

CHAPTER III

MATRICES AS Γ -SEMIGROUPS

In this chapter, we deal with sets of $m \times n$ matrices over \mathbb{R} . For fixed $T \subseteq M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$, our goal is to find all subsets Γ of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$ such that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$.

Recall that if $[b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$ and $[a_{rs}], [c_{uv}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$[a_{rs}][b_{pq}][c_{uv}] = \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{r\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha v} \right].$$

Theorem 3.1. *Let $i \in N_m$, $j \in N_n$ and $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j \text{ and } q \neq i \}.$$

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j \text{ and } q \neq i \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{pq}] \in \Gamma$. Fix $p \neq j$ and $q \neq i$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ be such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \delta_{p\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \delta_{\alpha q} \quad \text{for all } \beta \in N_n \text{ and } \alpha \in N_m.$$

Then $[a_{r\beta}][b_{pq}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$. Thus

$$0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n \delta_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\alpha q} = b_{pq}.$$

Hence $[b_{pq}] \in M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ and $[b_{pq}] \in \Gamma$. We claim that the (i, j) -entry of $[a_{r\beta}][b_{pq}][c_{\alpha v}]$ is zero. Since $b_{\beta\alpha} = 0$ for all $\beta \neq j$ and $\alpha \neq i$ and $a_{ij} = c_{ij} = 0$, it follows that

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m a_{i\beta} b_{j\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = 0.$$

Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.2. *Let $i, p \in N_m$ and $j, q \in N_n$ be such that $i \neq p$ and $j \neq q$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 = a_{pq} \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{jp} \text{ and } b_{qi} \text{ are arbitrary and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}.$$

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{jp} \text{ and } b_{qi} \text{ are arbitrary and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{tk}] \in \Gamma$. Fix $(t, k) \neq (j, p)$ and $(t, k) \neq (q, i)$. Then for any $[a_{rs}], [c_{uv}] \in T$,

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = 0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q}.$$

Case 1. $k \neq i$ and $t \neq j$.

Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ be such that $a_{i\beta} = \delta_{t\beta}$ and $c_{\alpha j} = \delta_{\alpha k}$ for all $\beta \neq j$ and $\alpha \neq i$.

Then

$$0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n \delta_{t\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\alpha k} = b_{tk}.$$

Case 2. $k = i$ or $t = j$.

Subcase 2.1 $k = i$.

Then $t \neq q$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ be such that $a_{p\beta} = \delta_{t\beta}$ and $c_{\alpha q} = \delta_{\alpha i}$ for all

$\beta \neq q$ and $\alpha \neq p$. Then

$$0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq p}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq q}}^n \delta_{t\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\alpha i} = b_{ti}.$$

Subcase 2.2 $t = j$.

Then $k \neq p$. Similarly to Subcase 2.1, by choosing $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that $a_{p\beta} = \delta_{j\beta}$ and $c_{\alpha q} = \delta_{\alpha k}$ for all $\beta \neq q$ and $\alpha \neq p$, we obtain that $b_{jk} = 0$.

Hence, we can conclude from all cases that $[b_{tk}] \in M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ and $[b_{\beta\alpha}] \in \Gamma$. Since $b_{\beta\alpha} = 0$ for all $\beta \neq j$ and $\alpha \neq i$ and $a_{ij} = c_{ij} = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m a_{ij} b_{j\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $b_{\beta\alpha} = 0$ for all $\beta \neq q$ and $\alpha \neq p$ and $a_{pq} = c_{pq} = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq p}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pq} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq p}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq q}}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq p}}^m a_{pq} b_{q\alpha} c_{\alpha q} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pq} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $[a_{r\beta}][b_{\beta\alpha}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$. Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.3. *Let $i \in N_m$, $j, t \in N_n$ and $j \neq t$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 = a_{it} \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j, t \text{ and } q \neq i \}.$$

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j, t \text{ and } q \neq i \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{pq}] \in \Gamma$. Fix $p \neq j, t$ and $q \neq i$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ be such that $a_{i\beta} = \delta_{p\beta}$ and $c_{\alpha j} = \delta_{\alpha q}$ for all $\beta \neq j, t$ and $\alpha \neq i$. Then $[a_{r\beta}][b_{pq}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$. Thus

$$0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j, t}}^n \delta_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\alpha q} = b_{pq}.$$

Thus, $[b_{pq}] \in M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Let $[a_{rs}], [c_{uv}] \in T$ and $[b_{pq}] \in \Gamma$. Since $a_{ij} = a_{it} = c_{ij} = c_{it} = 0$ and $\sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} = a_{ij} b_{j\alpha} + a_{it} b_{t\alpha} = 0$ where $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, \hat{i}, \dots, m$, we have

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} = 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha t} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha t} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{it} = 0.$$

Hence $[a_{rs}][b_{pq}][c_{uv}] \in T$. Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

The following proposition is also useful for obtaining results in this chapter. Notice that this proposition is analogous to Proposition 2.1.1 and Proposition 2.2.1 which are major tools in studying Γ -subsemigroups of \mathbb{R} under usual addition and multiplication, respectively.

Proposition 3.4. *Let T and Γ be nonempty subsets of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ and $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$, respectively. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if T^{tr} is a Γ^{tr} -subsemigroup of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$.*

Proof. First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Then $T\Gamma T \subseteq T$. Thus $T^{tr}\Gamma^{tr}T^{tr} = (T\Gamma T)^{tr} \subseteq T^{tr}$. Thus T^{tr} is a Γ^{tr} -subsemigroup of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$. The converse is obtained similarly. \square

Theorem 3.3 and Proposition 3.4 give the following result.

Corollary 3.5. *Let $i, t \in N_m$ and $j \in N_n$ and $i \neq t$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 = a_{tj} \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j, q \neq i, t \}.$$

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq j, q \neq i, t \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. By Proposition 3.4, T^{tr} is a Γ^{tr} -subsemigroup of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$. Note that $T^{tr} = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ji} = 0 = a_{jt} \}$ and $M^{tr} = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{pq} = 0 \text{ if } p \neq i, t \text{ and } q \neq j \}$. It follows from Theorem 3.3 that $\Gamma^{tr} \subseteq M^{tr}$. Thus $\Gamma \subseteq M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Then $\Gamma^{tr} \subseteq M^{tr}$ so that T^{tr} is a Γ^{tr} -subsemigroup of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$. Therefore T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.6. *Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i \in N_m$ and $j \in N_n$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$*

$$\text{if and only if } \Gamma = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}.$$

Proof. First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{xy}] \in \Gamma$. For each $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$, we have

$$\lambda = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{i j}. \quad (3.1)$$

Choose $[c_{\alpha\nu}] \in T$ such that $c_{\alpha j} = 0$ where $\alpha \neq i$. Then

$$\lambda = \lambda \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i}$$

so that

$$\sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} = 1. \quad (3.2)$$

From (3.1),(3.2) and the fact that $c_{ij} = \lambda$,

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} \quad \text{for all } [a_{rs}], [c_{uv}] \in T. \quad (3.3)$$

Suppose there exists $t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}$ such that $b_{ti} \neq 0$. Then choose $[a_{r\beta}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{2 - \lambda b_{ji}}{b_{ti}} & , \text{ if } \beta = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, t\}. \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

From (3.2) and (3.4), $1 = a_{ij} b_{ji} + a_{it} b_{ti} = 2$ which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{ti} = 0$ for all $t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}$. From this result together with (3.2) and the fact that $a_{ij} = \lambda$, we see that $b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$.

Next, suppose that there exists $p \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ such that $b_{jp} \neq 0$. Choose

$$a_{i\beta} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \beta \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda b_{jp}} & , \text{ if } \alpha = p, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, p\}. \end{cases}$$

Then from (3.4)

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pj} = a_{ij} b_{jp} c_{pj} = \lambda b_{jp} c_{pj} = 1$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{jp} = 0$ for all $p \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$. As a result,

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m a_{ij} b_{j\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} \quad \text{for all } [a_{rs}], [c_{uv}] \in T.$$

To show that $b_{tp} = 0$ for all $t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}$ and $p \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$, we suppose not. Then there exist $t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}$ and $p \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ such that $b_{tp} \neq 0$. Setting $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b_{tp}} & , \text{ if } \beta = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, t\}, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } \alpha = p, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, p\}. \end{cases}$$

We obtain that

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pj} = a_{it} b_{tp} = 1.$$

This leads to a contradiction. Hence $b_{tp} = 0$ for all $t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}$ and $p \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ as desired. Therefore $b_{xy} = 0$ if $(x, y) \neq (j, i)$ and $b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, i.e., $[b_{xy}] \in M$. This shows that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Since M is a singleton set and Γ must be a nonempty subset of M , it must follow that $\Gamma = M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ and $[b_{pq}] \in \Gamma$. Then

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = a_{ij} b_{ji} c_{ij} = \lambda.$$

Thus, $[a_{r\beta}][b_{\beta\alpha}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$. Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.7. *Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i \in N_m$, $j, q \in N_n$ and $j \neq q$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \text{ and } a_{iq} = 0 \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{j\beta} = \frac{1}{\lambda}\delta_{\beta i} \text{ and } b_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \neq j, q \text{ and for all } \beta \}$.

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{j\beta} = \frac{1}{\lambda}\delta_{\beta i} \text{ and } b_{\alpha\beta} \text{ for all } \alpha \neq j, q \text{ and for all } \beta \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{\alpha\beta}] \in \Gamma$. Let $[c_{\alpha\nu}] \in T$ be such that $c_{\alpha j} = 0$ where $\alpha \neq i$. For each $[a_{r\beta}] \in T$, similarly to the proof of Theorem 3.6, we obtain that

$$\sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} = 1. \quad (3.5)$$

Suppose there exists $t \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$ such that $b_{ti} \neq 0$. Choose $[a_{r\beta}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{2 - \lambda b_{ji}}{b_{ti}} & , \text{ if } \beta = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, t, q\}. \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.5) and (3.6), we see that $1 = a_{ij}b_{ji} + a_{it}b_{ti} + a_{iq}b_{qi} = 2$ which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{ti} = 0$ for all $t \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$. From (3.5) and the fact that $a_{ij} = \lambda$ and $a_{iq} = 0$, we have $b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$. Thus, for each $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha\nu}] \in T$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + a_{ij} b_{ji} c_{ij} + a_{iq} b_{qi} c_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \lambda, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j}.$$

Next, we show that $b_{j\alpha} = 0$ for all $\alpha \neq i$. Suppose that there exists $k \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$

such that $b_{jk} \neq 0$. Choosing $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{i\beta} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda b_{jk}} & , \text{ if } \alpha = k, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, k\}. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta k} c_{kj} = a_{ij} b_{jk} c_{kj} + a_{iq} b_{qk} c_{kj} = a_{ij} b_{jk} c_{kj} = 1$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{j\alpha} = 0$ for all $\alpha \neq i$ as desired. As a result,

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j}.$$

Next, suppose for the contradiction that there exist $t \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$ and $k \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ such that $b_{tk} \neq 0$. Set

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b_{tk}} & , \text{ if } \beta = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, t, q\}, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } \alpha = k, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, k\}. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta k} c_{kj} = a_{it} b_{tk} c_{kj} = 1$$

which is impossible. Consequently, $[b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M$. This shows that $\Gamma \subseteq M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ and $[b_{\beta\alpha}] \in \Gamma$.

We need to show that

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} = 0.$$

Note that since $b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ and $b_{\beta\alpha} = 0$ for all $\alpha \neq i$ and $\beta \neq q$ while $a_{iq} = 0$ and $a_{ij} = c_{ij} = \lambda$,

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{i j} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq q}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m a_{i q} b_{q\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \lambda \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} \\
&= \lambda \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} \\
&= \lambda(a_{ij} b_{ji} + a_{iq} b_{qi}) = \lambda,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{i q} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq q}}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m a_{i q} b_{q\alpha} c_{\alpha q} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $[a_{r\beta}][b_{\beta\alpha}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$. Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Corollary 3.8 is an immediate result from Theorem 3.7 and Proposition 3.4.

Corollary 3.8. *Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i, p \in N_m$, $j \in N_n$ and $i \neq p$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \text{ and } a_{pj} = 0 \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{\alpha\beta}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{\alpha i} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \delta_{j\alpha} \text{ and } b_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \text{ for all } \beta \neq i, p \text{ and for all } \alpha \}.$$

Theorem 3.9. *Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i, j \in N_m$ and $p, q \in N_n$ be such that $p \neq i$ and*

$q \neq j$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 \text{ and } a_{pq} = \lambda \}$. Then T is not a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ for any nonempty subset Γ of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof. Suppose that Γ is a nonempty subset of $M_{nm}(R)$ and T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{tk}] \in \Gamma$. Fix $t \neq j$ and $k \neq i$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ be such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \delta_{t\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha j} = \delta_{\alpha k} \quad \text{for all } \beta \neq j \text{ and } \alpha \neq i.$$

Then $[a_{r\beta}][b_{pq}][c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ so that

$$0 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n \delta_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\alpha k} = b_{tk}.$$

This shows that $b_{tk} = 0$ for all $t \neq j$ and $k \neq i$. Next, choose $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{pj} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\alpha q} = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \neq p, \\ \lambda & , \text{ if } \alpha = p. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\lambda = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha q} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pq} = \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq j}}^n a_{p\beta} b_{\beta p} c_{pq} + a_{pj} b_{jp} c_{pq} = 0$$

which is a contradiction. Hence T is not a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ for all nonempty subsets Γ of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.10. Let $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i, p \in N_m$ and $j, q \in N_n$ be such that $p \neq i$ and $q \neq j$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \text{ and } a_{pq} = \mu \}$. Then T is not a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ for any nonempty subset Γ of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof. Let Γ be a nonempty subset of $M_{nm}(R)$ and $[b_{tk}] \in \Gamma$. Suppose that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Since $a_{ij} = \lambda$, $a_{pq} = \mu$ and from the proof of Theorem 3.6, we obtain that $\{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{ji} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \} = \Gamma = \{ [b_{pq}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid b_{qp} = \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$ which is impossible. Therefore, T is not a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ for all nonempty subsets Γ of $M_{nm}(\mathbb{R})$. \square

Theorem 3.11. *Let $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i \in N_m$ and $q, j \in N_n$ be such that $q \neq j$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \text{ and } a_{iq} = \mu \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{xy}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid 1 = \lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{qi} \text{ and } \forall t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}, \lambda b_{jt} + \mu b_{qt} = 0, \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$.*

Proof. Let $M = \{ [b_{xy}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid 1 = \lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{qi} \text{ and } \forall t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}, \lambda b_{jt} + \mu b_{qt} = 0, \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$.

First, assume that T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$. Let $[b_{\beta\alpha}] \in \Gamma$. Suppose that there exists $p \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$ such that $b_{pi} \neq 0$. Choose $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda + 1 - \lambda^2 b_{ji} - \lambda \mu b_{qi}}{\lambda b_{pi}} & , \text{ if } \beta = p, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, p, q\}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$c_{\alpha j} = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \neq i.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{i j} \\ &= a_{ij} b_{ji} c_{ij} + a_{ip} b_{pi} c_{ij} + a_{iq} b_{qi} c_{ij} \\ &= \lambda^2 b_{ji} + (\lambda + 1 - \lambda^2 b_{ji} - \lambda \mu b_{qi}) + \lambda \mu b_{qi} \\ &= \lambda + 1 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{pi} = 0$ for all $p \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$. Note that, for all $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$,

$$\lambda = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta i} c_{i j} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + a_{ij} b_{ji} c_{ij} + a_{iq} b_{qi} c_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq i}}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha j} + \lambda^2 b_{ji} + \lambda \mu b_{qi}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Next, suppose that there exist $p \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$ and $t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ such that $b_{pt} \neq 0$. Putting $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ in (3.8) where

$$a_{i\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda + 1 - \lambda b_{jt} - \mu b_{qt} - \lambda^2 b_{ji} - \lambda \mu b_{qi}}{b_{pt}} & , \text{ if } \beta = p, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \beta \in N_n \setminus \{j, p, q\}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } \alpha = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, t\}, \end{cases}$$

yields $\lambda = \lambda + 1$ which is a contradiction. Hence $b_{pt} = 0$ for all $p \in N_n \setminus \{j, q\}$ and $t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$. Moreover, from (3.8) for all $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$,

$$\lambda = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m (\lambda b_{j\alpha} + \mu b_{q\alpha}) c_{\alpha j}. \quad (3.9)$$

Suppose that there exists $t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$ such that $\lambda b_{jt} + \mu b_{qt} \neq 0$. Replacing $[c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ such that

$$c_{\alpha j} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda + 1 - \lambda^2 b_{ji} - \lambda \mu b_{qi}}{\lambda b_{jt} + \mu b_{qt}} & , \text{ if } \alpha = t, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } \alpha \in N_m \setminus \{i, t\}, \end{cases}$$

in (3.9) gives another contradiction because $\lambda = \lambda + 1$. Thus $\lambda b_{jt} + \mu b_{qt} = 0$ for all $t \in N_m \setminus \{i\}$.

Finally, from (3.9), we obtain that $\lambda = (\lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{qi})c_{ij}$ and since $c_{ij} = \lambda$, we have $\lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{qi} = 1$. Therefore $\Gamma \subseteq M$.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma \subseteq M$. Let $[a_{r\beta}], [c_{\alpha v}] \in T$ and $[b_{\beta\alpha}] \in \Gamma$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \sum_{\beta=1}^n a_{i\beta} b_{\beta\alpha} c_{\alpha v} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^m (a_{ij} b_{j\alpha} + a_{iq} b_{q\alpha}) c_{\alpha v} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^m (\lambda b_{j\alpha} + \mu b_{q\alpha}) c_{\alpha v} \\ &= (\lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{qi}) c_{iv} \\ &= c_{iv} = \begin{cases} \lambda, & \text{if } v = j, \\ \mu, & \text{if } v = q. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$.

□

Immediately from Theorem 3.11 and Proposition 3.4, we obtain

Corollary 3.12. *Let $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $i, p \in N_m$ and $j \in N_n$ be such that $i \neq p$. Let $T = \{ [a_{rs}] \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R}) \mid a_{ij} = \lambda \text{ and } a_{pj} = \mu \}$. Then T is a Γ -subsemigroup of $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $\Gamma \subseteq \{ [b_{xy}] \in M_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \mid 1 = \lambda b_{ji} + \mu b_{jp} \text{ and } \forall t \in N_n \setminus \{j\}, \lambda b_{ti} + \mu b_{tp} = 0, \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise} \}$.*