

# 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

$$ax_1x_2\dots x_nb = ax_{1\pi}x_{2\pi}\dots x_{n\pi}b, \quad (1)$$

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

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,  $x, a_i \in D$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$ . Then*

- (i)  $(a_n \dashv \dots \dashv a_i \dashv \dots \dashv a_1) \vdash x = a_n \vdash \dots \vdash a_i \vdash \dots \vdash a_1 \vdash x$ ;
- (ii)  $x \dashv (a_1 \vdash \dots \vdash a_i \vdash \dots \vdash a_n) = x \dashv a_1 \dashv \dots \dashv a_i \dashv \dots \dashv a_n$ .

**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  $\dashv$ . So,  $(D, \dashv)$  is a normal band.  $\square$

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  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in B[D]$  assume

$$\vec{A} = x_1 \vdash x_2 \vdash \dots \vdash x_n,$$

$$\overleftarrow{A} = x_1 \dashv x_2 \dashv \dots \dashv x_n,$$

where  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$  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)  $x \vdash a \vdash \vec{A} = x \vdash \vec{A}$ ;
- (ii)  $\overleftarrow{A} \dashv a \dashv x = \overleftarrow{A} \dashv x$ ;
- (iii)  $\vec{A} \vdash a \vdash x = \vec{A} \vdash x = \overleftarrow{A} \dashv x$ ;
- (iv)  $x \dashv a \dashv \overleftarrow{A} = x \dashv \overleftarrow{A} = x \dashv \vec{A}$ ;
- (v)  $x \vdash \overrightarrow{A \cup B} \vdash y = x \vdash \vec{A} \vdash \vec{B} \vdash y = x \vdash \overleftarrow{A \cup B} \vdash y$ ;
- (vi)  $x \dashv \overleftarrow{A \cup B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overleftarrow{A} \dashv \overleftarrow{B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overrightarrow{A \cup B} \dashv y$ ;
- (vii)  $x \vdash \vec{B} \vdash \vec{C} \vdash y = x \vdash \vec{C} \vdash \vec{B} \vdash y = x \vdash \vec{B} \vdash y$ ;
- (viii)  $x \dashv \overleftarrow{B} \dashv \overleftarrow{C} \dashv y = x \dashv \overleftarrow{C} \dashv \overleftarrow{B} \dashv y = x \dashv \overleftarrow{B} \dashv y$ .

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  $I_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n > 1$  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

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

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \vdash (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

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

**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  $f : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  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  $\prod_{i \in I} D_i$  be a set of all functions  $f : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} D_i$  such that  $if \in D_i$  for any  $i \in I$ . It easy to check that  $\prod_{i \in I} D_i$  with multiplications defined by

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

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  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$  is denoted by  $D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_n$ .

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

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

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

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  $\gamma : X \rightarrow T$  be an arbitrary map. For every  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in B[X]$  assume  $A_\gamma = \{x_i\gamma \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and define a map

$$\mu : FND(X) \rightarrow (T, \dashv, \vdash) : ((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu,$$

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{aligned} ((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 \vdash 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 \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 \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 \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 \cup B)}_\gamma \dashv c\gamma = \\ &= (x\gamma \vdash \overrightarrow{A}_\gamma) \vdash (y\gamma \dashv \overleftarrow{(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 \vdash c\gamma) \vdash (y\gamma \dashv \overleftarrow{(A \cup B)}_\gamma \dashv c\gamma) = \end{aligned}$$

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

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.  $\square$

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

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

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

$$x_1x_2\dots x_na = x_{1\pi}x_{2\pi}\dots x_{n\pi}a, \tag{5}$$

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

**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

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

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  $x \dashv y = x \vdash y$ .  $\square$

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.

Let

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

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

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  $\gamma : X \rightarrow T$  be an arbitrary map. Define the map

$$\phi_{\ell n, n} : B_{\ell z, rb}(X) \rightarrow (T, \dashv', \vdash') :$$

$$((x, y), A) \mapsto ((x, y), A)\phi_{\ell n, n} = x\gamma \vdash' \overrightarrow{A_\gamma} \vdash' y\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_\gamma}.$$

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  $\gamma : X \rightarrow T$  be an arbitrary map. Define the map

$$\phi_{n, rn} : B_{rb, rz}(X) \rightarrow (T, \dashv', \vdash') :$$

$$((x, y), A) \mapsto ((x, y), A)\phi_{n, rn} = \overrightarrow{A_\gamma} \vdash' x\gamma \dashv' \overleftarrow{A_\gamma} \dashv' y\gamma.$$

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  $\gamma : X \rightarrow T$  be an arbitrary map. Define the map

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

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).  $\square$

#### 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

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

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

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

$$M_{[i]} = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid y = i\},$$

$$M_{[i]} = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid z = i\};$$

for all  $i, j \in X$ ,  $Y \in B(X)$  such that  $i, j \in Y$  put

$$M_{(i,j)}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid ((x, y), A) = ((i, j), Y)\},$$

$$M_{(i,j)}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid ((y, z), A) = ((i, j), Y)\},$$

$$M_{[i,j]}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid ((x, z), A) = ((i, j), Y)\};$$

for all  $i \in X$ ,  $Y \in B(X)$  such that  $i \in Y$  put

$$M_{(i)}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid (x, A) = (i, Y)\},$$

$$M_{[i]}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid (y, A) = (i, Y)\},$$

$$M_{[i]}^Y = \{((x, y, z), A) \in FND(X) \mid (z, A) = (i, Y)\};$$

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

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

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  $X_{\ell z, rb}$  of subsemigroups  $M_{(i,j)}$ ,  $(i, j) \in X_{\ell z, rb}$  such that  $M_{(i,j)} \cong B_{rz}^{(i,j)}(X)$  for every  $(i, j) \in X_{\ell z, rb}$ ;*

(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  $M_{[i]}$ ,  $i \in X_{\ell z, rz}$  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

$$\mu_{FRct} : FND(X) \rightarrow FRct(X) :$$

$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{FRct} = (x, y, z)$$

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 subdemonoid 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

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

is an isomorphism.

(ii) By Theorem 2 the map

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

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 subdemonoid 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

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

is an isomorphism.

(iii) By Theorem 2 the map

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

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

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

is a homomorphism. Then  $M_{[i]}, i \in X_{\ell z, rz}$  is a class of  $\Delta_{\mu_{\ell z, rz}}$  which is a subdemonoid 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

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

is an isomorphism.

(v) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{\ell z, rb}^* : FND(X) \rightarrow B_{\ell z, rb}(X) :$$

$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{\ell z, rb}^* = ((x, y), A)$$

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

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

is an isomorphism.

(vi) By Theorem 2 the map

$$\mu_{rb, rz}^* : FND(X) \rightarrow B_{rb, rz}(X) :$$

$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{rb, rz}^* = ((y, z), A)$$

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

$$\mu_{\ell z, rz}^* : FND(X) \rightarrow B_{\ell z, rz}(X) :$$

$$((x, y, z), A) \mapsto ((x, y, z), A)\mu_{\ell z, rz}^* = (y, A)$$

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  $Y_{rb}$ .  $\square$

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).  $\square$

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

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

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

$$M_{[i,j]} \rightarrow B_{\ell_z, rz}^{(i,j)}(X) : ((i, y, j), A) \mapsto (y, A)$$

is an isomorphism.

(ii) By Theorem 2 the map

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

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

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

is an isomorphism.

(iii) By Theorem 2 the map

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

is an isomorphism.

(vi) By Theorem 2 the map

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

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

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

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

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

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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