

Over Absolute Valued Algebras with Central Element not Necessary Idempotent

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Abstract

We study the absolute valued algebras containing a central element non necessary idempotent. We determine the absolute valued algebras containing a central element if we add some requirements. Also we gives a classification of finite-dimensional absolute valued algebras containing a generalized left unit and central element.

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1. Introduction

The absolute valued algebras are introduced by Ostrowski in 1918. It's the normed algebra A such that $\|xy\| = \|x\|\|y\|$ for all x, y in A . An algebra is called division if and only if R_x and L_x are bijective for all x in A . The category of finite-dimensional absolute valued algebra is a full subcategory of the category of division algebra. If A is a finite dimensional absolute valued algebra, then A has dimension 1, 2, 4 or 8 (Bott, et al., 1958; Kervaire, 1958), A is isotopic to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ or \mathbb{O} and the norm of A comes from an inner product (Albert, 1947). We have in (Beslimane & Moutassim, 2011; Diankha, et al., 2013) a classification of absolute valued algebras with left unit and containing a central element. The norm of absolute valued algebra containing a central idempotent c , comes from to an inner product and the isometric map $x \mapsto x^* := 2(x|c)c - x$ is an involution (El-Mallah, 1990). For $\|u\| = 1$, we recall the following notations $\mathbb{H}_u := \mathbb{H}_{T_{u,\bar{u}}}$, and $\mathbb{O}_u := \mathbb{O}_{T_{u,\bar{u}}}$. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{H}$ such that $\|a\| = \|b\| = 1$, we recall that $\mathbb{H}(a, b) := (\mathbb{H}, \star_1)$, with $x \star_1 y = axyb$ and ${}^*\mathbb{H}(a, b) := (\mathbb{H}, \star_2)$, with $x \star_2 y = \bar{x}ayb$ (Ramirez, 1999). Let A be an algebra, we note that $Z(A) = \{a \in A : ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in A\}$. In this work we give a characterization of finite dimensional absolute valued algebra containing a central element. We determine the finite-dimensional absolute valued algebra containing a generalized left unit and central element. We classify the absolute valued algebra containing a central element if we add some conditions.

2. Preliminary

Let f, g, f', g' be linear isometries of euclidean space $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}$ fixing 1, and let $\Phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ be a linear mapping. Then it is easy to see that $\Phi : \mathbb{A}_{f,g} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{f',g'}$ is an algebra isomorphism fixing 1 if and only if $\Phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ is an algebra automorphism and $(f', g') = (\Phi \circ f \circ \Phi^{-1}, \Phi \circ g \circ \Phi^{-1})$ (Calderon, et al., 2011).

Let \mathbb{A} be one of the unital absolute valued algebras $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ of dimension m . Consider the caley dickson product \odot in $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A}$, we define on the space $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A}$ the product

$$(x, y) \star (x', y') = (f_1(x), f(x)) \odot (g_1(x'), g(y')).$$

With f_1, g_1, f, g be linear isometries of \mathbb{A} and $f_1(1) = g_1(1) = 1$. We obtain a $2m$ -dimensional absolute valued real algebra $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A}_{(f_1, f), (g_1, g)}$. The process is called the duplication process (Calderon, & et al., 2011). Note that the algebra is left unit if $g_1 = g = I_{\mathbb{A}}$ and this case we note the algebra by $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A}_{(f_1, f)}$ (Rochdi, 2003).

Theorem 1 *The finite-dimensional absolute valued real algebras with left unit are precisely those of the form \mathbb{A}_φ , where $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}$ and φ is an isometric of the eucliden espace \mathbb{A} fixed 1, and \mathbb{A}_φ denotes the absolute valued real algebra obtained by endowing the normed space of \mathbb{A} with the product $x \odot y := \varphi(x)y$. Moreover, given linear isometries $\varphi, \phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ fixing 1, the algebras \mathbb{A}_φ and \mathbb{A}_ϕ are isomorphic if and only if there exists an algebra automorphism ψ of \mathbb{A} satisfying $\phi = \psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$ ((Rochdi, 2003)).*

3. Finite Dimensional Absolute Valued Algebra Containing a Central Element

An element c in A is called central if $L_c = R_c$. In this paragraph, the central element is non necessary idempotent. As A is alternative, Artin's theorem (Schafer, 1996) shows that for any $x, y \in A$, the set $\{x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$ is contained in an associative subalgebra of A .

Theorem 2 *Let A be an finite dimensional absolute valued algebra with nonzero central element c . Then A is precisely $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ or of the form $\mathbb{A}_{\varphi, \psi}$, with $\mathbb{A} = \{\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}$, φ a linear isometry of the eucliden space \mathbb{A} fixing 1 and $\psi = L_{\overline{\varphi(c)}} \circ R_{\varphi(c)} \circ \varphi$. Moreover for $\dim(A) \geq 4$, if $\psi = I_A$, then A is isomorphic to $\mathbb{H}(c, 1)$ or \mathbb{O}_c .*

Proof. If $\dim(A) \leq 2$, the result is clear. Assume now $\dim(A) \geq 4$. Then the algebra A is of the form $\mathbb{A}_{\varphi, \psi}$, where ψ, φ are the linear isometries of the eucliden space $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}$ such that $\psi(1) = \varphi(1) = 1$ (Calderon, at al., 2011). Using now $x \odot c = c \odot x$, for all x in $\mathbb{A} \Leftrightarrow \varphi(x)\psi(c) = \varphi(c)\psi(x)$, for all x in \mathbb{A} .

For $x = 1$, we have $\psi(c) = \varphi(c)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x)\psi(c) = \varphi(c)\psi(x), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{A} &\Rightarrow \varphi(x)\varphi(c) = \varphi(c)\psi(x), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{A} \\ &\Rightarrow \psi(x) = \overline{\varphi(c)}\varphi(x)\varphi(c), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{A} \\ &\Rightarrow \psi(x) = (L_{\overline{\varphi(c)}} \circ R_{\varphi(c)} \circ \varphi)(x), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{A} \\ &\Rightarrow \psi = L_{\overline{\varphi(c)}} \circ R_{\varphi(c)} \circ \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover if $\psi = I_A$, then A is left unit and $\varphi = L_c \circ R_{\overline{c}}$ (Diankha, et al., 2013). For the algebra \mathbb{H}_c , we have the following isomorphism of algebra $\Phi : \mathbb{H}(c, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_c \quad x \mapsto xc$.

Theorem 3 *Let A be an finite-dimensional absolute valued algebra containing a central idempotent c . Then $c \in \{1\} \cup \{-\frac{1}{2} + u : u \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{A}) \text{ and } \|u\| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\}$.*

Proof. Using Theorem 3.3., A is of the form $\mathbb{A}_{\varphi, \psi}$, where φ is a linear isometric of \mathbb{A} fixing 1 and $\psi = L_{\overline{\varphi(c)}} \circ R_{\varphi(c)} \circ \varphi$. We remark also $\varphi(c) = \psi(c)$, hence $c \odot c = \varphi(c)\psi(c) = \varphi(c)^2$. Assume now $c = \alpha + u \in S(\mathbb{A})$ (with $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \text{Im}(\mathbb{A})$: Frobenius decomposition). We note that if $u \in 1^\perp = \text{Im}(\mathbb{A}), \langle 1, \varphi(u) \rangle = \langle \varphi(1), \varphi(u) \rangle = \langle 1, u \rangle = 0$. Hence we have $\varphi^n(1^\perp) \subseteq 1^\perp$, with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varphi(1^\perp)^n \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$.

Hence $c \odot c = c$ and $\|c\| = 1$ are equivalent to
$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 + \varphi(u)^2 = \alpha & (1) \\ 2\alpha\varphi(u) = u & (2) \\ \|\varphi(c)\| = 1 & (3) \end{cases}$$

The assertions (2) and (3) imply that $\frac{1}{4\alpha^2}u^2 = \alpha^2 - 1$ (4). Otherwise the assertions (1) and (2) implies that $\alpha^2 + (\frac{1}{2\alpha}u)^2 = \alpha$ (5). The equality between (4) and (5) gives $\alpha = 1$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$.

If $\alpha = 1$, this is equivalent to $c = 1$.

Assume now $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$, hence $c = -\frac{1}{2} + u$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|c\|^2 &= \langle -\frac{1}{2} + u, -\frac{1}{2} + u \rangle \\ &= \langle -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle + \langle u, u \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \|u\|^2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\|u\| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

Lemma 1 *Let A be an absolute valued algebras containing a nonzero central element c . The following assertions are equivalent:*

1. $x^2c = x^2$, for all $x \in A$
2. A is finite dimensional and is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ or \mathbb{O} .

Proof. 2) \Rightarrow 1) is clear.

Now assume 1), Using the equality $(x+c)^2c = (x+c)^2$ for all x in A , we have $(xc-x)c = 0$ for all x in A . Then $L_c = R_c = I_A$ and A is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ or \mathbb{O} (Urbanik & Wright, 1960).

The group G_2 acts transitively on the sphere $S(Im(\mathbb{O})) := S^6$, that is the mapping $G_2 \rightarrow S^6 \Phi \mapsto \Phi(i)$ is surjective (Postnikov, 1985).

Definition 1 An element $e \in A$ is called strongly left unit, if it's left unit and square root of right unit: $L_e = R_e^2 = I_A$ (Diouf, 2017).

Theorem 4 Let A be an absolute valued algebra with strongly left unit and containing a central element c . Then $c \in S(\mathbb{R}) \cup 1^\perp$ and A is finite dimensional and isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{H}(i, 1), \mathbb{O}$ or \mathbb{O}_i .

Proof. It's clear that A is of finite dimensional. If $dim(A) \leq 2$, the result is clear that A is isomorphic to \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . Assume now $dim(A) \geq 4$ and A contains a central element c (Diankha, et al., 2013) proves that A is of the form \mathbb{A}_φ , where $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}, c \in S(\mathbb{A})$ and $\varphi = L_c \circ R_{\bar{c}}$.

Otherwise we have $R_c^2 = I_A \Leftrightarrow (x \odot 1) \odot 1 = x$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (x \odot 1) \odot 1 \\ &= c(cx\bar{c})\bar{c} \\ &= c^2x\bar{c}^2 \text{ Artin's theorem} \end{aligned}$$

The equality $c^2x = xc^2$, implies that $c^2 \in S(\mathbb{R}) = \{-1, 1\}$.

If $c^2 = 1$, then $c = \pm 1$ and A is isomorphic to \mathbb{H} or \mathbb{O} .

If $c^2 = -1$, then $c \in S(Im(\mathbb{A}))$.

There exists $u \in S(Im(\mathbb{A}))$ such that $uc\bar{u} = i$ and let the automorphism $\Phi := T_{u,\bar{u}}$ of $\mathbb{A} = \{\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}\}$, with $\Phi^{-1} = T_{\bar{u},u}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi \circ T_{c,\bar{c}} \circ \Phi^{-1} &= T_{u,\bar{u}} \circ T_{c,\bar{c}} \circ T_{\bar{u},u} \\ &= T_{uc\bar{u},u\bar{c}u} \\ &= T_{i,\bar{i}} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathbb{A}_{T_{c,\bar{c}}}$ and $\mathbb{A}_{T_{i,\bar{i}}}$ are isomorphic (Theorem 2.1) and (Diouf, 2017), we have $\mathbb{H}_{T_{i,\bar{i}}}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{H}(i, 1)$.

It's clear that if $dim(A) \geq 2$, their algebras can be obtained by using the duplication process.

Corollary 1 Let A be an absolute valued algebra containing two elements e and c . The following assertions are equivalent:

1. e is left unit and c central orthogonal to e ,
2. A is isomorphic to \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}_i or \mathbb{O}_i .

Definition 2 An element e is called generalized left unit if it satisfies to $[L_e, L_x] = 0$, for all x in A (Chandid & Rochdi, 2008).

We give a generalisation of the paper (Diankha, et al., 2013).

Theorem 5 Let A be an finite dimensional absolute valued algebra contains generalized left unit e and central element c . Then A is precisely $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}(a, b)$ or \mathbb{O}_c .

Proof. If $dim(A) \in \{1, 2, 8\}$, then A is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{O}_c$ ((Diankha & all, 2013), (Chandid & Rochdi, 2008)). The algebras $\mathbb{H}(a, b)$ and $^*\mathbb{H}(a, b)$ are the unique four-dimensional absolute valued algebras containing a generalized left unit (Diouf, 2014). Without loss of generality, assume that $\|c\| = 1$.

For the algebra $\mathbb{H}(a, b)$,

$$\begin{aligned} c \text{ is central} &\Leftrightarrow x \star_1 c = c \star_1 x, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \\ &\Leftrightarrow axcb = acxb, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \\ &\Leftrightarrow xc = cx, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \\ &\Leftrightarrow c \in Z(\mathbb{H}) \cap S(\mathbb{R}) = \{-1, 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the algebra $\mathbb{H}(a, b)$ contains a central element.

For the algebra $^*\mathbb{H}(a, b)$,

$$\begin{aligned} c \text{ is central} &\Leftrightarrow x \star_2 c = c \star_2 x, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{x}acb = \bar{c}axb, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{x}ac = \bar{c}ax (*), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{H} \end{aligned}$$

For $x = 1$, we have $ac = \bar{c}a$ and $(*)$ imply $\bar{x}ac = acx (**)$, for all x in \mathbb{H} .

New put $x = ac$, we have $(ac)^2 = \|ac\|^2 = \|a\|^2\|c\|^2 = 1$. Hence $ac = \pm 1$ and $(**)$ imply $\bar{x} = x$, for all x in \mathbb{H} , which is absurd. Then the algebra ${}^*\mathbb{H}(a, b)$ does not contain a central element.

Proposition 1 Let A be an absolute valued algebra containing a generalized left unit e and a central idempotent element c such that $e \in c^\perp$. Then $A(e, c)$ is finite dimensional and isomorphic to \mathbb{C} .

Proof. The norm $\|\cdot\|$ of A comes from an inner product and $x \mapsto x^* := 2 < c, x > c - x$ is an involution (El-Mallah, 1990). Without loss of generality, assume that $\|e\| = 1$. We have $ce = ec = ec^2 = c(ec)$. This implies $ec = ce = e$. The element e is orthogonal to c , then $e^2 = -\|e\|^2c = -c$ (El-Mallah, 1990).

Problem 1 Let A be an absolute valued algebra containing a generalized left unit e and a central element c . Is A a finite dimensional? This problem is solved partially if e is idempotent (Calderon, et al., Preprint).

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