# Colength of \*-Polynomial Identities of Simple \*-Algebras

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# Introduction

- Let F be a field of characteristic 0;
- Let A be associative algebra over F;
- A function \*: A → A is said to be an *involution* if \* is an automorphism of the additive group of A such that (ab)\* = b\*a\* and (a\*)\* = a for all a, b ∈ A.
- An example of such a map is the transpose in the algebra M<sub>n</sub>(F) of n × n matrices over the field F.

- ▶ Let (A, \*) be a unitary algebra with involution \*;
- Involution of the first kind: the restriction of \* on F is the identical map
- Involution of the second kind: otherwise \* (the restriction of \* on F is \*);
- ► The algebra (A, \*) is said to be \*-simple if A<sup>2</sup> ≠ 0 and it has no nontrivial \*-invariant ideals.

- ► The opposite algebra of A, denoted by A<sup>op</sup>, is the algebra that has the same elements as A, the same addition as A, and multiplication given by a ∘ b = ba, where ba is a product in A.
- It is easy to check that (A<sup>op</sup>)<sup>op</sup> = A, A ≅ B if and only if A<sup>op</sup> ≅ B<sup>op</sup>.
- The algebra A ⊕ A<sup>op</sup> has the exchange involution defined by (a, b)\* = (b, a).

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## Theorem (Rowen)

Let A be a \*-simple finite dimensional associative algebra over an algebraically closed field. Then either A is simple as an algebra or A is of the form  $A = B \oplus B^{\text{op}}$ , where B is a simple algebra.

- Let the field F be an algebraically closed field;
- ► Then the \*-simple finite dimension algebras are:
  - $(M_n(F), t)$  with transpose;
  - $(M_n(F), s)$  symplectic involution (for even n);
  - $M_n(F) \oplus M_n(F)^{op}$  with exchange involution.

- ► Drensky and Giambruno have obtained the exact values of the cocharacters, codimensions and the Hilbert series of the polynomial identities of the \*-simple algebras (M<sub>2</sub>(F), t) and (M<sub>2</sub>(F), s).
- ► The subject of our study is the algebra M<sub>2</sub>(F) ⊕ M<sub>2</sub>(F)<sup>op</sup> with the exchange involution.
- ► We obtain the sequence of colengths of its \*-identities in the case when F is of characteristic zero.

- (A, \*) over field F, char(F) = 0
- The free associative algebra with involution F ⟨X, \*⟩ is the free associative algebra on the set of free generators X ∪ X\* where X = {x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, ...} and X\* = {x<sub>1</sub><sup>\*</sup>, x<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>, ...} and involution that extends the map x<sub>i</sub> <sup>\*</sup>→ x<sub>i</sub> and x<sub>i</sub><sup>\*</sup> → x<sub>i</sub>.
- A polynomial  $f(X, X^*) \in F\langle X, * \rangle$  is a \*-polynomial identity for the algebra (A, \*) if  $f(a_1, \ldots, a_n; a_1^*, \ldots, a_n^*) = 0$  for all  $a_i \in A$ .
- We denote by T(A, ∗) the ideal of all ∗-polynomial identities of (A, ∗).

- Let us denote the sets of symmetric and skew elements of A by A<sup>+</sup> = {a ∈ A | a<sup>\*</sup> = a} and A<sup>-</sup> = {a ∈ A | a<sup>\*</sup> = −a}, respectively.
- ► It is more convenient to change the variables x<sub>i</sub>, x<sub>i</sub><sup>\*</sup> by y<sub>i</sub> = ½(x<sub>i</sub> + x<sub>i</sub><sup>\*</sup>), z<sub>i</sub> = ½(x<sub>i</sub> - x<sub>i</sub><sup>\*</sup>) are the symmetric and skew variables, respectively.
- Then F⟨X, \*⟩ = F⟨Y, Z, \*⟩ where Y<sub>p</sub> = {y<sub>1</sub>,..., y<sub>p</sub>} is a set of symmetric variables y<sub>i</sub> ∈ F⟨Y, Z⟩, and Z<sub>q</sub> = {z<sub>1</sub>,..., z<sub>q</sub>} is a set of skew variables z<sub>i</sub> ∈ F⟨Y, Z⟩.
- Consequently,  $f(Y, Z) \in T(A, *)$  if and only if the polynomial  $f(y_1, \ldots, y_p, z_1, \ldots, z_q)$  is such that  $f(b_1, \ldots, b_p, c_1, \ldots, c_q) = 0$  for all  $b_i \in A^+$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, p$  and  $c_j \in A^-$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, q$ .

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- ► The factor algebra F(A, \*) = F⟨Y, Z, \*⟩/T(A, \*) is the relatively free algebra in the variety of algebras with involution generated by (A, \*).
- ▶ We denote by  $F_{p,q}(A, *)$  the subalgebra of F(A, \*) generated by  $Y_p = \{y_1, \ldots, y_p\}$  and  $Z_q = \{z_1, \ldots, z_q\}$  and assume that by  $F_m(A, *) = F_{m,m}(A, *)$ .

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► The Hilbert series of F<sub>p,q</sub>(A, \*) is defined as a formal power series

$$H(A, *, y_1, \dots, y_p, z_1, \dots, z_q) = \sum_{(a,b)} \dim F_{p,q}^{(a,b)} y_1^{a_1} \dots y_p^{a_p} z_1^{b_1} \dots z_q^{b_q}$$

or if 
$$Y_m^a = (y_1^{a_1} \dots y_p^{a_p})$$
 and  $Z_m^b = (z_1^{b_1} \dots z_q^{b_q})$  then
$$H(A, *, Y_p, Z_q) = \sum_{(a,b)} \dim F_{p,q}^{(a,b)} Y_p^a Z_q^b$$

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► For ordinary polynomial identities one of the most important numerical invariants of the polynomial identities of A is the S<sub>n</sub>-cocharacter sequence

$$\chi_n(A) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} m_\lambda(A) \chi_\lambda, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  is a partition of *n* and  $\chi_{\lambda}$  is the corresponding irreducible character of the symmetric group  $S_n$ ;

The n-th cocharacter

$$\chi_n(A) = \chi_{S_n}(P_n/(T(A) \cap P_n))$$

is equal to the character of the representation of  $S_n$  acting on the vector subspace  $P_n \subset K\langle X \rangle$  of the multilinear polynomials of degree *n* modulo the polynomial identities of *A*.

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- For \*-polynomial identities one considers the characters of the wreath product Z<sub>2</sub> ≥ S<sub>n</sub> where Z<sub>2</sub> = {1, \*} is the multiplicative group of order 2, and S<sub>n</sub> (Giambruno and Regev).
- The wreath product is defined by

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \wr S_n = \{(a_1, \ldots, a_n; \sigma) | a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2, \sigma \in S_n\}$$

with multiplication given by

$$(a_1,\ldots,a_n;\sigma)(b_1,\ldots,b_n;\tau)=(a_1b_{\sigma^{-1}(1)},\ldots,a_nb_{\sigma^{-1}(n)};\sigma\tau).$$

Let us denote by χ<sub>λ,μ</sub> the irreducible Z<sub>2</sub> ≥ S<sub>n</sub>-character associated with the pair of partitions (λ, μ).

The Z<sub>2</sub> ≥ S<sub>n</sub>-module structure of the set of multilinear polynomilas in Y and Z (namely P<sub>n</sub>(A, \*)) and the GL<sub>m</sub> × GL<sub>m</sub>-module structure of F<sub>m</sub>(A, \*) are related by the following results given by Giambruno

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$$\chi_n(A,*) = \sum_{|\lambda|+|\mu|=n} m_{\lambda,\mu}\chi_{\lambda,\mu},$$

$$H(A,*,Y_m,Z_m) = \sum_{n\geq 0} \sum_{|\lambda|+|\mu|=n} b_{\lambda,\mu} S_{\lambda}(Y_m) S_{\mu}(Z_m),$$

then  $m_{\lambda,\mu} = b_{\lambda,\mu}$  for all  $\lambda, \mu$ , where  $S_{\lambda}(Y_m)$  and  $S_{\mu}(Z_m)$  are the Schur functions indexed by  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , respectively.

#### **Schur functions**

$$S_{\lambda}(X) = rac{V(\lambda + \delta, X)}{V(\lambda, X)},$$

where  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d), \ \delta = (d-1, d-2, \dots, 2, 1, 0)$  and  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d)$ 

$$V(\mu, X) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{\mu_1} & x_2^{\mu_1} & \dots & x_d^{\mu_1} \\ x_1^{\mu_2} & x_2^{\mu_2} & \dots & x_d^{\mu_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{\mu_d} & x_2^{\mu_d} & \dots & x_d^{\mu_d} \end{vmatrix}$$

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- In the \*-case one considers the so-called Y-proper polynomial identities. They are the \*-identities in which all symmetric variables participate in commutators only (Drensky, Giambruno).
- ► The Hilbert series of the relatively free algebra and its proper elements (B<sub>m</sub>(A, \*)) are related by

$$H(F_m(A,*), Y_p, Z_q) = H(B_m(A,*), Y_p, Z_q) \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{1-y_i}$$

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Sequence of colengths in the \*-case is

$$l_n(A,*) = \sum_{k=0}^n l_{k,n-k}(A,*)$$

where

$$l_{k,n-k}(A,*) = \sum_{\substack{\lambda \vdash k \\ \mu \vdash n-k}} m_{\lambda\mu}, \ n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

i.e. the sequence of lengths of the modules  $P_n(A, *)$ .

▶ Drensky and Giambruno have obtained the Hilbert series for the proper elements B<sub>p,q</sub> for algebra M<sub>2</sub> ⊕ M<sub>2</sub><sup>op</sup>, i.e

$$\begin{aligned} H(B_{p,q}, T_p, U_q) &= \\ \prod_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{1-t_i} \prod_{j=1}^q \frac{1}{(1-u_j)^2} \left( \sum_{n \ge 1} S_{(n,n)}(T_p, U_q) \right) - c(T_p, U_q), \\ \sum_{i=1}^p S_{(n,n)}(T_p, U_q) &= \sum_{i=1}^p S_{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}(T_p) S_{(\mu_1, \mu_2)}(U_q), \end{aligned}$$

where the summation runs on all  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  and  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  with  $\lambda_1 + \mu_2 = \lambda_2 + \mu_1$ 

• and the correction  $c(T_p, U_q)$  is

$$c(T_p, U_q) = \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} \bigg( S_{(1^3)}(T_p, U_q) + \sum_{n \ge 1} S_{(n)}(T_p, U_q) \bigg).$$

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The description of the multiplicities m<sub>λ,μ</sub> usually is given in terms of the multiplicity series of the polynomial f(T<sub>p</sub>, U<sub>q</sub>)

$$M(f, T_p, U_q) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} m_{\lambda\mu} T_p^{\lambda} U_q^{\mu}.$$

► Also we denote by Y<sub>T</sub> (and similarly Y<sub>U</sub>) the Young operator which sends the multiplicities series of f(T<sub>p</sub>, U<sub>q</sub>) to the multiplicities series of ∏<sup>p</sup><sub>i=1</sub> 1/(1-t<sub>i</sub>) f(T<sub>p</sub>, U<sub>q</sub>), i.e.,

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{T}}(M(f(T_p, U_q))) = M\bigg(\prod_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{1-t_i}f(T_p, U_q)\bigg)$$

### Using Young tableaux one can obtains the

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The main result of our paper is the following

#### Theorem

The colength series of the \*-identities of  $M_2 \oplus M_2^{op}$  is

 $I(t, u) = M(H(B(M_2 \oplus M_2^{op}), t, t, t, u, u, u, u)) = f_1 - f_2 - f_3,$ 

where  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  are given bellow.

$$f1 = \frac{Nu}{De}$$

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$$\begin{split} f_2 &= \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} S_{(1,1,1)}(T_p, U_q) = \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} \sum_{k=1}^3 S_{(1^k)}(T_p) S_{(1^{3-k})}(U_q) = \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} \times \\ &\times \left( S_{(0)}(T_3) S_{(1^3)}(U_4) + S_{(1)}(T_3) S_{(1^2)}(U_4) + S_{(1^2)}(T_3) S_{(1)}(U_4) + S_{(1^3)}(T_3) S_{(0)}(U_4) \right) \\ &= \frac{u^3 + tu^2 + t^2u + t^3}{(1-u)^4} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} f_3 &= \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} S_{(n)}(T_p, U_q) = \prod_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{1-u_j} \sum_{n \ge 1} S_{(k)} \times S_{(n-k)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-u)^4} \left( \frac{1}{(1-t)^3 (1-u)^4} - 1 \right) \end{split}$$

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$$M(f, T, U) = \sum_{n} \sum_{k} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} m_{\lambda \mu} T^{\lambda} U^{\mu}$$

When one substitutes t<sub>i</sub> = t, i = 1,..., p and u<sub>j</sub> = u for j = 1,..., q then obtains

$$M(f,t,u) = \sum_{n} \sum_{k} \left( \sum_{\lambda,\mu} m_{\lambda\mu} \right) t^{k} u^{n-k} = \sum_{n} \sum_{k} l_{k,n-k} t^{k} u^{n-k}.$$

• The colength 
$$I_{k,n-k} = \sum_{\lambda,\mu} m_{\lambda\mu}$$

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