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# Classification of Zeropotent Algebras of Dimension 3 over $\mathbb{R}^*$

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#### 1 Introduction

We address the classification problem of zeropotent algebra of dimension 3. An algebra A (not necessarily associative) is called *zeropotent* if  $x^2 = 0$  for all  $x \in A$ . Lie algebras are typical zeropotent algebras.

We reported the classification results of zeropotent algebras of dimension 3 over the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$  in [1]. In the present article we report the results over the real number field  $\mathbb{R}$ . We discuss the classification problem of zeropotent algebras of dimension 3, and compare the results over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### 2 Structure matrix

Let A be a zeropotent algebra over K of dimension 3 with a linear basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ . Because A is zeropotent,  $e_1^2 = e_2^2 = e_3^2 = 0$ ,  $e_1e_2 = -e_2e_1$ ,  $e_1e_3 = -e_3e_1$  and  $e_2e_3 = -e_3e_2$ . Write

$$\begin{cases}
e_2e_3 = a_{11}e_1 + a_{12}e_2 + a_{13}e_3 \\
e_3e_1 = a_{21}e_1 + a_{22}e_2 + a_{23}e_3 \\
e_1e_2 = a_{31}e_1 + a_{32}e_2 + a_{33}e_3
\end{cases}$$
(1)

with  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, a_{31}, a_{32}, a_{33} \in K$ . With the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2)

<sup>\*</sup>This is a summary of our results [2] and [3].

we can rewrite (1) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_2 e_3 \\ e_3 e_1 \\ e_1 e_2 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We call (2) the *structure matrix* of the algebra A. We use the same A both for the matrix and for the algebra.

### 3 Matrix equation for isomorphism

Let A' be another zeropotent algebra on a basis  $\{e'_1, e'_2, e'_3\}$  given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} e'_{2}e'_{3} \\ e'_{3}e'_{1} \\ e'_{1}e'_{2} \end{pmatrix} = A' \begin{pmatrix} e'_{1} \\ e'_{2} \\ e'_{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } A' = \begin{pmatrix} a'_{11} & a'_{12} & a'_{13} \\ a'_{21} & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ a'_{31} & a'_{32} & a'_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(3)

Let  $\Phi: A \to A'$  be an isomorphism given by a transformation matrix

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi(e_1) \\ \Phi(e_2) \\ \Phi(e_3) \end{pmatrix} = X \begin{pmatrix} e_1' \\ e_2' \\ e_3' \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** A and A' are isomorphic if and only if there is a nonsingular transformation matrix X satisfying

$$A' = \frac{1}{|X|} {}^t X A X.$$

Cororally 3.2. If A and A' are isomorphic, then

- (i)  $\operatorname{rank} A = \operatorname{rank} A'$ ,
- (ii) A is symmetric if and only if A' is symmetric.

## 4 Jacobi elements

By Corollary 2.2, the rank and symmetry are invariant under isomorphism of algebras. However, the determinant is not invariant unfortunately, but we have an important invariant called the *Jacobi element*. The Jacobi element jac(A) of A is defined, with respect to the base  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ , by

$$jac(A) = e_1(e_2e_3) + e_2(e_3e_1) + e_3(e_1e_2).$$

A is a Lie algebra if and only if jac(A) = 0.

For algebras A and A' with structure matrices in (2) and (3) respectively, let

$$jac(A) = a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_3$$
 and  $jac(A') = a'_1e'_1 + a'_2e'_2 + a'_3e'_3$ .

Then, we have

**Theorem 4.1.** If A and A' are isomorphic with a transformation matrix X, then

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3)X = |X|(a'_1, a'_2, a'_3).$$

#### 5 Classification

**Theorem 5.1.** Zeropotent algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  of dimension 3 are classified, up to isomorphism, into 10 families

$$A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, A_5, A_6, A_8, A_9, \{A_4(a)\}_{a \in \mathcal{H}}, \{A_7(a)\}_{a \in \mathcal{H}}$$

defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\mathcal{H} = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid -\pi/2 < \arg(z) \le \pi/2 \}$$

is the complex half plane.

Over  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have the algebras defined by the same matrices

$$A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, A_5, A_6, A_8, A_9$$

as above, while the family  $A_4(a)$   $(a \ge 0)$  is split to two families  $\{A_4^{\alpha}(a)\}_{a \ge 0}$  and  $\{A_4^{\beta}(a)\}_{a \ge 0}$  defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively, and the family  $A_7(a)$  is split into three families  $\{A_7^{\alpha}(a)\}_{a\geq 0}$ ,  $\{A_7^{\beta}(a)\}_{a\geq 0}$  and  $\{A_7^{\gamma}(a)\}_{0\leq a\leq 2}$  defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively.

#### 6 Transformation

Over  $\mathbb{C}$  we have an isomorphism

$$A_4^{\beta}(a) \cong A_4^{\alpha}(-(1+i)a)$$

with transformation matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 1+i \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

In addition, we have isomorphisms

$$A_7^{\beta}(a) \cong A_7^{\alpha}(-(1+i)a)$$

with transformation matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+i & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$A_7^{\gamma}(a) \cong A_7^{\alpha}(a)$$

with transformation matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

They are not isomorphic over  $\mathbb{R}$  and form different families of non-isomorphic algebras.

In general,  $\mathbb{C}$  can be an arbitrary algebraically closed field, and  $\mathbb{R}$  can be a real closed field, that is,  $K(\sqrt{-1})$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic not equal to 0.

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