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Natural families in evolution algebras

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What we mean by evolution algebra

K-Algebra $\rightarrow A$

Basis $\rightarrow B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ $e_i e_j = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$.

Product $\rightarrow e_i^2 := e_i e_i = \sum_{k \in \Lambda} \omega_{ki} e_k$

Structure constants

Natural basis

- The matrix $M_B := (\omega_{ki})$ is said to be the **structure matrix of A relative to B** .



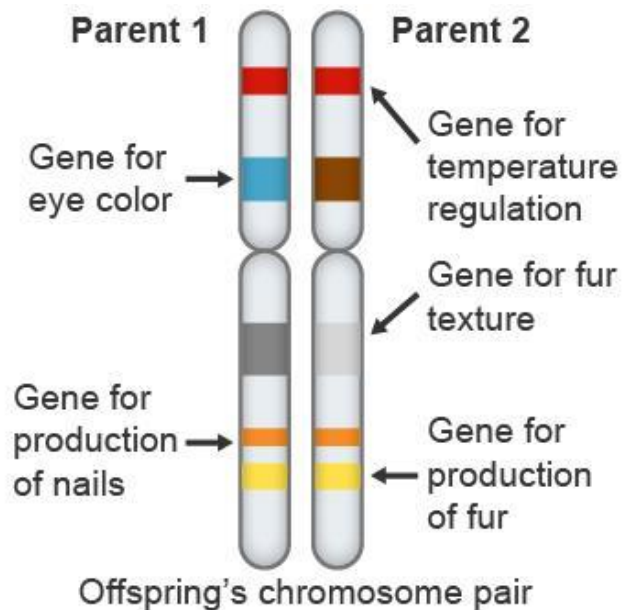
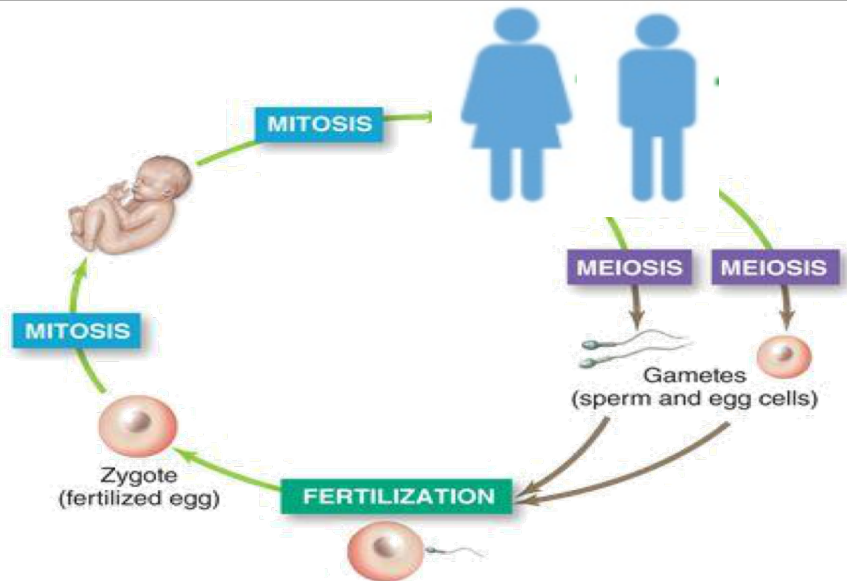
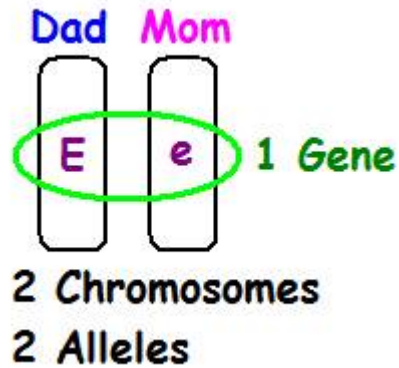
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Evolution algebras and their applications.

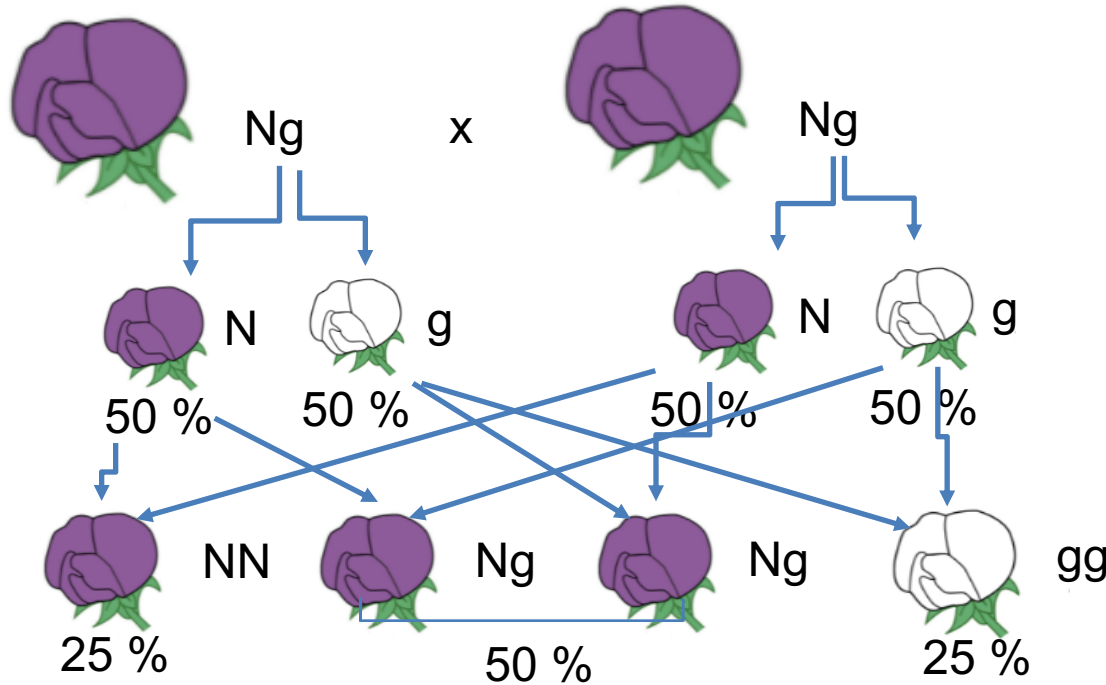
Lecture Notes in Mathematics **1921**, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2008.

In this book a new and outstanding type of genetic algebra was introduced to model the **non-Mendelian genetics**: the so-called **evolution algebras**.

Mathematical formulation of the Mendel's second law



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Multiplication table

● Example: Zygotic algebra (Reed 1997)

Two alleles $\rightarrow N, g$.

Three genotypes $\rightarrow NN, Ng, gg$.

Algebra $\rightarrow B = \{NN, Ng, gg\}$

	NN	Ng	gg
NN	NN	$\frac{1}{2}(NN + Ng)$	Ng
Ng	$\frac{1}{2}(NN + Ng)$	$\frac{1}{4}(NN + gg) + \frac{1}{2}Ng$	$\frac{1}{2}(gg + Ng)$
gg	Ng	$\frac{1}{2}(gg + Ng)$	gg

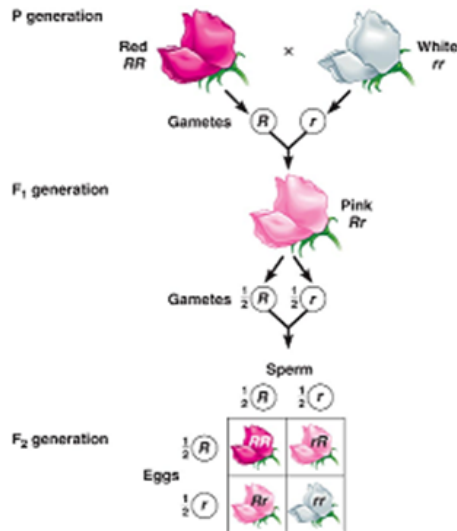
This is not an evolution algebra

What we mean by evolution algebra

In the asexual inheritance,

- $a_i a_j$ does not make sense biologically ($a_i a_j = 0$) $i \neq j$.
- $a_i a_i = a_i^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_{ki} a_k$. Interpreted as self-replication.

It is called evolution algebra.



CODOMINANCE



How do you know if an algebra is an evolution algebra?

Simultaneously orthogonalizable

Corollary 1: Fix a basis B of a vector space V of finite dimension over a field \mathbb{K} with $\text{char}(\mathbb{K}) \neq 2$ and assume that $\mathcal{F} = \{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i\}_{i \in I \cup \{0\}}$ is a family of inner products on V whose matrices in B are $M_{i,B}$. Further assume that $M_{0,B}$ is nonsingular. Then \mathcal{F} is simultaneously orthogonalizable if and only if the collection of matrices $\{M_{i,B}M_{0,B}^{-1}\}_{i \in I}$ is commutative and each one of them is diagonalizable.



Yolanda Cabrera Casado, Cristóbal Gil Canto, Dolores Martín Barquero and Cándido Martín González, Simultaneous orthogonalization of inner products over arbitrary fields.
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2012.06533.pdf>.

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Structure Inner Products

Definition: If A is a commutative algebra over a field \mathbb{K} the product in A can be written in the form

$$xy = \sum_{i \in I} \langle x, y \rangle_i e_i$$

where $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is any fixed basis of A and the inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i: A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ provide the coordinates of xy relative to the basis. So A is an evolution algebra if and only if the set of inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i$ is simultaneously orthogonalizable.



Evolution algebras are **commutative** and hence **flexible**.

The **direct sum of evolution algebras** is an evolution algebra.

Evolution algebras are **not power associative**
Jordan, alternative or associative algebras.

The **quotient algebra** A/I with I ideal of A is an evolution algebra.



Moussa Ouattara and Souleymane Savadogo,
Power-associative evolution algebras
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.09986>.



Change of basis

Theorem: Let A be an evolution algebra and let $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ be a natural basis of A with structure matrix $M_B = (\omega_{ij})$.

- If $B' = \{f_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ is a natural basis of A with $P_{B'B} = (p_{ij})$ the change of basis matrices, then

$$M_B(P * P) = 0$$

for every $i \neq j$ with $i, j \in \Lambda$. Moreover

$$M_{B'} = P_{B'B}^{-1} M_B P_{B'B}^{(2)},$$

where $P_{B'B}^{(2)} = (p_{ij}^2)$.



- Assume that $P = (p_{ij}) \in \text{CFM}_\Lambda(\mathbb{K})$ is invertible and satisfies the first above relation. Define $B' = \{f_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$, where $f_i = \sum_{j \in \Lambda} p_{ji} e_j$ for every $i \in \Lambda$. Then B' is a natural basis and the second above relation is satisfied.

Definition: Let A be an evolution algebra. We say that A has a unique natural basis if the only change of basis matrices are $S_n \rtimes (\mathbb{K}^\times)^n$.

A unique basis

Definition: Let A be an evolution algebra of dimension n . We say that A has *Property (2LI)* if for any different vectors e_i, e_j of a natural basis, the set $\{e_i^2, e_j^2\}$ is linearly independent.

Corollary: Let A be a non-degenerate evolution algebra over \mathbb{K} . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- ❶ A has a unique natural basis.
- ❷ There exists a natural basis B such that for any 2 different vectors u and v of B , u^2 and v^2 are linearly independent.

Evolution subalgebras. Evolution ideals

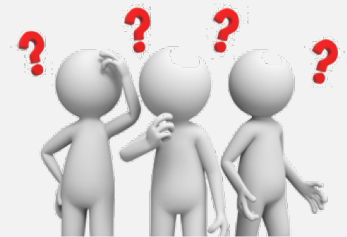
Fact: There are ideals (and hence subalgebras) of an evolution algebra which are not evolution algebras.

Example: Let A be the evolution algebra with natural basis $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ and product $e_1^2 = e_2 + e_3$; $e_2^2 = e_1 + e_2$ and $e_3^2 = -(e_1 + e_2)$. Let

$$I = \{\alpha e_1 + (\alpha + \beta)e_2 + \beta e_3 : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}\}$$

Then I is an ideal without a natural basis. Therefore:

I is an ideal (and hence a subalgebra) but I is not an evolution algebra.



Definition: An **evolution subalgebra** (respectively **ideal**) of an algebra A is a subalgebra (respectively Ideal) provided with a natural basis.



Evolution subalgebras. Evolution ideals

Fact: Evolution subalgebra does not need to be an ideal.

Example: Let A be an evolution algebra with natural basis $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ such that $e_1^2 = e_2$, $e_2^2 = e_1$ and $e_3^2 = e_3$. Then, the subalgebra A' generated by $e_1 + e_2$ and e_3 is an evolution subalgebra but it is not an ideal as $e_1(e_1 + e_2) \notin A'$.



Something less restrictive and more algebraically natural

- **Fact:** Not every basis of an evolution subalgebra can be extended to a natural basis of the whole algebra.

Extension property

Example: Let A be an evolution algebra with natural basis $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ and multiplication given by $e_1^2 = e_3$, $e_2^2 = e_1 + e_2$ and $e_3^2 = e_3$.

Let I be the evolution ideal generated by $e_1 + e_2$ and e_3 .

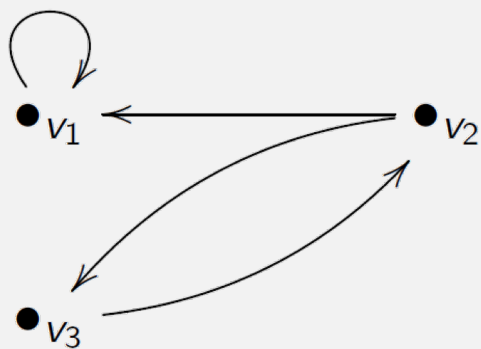
- These definitions are less restrictive.



Graph associated

Example: $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ natural basis of A with product:

$$e_1^2 = -5e_1, \quad e_2^2 = 2e_1 - 3e_3, \quad e_3^2 = -2e_2.$$



Graph G:

	v_1	v_2	v_3
v_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		
v_2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$		
v_3	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		

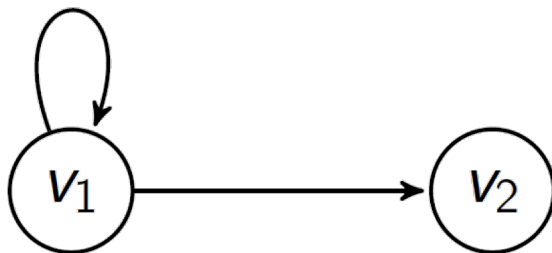
Adjacency matrix:

Graph associated

- The graph associated to an evolution algebra depends on the chosen basis.
 - Isomorphic evolution algebras \nRightarrow isomorphic graphs.

Example: Let A be the evolution algebra with natural basis $B = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and product given by $e_1^2 = e_1 + e_2$ and $e_2^2 = 0$. Consider the natural basis $B' = \{e_1 + e_2, e_2\}$. Then the graphs associated to the bases B and B' are, respectively

E:

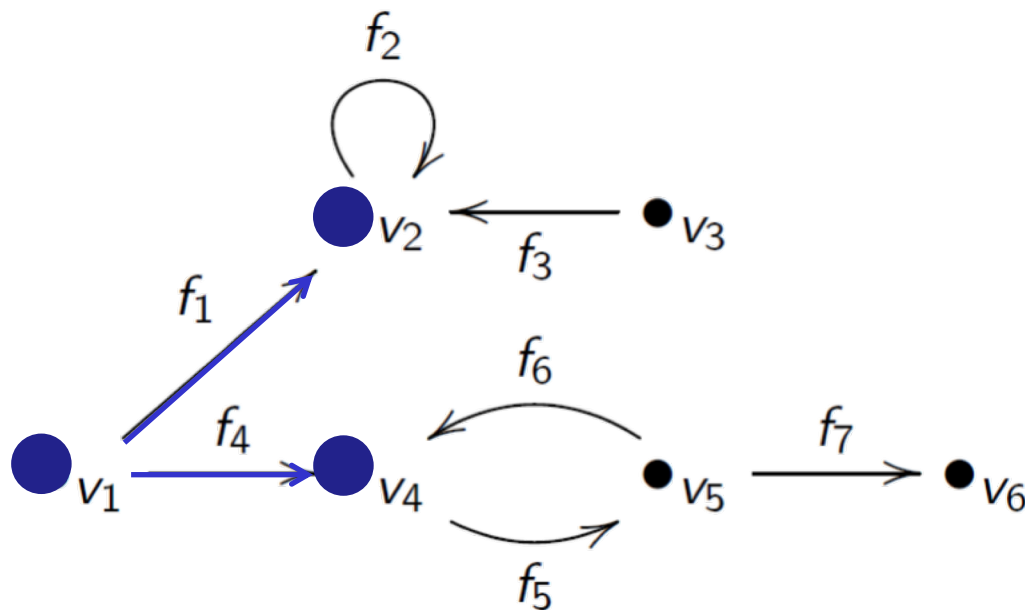


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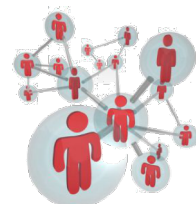


Let A evolution algebra with structure matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



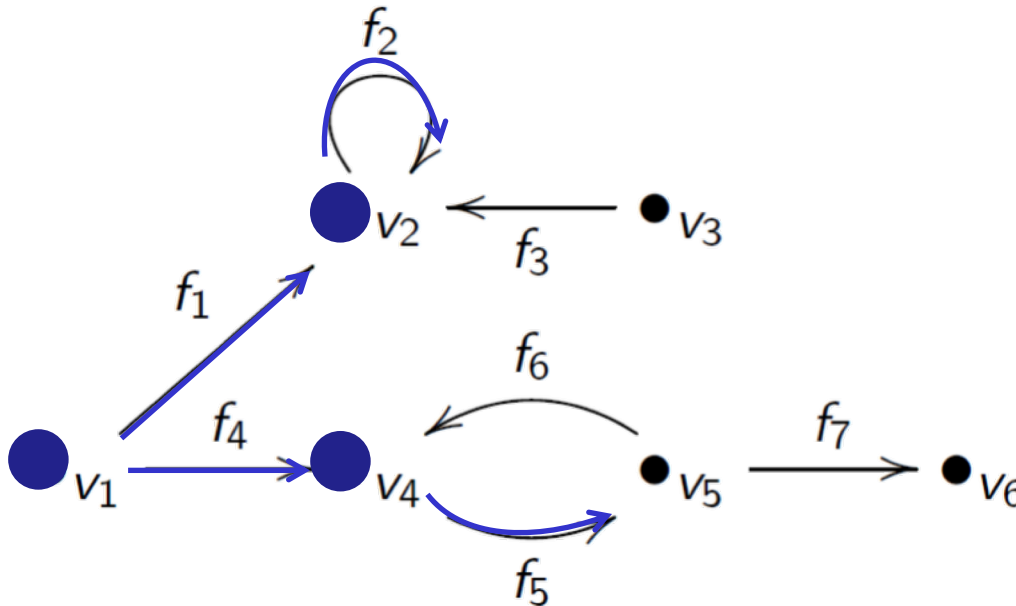
$$D^1(1) = \{k \in \Lambda \mid e_1^2 = \sum_k \omega_{k1} e_k \text{ with } \omega_{k1} \neq 0\} = \{2, 4\}.$$



Descendents

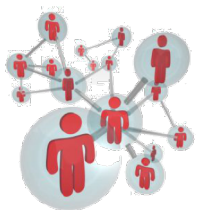
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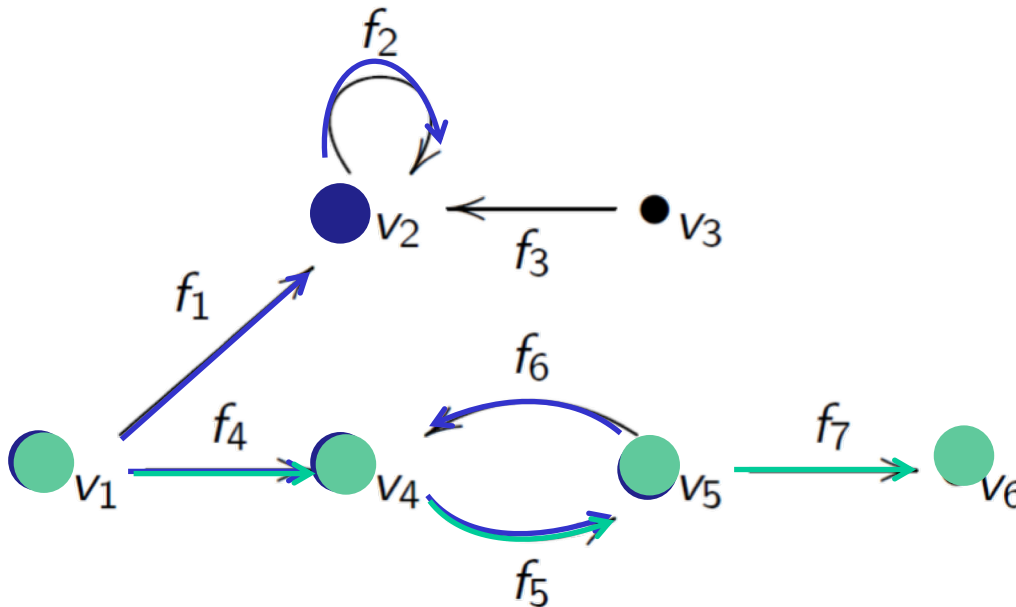
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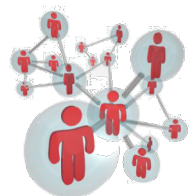
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$$D^3(1) = \{2, 4, 6\}.$$

$$D(1) = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} D^m(1) = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}.$$

$$D^4(1) = \{2, 5\}.$$



Annihilator. Properties

Definition: An evolution algebra A is **non-degenerate** if it has a natural basis $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ such that $e_i^2 \neq 0$ for every $i \in \Lambda$.

Lemma

A Non-degenerate $\iff \text{ann}(A)=0$

$$\text{ann}(A) := \{x \in A \mid xA = 0\}$$

$$\text{ann}(A) = \text{lin}\{e_i \in B \mid e_i^2 = 0\}$$

Does not depend on the basis

It is an evolution ideal of A

Annihilator. Properties

Remark: Let A be an evolution algebra and $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ a natural basis.

- $A/\text{ann}(A)$ is not necessarily a non-degenerate evolution algebra.
- $A_1 := \text{lin}\{e_i \in B \mid e_i^2 \neq 0\}$ is not necessarily a subalgebra of A .



$$\underline{\text{ann}(A/\text{ann}(A)) = \bar{0} \text{ ?}}$$

No

Absorption property

$$xA \subseteq I \text{ implies } x \in I$$



$$\text{ann}(A/I) = \bar{0}$$

Proposition



Absorption property. Properties

$$\text{ann}(A/\text{ann}(A)) = \bar{0} \text{ ? } \boxed{\text{No}}$$

Absorption radical

Intersection of all absorption ideals

Proposition



$$\text{rad}(A) = 0$$



$$\text{ann}(A) = 0$$



A *Non-degenerate*



$$\text{rad}(A/\text{rad}(A)) = \bar{0}$$



Simple evolution algebra

Definition: An algebra A is **simple** if $A^2 \neq 0$ and 0 is the only proper ideal.

Proposition: Every simple evolution algebra, then A is non-degenerate.

Remark: An evolution algebra A whose associated graph has sinks cannot be simple.



Simple evolution algebra: Characterization



Theorem: Let A be a non-zero evolution algebra and $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ a natural basis. The following conditions are equivalent:

- A is simple.
- If $\text{lin}\{e_i^2 \mid i \in \Lambda'\}$ is an ideal for a non-empty subset $\Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$, then $A = \text{lin}\{e_i^2 \mid i \in \Lambda'\}$.
- $A = \langle e_i^2 \rangle = \text{lin}\{e_j^2 \mid j \in D(i)\}$ for every $i \in \Lambda$.
- $A = \text{lin}\{e_i^2 \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ and $\Lambda = D(i)$ for every $i \in \Lambda$.

Simple finite evolution algebra

In terms of structure matrix:

Corollary: Let A be a n -dimensional evolution algebra and $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ a natural basis of A . Then A is simple if and only if $|M_B(A)| \neq 0$ and B cannot be reordered in such a way that the corresponding structure matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_{m \times m} & U_{m \times (n-m)} \\ 0_{(n-m) \times m} & Y_{(n-m) \times (n-m)} \end{pmatrix}$$



Reducible evolution algebras

Definition: An evolution algebra is called **reducible** if $A = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A_\gamma$ where A_γ is a non-zero evolution subalgebra. If A_γ is irreducible, then $A = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A_\gamma$ is an **optimal decomposition of A** .

Proposition: Let A be an evolution algebra. The following assertions are equivalent:

- There exists a family of evolution subalgebras $\{A_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ such that $A = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A_\gamma$.
- There exists a family of evolution ideals $\{I_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ such that $A = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} I_\gamma$.
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Reducible evolution algebras

Infinite-dimensional case:

Theorem: Let A be a non-degenerate evolution algebra with a natural basis $B = \{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$. Assume that $A = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} I_\gamma$, where each I_γ is an ideal of A . Then, there exists a disjoint decomposition of $\Lambda = \sqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \Lambda_\gamma$ such that

$$I_\gamma = \text{lin}\{e_i \mid i \in \Lambda_\gamma\}.$$



Reducible evolution algebras

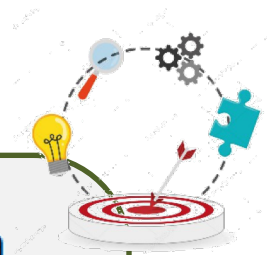
Finite-dimensional case:

Corollary: A non-degenerate finite dimensional evolution algebra A with natural basis $B = \{e_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is reducible if and only if B can be ordered in such a way the corresponding structure matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_{m \times m} & 0_{(n-m) \times (n-m)} \\ 0_{(n-m) \times m} & Y_{(n-m) \times (n-m)} \end{pmatrix}$$

In terms of graph:

Corollary: Let A be a non-degenerate evolution algebra. Then A is irreducible if and only if the associated graph is connected.



Reducible evolution algebras

Theorem: The optimal direct sum decomposition of an evolution algebra A does exist and it is unique whenever the algebra is non-degenerate.



- **Finite-dimensional case:** If A is a finite dimensional evolution algebras (degenerated or not), we get an optimal decomposition through the fragmentation process (decomposition of E into its connected components).

Definitions:

- Two elements u and v are **orthogonal** if $uv = 0$.
- A family of vectors C is an **orthogonal family** if any pair of elements are orthogonal.
- A family of pairwise orthogonal and linearly independent vectors of an evolution algebra which have the extension property will be called an **extending natural family**.
- Any (linear) subspace E of an evolution algebra generated by an extending natural family is an **extending evolution subspace**. Such a family will be called an **extending natural basis** of E .
- The **evolution rank** of E is defined by $\text{erk}(E) = \dim(E^2)$.

Definition: Let A be an evolution algebra, $B = \{e_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ a natural basis and $u = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} \alpha_i e_i$ an element of A . The **support of u relative to B** , denoted $\text{supp}_B(u)$, is defined as the set $\text{supp}_B(u) = \{i \in \Lambda \mid \alpha_i \neq 0\}$. If $X \subseteq A$, we put $\text{supp}_B(X) = \cup_{x \in X} \text{supp}_B(x)$.

Theorem: Let A be an evolution \mathbb{K} -algebra with natural basis $B = \{e_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ and let $u \in A$. Set $\text{supp}(u) = \{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$. Then

- ❶ If $u^2 \neq 0$, then u is a natural vector if and only if $\text{rk}(\{e_{i_1}^2, \dots, e_{i_r}^2\}) = 1$.
- ❷ If $u^2 = 0$, then u is a natural vector if and only if $e_{i_1}^2 = \dots = e_{i_r}^2 = 0$.

Natural families. Another decomposition

Theorem: Let A be an evolution algebra and let $r = \dim A^2$.
Then:

$$A = \text{ann}(A) \oplus E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_r,$$

where E_1, \dots, E_r are extending evolution subspaces of A satisfying $\text{erk}(E_i) = 1$ for all i and if $i \neq j$, $E_i E_j = 0$, $\dim(E_i^2 + E_j^2) = 2$.
Moreover, if A is non-degenerate, the decomposition is unique.



Corollary:

Let A be an evolution algebra and let $B = B_0 \cup B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_r$ and $B' = B'_0 \cup B'_1 \cup \dots \cup B'_r$ be two natural bases of A given by two decompositions as in previous theorem, where B_0 and B'_0 are bases of $\text{ann}(A)$. Then, we can reorder the elements of B and B' so that the change of basis matrix has the following block form

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & * & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition: Let A be an evolution algebra and let E be an extending evolution subspace of A with evolution rank one and such that $E \cap \text{ann}(A) = \{0\}$. Let C be a linearly independent orthogonal family of E . Then C can be extended to a natural basis of E , which can be extended to a natural basis of A , if and only if $u^2 \neq 0$ for all $u \in C$.



Gian Carlo Rota, *Discrete Thoughts* (1953).
*The lack of real contact between mathematics
and biology is either a tragedy, a scandal or a
challenge, it is hard to decide which.*

