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(dsavchuk@math.binghamton.edu). *On restricting free factors in relatively free groups.*

Let G be a free, free nilpotent, or free metabelian group, and let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ be a basis for G . We will show that in many cases, if S is a subset of a basis for G which may be expressed without the element a_n , then S is a subset of a basis for the relatively free group on $A - \{a_n\}$. (Received June 26, 2011)