

# New models of four dimensional absolute valued algebras

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with some results concerning the 4-dimensional absolute valued algebras with left omnipresent unit. We also construct, by algebraic methods some new models of 4-dimensional absolute valued algebras with left omnipresent unit. These new algebras contain at least one 2-dimensional sub-algebra, and aren't isomorphic to  $\mathbb{H}$  (The quaternion algebra).

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $A$  be a non necessarily associative real algebra which is normed as real vector space. We say that  $A$  is a pre-Hilbert algebra, if it's norm  $\|\cdot\|$  comes from an inner product ( $\cdot, \cdot$ ) (See [12, 13, 19, 21] and [10]), and is said to be absolute valued algebra (AVA), if it's satisfy the equality  $\|ab\| = \|a\|\|b\|$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ . The readers are referred to [1], for basis facts and intrinsic characterizations of these classical AVA. The last decades have known several works in the theme for algebras which either having left-unit ( [14, 15, 17] and [7]). Or finite-dimensional ( [4] and [9]). We recall that every AVA,  $A$  is a normed algebra. Note that, the norm of any AVA with left unit (or finite dimensional) comes from an inner product (see [5, 15]). In 1947 Albert proved that the finite dimensional unital AVA are classified by  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{O}$  and that every finite dimensional AVA is isotopic to one of the algebras  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{O}$  and so has dimension 1, 2, 4 or 8 (See [1]). Urbanik and Wright proved in 1960 that all unital AVA are classified by  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{O}$

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(See [20]). It is easily seen that the 1-dimensional AVAs are classified by  $\mathbb{R}$ , and it is well-known that the 2-dimensional AVAs are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^*$  or  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$  (see [16]). The 4-dimensional one have been described by M.I. Ramírez Álvarez in 1997 ( See [14]). Moreover, El-Mallah( [6]) proved that if an AVA,  $A$  satisfies the identities  $(x^2, x, x) = 0$  and contains a nonzero central element  $a$  which is orthogonal to  $a^2$ , then  $A$  has a left unit  $e = -a^2$  and is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . This result was extended to the following case: if  $A$  has a left unit and contains a nonzero central element  $a$ , then  $A$  is finite dimensional and isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  or new classes of 4 and 8-dimensional AVAs with left unit ( see [2] and [3]). In the other hand we classify algebraically all 4-dimensional AVAs containing a non zero omnipresent idempotent ( [11]). The problem of classifying all (4 or 8)-dimensional AVAs seems still to be open.

Motivated by these facts, we became interested in the study of 4-dimensional AVAs with left omnipresent unit, such an algebra contains at least one 2-dimensional subalgebra. On the other hand we note that there exists a 4-dimensional AVAs with left unit containing no 2-dimensional subalgebra ( see [14]). We get that a left omnipresent unit is a left unit, but the reciprocal case does not hold in general. So, a natural question may be posed as: what is the classification of 4-dimensional AVA with left omnipresent unit? This paper is devoted to shed some light on this problem.

In Section 2, we introduce the basic tools for the study of 4-dimensional AVAs with left omnipresent unit. Moreover, in Section 3, we construct by an algebraic method, all 4-dimensional AVAs with left omnipresent unit, namely  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ , with  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ . These new algebras contains at least one 2-dimensional subalgebra. In Section 4 we give the algebraic calssification of all four dimensional AVA with left omnipresent unit.

The paper ends, with the following main result.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a 4-dimensional AVA with left omnipresent unit  $e$ , and  $B$  a 2-dimensional subalgebra of  $A$ . Then the following table specifies the isomorphisms classes,*

Table 1

$B$ isomorphic to	$A$ isomorphic to
$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta), \mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta), \mathbb{M}_1(0, \pm 1), \mathbb{M}_2(0, \pm 1)$
${}^*\mathbb{C}$	${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta), {}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta), {}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, \pm 1), {}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, \pm 1)$

with  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ .

## 2 Notations and Preliminaries Results

Throughout this paper, the word algebra refers to a non-necessarily associative algebra over the field of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.** *Let  $A$  be an arbitrary algebra.*

- i)  $A$  is called a normed algebra (resp, absolute valued algebra) if it is endowed with a space norm:  $\|\cdot\|$  such that  $\|xy\| \leq \|x\|\|y\|$  (resp,  $\|xy\| = \|x\|\|y\|$ ), for all  $x, y \in A$ .*

ii)  $A$  is called a pre-Hilbert algebra if it is endowed with a space norm comes from an inner product  $(./.)$  such that

$$(./.) : A \times A \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (x, y) \longmapsto (x/y) = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2)$$

iii) We mean by a left omnipresent unit  $e$ , an idempotent ( $e^2 = e$ ) which is contained in every two-dimensional subalgebra of  $A$ , and  $ex = x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

The most natural examples of AVA are  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$  (the Quaternion of Hamilton) and  $\mathbb{O}$  (the algebra of Cayley numbers), with norms equal to their usual absolute values (see [8] and [17]).

The algebras  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , and  $\overset{*}{\mathbb{C}}$  (obtained by endowing the space  $\mathbb{C}$  with the products defined by  $x * y = \bar{x}y$ ,  $x * y = x\bar{y}$  and  $x * y = \bar{x}\bar{y}$ , respectively) where  $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$  is the standard conjugation of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Note that the algebras  $\mathbb{C}$  and  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$  are the only 2-dimensional AVA with left unit.

We need the following theorems which proved respectively in [15] and [18]:

**Theorem 2.** *The norm of any AVA  $A$  with left unit  $e$  comes from an inner product  $(./.)$ , satisfying  $(xy/z) = -(y/xz)$  and  $x(xy) = -\|x\|^2 y$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$  with  $x$  orthogonal to  $e$ .*

**Theorem 3.** *Every algebra in which  $x^2 = 0$  only if  $x = 0$  contains a nonzero idempotent.*

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional AVA and  $e$  be a nonzero idempotent in  $A$ , then  $(xy/yx) = -(x^2/y^2)$  for all  $x, y \in e^\perp$  such that  $(x/y) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We get this identity by a simple linearisation of the identity  $\|x^2\| = \|x\|^2$ . □

**Lemma 2.** *The 2-dimensional AVA with left unit are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ , or  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$ .*

*Proof.* See [10]. □

### 3 New Models of 4-dimensional absolute valued algebras with left omnipresent unit

Now we construct all 4-dimensional absolute valued algebras with left omnipresent unit.

#### 3.1 Construction of $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ and $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$

Let  $F = \{e, i, j, k\}$  be an orthonormal basis (where  $e$  is a nonzero idempotent), and let  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ , with  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ , be the real pre-Hilbert algebras defined by the multiplication tables relatively to the basis  $F$ .

**Table 2:**  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ 

	e	i	j	k
e	e	i	j	k
i	i	-e	k	-j
j	$-\alpha j - \beta k$	$-\beta j + \alpha k$	$\alpha e + \beta i$	$\beta e - \alpha i$
k	$\beta j - \alpha k$	$-\alpha j - \beta k$	$-\beta e + \alpha i$	$\alpha e + \beta i$

**Table 3:**  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ 

	e	i	j	k
e	e	i	j	k
i	i	-e	k	-j
j	$-\alpha j - \beta k$	$-\beta j + \alpha k$	$\alpha e + \beta i$	$\beta e - \alpha i$
k	$-\beta j + \alpha k$	$\alpha j + \beta k$	$\beta e - \alpha i$	$-\alpha e - \beta i$

**Proposition 1.** *The algebras  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  are AVAs with left omnipresent unit  $e$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  is AVA with left omnipresent unit  $e$ , and in the same way we prove the other one.

Let  $x = \alpha_1 e + \beta_1 i + \gamma_1 j + \delta_1 k \in \mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|xe\|^2 &= \|\alpha_1 e + \beta_1 i + \gamma_1 j e + \delta_1 k e\|^2 \\
&= \|\alpha_1 e + \beta_1 i + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)j + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)k\|^2 \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)^2 + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)^2 \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1^2 \beta^2 - 2\beta_1 \gamma_1 \alpha \delta_1 + \gamma_1^2 \beta^2 + \delta_1^2 \alpha^2 + 2\gamma_1 \beta \delta_1 \alpha \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 + \delta_1^2 \quad (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1) \\
&= \|x\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|xi\|^2 &= \|\alpha_1 i - \beta_1 e + \gamma_1 j i + \delta_1 k i\|^2 \\
&= \|\alpha_1 i - \beta_1 e + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)j + (\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)k\|^2 \\
&= \beta_1^2 + \alpha_1^2 + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)^2 + (\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)^2 \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 \beta^2 + \delta_1^2 \alpha^2 + 2\gamma_1 \beta \delta_1 \alpha + \gamma_1^2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1^2 \beta^2 - 2\gamma_1 \alpha \delta_1 \beta \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 + \delta_1^2 \quad (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1) \\
&= \|x\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|xj\|^2 &= \|\alpha_1 e j + \beta_1 i j + \gamma_1 j^2 + \delta_1 k j\|^2 \\
&= \|(\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)e + (\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)i + \alpha_1 j + \beta_1 k\|^2 \\
&= (\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)^2 + (\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)^2 + \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 \\
&= \gamma_1^2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1^2 \beta^2 - 2\gamma_1 \alpha \delta_1 \beta + \gamma_1^2 \beta^2 + \delta_1^2 \alpha^2 + 2\gamma_1 \beta \delta_1 \alpha + \beta_1^2 \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 + \delta_1^2 \quad (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1) \\
&= \|x\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|xk\|^2 &= \|\alpha_1 ek + \beta_1 ik + \gamma_1 jk + \delta_1 k^2\|^2 \\
&= \|(\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)e + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)i - \beta_1 j + \alpha_1 k\|^2 \\
&= (\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)^2 + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)^2 + \beta_1^2 + \alpha_1^2 \\
&= \gamma_1^2 \beta^2 + \delta_1^2 \alpha^2 + 2\gamma_1 \beta \delta_1 \alpha + \gamma_1^2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1^2 \beta^2 - 2\gamma_1 \alpha \delta_1 \beta + \beta_1^2 + \alpha_1^2 \\
&= \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 + \gamma_1^2 + \delta_1^2 \quad (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1) \\
&= \|x\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$xe = \alpha_1 e + \beta_1 i + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)j + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)k, \quad (1)$$

$$xi = -\beta_1 e + \alpha_1 i + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)j + (\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)k, \quad (2)$$

$$xj = (\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta)e + (\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)i + \alpha_1 j + \beta_1 k, \quad (3)$$

and

$$xk = (\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha)e + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)i - \beta_1 j + \alpha_1 k. \quad (4)$$

The equalities (3.1) and (3.2) imply

$$\begin{aligned}
(xe/xi) &= -\alpha_1 \beta_1 + \beta_1 \alpha_1 + (-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta)(-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha) \\
&\quad + (-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)(\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The equalities (3.1) and (3.3) give us

$$\begin{aligned}
(xe/xj) &= \alpha_1(\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta) + \beta_1(\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha) + \alpha_1(-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta) \\
&\quad + \beta_1(-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By the equalities (3.1) and (3.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(xe/xk) &= \alpha_1(\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha) - \beta_1(-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta) + \beta_1(-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta) \\
&\quad + \alpha_1(-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Also the equalities (3.2) and (3.3) give us

$$\begin{aligned}
(xi/xj) &= -\beta_1(\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta) + \alpha_1(\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha) + \alpha_1(-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha) \\
&\quad + \beta_1(\gamma_1 \alpha - \delta_1 \beta) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

According to equalities (3.2) and (3.4) we have

$$(xi/xk) = -\beta_1(\gamma_1 \beta + \delta_1 \alpha) + \alpha_1(-\gamma_1 \alpha + \delta_1 \beta) - \beta_1(-\gamma_1 \beta - \delta_1 \alpha)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \alpha_1(\gamma_1\alpha - \delta_1\beta) \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the equalities (3.3) and (3.4) entail that

$$\begin{aligned}
(xj/xk) & = (\gamma_1\alpha - \delta_1\beta)(\gamma_1\beta + \delta_1\alpha) + (\gamma_1\beta + \delta_1\alpha)(-\gamma_1\alpha + \delta_1\beta) \\
& - \beta_1\alpha_1 + \beta_1\alpha_1 \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $y = \alpha_2e + \beta_2i + \gamma_2j + \delta_2k \in \mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|xy\|^2 & = (xy/xy) \\
& = (\alpha_2xe + \beta_2xi + \gamma_2xj + \delta_2xk/\alpha_2xe + \beta_2xi + \gamma_2xj + \delta_2xk) \\
& = \alpha_2^2\|xe\|^2 + \beta_2^2\|xi\|^2 + \gamma_2^2\|xj\|^2 + \delta_2^2\|xk\|^2 \\
& = \alpha_2^2\|x\|^2 + \beta_2^2\|x\|^2 + \gamma_2^2\|x\|^2 + \delta_2^2\|x\|^2 \\
& = \|x\|^2(\alpha_2^2 + \beta_2^2 + \gamma_2^2 + \delta_2^2) \\
& = \|x\|^2\|y\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand if  $B$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $B$  contains a nonzero idempotent  $f$  (Theorem 3). We have  $ef = f = f^2$ , therefore,  $e = f \in B$ . This implies that  $e$  is a left omnipresent unit of  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ .

By the same way, we may show that  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  is an absolute valued algebra with left omnipresent unit  $e$ .  $\square$

### 3.2 Construction of $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ and $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,

We set  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , with  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ , one of principal AVAs  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  or  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  the standard isotope of  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , other than  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , that is the algebra having  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  as vectorial space and product given by  $x * y = \bar{x}y$ , where  $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$  is the standard conjugation of  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ . We denote these new algebras by  $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Proposition 2.** *The algebras  $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  are some AVAs with left omnipresent unit  $e$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  be one of the principal AVAs  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  or  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $x, y \in ^*\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ . We have

$$\|x * y\| = \|\bar{x}y\| = \|\bar{x}\|\|y\| = \|x\|\|y\|.$$

Therefore,  $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  are AVA. Moreover, if  $B$  is a two-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $^*B$  is a two-dimensional subalgebra of  $^*\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ . Which means that  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  have same left omnipresent unit  $e$ , hence The algebras  $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  are AVAs with left omnipresent unit  $e$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.** *Let  $F = \{e, i, j, k\}$  be the orthonormal basis of the algebra  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $e$  is a left omnipresent unit of  $\mathbb{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ . The multiplication tables relatively to the basis  $F$  of  $^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$  are given by*

**Table 4:**  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ 

	e	i	j	k
e	e	i	j	k
i	-i	e	-k	j
j	$\alpha j + \beta k$	$\beta j - \alpha k$	$-\alpha e - \beta i$	$-\beta e + \alpha i$
k	$-\beta j + \alpha k$	$\alpha j + \beta k$	$\beta e - \alpha i$	$-\alpha e - \beta i$

**Table 5:**  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ 

	e	i	j	k
e	e	i	j	k
i	-i	e	-k	j
j	$\alpha j + \beta k$	$\beta j - \alpha k$	$-\alpha e - \beta i$	$-\beta e + \alpha i$
k	$\beta j - \alpha k$	$-\alpha j - \beta k$	$-\beta e + \alpha i$	$\alpha e + \beta i$

## 4 Main results

In this section we classify algebraically all 4-dimensional AVAs  $A$ , contains a left omnipresent unit  $e$ .

Let  $B$  denote a 2-dimensional sub-algebra of  $A$ , we know by Lemma 2 that  $B$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ , or  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$ . So we distinguish the two following case.

### 4.1 $B$ isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $A$  be a four-dimensional absolute valued algebra with left omnipresent unit  $e$ . If  $B$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ , then  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, -1)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, 1)$  or  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, -1)$ .*

*Proof.* We pose  $B = A(e, i)$ , such that

$$i^2 = -e \text{ and } ie = ei = i.$$

According to Theorem 2,  $A$  is an inner product space, hence there exists an orthonormal subset  $\{e, i\}$  which can be extended to an orthonormal basis  $F = \{e, i, j, k\}$  of  $A$ . We have

$$(ij/e) = -(j/ie) = -(j/i) = 0,$$

$$(ij/i) = -(j/i^2) = (j/e) = 0,$$

and  $(ij/j) = -(j/ij)$  from where  $(ij/j) = 0$ , therefore  $ij = \pm k$ . We can assume that  $ij = k$ , this last implies  $i(ij) = ik$  that is  $ik = -\|i\|^2 j = -j$ . Always by Theorem 2 we have

$$(j^2/j) = -(j/j^2) = 0.$$

Since

$$\|j^2 + k\| = \|j^2 + ij\| = \|(j + i)j\| = \|j + i\|\|j\| = \|j + i\|$$

we have

$$(j^2/k) = (j^2/ij) = (j/i) = 0.$$

So  $j^2 = \alpha e + \beta i$ , where  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ . Also,

$$(je/e) = (je/e^2) = (j/e) = 0,$$

and

$$(je/i) = (je/ie) = (j/i) = 0.$$

So  $je = \alpha_1 j + \beta_1 k$ , where  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 = 1$ . Since

$$(ji/e) = -(ji/i^2) = -(j/i) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (ji/i) = (ji/ei) = (j/e) = 0$$

we have  $ji = \alpha_2 j + \beta_2 k$ , where  $(\alpha_2, \beta_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_2^2 + \beta_2^2 = 1$ . Similarly,

$$(jk/j) = -(jk/ik) = -(j/i) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (jk/k) = -(k/jk) = 0.$$

Thus,  $jk = \alpha_3 e + \beta_3 i$ , where  $(\alpha_3, \beta_3) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_3^2 + \beta_3^2 = 1$ . By the same way, we have

$$(k^2/j) = -(k^2/ik) = -(k/i) = 0,$$

and

$$(k^2/k) = -(k/k^2) = 0.$$

Then  $k^2 = \alpha_4 e + \beta_4 i$ , where  $(\alpha_4, \beta_4) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_4^2 + \beta_4^2 = 1$ . Also,

$$(ke/e) = (ke/e^2) = (k/e) = 0,$$

and

$$(ke/i) = (ke/ie) = (k/i) = 0.$$

So,  $ke = \alpha_5 j + \beta_5 k$ , where  $(\alpha_5, \beta_5) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_5^2 + \beta_5^2 = 1$ . Further,

$$(ki/e) = -(ki/i^2) = -(k/i) = 0,$$

and

$$(ki/i) = (ki/ei) = (k/e) = 0.$$

Hence,  $ki = \alpha_6 j + \beta_6 k$ , where  $(\alpha_6, \beta_6) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_6^2 + \beta_6^2 = 1$ . Since

$$(kj/j) = -(j/kj) = 0,$$

$$(kj/k) = (kj/ij) = (k/i) = 0.$$

We obtain  $kj = \alpha_7 e + \beta_7 i$ , where  $(\alpha_7, \beta_7) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha_7^2 + \beta_7^2 = 1$ .

According to the previous equalities and Theorem 2, we have the following relations

$$\alpha = (j^2/e) = -(j/je) = -\alpha_1$$

$$\beta = (j^2/i) = -(j/ji) = -\alpha_2,$$

$$\beta_1 = (je/k) = -(e/jk) = -\alpha_3,$$

and

$$\beta_2 = (ji/k) = -(i/jk) = -\beta_3.$$

Using Lemma 1, we have

$$\beta_2 = (ji/k) = (ji/ij) = -(j^2/i^2) = (j^2/e) = \alpha.$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= \alpha e + \beta i. \\ je &= -\alpha j + \beta_1 k. \\ ji &= -\beta j + \alpha k. \\ jk &= -\beta_1 e - \alpha i. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_4 &= (k^2/e) = -(k/ke) = -\beta_5. \\ \beta_4 &= (k^2/i) = -(k/ki) = -\beta_6. \\ \alpha_5 &= (ke/j) = -(e/kj) = -\alpha_7. \\ \alpha_6 &= (ki/j) = -(i/kj) = -\beta_7. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1, we have

$$\alpha_6 = (ki/j) = -(ki/ik) = (k^2/i^2) = -(k^2/e) = -\alpha_4.$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= \alpha_4 e + \beta_4 i. \\ ke &= \alpha_5 j - \alpha_4 k. \\ ki &= -\alpha_4 j - \beta_4 k. \\ kj &= -\alpha_5 e + \alpha_4 i. \end{aligned}$$

From the equality  $k^2 = \alpha_4 e + \beta_4 i$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} jk^2 &= \alpha_4 je + \beta_4 ji \\ &= \alpha_4(-\alpha j + \beta_1 k) + \beta_4(-\beta j + \alpha k) \\ &= (-\alpha_4\alpha - \beta_4\beta)j + (\alpha_4\beta_1 + \beta_4\alpha)k. \end{aligned}$$

But since

$$0 = (k/j) = (k^2/jk) = -(jk^2/k) = -(\alpha_4\beta_1 + \beta_4\alpha) = 0.$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} j(jk^2) &= (-\alpha_4\alpha - \beta_4\beta)j^2 \\ -k^2 &= (-\alpha_4\alpha - \beta_4\beta)j^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $k^2 = \pm j^2$  ( $\|k\| = \|j\| = 1$ ), we have the following two cases

1. If  $k^2 = j^2$ , then  $\alpha_4 = \alpha$  and  $\beta_4 = \beta$ . By Lemma 1, we have

$$(jk/kj) = -(j^2/k^2) = -1,$$

then  $jk = -kj$ . Indeed

$$\|jk + ki\|^2 = 2 + 2(jk/kj) = 0.$$

Hence  $jk = -kj$  that is  $-\beta_1 = \alpha_5$ , this last imply that

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= \alpha e + \beta i, \\ je &= -\alpha j + \beta_1 k, \\ ji &= -\beta j + \alpha k, \\ jk &= -\beta_1 e - \alpha i, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= \alpha e + \beta i, \\ ke &= -\beta_1 j - \alpha k, \\ ki &= -\alpha j - \beta k, \\ kj &= \beta_1 e + \alpha i. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$0 = (j/k) = (j^2/jk) = (\alpha e + \beta i / -\beta_1 e - \alpha i) = -\alpha\beta_1 - \beta\alpha,$$

we get  $\alpha(\beta + \beta_1) = 0$  and we have

- i) If  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then  $\beta_1 = -\beta$ . Hence  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- ii) If  $\alpha = 0$  then  $\beta^2 = \beta_1^2 = 1$ , we have the following cases

- a) If  $\beta = \beta_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= \beta i, \\ je &= \beta k, \\ ji &= -\beta j, \\ jk &= -\beta e. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= \beta i, \\ ke &= -\beta j, \\ ki &= -\beta k, \\ kj &= \beta e. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(i + j)e = i + \beta k \text{ and } (i + j)j = k + \beta i = \beta(\beta k + i).$$

So  $(i + j)j = \beta(i + j)e$ , that is  $j = \beta e$  which is absurd ( $A$  without divisors of zero). Hence  $\beta \neq \beta_1$

b) If  $\beta = 1$  and  $\beta_1 = -1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= i, \\ je &= -k, \\ ji &= -j, \\ jk &= e. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= i, \\ ke &= j, \\ ki &= -k, \\ kj &= -e. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, 1)$ .

c) If  $\beta = -1$  and  $\beta_1 = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= -i, \\ je &= k, \\ ji &= j, \\ jk &= -e. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= -i, \\ ke &= -j, \\ ki &= k, \\ kj &= e. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, -1)$ .

2. If  $k^2 = -j^2$ , then  $\alpha_4 = -\alpha$  and  $\beta_4 = -\beta$ . By lemma 1, we have

$$(jk/kj) = -(j^2/k^2) = 1.$$

then  $jk = kj$ , that is  $\beta_1 = \alpha_5$ , this last imply that

$$\begin{aligned} j^2 &= \alpha e + \beta i, \\ je &= -\alpha j + \beta_1 k, \\ ji &= -\beta j + \alpha k, \\ jk &= -\beta_1 e - \alpha i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k^2 &= -\alpha e - \beta i, \\
ke &= \beta_1 j + \alpha k, \\
ki &= \alpha j + \beta k, \\
kj &= -\beta_1 e - \alpha i.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$0 = (j/k) = (j^2/jk) = (\alpha e + \beta i / -\beta_1 e - \alpha i) = -\alpha\beta_1 - \beta\alpha,$$

we get  $\alpha(\beta + \beta_1) = 0$ . In a similar manner, we have

iii) If  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then  $\beta_1 = -\beta$ . Hence  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ .

iv) If  $\alpha = 0$  then  $\beta^2 = \beta_1^2 = 1$ , according to ii)\*)  $\beta \neq \beta_1$ . We have the following cases

a) If  $\beta = 1$  and  $\beta_1 = -1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
j^2 &= i, \\
je &= -k, \\
ji &= -j, \\
jk &= e.
\end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
k^2 &= -i, \\
ke &= -j, \\
ki &= k, \\
kj &= e.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, 1)$ .

b) If  $\beta = -1$  and  $\beta_1 = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
j^2 &= -i, \\
je &= k, \\
ji &= j, \\
jk &= -e.
\end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
k^2 &= i, \\
ke &= j, \\
ki &= -k, \\
kj &= -e.
\end{aligned}$$

So  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, -1)$ .

□

## 4.2 $B$ isomorphic to ${}^*\mathbb{C}$

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $A$  be a four-dimensional absolute valued algebra with left omnipresent unit  $e$ . If  $B$  is isomorphic to  ${}^*\mathbb{C}$ , then  $A$  is isomorphic to  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, 1)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, -1)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, 1)$  or  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, -1)$ .*

*Proof.* If we define a new multiplication on  $A$  by  $x*y = \bar{x}y$ , then we obtain an algebra  ${}^*A$  which contains a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Therefore, applying Theorem 4,  ${}^*A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_1(0, -1)$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, 1)$  or  $\mathbb{M}_2(0, -1)$ . Consequently,  $A$  is isomorphic to  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, 1)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, -1)$ ,  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, 1)$  or  ${}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, -1)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** *Assume that  $ij = -k$ , if we substitute  $-k = t$  we get  $ij = t$ , that is we again get the same multiplication tables previously.*

The following theorem summarizes our study.

**Theorem 6.** *Let's  $A$  be a 4-dimensional AVA with left omnipresent unit  $e$  and  $B$  a 2-dimensional sub-algebra of  $A$ . The following table specifies the isomorphisms classes.*

Table 6

$B$ isomorphic to	$A$ isomorphic to
$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta), \mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta), \mathbb{M}_1(0, \pm 1), \mathbb{M}_2(0, \pm 1)$
${}^*\mathbb{C}$	${}^*\mathbb{M}_1(\alpha, \beta), {}^*\mathbb{M}_2(\alpha, \beta), {}^*\mathbb{M}_1(0, \pm 1), {}^*\mathbb{M}_2(0, \pm 1)$

With  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ .

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