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$\mathcal{B}^{(1)}$ -groups: Some counterexamples. (English)

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A $B^{(1)}$ -group is a finite rank torsion-free abelian group that can be realized as the quotient of a finite direct sum of subgroups of the additive rationals factored by a rankone subgroup. This class of groups has been well-studied, in particular by Fuchs and Metelli, who used 0-1 matrices to obtain a characterization. Out of their work arose a conjecture that $B^{(1)}$ -groups might in some sense be determined by their typesets. This paper produces some clever, hard-won examples that show the conjecture is false.

The first example gives $B^{(1)}$ -groups G, H of rank five and having the same typeset, with G strongly indecomposable and H not. In the second example, G and H have rank 8 and the same typeset, are both strongly indecomposable, but not quasi-isomorphic. The third example is similar, with groups of rank 11. These examples can also be used to refute various conjectures on $B^{(1)}$ -groups made by other authors.

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