

## NILPOTENCY OF ZINBIEL ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** Zinbiel algebras are defined by the identity  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c + c \circ b)$ . We prove an analog of the Nagata–Higman theorem for Zinbiel algebras. We establish that every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over an algebraically closed field is solvable. Every solvable Zinbiel algebra with solvability length  $N$  is a nil-algebra with nil-index  $2^N$  if  $p = \text{char } K = 0$  or  $p > 2^N - 1$ . Conversely, every Zinbiel nil-algebra with nil-index  $N$  is solvable with solvability length  $N$  if  $p = 0$  or  $p > N - 1$ . Every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over complex numbers is nilpotent, nil, and solvable.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A = (A, \circ)$  be an algebra, where  $A$  is a vector space over a field  $K$  of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ ,  $(a, b) \mapsto a \circ b$ , is a multiplication. Let  $f = f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  be some noncommutative, nonassociative polynomial with  $k$  variables  $t_1, \dots, t_k$ . We say that  $A$  satisfies an identity  $f = 0$  if  $f(a_1, \dots, a_k) = 0$  for any substitutions  $t_1 := a_1, \dots, t_k := a_k$  by elements of  $A$ . Here, multiplications are calculated in terms of the multiplication  $\circ$ .

For example, an algebra with the identity  $\text{ass} = 0$  is said to be associative if

$$\text{ass} = t_1(t_2t_3) - (t_1t_2)t_3.$$

An algebra with the identity  $t^n = 0$  is called a *nil-algebra*. An associative nil-algebra has nil-index  $n$  if  $a^{n-1} \neq 0$  for some  $a \in A$ .

Any associative algebra with nil-index  $n$  is nilpotent with nilpotency index no greater than  $2^n - 1$ : for some  $N = N(n) \leq 2^n - 1$ , the identity

$$t_1 \cdots t_N = 0$$

holds (the Nagata–Higman theorem). In other words,

$$a_1 \circ \cdots \circ a_N = 0$$

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for any  $a_1, \dots, a_N \in A$  [13, 7, 4]. The problem of finding more exact estimates for  $N(n)$  remains still difficult. For example,  $N(2) = 3$  and  $N(3) = 6$ .

A similar problem for Lie algebras is also complicated and very interesting. It is related to the Engel theorem and Burnside problems [10].

An algebra with the identity  $r \text{ sym} = 0$  is said to be *right-symmetric*, where

$$r \text{ sym} = t_1(t_2t_3 - t_3t_2) - (t_1t_2)t_3 + (t_1t_3)t_2$$

(see [5, 18]). In [2], such algebras are called chronological algebras. Later [8], the name “chronological” was used for a different algebra.

Algebras with the identity  $\text{zinbiel} = 0$ , where

$$\text{zinbiel}(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (t_1t_2)t_3 - t_1(t_2t_3) - t_1(t_3t_2),$$

are called *Zinbiel algebras*.

*Example.*  $(\mathbb{C}[x], \star)$ , where  $(a \star b)(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} a(x)b(x)$ , is right-symmetric. Moreover, it satisfies also the identity  $\text{lcom} = 0$ , where

$$\text{lcom}(t_1, t_2, t_3) = t_1(t_2t_3) - t_2(t_1t_3).$$

*Example.*  $(\mathbb{C}[x], \circ)$ , where  $(a \circ b)(x) = a(x) \int_0^x b(t)dt$  is a Zinbiel algebra.

An algebra satisfying the identity  $\text{leibniz} = 0$ , where

$$\text{leibniz}(t_1, t_2, t_3) = t_1(t_2t_3) - (t_1t_2)t_3 + (t_1t_3)t_2,$$

is called a *Leibniz algebra*. Such algebras were introduced in [3, 11]. The Koszul dual [6] of the Leibniz operad is defined by the identity  $\text{zinbiel} = 0$ , i.e., by the condition

$$(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c + c \circ b) \tag{1}$$

for any  $a, b, c \in A$ . Such algebras are called *Leibniz dual* or *Zinbiel* (read Leibniz in reverse order) algebras [12]. In our paper, we do not follow terminology of [8, 9] and use the term Zinbiel algebras for Leibniz dual algebras. For the history of the name “chronological,” see [16].

An algebra  $A$  is said to be *solvable* if  $A^{(k)} = 0$  for some  $k$ , where  $A^{(i)}$  are defined by

$$A^{(0)} = A, \quad A^{(i+1)} = A^{(i)} \circ A^{(i)}, \quad i > 0.$$

We say that  $A$  has *solvability length*  $N$  if  $A^{(N)} = 0, A^{(N-1)} \neq 0$ .

An algebra  $A$  is said to be *nilpotent* if there exists  $N$  such that the right-bracketed product of any  $N$  elements of  $A$  vanishes:

$$a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_{N-1} \circ a_N) \dots)) = 0.$$

The minimal  $N$  with such property is called the *nilpotency index*. For every nilpotent Zinbiel algebra  $A$ , there exists  $N$  such that the product of arbitrary  $N$  elements of any bracketing type vanishes. It is obvious that any nilpotent algebra is solvable.

We denote by  $r_a$  and  $l_a$  the right and left multiplication operators on  $A = (A, \circ)$ :

$$r_a(b) = b \circ a, \quad l_a(b) = a \circ b.$$

The powers  $a^{\cdot k}$  and  $a^{(\cdot k)}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} a^{\cdot 1} &= a, & a^{\cdot k+1} &= l_a^k(a) = a \circ a^{\cdot k}, \\ a^{(\cdot 1)} &= a, & a^{(\cdot k)} &= a^{(\cdot k-1)} \circ a^{(\cdot k-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We say that a Zinbiel algebra  $A$  is a *nil-algebra* if for every  $a \in A$ , we have  $a^{\cdot k} = 0$  for some  $k = k(a)$ . Then, given an arbitrary element of a Zinbiel nil-algebra, some power of this element of any bracketing type vanishes. If  $a^{\cdot n} = 0$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $a^{\cdot n-1} \neq 0$  for some  $a \in A$ , then we say that  $A$  is a *nil-algebra with nil-index  $n$* . A Zinbiel algebra is said to be *simple* if it has no proper ideal, i.e., if  $I \circ A \subseteq I$ ,  $A \circ I \subseteq I$ , then  $I = 0$  or  $I = A$ .

In this paper, we prove the following results.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $K$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$ . Then every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra is solvable.*

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $A$  be a solvable Zinbiel algebra with solvability length  $N$ . If  $p = 0$  or  $p > 2^N - 1$ , then  $A$  is a nil-algebra with nil-index no greater than  $2^N$ . Conversely, if  $A$  is a Zinbiel nil-algebra with nil-index  $N$  and if  $p = 0$  or  $p > N - 1$ , then  $A$  is solvable with solvability length  $N$ .*

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$ . Every Zinbiel nil-algebra is nilpotent. If  $A$  is a nil-algebra with nil-index  $n$ , then the nilpotency index of  $A$  is no greater than  $2^n - 1$ .*

**Corollary 1.4.** *Every finite-dimensional, simple Zinbiel algebra over an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  is isomorphic to the 1-dimensional algebra with trivial multiplication.*

**Corollary 1.5.** *Every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over the field of complex numbers is nilpotent (and, hence solvable and nil). If  $p > 0$ , then every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over an algebraically closed field of dimension  $< \log_2(p+1)$  and characteristic  $p$  is nilpotent (and hence solvable and nil).*

Let

$$Z(A) = \{z \in A \mid a \circ z = z \circ a = 0 \ \forall a \in A\}$$

be the center of  $A$ .

**Corollary 1.6.** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over the field of complex numbers of dimension  $n$ . Then there exists  $N < n$  such that the product of any  $N$  elements of  $A$  in any type of bracketing is equal to 0. Moreover,  $A$  has the nontrivial center  $Z(A) \neq 0$ . The same is true for*

any finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra  $A$  over a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  if  $n = \dim A < \log_2(p + 1)$ .

We see that the infinite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra  $(\mathbb{C}[x], \circ)$  with the multiplication  $(a \circ b)(x) = a(x) \int_0^x b(t)dt$  is not nilpotent and hence not solvable. In other words, Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.5 are false in the infinite-dimensional case.

As an application of our results, we classify Zinbiel algebras of dimension  $\leq 3$  over an algebraically closed field  $K$ .

**Theorem 1.7.** *Let  $K$  be an algebraically closed field of any characteristic  $p$ .*

*Any Zinbiel algebra of dimension 1 is isomorphic to an algebra with trivial multiplication:  $A = \langle e_1 \rangle$ ,  $e_1 \circ e_1 = 0$ .*

*Any two-dimensional Zinbiel algebra is isomorphic to the algebra  $Q(\beta)$  defined as follows:*

$$Q(\alpha) = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle, \quad \alpha = 0 \text{ or } 1,$$

$$e_1 \circ e_1 = \alpha e_2, \quad e_1 \circ e_2 = 0, \quad e_2 \circ e_1 = 0, \quad e_2 \circ e_2 = 0.$$

*Any three-dimensional Zinbiel algebra with  $\dim A \circ A \leq 1$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  defined as follows:*

$$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle,$$

$$e_1 \circ e_1 = \alpha e_3, \quad e_1 \circ e_2 = \beta e_3, \quad e_1 \circ e_3 = 0,$$

$$e_2 \circ e_1 = \gamma e_3, \quad e_2 \circ e_2 = \delta e_3, \quad e_2 \circ e_3 = 0,$$

$$e_3 \circ e_1 = 0, \quad e_3 \circ e_2 = 0, \quad e_3 \circ e_3 = 0,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in K$ .

*Any three-dimensional Zinbiel algebra  $A$  over an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $\neq 2$  with  $\dim A \circ A = 2$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $W(3)$  defined as follows:*

$$\text{char } K \neq 2, \quad W(3) = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle,$$

$$e_1 \circ e_1 = e_2, \quad e_1 \circ e_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_3, \quad e_1 \circ e_3 = 0,$$

$$e_2 \circ e_1 = e_3, \quad e_2 \circ e_2 = 0, \quad e_2 \circ e_3 = 0,$$

$$e_3 \circ e_1 = 0, \quad e_3 \circ e_2 = 0, \quad e_3 \circ e_3 = 0.$$

*There are no 3-dimensional Zinbiel algebras  $A$  such that  $\dim A \circ A = 3$ .*

*The algebras  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  and  $W(3)$  are not isomorphic. The following isomorphisms hold:*

$$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) \cong R(1, \beta, \gamma, \delta) \quad \text{if } \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) \cong R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, 1) \quad \text{if } \delta \neq 0.$$

Therefore, there are two types of nonisomorphic classes of three-dimensional algebras  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ , where  $\alpha, \delta = 0$  or  $1$  and  $\beta, \gamma \in K$ , and  $W(3)$ .

Two-dimensional Zinbiel algebras over complex numbers were also studied in [14].

In our paper, the letter  $n$  is used in two senses: sometimes,  $n$  denotes the dimension of an algebra, sometimes, we use  $n$  as a nil-index. From the context it will be clear in what sense  $n$  is used. Note that the nil-index cannot be greater than the dimension of the algebra.

2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Every Zinbiel algebra is right-commutative:

$$(a \circ b) \circ c = (a \circ c) \circ b.$$

Let

$$C(a) = \{x \in A : a \circ x = 0\}$$

be the *right centralizer* of  $a \in A$ . An important role in this paper is played by the following property of the right centralizer.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a right-commutative algebra. Then for all  $a, b \in A$ , we have  $C(a) \subseteq C(a \circ b)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $x \in C(a)$ , then  $(a \circ b) \circ x = (a \circ x) \circ b = 0$  and  $x \in C(a \circ b)$ . □

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra and let  $a \in A$ . If  $v$  is an eigenvector of the linear operator  $l_a$  with eigenvalue  $\mu \in K$ , then  $v \circ v$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $2^{-1}\mu$ .*

*Proof.* If  $a \circ v = \mu v$ , then  $(a \circ v) \circ v = \mu v \circ v$  and, by the Zinbiel identity,  $(a \circ v) \circ v = 2a \circ (v \circ v)$ . Therefore,  $l_a(v^2) = 2^{-1}\mu v^2$ . □

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra of dimension  $n$  over an algebraically closed field  $K$  of characteristic  $\text{char } K \neq 2$ . Then for every  $a \in A$ , we have:*

- $l_a^n = 0$ , or
- there exists  $0 \neq b \in A$  such that  $l_a(b) = \lambda b$ ,  $b \circ b = 0$ , for some  $0 \neq \lambda \in K$ .

*Proof.* If  $l_a \in \text{End } A$  is nil, then by the Hamilton–Cayley theorem  $l_a^n = 0$ .

If  $l_a$  is not nil, then by Hamilton–Cayley theorem  $l_a$ , as an operator over an algebraically closed field, has a nontrivial eigenvalue  $0 \neq \mu \in K$ . Let  $v \in A$  be an eigenvector of  $l_a$  with the eigenvalue  $\mu$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $l_a(v^{(k)}) = 2^{-k}\mu v^{(k)}$  for all  $k$ . Therefore, if  $\mu \neq 0$ , then there exists  $N \leq n = \dim A$  such that  $v^{(N-1)} \neq 0$ ,  $v^{(N)} = 0$ .

Therefore, if  $l_a$  is not nil, then there exists a nonzero eigenvalue  $\mu \in K$  and  $l_a(b) = \lambda b$ ,  $b \circ b = 0$ , for  $b = v^{(N-1)}$ ,  $\lambda = 2^{-N+1}\mu \neq 0$ . □

**Lemma 2.4.** *For every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra  $A$  over an algebraically closed field, there exists  $x \neq 0$  such that  $C(x) = A$ .*

*Proof.* Prove that there exists  $a_0 \neq 0$  such that  $C(a_0) = C(a_0 \circ b)$  for all  $0 \neq b \in A$ .

Take any nonzero element  $a_1 \in A$  as  $a_0$ . If  $C(a_1) = A$ , then there is nothing to prove:  $C(a_0) = A = C(a_0 \circ b)$  for any  $b \in A$ . Assume that  $C(a_1) \neq A$ .

If  $C(a_1) \neq C(a_1 \circ a_2)$  for some  $a_2 \in A$ , then by Lemma 2.1,

$$C(a_1) \subset C(a_1 \circ a_2).$$

Now take  $a_1 \circ a_2$  as  $a_0$  and repeat the procedure. If

$$C(a_1 \circ a_2) \neq C((a_1 \circ a_2) \circ a_3)$$

for some  $a_3 \in A$ , then take  $(a_1 \circ a_2) \circ a_3$  as  $a_0$ , and so on. Finally, we obtain a sequence of nonzero elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in A$  such that

$$C(a_1) \subset C(a_1 \circ a_2) \subset C((\dots(a_1 \circ a_2) \dots a_{k-1}) \circ a_k) \subseteq A.$$

Since  $A$  is finite-dimensional, this sequence terminates at some  $k$ . In other words,

$$C((\dots(a_1 \circ a_2) \dots a_{k-1}) \circ a_k) = C(((\dots(a_1 \circ a_2) \dots a_{k-1}) \circ a_k) \circ a_{k+1})$$

for any  $0 \neq a_{k+1} \in A$ . Now take  $a_0 = ((\dots(a_1 \circ a_2) \dots) \circ a_k)$ .

Therefore, we have proved that there exists  $a_0 \neq 0$  such that  $C(a_0) = C(a_0 \circ b)$  for all  $b \neq 0$ .

Now prove that  $C(a_0) = A$ .

If  $l_{a_0} = 0$ , then  $C(a_0) = A$ . Assume that  $l_{a_0} \neq 0$  and  $N$  is the nilpotency index of  $l_{a_0}$ , i.e.,  $1 < N \leq n$ ,  $l_{a_0}^{N-1} \neq 0$ , and  $l_{a_0}^N = 0$ .

If  $\text{char } K = 2$ , then by the Zinbiel identity,  $(a_0 \circ b) \circ b = 2(a_0 \circ (b \circ b)) = 0$  for all  $b \in A$ . Therefore,  $b \in C(a_0 \circ b) = C(a_0)$  for all  $0 \neq b \in A$ . In other words,  $C(a_0) = A$ .

If  $\text{char } K \neq 2$ , then by Lemma 2.3  $l_{a_0}^n = 0$  for  $n = \dim A$  or there exists  $0 \neq b \in A$  such that  $a_0 \circ b = \lambda b$ , where  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $b \circ b = 0$ . The second case is not possible:

$$b \in C(a_0 \circ b) = C(a_0) \Rightarrow a_0 \circ b = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0,$$

a contradiction. Therefore,  $l_{a_0}^n = 0$ . Let  $N$  be the nilpotency index of  $l_{a_0}$ :  $l_{a_0}^{N-1} \neq 0$ ,  $l_{a_0}^N = 0$  for  $1 < N \leq n = \dim A$ . There exists  $c \in A$  such that  $b = l_{a_0}^{N-1}(c) \neq 0$ . Then  $a_0 \circ b = l_{a_0}^N(c) = 0$  and, by the definition of  $a_0$ ,

$$C(a_0) = C(a_0 \circ b) = C(0) = A.$$

Therefore, in all cases we can take  $x = a_0$ . □

**Lemma 2.5.** *Every finite-dimensional Zinbiel algebra over an algebraically closed field of dimension  $> 1$  has a proper ideal.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.4, there exists  $0 \neq x \in A$  such that  $C(x) = A$ . Prove that  $I = A \circ x = \{y \circ x : y \in A\}$  is an ideal of  $A$ . For every  $a \in A$ , we have

$$(y \circ x) \circ a = (y \circ a) \circ x \in I.$$

Since  $C(x) = A$ , we have  $x \circ y = 0$  for any  $y \in A$ . Therefore,

$$a \circ (y \circ x) = a \circ (y \circ x + x \circ y) = (a \circ y) \circ x \in I$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Therefore,  $I$  is a two-sided ideal of  $A$ .

Prove that  $\dim I < n = \dim A$ . Take a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  for  $A$  with  $e_1 = x$ . Then  $x \circ x = 0$  since  $C(x) = A$ . Therefore,  $I$  is the linear span of the vectors  $e_1 \circ x = x \circ x = 0, e_2 \circ x, \dots, e_n \circ x$ . Therefore,  $\dim I < n = \dim A$ . If  $I \neq 0$ , then we can take  $I$  as a proper ideal of  $A$ .

If  $I = A \circ x = 0$ , then we can take as a proper ideal the one-dimensional ideal generated by  $x$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We use induction on  $n = \dim A$ .

Assume that  $n = 1$ . Prove that any one-dimensional Zinbiel algebra is isomorphic to an algebra with trivial multiplication. If  $\dim A = 1$  and  $A$  is generated by the basis element  $e_1$ , then  $e_1 \circ e_1 = \alpha e_1$  for some  $\alpha \in K$ . By the Zinbiel identity,

$$\text{zinbiel}(e_1, e_1, e_1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha^2 e_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 0.$$

Therefore, any 1-dimensional algebra  $A$  is solvable.

Assume that  $n > 1$  and our statement is true for  $n - 1$ . By Lemma 2.5,  $A$  has some proper ideal  $J$ . Since  $\dim J < n$  and  $\dim A/J < n$ , by the induction hypothesis  $J$  and  $A/J$  are solvable. Therefore,  $A$  is solvable. This completes the proof. □

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

In this section,  $n$  is a positive integer, not necessarily equal to  $\dim A$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For arbitrary elements  $a_1, \dots, a_{k+s}$  of a Zinbiel algebra  $A$ , the product*

$$(a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_{k-1} \circ a_k) \dots))) \circ (a_{k+1} \circ (a_{k+2} \circ (\dots (a_{k+s-1} \circ a_{k+s}) \dots)))$$

*is the sum of  $\binom{k+s-1}{s}$  elements of the form*

$$a_{\sigma(1)} \circ (a_{\sigma(2)} \circ (\dots (a_{\sigma(k+s-1)} \circ a_{\sigma(k+s)}) \dots)),$$

*where  $\sigma \in \text{Sym}_{k+s}$  runs through all permutations such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(i) < \sigma(j) \leq k &\quad \Rightarrow \quad i < j, \\ k < \sigma(i) < \sigma(j) \leq k + s &\quad \Rightarrow \quad i < j. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* This is easy induction on  $k + s$  that uses the Zinbiel identity. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra. Then for every  $a \in A$  and all  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have*

$$a^{i \circ} a^{j \circ} = \binom{i+j-1}{j} a^{i+j}.$$

Given  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ , denote by  $S_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  the sum of  $n!$  right-bracketed products formed by taking  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  in all possible orders. Let  $a \star b = a \circ b + b \circ a$  be the Jordan product in  $A = (A, \circ)$ . The product  $(a, b) \mapsto a \star b$  is also known as the shuffle product [15, 17]. If  $A$  is a Zinbiel algebra, then  $(A, \star)$  is associative and commutative [12].

Let  $I_n$  be the ideal of  $A$  generated by the right-bracketed  $n$ th powers  $a^n$ ,  $a \in A$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *For arbitrary elements  $a_1, \dots, a_{k+r}$  of a Zinbiel algebra  $A$ , we have*

$$S_k(a_1, \dots, a_k) \star S_r(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+r}) = S_{k+r}(a_1, \dots, a_{k+r}).$$

*Proof.* We use induction on  $k$ . Let  $k = 1$ . By Lemma 3.1,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \star S_{r-1}(a_2, \dots, a_r) &= a_1 \circ S_{r-1}(a_2, \dots, a_r) + S_{r-1}(a_2, \dots, a_r) \circ a_1 \\ &= S_r(a_1, \dots, a_r). \end{aligned}$$

Assume that our statement is true for  $k - 1$ . Since

$$S_k(a_1, \dots, a_k) = S_1(a_1) \star S_{k-1}(a_2, \dots, a_k),$$

by the result of [12], we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_k(a_1, \dots, a_k) \star S_r(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+r}) &= (S_1(a_1) \star S_{k-1}(a_2, \dots, a_k)) \star S_r(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+r}) \\ \text{(the associativity of } \star) &= S_1(a_1) \star (S_{k-1}(a_2, \dots, a_k) \star S_r(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+r})) \\ \text{(the induction assumption)} &= S_1(a_1) \star S_{k+r-1}(a_2, \dots, a_{k+r}) \\ \text{(the induction assumption)} &= S_{k+r}(a_1, \dots, a_{k+r}). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved. □

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra. Then for arbitrary  $a_1, \dots, a_n, u \in A$ ,*

$$S_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) \circ u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \circ S_n(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_i, \dots, a_n, u),$$

where  $\hat{a}_i$  means that the element  $a_i$  is omitted.



*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) \circ u &= (a_1 \star S_{n-1}(a_2, \dots, a_n)) \circ u \\
 &= a_1 \circ (S_{n-1}(a_2, \dots, a_n) \star u) + S_{n-1}(a_2, \dots, a_n) \circ (a_1 \star u) \\
 &= a_1 \circ S_n(a_2, \dots, a_n, u) + S_{n-1}(a_2, \dots, a_n) \circ S_2(a_1, u) \\
 &= a_1 \circ S_n(a_2, \dots, a_n, u) + (a_2 \star S_{n-2}(a_3, \dots, a_n)) \circ S_2(a_1, u) \\
 &= a_1 \circ S_n(a_2, \dots, a_n, u) + a_2 \circ (S_{n-2}(a_3, \dots, a_n) \star S_2(a_1, u)) \\
 &\quad + S_{n-2}(a_3, \dots, a_n) \circ (a_2 \star S_2(a_1, u)) \\
 &= a_1 \circ S_n(a_2, \dots, a_n, u) + a_2 \circ (S_n(a_1, a_3, \dots, a_n, u)) \\
 &\quad + S_{n-2}(a_3, \dots, a_n) \circ S_3(a_1, a_2, u) \\
 &= \dots = a_1 \circ S_n(a_2, \dots, a_n, u) + a_2 \circ (S_n(a_1, a_3, \dots, a_n, u)) + \dots \\
 &\quad + S_1(a_n) \circ S_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, u).
 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved. □

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra,  $n$  be an integer, and  $n < p$  or  $p = 0$ . Then the ideal  $I_n = \langle a^n : a \in A \rangle$  generated by  $n$ th right-bracketed powers is, as a vector space, the linear span of elements of the form  $a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_n(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n})) \dots))$ , where  $a_1, \dots, a_{k+n}$  are any elements of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Denote by  $J_n$  the linear span of elements of the form  $X = a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_n(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n})) \dots))$ . We will prove that  $I_n = J_n$ .

We have

$$S_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sum (-1)^{n-r} (a_{i_1} + a_{i_2} + \dots + a_{i_r})^n,$$

where the summation is taken over all nonempty subsets  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and all products are right-bracketed. Therefore,

$$S_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in I_n.$$

Hence,

$$a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_n(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n})) \dots)) \in I_n$$

for all  $k$ . In other words,  $J_n \subseteq I_n$ .

Now we prove that  $I_n \subseteq J_n$ . It is clear that  $J_n$  is a left ideal and  $A \circ J_n \subseteq J_n$ . If  $p = 0$  or  $n < p$ , then

$$a^n = (n!)^{-1} S_n(a, \dots, a).$$

Therefore, in the case of  $p = 0$  or  $n < p$ , we can choose generators for  $I_n$  of the form  $S_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Therefore, to establish that  $I_n = J_n$ , it suffices to prove that  $X \circ u \in J_n$  for all  $X \in J_n$  and  $u \in A$ .

By induction on  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we prove that  $X \circ u \in J_n$  for all  $u \in A$ , where  $X \in J_n$  has the form  $a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_n(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n})) \dots))$ .

Let  $k = 0$ . Then by Lemma 3.3,

$$X = S_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_1 \star S_{n-1}(a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

and by Lemma 3.4,

$$X \circ u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \circ S_n(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_i, \dots, a_n, u) \in I_n.$$

Therefore, our statement is true for  $k = 0$ .

Assume that our statement is true for  $k - 1$ . In other words, for all  $Y = a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_n(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n})) \dots) \in J_n$  and  $u \in A$  we have  $Y \circ u \in J_n$ . We know that  $a_1 \circ (u \circ Y) \in J_n$ . Then for  $X = a_1 \circ Y$ , by the Zinbiel identity,

$$X \circ u = a_1 \circ (Y \circ u + u \circ Y) = a_1 \circ (Y \circ u) + a_1 \circ (u \circ Y) \in J_n.$$

Hence, our statement is proved for  $k$ . □

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $(A, \circ)$  be a Zinbiel algebra. Then for any  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in A$ , we have*

$$(\dots (a_1 \circ a_2) \dots \circ a_{k-1}) \circ a_k = a_1 \circ S_{k-1}(a_2, \dots, a_k).$$

*Proof.* By the Zinbiel identity, our statement is true for  $k = 3$ . Assume that it is true for  $k - 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\dots (a_1 \circ a_2) \dots \circ a_{k-1}) \circ a_k &= (a_1 \circ S_{k-2}(a_2, \dots, a_{k-1})) \circ a_k \\ &= a_1 \circ (S_{k-2}(a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}) \star a_k). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.3,

$$S_{k-2}(a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}) \star a_k = S_{k-1}(a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k).$$

Therefore, our statement is true for  $k$ . The lemma is proved. □

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $n$  be an integer and  $n - 2 < p$  or  $p = 0$ . Then  $S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \circ S_2(b_1, b_2) \in I_n$  for any  $a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_1, b_2 \in A$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.6,  $(n - 1)$ th right-bracketed product of  $a$  by  $b \circ b$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{\cdot n-1}) \circ (b \circ b) &= (1/(n - 2)!) (1/2) (((a \circ a) \circ \dots) \circ a) \circ b \circ b \\ &= (1/(n - 2)!) (1/2) a \circ S_n(a, a, \dots, a, b, b) \in I_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S_k(a_1, \dots, a_k)$  is the sum of elements of the form  $a^{\cdot k}$ , the proof is complete. □

**Lemma 3.8.**

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = S_2(a, b \circ c) - b \circ S_2(a, c).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$S_2(a, b \circ c) - b \circ S_2(a, c) = a \circ (b \circ c) + (b \circ c) \circ a - b \circ (a \circ c) - b \circ (c \circ a) = (a \circ b) \circ c.$$

The lemma is proved. □

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra,  $n \geq 3$ , and let  $p = 0$  or  $n - 1 < p$ . Then*

$$I_{n-1} \circ I_{n-1} \subseteq I_n.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.5, every two elements  $u, v \in I_{n-1}$  can be represented in the form

$$u = a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_{n-1}(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n-1})) \dots)), \\ v = b_1 \circ (b_2 \circ (\dots (b_r \circ S_{n-1}(b_{r+1}, \dots, b_{r+n-1})) \dots))$$

for some  $a_i, b_j \in A$ .

We use induction on  $k + r$  and prove that  $u \circ v \in I_n$ . Assume that  $k + r = 0$ . Then

$$u = S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}), \quad v = S_{n-1}(b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}).$$

By Lemma 3.3,  $v = S_2(b_1, S_{n-1}(b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}))$ . Therefore, by the Zinbiel identity,

$$u \circ v = S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \circ S_2(b_1, S_{n-1}(b_2, \dots, b_{n-1})) \\ = (S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \circ b_1) \circ S_{n-2}(b_2, \dots, b_{n-1})$$

(see Lemma 3.4)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_i \circ S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_i, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_1)) \circ S_{n-2}(b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i \circ (S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_i, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_1) \star S_{n-2}(b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}))$$

(Lemma 3.3)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i \circ S_{2n-3}(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_i, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}).$$

Therefore, in view of

$$S_{2n-3}(x_1, \dots, x_{2n-3}) \in I_{2n-3} \subseteq I_n,$$

we see that  $u \circ v \in I_n$ .

Assume that for  $k + r - 1$  our statement is true. Consider two cases:  $k > 0$  and  $r > 0$ .

If  $k > 0$ , then  $u = a_1 \circ u_1$  for

$$u_1 = a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ S_{n-1}(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+n-1})) \dots).$$

By the induction assumption,  $u_1 \circ v \in I_n$  and  $v \circ u_1 \in I_n$ . Therefore,

$$u \circ v = a_1 \circ (u_1 \circ v + v \circ u_1) \in I_n.$$

If  $r > 0$ , then  $v = b_1 \circ v_1$ , where

$$v_1 = b_2 \circ (\dots (b_r \circ S_{n-1}(b_{r+1}, \dots, b_{n+r-1})) \dots).$$

As we have verified above,

$$v \circ u = (b_1 \circ v_1) \circ u = b_1 \circ (v_1 \circ u + u \circ v_1) \in I_n,$$

and by Lemma 3.3,

$$u \star v \in I_{2n-2} \subseteq I_n.$$

Hence

$$u \circ v = u \star v - v \circ u \in I_n.$$

Therefore, our statement is true for  $k + r$ . The lemma is proved. □

**Lemma 3.10.** *Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra and  $p = 0$  or  $n - 1 < p$ . Then*

$$A^{(n)} \subseteq I_n.$$

*Proof.* We use induction on  $n \geq 2$ . It is easy to see that

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = S_2(a, b \circ c) - b \circ S_2(a, c).$$

Thus,

$$(x \circ y) \circ (b \circ c) = S_2(x \circ y, b \circ c) - b \circ S_2(x \circ y, c).$$

Therefore,

$$(x \circ y) \circ (b \circ c) \in I_2.$$

In other words,  $A^{(2)} \subseteq I_2$ .

Now assume that  $A^{(n-1)} \subseteq I_{n-1}$ . Then by Lemma 3.9,

$$A^{(n)} = A^{(n-1)} \circ A^{(n-1)} \subseteq I_{n-1} \circ I_{n-1} \subseteq I_n.$$

□

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Let  $A$  be a solvable Zinbiel algebra with solvability length  $N$  and let  $p = 0$  or  $p > 2^N - 1$ . Prove that  $A$  is nil with nil-index  $2^N$  by induction on  $N$ . For  $N = 1$ , the statement is obvious. Assume that the condition  $A^{(N-1)} = 0$  implies  $a \cdot 2^{N-1} = 0$  for every  $a \in A$ .

Now assume that  $A^{(N)} = 0$ . Then  $\bar{A}^{(N-1)} = 0$  for  $\bar{A} = A/A^{(N-1)}$ . Therefore, by the induction hypothesis,  $a \cdot 2^{N-1} \in A^{(N-1)}$  for all  $a \in A$ . Thus,

$$a \cdot 2^{N-1} \circ a \cdot 2^{N-1} \in A^{(N)} = 0.$$

By Corollary 3.2,

$$a \cdot 2^{N-1} \circ a \cdot 2^{N-1} = \binom{2^N - 1}{2^{N-1}} a \cdot 2^N.$$

Therefore, if  $p > 2^N - 1$ , then  $A$  is nil with nil-index  $2^N$ .

Now we prove that  $A$  is solvable with solvability length  $N$  if  $A$  is nil with nil-index  $N$ . If  $N = 2$ , then

$$(d \circ e) \circ (b \circ c) = S_2(d \circ e, b \circ c) - b \circ S_2(d \circ e, c).$$

Thus, by Lemma 3.5,  $A^{(2)} \subseteq I_2$ . By Lemma 3.10,  $A^{(n)} \subseteq I_n$  if  $p = 0$  or  $n > p - 1$ . Hence,  $A$  is solvable with solvability length  $N$  if  $I_N = 0$  and  $p = 0$  or  $N - 1 < p$ .  $\square$

#### 4. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3

Let  $n$  be any positive integer. For  $x, y \in A$ , write  $x \equiv y$  if  $x - y \in I_n$ . Note that for any  $a \in A$ ,

$$a \circ x \equiv a \circ y, \quad x \circ a \equiv y \circ a$$

if  $x \equiv y$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any  $a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b \in A$ ,*

$$S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \circ b \equiv -b \circ S_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}).$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} b \circ S_{n-1}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) + S_{n-1}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) \circ b \\ = S_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, b) \in I_n. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *For any  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, f, e \in A$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) &\equiv S_2(f, S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e), \\ f \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})) &\equiv S_2(f, e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.1,

$$f \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) = -f \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})) + y_1,$$

where

$$y_1 = f \circ S_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e) \in I_n.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.8,

$$f \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) = S_2(f, S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) + y_2,$$

where by Lemma 3.7

$$y_2 = -S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ S_2(f, e) \in I_n.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})) &\equiv -f \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) \\ &\equiv -S_2(f, S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) \equiv S_2(f, e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** For any  $a, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ (b \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e)) &\equiv (a \circ b) \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e), \\ a \circ (b \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}))) &\equiv (a \circ b) \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.2,

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ (b \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e)) &\equiv a \circ S_2(b, S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) \\ &\text{(Zinbiel identity)} \\ &\equiv (a \circ b) \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &a \circ (b \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}))) \\ &\text{(see Lemma 3.3)} \\ &\equiv a \circ (b \circ (-S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e)) \\ &\equiv -(a \circ b) \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) \\ &\text{(see Lemma 3.3)} \\ &\equiv (a \circ b) \circ (e \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Use induction on the nil-index  $n$ . Let  $n = 2$ . By Lemma 3.8, any Zinbiel algebra with identity  $a^2 = 0$  is nilpotent with nil-index 3:  $a \circ (b \circ c) = 0$  for any  $a, b, c \in A$ .

Assume that for any  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in A$ ,

$$a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_{k-1} \circ a_k))) \in I_{n-1}$$

for some  $k \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$ . Prove that for any  $a_1, \dots, a_{2k+1} \in A$ ,

$$a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1}))) \in I_n.$$

By the induction assumption,

$$a_{k+2} \circ (\dots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1})) \in I_{n-1}.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.5,

$$a_{k+2} \circ (\dots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1})) = S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$$

or

$$a_{k+2} \circ (\dots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1})) = y_1 \circ (y_2 \circ (\dots (y_s \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}))))$$

for some  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_1, \dots, y_s \in A$ .

In the first case, by Lemma 4.3,

$$\begin{aligned} &a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_k \circ (a_{k+1} \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})))))) \\ &\equiv (a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\dots (a_{k-1} \circ a_k)))) \circ (a_{k+1} \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

By the induction assumption,

$$(a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\cdots (a_{k-1} \circ a_k)))) \in I_{n-1}.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.9,

$$a_1 \circ (a_2 \circ (\cdots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1}))) \in I_{n-1} \circ I_{n-1} \subseteq I_n.$$

In the second case, by Lemma 4.3,

$$\begin{aligned} & a_k \circ (a_{k+1} \circ (\cdots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1}))) \\ \equiv & a_k \circ (a_{k+1} \circ (y_1 \circ (y_2 \circ (\cdots (y_s \circ S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})))))) \\ \equiv & b \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$b = -a_k \circ (a_{k+1} \circ (y_1 \circ (\cdots (y_{s-2} \circ y_{s-1})))) \in A, \quad e = y_s \in A.$$

Thus, by Lemma 4.3,

$$\begin{aligned} & a_1 \circ (\cdots \circ (a_{k-1} \circ (b \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e)))) \\ \equiv & (a_1 \circ (\cdots (a_{k-1} \circ b))) \circ (S_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \circ e) \end{aligned}$$

By the induction assumption,

$$a_1 \circ (\cdots (a_{k-1} \circ b)) \in I_{n-1}.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.9,

$$a_1 \circ (\cdots (a_{2k} \circ a_{2k+1})) \in I_{n-1} \circ I_{n-1} \subseteq I_n.$$

We obtain that the right-bracketed product of any  $2k + 1 \leq 2^n - 1$  elements of  $A$  belongs to  $I_n$ . In other words, any Zinbiel nil-algebra is nilpotent.

Any solvable algebra with solvability index  $N$  is nil if  $p = 0$  or  $p > 2^N - 1$ . Any nil-algebra, as we have proved above, is nilpotent. Any nilpotent algebra is solvable. □

### 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.7

Before giving the proof, recall some facts about central extensions of algebras.

Let  $A$  be a Zinbiel algebra,  $C^1(A, K)$  be a space of linear forms  $f : A \rightarrow K$ ,  $C^2(A, K)$  be a space of bilinear forms  $\psi : A \times A \rightarrow K$ , and  $C^3(A, K)$  be a space of trilinear forms  $\phi : A \times A \times A \rightarrow K$ . Recall the definitions of coboundary operators for small degrees:

$$d : C^1(A, K) \rightarrow C^2(A, K)$$

is given by

$$df(a, b) = -f(a \circ b)$$

and

$$d : C^2(A, K) \rightarrow C^3(A, K)$$

is given by

$$d\psi(a, b, c) = \psi(a \circ b, c) - \psi(a, b \circ c) - \psi(a, c \circ b).$$

Then  $B^2(A, K)$  is a space of bilinear forms of the form  $df$ , where  $f \in C^1(A, K)$ , and  $Z^2(A, K)$  is a space of bilinear forms  $\psi$  such that  $d\psi = 0$ . It is easy to verify that  $d^2f = 0$  for any linear form  $f : A \rightarrow K$ . Therefore, for any Zinbiel algebra  $A$ ,

$$B^2(A, K) \subseteq Z^2(A, K).$$

The second cohomology space is defined as follows:

$$H^2(A, K) = Z^2(A, K)/B^2(A, K).$$

Standard homological arguments show that  $H^2(A, K)$  can be interpreted as a space of central extensions of  $A$ :

$$0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tilde{A} \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

In other words, any algebra  $\tilde{A}$  with abelian ideal  $Z$  is equal as a vector space to the direct sum  $A \oplus Z$  and the multiplication in  $\tilde{A}$  is given by

$$(a + z) \circ (a_1 + z_1) = a \circ a_1 + \eta(a, a_1),$$

where a bilinear mapping  $\eta : A \times A \rightarrow Z$  satisfies the relation

$$\eta(a \circ b, c) - \eta(a, b \circ c) - \eta(a, c \circ b) = 0 \quad \forall a, b, c \in A.$$

If for some linear mapping  $\omega : A \rightarrow Z$ ,

$$\eta(a, b) = -\omega(a \circ b) \quad \forall a, b \in A,$$

then the algebra  $\tilde{A}$  under this multiplication is isomorphic to the direct sum of the algebras  $A \oplus Z$ .

This interpretation of the second cohomology spaces will be used in describing algebras of small dimensions.

We will use one more result. Assume that  $A$  is ableian:  $a \circ b = 0$  for any  $a, b \in A$ . Then  $B^2(A, K) = 0$ . Therefore, for any abelian algebra  $A$  of dimension  $n$ , the second cohomology space is isomorphic to  $n^2$ -dimensional matrix space:

$$H^2(A, K) = Z^2(A, K) \cong \text{Mat}_n.$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.7.* It is easy to verify that all algebras mentioned in Theorem 1.7 are Zinbiel.

If  $\dim A = 1$  and  $A$  is generated by the basis element  $e_1$ , then  $e_1 \circ e_1 = \alpha e_1$  for some  $\alpha \in K$ . By the Zinbiel identity,

$$\text{zinbiel}(e_1, e_1, e_1) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 e_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0.$$

By Corollary 1.6, for any Zinbiel algebra  $A$  over an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 or  $p > 7$ , there exists the nontrivial center  $Z(A)$  and an exact extension of Zinbiel algebras

$$0 \rightarrow Z(A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow \bar{A} \rightarrow 0$$



holds. In other words,  $A/Z(A) \cong \bar{A}$ . Therefore, the classification of algebras  $A$  is equivalent to the problem of calculation of second cohomology group  $H^2(\bar{A}, K)$ .

Let  $A = \langle e_1 \rangle$  be a one-dimensional Zinbiel algebra. Since any one-dimensional algebra is abelian,  $H^2(A, K)$  is one-dimensional and is generated by a cocycle

$$\psi(e_1, e_1) = 1.$$

Therefore, any 2-dimensional Zinbiel algebra  $\tilde{A} = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$  with the central element  $e_2$  has the following multiplication table:

$$e_1 \circ e_1 = \beta e_2, \quad e_1 \circ e_2 = 0, \quad e_2 \circ e_1 = 0, \quad e_2 \circ e_2 = 0.$$

If  $\beta = 0$ , then we obtain the algebra  $Q(0)$ . If  $\beta \neq 0$  under the new basis  $\{1/\sqrt{\beta}e_1, e_2\}$ , then we obtain the algebra  $Q(1)$ .

Since  $Q(0)$  is abelian and two-dimensional,  $H^2(Q(0), K)$  is four-dimensional and is generated by four cocycles  $\psi_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , such that

$$\psi_1(e_1, e_1) = 1, \quad \psi_2(e_1, e_2) = 1, \quad \psi_3(e_2, e_1) = 1, \quad \psi_4(e_2, e_2) = 1$$

(non-written components are 0). Therefore, any three-dimensional extension of  $Q(0)$  by the one-dimensional center is equivalent to  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ . Take a new basis in  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ . Under the basis  $\{1/\sqrt{\alpha}e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ , we obtain the algebra  $R(1, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  if  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Similarly, the new basis  $\{e_1, 1/\sqrt{\delta}e_2, e_3\}$  gives us the algebra  $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, 1)$  if  $\delta \neq 0$ .

Now we calculate the second cohomology of  $Q(1)$ . Note that there are six cocyclicity conditions  $d\psi(e_i, e_j, e_s) = 0$ , where  $i, j, s = 1, 2, j \leq s$ . They give us the following three nontrivial relations:

$$\psi(e_1, e_1) = 1, \quad 2\psi(e_1, e_2) = \psi(e_2, e_1), \quad \psi(e_2, e_2) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $Z^2(Q(1), K)$  is two-dimensional and is generated by the cocycles  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  such that

$$\psi_1(e_1, e_1) = 1, \quad \psi_2(e_2, e_1) = 1, \quad \psi_2(e_1, e_2) = 1/2$$

(non-written components are 0). Note that  $\psi_1 = d\omega$  for  $\omega \in C^1(Q(1), K)$  given by  $\omega(e_2) = -1$ . Therefore,  $H^2(Q(1), K)$  is one-dimensional and is generated by a class of the cocycle  $\psi_2$ . The corresponding central extension is equivalent to the algebra  $\tilde{A} = Q(1) + K$  with the following multiplication table:

$$e_1 \circ e_1 = e_2, \quad e_1 \circ e_2 = \frac{\alpha}{2}e_3, \quad e_2 \circ e_1 = \alpha e_3, \quad e_2 \circ e_2 = 0,$$

where  $Q(1) = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$  and one-dimensional center element is denoted by  $e_3$ . Note that in  $\tilde{A}$ , one can obtain the new basis  $\{e_1, e_2, 1/\sqrt{\alpha}e_3\}$  if  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Under this basis, we obtain the algebra  $W(3)$ . If  $\alpha = 0$ , then we obtain the algebra  $R(1, 0, 0, 0)$ .

A direct calculation shows that Theorem 1.7 is true also for cases  $p = 2, 3, 5, 7$ . □

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