

WORKSHOP ON NON-ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Editorial

The first examples of non-associative rings and algebras appeared in the mid-19th century. Since then the theory has evolved into an independent branch of algebra, exhibiting many points of contact with other fields of mathematics and natural sciences. The aim of this workshop was to bring together mathematicians, physicists and other natural scientists interested in this field, with a focus on increasing the quality of research, promoting interaction among researchers and discussing new directions for the future.

Many important classes of non-associative algebras, such as Jordan algebras, have originated in a physics context or have been developed due to their applications in physics. Superalgebras and their representations, supermodules, provide an algebraic framework for formulating supersymmetry in theoretical physics, though they first appeared (as graded algebras) in the context of algebraic topology and homology. They also play an important role in the related field of supergeometry where they enter the definitions of graded manifolds, supermanifolds and superschemes. Vertex operator algebras (VOAs) were first considered by physicists in connection with chiral algebras and two-dimensional conformal field theory, and subsequently by mathematicians who noticed remarkable links between finite simple groups and modular functions. Some axiomatic approaches to VOAs inspired the introduction of code algebras. Potential algebras are a powerful tool to obtain the spectrum and scattering amplitude of quantum mechanical models in a purely algebraic setting. The Lie ageing algebra has been studied in connection with a class of non-equilibrium phenomena known as ‘ageing’ which are related to strongly interacting many-body problems. The first four papers in these proceedings are contributions to problems in these areas.

Many generalisations of Lie and associative algebras have been introduced to tackle a variety of problems in mathematics and physics. Leibniz algebras come in two forms, satisfying variants of the Jacobi identity implying that right or left multiplications by an element are derivations; those in which both are derivations are called symmetric. A Leibniz algebra which is also anti-commutative is a Lie algebra. They have natural connections to a variety of areas, including algebraic K-theory, classical algebraic topology, differential geometry, homological algebra, loop spaces, noncommutative geometry and physics. Hom–Lie algebras first appeared in the study of quantum deformations of Witt and Virasoro algebras; they are generalisations of Lie algebras, where the Jacobi identity is twisted by a linear map. They are related to discrete and deformed vector fields, and differential calculus. Triple systems were introduced by Jacobson in 1949 to study subspaces of associative algebras closed under triple commutators and triple anti-commutators. They are important in the study of symmetric spaces and their generalisations. As is well known, the Cayley–Dickson process arises from the doubling procedure which produces quaternion and octonion algebras, the latter of which are examples of alternative algebras. Coalternative algebras are dual, in a categorical sense, to alternative algebras. The next four papers fall into these areas.

Crossed product algebras are important in the theory of central simple algebras: any central simple algebra over a local or global field is a crossed product algebra. Certain non-associative algebras have been employed systematically to build fast decodable space-time block codes, used for wireless digital data transmission, for example, in mobile phones, laptops or portable TVs. Delsarte–Goethals code belongs to a family of non-linear binary error-correcting codes. The last two papers relate to these areas.

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