

# Degenerate Spin Groups as Semi-Direct Products

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**Abstract.** Let  $Q$  be a symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{p+q+r}$  with corank  $r$ , rank  $p+q$  and signature type  $(p, q)$ ,  $p$  resp.  $q$  denoting positive resp. negative dimensions. We consider the degenerate spin group  $Spin(Q) = Spin(p, q, r)$  in the sense of Crumeyrolle and prove that this group is isomorphic to the semi-direct product of the nondegenerate and indefinite spin group  $Spin(p, q)$  with the additive matrix group  $Mat(p+q, r)$ .

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## 1. Degenerate Clifford Algebra

Let  $\langle, \rangle$  be a symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let us consider the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$W = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle w, x \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}.$$

$W$  is called the radical and the dimension of  $W$  is called the co-rank of  $\langle, \rangle$ . If co-rank is zero/non-zero, then  $\langle, \rangle$  is called non-degenerate/degenerate. If  $W' \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is any complementary subspace to  $W$ , then the restriction of  $\langle, \rangle$  to  $W'$  is non-degenerate. If the co-rank of  $\langle, \rangle$  is  $r$  and the restriction of  $\langle, \rangle$  to  $W'$  has signature  $(p, q)$  (in the sense that  $W'$  has an orthogonal decomposition  $W'' \oplus W'''$ , where the dimensions of  $W''$  respectively  $W'''$  are  $p$  resp.  $q$  and the restriction of  $\langle, \rangle$  to  $W''$  resp.  $W'''$  is positive resp. negative definite), then the pair  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle, \rangle)$  is said to be of type  $\mathbb{R}^{p,q,r}$  (see [1], [2]).

Thus we have a linear basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}, f_1, \dots, f_r\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{p+q+r}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e_i, e_j \rangle &= \delta_{ij} & 1 \leq i, j \leq p \\ \langle e_{p+i}, e_{p+j} \rangle &= -\delta_{ij} & 1 \leq i, j \leq q \\ \langle f_i, f_j \rangle &= 0 & 1 \leq i, j \leq r, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} W &= Span\{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \\ W' &= Span\{e_1, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}\} \\ W'' &= Span\{e_1, \dots, e_p\} \\ W''' &= Span\{e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the following, for the degenerate Clifford algebra  $\mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r} = \mathcal{C}\ell(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle, \rangle)$ , we will use the algebra basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}, f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ .

We understand  $\mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q} \subseteq \mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r}$  and recall the (indefinite) spin group:

**Definition 1.1.** The group  $Spin(p, q)$  is defined by

$$Spin(p, q) = \{v_1 \dots v_m \in \mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q} \mid m \in 2\mathbb{Z}^+, v_i = \sum_{j=1}^{p+q} a_{ij} e_j, \langle v_i, v_i \rangle = \mp 1, 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

**Definition 1.2.** The group  $SO(p, q)$  is defined by

$$SO(p, q) = \{\sigma \in End(W') \mid \langle \sigma(a), \sigma(b) \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle, \forall a, b \in W' \text{ and } det(\sigma) = 1\}.$$

**Lemma 1.3.** The map  $\rho$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : Spin(p, q) &\longrightarrow SO(p, q) \\ s &\longmapsto \rho(s)(v) := sv s^{-1} \quad (v \in W') \end{aligned}$$

is a  $2 : 1$  group homomorphism.

## 2. Degenerate Spin Group

**Proposition 2.1.** The subset of  $\mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r}$  defined by

$$S_{p,q,r} = \{s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1 + G) \mid s \in Spin(p, q), \gamma_i = 1 + e_i \sum_{l=1}^r c_{il} f_l, G \in \Lambda(f)\}$$

is a group under the Clifford multiplication.

Here  $1 \leq i \leq p + q$ ,  $c_{il} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\Lambda(f)$  is defined by

$$\Lambda(f) = Span\{f_{k_1} \dots f_{k_j} \mid 1 \leq k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_j \leq r\}.$$

To prove the Proposition 3.1., we need the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $a, b \in \text{Span}\{e_1, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{p,q,r} \subset \mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r}$ , and let  $F, F' \in \text{Span}\{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{p,q,r} \subset \mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r}$  such that  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(aF) &= 1 + aF, \\ \exp(aF) \exp(bF') &= \exp(aF + bF'). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* To obtain the first equation, we consider the expression

$$\exp(aF) = 1 + aF + \frac{1}{2}aFaF + \dots,$$

and from this, using the properties  $aF = -Fa$  and  $F^2 = 0$ , we find

$$\exp(aF) = 1 + aF.$$

For the second equation, let us compute both  $\exp(aF) \exp(bF')$  and  $\exp(aF + bF')$ .  $\exp(aF) \exp(bF')$  is directly computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(aF) \exp(bF') &= (1 + aF)(1 + bF') \\ &= 1 + aF + bF' + aFbF'. \end{aligned}$$

$\exp(aF + bF')$  is computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(aF + bF') &= 1 + aF + bF' + \frac{1}{2}(aF + bF')(aF + bF') + \dots \\ &= 1 + aF + bF' + \frac{1}{2}(aFaF + aFbF' + bF'aF + bF'bF') + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Using the facts  $aF = -Fa$ ,  $F^2 = 0$ ,  $bF' = -F'b$  and  $F'^2 = 0$ , we obtain

$$\exp(aF + bF') = 1 + aF + bF' + \frac{1}{2}(aFbF' + bF'aF) + \dots$$

Since  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$ , we have  $ab = -ba$ . We also have  $Fb = -bF$ ,  $F'a = -aF'$  and  $FF' = -F'F$ . Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(aF + bF') &= 1 + aF + bF' + \frac{1}{2}(ab - ba)F'F + \dots \\ \exp(aF + bF') &= 1 + aF + bF' + abF'F + \dots \\ \exp(aF + bF') &= 1 + aF + bF' + aFbF' + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The terms indicated by dots are equal to zero: In fact, from  $F^2 = 0$ ,  $F'^2 = 0$  and  $FF' = -F'F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (aF + bF')^3 &= (aF + bF')^2(aF + bF') \\ (aF + bF')^3 &= 2abF'F(aF + bF') \\ (aF + bF')^3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\exp(aF + bF') = 1 + aF + bF' + aFbF'$$

which gives the second equation. □

One can prove similarly the following

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $a_i \in \text{Span}\{e_1, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{p+q}\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ),  $\langle a_i, a_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $F_i \in \text{Span}\{f_1 \dots f_r\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ). Then*

$$\exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i F_i\right) = \exp(a_1 F_1) \dots \exp(a_N F_N).$$

(we note that, in this case the interesting equation

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i F_i\right) &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^N a_i F_i + \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ i, j = 1 \dots N}} a_i F_i a_j F_j + \\ &\sum_{\substack{i < j < k \\ i, j, k = 1 \dots N}} a_i F_i a_j F_j a_k F_k + \dots + a_1 F_1 a_2 F_2 \dots a_N F_N \end{aligned}$$

holds.)

*Proof of Proposition 3.1.* First, we will show that  $S_{p,q,r}$  is closed with respect to the Clifford multiplication. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta &= s\gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1 + G) \\ \Theta' &= s'\gamma'_1\gamma'_2 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G') \end{aligned}$$

be two elements of  $S_{p,q,r}$ . Then

$$\Theta\Theta' = s\gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1 + G)s'\gamma'_1\gamma'_2 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G')$$

Using the properties  $Gs' = s'G$  and  $G\gamma'_i = \gamma'_i G$ , we have

$$\Theta\Theta' = s\gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_{p+q}s'\gamma'_1\gamma'_2 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G)(1 + G').$$

We use the notation  $G'' = G + G' + GG'$ :

$$\Theta\Theta' = s\gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_{p+q}s'\gamma'_1\gamma'_2 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'').$$

Now we set  $F_i = \sum_{l=1}^r c_{il} f_l$  so that  $\gamma_i = 1 + e_i F_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta\Theta' &= s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots (1 + e_{p+q} F_{p+q})s'\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'') \\ &= s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots (s' + e_{p+q} F_{p+q} s')\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G''). \end{aligned}$$

From  $F_i s' = s' F_i$ , one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta\Theta' &= s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots (s' + e_{p+q} s' F_{p+q})\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'') \\ &= s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots (s' + s' s'^{-1} e_{p+q} s' F_{p+q})\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'') \\ &= s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots s'(1 + s'^{-1} e_{p+q} s' F_{p+q})\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G''). \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the 2 : 1 group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : \text{Spin}(p, q) &\longrightarrow \text{SO}(p, q) \\ s &\longmapsto \rho(s)(v) := sv s^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

we find

$$\Theta\Theta' = s(1 + e_1 F_1) \dots s'(1 + \rho(s'^{-1})(e_{p+q})F_{p+q})\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'').$$

If this procedure is applied from  $\gamma_{p+q-1}$  to  $\gamma_1$ , then  $\Theta\Theta'$  becomes

$$\Theta\Theta' = ss'(1 + \rho(s'^{-1})(e_1)F_1) \dots (1 + \rho(s'^{-1})(e_{p+q})F_{p+q})\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G'').$$

With the notation  $\gamma'_i = 1 + e_i F'_i$  and using the exponential property, one can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta\Theta' &= ss'(1 + \rho(s'^{-1})(e_1)F_1) \dots (1 + \rho(s'^{-1})(e_{p+q})F_{p+q})(1 + e_1 F'_1) \\ &\quad \dots (1 + e_{p+q} F'_{p+q})(1 + G'') \\ \Theta\Theta' &= ss' \exp(\rho(s'^{-1})(e_1)F_1) \dots \exp(\rho(s'^{-1})(e_{p+q})F_{p+q}) \exp(e_1 F'_1) \\ &\quad \dots \exp(e_{p+q} F'_{p+q})(1 + G''). \end{aligned}$$

Because of  $\rho(s'^{-1}) \in SO(p, q)$ , we have  $\langle \rho(s'^{-1})(e_k), \rho(s'^{-1})(e_l) \rangle = \langle e_k, e_l \rangle = 0$ . Thus the above expression can be written as

$$\Theta\Theta' = ss' \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho(s'^{-1})(e_j)F_j\right) \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{p+q} e_k F'_k\right)(1 + G''). \tag{2.1}$$

If  $\rho(s'^{-1})(e_j)$  is expressed as

$$\rho(s'^{-1})(e_j) = \sum_{m=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{mj} e_m \tag{2.2}$$

( $\rho'_{mj} \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then one can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho(s'^{-1})(e_j)F_j &= \sum_{m,j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{mj} e_m F_j \\ &= \sum_{m,j=1}^{p+q} e_m \rho'_{mj} F_j \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p+q} e_m F''_m. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where we set

$$F''_m = \sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{mj} F_j. \tag{2.4}$$

Inserting (2.3) into (2.1), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta\Theta' &= ss' \exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^{p+q} e_m F''_m\right) \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{p+q} e_k F'_k\right)(1 + G'') \\ &= ss'(1 + e_1 F''_1) \dots (1 + e_{p+q} F''_{p+q})(1 + e_1 F'_1) \dots (1 + e_{p+q} F'_{p+q})(1 + G'') \\ &= ss'(1 + e_1 F''_1)(1 + e_1 F'_1) \dots (1 + e_{p+q} F''_{p+q})(1 + e_{p+q} F'_{p+q})(1 + G'') \\ &= ss'(1 + e_1(F''_1 + F'_1) - F''_1 F'_1) \dots \\ &\quad \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F''_{p+q} + F'_{p+q}) + F''_{p+q} F'_{p+q})(1 + G'') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= ss'(1 + e_1(F_1'' + F_1'))(1 - F_1''F_1') \dots \\
 &\quad \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F_{p+q}'' + F_{p+q}'))(1 + F_{p+q}''F_{p+q}') (1 + G'') \\
 &= ss'(1 + e_1(F_1'' + F_1')) \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F_{p+q}'' + F_{p+q}')) \cdot \\
 &\quad (1 - F_1''F_1') \dots (1 + F_{p+q}''F_{p+q}') (1 + G'') \\
 &= ss'(1 + e_1(F_1'' + F_1')) \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F_{p+q}'' + F_{p+q}'))(1 + G''') \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $F''F' = -F'F''$ ,  $F''^2 = F'^2 = 0$ ,

$$(1 \pm F_k''F_k')(1 + e_l(F_l'' + F_l')) = (1 + e_l(F_l'' + F_l'))(1 \pm F_k''F_k')$$

and set

$$1 + G''' = (1 - F_1''F_1') \dots (1 + F_{p+q}''F_{p+q}') (1 + G'').$$

(2.5) implies that  $S_{p,q,r}$  is closed with respect to the Clifford multiplication.

Since Clifford algebra is an associative algebra, Clifford multiplication is associative on  $S_{p,q,r}$ . Unit element of  $S_{p,q,r}$  is  $1 \in \mathcal{C}\ell_{p,q,r}$ .

Finally, the inverse of the element  $\Theta = s(1 + e_1F_1) \dots (1 + e_{p+q}F_{p+q})(1 + G) \in S_{p,q,r}$ ,

where  $F_k = \sum_{l=1}^r c_{kl}f_l$  and  $G \in \Lambda(f)$ , is

$$\Theta^{-1} = s^{-1}(1 - e_1 \sum_{k=1}^{p+q} \rho_{1k}F_k) \dots (1 - e_{p+q} \sum_{k=1}^{p+q} \rho_{(p+q)k}F_k)(1 - G + \dots + (-1)^{\mu-1}G^{\mu-1})$$

where  $\rho(s)(e_j) = \sum_{m=1}^{p+q} \rho_{mj}e_m$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq p + q$ ) and the positive integer  $\mu$  satisfies  $G^\mu = 0$  (for any  $G \in \Lambda(f)$ , there is such an integer). □

The subset of  $S_{p,q,r}$  defined by

$$\Delta = \{1 + G \mid G \in \Lambda(f)\}$$

is a normal subgroup of  $S_{p,q,r}$ . We adopt the following definition for the degenerate spin group (see [1]):

**Definition 2.4.** The quotient group  $S_{p,q,r}/\Delta$  is called the degenerate spin group and denoted by  $Spin(p, q, r)$ .

### 3. Semi-Direct Products

Now we recall the notion of semi-direct products (see [3]):

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a group, let  $H \leq G$  a subgroup and  $N \trianglelefteq G$  a normal subgroup. If  $G = HN$  and  $H \cap N = 1$ , then  $G$  is called a semi-direct product of  $H$  and  $N$ , and denoted by  $G = H \rtimes N$ .

The map  $h \mapsto \theta(h)(n) := hnh^{-1}$  defines a homomorphism  $\theta : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$ , where  $\text{Aut}(N)$  denotes the automorphism group of  $N$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $H$  and  $N$  be two groups, and let  $\theta : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$  be a homomorphism. Then, on  $H \times N$ , the operation*

$$(h, n)(h', n') = (hh', \theta(h'^{-1})(n)n')$$

has the following properties:

- 1)  $H \times N$  is a group with the above operation,
- 2)  $H \simeq H \times 1_N \leq H \times N$ ,
- 3)  $N \simeq 1_H \times N \trianglelefteq H \times N$ ,
- 4)  $H \times N = (H \times 1_N)(1_H \times N)$  and  $(H \times 1_N) \cap (1_H \times N) = \{(1_H, 1_N)\}$ ,
- 5)  $H \times N = (H \times 1_N) \rtimes_{\theta} (1_H \times N) \simeq H \rtimes_{\theta} N$ .

We omit the straightforward proof.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $N = \mathbb{M}(p+q, r)$  denote the additive group of  $(p+q) \times r$  matrices with real entries and define

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho} : \text{Spin}(p, q) &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{M}(p+q, r)) \\ s &\longmapsto \tilde{\rho}(s)(A) := \rho(s)A \quad (A \in \mathbb{M}(p+q, r)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho(s) \in SO(p, q)$  is understood as a  $(p+q) \times (p+q)$  matrix and  $\rho(s)A$  is the matrix multiplication.

Now taking  $H = \text{Spin}(p, q)$ , and  $\tilde{\rho} : \text{Spin}(p, q) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{M}(p+q, r))$ , we consider the semi-direct product  $\text{Spin}(p, q) \rtimes_{\tilde{\rho}} \mathbb{M}(p+q, r)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.**  $\text{Spin}(p, q, r) \simeq \text{Spin}(p, q) \rtimes_{\tilde{\rho}} \mathbb{M}(p+q, r)$ .

*Proof.* The isomorphism is given by the following map

$$\begin{aligned} \eta : \text{Spin}(p, q, r) &\longrightarrow \text{Spin}(p, q) \rtimes_{\tilde{\rho}} \mathbb{M}(p+q, r) \\ [s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1+G)] &\longmapsto (s, (c_{il})) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{il} \in \mathbb{M}(p+q, r)$  comes from the expression  $\gamma_i = 1 + e_i \sum_{l=1}^r c_{il} f_l$ .

The map  $\eta$  is well-defined: We must show that images of two equivalent elements in  $S_{p,q,r}$  are equal. Let  $\Theta, \Theta' \in S_{p,q,r}$  with  $[\Theta] = [\Theta'] \in \text{Spin}(p, q, r)$  be two equivalent elements. Then we have

$$s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1+G) = s'\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1+G')(1+G'')$$

Using the inverse of the  $1+G$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q} &= s'\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1+G')(1+G'')(1-G+\dots+(-1)^{\mu-1}G^{\mu-1}) \\ &= s'\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1+G''') \end{aligned}$$

with  $1+G''' = (1+G')(1+G'')(1-G+\dots+(-1)^{\mu-1}G^{\mu-1})$ . Moreover, from the last equation, we have

$$(s')^{-1}s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q} = \gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1+G''').$$

With the notations  $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q} = 1 + A$  and  $\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q} = 1 + A'$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (s')^{-1}s(1 + A) &= (1 + A')(1 + G''') \\ (s')^{-1}s + (s')^{-1}sA &= 1 + G''' + A' + A'G''' \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where  $A$  and  $A'$  include terms of the form  $e_{i_1}F_{i_1} \dots e_{i_\alpha}F_{i_\alpha}$  and  $e_{i_1}F'_{i_1} \dots e_{i_\alpha}F'_{i_\alpha}$ , respectively ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq p + q$ ,  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_\alpha$ ). Now, equating terms not-containing the  $f_i$ 's we find  $(s')^{-1}s = 1$ , i.e.,  $s = s'$ . Thus the equation (3.1) is reduced to

$$A = G''' + A' + A'G''',$$

or

$$G''' = A - A' - A'G''.$$

$G'''$  must be zero, as there are no terms in the right hand side consisting only of the  $f_i$ 's. Then we find  $A = A'$ , i.e.,

$$\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q} = \gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}. \tag{3.2}$$

From this equation, one can write

$$\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q-1}(1 + e_{p+q}F_{p+q}) = \gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q-1}(1 + e_{p+q}F'_{p+q}).$$

As before, using the notation  $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q-1} = 1 + B$  and  $\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q-1} = 1 + B'$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + B)(1 + e_{p+q}F_{p+q}) &= (1 + B')(1 + e_{p+q}F'_{p+q}) \\ B + e_{p+q}F_{p+q} + Be_{p+q}F_{p+q} &= B' + e_{p+q}F'_{p+q} + B'e_{p+q}F'_{p+q}. \end{aligned}$$

Equating the terms not-containing the  $e_{p+q}$  we find  $B = B'$ . Multiplying then both sides by  $e_{p+q}$  we can see  $F_{p+q} = F'_{p+q}$  and thus  $\gamma_{p+q} = \gamma'_{p+q}$ . Proceeding in this way inductively we get  $\gamma_{p+q-1} = \gamma'_{p+q-1}, \dots, \gamma_1 = \gamma'_1$ . Consequently, the equation

$$[s\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{p+q}(1 + G)] = [s'\gamma'_1 \dots \gamma'_{p+q}(1 + G')]$$

implies  $s = s'$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \gamma'_1, \dots, \gamma_{p+q} = \gamma'_{p+q}$  whence we obtain  $(c_{il}) = (c'_{il})$ . Because of  $s = s'$  and  $(c_{il}) = (c'_{il})$ , the map  $\eta$  is well-defined.

Obviously, the map  $\eta$  is both one-to-one and onto.

Homomorphism is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Theta'] = [\Theta\Theta'] &= [ss'(1 + e_1(F''_1 + F'_1)) \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F''_{p+q} + F'_{p+q}))(1 + G''')] \text{ by (2.5)} \\ &= [ss'(1 + e_1(F''_1 + F'_1)) \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(F''_{p+q} + F'_{p+q}))] \\ &= [ss'(1 + e_1(\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{1j}F_j + F'_1)) \dots \\ &\quad \dots (1 + e_{p+q}(\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{(p+q)j}F_j + F'_{p+q}))] \text{ by (2.4)} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= [ss'(1 + e_1 \sum_{l=1}^r (\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{1j} c_{jl} + c'_{1l}) f_l) \dots \\
&\quad \dots (1 + e_{p+q} \sum_{l=1}^r (\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{(p+q)j} c_{jl} + c'_{(p+q)l}) f_l)].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\eta([\Theta][\Theta'])$  becomes

$$\eta([\Theta][\Theta']) = (ss', (\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{ij} c_{jl} + c'_{il})). \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand,  $\eta([\Theta]) = (s, (c_{il}))$ ,  $\eta([\Theta']) = (s', (c'_{il}))$  and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta([\Theta])\eta([\Theta']) &= (ss', \rho(s'^{-1})((c_{il}) + (c'_{il}))) \\
&= (ss', (\sum_{j=1}^{p+q} \rho'_{ij} c_{jl} + c'_{il}))
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the matrix of  $\rho(s'^{-1})$  given in (2.2).  $\square$

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