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Mathematical concepts of evolution algebras in non-Mendelian genetics.

(English summary)

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An evolution algebra is a finite-dimensional algebra E with basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and multiplication given by $e_i e_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} e_j$ and $e_i e_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$). Such an algebra describes self-reproduction of non-Mendelian genetics. The elements $e_1, \dots, e_n$ represent alleles and a_{ij} is the probability that e_i becomes e_j in the next generation.

The authors obtain elementary algebraic properties of nondegenerate evolution algebras (i.e., $e_i e_i \neq 0$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$) over arbitrary fields. Evolution algebras are commutative (and hence flexible) but are not necessarily power-associative. Not every evolution algebra is a Banach algebra. However, if E is a real evolution algebra such that $\sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| \leq 1$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$, then E is a Banach algebra. Evolution algebras are not closed under subalgebras. A subalgebra F of E is called an evolution subalgebra if $F = \{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i \mid \alpha_i = 0, \forall i \notin I\}$ for some $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$. An evolution algebra is evolutionary simple if it has no proper evolution subalgebras. An evolution algebra is evolutionary semisimple if it is a direct sum of some of its evolutionary simple evolution subalgebras. Every evolution algebra E decomposes as a vector space into $P(E) \oplus T(E)$, where $P(E)$ is an evolutionary semisimple evolution algebra and $T(E)$ is a subspace (not necessarily a subalgebra) of E that can be made into an evolution algebra. As stated by the authors, the algebraic properties are of importance from the biological point of view.

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