

# DERIVATIONS

An introduction to non associative algebra  
(or, Playing havoc with the product rule)

Series 2—Part 6

Universal enveloping associative triple systems

Colloquium

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### Series 1

- PART I FEBRUARY 8, 2011 **ALGEBRAS; DERIVATIONS**
- PART II JULY 21, 2011 **TRIPLE SYSTEMS; DERIVATIONS**
- PART III FEBRUARY 28, 2012 **MODULES; DERIVATIONS**
- PART IV JULY 26, 2012 **COHOMOLOGY (ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS)**
- PART V OCTOBER 25, 2012 **THE SECOND COHOMOLOGY GROUP**
- PART VI MARCH 7, 2013 **COHOMOLOGY (LIE ALGEBRAS)**
- PART VII JULY 25, 2013 **COHOMOLOGY (JORDAN ALGEBRAS)**
- PART VIII SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 **VANISHING THEOREMS IN DIMENSIONS 1 AND 2 (ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS)**
- PART IX FEBRUARY 18, 2014 **VANISHING THEOREMS IN DIMENSIONS 1 AND 2 (JORDAN ALGEBRAS)**

## Series 2

- PART I JULY 24, 2014 **THE REMARKABLE CONNECTION BETWEEN JORDAN ALGEBRAS AND LIE ALGEBRAS**  
(Two theorems relating different types of derivations)
- PART II NOVEMBER 18, 2014 **THE REMARKABLE CONNECTION BETWEEN JORDAN ALGEBRAS AND LIE ALGEBRAS**  
(Two theorems embedding triple systems in Lie algebras)
- (digression) FEBRUARY 24, 2015 **GENETIC ALGEBRAS**
- PART III JULY 15, 2015 **LOCAL DERIVATIONS**
- (Fall 2015 missed due to the flu)
- PART IV FEBRUARY 23, 2016 **2-LOCAL DERIVATIONS**
- PART V JUNE 28, 2016 **LINKING ALGEBRA OF A TRIPLE SYSTEM**
- PART VI (today) OCTOBER 18, 2016  
**UNIVERSAL ENVELOPING ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

# Outline of today's talk

Series 2—Part 6

- Part 1: Square and Rectangular Matrices
- Part 2: Algebras and Triple Systems
- Part 3: Examples of Embeddings (Relations between different structures)
- Part 4: Universal Enveloping Associative Triple Systems

# (Part 1 starts here) RECTANGULAR MATRICES

$M_{p,q}$  = all  $p$  by  $q$  real matrices

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times q} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1q} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2q} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R})$$

**Matrix Multiplication**  $M_{p,q} \times M_{q,r} \subset M_{p,r}$

$$\mathbf{ab} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times q} [b_{kl}]_{q \times r} = [c_{ij}]_{p \times r} \text{ where } c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

**Example**

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 2} [b_{ij}]_{2 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} \\ a_{31}b_{11} + a_{32}b_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} \\ c_{21} \\ c_{31} \end{bmatrix} = [c_{ij}]_{3 \times 1}$$

# SQUARE MATRICES

$M_p = M_{p,p} =$  all  $p$  by  $p$  real matrices

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times p} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \quad (a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R})$$

**Matrix Multiplication**  $M_p \times M_p \subset M_p$

$$\mathbf{ab} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times p} [b_{kl}]_{p \times p} = [c_{ij}]_{p \times p} \text{ where } c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

**Examples**  $p = 1, 2$

•  $M_1 = \{[a_{11}] : a_{11} \in \mathbb{R}\}$  (Behaves exactly as  $\mathbb{R}$ )

•  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{2 \times 2} [b_{ij}]_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

# Important special cases

$M_{p,q}$  is a linear space

$$[a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}] = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}], c[a_{ij}] = [ca_{ij}]$$

$M_{1,p} = \mathbb{R}^p$  (row vectors)

$M_{p,1} = \mathbb{R}^p$  (column vectors)

$M_p$  is an algebra  
(**matrix addition and matrix multiplication**)

$$[a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}] = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}], c[a_{ij}] = [ca_{ij}], [a_{ij}] \times [b_{ij}] = [\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}]$$

$M_{p,q}$  is a triple system  
(**matrix addition and triple matrix multiplication**)

What is triple matrix multiplication? You need the **transpose**.

# Transpose (to the rescue)

If  $\mathbf{a} = [a_{ij}] \in M_{p,q}$  then  $\mathbf{a}^t = [a_{ij}^t] \in M_{q,p}$  where  $a_{ij}^t = a_{ji}$

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times q} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1q} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2q} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pq} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^t = [a_{ij}^t]_{q \times p} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^t & a_{12}^t & \cdots & a_{1p}^t \\ a_{21}^t & a_{22}^t & \cdots & a_{2p}^t \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{q1}^t & a_{q2}^t & \cdots & a_{qp}^t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{p1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{p2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{1q} & a_{2q} & \cdots & a_{pq} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{ab})^t = \mathbf{b}^t \mathbf{a}^t$$

Proof: If  $\mathbf{a} = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = [b_{ij}]$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{ab} = [c_{ij}]$ , so  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} b_{kj}$ ,

$$\mathbf{b}^t \mathbf{a}^t = [b_{ij}^t][a_{ij}^t] = [\sum_{k=1}^q b_{ik}^t a_{kj}^t] \quad \text{and}$$

$$(\mathbf{ab})^t = [c_{ij}^t] = [\sum_{k=1}^q a_{jk} b_{ki}] = [\sum_{k=1}^q a_{kj}^t b_{ik}^t] \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$



# Three (binary) multiplications on Matrices

## Matrix Multiplication

$(M_p, +, ab)$  is an **associative algebra** ,  $ab =$  matrix multiplication

## Bracket Multiplication

$(M_p, +, [a, b])$  is a **Lie algebra** ,  $[a, b] = ab - ba$

## Circle Multiplication

$(M_p, +, a \circ b)$  is a **Jordan algebra** ,  $a \circ b = (ab + ba)/2$

# Three triple multiplications on Matrices

## Triple Matrix Multiplication

$ab^t c$ ,  $a, b, c \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$  Denote  $ab^t c$  by  $\langle abc \rangle$ . Then  $(M_{p,q}, +, \langle abc \rangle)$  is an **associative triple system**

## Triple Bracket Multiplication

$[[a, b], c]$ ,  $a, b, c \in M_p(\mathbb{C})$  Denote  $[[a, b], c]$  by  $[abc]$ . Then  $(M_p, +, [abc])$  is a **Lie triple system**

## Triple Circle Multiplication

$(ab^t c + cb^t a)/2$ ,  $a, b, c \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$  Denote  $(ab^t c + cb^t a)/2$  by  $\{abc\}$ . Then  $(M_p, +, \{abc\})$  is a **Jordan triple system**

## (Part 2 starts here) Review of Algebras—Axiomatic approach

AN ALGEBRA IS DEFINED TO BE A SET (ACTUALLY A VECTOR SPACE OVER A FIELD) WITH TWO BINARY OPERATIONS, CALLED ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION—we are downplaying multiplication by scalars (=numbers=field elements)

ADDITION IS DENOTED BY  $a + b$  AND IS REQUIRED TO BE COMMUTATIVE  $a + b = b + a$   
AND ASSOCIATIVE  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

MULTIPLICATION IS DENOTED BY  $ab$  AND IS REQUIRED TO BE DISTRIBUTIVE WITH RESPECT TO ADDITION  
 $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ ,  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

AN ALGEBRA IS SAID TO BE ASSOCIATIVE (RESP. COMMUTATIVE) IF THE **MULTIPLICATION** IS ASSOCIATIVE (RESP. COMMUTATIVE) (RECALL THAT ADDITION IS ALWAYS COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE)

## Table 1 (FASHIONABLE) ALGEBRAS

**commutative algebras**  $ab = ba$

(Real numbers, Complex numbers, Continuous functions)

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\* **associative algebras**  $a(bc) = (ab)c$  \*

\* (Matrix multiplication) \*

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**Lie algebras**  $a^2 = 0$ ,  $(ab)c + (bc)a + (ca)b = 0$

(Bracket multiplication on associative algebras:  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ )

**Jordan algebras**  $ab = ba$ ,  $a(a^2b) = a^2(ab)$

(Circle multiplication on associative algebras:  $x \circ y = (xy + yx)/2$ )

# 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  
ADDITION IS DENOTED BY

$$a + b$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE

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

TRIPLE MULTIPLICATION IS DENOTED

$$\langle abc \rangle$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE LINEAR IN EACH VARIABLE

$$\langle (a + b)cd \rangle = \langle acd \rangle + \langle bcd \rangle$$

$$\langle a(b + c)d \rangle = \langle abd \rangle + \langle acd \rangle$$

$$\langle ab(c + d) \rangle = \langle abc \rangle + \langle abd \rangle$$

## THE AXIOM WHICH CHARACTERIZES TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

$$\langle\langle abc \rangle de \rangle = \langle ab \langle cde \rangle \rangle = \langle a \langle dcb \rangle e \rangle$$

Why not  $\langle a \langle bcd \rangle e \rangle$ ?

THESE ARE CALLED **ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**  
(MAGNUS HESTENES, OTTMAR LOOS)

Example: Triple matrix multiplication  $abc := ab^t c$  satisfies

$$(ab^t c)d^t e = ab^t(cd^t e) = a(dc^t b)^t e$$

which is just  $ab^t cd^t e$

## THE AXIOMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

$$aab = 0$$

$$abc + bca + cab = 0$$

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

THESE ARE CALLED **LIE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

(NATHAN JACOBSON, MAX KOECHER)

Example: Triple bracket multiplication  $abc := [[a, b], c]$  satisfies

$$[[a, a], b] = 0$$

$$[[a, b], c] + [[b, c], a] + [[c, a], b] = 0$$

$$[[d, e], [[a, b], c]] = [[[[d, e], a], b], c] + [[a, [[d, e], b]], c] + [[a, b], [[d, e], c]]$$

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**

Example: Triple circle multiplication  $abc := \{abc\} : (abTc + cb^t a)/2$  satisfies

$$\{abc\} = \{cba\}$$

$$\{de\{abc\}\} = \{\{dea\}bc\} - \{a\{edb\}c\} + \{ab\{dec\}\}$$



# SUMMARY

## Table 1 (FASHIONABLE) ALGEBRAS

**commutative algebras**  $ab = ba$

**associative algebras**  $a(bc) = (ab)c$

**Lie algebras**  $a^2 = 0$ ,  $(ab)c + (bc)a + (ca)b = 0$

**Jordan algebras**  $ab = ba$ ,  $a(a^2b) = a^2(ab)$

## Table 2 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**

$abc = cba$

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

(What is a **commutative** triple system?)

(Part 3 starts here)

Recall that any associative algebra  $A$  with product  $ab$  can be made into a Lie algebra, denoted by  $A^-$ , by defining  $[a, b] = ab - ba$  and into a Jordan algebra, denoted by  $A^+$ , by defining  $a \circ b = (ab + ba)/2$

### **Ado's Theorem 1947**

Every finite dimensional Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A^-$  for some associative algebra  $A$

### **Exceptional Jordan algebras**

There exist finite dimensional Jordan algebras which cannot be isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A^+$  for any associative algebra  $A$

## Theorem

Every finite dimensional Lie triple system  $F$  is isomorphic to a Lie subtriple system of a Lie algebra.

## Proof:

Let  $(\text{Inder } F)$  be the set of all sums of mappings on  $F$  of the form  $L(a, b)x = [[a, b], x]$ , where  $a, b$  are fixed elements of  $F$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the Lie algebra  $(\text{Inder } F) \oplus F$  with product

$$[(H_1, x_1), (H_2, x_2)] = ([H_1, H_2] + L(x_1, x_2), H_1x_2 - H_2x_1).$$

## Exercise

$\mathcal{L}$  is a Lie algebra.

## Exercise

Let  $\alpha : F \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  be defined by  $\alpha(x) = (0, x)$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a Lie triple isomorphism of  $F$  onto a Lie triple subsystem of the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}$ , that is,  $\alpha$  is linear and  $\alpha([[a, b], c]) = [[\alpha(a), \alpha(b)], \alpha(c)]$ .

## The TKK construction (Tits-Kantor-Koecher)

Let  $V$  be a Jordan triple and let  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  be its TKK Lie algebra .

$\mathcal{L}(V) = V \oplus V_0 \oplus V$  and the Lie product is given by

$$[(x, h, y), (u, k, v)] = (hu - kx, [h, k] + x \square v - u \square y, k^{\natural}y - h^{\natural}v).$$

Here,  $a \square b$  is the left multiplication operator  $x \mapsto \{abx\}$  (also called the box operator),  $V_0 = \text{span}\{V \square V\}$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  and for

$h = \sum_i a_i \square b_i \in V_0$ , the map  $h^{\natural} : V \rightarrow V$  is defined by

$$h^{\natural} = \sum_i b_i \square a_i.$$

### Exercise

$\mathcal{L}(V)$  is a Lie algebra

## Example

Let  $V = M_2$  be the 2 by 2 matrix algebra. Then  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  is isomorphic to the Lie algebra of all 4 by 4 matrices of trace zero.

## Application

Every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Jordan triple system is inner.

## Application of the earlier theorem

Every derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Lie triple system is inner.

# Linking algebra of an associative triple system

Let  $X$  denote  $M_{p,q}$  and let  $x, y, z, \dots$  denote elements of  $X$ . We define

$$XX^t = \{x_1y_1^t + x_2y_2^t + \dots + x_ny_n^t : x_i, y_i \in X, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

and

$$X^tX = \{x_1^ty_1 + x_2^ty_2 + \dots + x_n^ty_n : x_i, y_i \in X, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$XX^t = M_{p,q}M_{q,p} \text{ is a subalgebra of } M_p$$

and

$$X^tX = M_{q,p}M_{p,q} \text{ is a subalgebra of } M_q$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} XX^t & X \\ X^t & X^tX \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{Note: } A \subset \begin{bmatrix} M_p & M_{p,q} \\ M_{q,p} & M_q \end{bmatrix} \subset M_{p+q} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i^t & x \\ y^t & \sum_{j=1}^m z_j^t w_j \end{bmatrix} : x, y, x_i, y_i, z_j, w_j \in X, n = 1, 2, \dots, m = 1, 2, \dots \right\}$$

## Exercise

A is an algebra:  $a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & x \\ y^t & \beta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & x_1 \\ y_1^t & \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $ab = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\alpha_1 + xy_1^t & \alpha x_1 + x\beta_1 \\ y^t\alpha_1 + \beta y_1^t & y^t x_1 + \beta\beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$

## Exercise

$X = M_{1,2}$ ,  $X^t = M_{2,1}$ ,  $XX^t = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X^tX = M_2$

## Example

If  $X = M_{1,2}$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_{1,2} \\ M_{2,1} & M_2 \end{pmatrix} = M_3$$

## Application

Let  $X = M_{p,q}$  and let  $D : X \rightarrow X$  be a triple matrix derivation of  $X$ . If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} XX^t & X \\ X^t & X^tX \end{pmatrix} \subset \begin{pmatrix} M_p & M_{p,q} \\ M_{q,p} & M_q \end{pmatrix} \subset M_{p+q}$ , then  $A$  is an algebra and the map  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  given, for  $x, y, x_i, y_i, z_j, w_j \in X$ , by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_i x_i y_i^t & x \\ y^t & \sum_j z_j^t w_j \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i (x_i (Dy_i)^t + (Dx_i) y_i^t) & Dx \\ (Dy)^t & \sum_j (z_j^t (Dw_j) + (Dz_j)^t w_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

is well defined and a derivation of  $A$ , which extends  $D$  (when  $X$  is embedded in  $A$  via  $\varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ). If  $a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & x \\ y^t & \beta \end{pmatrix} \in A$  then  $\delta(a^t) = \delta(a)^t$  where  $a^t = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^t & y \\ x^t & \beta^t \end{pmatrix}$ .

- ▶  $\delta$  is well-defined:  $\sum_i x_i y_i^t = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_i (Dx_i) y_i^t + x_i (Dy_i)^t = 0$
- ▶  $\delta$  is linear:  $\delta(a + b) = \delta(a) + \delta(b)$ ;  $\delta(ca) = c\delta(a)$
- ▶  $\delta(a^t) = \delta(a)^t$
- ▶  $\delta(ab) = a\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$
- ▶  $\delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Dx \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- ▶  $\varphi(xy^t z) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)^t\varphi(z)$



(Part 4 starts here)

### Theorem (Bunce-Feely-Timoney, Bohle-Werner 2012)

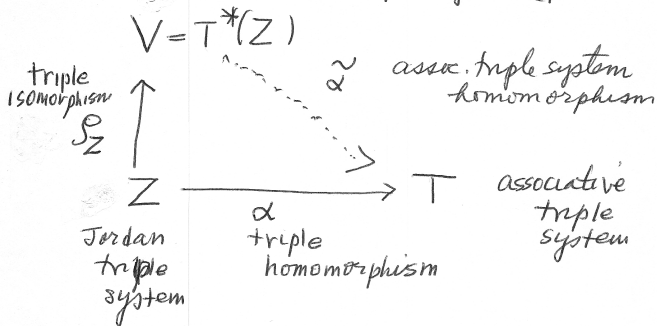
Let  $Z$  be a Jordan triple system. Then there exists an associative triple system  $V = T^*(Z)$  and a triple homomorphism  $\rho_Z : Z \rightarrow V$  ( $V$  is considered as a Jordan triple system under the triple product  $\{abc\} = (ab^*c + cb^*a)/2$ ) such that if  $T$  is any associative triple system (also considered as a Jordan triple system under the triple product  $\{abc\} = (ab^*c + cb^*a)/2$ ) and  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow T$  is a triple homomorphism, then there is an associative triple system isomorphism  $\tilde{\alpha} : V \rightarrow T$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha} \circ \rho_Z = \alpha$ .

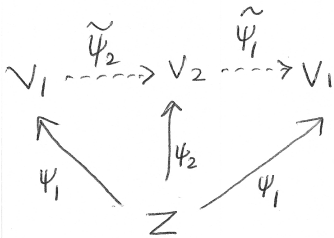
And,  $V$  is the smallest associative triple system containing  $\rho_Z(Z)$ .

$\tilde{\alpha}$  is unique

$V$  is unique (up to associative triple isomorphism)

universal enveloping associative  
triple system (of  $Z$ )





$\varphi := \tilde{\psi}_1 \circ \tilde{\psi}_2 : V_1 \rightarrow V_1$  is an assoc. triple system homomorphism

claim  $\varphi$  is the identity on  $V_1$

so  $V_1$  is isomorphic to  $V_2$  as associative triple systems

## Examples: Cartan Factors

$$Z = M_{n,m}(\mathbb{C}), m, n \geq 2, \quad T^*(Z) = M_{n,m}(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$$

$$Z = M_{n,1}(\mathbb{C}) \text{ or } M_{1,n}(\mathbb{C}), \quad T^*(Z) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^n M_{p_k, q_k}(\mathbb{C}), p_k = \binom{n}{k}, q_k = \binom{n}{k-1}$$

$$Z = A_n \subset M_n(\mathbb{C}), x^t = -x, \quad T^*(Z) = M_n(\mathbb{C})$$

$$Z = S_n \subset M_n(\mathbb{C}), x^t = x, \quad T^*(Z) = M_n(\mathbb{C})$$

$$Z = \text{spin factor, dimension } 2n, \quad T^*(Z) = M_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})$$

$$Z = \text{spin factor, dimension } 2n+1, \quad T^*(Z) = M_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$$

spin system:  $S = \{I, s_1, \dots, s_n\} \subset M_m(\mathbb{C}), n \geq 2, s_i^* = s_i, s_i s_j + s_j s_i = 2\delta_{ij}$   
spin factor  $Z \subset M_m(\mathbb{C})$  is the linear span of  $S$

# Applications

## 1. **$K$ -theory of finite dimensional Jordan triple systems**

- Bohle, Dennis; Werner, Wend—The universal enveloping ternary ring of operators of a  $JB^*$ -triple system. Proc. Edinb. Math. Soc. (2) 57 (2014), no. 2, 347–366.

There is something called “ $K$ -theory” for associative algebras that can be used to classify certain classes of operator algebras ( $C^*$ -algebras).

Using the linking algebra of an associative triple system, one can obtain a  $K$ -theory for associative triple systems.

Using the universal enveloping associative triple system of a Jordan triple system, one can obtain a  $K$ -theory for Jordan triple systems, and hence a classification of a certain class of Jordan triple systems.

## 2. **Structure of infinite dimensional associative triple systems**

- Russo, Bernard—Universal enveloping TROs and Structure of  $W^*$ -TROs, (preprint 2016)