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Bernstein algebras with zero derivation algebra. (English summary)

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In this paper the authors study finite-dimensional Bernstein algebras with zero derivation algebra. A commutative algebra A over a field K is a Bernstein algebra if it has a homomorphism $\omega: A \rightarrow K$ satisfying $(x^2)^2 = \omega(x)^2 x^2$. Let $A = Ke \oplus U_e \oplus Z_e$ be the Peirce decomposition of A with respect to an idempotent e , where $U_e = \{x \in \ker \omega: ex = \frac{1}{2}x\}$ and $Z_e = \{x \in \ker \omega: ex = 0\}$. An endomorphism d of A is a derivation of A if $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$ for all $x, y \in A$.

The essential result of this paper is the following: If A is a Bernstein algebra with zero derivation algebra, then $\ker \omega$ is not nilpotent, i.e., A is not a genetic algebra. Using examples the authors give necessary conditions for the derivation algebra to be zero. Does it hold that, for a Bernstein algebra A satisfying $\text{Der } A = 0$, one has $Z_e^2 \neq 0$ for every idempotent e ? The authors give a negative answer in the case in which $U_e^2 = 0$. But the question remains open for $U_e^2 \neq 0$. No characterization of Bernstein algebras satisfying $\text{Der } A = 0$ has been given.

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