

# **DERIVATIONS**

**Introduction to non-associative algebra**

**OR**

**Playing havoc with the product rule?**

## **PART III—MODULES AND DERIVATIONS**

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# HISTORY OF THESE LECTURES

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**ALGEBRAS**

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# **OUTLINE OF TODAY'S TALK**

**1. REVIEW OF PART I  
ALGEBRAS  
(FEBRUARY 8, 2011)**

**2. REVIEW OF PART II  
TRIPLE SYSTEMS  
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**3. MODULES**

**4. DERIVATIONS INTO A MODULE**

# **PRE-HISTORY OF THESE LECTURES**

## **THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS**

### **PART I**

#### **PRIME NUMBER THEOREM**

**JULY 29, 2010**

### **PART II**

#### **THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

## **WHAT IS A MODULE?**

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition 2009.

**HAS 8 DEFINITIONS**

1. A standard or unit of measurement.
2. **Architecture** The dimensions of a structural component, such as the base of a column, used as a unit of measurement or standard for determining the proportions of the rest of the construction.
3. **Visual Arts/Furniture** A standardized, often interchangeable component of a system or construction that is designed for easy assembly or flexible use: a sofa consisting of two end modules.
4. **Electronics** A self-contained assembly of electronic components and circuitry, such as a stage in a computer, that is installed as a unit.

5. **Computer Science** A portion of a program that carries out a specific function and may be used alone or combined with other modules of the same program.
6. **Astronautics** A self-contained unit of a spacecraft that performs a specific task or class of tasks in support of the major function of the craft.
7. **Education** A unit of education or instruction with a relatively low student-to-teacher ratio, in which a single topic or a small section of a broad topic is studied for a given period of time.
8. **Mathematics** A system with scalars coming from a ring.

# 1. REVIEW OF PART I—ALGEBRAS

## AXIOMATIC APPROACH

AN ALGEBRA IS DEFINED TO BE A SET  
(ACTUALLY A VECTOR SPACE) WITH  
TWO BINARY OPERATIONS, CALLED  
ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION

ACTUALLY, IF YOU FORGET ABOUT  
THE VECTOR SPACE, THIS DEFINES A

**RING**



ADDITION IS DENOTED BY

$$a + b$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE  
COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE

$$a + b = b + a, \quad (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

THERE IS ALSO AN ELEMENT 0 WITH  
THE PROPERTY THAT FOR EACH  $a$ ,

$$a + 0 = a$$

AND THERE IS AN ELEMENT CALLED  $-a$   
SUCH THAT

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

MULTIPLICATION IS DENOTED BY

$$ab$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE DISTRIBUTIVE  
WITH RESPECT TO ADDITION

$$(a + b)c = ac + bc, \quad a(b + c) = ab + ac$$

**IMPORTANT: A RING MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE AN IDENTITY ELEMENT**

$$1x = x1 = x$$

AN ALGEBRA (or RING) IS SAID TO BE ASSOCIATIVE (RESP. COMMUTATIVE) IF THE **MULTIPLICATION** IS ASSOCIATIVE (RESP. COMMUTATIVE)

(RECALL THAT ADDITION IS ALWAYS COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE)

## **Table 2**

### **ALGEBRAS (OR RINGS)**

#### **commutative algebras**

$$ab = ba$$

#### **associative algebras**

$$a(bc) = (ab)c$$

#### **Lie algebras**

$$a^2 = 0$$

$$(ab)c + (bc)a + (ca)b = 0$$

#### **Jordan algebras**

$$ab = ba$$

$$a(a^2b) = a^2(ab)$$

## Sophus Lie (1842–1899)



Marius Sophus Lie was a Norwegian mathematician. He largely created the theory of continuous symmetry, and applied it to the study of geometry and differential equations.

## Pascual Jordan (1902–1980)



Pascual Jordan was a German theoretical and mathematical physicist who made significant contributions to quantum mechanics and quantum field theory.

# THE DERIVATIVE

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

DIFFERENTIATION IS A LINEAR  
PROCESS

$$(f + g)' = f' + g'$$

$$(cf)' = cf'$$

THE SET OF DIFFERENTIABLE  
FUNCTIONS FORMS AN ALGEBRA  $\mathcal{D}$

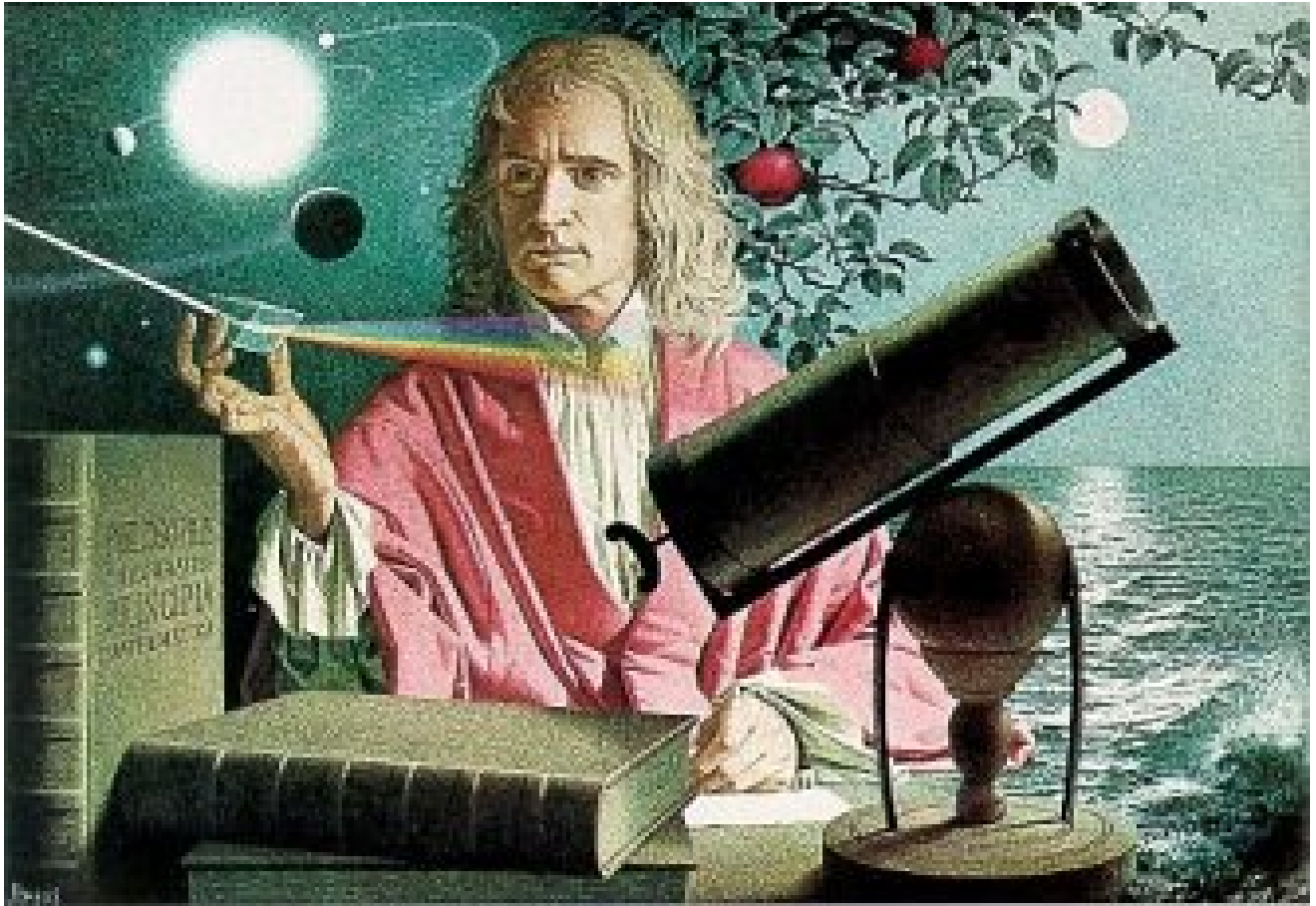
$$(fg)' = fg' + f'g$$

(product rule)

# HEROS OF CALCULUS

#1

**Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)**



Isaac Newton was an English physicist, mathematician, astronomer, natural philosopher, alchemist, and theologian, and is considered by many scholars and members of the general public to be one of the most influential people in human history.





## LEIBNIZ RULE

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

(order changed)

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$$(fgh)' = f'gh + fg'h + fgh'$$

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$$(f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n)' = f_1' f_2 \cdots f_n + \cdots + f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n'$$

The chain rule,

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

plays no role in this talk

Neither does the quotient rule

$$(f/g)' = \frac{gf' - fg'}{g^2}$$

# CONTINUITY

$$x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$$

THE SET OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS  
FORMS AN ALGEBRA  $\mathcal{C}$

(sums, constant multiples and products of  
continuous functions are continuous)

$\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  ARE EXAMPLES OF ALGEBRAS  
WHICH ARE BOTH **ASSOCIATIVE** AND  
**COMMUTATIVE**

**PROPOSITION 1**  
EVERY DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTION IS  
CONTINUOUS

$\mathcal{D}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{C}$ ;  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}$

# DIFFERENTIATION IS A LINEAR PROCESS

LET US DENOTE IT BY  $D$  AND WRITE

$Df$  for  $f'$

$$D(f + g) = Df + Dg$$

$$D(cf) = cDf$$

$$D(fg) = (Df)g + f(Dg)$$

$$D(f/g) = \frac{g(Df) - f(Dg)}{g^2}$$

IS THE LINEAR PROCESS  $D : f \mapsto f'$   
CONTINUOUS?

(If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , does it follow that  $f'_n \rightarrow f'$ ? )

(ANSWER: NO!)

## DEFINITION 1

A DERIVATION ON  $\mathcal{C}$  IS A LINEAR  
PROCESS SATISFYING THE LEIBNIZ  
RULE:

$$\delta(f + g) = \delta(f) + \delta(g)$$

$$\delta(cf) = c\delta(f)$$

$$\delta(fg) = \delta(f)g + f\delta(g)$$

## THEOREM 1

There are no (non-zero) derivations on  $\mathcal{C}$ .

In other words,

Every derivation of  $\mathcal{C}$  is identically zero

**COROLLARY**  $\mathcal{D} \neq \mathcal{C}$

(NO DUUUH!  $f(x) = |x|$ )

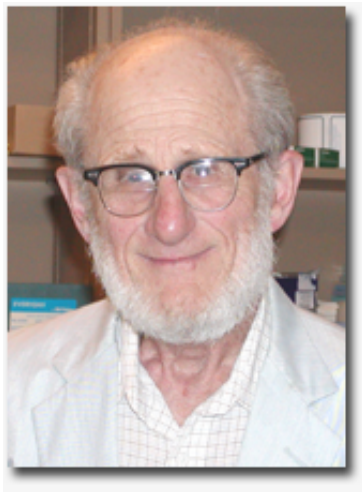
**THEOREM 1A**  
**(1955-Singer and Wermer)**

Every continuous derivation on  $\mathcal{C}$  is zero.

**Theorem 1B**  
**(1960-Sakai)**

Every derivation on  $\mathcal{C}$  is continuous.

(False for  $\mathcal{D}$ )

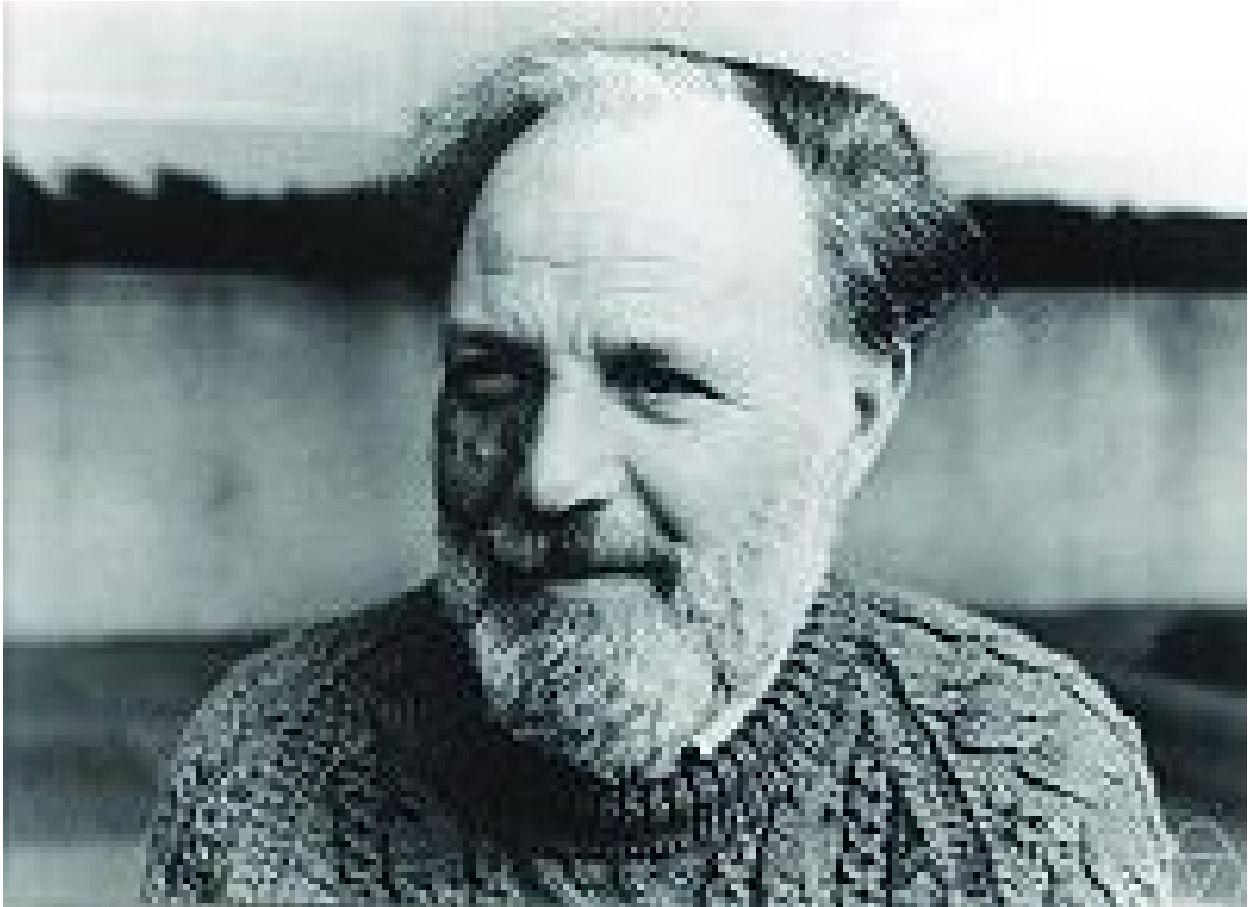


**John Wermer**  
**(b. 1925)**



**Soichiro Sakai**  
**(b. 1926)**

## Isadore Singer (b. 1924)



Isadore Manuel Singer is an Institute Professor in the Department of Mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is noted for his work with Michael Atiyah in 1962, which paved the way for new interactions between pure mathematics and theoretical physics.

# DERIVATIONS ON THE SET OF MATRICES

THE SET  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  of  $n$  by  $n$  MATRICES IS  
AN ALGEBRA UNDER

## **MATRIX ADDITION**

$$A + B$$

AND

## **MATRIX MULTIPLICATION**

$$A \times B$$

WHICH IS ASSOCIATIVE BUT NOT  
COMMUTATIVE.

(WE SHALL DEFINE TWO MORE  
MULTIPLICATIONS)

## **DEFINITION 2**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(A \times B) = \delta(A) \times B + A \times \delta(B)$$

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## **PROPOSITION 2**

FIX A MATRIX  $A$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  AND DEFINE

$$\delta_A(X) = A \times X - X \times A.$$

THEN  $\delta_A$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
(WHICH CAN BE NON-ZERO)



**THEOREM 2**  
(1942 Hochschild)

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
IS OF THE FORM  $\delta_A$  FOR SOME  $A$  IN  
 $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ .

**Gerhard Hochschild (1915–2010)**

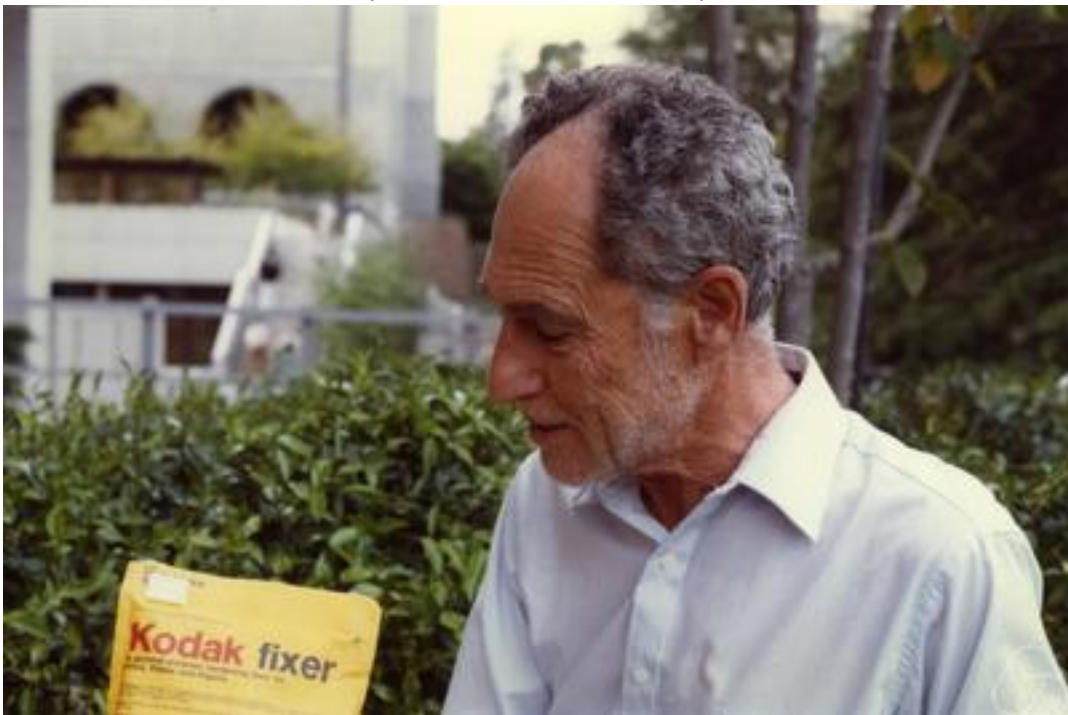


(Photo 1968)

Gerhard Paul Hochschild was an American mathematician who worked on Lie groups, algebraic groups, homological algebra and algebraic number theory.



(Photo 1976)



(Photo 1981)

**Joseph Henry Maclagan Wedderburn  
(1882–1948)**



Scottish mathematician, who taught at Princeton University for most of his career. A significant algebraist, he proved that a finite division algebra is a field, and part of the Artin–Wedderburn theorem on simple algebras. He also worked on group theory and matrix algebra.

## Amalie Emmy Noether (1882–1935)



Amalie Emmy Noether was an influential German mathematician known for her groundbreaking contributions to abstract algebra and theoretical physics. Described as the most important woman in the history of mathematics, she revolutionized the theories of rings, fields, and algebras. In physics, Noether's theorem explains the fundamental connection between symmetry and conservation laws.

## THE BRACKET PRODUCT ON THE SET OF MATRICES

(THIS IS THE SECOND MULTIPLICATION)

THE BRACKET PRODUCT ON THE SET  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  OF MATRICES IS DEFINED BY

$$[X, Y] = X \times Y - Y \times X$$

THE SET  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  OF  $n$  BY  $n$  MATRICES IS AN ALGEBRA UNDER MATRIX ADDITION AND BRACKET MULTIPLICATION, WHICH IS NOT ASSOCIATIVE AND NOT COMMUTATIVE.

### **DEFINITION 3**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

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IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta([A, B]) = [\delta(A), B] + [A, \delta(B)]$$

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### **PROPOSITION 3**

FIX A MATRIX  $A$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  AND DEFINE

$$\delta_A(X) = [A, X] = A \times X - X \times A.$$

THEN  $\delta_A$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION

### **THEOREM 3**

(1942 Hochschild, Zassenhaus)

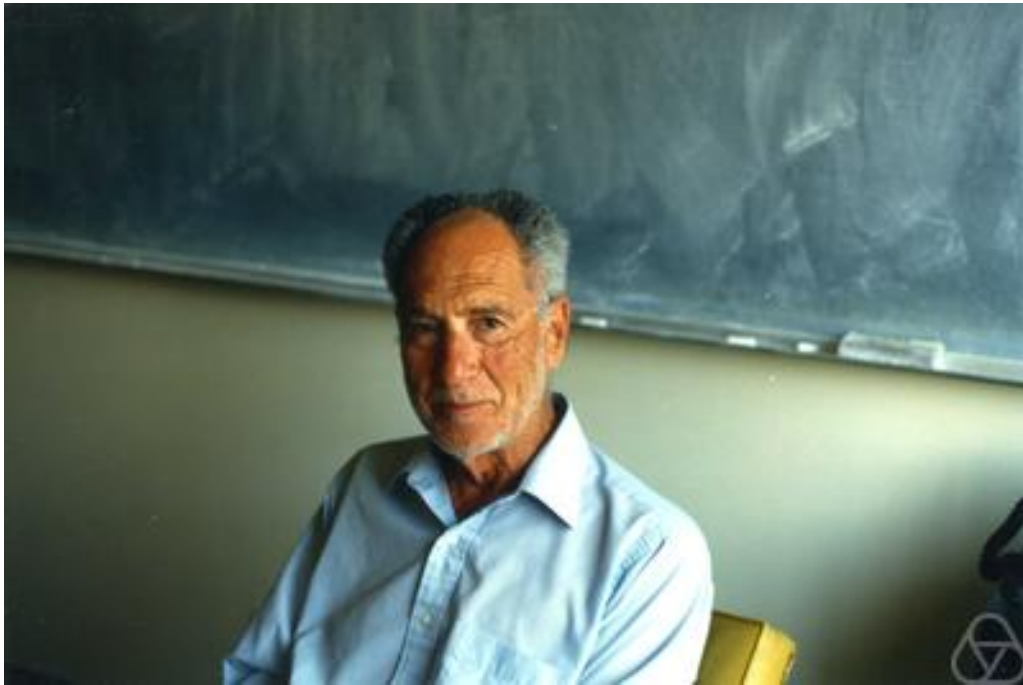
EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION IS OF THE FORM  $\delta_A$   
FOR SOME  $A$  IN  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ .

**Hans Zassenhaus (1912–1991)**

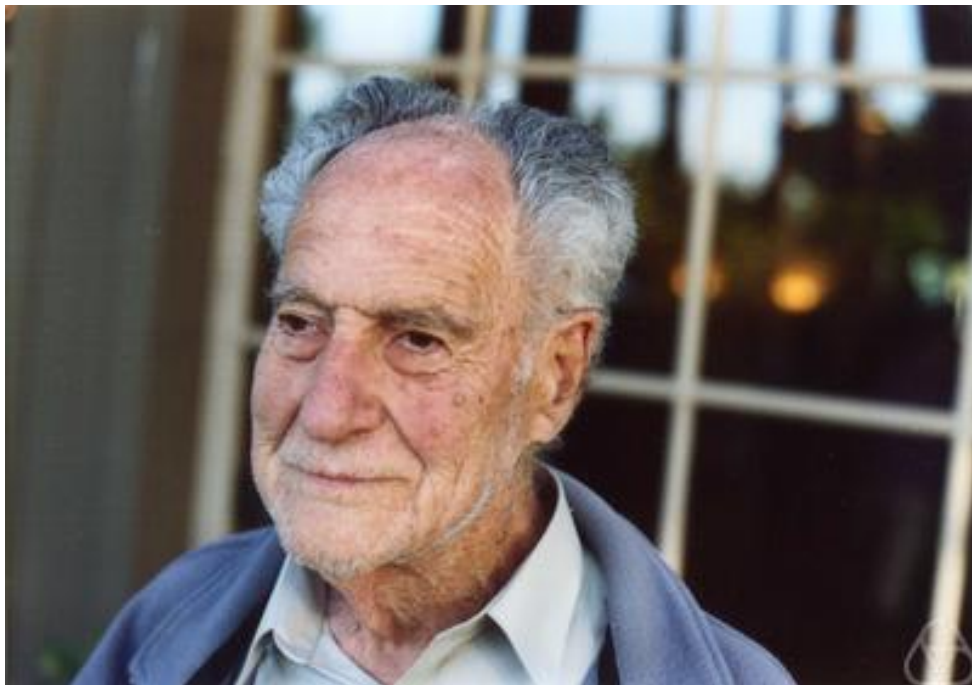


Hans Julius Zassenhaus was a German mathematician, known for work in many parts of abstract algebra, and as a pioneer of computer algebra.

## Gerhard Hochschild (1915–2010)



(Photo 1986)



(Photo 2003)



# THE CIRCLE PRODUCT ON THE SET OF MATRICES

(THIS IS THE THIRD MULTIPLICATION)

THE CIRCLE PRODUCT ON THE SET  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  OF MATRICES IS DEFINED BY

$$X \circ Y = (X \times Y + Y \times X)/2$$

THE SET  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  OF  $n$  BY  $n$  MATRICES IS AN ALGEBRA UNDER MATRIX ADDITION AND CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION, WHICH IS COMMUTATIVE BUT NOT ASSOCIATIVE.

### **DEFINITION 4**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(A \circ B) = \delta(A) \circ B + A \circ \delta(B)$$

### **PROPOSITION 4**

FIX A MATRIX  $A$  IN  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  AND DEFINE

$$\delta_A(X) = A \times X - X \times A.$$

THEN  $\delta_A$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

## **THEOREM 4**

(1972-Sinclair)

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION  
IS OF THE FORM  $\delta_A$  FOR SOME  $A$  IN  
 $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ .

## **REMARK**

(1937-Jacobson)

THE ABOVE PROPOSITION AND  
THEOREM NEED TO BE MODIFIED FOR  
THE SUBALGEBRA (WITH RESPECT TO  
CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION) OF  
SYMMETRIC MATRICES.

## **Alan M. Sinclair (retired)**



## **Nathan Jacobson (1910–1999)**



Nathan Jacobson was an American mathematician who was recognized as one of the leading algebraists of his generation, and he was also famous for writing more than a dozen standard monographs.

**Table 1**

$M_n(\mathbf{R})$  (ALGEBRAS)

matrix	bracket	circle
$ab = a \times b$	$[a, b] = ab - ba$	$a \circ b = ab + ba$
Th. 2	Th.3	Th.4
$\delta_a(x)$ = $ax - xa$	$\delta_a(x)$ = $ax - xa$	$\delta_a(x)$ = $ax - xa$

# GRADUS AD PARNASSUM

## PART I—ALGEBRAS

1. Prove Proposition 2
2. Prove Proposition 3
3. Prove Proposition 4
4. Let  $A, B$  are two fixed matrices in  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ . Show that the linear process

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = A \circ (B \circ X) - B \circ (A \circ X)$$

is a derivation of  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  with respect to circle multiplication.

(cf. Remark following Theorem 4)

5. Show that  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  is a Lie algebra with respect to bracket multiplication. In other words, show that the two axioms for Lie algebras in Table 2 are satisfied if  $ab$  denotes  $[a, b] = ab - ba$  ( $a$  and  $b$  denote matrices and  $ab$  denotes matrix multiplication)

6. Show that  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  is a Jordan algebra with respect to circle multiplication. In other words, show that the two axioms for Jordan algebras in Table 2 are satisfied if  $a \circ b$  denotes  $a \circ b = ab + ba$  ( $a$  and  $b$  denote matrices and  $ab$  denotes matrix multiplication—forget about dividing by 2)

7. (Extra credit)

Let us write  $\delta_{a,b}$  for the linear process  $\delta_{a,b}(x) = a(bx) - b(ax)$  in a Jordan algebra. Show that  $\delta_{a,b}$  is a derivation of the Jordan algebra by following the outline below. (cf. Homework problem 4 above.)

(a) In the Jordan algebra axiom

$$u(u^2v) = u^2(uv),$$

replace  $u$  by  $u + w$  to obtain the two equations

$$2u((uw)v) + w(u^2v) = 2(uw)(uv) + u^2(wv) \tag{1}$$

and (**correcting the misprint in part I**)

$$u(w^2v) + 2w((uw)v) = w^2(uv) + 2(uw)(wv).$$

(Hint: Consider the “degree” of  $w$  on each side of the equation resulting from the substitution)

(b) In (1), interchange  $v$  and  $w$  and subtract the resulting equation from (1) to obtain the equation

$$2u(\delta_{v,w}(u)) = \delta_{v,w}(u^2). \quad (2)$$

(c) In (2), replace  $u$  by  $x + y$  to obtain the equation

$$\delta_{v,w}(xy) = y\delta_{v,w}(x) + x\delta_{v,w}(y),$$

which is the desired result.

**END OF REVIEW OF PART I**



## 2. REVIEW OF PART II

IN THESE TALKS, I AM MOSTLY INTERESTED IN NONASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS (PART I) AND NONASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS (PART II), ALTHOUGH THEY MAY OR MAY NOT BE COMMUTATIVE.

(ASSOCIATIVE AND COMMUTATIVE HAVE TO BE INTERPRETED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE TRIPLE SYSTEMS CONSIDERED WHICH ARE NOT ACTUALLY ALGEBRAS)

# DERIVATIONS ON RECTANGULAR MATRICES

MULTIPLICATION DOES NOT MAKE SENSE ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  if  $m \neq n$ .

NOT TO WORRY!

WE CAN FORM A TRIPLE PRODUCT

$$X \times Y^t \times Z$$

(TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION)

COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE DON'T MAKE SENSE HERE. RIGHT?

WRONG!!

$$(X \times Y^t \times Z) \times A^t \times B = X \times Y^t \times (Z \times A^t \times B)$$

(WHAT WOULD ASSOCIATIVE MEAN FOR A "QUADRUPLE" PRODUCT?)

### **DEFINITION 5**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO  
TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE (TRIPLE) PRODUCT  
RULE

$$\delta(A \times B^t \times C) = \\ \delta(A) \times B^t \times C + A \times \delta(B)^t \times C + A \times B^t \times \delta(C)$$

### **PROPOSITION 5**

FOR TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  in  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$ ,

DEFINE  $\delta_{A,B}(X) =$

$$A \times B^t \times X + X \times B^t \times A - B \times A^t \times X - X \times A^t \times B$$

THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE MATRIX  
MULTIPLICATION

### **THEOREM 8\***

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE MATRIX  
MULTIPLICATION IS A **SUM** OF  
DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .

### **REMARK**

THESE RESULTS HOLD TRUE AND ARE  
OF INTEREST FOR THE CASE  $m = n$ .

(WE SHALL DEFINE TWO OTHER  
TRIPLE PRODUCTS)

\*Theorems 5,6,7 were in part I

# TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

LET'S GO BACK FOR A MOMENT TO SQUARE MATRICES AND THE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION.

MOTIVATED BY THE LAST REMARK, WE DEFINE THE TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION TO BE  $[[X, Y], Z]$

(THIS IS THE SECOND TRIPLE PRODUCT)

## DEFINITION 6

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  WITH RESPECT TO TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH SATISFIES THE TRIPLE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta([[A, B], C]) = [[\delta(A), B], C] + [[A, \delta(B)], C] + [[A, B], \delta(C)]$$

### **PROPOSITION 6**

FIX TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  IN  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  AND  
DEFINE  $\delta_{A,B}(X) = [[A, B], X]$   
THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION.

### **THEOREM 9**

EVERY DERIVATION OF  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION IS A SUM OF  
DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .

## TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

LET'S RETURN TO RECTANGULAR  
MATRICES AND FORM THE TRIPLE  
CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

$$(A \times B^t \times C + C \times B^t \times A)/2$$

For sanity's sake, let us write this as

$$\{A, B, C\} = (A \times B^t \times C + C \times B^t \times A)/2$$

(THIS IS THE THIRD TRIPLE PRODUCT)

### DEFINITION 7

A DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO  
TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR PROCESS  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE TRIPLE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(\{A, B, C\}) = \\ \{\delta(A), B, C\} + \{A, \delta(B), C\} + \{A, B, \delta(C)\}$$

### **PROPOSITION 7**

FIX TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  IN  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  AND  
DEFINE

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = \{A, B, X\} - \{B, A, X\}$$

THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE CIRCLE  
MULTIPLICATION.

### **THEOREM 10**

EVERY DERIVATION OF  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE CIRCLE  
MULTIPLICATION IS A **SUM** OF  
DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .



IT IS TIME FOR ANOTHER SUMMARY  
OF THE PRECEDING

**Table 3**

$M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  (TRIPLE SYSTEMS)

triple matrix	triple bracket	triple circle
$ab^t c$	$[[a, b], c]$	$ab^t c + cb^t a$
Th. 8	Th.9	Th.10
$\delta_{a,b}(x)$ $=$ $ab^t x$ $+xb^t a$ $-ba^t x$ $-xa^t b$	$\delta_{a,b}(x)$ $=$ $abx$ $+xba$ $-bax$ $-xab$	$\delta_{a,b}(x)$ $=$ $ab^t x$ $+xb^t a$ $-ba^t x$ $-xa^t b$
(sums)	(sums) ( $m = n$ )	(sums)

(WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A  
DERIVATION OF A "QUADRUPLE"  
PRODUCT?)

LET'S PUT ALL THIS NONSENSE  
TOGETHER

Table 1  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  (ALGEBRAS)

matrix	bracket	circle
$ab = a \times b$	$[a, b] = ab - ba$	$a \circ b = ab + ba$
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(sums)	(sums) $(m = n)$	(sums)

**HEY! IT IS NOT SO NONSENSICAL!**

# **AXIOMATIC APPROACH FOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

AN TRIPLE SYSTEM IS DEFINED TO BE  
A SET (ACTUALLY A VECTOR SPACE)  
WITH ONE BINARY OPERATION,  
CALLED ADDITION AND ONE TERNARY  
OPERATION CALLED  
TRIPLE MULTIPLICATION

ACTUALLY, IF YOU FORGET ABOUT  
THE VECTOR SPACE, THIS DEFINES A

**TERNARY RING**

ADDITION IS DENOTED BY

$$a + b$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE  
COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE

$$a + b = b + a, \quad (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

(THIS IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS FOR  
ALGEBRAS, OR RINGS, INCLUDING THE  
EXISTENCE OF 0)

TRIPLE MULTIPLICATION IS DENOTED

$$abc$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE LINEAR IN  
EACH VARIABLE

$$(a + b)cd = acd + bcd$$

$$a(b + c)d = abd + acd$$

$$ab(c + d) = abc + abd$$

# **AXIOMATIC APPROACH FOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

THE AXIOM WHICH CHARACTERIZES  
TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION IS

$$(abc)de = ab(cde) = a(dcb)e$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

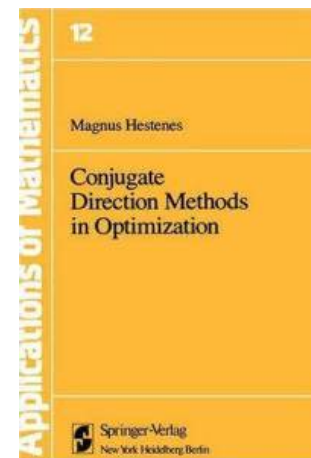
or

**HESTENES ALGEBRAS**

## Magnus Hestenes (1906–1991)



Magnus Rudolph Hestenes was an American mathematician. Together with Cornelius Lanczos and Eduard Stiefel, he invented the conjugate gradient method.



THE AXIOMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE  
TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION ARE

$$aab = 0$$

$$abc + bca + cab = 0$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc + a(deb)c + ab(dec)$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**LIE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

(NATHAN JACOBSON, MAX KOECHER)

## **Max Koecher (1924–1990)**



Max Koecher was a German mathematician. His main research area was the theory of Jordan algebras, where he introduced the KantorKoecherTits construction.

## **Nathan Jacobson (1910–1999)**





THE AXIOMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE  
TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION ARE

$$abc = cba$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc - a(edb)c + ab(dec)$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**JORDAN TRIPLE SYSTEMS**



**Kurt Meyberg (living)**



**Ottmar Loos + Erhard Neher  
(both living)**

# YET ANOTHER SUMMARY

## Table 4

### TRIPLE SYSTEMS

#### **associative triple systems**

$$(abc)de = ab(cde) = a(dcb)e$$

#### **Lie triple systems**

$$aab = 0$$

$$abc + bca + cab = 0$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc + a(deb)c + ab(dec)$$

#### **Jordan triple systems**

$$abc = cba$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc - a(edb)c + ab(dec)$$

## GRADUS AD PARNASSUM PART II—TRIPLE SYSTEMS

1. Prove Proposition 5  
(Use the notation  $\langle abc \rangle$  for  $ab^t c$ )
2. Prove Proposition 6  
(Use the notation  $[abc]$  for  $[[a, b], c]$ )
3. Prove Proposition 7  
(Use the notation  $\{abc\}$  for  $ab^t c + cb^t a$ )
4. Show that  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  is a Lie triple system with respect to triple bracket multiplication. In other words, show that the three axioms for Lie triple systems in Table 4 are satisfied if  $abc$  denotes  $[[a, b], c] = (ab - ba)c - c(ab - ba)$  ( $a, b$  and  $c$  denote matrices)  
(Use the notation  $[abc]$  for  $[[a, b], c]$ )
5. Show that  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  is a Jordan triple system with respect to triple circle multiplication. In other words, show that the two axioms for Jordan triple systems in Table 4 are satisfied if  $abc$  denotes  $ab^t c + cb^t a$  ( $a, b$  and  $c$  denote matrices)  
(Use the notation  $\{abc\}$  for  $ab^t c + cb^t a$ )

6. Let us write  $\delta_{a,b}$  for the linear process

$$\delta_{a,b}(x) = abx$$

in a Lie triple system. Show that  $\delta_{a,b}$  is a derivation of the Lie triple system by using the axioms for Lie triple systems in Table 4. (Use the notation  $[abc]$  for the triple product in any Lie triple system, so that, for example,  $\delta_{a,b}(x)$  is denoted by  $[abx]$ )

7. Let us write  $\delta_{a,b}$  for the linear process

$$\delta_{a,b}(x) = abx - bax$$

in a Jordan triple system. Show that  $\delta_{a,b}$  is a derivation of the Jordan triple system by using the axioms for Jordan triple systems in Table 4.

(Use the notation  $\{abc\}$  for the triple product in any Jordan triple system, so that, for example,  $\delta_{a,b}(x) = \{abx\} - \{bax\}$ )

8. On the Jordan algebra  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  with the circle product  $a \circ b = ab + ba$ , define a triple product

$$\{abc\} = (a \circ b) \circ c + (c \circ b) \circ a - (a \circ c) \circ b.$$

Show that  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  is a Jordan triple system with this triple product.

Hint: show that  $\{abc\} = 2a \times b \times c + 2c \times b \times a$

9. On the vector space  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ , define a triple product  $\langle abc \rangle = abc$  (matrix multiplication without the transpose in the middle). Formulate the definition of a derivation of the resulting triple system, and state and prove a result corresponding to Proposition 5. Is this triple system associative?
10. In an associative algebra, define a triple product  $\langle abc \rangle$  to be  $(ab)c$ . Show that the algebra becomes an associative triple system with this triple product.
11. In an associative triple system with triple product denoted  $\langle abc \rangle$ , define a binary product  $ab$  to be  $\langle aub \rangle$ , where  $u$  is a fixed element. Show that the triple system becomes an associative algebra with this product.

12. In a Lie algebra with product denoted by  $[a, b]$ , define a triple product  $[abc]$  to be  $[[a, b], c]$ . Show that the Lie algebra becomes a Lie triple system with this triple product.
13. Let  $A$  be an algebra (associative, Lie, or Jordan; it doesn't matter). Show that the set  $\mathcal{D} := \text{Der}(A)$  of all derivations of  $A$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\text{End}(A)$ . That is  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear subspace of the vector space of linear transformations on  $A$ , and if  $D_1, D_2 \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $D_1D_2 - D_2D_1 \in \mathcal{D}$ .
14. Let  $A$  be a triple system (associative, Lie, or Jordan; it doesn't matter). Show that the set  $\mathcal{D} := \text{Der}(A)$  of derivations of  $A$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\text{End}(A)$ . That is  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear subspace of the vector space of linear transformations on  $A$ , and if  $D_1, D_2 \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $D_1D_2 - D_2D_1 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

**END OF REVIEW OF PART II**

**GRADUS AD PARNASSUM**  
**PART III**  
**ALGEBRAS AND TRIPLE SYSTEMS**  
**(SNEAK PREVIEW)**

1. In an arbitrary Jordan triple system, with triple product denoted by  $\{abc\}$ , define a triple product by

$$[abc] = \{abc\} - \{bac\}.$$

Show that the Jordan triple system becomes a Lie triple system with this new triple product.

2. In an arbitrary associative triple system, with triple product denoted by  $\langle abc \rangle$ , define a triple product by

$$[xyz] = \langle xyz \rangle - \langle yxz \rangle - \langle zxy \rangle + \langle zyx \rangle.$$

Show that the associative triple system becomes a Lie triple system with this new triple product.

3. In an arbitrary Jordan algebra, with product denoted by  $xy$ , define a triple product by  $[xyz] = x(yz) - y(xz)$ . Show that the Jordan algebra becomes a Lie triple system with this new triple product.
4. In an arbitrary Jordan triple system, with triple product denoted by  $\{abc\}$ , fix an element  $y$  and define a binary product by

$$ab = \{ayb\}.$$

Show that the Jordan triple system becomes a Jordan algebra with this (binary) product.

5. In an arbitrary Jordan algebra with multiplication denoted by  $ab$ , define a triple product

$$\{abc\} = (ab)c + (cb)a - (ac)b.$$

Show that the Jordan algebra becomes a Jordan triple system with this triple product. (cf. Problem 8)



6. Show that every Lie triple system, with triple product denoted  $[abc]$  is a subspace of some Lie algebra, with product denoted  $[a, b]$ , such that  $[abc] = [[a, b], c]$ .
7. Find out what a semisimple associative algebra is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple associative algebra is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto ax - xa$  for some fixed  $a$  in the algebra.
8. Find out what a semisimple Lie algebra is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Lie algebra is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto [a, x]$  for some fixed  $a$  in the algebra.
9. Find out what a semisimple Jordan algebra is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Jordan algebra is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i(b_i x) - b_i(a_i x))$  for some fixed elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in the algebra.

10. Find out what a semisimple associative triple system is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple associative triple system is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle a_i b_i x \rangle - \langle b_i a_i x \rangle)$  for some fixed elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in the associative triple system.
11. Find out what a semisimple Lie triple system is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Lie triple system is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i b_i x]$  for some fixed elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in the Lie triple system.
12. Find out what a semisimple Jordan triple system is and prove that every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Jordan triple system is inner, that is, of the form  $x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n (\{a_i b_i x\} - \{b_i a_i x\})$  for some fixed elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in the Jordan triple system.

### 3. WHAT IS A MODULE?

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition 2009.

1. A standard or unit of measurement.
2. **Architecture** The dimensions of a structural component, such as the base of a column, used as a unit of measurement or standard for determining the proportions of the rest of the construction.
3. **Visual Arts/Furniture** A standardized, often interchangeable component of a system or construction that is designed for easy assembly or flexible use: a sofa consisting of two end modules.
4. **Electronics** A self-contained assembly of electronic components and circuitry, such as a stage in a computer, that is installed as a unit.

5. **Computer Science** A portion of a program that carries out a specific function and may be used alone or combined with other modules of the same program.
6. **Astronautics** A self-contained unit of a spacecraft that performs a specific task or class of tasks in support of the major function of the craft.
7. **Education** A unit of education or instruction with a relatively low student-to-teacher ratio, in which a single topic or a small section of a broad topic is studied for a given period of time.
8. **Mathematics** A system with scalars coming from a ring.

## Nine Zulu Queens Ruled China

- Mathematicians think of numbers as a set of nested Russian dolls. The inhabitants of each Russian doll are honorary inhabitants of the next one out.

$$\mathbf{N} \subset \mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{R} \subset \mathbf{C}$$

- In  $\mathbf{N}$  you can't subtract; in  $\mathbf{Z}$  you can't divide; in  $\mathbf{Q}$  you can't take limits; in  $\mathbf{R}$  you can't take the square root of a negative number. With the complex numbers  $\mathbf{C}$ , nothing is impossible. You can even raise a number to a complex power.
- $\mathbf{Z}$  is a ring
- $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{C}$  are fields
- $\mathbf{Q}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbf{Q}$
- $\mathbf{R}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$
- $\mathbf{C}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbf{C}$

A **field** is a commutative ring with identity element  $1$  such that for every nonzero element  $x$ , there is an element called  $x^{-1}$  such that

$$xx^{-1} = 1$$

A **vector space** over a field  $F$  (called the field of scalars) is a set  $V$  with an addition  $+$  which is commutative and associative and has a zero element and for which there is a “scalar” product  $ax$  in  $V$  for each  $a$  in  $F$  and  $x$  in  $V$ , satisfying the following properties for arbitrary elements  $a, b$  in  $F$  and  $x, y$  in  $V$ :

1.  $(a + b)x = ax + bx$
2.  $a(x + y) = ax + ay$
3.  $a(bx) = (ab)x$
4.  $1x = x$

In abstract algebra, the concept of a module over a ring is a generalization of the notion of **vector space**, wherein the corresponding scalars are allowed to lie in an arbitrary ring.

Modules also generalize the notion of **abelian groups**, which are modules over the ring of integers.

Thus, a module, like a vector space, is an additive abelian group; a product is defined between elements of the ring and elements of the module, and this multiplication is associative (when used with the multiplication in the ring) and distributive.

Modules are very closely related to the  
**representation theory**  
of groups and of other algebraic structures.

They are also one of the central notions of

**commutative algebra**

and

**homological algebra,**

and are used widely in

**algebraic geometry**

and

**algebraic topology.**



The traditional division of mathematics into  
subdisciplines:

Arithmetic (whole numbers)

Geometry (figures)

Algebra (abstract symbols)

Analysis (limits).

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## MOTIVATION

In a vector space, the set of scalars forms a field and acts on the vectors by scalar multiplication, subject to certain axioms such as the distributive law. In a module, the scalars need only be a ring, so the module concept represents a significant generalization.

In commutative algebra, it is important that both ideals and quotient rings are modules, so that many arguments about ideals or quotient rings can be combined into a single argument about modules.

In non-commutative algebra the distinction between left ideals, ideals, and modules becomes more pronounced, though some important ring theoretic conditions can be expressed either about left ideals or left modules.

Much of the theory of modules consists of extending as many as possible of the desirable properties of vector spaces to the realm of modules over a "well-behaved" ring, such as a principal ideal domain.

However, modules can be quite a bit more complicated than vector spaces; for instance, not all modules have a basis, and even those that do, **free modules**, need not have a unique rank if the underlying ring does not satisfy the invariant basis number condition.

Vector spaces always have a basis whose cardinality is unique (assuming the axiom of choice).

## FORMAL DEFINITION

A left  $R$ -module  $M$  over the ring  $R$  consists of an abelian group  $(M, +)$  and an operation  $R \times M \rightarrow M$  such that for all  $r, s$  in  $R$ ,  $x, y$  in  $M$ , we have:

$$r(x + y) = rx + ry$$

$$(r + s)x = rx + sx$$

$$(rs)x = r(sx)$$

$$1x = x$$

if  $R$  has multiplicative identity  $1$ .

The operation of the ring on  $M$  is called scalar multiplication, and is usually written by juxtaposition, i.e. as  $rx$  for  $r$  in  $R$  and  $x$  in  $M$ .

If one writes the scalar action as  $f_r$  so that  $f_r(x) = rx$ , and  $f$  for the map which takes each  $r$  to its corresponding map  $f_r$ , then the first axiom states that every  $f_r$  is a group homomorphism of  $M$ , and the other three axioms assert that the map  $f:R \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$  given by  $r \mapsto f_r$  is a ring homomorphism from  $R$  to the endomorphism ring  $\text{End}(M)$ .

In this sense, module theory generalizes representation theory, which deals with group actions on vector spaces.

A **bimodule** is a module which is a left module and a right module such that the two multiplications are compatible.



## EXAMPLES

1. If  $K$  is a field, then the concepts "K-vector space" (a vector space over  $K$ ) and  $K$ -module are identical.
2. The concept of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module agrees with the notion of an abelian group. That is, every abelian group is a module over the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  in a unique way. For  $n \geq 0$ , let  $nx = x + x + \dots + x$  ( $n$  summands),  $0x = 0$ , and  $(-n)x = -(nx)$ . Such a module need not have a basis
3. If  $R$  is any ring and  $n$  a natural number, then the cartesian product  $R^n$  is both a left and a right module over  $R$  if we use the component-wise operations. Hence when  $n = 1$ ,  $R$  is an  $R$ -module, where the scalar multiplication is just ring multiplication. The case  $n = 0$  yields the trivial  $R$ -module  $0$  consisting only of its identity element. Modules of this type are called free

4. If  $S$  is a nonempty set,  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module, and  $M^S$  is the collection of all functions  $f : S \rightarrow M$ , then with addition and scalar multiplication in  $M^S$  defined by  $(f + g)(s) = f(s) + g(s)$  and  $(rf)(s) = rf(s)$ ,  $M^S$  is a left  $R$ -module. The right  $R$ -module case is analogous. In particular, if  $R$  is commutative then the collection of  $R$ -module homomorphisms  $h : M \rightarrow N$  (see below) is an  $R$ -module (and in fact a submodule of  $N^M$ ).
5. The square  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices with real entries form a ring  $R$ , and the Euclidean space  $R^n$  is a left module over this ring if we define the module operation via matrix multiplication. If  $R$  is any ring and  $I$  is any left ideal in  $R$ , then  $I$  is a left module over  $R$ . Analogously of course, right ideals are right modules.
6. There are modules of a Lie algebra as well.

## SUBMODULES AND HOMOMORPHISMS

Suppose  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a subgroup of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a **submodule** (or  $R$ -submodule, to be more explicit) if, for any  $n$  in  $N$  and any  $r$  in  $R$ , the product  $rn$  is in  $N$  (or  $nr$  for a right module).

If  $M$  and  $N$  are left  $R$ -modules, then a map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a **homomorphism of  $R$ -modules** if, for any  $m, n$  in  $M$  and  $r, s$  in  $R$ ,  $f(rm + sn) = rf(m) + sf(n)$ .

This, like any homomorphism of mathematical objects, is just a mapping which preserves the structure of the objects. Another name for a homomorphism of modules over  $R$  is an  $R$ -linear map.

A bijective module homomorphism is an **isomorphism of modules**, and the two modules are called isomorphic.

Two isomorphic modules are identical for all practical purposes, differing solely in the notation for their elements.

The kernel of a module homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is the submodule of  $M$  consisting of all elements that are sent to zero by  $f$ .

The isomorphism theorems familiar from groups and vector spaces are also valid for  $R$ -modules.

## TYPES OF MODULES

- (a) **Finitely generated** A module  $M$  is finitely generated if there exist finitely many elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $M$  such that every element of  $M$  is a linear combination of those elements with coefficients from the scalar ring  $R$ .
- (b) **Cyclic module** A module is called a cyclic module if it is generated by one element.
- (c) **Free** A free module is a module that has a basis, or equivalently, one that is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of the scalar ring  $R$ . These are the modules that behave very much like vector spaces.
- (d) **Projective** Projective modules are direct summands of free modules and share many of their desirable properties.
- (e) **Injective** Injective modules are defined dually to projective modules.
- (f) **Flat** A module is called flat if taking the tensor product of it with any short exact sequence of  $R$  modules preserves exactness.

- (g) **Simple** A simple module  $S$  is a module that is not  $0$  and whose only submodules are  $0$  and  $S$ . Simple modules are sometimes called irreducible.
- (h) **Semisimple** A semisimple module is a direct sum (finite or not) of simple modules. Historically these modules are also called completely reducible.
- (i) **Indecomposable** An indecomposable module is a non-zero module that cannot be written as a direct sum of two non-zero submodules. Every simple module is indecomposable, but there are indecomposable modules which are not simple (e.g. uniform modules).
- (j) **Faithful** A faithful module  $M$  is one where the action of each  $r \neq 0$  in  $R$  on  $M$  is nontrivial (i.e.  $rx \neq 0$  for some  $x$  in  $M$ ). Equivalently, the annihilator of  $M$  is the zero ideal.
- (k) **Noetherian**. A Noetherian module is a module which satisfies the ascending chain condition on submodules, that is,

every increasing chain of submodules becomes stationary after finitely many steps. Equivalently, every submodule is finitely generated.

- (l) **Artinian** An Artinian module is a module which satisfies the descending chain condition on submodules, that is, every decreasing chain of submodules becomes stationary after finitely many steps.
- (m) **Graded** A graded module is a module decomposable as a direct sum  $M = \bigoplus_x M_x$  over a graded ring  $R = \bigoplus_x R_x$  such that  $R_x M_y \subset M_{x+y}$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (n) **Uniform** A uniform module is a module in which all pairs of nonzero submodules have nonzero intersection.

## RELATION TO REPRESENTATION THEORY

If  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module, then the action of an element  $r$  in  $R$  is defined to be the map  $M \rightarrow M$  that sends each  $x$  to  $rx$  (or  $xr$  in the case of a right module), and is necessarily a group endomorphism of the abelian group  $(M, +)$ .

The set of all group endomorphisms of  $M$  is denoted  $End_Z(M)$  and forms a ring under addition and composition, and sending a ring element  $r$  of  $R$  to its action actually defines a ring homomorphism from  $R$  to  $End_Z(M)$ .



Such a ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \text{End}_Z(M)$  is called a representation of  $R$  over the abelian group  $M$ ; an alternative and equivalent way of defining left  $R$ -modules is to say that a left  $R$ -module is an abelian group  $M$  together with a representation of  $R$  over it.

A representation is called faithful if and only if the map  $R \rightarrow \text{End}_Z(M)$  is injective. In terms of modules, this means that if  $r$  is an element of  $R$  such that  $rx=0$  for all  $x$  in  $M$ , then  $r=0$ .

**END OF “MODULE” ON MODULES**

## 4. DERIVATIONS INTO A MODULE

### CONTEXTS

- (i) ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS
- (ii) JORDAN ALGEBRAS
- (iii) JORDAN TRIPLE SYSTEMS

Could also consider:

- (ii') LIE ALGEBRAS
- (iii') LIE TRIPLE SYSTEMS
- (i') ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS

## **(i) ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS**

derivation:  $D(ab) = a \cdot Db + Da \cdot b$

inner derivation:  $\text{ad } x(a) = x \cdot a - a \cdot x$   
( $x \in M$ )

### **THEOREM (Noether, Wedderburn) (early 20th century)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF SEMISIMPLE  
ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRA IS INNER,  
THAT IS, OF THE FORM  $x \mapsto ax - xa$   
FOR SOME  $a$  IN THE ALGEBRA

### **THEOREM (Hochschild 1942)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF SEMISIMPLE  
ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRA INTO A  
MODULE IS INNER, THAT IS, OF THE  
FORM  $x \mapsto ax - xa$  FOR SOME  $a$  IN  
THE MODULE

## (ii) JORDAN ALGEBRAS

derivation:  $D(a \circ b) = a \circ Db + Da \circ b$

inner derivation:

$$\sum_i [L(x_i)L(a_i) - L(a_i)L(x_i)]$$

$$(x_i \in M, a_i \in A)$$

$$b \mapsto \sum_i [x_i \circ (a_i \circ b) - a_i \circ (x_i \circ b)]$$

### **THEOREM (1949-Jacobson)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF A FINITE  
DIMENSIONAL SEMISIMPLE JORDAN  
ALGEBRA INTO ITSELF IS INNER

### **THEOREM (1951-Jacobson)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF A FINITE  
DIMENSIONAL SEMISIMPLE JORDAN  
ALGEBRA INTO A (JORDAN)

**MODULE IS INNER**

(Lie algebras, Lie triple systems)

### (iii) JORDAN TRIPLE SYSTEMS

derivation:

$$D\{a, b, c\} = \{Da.b, c\} + \{a, Db, c\} + \{a, b, Dc\}$$

$$\{x, y, z\} = (xy^*z + zy^*x)/2$$

inner derivation:  $\sum_i [L(x_i, a_i) - L(a_i, x_i)]$

$$(x_i \in M, a_i \in A)$$

$$b \mapsto \sum_i [\{x_i, a_i, b\} - \{a_i, x_i, b\}]$$

#### **THEOREM (1972 Meyberg)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF A FINITE  
DIMENSIONAL SEMISIMPLE JORDAN  
TRIPLE SYSTEM IS INNER

(Lie algebras, Lie triple systems)

#### **THEOREM (1978 Kühn-Rosendahl)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF A FINITE  
DIMENSIONAL SEMISIMPLE JORDAN  
TRIPLE SYSTEM INTO A JORDAN

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(Lie algebras)

## **(i') ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

derivation:

$$D(ab^t c) = ab^t Dc + a(Db)^t c + (Da)b^t c$$

inner derivation: see Table 3

The (non-module) result can be derived from the result for Jordan triple systems.

(See an exercise)

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## **(ii') LIE ALGEBRAS**

### **THEOREM (Zassenhaus)**

**(early 20th century)**

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Table 1  $M_n(\mathbf{R})$  (ALGEBRAS)

associative	Lie	Jordan
$ab = a \times b$	$[a, b] = ab - ba$	$a \circ b = ab + ba$
Noeth, Wedd 1920	Zassenhaus 1930	Jacobson 1949
Hochschild 1942	Hochschild 1942	Jacobson 1951

Table 3  $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{R})$  (TRIPLE SYSTEMS)

associative triple	Lie triple	Jordan triple
$ab^t c$	$[[a, b], c]$	$ab^t c + cb^t a$
	Lister 1952	Meyberg 1972
Carlsson 1976	Harris 1961	Kühn-Rosendahl 1978