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An MPP Monounary Algebra Induced by an Endomorphism of the Direct Product of Two Chains

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Abstract. A finite modular lattice **A** is said to be MPP if there is an endomorphism, called an MPP endomorphism, whose the pre-period is equal to the length of **A**. A monounary algebra (A, f) is said to be MPP if f is an MPP endomorphism of a lattice **A**, called an MPP corresponding lattice to (A, f). In this work, we show all MPP monounary algebras induced by endomorphisms of the direct products of two chains.

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1. Introduction

One of universal algebras which play important roles to simplify many problems in computer science is a monounary algebra. It is often considered as a special type of automata (see e.g. in [1, 2]). The advantage of monounary algebras is their easy visualization; especially, they can be represented as planar directed graphs. The important theories of unary and monounary algebras are shown in many monographs; for instance, [3]. Moreover, monounary algebras have closed relationships with all algebras via their endomorphisms.

A monounary algebra is a set A equipped with a unary operation $f: A \to A$ and it is denoted by $\underline{A} = (A, f)$. Denote f^0 is the identity map on A and $f^n = f \circ f^{n-1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A monounary algebra \underline{A} is said to be connected if for each $a, b \in A$, there exist nonnegative integers n, m such that $f^n(a) = f^m(b)$. An element $a \in A$ is called a cyclic if $f^n(a) = a$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The height of an element $x \in A$, denoted by ht(x), is the least non-negative integer i such that $f^i(x)$ is a cyclic element. The height of the finite monounary algebra \underline{A} is defined by

$$\operatorname{ht}(\underline{A}) := \max \{ \operatorname{ht}(x) \mid x \in A \}.$$

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In other words, $\operatorname{ht}(\underline{A})$ is the least non-negative integer $\lambda(f)$ satisfying $f^{\lambda(f)}(A) = f^{\lambda(f)+1}(A)$ and it is known as the *pre-period* of f (see [4]).

For any algebra \mathbf{A} , we can study the monounary algebra (A, f) induced by an endomorphism f of \mathbf{A} . Besides, an endomorphism is studied in any category and it is relevant to solve many problems in algebraic structures, relational structures and graphs; reader may look in [5–9]. If \mathbf{A} is finite, one can see that |A|-1 is an upper bound of $\lambda(f)$; so, it is interesting to study the least upper bound as follows. The *pre-period* of algebra \mathbf{A} is

$$\lambda(\mathbf{A}) = \sup \{\lambda(f) \mid f \text{ is an endomorphism of } \mathbf{A}\}.$$

In [10, 11], the authors focused on a finite lattice and showed that for a finite modular lattice \mathbf{L} , its pre-period is less than or equal to the length of \mathbf{L} where the length $\ell(\mathbf{L})$ of \mathbf{L} is defined by |C|-1 for the longest chain C in \mathbf{L} . A finite modular lattice \mathbf{A} is said to be MPP if there is an endomorphism f (called an MPP endomorphism) whose $\lambda(f) = \ell(\mathbf{A})$. A monounary algebra (A, f) is said to be MPP if there is an MPP endomorphism g of a lattice \mathbf{B} such that (A, f) is isomorphic to (B, g). Such the lattice \mathbf{B} is called an MPP corresponding lattice to (A, f).

In the present work, we will show that all monounary algebras induced by an MPP endomorphism of the direct products of two chains (studied in [10]) are isomorphic to the monounary algebras (A_n, f_n) and (B_n, g_n) shown in the figures 1, 2 and 3.

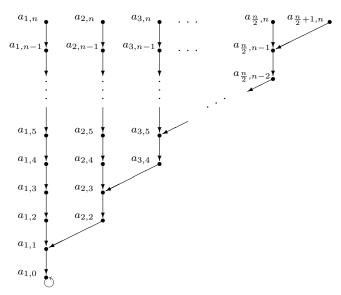


Figure 1: The graph of (A_n, f_n) where n is an even natural number.

2. Basic concepts

We denote the top and bottom of a lattice **A** by $1_{\mathbf{A}}$ and $0_{\mathbf{A}}$ (shortly, 1 and 0), respectively. A unary operation f on a lattice $\mathbf{A} = (A; \vee, \wedge)$ is said to be an *endomorphism* of

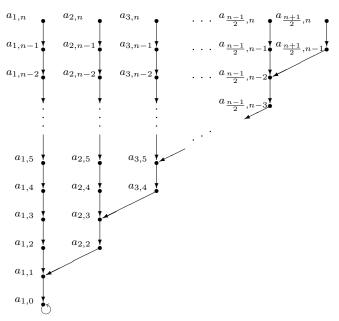


Figure 2: The graph of (A_n, f_n) where n is an odd natural number.

A if $f(a \lor b) = f(a) \lor f(b)$ and $f(a \land b) = f(a) \land f(b)$ for all $a, b \in A$. The results in [11, Corollary 6] imply the following theorem.

Theorem 1. [11] Let \mathbf{A} be a finite modular lattice and f be an endomorphism of \mathbf{A} . Then f is MPP if and only if f satisfies either

$$0 = f^{\lambda(f)}(1) < f^{\lambda(f)-1}(1) < \dots < f(1) < 1$$
 (1)

or

$$0 \prec f(0) \prec \ldots \prec f^{\lambda(f)-1}(0) \prec f^{\lambda(f)}(0) = 1.$$
 (2)

Corollary 1. Let f be an MPP endomorphism of a finite modular lattice A.

(i) If f satisfies the condition (1), then f(0) = 0,

$$ht(x) = min \{ n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \mid f^n(x) = 0 \}$$

for all $x \in A$ and $ht(1) = \ell(\mathbf{A})$.

(ii) If f satisfies the condition (2), then f(1) = 1,

$$ht(x) = min \{ n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \mid f^n(x) = 1 \}$$

for all $x \in A$ and $ht(0) = \ell(\mathbf{A})$.

We denote the *m*-element chain by $\mathbf{C}_m = \{\overline{1} \prec \overline{2} \prec \ldots \prec \overline{m}\}$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. For convenient, let $\overline{a} = \overline{1}$ and $\overline{b} = \overline{m}$ in \mathbf{C}_m for all $a \leq 1$ and $b \geq m$.

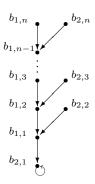


Figure 3: The graph of (B_n, g_n) for $n \geq 2$.

Theorem 2. [10] For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the unary operation $\varphi_{m \times 2}$ on $C_m \times C_2$ defined by

$$\varphi_{m\times 2}(\overline{i},\overline{j}) = \begin{cases} (\overline{i-1},\overline{2}) & \text{if } i > 1, \\ (\overline{1},\overline{1}) & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

is an MPP endomorphism of $C_m \times C_2$ fixing the bottom.

By Theorem 1, the operations (seen in [10]) in the following theorem are MPP endomorphisms.

Theorem 3. For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the operations $\zeta_{(m,m-1)}: C_m^2 \to C_m^2$ and $\zeta_{(m-1,m)}: C_m^2 \to C_m^2$ defined by

$$\zeta_{(m,m-1)}(\overline{i},\overline{j}) = (\overline{j},\overline{i-1})$$

and

$$\zeta_{(m-1,m)}(\overline{i},\overline{j}) = (\overline{j-1},\overline{i})$$

are MPP endomorphisms of \mathbf{C}_m^2 fixing the bottom.

Lemma 1. [10] For each $m, n \geq 3$, if f is an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n$ fixing the bottom, then either

- (i) $f^{2k}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}) = (\overline{m-k}, \overline{n-k})$ and $f^{2k+1}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}) = (\overline{m-k}, \overline{n-(k+1)})$ for all $0 \le k \le \min\{m-1, n-2\}$, or
- (ii) $f^{2k}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}) = (\overline{m-k}, \overline{n-k})$ and $f^{2k+1}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}) = (\overline{m-(k+1)}, \overline{n-k})$ for all $0 \le k \le \min\{m-2, n-1\}$.

Theorem 4. [10] Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

 $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n$ is MPP if and only if either $m \leq 2$, $n \leq 2$ or $|m-n| \leq 1$.

3. All MPP endomorphisms of product of two chains

It is well-known that if an algebra **A** is isomorphic to an algebra **B** under ϕ , the monoid $\operatorname{End}(\mathbf{A})$ of all endomorphisms of **A** is isomorphic to $\operatorname{End}(\mathbf{B})$ under the isomorphism Φ defined by $\Phi(f) = \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$ for all $f \in \operatorname{End}(\mathbf{A})$. Observe that the pre-period is invariant under Φ .

Proposition 1. Let $\phi : \mathbf{A} \to \mathbf{B}$ be an isomorphism between finite algebras \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} and $f \in \text{End}(\mathbf{A})$. Then

- (i) $\phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} \in \text{End}(\mathbf{B}),$
- (ii) $\lambda(f) = \lambda(\phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})$, and
- (iii) ϕ is an isomorphism from (A, f) to $(B, \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})$.

Proof. Let $g = \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$. Since ϕ, f and ϕ^{-1} are homomorphisms, so is g. Hence, $\phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} \in \text{End}(\mathbf{B})$. Moreover,

$$g^{\lambda(f)}(B) = \phi \circ f^{\lambda(f)} \circ \phi^{-1}(B)$$

$$= \phi \circ f^{\lambda(f)}(A)$$

$$= \phi \circ f^{\lambda(f)+1}(A)$$

$$= \phi \circ f^{\lambda(f)+1} \circ \phi^{-1}(B)$$

$$= g^{\lambda(f)+1}(B).$$

So, $\lambda(g) \leq \lambda(f)$. Similarly, $\lambda(g) \geq \lambda(f)$. Thus $\lambda(g) = \lambda(f)$. Since

$$\phi \circ f = \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} \circ \phi = g \circ \phi,$$

 ϕ is an isomorphism from (A, f) to $(B, \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})$.

Remark 1. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

(i)
$$\phi: \mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n \to (\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n)^{\partial}$$
 defined by

$$\phi(\overline{i},\overline{j}) = (\overline{m-i+1},\overline{n-j+1})$$

is an isomorphism where $(\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n)^{\partial}$ is the dual of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n$.

(ii) $\psi: \mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n \to \mathbf{C}_n \times \mathbf{C}_m$ defined by

$$\psi(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) = (\overline{y}, \overline{x})$$

is an isomorphism.

For each $f \in \text{End}(\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n)$, we denote

$$f^{\partial} := \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$$

and

$$f^{\smile} := \psi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1}.$$

One can see that for each $f \in \operatorname{End}(\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_n)$, $f \subset \operatorname{End}(\mathbf{C}_n \times \mathbf{C}_m)$ and f fixes the bottom if and only if f^{∂} fixes the top. By Theorem 4 and Proposition 1, we will focus on MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_2$, $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_m$ and $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_{m-1}$ fixing the bottom for $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$.

Lemma 2. Let $m \geq 3$ and f be an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbb{C}_m \times \mathbb{C}_2$ fixing the bottom. Then

- (i) $f(\overline{m}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m-1}, \overline{2});$
- (ii) if $f(\overline{m-1}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m-1}, \overline{1})$, then m = 3;
- (iii) if there is t < m-1 such that $f(\overline{i}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{i-1}, \overline{2})$ for all i > t and $f(\overline{t}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{t}, \overline{1})$, then t = 1 and $f(\overline{j}, \overline{1}) = (\overline{j-1}, \overline{2})$ for all j > t.

Proof. (i) Assume that $f(\overline{m}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m}, \overline{1})$. Then $f(\overline{m}, \overline{1}) = (\overline{m-1}, \overline{1})$. Since $f(\overline{1}, \overline{2}) \leq f(\overline{m}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m}, \overline{1})$, we get $f(\overline{1}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{k}, \overline{1})$ for some $1 \leq k \leq m$. Since

$$(\overline{1},\overline{1})=f(\overline{1},\overline{1})=f(\overline{1},\overline{2})\wedge f(\overline{m},\overline{1})=(\overline{k},\overline{1})\wedge (\overline{m-1},\overline{1}),$$

we get k = 1. So,

$$(\overline{m},\overline{1})=f(\overline{m},\overline{2})=f(\overline{1},\overline{2})\vee f(\overline{m},\overline{1})=(\overline{1},\overline{1})\vee (\overline{m-1},\overline{1})=(\overline{m-1},\overline{1}),$$

a contradiction. By Theorem 1, $f(\overline{m}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m-1}, \overline{2})$.

(ii) Suppose that $f(\overline{m-1},\overline{2})=(\overline{m-1},\overline{1})$. By Theorem 1, $f(\overline{m-1},\overline{1})=(\overline{m-2},\overline{1})$. Since $f(\overline{m-2},\overline{2})\leq f(\overline{m-1},\overline{2})=(\overline{m-1},\overline{1})$, we get $f(\overline{m-2},\overline{2})=(\overline{k},\overline{1})$ for some $1\leq k\leq m-1$. Since

$$(\overline{m-1}, \overline{1}) = f(\overline{m-1}, \overline{2}) = f(\overline{m-1}, \overline{1}) \vee f(\overline{m-2}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m-2}, \overline{1}) \vee (\overline{k}, \overline{1}),$$

we get k = m - 1. Since

$$f(\overline{m-2}, \overline{1}) = f(\overline{m-1}, \overline{1}) \land f(\overline{m-2}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{m-2}, \overline{1}) \land (\overline{m-1}, \overline{1}) = (\overline{m-2}, \overline{1})$$

and $(\overline{1},\overline{1})$ is the unique fixed point, m-2=1; that is, m=3.

(iii) Suppose that there is t < m-1 such that $f(\bar{i},\bar{2}) = (\bar{i}-1,\bar{2})$ for all i > t and $f(\bar{t},\bar{2}) = (\bar{t},\bar{1})$ and let j > t. Then

$$(\overline{j-1},\overline{2})=f(\overline{j},\overline{2})=f(\overline{t},\overline{2})\vee f(\overline{j},\overline{1})=(\overline{t},\overline{1})\vee f(\overline{j},\overline{1}).$$

For j > t+1, we have $\overline{j-1} > \overline{t}$ which implies by the property of chain that $f(\overline{j}, \overline{1}) = (\overline{j-1}, \overline{2})$ and

$$f(\overline{t+1},\overline{1})=f(\overline{t+2},\overline{1})\wedge f(\overline{t+1},\overline{2})=(\overline{t+1},\overline{2})\wedge (\overline{t},\overline{2})=(\overline{t},\overline{2}).$$

Hence,

$$f(\overline{t},\overline{1}) = f(\overline{t},\overline{2}) \wedge f(\overline{t+1},\overline{1}) = (\overline{t},\overline{1}) \wedge (\overline{t},\overline{2}) = (\overline{t},\overline{1}).$$

Since $(\overline{1}, \overline{1})$ is the unique fixed point, t = 1.

Theorem 5. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \geq 2$.

- (i) For $m \leq 3$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_2}$ and $\varphi_{m \times 2}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_2$ fixing the bottom.
- (ii) For m > 3, $\varphi_{m \times 2}$ is the unique MPP endomorphism of $\mathbb{C}_m \times \mathbb{C}_2$ fixing the bottom.
- (iii) For $m \geq 3$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)}$ and $\zeta_{(m-1,m)}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_m$ fixing the bottom.
- (iv) For m > 3, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_{m-1}}$ is the unique MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_{m-1}$ fixing the bottom.

Proof. (i) Let f be an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbb{C}_2 \times \mathbb{C}_2$ fixing the bottom. Then $f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) = (\bar{2},\bar{1})$ or $f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) = (\bar{1},\bar{2})$.

Case $f(\bar{2}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{2}, \bar{1})$. Then $f(\bar{2}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{1})$. Since

$$(\bar{2},\bar{1}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{1}) \lor f(\bar{1},\bar{2}) = (\bar{1},\bar{1}) \lor f(\bar{1},\bar{2}),$$

 $f(\bar{1},\bar{2})=(\bar{2},\bar{1})$ which implies that $f=\zeta_{(2,1)}$.

Case $f(\bar{2}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{2})$. Similarly, $f = \zeta_{(1,2)} (= \varphi_{2 \times 2})$.

In any cases, we are done for m=2.

Let f be an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_3 \times \mathbf{C}_2$ fixing the bottom. By Lemma 2 (i), $f(\overline{3},\overline{2}) = (\overline{2},\overline{2})$; and so, $f(\overline{3},\overline{1}) \leq (\overline{2},\overline{2})$. Thus $f \mid_{C_2 \times C_2}$ is an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_2 \times \mathbf{C}_2$ fixing the bottom.

Case $f \mid_{C_2 \times C_2} = \zeta_{(2,1)}$. Thus $f(\bar{2}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{2}, \bar{1})$ and $f(\bar{2}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{1})$. Since

$$(\bar{1},\bar{1}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{1}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) \land f(\bar{3},\bar{1}) = (\bar{2},\bar{1}) \land f(\bar{3},\bar{1})$$

and

$$(\bar{2},\bar{2}) = f(\bar{3},\bar{2}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) \lor f(\bar{3},\bar{1}) = (\bar{2},\bar{1}) \lor f(\bar{3},\bar{1}),$$

we get $f(\overline{3},\overline{1})=(\overline{1},\overline{2})$. So, $f=\zeta_{(3,2)}\mid_{C_3 \times C_2}$.

Case $f|_{C_2 \times C_2} = \zeta_{(1,2)}$. Thus $f(\bar{2}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{2})$ and $f(\bar{2}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{2})$. Since

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) = f(\bar{2}, \bar{1}) = f(\bar{2}, \bar{2}) \land f(\bar{3}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \land f(\bar{3}, \bar{1})$$

and

$$(\bar{2},\bar{2}) = f(\bar{3},\bar{2}) = f(\bar{2},\bar{2}) \vee f(\bar{3},\bar{1}) = (\bar{1},\bar{2}) \vee f(\bar{3},\bar{1}),$$

we get $f(\overline{3},\overline{1}) = (\overline{2},\overline{2})$. So, $f = \varphi_{3\times 2}$.

- (ii) The proof follows directly from Lemma 2 (ii) and (iii).
- (iii) We will prove by the induction under the cardinality of the chain. By (i), this statement is true for m=2. Let $m\geq 3$ and f be an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_m\times\mathbf{C}_m$ fixing the bottom. By Lemma 1, we may assume that

$$f^{2k}(\overline{m},\overline{m})=(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-k})$$
 and $f^{2k+1}(\overline{m},\overline{m})=(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+1)}).....(*)$

for all $0 \le k \le m-2$. Then for each $0 \le k \le m-2$ and $1 \le i \le m-k$,

$$\begin{split} (\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+1)}) &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-k}) \\ &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+1)}) \vee f(\overline{i},\overline{m-k}) \\ &= (\overline{m-(k+1)},\overline{m-(k+1)}) \vee f(\overline{i},\overline{m-k}) \end{split}$$

which implies that

$$f(\overline{i}, \overline{m-k}) = (\overline{m-k}, \overline{j}) \text{ for some } 1 \le j \le m - (k+1)$$
 (3)

and

$$\begin{split} f(\overline{i},\overline{m-(k+1)}) &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+1)}) \wedge f(\overline{i},\overline{m-k}) \\ &= (\overline{m-(k+1)},\overline{m-(k+1)}) \wedge (\overline{m-k},\overline{j}) \\ &= (\overline{m-(k+1)},\overline{j}); \end{split}$$

and for i = m - (k + 1), we get by (*) that j = m - (k + 2). Thus

$$f(\overline{m-(k+1)},\overline{m-k}) = (\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+2)}). \tag{4}$$

Besides,

$$\begin{split} (\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+1)}) &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{m-k}) \\ &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{i}) \vee f(\overline{m-(k+1)},\overline{m-k}) \\ &= f(\overline{m-k},\overline{i}) \vee (\overline{m-k},\overline{m-(k+2)}) \end{split}$$

implies

$$f(\overline{m-k},\overline{i}) = (\overline{j},\overline{m-(k+1)}) \text{ for some } 1 \le j \le m-k.$$
 (5)

By equations (3) and (5) (k = 1), $C_{m-1} \times C_{m-1}$ is closed under f. By the induction hypothesis, $f \mid_{C_{m-1} \times C_{m-1}}$ is either $\zeta_{(m-1,m-2)}$ or $\zeta_{(m-2,m-1)}$. By the condition (*), $f \mid_{C_{m-1} \times C_{m-1}} = \zeta_{(m-1,m-2)}$; that is, $f(\overline{r}, \overline{s}) = (\overline{s}, \overline{r-1})$ for all $1 \le r, s \le m-1$. For each $1 \le i \le m-1$,

$$(\overline{m-1},\overline{i-1})=f(\overline{i},\overline{m-1})=f(\overline{i},\overline{m})\wedge f(\overline{m-1},\overline{m-1})=f(\overline{i},\overline{m})\wedge (\overline{m-1},\overline{m-2})$$

implies by the equation (3) that $f(\overline{i}, \overline{m}) = (\overline{m}, \overline{i-1})$. For each $1 \le i \le m-1$,

$$(\overline{i},\overline{m-2})=f(\overline{m-1},\overline{i})=f(\overline{m},\overline{i})\wedge f(\overline{m-1},\overline{m-1})=f(\overline{m},\overline{i})\wedge (\overline{m-1},\overline{m-2})$$

implies by the equation (5) that $f(\overline{m}, \overline{i}) = (\overline{i}, \overline{m-1})$. Hence, $f = \zeta_{(m,m-1)}$. (iv) Let m > 3 and f be an MPP endomorphism of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_{m-1}$ fixing the bottom. Suppose that $f(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{m}, \overline{m-2})$. By Lemma 1, $f^{2(m-3)}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{3}, \overline{2})$ and $f^{2(m-3)+1}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{3}, \overline{1})$. Again by Theorem 1, $f^{2(m-2)}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{2}, \overline{1})$ and $f^{2(m-3)+1}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{1}, \overline{1})$. Since

$$(\overline{3},\overline{1}) = f(\overline{3},\overline{2}) = f(\overline{3},\overline{1}) \lor f(\overline{2},\overline{2}) = (\overline{2},\overline{1}) \lor f(\overline{2},\overline{2}),$$

we get $f(\overline{2}, \overline{2}) = (\overline{3}, \overline{1})$. Since

$$(\overline{1},\overline{1}) = f(\overline{2},\overline{1}) = f(\overline{3},\overline{1}) \wedge f(\overline{2},\overline{2}) = (\overline{2},\overline{1}) \wedge (\overline{3},\overline{1}) = (\overline{2},\overline{1}),$$

we get $\overline{2} = \overline{1}$, a contradiction. By Theorem 1, $f(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{m-1}, \overline{m-1})$. By Lemma 1, $f^{2k}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{m-k}, \overline{m-1-k})$ and $f^{2k+1}(\overline{m}, \overline{m-1}) = (\overline{m-(k+1)}, \overline{m-1-k})$ for all $0 \le k \le m-2$. By the same arguments of proving (iii), we get $f = \zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid \zeta_m \times \zeta_{m-1}$.

Example 1. All MPP endomorphisms (fixing the bottom) of $C_2 \times C_2$, $C_3 \times C_2$, $C_3 \times C_3$ and $C_4 \times C_3$ are shown in the figure 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively.

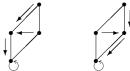


Figure 4: The MPP endomorphisms of $C_2 \times C_2$.

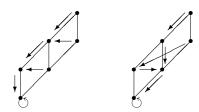


Figure 5: The MPP endomorphisms of $C_3 \times C_2$.

Corollary 2. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with m > 2.

- (i) For $m \leq 3$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_2}$, $\varphi_{m \times 2}$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_2}^{\partial}$ and $\varphi_{m \times 2}^{\partial}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_2$.
- (ii) For m > 3, $\varphi_{m \times 2}$ and $\varphi_{m \times 2}^{\partial}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_2$.
- (iii) For $m \geq 3$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)}$, $\zeta_{(m-1,m)}^{\partial}$, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)}^{\partial}$ and $\zeta_{(m-1,m)}^{\partial}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_m$.

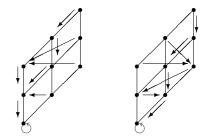


Figure 6: The MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_3 \times \mathbf{C}_3$.

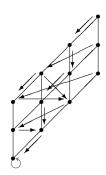


Figure 7: The MPP endomorphism of $C_4 \times C_3$.

(iv) For m > 3, $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_{m-1}}$ and $\zeta_{(m,m-1)} \mid_{C_m \times C_{m-1}}^{\partial}$ are all MPP endomorphisms of $\mathbf{C}_m \times \mathbf{C}_{m-1}$.

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define monounary algebras (A_n, f_n) and (B_n, g_n) by

$$A_n = \{a_{c,h} \mid 2c - 2 \le h \le n \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } h \in \mathbb{N}_0\},$$

$$B_n = \{b_{c,h} \mid c \in \{1,2\} \text{ and } h \in \{1,\ldots,n\}\},\$$

$$f_n(a_{c,h}) = \begin{cases} a_{c,h-1} & \text{if } 2c - 2 < h, \\ a_{c-1,h-1} & \text{if } 2c - 2 = h, \\ a_{1,0} & \text{if } c = 1 \text{ and } h = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$g_n(b_{c,h}) = \begin{cases} b_{c,h-1} & \text{if } c = 1 \text{ and } h \neq 1, \\ b_{c-1,h-1} & \text{if } c = 2 \text{ and } h \neq 1, \\ b_{2,1} & \text{if } h = 1. \end{cases}$$

One can observe that

$$f_n^{-1}(\{a_{c,h}\}) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } h = n, \\ \{a_{c,h+1}\} & \text{if } 2c - 1 < h < n, \\ \{a_{c,h+1}, a_{c+1,h+1}\} & \text{if } 2c - 1 = h, \\ \{a_{1,0}, a_{1,1}\} & \text{if } h = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $a_{c,h} \in A_n$ and

$$g_n^{-1}(\{b_{c,h}\}) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if either } h = n \text{ or } c = 2 \text{ and } h \neq 1, \\ \{b_{1,1}, b_{2,1}\} & \text{if } c = 2 \text{ and } h = 1, \\ \{b_{c,h+1}, a_{c+1,h+1}\} & \text{if } c = 1 \text{ and } h \neq n \end{cases}$$

for all $b_{c,h} \in B_n$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\zeta_n = \zeta_{(m+1,m)}$ if n = 2m and let $\zeta_n = \zeta_{(m+1,m)} \mid_{C_{m+1} \times C_m}$ if n = 2m - 1.

Theorem 6. All monounary algebras induced by an MPP endomorphism of the direct of two chains are isomorphic to either (A_n, f_n) or (B_n, g_n) for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. By Theorem 4, 5, and Proposition 1, it suffices to show that (A_n, f_n) is isomorphic to $\left(C_{\left\lceil\frac{n+2}{2}\right\rceil} \times C_{\left\lceil\frac{n+1}{2}\right\rceil}, \zeta_n\right)$ and (B_n, g_n) is isomorphic to $(C_n \times C_2, \varphi_{n \times 2})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Firstly, we will show that $\phi_n: A_n \to C_{\left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil} \times C_{\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil}$ defined by

$$\phi_n(a_{c,h}) = \begin{cases} (\frac{\overline{h}}{2} + 2 - c, \frac{\overline{h}}{2} + 1) & \text{if } h \in \mathbb{E}, \\ (\frac{\overline{h+3}}{2}, \frac{\overline{h+3}}{2} - c) & \text{if } h \in \mathbb{O} \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism. Let $a_{c,h} \in A_n$.

Case 1: $h \in \mathbb{E}$. If $a_{c,h} = a_{1,0}$, then

$$\phi_n(f_n(a_{1,0})) = \phi_n(a_{1,0}) = (\overline{1}, \overline{1}) = \zeta_n(\overline{1}, \overline{1}) = \zeta_n(\phi_n(a_{1,0})).$$

If 2c - 2 < h, then $\frac{h}{2} + 2 - c > 1$ and

$$\phi_n(f_n(a_{c,h})) = \phi_n(a_{c,h-1}) = (\frac{\overline{h+2}}{2}, \frac{\overline{h+2} - c}{2}) = \zeta_n(\frac{\overline{h}}{2} + 2 - c, \frac{\overline{h}}{2} + 1) = \zeta_n(\phi_n(a_{c,h})).$$

If 2c - 2 = h, then

$$\phi_n(f_n(a_{c,h})) = \phi_n(a_{c-1,h-1}) = (\overline{\frac{h+2}{2}}, \overline{\frac{h+2}{2} - c + 1})$$

$$= (\overline{c}, \overline{1}) = \zeta_n(\overline{1}, \overline{c}) = \zeta_n(\overline{\frac{h+2}{2}}, \overline{\frac{h+2}{2} - c + 1}) = \zeta_n(\phi_n(a_{c,h})).$$

Case 2: $h \in \mathbb{O}$. Then 2c-2 < h and $h \neq 0$. Hence, $\frac{h+3}{2} > c + \frac{1}{2} > 1$ and

$$\phi_n(f_n(a_{c,h})) = \phi_n(a_{c,h-1}) = (\frac{\overline{h-1}}{2} + 2 - c, \frac{\overline{h-1}}{2} + 1) = \zeta_n(\frac{\overline{h+3}}{2}, \frac{\overline{h+3}}{2} - c) = \zeta_n(\phi_n(a_{c,h})).$$

Finally, we will show that $\psi_n: B_n \to C_n \times C_2$ defined by

$$\psi_n(b_{c,h}) = \begin{cases} (\overline{h}, \overline{2}) & \text{if } c = 1, \\ (\overline{h}, \overline{1}) & \text{if } c = 2 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism. Let $b_{c,h} \in B_n$. Then $\psi_n(b_{c,1}) \in \{(\overline{1},\overline{1}),(\overline{1},\overline{2})\}$ which implies that

$$\psi_n(g_n(b_{c,1})) = \psi_n(b_{2,1}) = (\overline{1}, \overline{1}) = \varphi_{n \times 2}(\psi_n(b_{c,1}))$$

and for $h \ge 2$

$$\psi_n(g_n(b_{1,h})) = \psi_n(b_{1,h-1}) = (\overline{h-1}, \overline{2}) = \varphi_{n \times 2}(\overline{h}, \overline{2}) = \varphi_{n \times 2}(\psi_n(b_{1,h}))$$

and

$$\psi_n(g_n(b_{2,h})) = \psi_n(b_{1,h-1}) = (\overline{h-1},\overline{2}) = \varphi_{n\times 2}(\overline{h},\overline{1}) = \varphi_{n\times 2}(\psi_n(b_{2,h})).$$

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