

THE COMPOSITION STRUCTURE OF ALTERNATIVE AND MALCEV ALGEBRAS.

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ABSTRACT. We have constructed the element of degree 5 from the associative kernel of the free alternative algebra. We show that this element has a minimal degree. Using this element we obtain decomposition of the varieties of alternative and Malcev algebras.

1. INTRODUCTION

All algebras in this work are considered over a field F of characteristic 0. We use standard definitions and notation from [1].

We will denote by Alt , Mal the variety of the alternative and Malcev algebras respectively. Let $Ass[x]$, $Alt[X]$, $Mal[X]$ be a free associative, a free alternative, a free Malcev algebras with set of generators $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$. The subalgebra $SMal[X]$ of $Alt[X]^{(-)}$ generated by the set X is called *free special Malcev algebra*. The elements of $SMal[X]$ are called *Malcev polynomials*. Let π denote the canonical homomorphism $\pi : Mal[X] \rightarrow SMal[X]$.

We will denote by \bullet the multiplication in the algebra $Mal[X]$, by $[a, b]$ the multiplication in the algebra $SMal[X]$, where $[a, b] = ab - ba$ is the commutator of $a, b \in Alt[X]$.

We will use right-handed bracketing in nonassociative words. For example, $m = x_1 \bullet (x_1 \bullet x_2) \bullet (x_1 \bullet x_2) \bullet x_1$ means $m = ((x_1 \bullet (x_1 \bullet x_2)) \bullet (x_1 \bullet x_2)) \bullet x_1$. We will denote by $T(a)$, $a \in Alt[X]$ the T -ideal in $Alt[X]$ generated by a .

Definition. The *nucleus* (the *associative center*) of the algebra $Alt[X]$ is the set

$$N(Alt[X]) = \{a \in Alt[X] \mid (a, Alt[X], Alt[X]) = 0\},$$

where $(a, b, c) = (ab)c - a(bc)$ is the associator of $a, b, c \in Alt[X]$.

An ideal $I \triangleleft Alt[X]$ is called a *nuclear ideal* if $I \subseteq N(Alt[X])$, the maximal nuclear ideal is called the *associative kernel* and is denoted by $U(Alt[X])$. A nonzero element $a \in U(Alt[X])$ is called a *nuclear element*.

The *Lie center* of the algebra $Mal[X]$ is the set

$$Z(Mal[X]) = \{a \in Mal[X] \mid J(a, Alt[X], Alt[X]) = 0\},$$

where $J(a, b, c) = (a \bullet b) \bullet c + (b \bullet c) \bullet a + (c \bullet a) \bullet b$ is the Jacobian of $a, b, c \in Mal[X]$.

Let us shortly review the main results of this paper. We have constructed the element of the associative kernel of $Alt[X]$ of the minimal degree.

Theorem 1. The element $l = l(x, y) = [x, [x, y]^2] \in U$, $x, y \in X$, where $U = U(ALT[X])$ is the associative kernel of the free alternative algebra $ALT[X]$, and $l = l(x, y)$ has a minimal degree.

Definition. The variety \mathfrak{M} is called *composition* of the varieties $\mathfrak{N}_1, \mathfrak{N}_2$ and denoted by $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N}_1 \circ \mathfrak{N}_2$ if $\forall A \in \mathfrak{M} \exists B \triangleleft A$, that $A/B \in \mathfrak{N}_1, B \in \mathfrak{N}_2$.

Let Alt , Ass , $L = Var(l)$ denote the varieties of alternative algebras, associative algebras and alternative algebras with the identity $l = l(x, y)$, respectively. Using $l = l(x, y)$ we obtain decomposition of the variety of the alternative algebras.

Theorem 2. $Alt = Ass \circ L = L \circ Ass$.

We have constructed the element $m = m(x, y) = x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet x \in Mal[X]$ which is an analog of $l = l(x, y)$ for Malcev algebras.

Theorem 3. The element $m = m(x, y) = x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet x \in Z(Mal[X])$ and $\pi(m) \in T(l)$.

Let Mal , Lie , $M = Var(m)$ denote the varieties of Malcev algebras, Lie algebras and Malcev algebras with the identity $m = m(x, y)$, respectively. Using $m = m(x, y)$ we obtain decomposition of the variety of Malcev algebras.

Theorem 4. $Mal = Lie \circ M = M \circ Lie$.

Note that the centers of the free alternative and Malcev algebras were investigated by M. Slater [2], G. Dorofeev [3], I. Shestakov [4], V. Filippov [5], I. Hentzel and L. Peresi [6]. First examples of decomposition of the varieties Alt and Mal were obtained by V. Filippov [7, 8].

2. THE NUCLEAR ELEMENT $l = l(x, y) = [x, [x, y]^2]$

We will use the next notations in $A = Alt[X]$:

$$a \circ b = \frac{1}{2}(ab + ba),$$

$$aD_{b,c} = a \circ b \circ c - a \circ c \circ b,$$

$$J(a, b, c) = [[a, b], c] + [[b, c], a] + [[c, a], b],$$

where $a, b, c \in A$.

The next identities are well-known in the alternative algebras (see [1]):

$$12aD_{b,c} = J(a, b, c) + 3[a, [b, c]], \quad (1)$$

$$J(a, b, c) = 6(a, b, c), \quad (2)$$

$$[a \circ b, c] = [a, c \circ b] + [b, c \circ a] = [a, c] \circ b + [b, c] \circ a, \quad (3)$$

$$(a^2, b, c) = 2(a, b, c) \circ a = 2(a, b \circ a, c), \quad (4)$$

$$(x \circ y)D_{a,b} = xD_{a,b} \circ y + yD_{a,b} \circ x, \quad (5)$$

$$(a, b, c) \circ [a, b] = (a, b, c \circ [a, b]) = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$([a, b]^2, b, c) = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$([a, b]^2, x, y) \circ [a, b] = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$([x, [x, y]^2], a, b) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$2[J(x, y, z), t] = J([x, y], z, t) + J([y, z], x, t) + J([z, x], y, t), \quad (10)$$

$$J([a, b], x, y) = [J(a, x, y), b] + [J(b, x, y), a] - 2J(a, b, [x, y]), \quad (11)$$

$$([a, b], b, c) = (a, b, [c, b]) = [b, (a, b, c)]. \quad (12)$$

Definition. The element $n \in N(A)$ is called an J -annihilator element of the algebra A if

$$n(A, A, A) = (A, A, A)n = 0.$$

The J -annihilator of the algebra A is the set of all J -annihilator elements of A and is denoted by JA .

Lemma 1. JA is a nuclear ideal.

PROOF. It is sufficient to prove that $JA \triangleleft A$. Let $n \in JA$ and $x \in A$. We only need to show that $nx, xn \in JA$. We have

$$ab = \frac{1}{2}[a, b] + a \circ b, \quad (13)$$

Therefore, it remains to prove that $[n, x], n \circ x \in JA$.

But

$$\begin{aligned} (n \circ x, a, b) &= (n, a, b) \circ x + (x, a, b) \circ n = 0, \\ ([n, x], a, b) &= [(n, a, b), x] + [(x, a, b), n] - 2(n, x, [a, b]). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $[n, x], x \circ n \in N(A)$.

Set $d = (a, b, c)$, then

$$d[n, x] \stackrel{(13)}{=} \frac{1}{2}[d, [n, x]] + d \circ [n, x],$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [d, [n, x]] &\stackrel{(2)}{=} 6(d, n, x) - [n, [x, d]] - [x, [d, n]] \stackrel{(10)}{=} 0, \\ d \circ [n, x] &\stackrel{(3)}{=} [n \circ d, x] - [d, x] \circ n \stackrel{(10)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

This gives $d[n, x] = 0$. Similarly, $d[n, x] = 0$. Consequently, $[n, x] \in JA$.

Furthermore

$$d(n \circ x) \stackrel{(13)}{=} \frac{1}{2}[d, n \circ x] + d \circ (n \circ x) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{1}{2}([d, n] \circ x + [d, x] \circ d) + nD_{x,d} + n \circ d \circ x \stackrel{(10),(1)}{=} 0.$$

Similarly, $(n \circ x) \circ d = 0$. Consequently, $n \circ x \in JA$.

The lemma is proved.

Our next goal is to prove that $l = l(x, y) = [x, [x, y]^2]$ is a nuclear element in $A = Alt[X]$, for $x, y \in X$. Note that $l \in N(A)$ and $l(a, b, c) \stackrel{(9)}{=} l \circ (a, b, c) \stackrel{(13),(10)}{=} (a, b, c)l \stackrel{(13),(10)}{=} (a, b, c)l$. Therefore $l \in JA$ if and only if

$$[x, [x, y]^2] \circ (a, b, c) = 0,$$

for $a, b, c \in X$. We will prove it in a few steps.

In the following lemmas 2 and 3, we will construct the intermediate identities.

Lemma 2. In the variety Alt the following identities are valid:

$$[x, y] \circ (x^2, a, b) = -[x, a] \circ (x^2, y, b), \quad (14)$$

$$[x, y] \circ (x^2, a, b) = [x^2, y] \circ (x, a, b), \quad (15)$$

$$([x, a] \circ b, x^2, y) = ([x^2, a] \circ b, x, y), \quad (16)$$

$$([y, c], x, y) \circ (x^2, a, b) = ([y, c], x^2, y) \circ (x, a, b), \quad (17)$$

$$([x, a]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) = 0, \quad (18)$$

$$((x, a, b)D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) = 0. \quad (19)$$

PROOF. The identity (14):

$$[x, y] \circ (x^2, a, b) + [x, a] \circ (x^2, y, b) \stackrel{(6)}{=} -[b, y] \circ (x^2, a, x) + [b, a] \circ (x^2, y, x) = 0.$$

The identity (15):

$$\begin{aligned} [x, y] \circ (x^2, a, b) - [x^2, y] \circ (x, a, b) &\stackrel{(3),(4)}{=} 2([x, y] \circ (x, a, b \circ x) - [x, y \circ x] \circ (x, a, b)) \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} -2([x, a] \circ (x, y, b \circ x) - [x, a] \circ (x, y \circ x, b)) \stackrel{(4)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (16):

$$\begin{aligned} ([x, a] \circ b, x^2, y) - ([x^2, a] \circ b, x, y) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} (([x, a], x^2, y) - ([x^2, a], x, y)) \circ b + (b, x^2, y) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad - (b, x, y) \circ [x^2, a] \stackrel{(4),(15)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (17):

$$\begin{aligned} ([y, c], x, y) \circ (x^2, a, b) - ([y, c], x^2, y) \circ (x, a, b) &\stackrel{(12)}{=} (c, [y, x], y) \circ (x^2, a, b) - (c, [y, x^2], y) \circ (x, a, b) \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} (c, [y, x] \circ (x^2, a, b), y) - (c, [y, x^2] \circ (x, a, b), y) - (c, (x^2, a, b), y) \circ [y, x] + (c, (x, a, b), y) \circ [y, x^2] \\ &\stackrel{(15),(6)}{=} ((x, (x^2, a, b), y) - (x^2, (x, a, b), y)) \circ [y, c] \stackrel{(4)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (18):

$$2([x, a]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) \stackrel{(3),(4)}{=} ([x, a] \circ [y, c], x^2, y) - ([x^2, a] \circ [y, c], x, y) \stackrel{(16)}{=} 0.$$

The identity (19):

$$\begin{aligned} 2((x, a, b)D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} ((x, a, b) \circ [y, c], x^2, y) - ((x^2, a, b) \circ [y, c], x, y) \stackrel{(4)}{=} (((x, a, b), x^2, y) - ((x^2, a, b), x, y)) \circ [y, c] \\ &\quad + ([y, c], x^2, y) \circ (x, a, b) - ([y, c], x, y) \circ (x^2, a, b) \stackrel{(4),(17)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Let $f(a, b, c, \dots) \in \text{Alt}[X]$, where $a, b, c \in X$ and $d_a(f) = d_b(f) = d_c(f)$. Set

$$\Delta f = \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} (-1)^\sigma f(y_{\sigma(1)}, y_{\sigma(2)}, y_{\sigma(3)}, \dots),$$

where $y_1 = a, y_2 = b, y_3 = c$.

For example, $\Delta(a, b, c) = 6(a, b, c) \stackrel{(2)}{=} J(a, b, c)$.

Lemma 3. In the variety *Alt* the following identities are valid:

$$\Delta([x, a, b]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) = 0, \quad (20)$$

$$\Delta(xD_{[x, a], [x, b]}, y, c) = 0, \quad (21)$$

PROOF. The identity (20):

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Delta([x, a, b]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) &= \Delta([x, a, b] + [b, x, a])D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) = \Delta((J(x, a, b) + [x, [a, b]]))D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) \\ &= \Delta(J(x, a, b)D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) + \Delta([x, [a, b]]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) \stackrel{(18), (19)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (21):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(xD_{[x, a], [x, b]}, y, c) &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \Delta([x^2, a] \circ [x, b], y, c) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \Delta([x^2, a], y, c) \circ [x, b] - \Delta([x, a], y, c) \circ [x^2, b] \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} -\Delta([x^2, a], y, x) \circ [c, b] + ([x^2, a], b, c) \circ [x, y] + ([x^2, a], b, x) \circ [c, y] - \Delta([x, a], y, x^2) \circ [c, b] \\ &\quad - ([x, a], b, x^2) \circ [c, y] - ([x, a], b, c) \circ [x^2, y] \stackrel{(3), (4)}{=} -\Delta([x^2, a], b, c) \circ [x, y] - ([x, a], b, c) \circ [x^2, y]. \end{aligned}$$

From (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta([x^2, a] \circ [x, b], y, c) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \Delta([x^2, a], y, c) \circ [x, b] - \Delta([x, a], y, c) \circ [x^2, b] \stackrel{(12)}{=} -\Delta([x^2, y], a, c) \circ [x, b] \\ &\quad + (x^2, y, [c, a]) \circ [x, b] + (x^2, a, [c, y]) \circ [x, b] + ([x, y], a, c) \circ [x^2, b] - (x, y, [c, a]) \circ [x^2, b] \\ &\quad + (x, a, [c, y]) \circ [x^2, b] \stackrel{(15)}{=} -\Delta([x^2, y], a, c) \circ [x, b] - ([x, y], a, c) \circ [x^2, b] = \Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta([x^2, a], b, c) \circ [x, y] - ([x, a], b, c) \circ [x^2, y] &= -\Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a] \\ &= \Delta([x^2, b], y, c) \circ [x, a] - ([x, b], y, c) \circ [x^2, a]. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Delta(xD_{[x, y], [x, a]}, b, c) &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \Delta([x^2, y] \circ [x, a], b, c) - ([x^2, a] \circ [x, y], b, c) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad + ([x, a], b, c) \circ [x^2, y] - ([x^2, a], b, c) \circ [x, y] - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a] \stackrel{(6)}{=} \Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a] - ([x, a], b, x^2) \circ [c, y] - ([x, a], y, c) \circ [x^2, b] - ([x, a], y, x^2) \circ [c, b] \\ &\quad + ([x^2, a], b, x) \circ [c, y] + ([x^2, a], y, c) \circ [x, b] + ([x^2, a], y, x) \circ [c, b] \stackrel{(4)}{=} \Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a] - ([x, a], y, c) \circ [x^2, b] + ([x^2, a], y, c) \circ [x, b] \stackrel{(22)}{=} 2\Delta([x^2, y], b, c) \circ [x, a] \\ &\quad - ([x, y], b, c) \circ [x^2, a]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\Delta(xD_{[x, a], [x, b]}, y, c) = -\Delta(xD_{[x, a], [x, y]}, b, c).$$

From this we conclude that the polynomials $\Delta(xD_{[x,a],[x,b]}, y, c)$, $\Delta([x^2, a] \circ [x, b], y, c)$ are skew-symmetric with respect to a, b, c, y . We will denote this property by (s).

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta([x^2, a] \circ [x, b], y, c) &=_{(4)} \Delta(([x^2, a], y, c) \circ [x, b] - ([x, a], y, c) \circ [x^2, b]) =_{(12)} \Delta(-([y, a], x^2, c) \circ [x, b] \\
 &+ ([a, y, c], x^2) \circ [x, b] + ([x^2, y, c], a) \circ [x, b] + ([y, a], x, c) \circ [x^2, b] - ([a, y, c], x) \circ [x^2, b] - ([x, y, c], a) \circ [x^2, b]) \\
 &=_{(15),(10)} \Delta(([x^2, y, c], a) \circ [x, b] - ([x, y, c], a) \circ [x^2, b]) =_{(3),(15)} \Delta([x^2, b, a] \circ (x, y, c) - [x, b, a] \circ (x^2, y, c)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta(([x^2, b, a] + [a, x^2, b]) \circ (x, y, c) - ([x, b, a] + [a, x, b]) \circ (x^2, y, c)) =_{(15)} \frac{1}{2} \Delta(J(x^2, b, a) \circ (x, y, c) \\
 &\quad - J(x, b, a) \circ (x^2, y, c)) =_{(2)} 3\Delta((x^2, b, a) \circ (x, y, c) - (x, b, a) \circ (x^2, y, c)) =_{(s)} 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Set $k = [x, y]$.

Lemma 4. The algebra $A = Alt[X]$ satisfies the identities

$$(y, a, b) \circ [k^2, x] = 0. \quad (23)$$

$$(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] = ([x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y], b, c) - ([x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y], b, c). \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] &= ([x, a, b] \circ [y, c], x^2, y) - ([x^2, a, b] \circ [y, c], x, y) \\
 &\quad + ([x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) - ([x, b] \circ [y, c], [x^2, a], y).
 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

PROOF. The identity (23):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (y, a, b) \circ [k^2, x] &=_{(6),(9)} -(y, x, b) \circ [k^2, a] =_{(3)} -2(y, x, b) \circ [k, a \circ k] =_{(3),(6)} 2k \circ ([y, x, b], a \circ k) \\
 &=_{(10)} (([y, x], b, a \circ k) + ([x, b], y, a \circ k) + ([b, y], x, a \circ k)) \circ k =_{(4)} -\frac{1}{2}(k^2, b, a \circ k) + (([x, b] \circ k, y, a) \\
 &+ ([x, b] \circ a, y, k) + ([b, y] \circ k, x, a) + ([b, y] \circ a, x, k)) \circ k =_{(4),(8),(6)} -([x, b] \circ k, y, x) \circ [a, y] - ([b, y] \circ k, x, y) \circ [x, a] \\
 &=_{(6),(9)} 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The identity (24):

$$(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] =_{(22)} -2(y, b, c) \circ [[x, a] \circ [x, y], x] =_{(4),(9)} -2(y \circ [[x, a] \circ [x, y], x], b, c).$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 4y \circ [[x, a] \circ [x, y], x] &=_{(3)} 2([[x, a], [x^2, y]] + [[x, y], [x^2, a]]) \circ y =_{(3)} [[x, a], [x^2, y^2]] - 2[x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y] \\
 &\quad + [[x, y^2], [x^2, a]] + 2[x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y] =_{(3)} 2([[x, a], [x, y^2] \circ x] + [[x, y^2], [x^2, a]] + 2[x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y] \\
 &\quad - 2[x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y]) =_{(3)} [[x^2, a], [x, y^2]] + 2([[x, a] \circ [x, y^2], x] + [[x, y^2], [x^2, a]] + 2[x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2[x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y] &= 2[[x, a] \circ [x, y^2], x] + 2[x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y] - 2[x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y] \\
 &\stackrel{(9)}{=} 2([x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y] - [x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y]) \pmod{N(A)},
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] = ([x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y], b, c) - ([x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y], b, c).$$

The identity (25):

From (7) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ([x, y]^2, b, c) &\stackrel{(7)}{=} -2([x, b] \circ [x, y], y, c) \stackrel{(7)}{=} 2(([c, b] \circ [x, y], y, x) + ([x, b] \circ [c, y], y, x)) \\
 &\stackrel{(7)}{=} 2([x, b] \circ [c, y], y, x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$([x, y] \circ [z, y], b, c) = ([x, b] \circ [y, c], z, y) + ([z, b] \circ [y, c], x, y). \quad (26)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] &\stackrel{(24)}{=} ([x, a, y] \circ [x^2, y], b, c) - ([x^2, a, y] \circ [x, y], b, c) \stackrel{(26)}{=} ([x, a, b] \circ [y, c], x^2, y) \\
 &\quad + ([x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) - ([x^2, a, b] \circ [y, c], x, y) - ([x, b] \circ [y, c], [x^2, a], y)
 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Theorem 1. The element $l = l(x, y) = [x, [x, y]^2] \in U$, $x, y \in X$, where $U = U(ALT[X])$ is an associative kernel of the free alternative algebra $ALT[X]$, and $l = l(x, y)$ has a minimal degree.

PROOF. First of all, we note that there are no elements of degree 4 in $N(A)$ (see [6]), neither in $U \subseteq N$. It remains to prove that

$$(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] = 0. \quad (27)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 6(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] &= \Delta(a, b, c) \circ [[x, y]^2, x] \stackrel{(25)}{=} \Delta(([x, a, b] \circ [y, c], x^2, y) - ([x^2, a, b] \circ [y, c], x, y) \\
 &\quad + ([x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) - ([x, b] \circ [y, c], [x^2, a], y)).
 \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\Delta[x^2, a, b] &= \Delta([x^2, a, b] - [x^2, b, a]) = \Delta(J(x^2, a, b) + [x^2, [a, b]]) \stackrel{(3),(4)}{=} 2\Delta(J(x, a, b) \\
 &\quad + [x, [a, b]]) \circ x = 4\Delta[x, a, b] \circ x.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(([x, a, b] \circ [y, c], x^2, y) - ([x^2, a, b] \circ [y, c], x, y)) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} 2\Delta(([x, a, b] \circ [y, c] \circ x, x, y) - ([x, a, b] \circ x \circ [y, c], x, y)) \\
 &= 2\Delta([x, a, b]D_{[y, c], x}, x, y) \stackrel{(20)}{=} 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta((x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) - ([x, b] \circ [y, c], [x^2, a], y)) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \Delta((x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) \\ & - ([x, b], [x^2, a] \circ [y, c], y) - ([y, c], [x^2, a] \circ [x, b], y)) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \Delta((x^2, b] \circ [y, c], [x, a], y) \\ & + ([x, a], [x^2, b] \circ [y, c], y) - 2([y, c], x \circ [x, a] \circ [x, b], y)) = \Delta(xD_{[x,a],[x,b]}[y, c], y) \stackrel{(21)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $(a, b, c) \circ [k^2, x] = 0$. The theorem is proved.

2. THE COMPOSITION STRUCTURE OF ALTERNATIVE ALGEBRAS.

Let $D(A)$ be the associator ideal of $A = Alt[X]$, $L(A)$ - the T -ideal of A generated by $l = l(x, y) = [x, [x, y]^2]$. It is clear that $D(A)$ is a T -ideal of A .

We will denote by $a \frac{d}{dx}$ the operator of the differential substitution $x \rightarrow a$. For example,

$$(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dy} [x, [x, y]^2] = 2[x, [x, y] \circ [x, (a, b, c)]],$$

$$(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dx} [x, [x, y]^2] = [(a, b, c), [x, y]^2] + 2[x, [(a, b, c), y] \circ [x, y]].$$

Let \mathfrak{M} be a variety of F -algebras, $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ is the free algebra in \mathfrak{M} . Let a set $V \subseteq \mathfrak{M}[X]$. We will denote by $I_{\mathfrak{M}[X]}(V)$ the ideal of $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ generated by V , by $(V)_F$ the F -module of $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ generated by V , by $T_{\mathfrak{M}[X]}(V)$ the T -ideal of $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ generated by V . We will denote by $\mathfrak{M}(V)$ the variety defined by the set of the identities V . Let an algebra $B \in \mathfrak{M}$. Let us denote by $\mathfrak{M}(B)$ the variety generated by the algebra B .

Let $f = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a homogenous polynomial in $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ and $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathfrak{M}[X]$. Set $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|_{x_1=b_1, \dots, x_n=b_n} = f(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ for $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathfrak{M}[X]$.

Definition. A F -module $B \subseteq \mathfrak{M}[X]$ is called f -bimodule of $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ if $\forall a \in B, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathfrak{M}[X]$

$$(a \frac{d}{dx_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \Big|_{x_1=b_1, \dots, x_n=b_n} = 0, \quad (28)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

It is evident that if an algebra $B \subseteq \mathfrak{M}[X]$ is a f -bimodule then $\forall b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|_{x_1=b_1, \dots, x_n=b_n} \stackrel{(28)}{=} 0$. Therefore $B \in \mathfrak{M}(f)$.

Proposition 1. Let B is a T -ideal and a f -bimodule of $\mathfrak{M}[X]$ then $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}(B) \circ \mathfrak{M}(f)$.

PROOF. Let an algebra $C \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $\varphi: \mathfrak{M}[X] \rightarrow C$ is the canonical homomorphism. Then $C / \varphi(B) \in \mathfrak{M}(B)$ and $\varphi(B) \in \mathfrak{M}(f)$. The proposition is proved.

Our goal is to prove that $D(A)$ is a l -bimodule, $L(A)$ is an ass -bimodule, where $ass = ass(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$. In this case, from Proposition 1 it follows Theorem 1.

A set $V \subseteq A$ is called *Lie-closed* if $[V, a] \subseteq V$. It is easy to show that if V is Lie-closed then $I_A(V) = V + V \circ A$ (see []).

Set $L_0(A) = ([x, [x, y]]^2 \mid x, y \in A)_F$, $D_0(A) = ((x, y, z) \mid x, y \in A)_F$.

Now, we will describe the structure of T -ideals $D(A)$ and $l(A)$.

Proposition 2. $D(A) = D_0(A) + D_0(A) \circ A$, $L(A) = L_0(A) + L_0(A) \circ A$.

PROOF. It suffices to prove that $D_0(A)$ and $L_0(A)$ are Lie-closed. The first equality follows from (2), (10). The second follows from the next identity:

$$\begin{aligned} [[x, [x, y]^2], z] &\stackrel{(9),(3)}{=} [[x, z], [x, y]^2] + 2[x, [[x, y], z] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(6)}{=} [[x, z], [x, y]^2] \\ &\quad + 2[x, [[x, z], y] \circ [x, y]] + 2[x, [[x, [y, z]] \circ [x, y]], \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$[[x, [x, y]^2], z] = [[x, z], [x, y]^2] + 2[x, [[x, z], y] \circ [x, y]] + 2[x, [[x, [y, z]] \circ [x, y]]. \quad (29)$$

The proposition is proved.

Let $f(x, x^2, a, \dots, b)$, $g(a, b, \dots, c) \in \text{Alt}[X]$, where $x, a, \dots, b, \dots, c \in X$ and x, a, \dots, b, \dots, c are different. Set

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(f) &= f(x, x^2, a, \dots, b) - f(x^2, x, a, \dots, b), \\ \Delta(a, b)(g) &= g(a, b, \dots, c) - g(b, a, \dots, c), \\ (\delta \circ \Delta(a, b))(f) &= \delta(\Delta(a, b)(f)) \end{aligned}$$

For example, we have from (15)

$$\delta([x, y] \circ (x^2, a, b)) = 0, \quad (30)$$

Lemma 4. The algebra $A = \text{Alt}[X]$ satisfies the identities:

$$\delta([x^2, y], a, b, x) = 0, \quad (31)$$

$$\delta([(a, b, [x^2, y]), x]) = 0, \quad (32)$$

$$[(a, b, x) \circ [x, y], x] = 0, \quad (33)$$

$$(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dy} [x, [x, y]^2] = 0, \quad (34)$$

$$\delta([x^2, y] \circ (a, b, [x, y])) = 0, \quad (35)$$

$$\delta([x^2, y] \circ [d, [x, y]]) = 0, \quad (36)$$

$$2[(a, b, [x, y]), x] \circ y = [(a, b, [x, y^2]), x], \quad (37)$$

$$2[(a, b, y) \circ [x, y], x] = (a, b, [x, y]^2), \quad (38)$$

$$(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dx} [x, [x, y]^2] = 0, \quad (39)$$

$$\delta([x^2, z], [x, d]) = 0, \quad (40)$$

$$\delta([x^2, z], [x, y] \circ d) = 0, \quad (41)$$

$$(\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, z, y] \circ [x, d] + [x^2, z, d] \circ [x, y]) = 0, \quad (42)$$

$$(\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, z], [x, d \circ y]) = 0, \quad (43)$$

where $d = (a, b, c)$.

PROOF. The identity (31):

$$\begin{aligned} ([x^2, y], a, b, x) &\stackrel{(3)}{=} 2([x, y] \circ x, a, b, x) \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2([x, y], a \circ x, b, x) + 2([x, y] \circ [x, a], b, x) \\ &\stackrel{(4),(7)}{=} ([x, y], a, b, x^2). \end{aligned}$$

The identity (32):

$$2\delta([a, b, [x^2, y]), x) \stackrel{(10)}{=} \delta([a, b], [x^2, y], x) + ([b, [x^2, y]], a, x) + ([x^2, y], a, b, x) \stackrel{(4),(31)}{=} 0.$$

$$\text{The identity (33):} \quad 2([a, b, x] \circ [x, y], x) \stackrel{(4),(3)}{=} ([a, b, [x^2, y]), x] - ([a, b, [x, y]], x^2) \stackrel{(32)}{=} 0.$$

The identity (34):

$$(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dy} [x, [x, y]^2] \stackrel{(10)}{=} [x, [y, x] \circ (([a, b], c, x) + ([b, c], a, x) + ([c, a], b, x))] \stackrel{(33)}{=} 0.$$

The identity (35):

$$\begin{aligned} \delta([x^2, y] \circ (a, b, [x, y])) &\stackrel{(12)}{=} \delta([x^2, y] \circ (-a, y, [x, b]) + ([a, y], b, x) + ([a, b], y, x)) \\ &\stackrel{(30)}{=} -\delta([x^2, y] \circ (a, y, [x, b])) \stackrel{(6)}{=} \delta([a, y] \circ (x^2, y, [x, b])) \stackrel{(5)}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

The identity (36):

$$2\delta([x^2, y] \circ [d, [x, y]]) \stackrel{(10)}{=} \delta([x^2, y] \circ (([a, b], c, [x, y]) + ([b, c], a, [x, y]) + ([c, a], b, [x, y]))) \stackrel{(35)}{=} 0$$

The identity (37):

$$\begin{aligned} 4([a, b, [x, y]), x] \circ y &\stackrel{(10)}{=} 2(([a, b], [x, y], x) + ([b, [x, y]], a, x) + ([x, y], a, b, x) \circ y \\ &\stackrel{(3),(4),(6)}{=} ([a, b], [x, y^2], x) + 2([b, [x, y]] \circ y, a, x) + 2([x, y], a \circ y, b, x) - 2(y, a, x) \circ [b, [x, y]] \\ &\quad - 2(y, b, x) \circ [x, y], a) \stackrel{(3),(4),(6)}{=} ([a, b], [x, y^2], x) + ([b, [x, y^2]], a, x) - 2([b, y] \circ [x, y], a, x) \\ &\quad + ([x, y^2], a, b, x) - 2([y, a] \circ [x, y], b, x) + 2[x, y] \circ [b, (y, a, x)] + 2[x, y] \circ [(y, b, x), a] \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{(10),(7),(11)}{=} 2[(a, b, [x, y^2]), x].$$

The identity (38):

$$\begin{aligned} 2[(a, b, y) \circ [x, y], x] &\stackrel{(3),(4)}{=} [(a, b, [x, y^2]), x] - 2[(a, b, [x, y]) \circ y, x] \stackrel{(3)}{=} [(a, b, [x, y^2]), x] - 2[(a, b, [x, y]), x] \circ y \\ &\quad - 2(a, b, [x, y]) \circ [y, x] \stackrel{(4),(37)}{=} (a, b, [x, y]^2). \end{aligned}$$

The identity (39):

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c) \frac{d}{dx} [x, [x, y]^2] &\stackrel{(10)}{=} [(a, b, c), [x, y]^2] + [x, (((a, b, c), y) + ([b, c], a, y) + ([c, a], b, y)) \circ [x, y]] \\ &\stackrel{(10),(38)}{=} [(a, b, c), [x, y]^2] - [(a, b, c), [x, y]^2] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (40):

$$[[x^2, z], [x, J]] \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2[[x, z] \circ x, [x, J]] \stackrel{(3)}{=} [[x, z], [x^2, J]] + 2[x, [x, z] \circ [x, J]] \stackrel{(34)}{=} [[x, z], [x^2, J]].$$

The identity (41):

$$[[x^2, z], [x, y]] \circ J \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2[x, [x, z] \circ [x, y]] \circ J + [[x, z], [x^2, y]] \circ J \stackrel{(27)}{=} [[x, z], [x^2, y]] \circ J.$$

The identity (42):

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, z, d] \circ [x, y]) &= (\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))(\circ J(x^2, z, d) - [z, d, x^2] - [d, x^2, z]) \circ [x, y] \\ &\stackrel{(30),(10),(3)}{=} (\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))[x, y, z] \circ [d, x^2] \stackrel{(\delta),(\Delta)}{=} -(\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))[x^2, z, y] \circ [x, d]. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (43):

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, z], [x, d \circ y]) &\stackrel{(3)}{=} (\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, z], [x, d]) \circ y + [[x^2, z], [x, y]] \circ d + [[x^2, z], y] \circ [x, d] \\ &\quad + [[x^2, z], d] \circ [x, y] \stackrel{(40),(41),(42)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Note that from (34), (39) it follows that $D_0(A) = ((x, y, z) \mid x, y \in A)_F$ is a l -bimodule. Now we will prove that $D_0(A) \circ A$ is a l -bimodule too.

Write $p(x_1, x_2, x_3 \mid y_1, y_2) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} [x_{\sigma(1)}, [x_{\sigma(2)}, y_1] \circ [x_{\sigma(3)}, y_2]]$, for $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2 \in A$.

Note that $p(x_1, x_2, x_3 \mid y_1, y_2)$ is an identity in the Cayley–Dickson algebra. Let us list the elementary properties of the polynomial $p(x_1, x_2, x_3 \mid y_1, y_2)$.

Proposition 3. The algebra $A = Alt[X]$ satisfies the identities:

$$\forall \sigma \in S_3 \quad p(x_{\sigma(1)}, x_{\sigma(2)}, x_{\sigma(3)} \mid y_2, y_1) = p(x_1, x_2, x_3 \mid y_1, y_2),$$

$$p(x, x, x \mid y, y) = 6l(x, y) = 6[x, [x, y]^2],$$

$$p(x, x, x \mid x, y) = p(y, x, x \mid x, x) = 0, \quad (44)$$

$$p(z, x, y \mid x, x) + p(z, x, x \mid y, x) = 0, \quad (45)$$

$$p(z, x, x \mid y, y) + 4p(z, x, y \mid x, y) + p(z, y, y \mid x, x) = 0, \quad (46)$$

$$P(z^2, x, x \mid y, y) = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 - 2p_4 + 6p_5 + 2p_6 - 4p_7 + 2p_8 + 2p_9 - 4p_{10}, \quad (47)$$

where

$$p_1 = p(z, z, y \mid x^2, y), \quad p_2 = p(z, z, y \mid x \circ y, x), \quad p_3 = p(z, z, x \mid y \circ x, y), \quad p_4 = p(z, x, y \mid y \circ z, x),$$

$$p_5 = p(z, x, y \mid x \circ z, y), \quad p_6 = p(z, x^2, y \mid z, y), \quad p_7 = p(z, x \circ y, x \mid z, y), \quad p_8 = p(z, x \circ z, x \mid y, y),$$

$$p_9 = p(z, y^2, x \mid z, x), \quad p_{10} = p(z, y \circ z, x \mid x, y).$$

PROOF. The identity (44) is trivial. The identities (45), (46) are the linearization of (44). The elegant identity (47) is a polynomial on three generators. It is easy to check that (47) is an identity in the Cayley–Dickson algebra; so is in the free associative algebra. By A. Iltiyakov’s results [9], it is an identity in $A = Alt[X]$. The proposition is proved.

Lemma 5. The F -module $D_0(A) \circ A$ is a l -bimodule and the next identities are valid in A .

$$p(x, x, x \mid d \circ y, y) = 0, \quad (48)$$

$$p(x, x, x \mid d \circ z, y) = 0, \quad (49)$$

$$p(d \circ x, x, x \mid y, y) = p(d \circ y, x, x \mid y, y) = 0, \quad (50)$$

$$p(d \circ z, x, x \mid y, y) = 0, \quad (51)$$

where $d = (a, b, c)$.

PROOF. It is clear that from (49), (51) it follows that $D_0(A) \circ A$ is a l -bimodule.

The identity (48):

$$\begin{aligned} 2[x, [x, d \circ y] \circ [x, y]] &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \delta([x^2, d \circ y], [x, y]) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \delta([x^2, d] \circ y, [x, y]) + ([x^2, y] \circ d, [x, y]) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \delta\left(\frac{1}{2}[[x^2, d], [x, y^2]] + [y, [x^2, d] \circ [x, y]] + [x^2, y] \circ [d, [x, y]] + [[x^2, y], [x, y]] \circ d\right) \stackrel{(40),(30),(36),(41)}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (49):

$$2[x, [x, d \circ z] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(3)}{=} \delta([x^2, y], [x, d \circ z]) \stackrel{(48)}{=} \frac{1}{2}(\delta \circ \Delta(y, z))([x^2, y], [x, d \circ z]) \stackrel{(43)}{=} 0.$$

The identity (50):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [x \circ d, [x, y]^2] + 2[x, [x \circ d, y] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(3),(49),(27)}{=} x \circ [d, [x, y]^2] - 2[y, [x \circ d, x] \circ [x, y]] \\
 & \stackrel{(3)}{=} x \circ [d, [x, y]^2] - [y, [d, x^2] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(34),(3)}{=} x \circ [d, [x, y]^2] + 2x \circ [x, [d, x] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(39)}{=} 0, \\
 & [y \circ d, [x, y]^2] + 2[x, [y \circ d, y] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(3),(27)}{=} y \circ [d, [x, y]^2] + [x, [d, y^2] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(34)}{=} y \circ [d, [x, y]^2] \\
 & \quad - [y^2, [d, x] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(3)}{=} y \circ [d, [x, y]^2] + 2y \circ [y, [x, d] \circ [x, y]] \stackrel{(39)}{=} 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The identity (51):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) \stackrel{(47),(49),(34),(39)}{=} p(z, d \circ x, x | y, y) - 2p(z, d \circ y, x | x, y) \stackrel{(50)}{=} -\frac{1}{2} p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) \\
 & \quad + 2p(y, d \circ z, x | x, y) + 2p(z, d \circ x, y | x, y) \stackrel{(50)}{=} -\frac{1}{2} p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) + 2p(y, d \circ z, x | x, y) \\
 & \quad - p(z, d \circ y, y | x, x) \stackrel{(50)}{=} -\frac{1}{2} p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) + 2p(y, d \circ z, x | x, y) + \frac{1}{2} p(z \circ d, y, y | x, x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$3p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) = 4p(d \circ z, x, y | x, y) + p(z \circ d, y, y | x, x).$$

But

$$p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) \stackrel{(46)}{=} -4p(d \circ z, x, y | x, y) - p(z \circ d, y, y | x, x).$$

Consequently,

$$p(z \circ d, x, x | y, y) = 0.$$

The lemma is proved.

Lemma 6. $D(A)$ is a l -bimodule, $L(A)$ is an ass -bimodule.

PROOF. From the lemmas 4, 5 it follows that $D(A)$ is a l -bimodule. From proposition 2, the identities (9), (4), (27) it follows that $L(A)$ is an ass -bimodule. The lemma is proved.

Theorem 2. $Alt = Ass \circ L = L \circ Ass$.

PROOF. From the lemma 6 and the proposition 1 it follows that $Alt = Ass \circ L = L \circ Ass$. The theorem is proved.

3. THE COMPOSITION STRUCTURE OF MALCEV ALGEBRAS.

Now we will construct the element $m = m(x, y) = x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet x \in Mal[X]$ which is an analog of $l = l(x, y)$ for Malcev algebras.

We have

$$4[x, [x, y]^2] \circ x \stackrel{(3)}{=} 4[x, x \circ [x, y]^2] = 4[x, [x, y]D_{[x, y], x}] + 4[x, ([x, y] \circ x) \circ [x, y]]$$

$$\stackrel{(3)}{=} [x, [[x, y], [[x, y], x]]] + 4[x, [x, y \circ x] \circ [x, y]],$$

where $aD_{b,c} = (a \circ b) \circ c - (a \circ c) \circ b$ is a Jordan differentiation.

Hence,

$$[x, [[x, y], [[x, y], x]]] = 4[x, [x, y]^2] \circ x - 4[x, [x, y \circ x] \circ [x, y]] \in T(l).$$

Set

$$m = m(x, y) = -x \bullet ((x \bullet y) \bullet ((x \bullet y) \bullet x)) = x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet x \in Mal[X],$$

where $x, y \in X$, $M = Mal[X]$ is the free Malcev algebra.

Lemma 7. The algebra $M = Mal[X]$ satisfies the identities:

$$J(m(x, y), a, b) = 0, \tag{52}$$

$$J(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dx} m(x, y) = 0, \tag{53}$$

$$J(a, b, c) \frac{d}{dy} m(x, y) = 0. \tag{54}$$

PROOF. It is easy to check that

$$J(x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (xy), x, a) \stackrel{(12)}{=} 0. \tag{55}$$

Hence

$$J(m(x, y), a, b) \stackrel{(11),(55)}{=} 0.$$

The identities (53), (54) can be proved in the same manner as (52). The lemma is proved.

Remark. In difference from an alternative case, the identities (52)-(54) are easily checked by computer.

From the lemma 7 and the proposition 1 it follows the theorem 3, 4.

Theorem 3. The element $m = m(x, y) = x \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet (x \bullet y) \bullet x \in Z(Mal[X])$ and $\pi(m) \in T(l)$.

Theorem 4. $Mal = Lie \circ M = M \circ Lie$.

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