

MULTIDIMENSIONAL ASSOCIATIVES

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Abstract. Let  $M$  be a set of positive integers. For every  $m \in M$ , let  $F_m$  be a set of vector valued operations on a set  $A$ , such that

$$(\forall f \in F_m) f: A^{m+k_f} \rightarrow A^{m, 1}$$

where  $k_f > 0$ . Denote by  $F$  the set  $\bigcup \{F_m \mid m \in M\}$ .

The vector valued algebra  $(A; F)$  is said to be an associative if the general associative law holds. In two previous papers ([1] and [2]) some results of associatives concerning the case  $|M|=1$  are obtained, and here we make corresponding investigations assuming that  $M$  is an arbitrary nonempty set of positive integers.

§1. Polynomial operations

Let  $A$  be a nonempty set, and let  $Op(A)$  be the set of vector valued operations on  $A$ , i.e.

$$Op(A) = \{f: A^n \rightarrow A^m \mid n, m \geq 1\}.$$

If  $f: A^n \rightarrow A^m$ , then we write  $\delta f = n$ ,  $\rho f = m$ ,  $\iota f = n - m$  (or  $\delta(f) = n$  etc. when parenthesis are more convenient), and we say that  $n, m, n - m$  are the length, dimension, index of  $f$  - respectively.

Let  $F$  be a nonempty subset of  $Op(A)$  with the following property:

$$(\forall f \in F) (\iota f = \delta f - \rho f > 0). \quad (1.1)$$

We define a set of operations  $\mathcal{P}(F) \subseteq Op(A)$ , which will be called the set of polynomials generated by  $F$ , in the following way:

$$\mathcal{P}(F) = \bigcup \{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \geq 1\}, \quad (1.2)$$

where:

$$F_1 = F,$$

<sup>1)</sup>  $A^r$  is the  $r$ -th Cartesian power of  $A$ .

$$F_{\alpha+1} = F_{\alpha} \cup \{g(g_1 \times \dots \times g_p) \mid g \in F_{\alpha}, g_v \in F_{\alpha} \cup \{1_A\}, \delta \sigma = \sum_{v=1}^p \rho g_v\}^2)$$

It can be easily shown that:

$$\text{P.1.1. } \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(F)) = \mathcal{P}(F). \diamond$$

It is desirable to have a corresponding description of the sets  $\rho(\mathcal{P}(F))$ ,  $\iota(\mathcal{P}(F))^3)$ .

First we have:

$$\text{P.1.2. } \rho(\mathcal{P}(F)) = \rho(F). \diamond$$

Denote the set  $\rho(F)$  by:

$$M = \{m_1, m_2, \dots\} = \{m_{\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $m_{\nu} < m_{\nu+1}$ , and  $\Lambda$  is the set of positive integers or  $\Lambda = \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ . We assume that  $|\Lambda| \geq 2$ , for the case  $\Lambda = \{1\}$  is considered in [2] and [4].

Denote by  $F_{\lambda}(\mathcal{P}_{\lambda}(F))$  the set of elements  $f \in F$  ( $f \in \mathcal{P}(F)$ ) such that  $\rho f = m_{\lambda}$  and put:

$$\iota(F_{\lambda}) = I_{\lambda}, \quad \iota(F) = I, \quad \iota(\mathcal{P}_{\lambda}(F)) = K_{\lambda}, \quad \iota(\mathcal{P}(F)) = K \quad (1.4)$$

Clearly:

$$\text{P.1.3. } I = \cup\{I_{\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}, \quad K = \cup\{K_{\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}. \diamond$$

By a usual induction it can be shown that:

P.1.4.  $K$  is an additive semigroup of positive integers generated by  $I$ , and, for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $K_{\lambda}$  is a subsemigroup of  $K$ .  $\diamond$

Assume now that  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  and  $k_{\nu} \in K_{\nu}$  are such that  $m_{\nu} + k_{\nu} \geq m_{\mu}$ , and let  $k_{\mu}$  be an arbitrary element of  $K_{\mu}$ . Then, there exist  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(F)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(F)$  such that  $f = k_{\nu}$ ,  $g = k_{\mu}$  and

$$h = f(g \times \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{m_{\nu} + k_{\nu} - m_{\mu}}) \in \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(F), \quad h = k_{\nu} + k_{\mu}.$$

<sup>2)</sup> Composition and direct products of operations have the usual meanings;  $1_A = 1$  is the identity transformation of  $A$  (see for ex. [4; 123-124]).

<sup>3)</sup> If  $G$  is a set of operations on  $A$ , and  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $G$  into a set  $B$ , then  $\tau(G) = \{\tau(g) \mid g \in G\}$ .

This implies the following property of the collection  $\{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ :

P.1.5. If  $\nu, \mu \in \Lambda$ ,  $k_\nu \in K_\nu$  are such that  $k_\nu + m_\nu \geq m_\mu$ , then  $k_\nu + K_\mu \subseteq K_\nu$ . ♦

Now we will give a satisfactory description of the collection of semigroups  $\{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ .

P.1.6. Let a collection of sets of positive integers  $\{I_{\nu, \alpha} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda, \alpha \geq 0\}$  be defined as follows:

$$I_{\nu, 0} = I_\nu, \quad I_{\nu, \alpha+1} = I_{\nu, \alpha} \cup \bar{I}_{\nu, \alpha},$$

where

$$\bar{I}_{\nu, \alpha} = \{i_\nu + i_\lambda \mid i_\nu \in I_{\nu, \alpha}, i_\lambda \in I_\lambda, m_\nu + i_\lambda \geq m_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda\}.$$

Then:

$$K_\nu = \bigcup \{I_{\nu, \alpha} \mid \alpha \geq 0\}. \quad \spadesuit$$

If  $F \subseteq \text{Op}(A)$ , then  $F$  induces a vector valued algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; F)$  with a carrier  $A$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) = (A; \mathcal{P}(F))$  is the corresponding polynomial algebra. It is clear that:

P.1.7. If  $C \subseteq A$ ,  $C \neq \emptyset$ , then:

$C$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}$  iff

$C$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{P}(C)$ . ♦

Let  $A'$  be a set and  $F' \subseteq \text{Op}(A')$ . A homomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}' = (A'; F')$  is a pair of mappings  $\zeta: A \rightarrow A'$ ,  $\psi: F \rightarrow F'$  such that  $\psi$  is surjective and:

$$(\forall f \in F) (\delta f = \delta(\psi(f)), \rho f = \rho(\psi(f))),$$

$$(\forall a_\nu \in A, f \in F) (\zeta(f(a_\nu^n)) = f'(\bar{a}_\nu^n)),$$

where  $\zeta(c) = \bar{c}$ ,  $\psi(f) = f'$ , and  $\zeta(b_1^m) = \bar{b}_1^m$ .

P.1.8. Every homomorphism  $(\zeta, \psi)$  from  $(A; F)$  into  $(A'; F')$  induces a unique homomorphism  $(\zeta, \psi)$  from  $(A; \mathcal{P}(F))$  into  $(A'; \mathcal{P}(F'))$ . ♦

## §2. Associatives

As in the previous section, we will assume that  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $F \subseteq \text{Op}(A)$ ,  $F \neq \emptyset$ , is such that  $\zeta f > 0$ , i.e.  $\delta f > \rho f$ , for every  $f \in F$ .

We say that  $F$  is an associative on  $A$  iff the following condition is satisfied:

$$f, g \in \mathcal{P}(F), \delta f = \delta g, \rho f = \rho g \implies f = g. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $K, \{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  and  $M = \{m_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be defined as in the previous section. By P.1.1 one obtains:

P.2.1.  $F$  is an associative on  $A$  iff  $\mathcal{P}(F)$  is an associative on  $A$ .  $\diamond$

According to this proposition, we will assume further on that

$$\mathcal{P}(F) = F. \quad (2.2)$$

Therefore, for every  $k_\lambda \in K_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}$ , there exists a unique  $f^{(k_\lambda, m_\lambda)} : A^{k_\lambda + m_\lambda} \rightarrow A^{m_\lambda}$  (where  $K_0 = \{0\}, m_0 = 1, f^{(0, 1)} = 1_A$ ). This enables us, for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , to define a unique mapping

$$f^{(m_\lambda)} : A^{K_\lambda + m_\lambda} \rightarrow A^{m_\lambda} \quad (4)$$

by

$$(\forall x \in A^{K_\lambda + m_\lambda}) f^{(m_\lambda)}(x) = f^{(k_\lambda, m_\lambda)}(x).$$

Thus one obtains a set of mappings

$$G = \{f^{(m_\lambda)} : A^{K_\lambda + m_\lambda} \rightarrow A^{m_\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\} \quad (2.3)$$

with the following property:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\lambda_1} + \dots + m_{\lambda_p} \in K_{\mu} + m_{\mu} &\implies \\ \implies f^{(m_\mu)}(f^{(m_{\lambda_1})} \times \dots \times f^{(m_{\lambda_p})}) &\subseteq f^{(m_\mu)} \quad (5) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

And conversely:

If a family of mappings (2.3) has the property (2.4) and

$$f^{(k_\lambda, m_\lambda)} = f^{(m_\lambda)} \Big|_{A^{k_\lambda + m_\lambda}},$$

then the set

$$F = \{f^{(k_\lambda, m_\lambda)} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda, k_\lambda \in K_\lambda\} \quad (2.5)$$

is an associative on  $A$ .

<sup>4)</sup> We note that if  $P$  is a set of positive integers on a set  $A$ , then  $A^P = \cup \{A^p \mid p \in P\}$ . (Thus, here,  $A^P$  has not the usual meaning - the set of all mappings from  $P$  into  $A$ .)

<sup>5)</sup> If  $f: B \rightarrow D, g: C \rightarrow D$ , then  $f \subseteq g$  iff  $B \subseteq C$  and  $(\forall x \in B) f(x) = g(x)$ , i.e.  $f$  is the restriction of  $g$  on  $B$ .

Note that, by induction, it is easy to show that the condition (2.4) can be changed with the following special (weaker) condition:

$$\alpha + m_\lambda + \beta \in K_{\mu + m_\mu} \implies f^{(m_\mu)}(1^\alpha \times f^{(m_\mu)} \times 1^\beta) \subseteq f^{(m_\mu)}. \quad (2.6)$$

Further on we will always consider the class of F-associatives as a class of mappings (2.3), which satisfy (2.4), where  $K, \{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}, M$  have the above mentioned properties. Instead of "F-associative", we will write " $(K; \{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}; M)$ -associative", and we will say that  $\phi = (K; \{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}; M)$  is the type of the associative. Also we will write

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} k_\lambda + m_\lambda \\ a_1 \end{array} \right]^{(\lambda)} \text{ instead of } f^{(m_\lambda)} \left( \begin{array}{c} k_\lambda + m_\lambda \\ a_1 \end{array} \right).$$

Assume that  $A$  and  $A'$  are the carriers of two associatives of the same type  $\phi$ . A mapping  $\zeta: c \mapsto \bar{c}$  from  $A$  into  $A'$  is a homomorphism iff:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} k_\lambda + m_\lambda \\ a_1 \end{array} \right]^{(\lambda)} = b_1^{m_\lambda} \implies \left[ \begin{array}{c} k_\lambda + m_\lambda \\ \bar{a}_1 \end{array} \right]^{(\lambda)} = \bar{b}_1^{m_\lambda}. \quad (2.7)$$

It can be easily seen that this definition of homomorphism is compatible with the usual definition given in §1.

### §3. Free associatives

The notion of a "free associative with a basis  $B$ " has the usual meaning. So we will not state here the corresponding explicit definition, but we will give a construction of free associatives.

Let  $B$  be a nonempty set and  $\phi = (K; \{K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}; M)$  a type of associatives,  $M = \{m_1, m_2, \dots\}$ ,  $m_\lambda < m_{\lambda+1}$ . Denote

$$m_1 + \dots + m_\lambda \text{ by } \bar{m}_\lambda, \{1, 2, \dots, t\} \text{ by } N_t, \bar{m}_0 = 0, N_0 = \emptyset.$$

Define a sequence of sets  $(B_\alpha \mid \alpha \geq 0)$  as follows:  $B_0 = B$  and

$$B_{\alpha+1} = B_\alpha \cup C_\alpha, \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$C_\alpha = \bigcup \{ (N_{\bar{m}_\lambda} \setminus N_{\bar{m}_{\lambda-1}}) \times R_{\alpha, \lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}. \quad (3.2)$$

Now we have to explain the meaning of  $R_{\alpha, \lambda}$ . First, we define  $R_{\alpha, \lambda}$  by:

$$R_{\alpha, \lambda} = (B_{\alpha})^{K_{\lambda} + m_{\lambda}}. \quad (3.3)$$

Assume that  $B_{\alpha}$  is well defined. Then (as usually) we denote by  $B_{\alpha}^{+}$  the free semigroup with a basis  $B$  and by  $B_{\alpha}^{*} = B_{\alpha}^{+} \cup \{1\}$  the free monoid with a basis  $B$ . An element

$$u = (\bar{m}_{\lambda} + 1, \gamma) (\bar{m}_{\lambda} + 2, \gamma) \dots (\bar{m}_{\lambda+1}, \gamma) \in B_{\alpha}^{+} \quad (3.4)$$

is called an elementary reduction, and an element  $c \in B_{\alpha}^{+}$  is said to be reducible iff

$$x = x'ux'',$$

where  $x', x'' \in B_{\alpha}^{*}$  and  $u$  is an elementary reduction. And,  $x \in B_{\alpha}^{+}$  is said to be reduced if it is not reducible. Then  $R_{\alpha, \lambda}$  is the set of all the reduced elements of  $B_{\alpha}^{m_{\lambda} + K_{\lambda}}$ .

Thus,  $R_{\alpha, \lambda}$  is a well defined subset of  $B_{\alpha}^{m_{\lambda} + K_{\lambda}}$  for every  $\alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \Lambda$ . Moreover, if  $x \in B_{\gamma}$ , then  $x \in R_{\gamma, \lambda}$  iff  $x \in R_{\gamma+1, \lambda}$ .

Denote the set  $\cup \{B_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \geq 0\}$  by  $\bar{B}$ .

If  $x \in \bar{B}^{+}$ , then we say that  $x \in \bar{B}$  is reduced if  $x \in B_{\alpha}^{+}$  and  $x$  is reduced in  $B_{\alpha}^{+}$ . Denote the set of the reduced elements of  $\bar{B}^{+}$  by  $R$ . Thus,  $R = \cup \{R_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \geq 0\}$ , where  $R_{\alpha}$  is the set of reduced elements of  $B_{\alpha}^{+}$ .

The concepts of hierarchy  $\zeta$  in  $\bar{B}$  and norm  $|| \cdot ||$  in  $\bar{B}^{+}$  are defined as follows:

$$\zeta_1(u) = \min\{\alpha \mid u \in B_{\alpha}\};$$

$$|u| = 0 \iff u \in B^{+},$$

$$|(i, x)| = 1 + |x|, \quad |xy| = |x| + |y|.$$

Now we will define a mapping

$$\psi: \bar{B}^{+} \rightarrow R$$

in the following way ((i) and (ii)):

$$(i) \ x \in R \implies \psi(x) = x.$$

Let  $x \in \bar{B}^+ \setminus R$  and let  $\psi(y) \in R$  be defined for every  $y \in \bar{B}^+$  such that  $|y| < |x|$ , and then

$$\psi(y) \neq y \iff |\psi(y)| < |y|. \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $x = x'ux''$ , where  $u$  is an elementary reduction of the form (3.4), and  $x'$  is reduced (or  $x' = 1$ ). Then  $|x'yx''| < |x|$ , and thus  $\psi(x'yx'')$  is well defined. Then we define  $\psi(x)$  by:

$$(ii) \quad \psi(x) = \psi(x'yx'').$$

Then we have:

$$|\psi(x)| = |\psi(x'yx'')| \leq |x'yx''| < |x|,$$

and this implies that  $\psi: \bar{B}^+ \rightarrow R$  is a well defined mapping such that (3.5) is satisfied.

Let us establish some properties of the mapping  $\psi$ .

P.3.1. If  $x \in \bar{B}^+$  and  $dm(x) \in m_\nu + K_\nu$ ,<sup>6)</sup> then  $dm(\psi(x)) \in m_\nu + K_\nu$ .

Proof. Let  $\psi(x)$  be defined by (ii). Then,  $dm(x) = dm(x'x'') + m_{\lambda+1}$ ,

$$dm(x'yx'') = dm(x'x'') + dmy.$$

The fact that  $(\bar{m}_\lambda + i, y) \in \bar{B}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m_{\lambda+1}$ ) implies that  $dmy = k_{\lambda+1} + m_{\lambda+1}$  for some  $k_{\lambda+1} \in K_{\lambda+1}$ . But  $dmx \in m_\nu + K_\nu$  implies that  $dmx = m_\nu + k_\nu$  for some  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . Thus we have:

$$m_\nu + k_\nu = dm(x'x'') + m_{\lambda+1}, \text{ and therefore}$$

$$m_\nu + k_\nu \geq m_{\lambda+1}, \text{ which implies that}$$

$$k_\nu + K_{\lambda+1} \subseteq K_\nu.$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} dm(x'yx'') &= dm(x'x'') + dmy = dm(x'x'') + k_{\lambda+1} + m_{\lambda+1} = \\ &= m_\nu + k_\nu + k_{\lambda+1} \in m_\nu + K_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by an induction on norms, we obtain that

$$dm(\psi(x)) = dm(\psi(x'yx'')) \in m_\nu + K_\nu. \quad \blacklozenge$$

<sup>6)</sup> If  $x \in \bar{B}^\alpha \subset \bar{B}^+$ , then  $dm(x) = \alpha = dmx$ .

P.3.2.  $(\forall x \in \bar{B}^+, y \in \bar{B}^*) \psi(xy) = \psi(\psi(x)y)$ .  $\diamond$

P.3.3. If  $x = x'ux''$ ,  $x', x'' \in \bar{B}^*$ , and  $u$  is an elementary reduction of the form (3.4), then

$$\psi(x) = \psi(x'yx'').$$

Proof. If  $x'=1$  or  $x' \in R$ , then the above equality holds by (ii), and if  $x' \neq 1$ ,  $x' \notin R$ , then we can apply P.3.2 and an induction on norms.  $\diamond$

P.3.4.  $(\forall x', x'' \in \bar{B}^*, x \in \bar{B}^+) \psi(x'xx'') = \psi(x'\psi(x)x'')$ .

Proof. We can assume that  $\psi(x) \neq x$ , and apply P.3.3.  $\diamond$

Now, we will define a collection of mappings

$$\{ [ ]^\lambda : \bar{B}^{m_\lambda + K_\lambda} \rightarrow \bar{B}^{m_\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}.$$

Namely, assume that  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $x \in \bar{B}^{m_\lambda + K_\lambda}$ . Then, by P.3.1,  $\psi(x) \in \bar{B}^{m_\lambda + K_\lambda}$ , and thus  $z_i = (\bar{m}_{\lambda-1} + i, \psi(x)) \in \bar{B}$ , for every  $i \in N_{m_\lambda}$ . Then we put

$$[x]^\lambda = z_1^{m_\lambda}. \quad (3.6)$$

To show that  $(\bar{B}; \{ [ ]^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$  is a  $(K; \{ K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}; \{ m_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$ -associative, we have to show that

$$[x' [x]^\lambda x'']^\lambda = [x'xx'']^\lambda, \quad (3.7)$$

for every pair  $\nu, \lambda \in \Lambda$ , and  $x', y, x'' \in \bar{B}^*$  such that the left hand side is well defined.

Namely, first we have that  $x \in \bar{B}^{m_\lambda + K_\lambda}$  and

$$[x]^\nu = (\bar{m}_{\nu-1} + 1, \psi(x)) \dots (\bar{m}_{\nu-1} + m_\nu, \psi(x)).$$

By P.3.4 we have  $\psi(x' [x]^\nu x'') = \psi(x'xx'')$ , and this implies that (3.7) is satisfied.

Thus,  $(\bar{B}; \{ [ ]^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$  is an associative. By induction on hierarchy, it can be easily seen that  $B$  is a generating subset of this associative.

Assume that  $(Q; \{ [ ]^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$  is an associative of the same type and  $\zeta: B \rightarrow Q$  an arbitrary mapping. Define a sequence of mappings  $\{\zeta_\alpha: B_\alpha \rightarrow Q\}$  as follows.



First, we put  $\zeta_0 = \zeta$ . Assume that  $\zeta_\alpha: B_\alpha \rightarrow Q$  is well defined. Let  $v \in B_{\alpha+1} \setminus B_\alpha$ . Then there exist  $\lambda+1 \in \Lambda$  and  $i \in N_{\lambda+1}$  such that  $v = (\bar{m}_\lambda + i, x)$ , where  $x \in R_{\lambda+1, \alpha}$ . Thus,  $x = u_1 u_2 \dots u_{m_{\lambda+1} + k_{\lambda+1}}$ , for some  $u_j \in B_\alpha$ . Then  $\zeta_\alpha(u_j) \in Q$  is well defined. Let

$$\llbracket \zeta_\alpha(u_1) \dots (\zeta_\alpha(u_{m_{\lambda+1} + k_{\lambda+1}})) \rrbracket = c_1^{m_{\lambda+1}}.$$

Then we put

$$\zeta_{\alpha+1}(v) = c_1,$$

and  $\zeta_{\alpha+1}(w) = \zeta_\alpha(w)$ , for every  $w \in B_\alpha$ .

Define by  $\zeta$  the uniquely determined mapping  $\psi: \bar{B} \rightarrow Q$  which is an extension of  $\zeta_\alpha$ , for every  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

By induction it can be shown that

$$\psi: (\bar{B}; \{ [ ]^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}) \rightarrow (Q; \{ \llbracket \rrbracket^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$$

is a homomorphism, and that will complete the proof of the following

**Theorem 3.5.**  $(Q; \{ [ ]^\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \})$  is a free  $(K; (K_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda); (m_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda))$  associative with a basis  $B$ .  $\square$

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## МНОГУДИМЕНЗИОНАЛНИ АСОЦИЈАТИВИ

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## Резиме

Нека  $M$  е множество позитивни цели броеви и, за секој  $m \in M$ , нека  $F_m$  е множество векторско вредносни операции на едно множество  $A$ , така што

$$(\forall f \in F_m) f: A^{m+k_f} \rightarrow A^m,$$

каде што  $k_f > 0$ . (Притоа,  $A^r$  означува  $r$ -ти декартов степен на множеството  $A$ .) Да го означиме со  $F$  множеството  $\{F_m \mid m \in M\}$ .

Векторско вредносната алгебра  $(A; F)$  се вика асоцијатив ако важи општиот асоцијативен закон. Во два поранешни труда ([1] и [2]) се добиени некои резултати за асоцијативи што се однесуваат на случајот  $|M|=1$ , а овде се вршат соодветни испитувања земајќи  $M$  да е произволно непразно множество позитивни цели броеви.

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