n\}, n > 1$  and let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I_n}$  be a family of arbitrary nonempty sets  $X_i, i \in I_n$ . Define the operations  $\dashv$  and  $\vdash$  on  $\prod_{i \in I_n} X_i$  by

$$(x_1, ..., x_n) \dashv (y_1, ..., y_n) = (x_1, ..., x_{n-1}, y_n),$$
$$(x_1, ..., x_n) \vdash (y_1, ..., y_n) = (x_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$$

for all  $(x_1, ..., x_n), (y_1, ..., y_n) \in \prod_{i \in I_n} X_i.$ 

**Lemma 4.** ([9], Lemma 4) For any n > 1,  $(\prod_{i \in I_n} X_i, \dashv, \vdash)$  is a rectangular dimonoid.

Obviously, for any n > 1,  $(\prod_{i \in I_n} X_i, \dashv, \vdash)$  is a normal diband. Let X be an arbitrary nonempty set and  $X^3 = X \times X \times X$ . We denote the dimonoid  $(X^3, \dashv, \vdash)$  by FRct(X).

### **Theorem 1.** ([9], Theorem 1) FRct(X) is a free rectangular dimonoid.

If  $f: D_1 \to D_2$  is a homomorphism of dimonoids, then the corresponding congruence on  $D_1$  will be denoted by  $\Delta_f$ .

### 2. Free normal dibands

In this section we construct a free normal diband.

Let  $\{D_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of arbitrary dimonoids  $D_i$ ,  $i \in I$  and let  $\overline{\prod}_{i \in I} D_i$  be a set of all functions  $f: I \to \bigcup_{i \in I} D_i$  such that  $if \in D_i$  for any  $i \in I$ . It easy to check that  $\overline{\prod}_{i \in I} D_i$  with multiplications defined by

$$i(f\dashv g)=if\dashv ig, \ i(f\vdash g)=if\vdash ig,$$

where  $i \in I$ ,  $f, g \in \prod_{i \in I} D_i$ , is a dimonoid. It is called the Cartesian product of dimonoids  $D_i$ ,  $i \in I$ . Observe that if I is finite, then the Cartesian product and the direct product coincide. The Cartesian product of a finite number of dimonoids  $D_1, D_2, ..., D_n$  is denoted by  $D_1 \times D_2 \times ... \times D_n$ .

Let FRct(X) be the free rectangular dimonoid (see Sect. 1), B(X) be the semilattice of all nonempty finite subsets of X with respect to the operation of the set theoretical union and let

$$FND(X) = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FRct(X) \times B(X) \mid x, y, z \in A\}.$$

The main result of this section is the following.

### **Theorem 2.** FND(X) is a free normal diband.

*Proof.* Clearly,  $FRct(X) \times B(X)$  is a dimonoid (see above). It is not difficult to see that FND(X) is a subdimonoid of  $FRct(X) \times B(X)$ . It is clear that the operations  $\dashv$  and  $\vdash$  of FND(X) are idempotent. For all  $((x, y, z), A), ((a, b, c), B), ((s, c, t), C) \in FND(X)$  we have

$$\begin{array}{c} ((x,y,z),A)\dashv((a,b,c),B)\dashv((s,c,t),C)\dashv((x,y,z),A)=\\ =((x,y,c),A\cup B)\dashv((s,c,t),C)\dashv((x,y,z),A)=\\ =((x,y,t),A\cup B\cup C)\dashv((x,y,z),A)=((x,y,z),A\cup B\cup C),\\ ((x,y,z),A)\dashv((s,c,t),C)\dashv((a,b,c),B)\dashv((x,y,z),A)=\\ =((x,y,t),A\cup C)\dashv((a,b,c),B)\dashv((x,y,z),A)=\\ \end{array}$$

 $=((x,y,c),A\cup C\cup B)\dashv ((x,y,z),A)=((x,y,z),A\cup C\cup B).$ 

Hence FND(X) is a normal band concerning the operation  $\dashv$ . By Lemma 2 FND(X) is a normal band concerning the operation  $\vdash$ . So, FND(X) is a normal diband.

Let us show that FND(X) is free.

Let  $(T, \dashv', \vdash')$  be an arbitrary normal diband, T be a totally ordered set and let  $\gamma : X \to T$  be an arbitrary map. For every  $A = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\} \in B[X]$  assume  $A_{\gamma} = \{x_i \gamma \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and define a map

$$\mu:FND(X)\to (T,\,\dashv',\,\vdash'):((x,y,z),A)\mapsto ((x,y,z),A)\mu,$$

assuming

$$((x, y, z), A)\mu = x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma$$

for all  $((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X)$ .

We show that  $\mu$  is a homomorphism. We will use the axioms of a dimonoid, Lemma 3 and the idempotent property of the operations.

For arbitrary elements ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in FND(X)$  we have

$$\begin{split} ((x, y, z), A)\mu &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma, \\ ((a, b, c), B)\mu &= a\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{B_{\gamma}} \vdash' b\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma, \\ (((x, y, z), A) \dashv ((a, b, c), B))\mu &= ((x, y, c), A \cup B)\mu = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \dashv' c\gamma, \\ ((x, y, z), A)\mu \dashv' ((a, b, c), B)\mu &= \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma) \dashv' (a\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' b\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma \dashv' a\gamma \dashv' \overrightarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' b\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma \dashv' a\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' b\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' z\gamma \dashv' a\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' \overleftarrow{B_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' (\overleftarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) = \\ \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}}) \vdash' (y\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma)$$

$$= x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \vdash' c\gamma \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{(A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) =$$
$$= x\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \vdash' c\gamma \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{(A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) =$$
$$= x\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \vdash' (y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{(A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma) =$$
$$= x\gamma \vdash' (\overrightarrow{A \cup B})_{\gamma} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{(A \cup B)_{\gamma}} \dashv' c\gamma.$$

Thus,

$$(((x,y,z),A)\dashv ((a,b,c),B))\mu = ((x,y,z),A)\mu \dashv' ((a,b,c),B)\mu$$

for all ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in FND(X)$ . Analogously, we can prove that

$$(((x,y,z),A) \vdash ((a,b,c),B))\mu = ((x,y,z),A)\mu \vdash' ((a,b,c),B)\mu$$

for all ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in FND(X)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Obviously, the free normal diband FND(X) generated by a finite set X is finite. Specifically,  $|FND(X)| = \sum_{A \in B[X]} |A|^3$ .

## 3. Dimonoids and (left, right) normal bands

In this section we show that the operations of a dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  with a left (respectively, right) normal band  $(D, \vdash)$  (respectively,  $(D, \dashv)$ ) coincide and construct a free  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband, a free (n, rn)-diband and a free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband.

Recall that an idempotent semigroup S is called a left normal band, if

$$axy = ayx \tag{2}$$

for all  $a, x, y \in S$ . If instead of (2) the identity

$$xya = yxa \tag{3}$$

holds, then S is a right normal band. It is well-known that a left normal band satisfies any identity of the form

$$ax_1x_2...x_n = ax_{1\pi}x_{2\pi}...x_{n\pi},\tag{4}$$

where  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . Dually, a right normal band satisfies any identity of the form

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n a = x_{1\pi} x_{2\pi} \dots x_{n\pi} a, \tag{5}$$

Where  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ .

**Lemma 5.** The operations of a dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  coincide, if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $(D, \vdash)$  is a left normal band;
- (ii)  $(D, \dashv)$  is a right normal band.

*Proof.* (i) For all  $x, y, z \in D$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \vdash (y \dashv z) &= x \vdash (y \dashv z) \vdash (y \dashv z) = \\ &= x \vdash (y \vdash z) \vdash (y \dashv z) = x \vdash (y \dashv z) \vdash (y \vdash z) = \\ &= x \vdash (y \vdash z) \vdash (y \vdash z) = x \vdash (y \vdash z) = \\ &= (x \vdash y) \vdash z = (x \vdash y) \dashv z \end{aligned}$$

according to the idempotent property of the operation  $\vdash$ , the axioms of a dimonoid and the identity (2). Substituting y = x in the last equality and using the idempotent property of the operation  $\vdash$ , we obtain  $x \vdash z = x \dashv z$ .

(ii) For all  $x, y, z \in D$  we have

$$(x \vdash y) \dashv z = (x \vdash y) \dashv (x \vdash y) \dashv z =$$
$$= (x \vdash y) \dashv (x \dashv y) \dashv z = (x \dashv y) \dashv (x \vdash y) \dashv z =$$
$$= (x \dashv y) \dashv (x \dashv y) \dashv z = (x \dashv y) \dashv z =$$
$$= x \dashv (y \dashv z) = x \vdash (y \dashv z)$$

according to the idempotent property of the operation  $\dashv$ , the axioms of a dimonoid and the identity (3). Substituting z = y in the last equality and using the idempotent property of the operation  $\dashv$ , we obtain  $x \dashv y = x \vdash y$ .

From Lemma 5 (i) (respectively, Lemma 5 (ii)) it follows that a dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  with left (respectively, right) normal bands  $(D, \dashv)$  and  $(D, \vdash)$  is a left (respectively, right) normal band.

Consider the semigroups  $X_{\ell z}$ ,  $X_{rz}$ ,  $X_{rb}$  and the dimonoids  $X_{\ell z,rz}$ ,  $X_{rb,rz}$ ,  $X_{\ell z,rb}$  which were defined in [9]. It is easy to see that  $X_{\ell z}$ ,  $X_{rz}$ ,  $X_{rb}$  are normal bands and  $X_{\ell z,rz}$ ,  $X_{rb,rz}$ ,  $X_{\ell z,rb}$  are normal dibands.

$$B_{rb}(X) = \{((x, y), A) \in X_{rb} \times B(X) \mid x, y \in A\},\$$

$$B_{\ell z}(X) = \{(x, A) \in X_{\ell z} \times B(X) \mid x \in A\},\$$

$$B_{rz}(X) = \{(x, A) \in X_{rz} \times B(X) \mid x \in A\},\$$

$$B_{\ell z, rb}(X) = \{((x, y), A) \in X_{\ell z, rb} \times B(X) \mid x, y \in A\},\$$

$$B_{rb, rz}(X) = \{((x, y), A) \in X_{rb, rz} \times B(X) \mid x, y \in A\},\$$

$$B_{\ell z, rz}(X) = \{ (x, A) \in X_{\ell z, rz} \times B(X) \, | \, x \in A \}.$$

It is clear that  $B_{rb}(X)$ ,  $B_{\ell z}(X)$ ,  $B_{rz}(X)$  are subsemigroups of  $X_{rb} \times B(X)$ ,  $X_{\ell z} \times B(X)$ ,  $X_{rz} \times B(X)$  respectively, and  $B_{\ell z, rb}(X)$ ,  $B_{rb, rz}(X)$ ,  $B_{\ell z, rz}(X)$  are subdimonoids of  $X_{\ell z, rb} \times B(X)$ ,  $X_{rb, rz} \times B(X)$ ,  $X_{\ell z, rz} \times B(X)$  respectively. By [2]  $B_{rb}(X)$ ,  $B_{\ell z}(X)$  and  $B_{rz}(X)$  are the free normal band, the free left normal band and the free right normal band respectively.

A dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  will be called a  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband, if  $(D, \dashv)$  is a left normal band and  $(D, \vdash)$  is a normal band. A dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  will be called a (n, rn)-diband, if  $(D, \dashv)$  is a normal band and  $(D, \vdash)$  is a right normal band. A dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  will be called a  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband, if  $(D, \dashv)$  is a left normal band and  $(D, \vdash)$  is a right normal band.

Note that every left (right) normal band is normal and the class of  $(\ell n, n)$ -dibands ((n, rn)-dibands,  $(\ell n, rn)$ -dibands) is a subvariety of the variety of all normal dibands. A dimonoid which is free in the variety of  $(\ell n, n)$ -dibands (respectively, (n, rn)-dibands,  $(\ell n, rn)$ -dibands) will be called a free  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband (respectively, free (n, rn)-diband, free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband).

For the proofs of the following three lemmas we will use the notations from Sect. 1 and from the proof of Theorem 2.

### **Lemma 6.** $B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$ is a free $(\ell n, n)$ -diband.

*Proof.* Clearly,  $B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  is a  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband. Let us show that  $B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  is free.

Let  $(T, \dashv', \vdash')$  be an arbitrary  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband, T be a totally ordered set and let  $\gamma: X \to T$  be an arbitrary map. Define the map

$$\begin{split} \phi_{\ell n,n} &: B_{\ell z,rb}(X) \to (T, \dashv', \vdash') : \\ ((x,y),A) \mapsto ((x,y),A)\phi_{\ell n,n} = x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \end{split}$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 2, we can show that  $\phi_{\ell n,n}$  is a homomorphism. For this, we also use (4).

**Lemma 7.**  $B_{rb,rz}(X)$  is a free (n, rn)-diband.

*Proof.* Obviously,  $B_{rb,rz}(X)$  is a (n, rn)-diband. Show that  $B_{rb,rz}(X)$  is free.

Let  $(T, \dashv', \vdash')$  be an arbitrary (n, rn)-diband, T be a totally ordered set and let  $\gamma: X \to T$  be an arbitrary map. Define the map

$$\phi_{n,rn} : B_{rb,rz}(X) \to (T, \dashv', \vdash') :$$
$$((x,y), A) \mapsto ((x,y), A)\phi_{n,rn} = \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' x\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}} \dashv' y\gamma$$

Analysis similar to that in the proof of Theorem 2 shows that  $\phi_{n,rn}$  is a homomorphism. Our proof also uses (5).

**Lemma 8.**  $B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$  is a free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband.

*Proof.* It is evident that  $B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$  is a  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband. Let  $(T, \dashv', \vdash')$  be an arbitrary  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband, T be a totally ordered set and let  $\gamma: X \to T$ be an arbitrary map. Define the map

$$\phi_{\ell n,rn} : B_{\ell z,rz}(X) \to (T, \dashv', \vdash') :$$
$$(x, A) \mapsto (x, A)\phi_{\ell n,rn} = \overrightarrow{A_{\gamma}} \vdash' x\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_{\gamma}}.$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 2, the fact that  $\phi_{\ell n,rn}$  is a homomorphism can be proved. To do this, also use (4) and (5).

# 4. Decompositions of FND(X)

In this section we describe the structure of free normal dibands and characterize some least congruences on these dibands.

Let

$$\begin{split} B_{(i,j,k)}(X) &= \{A \in B(X) \mid i, j, k \in A\}, \\ B_{rb}^{(i)}(X) &= \{((x,y), A) \in B_{rb}(X) \mid i \in A\}, \\ B_{\ell z}^{(i,j)}(X) &= \{(x, A) \in B_{\ell z}(X) \mid i, j \in A\}, \\ B_{r z}^{(i,j)}(X) &= \{(x, A) \in B_{r z}(X) \mid i, j \in A\}, \\ B_{\ell z, r b}^{(i)}(X) &= \{((x, y), A) \in B_{\ell z, r b}(X) \mid i \in A\}, \\ B_{r b, r z}^{(i)}(X) &= \{((x, y), A) \in B_{r b, r z}(X) \mid i \in A\}, \\ B_{\ell z, r z}^{(i)}(X) &= \{(x, A) \in B_{\ell z, r z}(X) \mid i, j \in A\}, \end{split}$$

for all  $i, j, k \in X$ . It is evident that  $B_{(i,j,k)}(X), B_{rb}^{(i)}(X), B_{\ell z}^{(i,j)}(X), B_{rz}^{(i,j)}(X)$ are subsemigroups of  $B(X), B_{rb}(X), B_{\ell z}(X), B_{rz}(X)$  respectively, and  $B_{\ell z,rb}^{(i)}(X), B_{rb,rz}^{(i)}(X), B_{\ell z,rz}^{(i,j)}(X)$  are subdimonoids of  $B_{\ell z,rb}(X), B_{rb,rz}(X), B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$ , respectively.

For all  $i, j, k \in X$  put

$$\begin{split} M_{(i,j,k)} &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid (x,y,z) = (i,j,k) \}, \\ M_{(i,j)} &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid (x,y) = (i,j) \}, \\ M_{(i,j]} &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid (y,z) = (i,j) \}, \\ M_{[i,j]} &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid (x,z) = (i,j) \}, \\ M_{(i)} &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid x = i \}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{(i]} &= \{((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid y = i\}, \\ M_{[i]} &= \{((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid z = i\}; \\ \text{for all } i,j \in X, Y \in B(X) \text{ such that } i,j \in Y \text{ put} \\ M_{(i,j)}^Y &= \{((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid ((x,y),A) = ((i,j),Y)\}, \\ M_{(i,j]}^Y &= \{((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid ((y,z),A) = ((i,j),Y)\}, \\ M_{[i,j]}^Y &= \{((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \mid ((x,z),A) = ((i,j),Y)\}; \\ \text{for all } i \in X, Y \in B(X) \text{ such that } i \in Y \text{ put} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{(i)}^Y &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \,|\, (x,A) = (i,Y) \}, \\ M_{(i)}^Y &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \,|\, (y,A) = (i,Y) \}, \\ M_{[i]}^Y &= \{ ((x,y,z),A) \in FND(X) \,|\, (z,A) = (i,Y) \}; \end{split}$$

for all  $Y \in B(X)$  put

$$M^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \, | \, A = Y\}.$$

The notion of a diband of subdimonoids was introduced in [4] and investigated in [5] (see also [9]).

Subsequently, we will deal with diband decompositions and band decompositions of free normal dibands.

The following structure theorem gives decompositions of free normal dibands into dibands of subsemigroups.

### **Theorem 3.** Let FND(X) be the free normal diband. Then

(i) FND(X) is a rectangular diband FRct(X) of subsemigroups  $M_{(i,j,k)}$ ,  $(i,j,k) \in FRct(X)$  such that  $M_{(i,j,k)} \cong B_{(i,j,k)}(X)$  for every  $(i,j,k) \in FRct(X)$ ;

(ii) FND(X) is a diband X<sub>ℓz,rb</sub> of subsemigroups M<sub>(i,j)</sub>, (i, j) ∈ X<sub>ℓz,rb</sub>
such that M<sub>(i,j)</sub> ≅ B<sup>(i,j)</sup><sub>rz</sub>(X) for every (i, j) ∈ X<sub>ℓz,rb</sub>;
(iii) FND(X) is a diband X<sub>rb,rz</sub> of subsemigroups M<sub>(i,j]</sub>, (i, j) ∈

(iii) FND(X) is a diband  $X_{rb,rz}$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i,j]}$ ,  $(i,j) \in X_{rb,rz}$  such that  $M_{(i,j]} \cong B_{\ell z}^{(i,j)}(X)$  for every  $(i,j) \in X_{rb,rz}$ ; (iv) FND(X) is a left and right diband  $X_{\ell z,rz}$  of subsemigroups

(iv) FND(X) is a left and right diband  $X_{\ell z,rz}$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i]}, i \in X_{\ell z,rz}$  such that  $M_{(i]} \cong B_{rb}^{(i)}(X)$  for every  $i \in X_{\ell z,rz}$ ;

(v) FND(X) is a diband  $B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i,j)}^Y$ ,  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  such that  $M_{(i,j)}^Y \cong Y_{rz}$  for every  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$ ;

(vi) FND(X) is a diband  $B_{rb,rz}(X)$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i,j]}^Y$ ,  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{rb,rz}(X)$  such that  $M_{(i,j]}^Y \cong Y_{\ell z}$  for every  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{rb,rz}(X)$ ;

(vii) FND(X) is a diband  $B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i)}^Y$ ,  $(i,Y) \in B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$  such that  $M_{(i)}^Y \cong Y_{rb}$  for every  $(i,Y) \in B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$ .

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{FRct} : FND(X) \to FRct(X) :$$
$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{FRct} = (x, y, z)$$

is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $M_{(i,j,k)}, (i,j,k) \in FRct(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{FRct}}$  which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). If ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in M_{(i,j,k)}$ , then x = a = i, y = b = j, z = c = k and

$$((x, y, z), A) \dashv ((a, b, c), B) = ((x, y, c), A \cup B) = ((i, j, k), A \cup B),$$

$$((x, y, z), A) \vdash ((a, b, c), B) = ((x, b, c), A \cup B) = ((i, j, k), A \cup B).$$

Hence the operations of  $M_{(i,j,k)}$  coincide and so, it is a semigroup. It is not difficult to show that for every  $(i, j, k) \in FRct(X)$  the map

$$M_{(i,j,k)} \to B_{(i,j,k)}(X) : ((i,j,k),A) \mapsto A$$

is an isomorphism.

(ii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z,rb}:FND(X)\to X_{\ell z,rb}:((x,y,z),A)\mapsto ((x,y,z),A)\mu_{\ell z,rb}=(x,y)$$

is a homomorphism. It is evident that  $M_{(i,j)}$ ,  $(i,j) \in X_{\ell z,rb}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z,rb}}$  which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). If ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in M_{(i,j)}$ , then x = a = i, y = b = j. Similarly to (i), the operations of  $M_{(i,j)}$  coincide and so, it is a semigroup. It is easy to check that for every  $(i, j) \in X_{\ell z,rb}$  the map

$$M_{(i,j)} \to B_{rz}^{(i,j)}(X) : ((i,j,z),A) \mapsto (z,A)$$

is an isomorphism.

(iii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rb,rz}: FND(X) \to X_{rb,rz}: ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rb,rz} = (y, z)$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (ii),  $M_{(i,j]}$ ,  $(i,j) \in X_{rb,rz}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb,rz}}$  which is a semigroup isomorphic to  $B_{\ell z}^{(i,j)}(X)$ .

(iv) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z,rz}:FND(X)\to X_{\ell z,rz}:((x,y,z),A)\mapsto ((x,y,z),A)\mu_{\ell z,rz}=y$$

is a homomorphism. Then  $M_{(i]}$ ,  $i \in X_{\ell z,rz}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z,rz}}$  which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). If ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in M_{(i]}$ , then y = b = i. Similarly to (i), the operations of  $M_{(i)}$  coincide and so, it is a semigroup. It is easily seen that for every  $i \in X_{\ell z, rz}$  the map

$$M_{(i]} \to B_{rb}^{(i)}(X) : ((x, i, z), A) \mapsto ((x, z), A)$$

is an isomorphism.

(v) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z, rb}^* : FND(X) \to B_{\ell z, rb}(X) :$$
$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{\ell z, rb}^* = ((x, y), A)$$

is a homomorphism. Then  $M_{(i,j)}^Y$ ,  $((i,j), Y) \in B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z,rb}^*}$ which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). If ((x, y, z), A),  $((a, b, c), B) \in M_{(i,j)}^Y$ , then x = a = i, y = b = j, A = B = Y. Similarly to (i), the operations of  $M_{(i,j)}^Y$  coincide and so, it is a semigroup. It is immediate to check that for every  $((i, j), Y) \in B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  the map

$$M^Y_{(i,j)} \to Y_{rz} : ((i,j,z),Y) \mapsto z$$

is an isomorphism.

(vi) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu^*_{rb,rz} : FND(X) \to B_{rb,rz}(X) :$$
$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu^*_{rb,rz} = ((y, z), A)$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (v),  $M_{(i,j]}^Y$ ,  $((i,j), Y) \in B_{rb,rz}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb,rz}^*}$  which is a semigroup isomorphic to  $Y_{\ell z}$ .

(vii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z,rz}^* : FND(X) \to B_{\ell z,rz}(X) :$$
$$((x,y,z),A) \mapsto ((x,y,z),A)\mu_{\ell z,rz}^* = (y,A)$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (iv),  $M_{(i]}^Y$ ,  $(i, Y) \in B_{\ell z, rz}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z, rz}^*}$  which is a semigroup isomorphic to  $Y_{rb}$ .

If  $\rho$  is a congruence on a dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  such that  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)/\rho$  is a  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband (respectively, (n, rn)-diband,  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband), then we say that  $\rho$  is a  $(\ell n, n)$ -congruence (respectively, (n, rn)-congruence,  $(\ell n, rn)$ -congruence).

Using the terminology of [9], from Theorem 3 we obtain

**Corollary 1.** Let FND(X) be the free normal diband. Then

(i)  $\Delta_{\mu_{FRct}}$  is the least rectangular diband congruence on FND(X);

- (ii)  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z, rb}}$  is the least  $(\ell z, rb)$ -congruence on FND(X);
- (iii)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb,rz}}$  is the least (rb, rz)-congruence on FND(X);
- (iv)  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z,rz}}$  is the least left zero and right zero congruence on FND(X);
- (v)  $\Delta_{\mu^*_{\ell z, rb}}$  is the least  $(\ell n, n)$ -congruence on FND(X);
- (vi)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb,rz}^*}$  is the least (n, rn)-congruence on FND(X);
- (vii)  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell_{z,rz}}^*}$  is the least  $(\ell n, rn)$ -congruence on FND(X).

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 1 FRct(X) is the free rectangular dimonoid. According to Theorem 3 (i) we obtain (i).

(ii) By Lemma 7 from [9]  $X_{\ell z,rb}$  is the free  $(\ell z, rb)$ -dimonoid. According to Theorem 3 (ii) we obtain (ii).

The proof of (iii) is similar.

(iv) By Lemma 5 from [9]  $X_{\ell z,rz}$  is the free left zero and right zero dimonoid. According to Theorem 3 (iv) we obtain (iv).

(v) By Lemma 6  $B_{\ell z,rb}(X)$  is the free  $(\ell n, n)$ -diband. According to Theorem 3 (v) we obtain (v).

The proof of (vi) is similar.

(vii) By Lemma 8  $B_{\ell z,rz}(X)$  is the free  $(\ell n, rn)$ -diband. According to Theorem 3 (vii) we obtain (vii).

The following structure theorem gives decompositions of free normal dibands into bands of subdimonoids.

### **Theorem 4.** Let FND(X) be the free normal diband. Then

(i) FND(X) is a rectangular band  $X_{rb}$  of subdimonoids  $M_{[i,j]}$ ,  $(i,j) \in X_{rb}$  such that  $M_{[i,j]} \cong B_{\epsilon}^{(i,j)}(X)$  for every  $(i,j) \in X_{rb}$ :

 $\begin{array}{l} X_{rb} \text{ such that } M_{[i,j]} \cong B_{\ell z,rz}^{(i,j)}(X) \text{ for every } (i,j) \in X_{rb};\\ \text{(ii) } FND(X) \text{ is a left band } X_{\ell z} \text{ of subdimonoids } M_{(i)}, \text{ } i \in X_{\ell z} \text{ such that } M_{(i)} \cong B^{(i)} \quad (X) \text{ for every } i \in X_{\ell}. \end{array}$ 

that  $M_{(i)} \cong B_{rb,rz}^{(i)}(X)$  for every  $i \in X_{\ell z}$ ; (iii) FND(X) is a right band  $X_{rz}$  of subdimonoids  $M_{[i]}$ ,  $i \in X_{rz}$  such that  $M_{[i]} \cong B_{\ell z,rb}^{(i)}(X)$  for every  $i \in X_{rz}$ ;

(iv) FND(X) is a normal band  $B_{rb}(X)$  of subdimonoids  $M_{[i,j]}^Y$ ,  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{rb}(X)$  such that  $M_{[i,j]}^Y \cong Y_{\ell z,rz}$  for every  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{rb}(X)$ ;

(v) FND(X) is a left normal band  $B_{\ell z}(X)$  of subdimonoids  $M_{(i)}^Y$ ,  $(i,Y) \in B_{\ell z}(X)$  such that  $M_{(i)}^Y \cong Y_{rb,rz}$  for every  $(i,Y) \in B_{\ell z}(X)$ ;

(vi) FND(X) is a right normal band  $B_{rz}(X)$  of subdimonoids  $M_{[i]}^Y$ ,  $(i,Y) \in B_{rz}(X)$  such that  $M_{[i]}^Y \cong Y_{\ell z,rb}$  for every  $(i,Y) \in B_{rz}(X)$ ;

(vii) FND(X) is a semilattice B(X) of subdimonoids  $M^Y$ ,  $Y \in B(X)$ such that  $M^Y \cong FRct(Y)$  for every  $Y \in B(X)$ . *Proof.* (i) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rb}: FND(X) \to X_{rb}: ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rb} = (x, z)$$

is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $M_{[i,j]}$ ,  $(i,j) \in X_{rb}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb}}$ which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). It can be shown that for every  $(i,j) \in X_{rb}$  the map

$$M_{[i,j]} \to B^{(i,j)}_{\ell z,rz}(X) : ((i,y,j),A) \mapsto (y,A)$$

is an isomorphism.

(ii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z}:FND(X)\to X_{\ell z}:((x,y,z),A)\mapsto ((x,y,z),A)\mu_{\ell z}=x$$

is a homomorphism. It is evident that  $M_{(i)}$ ,  $i \in X_{\ell z}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z}}$ which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). It is easy to check that for every  $i \in X_{\ell z}$  the map

$$M_{(i)} \to B_{rb,rz}^{(i)}(X) : ((i, y, z), A) \mapsto ((y, z), A)$$

is an isomorphism.

(iii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rz}: FND(X) \to X_{rz}: ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rz} = z$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (ii),  $M_{[i]}$ ,  $i \in X_{rz}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rz}}$  which is a dimonoid isomorphic to  $B_{\ell z,rb}^{(i)}(X)$ .

(iv) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rb}^* : FND(X) \to B_{rb}(X) : ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rb}^* = ((x, z), A)$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (i),  $M_{[i,j]}^Y$ ,  $((i,j),Y) \in B_{rb}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb}^*}$  which is a dimonoid isomorphic to  $Y_{\ell z,rz}$ .

(v) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z}^* : FND(X) \to B_{\ell z}(X) : ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{\ell z}^* = (x, A)$$

is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $M_{(i)}^Y$ ,  $(i, Y) \in B_{\ell z}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z}^*}$  which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). It can be shown that for every  $(i, Y) \in B_{\ell z}(X)$  the map

$$M_{(i)}^Y \to Y_{rb,rz} : ((i, y, z), Y) \mapsto (y, z)$$

✓is an isomorphism.

(vi) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rz}^* : FND(X) \to B_{rz}(X) : ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rz}^* = (z, A)$$

is a homomorphism. Similarly to (v),  $M_{[i]}^Y$ ,  $(i, Y) \in B_{rz}(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{rz}^*}$  which is a dimonoid isomorphic to  $Y_{\ell z, rb}$ .

(vii) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu^*: FND(X) \to B(X): ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu^* = A$$

is a homomorphism. Clearly,  $M^Y$ ,  $Y \in B(X)$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu^*}$  which is a subdimonoid of FND(X). One can show that for every  $Y \in B(X)$  the map

$$M^Y \to FRct(Y) : ((x, y, z), Y) \mapsto (x, y, z)$$

is an isomorphism.

If  $\rho$  is a congruence on a dimonoid  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)$  such that the operations of  $(D, \dashv, \vdash)/\rho$  coincide and it is a (left, right) normal band, then we say that  $\rho$  is a (left, right) normal band congruence.

Using the terminology of [9], from Theorem 4 we obtain

**Corollary 2.** Let FND(X) be the free normal diband. Then

(i)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb}}$  is the least rectangular band congruence on FND(X);

(ii)  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell_z}}$  is the least left zero congruence on FND(X);

(iii)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rz}}$  is the least right zero congruence on FND(X);

(iv)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rb}^*}$  is the least normal band congruence on FND(X);

(v)  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell_z}^*}$  is the least left normal band congruence on FND(X);

(vi)  $\Delta_{\mu_{rz}^*}$  is the least right normal band congruence on FND(X);

(vii)  $\Delta_{\mu^*}$  is the least semilattice congruence on FND(X).

*Proof.* (i)  $X_{rb}$  is the free rectangular band (see Sect. 3 of [9]). By Theorem 4 (i) we obtain (i).

(ii) It is well-known that  $X_{\ell z}$  is the free left zero semigroup. By Theorem 4 (ii) we obtain (ii).

The proof of (iii) is similar.

(iv)  $B_{rb}(X)$  is the free normal band (see Sect. 3). By Theorem 4 (iv) we obtain (iv).

(v)  $B_{\ell z}(X)$  is the free left normal band (see Sect. 3). By Theorem 4 (v) we obtain (v).

The proof of (vi) is similar.

(vii) It is well-known that B(X) is the free semilattice. By Theorem 4 (vii) we obtain (vii).

Note that the least congruences on dimonoids and the corresponding decompositions of these dimonoids were also described in [4] and [6–9].

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