## QUASI-ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We consider the class  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}$  of algebras that appear from associative algebras under the taking of q-commutator  $a \circ_q$  $b = a \circ b + q b \circ a$ , where  $q \in K, q^2 \neq 0, 1$ , and  $p = char K \neq 2, 3$ . We establish that this class forms a variety and satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ , where  $ass^{(q)} = (q - 1)^2(t_1, t_3, t_2) + q [t_3, [t_1, t_2]]$ . If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0$ , the variety of q-associative algebras is generated by this identity. If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ , then this identity is not enough to generate  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}$  and it should be supplemented by the Lie-Admissibility identity  $[[t_1, t_2], t_3] + [[t_2, t_3], t_1] + [[t_3, t_1], t_2] = 0$ . In the exceptional case the variety generated by the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  is equivalent to the variety of alternative algebras.

It is well known that every associative algebra under the taking of commutator becomes a Lie algebra, and under the taking of anticommutator becomes a Jordan algebra. In this paper we study the class of algebras that appear from associative algebras under the taking of q-commutator, with  $q^2 \neq 0, 1$ .

Let  $A = (A, \circ)$  be an algebra with multiplication  $\circ$ . Throughout, all vector spaces are considered over a field K of characteristic  $p \neq 2, 3$ . Denote a q-commutator of  $\circ$  by  $\circ_q$ :

$$a \circ_a b = a \circ b + q b \circ a.$$

For example,  $[a, b] = a \circ_{-1} b$  is a Lie commutator, and  $\{a, b\} = a \circ_{1} b$  is a Jordan commutator. Let

$$ass(a, b, c) = (a, b, c) = a \circ (b \circ c) - (a \circ b) \circ c$$

denote an associator. Given  $q \in K$ , define  $A^{(q)} = (A, \circ_q)$  to be the algebra with the underlying vector space A and the multiplication  $\circ_q$ .

For a non-commutative non-associative polynomial  $g = g(t_1, t_2, ...)$ , denote by  $F_qg$  the polynomial that appears from g under the multiplication rule  $t_i \cdot_q t_j = t_i t_j + q t_j t_i$ . For example,

$$F_q(t_1(t_2t_3)) = t_1(t_2t_3) + q t_1(t_3t_2) + q (t_2t_3)t_1 + q^2 (t_3t_2)t_1, \quad (1)$$

$$F_q((t_1t_2)t_3) = (t_1t_2)t_3 + q t_3(t_1t_2) + q (t_2t_1)t_3 + q^2 t_3(t_2t_1)$$
(2)

and

$$F_{q} ass(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) = ass(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) +$$

$$q(ass(t_{1}, t_{3}, t_{2}) - ass(t_{3}, t_{1}, t_{2}) - ass(t_{2}, t_{3}, t_{1}) +$$

$$ass(t_{2}, t_{1}, t_{3}) + [[t_{1}, t_{3}], t_{2}]) - q^{2} ass(t_{3}, t_{2}, t_{1}).$$
(3)

Similarly, for an algebra  $A = (A, \circ)$ , we also denote the algebra  $(A, \circ_q)$  by  $F_qA$ .

For  $q \in K, q^2 \neq 0, 1, q$ -associativity polynomial  $ass^{(q)}$  is defined as  $ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (q - 1)^2(t_1, t_3, t_2) + q[t_3, [t_1, t_2]].$ 

Then

$$ass^{(0)} = ass$$

The *Lie-Admissibility* polynomial *lia* is defined as

$$lia(t_1, t_2, t_3) = [[t_1, t_2], t_3] + [[t_2, t_3], t_1] + [[t_3, t_1], t_2].$$

Recall that here  $(t_i, t_j, t_s) = t_i(t_jt_s) - (t_it_j)t_s$  is the associator and  $[t_i, t_j] = t_it_j - t_jt_i$  is the commutator. An algebra A satisfying the identity lia = 0 is called *Lie-Admissible*.

For a non-commutative, non-associative polynomial  $f = f(t_1, \ldots, t_k)$ in k variables, we say that f = 0 is an *identity* on  $(A, \circ)$  if  $f(a_1, \ldots, a_k) = 0$  for any substitutions  $t_1 = a_1, \ldots, t_k = a_k \in A$ . Here the multiplications are done in terms of  $\circ$ . Given polynomials  $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_r$ , we denote the variety generated by the identities  $f_1 = 0, f_2 = 0, \ldots, f_r = 0$  by  $Var(f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_r)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{Ass}$  be the category of associative algebras, and  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}$  the category of algebras of the form  $(A, \circ_q)$ , where  $(A, \circ)$  is an associative algebra. It is well known that  $\mathfrak{Ass} = Var(ass)$  is a variety, and  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(-1)}$  is a variety generated by the anticommutativity and Jacobi polynomials (Lie algebras). In that time  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(1)}$  (class of special Jordan algebras) is not a variety,

$$\mathfrak{Ass}^{(1)} \subset Var(acom, jor), \quad \mathfrak{Ass}^{(1)} \neq Var(acom, jor),$$

where

$$acom = t_1t_2 - t_2t_1, \quad jor = (t_1^2, t_2, t_1).$$

For details we refer, for example, to [4]. Let

$$lalt = (t_1, t_2, t_3) - (t_1, t_3, t_1),$$
  

$$ralt = (t_1, t_2, t_3) - (t_2, t_1, t_3)$$

be the left and right-alternative polynomials, and let  $\mathfrak{Alt} = Var(lalt, ralt)$  be the variety of alternative algebras.

In this paper we study the category  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}$  for  $q^2 \neq 0, 1$ . Recall that every q-algebra  $(A, \circ_q)$  of an associative algebra  $(A, \circ)$  is said to be quasi-associative. We call such a q-algebra q-associative. Recall also

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that a flexible algebra with the Jordan identity  $(t_1^2, t_2, t_1) = 0$  is called non-commutative Jordan. Connections between quasi-associative algebras, associative algebras and noncommutative Jordan algebras were studied in [1],[2],[3].

Let  $\mathfrak{L}^{\circ}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}^{\star}$  be categories of algebras. The objects of  $\mathfrak{L}^{\circ}$  are algebras  $(A, \circ)$  with multiplication  $\circ$ , and the objects of  $\mathfrak{L}^{\star}$  are algebras  $(A, \star)$  with multiplication  $\star$ . The morphisms between objects are usual homomorphisms between the corresponding algebras. Recall that a map between categories

$$F: \mathfrak{L}^{\circ} \to \mathfrak{L}^{\star}, \quad F(A, \circ) = (A, \star)$$

is called a morphism of categories if each morphism  $\alpha \in Mor((A, \circ), (B, \circ))$ of the category  $\mathfrak{L}^{\circ}$  goes to a morphism in the category  $\mathfrak{L}^{\star}$ . In our case this means that if  $\alpha : (A, \circ) \to (B, \circ)$  is a homomorphism of algebras, then

$$\alpha: (A, \star) \to (B, \star)$$

is a homomorphism of algebras too. In this sense the map

$$F_q: \mathfrak{L}^{\circ} \to \mathfrak{L}^{\circ_q}$$

is a morphism of categories.

We say that F is an *equivalence* of categories if there exists a morphism

$$G: \mathfrak{L}^{\star} \to \mathfrak{L}^{\circ}$$

such that the compositions

$$GF: \mathfrak{L}^{\circ} \to \mathfrak{L}^{\circ}, \qquad FG: \mathfrak{L}^{\star} \to \mathfrak{L}^{\star}$$

are the identity morphisms:

$$GF(A, \circ) = (A, \circ), \qquad FG(A, \star) = (A, \star).$$

**Theorem 1.** The class  $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}$  of q-associative algebras forms a variety if  $q^2 \neq 0, 1$ . Namely,

$$\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)} = Var(ass^{(q)}) \ if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0,$$

 $\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)} = Var(ass^{(q)}, lia) \ if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0.$ 

Moreover, the following categories (varieties) are equivalent:

$$Var(ass^{(q)}) \sim \mathfrak{Ass}, \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0,$$
  
 $Var(ass^{(q)}, lia) \sim \mathfrak{Ass}, \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0,$   
 $Var(ass^{(q)}) \sim \mathfrak{Alt}, \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0.$ 

The equivalence morphisms are given by the map  $F_{-q}$ :

$$F_{-q}: Var(ass^{(q)} \to Var(ass), \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0,$$

$$F_{-q}: Var(ass^{(q)}) \to Var(ralt, lalt), \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0,$$
  
 $F_{-q}: Var(ass^{(q)}, lia) \to Var(ass), \quad if \ q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0.$ 

The inverse morphisms are given by the map  $(1-q^2)^{-2}F_q$ .

Notice that in the exceptional case  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ , we have

$$ass^{(q)} = q \, ass_0^{(q)},$$

where

$$ass_0^{(q)} = 2(t_1, t_3, t_2) + [t_3, [t_1, t_2]]$$

**Corollary 2.** The following identities are consequences of the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ :

$$elast(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (t_1, t_2, t_3) + (t_3, t_2, t_1)$$

$$assq_1(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = \\(t_1t_2)(t_3t_4) + (t_1t_3)(t_4t_2) + (t_1t_4)(t_2t_3) - (t_1(t_3t_4))t_2 - (t_1(t_4t_2))t_3 - (t_1(t_2t_3))t_4,$$

$$assq_2(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = (t_1t_2)(t_3t_4) + (t_2t_3)(t_1t_4) + (t_3t_1)(t_2t_4) - t_3((t_1t_2)t_4) - t_1((t_2t_3)t_4) - t_2((t_3t_1)t_4) = 0$$

$$assq_3(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = t_1([t_2, t_4]t_3) - (t_3t_1)[t_2, t_4] + [t_3, (t_1t_2)t_4 - (t_1t_4)t_2].$$

In particular, every q-associative algebra is non-commutative Jordan.

One can show that the identities  $elast = 0, assq_1 = 0, assq_2 = 0, assq_3 = 0$  are independent.

**Lemma 3.** If  $g = g(t_1, \ldots, t_l)$  is a homogeneous non-commutative, non-associative polynomial of degree k, then

$$F_{-q}F_qg = F_qF_{-q}g = (1-q^2)^{k-1}g.$$

**Proof.** There exist  $\frac{1}{n} \binom{2(n-1)}{n-1}$  bracketing types on n letters. For example, there exist two bracketing types on three letters:  $t_1(t_2t_3)$  and  $(t_1t_2)t_3$ .

It is enough to prove that

$$F_q F_{-q} \sigma = (1 - q^2)^{k-1} \sigma$$

for any bracketing type  $\sigma$  on k letters.

We use the induction on k.

In case k = 2, we have only one bracketing type:  $t_1 t_2$ . In this case our statement is true:

$$F_q(t_{i_1}t_{i_2}) = t_{i_1}t_{i_2} + q t_{i_2}t_{i_1},$$

and

$$F_{-q}F_q(t_{i_1}t_{i_2})$$
  
=  $t_{i_1}t_{i_2} - q t_{i_2}t_{i_1} + q t_{i_2}t_{i_1} - q^2 t_{i_1}t_{i_2}$   
=  $(1 - q^2)t_{i_1}t_{i_2} = (1 - q^2)(t_{i_1}t_{i_2}).$ 

Suppose that our statement is true for k-1. Let  $\sigma$  be one of the bracketing types on k letters. It can be presented in the form

$$\sigma(t_{i_1},\ldots,t_{i_k}) = \sigma'(t_{i_1},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_k})$$

for some bracketing types  $\sigma'$  and  $\sigma''$  on k' and k'' = k - k' letters,  $\begin{array}{l} 1 \leq k' \leq k. \\ \text{Then} \end{array}$ 

$$F_q\sigma(t_{i_1},\ldots,t_{i_k})$$

$$= F_q \sigma'(t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_{k'}}) F_q \sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}}, \dots, t_{i_k}) + q F_q \sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}}, \dots, t_{i_k}) F_q \sigma'(t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_{k'}})$$

and

$$F_{-q}F_q\sigma(t_{i_1},\ldots,t_{i_k})$$

$$= F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$
  
-q F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma''(t\_{i\_{k'+1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k}})F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma'(t\_{i\_{1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k'}})  
+q F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma''(t\_{i\_{k'+1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k}})F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma'(t\_{i\_{1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k'}})  
-q<sup>2</sup>F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma'(t\_{i\_{1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k'}})F\_{-q}F\_{q}\sigma''(t\_{i\_{k'+1}},\ldots,t\_{i\_{k}})

$$= F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$
  
$$-q^{2}F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$

By the induction hypothesis,

$$F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})$$
  
=  $(1-q^{2})^{k'-1}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}}),$ 

$$F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$
  
=  $(1-q^{2})^{k-k'-1}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}}).$ 

Therefore,

$$F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$

$$= (1 - q^2)^{k-2} \sigma(t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_k}),$$

$$-q^{2}F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$
  
=  $-q^{2}(1-q^{2})^{k-2}\sigma(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$ 

and

$$F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$

$$=F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$

$$-q^{2}F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma'(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k'}})F_{-q}F_{q}\sigma''(t_{i_{k'+1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}})$$

$$=(1-q^{2})^{k-1}\sigma(t_{i_{1}},\ldots,t_{i_{k}}).$$

The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 4.** If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0$ , then the identity lia = 0 follows from the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ .

If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$  and  $p \neq 2, 3$ , then the identities  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  and lia = 0 are independent.

**Proof.** The following relation holds:

$$ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) + ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_3, t_1) + ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_1, t_2) - ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_3, t_2) - ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_1, t_3) - ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_2, t_1) = (q^2 - 4q + 1) lia(t_1, t_2, t_3).$$

Therefore,

$$ass^{(q)} = 0, \ q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0, \ \Rightarrow lia = 0.$$

Let **Ca** be the 8-dimensional Cayley-Dickson algebra corresponding to the Cayley octonians (the algebra  $\mathbf{C}(-4/5, -1, -1)$  in the notation of [4], Chapter 2, §2, p. 48, Exercise 3). Recall that **Ca** is an alternative algebra. Take a basis  $e_0, e_1, \ldots, e_7$  for **Ca** with the multiplication table of [4], p. 48, Exercise 3.

It is not hard to see that the three-linear maps lia and  $ass^{(q)}$  on **Ca** are skew-symmetric. Moreover,

$$(q-1)^2(q^2-4q+1) \, lia(a,b,c) - 6 \, ass^{(q)}(a,b,c) = 0,$$

for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Ca}$ . It is easy to check that

$$lia(e_1, e_2, e_4) = 12 e_7,$$
  
 $ass^{(q)}(e_1, e_2, e_4) = 2(q-1)^2(q^2 - 4q + 1) e_7.$ 

Thus, the octonian algebra is not Lie-Admissible and satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  if  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$  and  $p \neq 2, 3$ . This means that the identities  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  and lia = 0 are independent if  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ . **Lemma 5.** If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ , then

$$\begin{split} 2\,F_{-q}\,ralt(t_1,t_2,t_3) &= \\ (1-q)(ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_2,t_3)+ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_3,t_2)) \\ +(1-3\,q)(ass^{(q)}(t_2,t_1,t_3)+ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_1,t_2)), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} 2\,F_{-q}\,lalt(t_1,t_2,t_3) = \\ (1-3\,q)\,ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_2,t_3) + 2q\,ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_3,t_2) + (-1+3\,q)\,ass^{(q)}(t_2,t_1,t_3) \\ + 2\,(1-2\,q)\,ass^{(q)}(t_2,t_3,t_1) + 2\,(1-3\,q)\,ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_1,t_2) \end{split}$$

and

$$ass^{(q)}(t_1t_2, t_3) = -2 \, lalt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 6q \, lalt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 4q \, lalt(t_1, t_3, t_2) + 2 \, ralt(t_1, t_2, t_3) - 4q \, ralt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 2 \, ralt(t_2, t_1, t_3) - 8q \, ralt(t_2, t_1, t_3) - 2q \, ralt(t_3, t_1, t_2).$$

**Proof.** In the forthcoming calculations we use (1), (2) and (3). We have:  $acc^{(q)}(t, t, t, t) + acc^{(q)}(t, t, t, t) =$ 

$$ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) + ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_3, t_2) = t_1(t_2t_3) - 2q t_1(t_2t_3) + q^2 t_1(t_2t_3) + t_1(t_3t_2) -2q t_1(t_3t_2) + q^2 t_1(t_3t_2) + q t_2(t_1t_3) - q t_2(t_3t_1) +q t_3(t_1t_2) - q t_3(t_2t_1) - (t_1t_2)t_3 + q (t_1t_2)t_3 -q^2 (t_1t_2)t_3 - (t_1t_3)t_2 + q (t_1t_3)t_2 - q^2 (t_1t_3)t_2 +q (t_2t_1)t_3 + q (t_3t_1)t_2,$$

$$ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_1, t_3) + ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_1, t_2) = -qt_2(t_1t_3) + t_2(t_3t_1) - qt_2(t_3t_1) + q^2t_2(t_3t_1) -qt_3(t_1t_2) + t_3(t_2t_1) - qt_3(t_2t_1) + q^2t_3(t_2t_1) +q(t_1t_2)t_3 + q(t_1t_3)t_2 - q(t_2t_1)t_3 - (t_2t_3)t_1 +2q(t_2t_3)t_1 - q^2(t_2t_3)t_1 - q(t_3t_1)t_2 - (t_3t_2)t_1 +2q(t_3t_2)t_1 - q^2(t_3t_2)t_1$$

and

$$\begin{split} F_{-q} \, ralt(t_1,t_2,t_3) &= \\ t_1(t_2t_3) - q \, t_1(t_2t_3) + t_1(t_3t_2) - q \, t_1(t_3t_2) \\ &+ q \, t_2(t_1t_3) - q^2 \, t_2(t_3t_1) + q \, t_3(t_1t_2) - q^2 \, t_3(t_2t_1) \\ &- (t_1t_2)t_3 - (t_1t_3)t_2 + q \, (t_2t_1)t_3 - q \, (t_2t_3)t_1 \\ &+ q^2 \, (t_2t_3)t_1 + q \, (t_3t_1)t_2 - q \, (t_3t_2)t_1 + q^2 \, (t_3t_2)t_1. \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$(1-q)(ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) + ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_3, t_2)) + (1-3q)(ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_1, t_3) + ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_1, t_2))$$

$$-2 F_{-q} ralt(t_1, t_2, t_3) =$$
  
2(1 - 4q + q<sup>2</sup>)(ass(t\_2, t\_3, t\_1) + ass(t\_3, t\_2, t\_1)).

Similarly,

$$(1 - 3q)ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 2q ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_3, t_2) + (-1 + 3q)ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_1, t_3) + 2(1 - 2q)ass^{(q)}(t_2, t_3, t_1) + 2(1 - 3q)ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_1, t_2) - 2F_{-q} lalt(t_1, t_2, t_3) = 2(1 - 4q + q^2)(ass(t_3, t_1, t_2) + ass(t_3, t_2, t_1))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \, lalt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 6q \, lalt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 4q \, lalt(t_1, t_3, t_2) + 2 \, ralt(t_1, t_2, t_3) \\ -4q \, ralt(t_1, t_2, t_3) + 2 \, ralt(t_2, t_1, t_3) - 8q \, ralt(t_2, t_1, t_3) - 2q \, ralt(t_3, t_1, t_2) \\ -F_q \, ass(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - 4q + q^2)(2 \operatorname{ass}(t_2, t_3, t_1) + [[t_1, t_2], t_3]).$$

The lemma is proved.

Calculations in the next lemmas are similar to those above and thus omitted.

Lemma 6.

$$F_q ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_2, t_3) =$$

$$(q-1)^2 (q ass(t_1, t_2, t_3) + ass(t_1, t_3, t_2)) -$$

$$q(q-1)^2 (ass(t_2, t_1, t_3) + q ass(t_2, t_3, t_1)) +$$

$$q(q-1)^2 (ass(t_3, t_1, t_2) - ass(t_3, t_2, t_1)).$$

Lemma 7.

$$(q-1)(q^2 - 4q + 1) F_{-q} ass(t_1, t_2, t_3) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3\,q-1)\,ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_3,t_2) - q\,(q-1)\,ass^{(q)}(t_1,t_2,t_3) + q(q-1)\,ass^{(q)}(t_2,t_1,t_3) + \\ q(1-q)\,ass^{(q)}(t_2,t_3,t_1) + 3\,q^2\,ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_1,t_2) - q^3\,ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_1,t_2) - \\ q\,ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_2,t_1) + q^2\,ass^{(q)}(t_3,t_2,t_1). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 8.** If  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ , then

$$2 q F_{-q} ass(t_1, t_2, t_3) =$$

$$(1 - 3 q) ass^{(q)}(t_3, t_1, t_2) + (1 - q) ass^{(q)}(t_1, t_3, t_2) - 2 q^2 lia(t_1, t_2, t_3).$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** By Lemma 4, lia = 0 is a consequence of the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  if  $q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0$ . In other words,

$$\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)} = \mathfrak{Ass}^{(q, \, lia)} \text{ if } q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0.$$

By Lemma 6, if  $(A, \circ)$  an associative algebra, then the algebra  $(A, \circ_q)$  satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ .

Let  $q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0$ . By Lemma 7, if an algebra  $(A, \circ)$  satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ , then the algebra  $(A, \circ_{-q})$  satisfies the identity ass = 0.

Now, consider the case of  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ . By Lemma 8, if  $(A, \circ)$  satisfies the identities  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  and lia = 0, then  $(A, \circ_{-q})$  satisfies the identity ass = 0. By Lemma 5, if  $(A, \circ)$  satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ , then  $(A, \circ_{-q})$  is alternative and, vice versa, if  $(A, \circ)$  is alternative then  $(A, \circ_q)$  satisfies the identity  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ .

So, if  $(A, \circ)$  is an associative algebra, then  $(A, \circ_q)$  satisfies the identities  $ass^{(q)} = 0$  and lia = 0. Vice versa, if  $(A, \star)$  satisfies the identities  $ass^{(q)} = 0$ , lia = 0 then  $(A, \star_{-q})$  is associative. Thus, by Lemma 3 the functor

$$F_q: \mathfrak{Ass} \to \mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}, \qquad (A, \circ) \to (A, \circ_q)$$

is well defined and has the inverse

$$(1-q^2)^{-2}F_{-q}:\mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)}\to\mathfrak{Ass},$$

if  $q^2 - 4q + 1 \neq 0$ . Similarly, the functors

$$\begin{split} F_q : \mathfrak{Ass} &\to \mathfrak{Ass}^{(q,lia)}, \qquad (A, \circ) \to (A, \circ_q), \\ (1-q^2)^{-2} F_{-q} : \mathfrak{Ass}^{(q,lia)} \to \mathfrak{Ass}, \quad (1-q^2)^{-2} F_{-q} : \mathfrak{Ass}^{(q)} \to \mathfrak{Alt} \\ \text{are also well defined and} \end{split}$$

$$(1-q^2)^{-2}F_{-q}F_q = id$$

if  $q^2 - 4q + 1 = 0$ .

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