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Abstract

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EMBEDDING ALGEBRAS IN ALGEBRAICALLY CLOSED ALGEBRAS

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1. For brevity, in what follows arbitrary (nonassociative) algebras will be called N -algebras, commutative (anticommutative) algebras— K -algebras (respectively, AK -algebras). By Δ we shall denote any one of the following three symbols: N, K, AK .

Let A be an arbitrary fixed Δ -algebra over a once-and-for-all chosen field P ; $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ the free Δ -algebra over P generated by x_1, \dots, x_n ; $R = A * P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ the free Δ -product of the algebras A and $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ (see ^(1,2)). Let $\{a_\alpha\}$ be some basis of the algebra A , $S = \{a_\alpha\} \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. We order the set S , assuming that the elements of the sets $\{a_\alpha\}$ and $\{x_i\}$ are ordered by their lower indices and, in addition, putting $x_i > a_\alpha$. From the set S we form Δ -regular words (for $\Delta = K$ or $\Delta = AK$, see ⁽³⁾; an N -regular word is any nonassociative word). We order the set of Δ -regular words by declaring words of greater length to be greater than words of smaller length; if the lengths of the words $u = u_1 u_2$ and $v = v_1 v_2$ are equal, then we put $u > v$ if either $u_1 > v_1$, or $u_1 = v_1$, $u_2 > v_2$. A word v will be called Δ -special if it is regular and contains no subwords of the form $a_\alpha a_\beta$. From the definition of the free product it follows that the Δ -special words form a basis of the algebra R . The highest Δ -special word occurring in the expression of an element $v \in R$ will be called the leading word of the element v and denoted by \bar{v} .

Definition 1. A system of Δ -algebraic equations over an algebra A will mean a collection of equalities of the form

$$v_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad (1)$$

where $v_i \in A * P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$; n, k are positive integers.

The system of Δ -algebraic equations (1) will be called Δ -consistent if $v_i \notin A$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, and no word \bar{v}_i is contained as a subword in the word \bar{v}_j , $j \neq i$.

Definition 2. A Δ -algebra U will be called Δ -algebraically closed in the strong sense if every consistent system of Δ -algebraic equations over U has at least one solution in U .

Theorem 1. *An arbitrary Δ -algebra over a field P can be embedded in a Δ -algebra over the same field P that is algebraically closed in the strong sense.*

Theorem 1 is proved by means of the methods developed in (4). The theorem just formulated contains, as a special case, Neumann's theorem that every algebra can be embedded in an algebra with division (5).

Remark. From the proof of Lemma 1 of (4) it follows that every system of Δ -algebraic equations is either equivalent to a consistent (in the sense of Definition 1) system of equations, or equivalent to such a system of equations that contains an equation of the form $a = 0$, where $a \in A$, $a \neq 0$. Hence, from Theorem 1 it follows that the definition of consistency given above coincides with the usual one (a system of Δ -algebraic equations

is called consistent in the usual sense if it has a solution in a suitable Δ -extension of the algebra A .

2. As noted in (6), Neumann posed the question: for which classes of algebras can one assert that an arbitrary algebra of this class can be embedded in a division algebra of the same class? Below (a corollary of Theorem 2) examples of such classes of algebras are given.

We shall call an element $a \in A$ weakly nilpotent (c -nilpotent) if there exists an integer m , $m > 0$, such that $a^m = 0$ (for some placement of parentheses). Put further $a^{(0)} = a$, $a^{(k)} = a^{(k-1)}a^{(k-1)}$. We shall call an element a solvably nilpotent (r -nilpotent) if there exists an integer k , $k > 0$, such that $a^{(k)} = 0$.

Theorem 2. An arbitrary Δ -algebra A over a field P can be embedded in a division Δ -algebra U over the same field P , all elements of which are r -nilpotent modulo A .

For brevity, by ν we shall denote either of the two symbols c, r .

Corollary. Every ν -nil- Δ -algebra can be embedded in a division ν -nil- Δ -algebra.

3. Let now A be an arbitrary fixed Lie algebra over a field P ; $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ the free Lie algebra over P with generators x_1, \dots, x_n ; $R = A * P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ the free Lie product of the algebras A and $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ (7).

Definition 3. A Lie algebraic equation over an algebra A is an expression of the form $v(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$, where $v \in A * P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $v \notin A$, and n is a positive integer.

Definition 4. A Lie algebra U will be called algebraically closed if every Lie algebraic equation over U has a solution in U .

Theorem 3. An arbitrary Lie algebra over a field P can be embedded in an algebraically closed Lie algebra over the same field P .

Theorem 3 is proved by means of the methods developed in (8). The theorem formulated contains, as a special case, Cohn's theorem that every Lie algebra

can be embedded in a division Lie algebra (5).

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