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# ON A VARIETY OF RIGHT-SYMMETRIC ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We construct a finite-dimensional metabelian right-symmetric algebra over an arbitrary field that does not have a finite basis of identities.

# 1. INRODUCTION.

We say that a variety of algebras has the Specht property or is Spechtian if any of its subvarieties has a finite basis of identities. In other words, a variety of algebras is Spechtian if the set of all its subvarieties satisfies the descending chain condition with respect to inclusion. In 1950 Specht [31] formulated a problem on the Specht property for the variety of all associative algebras over a field of characteristic zero.

Specialists extended the study of this problem for any varieties of algebras over fields of any characteristic. In 1970 Vaughan-Lee [36] constructed an example of a finitedimensional Lie algebra over a field of characteristic p = 2 that does not have a finite basis of identities. In 1974 Drensky [8] extended this result to fields of any positive characteristic p > 0. In 1978 Medvedev [25] showed that varieties of metabelian Malcev, Jordan, alternative, and (-1, 1) algebras are Spechtian. In 1984 Umirbaev [33] proved that the variety of metabelian binary Lie algebras over a field of characteristic  $\neq 3$  has the Specht property. In 1980 Medvedev [26] also constructed an example of a variety of solvable alternative algebras over a field of characteristic 2 with an infinite basis of identities. In 1985 Umirbaev [34] proved that the varieties of solvable alternative algebras over a field of characteristic  $\neq 2, 3$  have the Specht property. Pchelintsev [27] constructed an almost Spechtian variety of alternative algebras over a field of characteristic 3. The Specht property of so-called bicommutative algebras is proven in [9].

In 1976 Belkin [1] proved that the variety of metabelian right-alternative algebras does not have the Specht property. In 1978 L'vov [24] constructed a six-dimensional nonassociative algebra over an arbitrary field satisfying the identity x(yz) = 0 with an infinite basis of identities. In 1986 Isaev [15] adapted L'vov's methods for right-alternative algebras and constructed a finite-dimensional metabelian right-alternative algebra over an arbitrary field with an infinite basis of identities. In 2008 Kuz'min [22] gave a sufficient condition for the varieties of metabelian right-alternative algebras over a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$  to be Spechtian.

In 1988 Kemer [16, 17] positively solved the famous Specht problem [31] and proved that every variety of associative algebras over a field of characteristic zero has a finite basis of identities. Later the Specht problem was negatively solved for the variety of associative algebras over fields of positive characteristic p > 0 [2, 13, 28]. It is also

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known that the varieties of Lie algebras generated by a finite-dimensional algebra over a field of characteristic zero have the Specht property [14, 18]. Despite the efforts of many specialists in this field, the question of whether the variety of Lie algebras over a field of characteristic zero has the Specht property remains open.

This paper is devoted to the study of the Specht property for the variety of right-symmetric algebras. Recall that an algebra A over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  is called *right-symmetric* if it satisfies the identity

(1) 
$$(a, b, c) = (a, c, b),$$

where (a, b, c) = (ab)c - a(bc) is the associator of  $a, b, c \in A$ .

Right-symmetric algebras are Lie admissible, that is, any right-symmetric algebra with respect to the commutator [x, y] = xy - yx is a Lie algebra. Very often right-symmetric (or left-symmetric) algebras are called pre-Lie algebras and play an important role in the theory of operads [23]. Right-symmetric algebras arise in many different areas of mathematics and physics [3].

In 1994 Segal [30] constructed a basis of free right-symmetric algebras. Chapoton and Livernet [5] and, independently, Löfwall and Dzhumadil'daev [11] gave other bases of free right-symmetric algebras in terms of rooted trees. The identities of right-symmetric algebras were studied by Filippov [12], and he proved that any right-nil right-symmetric algebra over a field of characteristic zero is right nilpotent. An analogue of the PBW basis Theorem for the universal (multiplicative) enveloping algebra of a right-symmetric algebra was given in [19]. The Freiheitssatz and the decidability of the word problem for onerelator right-symmetric algebras were proven in [20]. Recently, Dotsenko and Umirbaev [7] determined that the variety of right-symmetric algebras over a field of characteristic zero is Nielson-Schreier, that is, every subalgebra of a free right-symmetric algebra is free.

A right-symmetric algebra with an additional identity

$$a(bc) = b(ac)$$

is called a Novikov algebra. The class of Novikov algebras is an important and wellstudied subclass of right-symmetric algebras. Recently there was great progress in the study of identities, solvability, and nilpotency [38, 12, 10, 29, 35, 32]. In 2022 Dotsenko, Ismailov, and Umirbaev [6] proved that (a) every Novikov algebra satisfying a nontrivial polynomial identity over a field of characteristic zero is right-associator nilpotent and (b) the variety of Novikov algebras over a field of characteristic zero has the Specht property.

In this paper, we continue the study of the identities of right-symmetric algebras. Namely, using the constructions and methods of L'vov [24] and Isaev [15], we construct a finite-dimensional metabelian right-symmetric algebra over an arbitrary field that does not have a finite basis of identities. In fact, our algebra belongs to the variety of algebras  $\mathcal{R}$  defined by the identities

(2) 
$$[[a,b],c] = 0,$$

$$(3) (ab)a = 0,$$

and

$$(4) (ab)(cd) = 0$$

We determine some identities and operator identities of the variety  $\mathcal{R}$  in Section 2. In Section 3, a series of algebras  $P_n$  of this variety is constructed. A linear basis of free algebras of the variety  $\mathcal{R}$  is constructed in Section 4. Section 5 is devoted to the study of the relationships between the polynomial identities and the operator identities of the algebras  $P_n$ . The main result of the paper is given in Section 6 and says that the algebra  $P_2$  does not have any finite basis of identities.

# 2. A variety of right-symmetric algebras

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an arbitrary fixed field. In what follows, all vector spaces are considered over  $\mathbb{F}$ . As above,  $\mathcal{R}$  denotes the variety of algebras defined by the identities (2), (3), and (4).

**Lemma 2.1.** Every algebra of the variety  $\mathcal{R}$  is right-symmetric and right nilpotent of index 4.

*Proof.* The linearization of (3) gives

$$(5) (ab)c + (cb)a = 0$$

This identity and (4) imply that

(6) 
$$((ab)c)d = -(dc)(ab) = 0.$$

Using (3) and (2) one can also get

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c) - (a, c, b) &= (ab)c - a(bc) - (ac)b + a(cb) \\ &= -(cb)a - a(bc) + (bc)a + a(cb) \\ &= [b, c]a - a[b, c] = [[b, c], a] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}$  is a variety of right-symmetric algebras.

Let A be an arbitrary algebra of the variety  $\mathcal{R}$ . Recall that for any  $x \in A$  the operators of right multiplication  $R_x$  and left multiplication  $L_x$  on A are defined by

$$aR_x = ax$$
 and  $aL_x = xa$ ,

respectively. Set also  $V_{x,y} = L_x R_y$ .

# Lemma 2.2.

(7) 
$$V_{x,x} = 0, \qquad V_{x,y} = -V_{y,x}$$

(8) 
$$xR_yL_zL_t = yV_{x,z}L_t - xR_yV_{t,z}.$$

(9) 
$$xR_yL_z = xV_{z,y} + yR_xL_z - yV_{z,x}$$

(10) 
$$xR_yV_{z,t} = yR_xV_{z,t}$$

(11) 
$$V_{x,y}R_z = 0.$$

(12) 
$$V_{x,y}(L_z L_t + V_{t,z}) = 0.$$

*Proof.* The identities (3) and (6) immediately imply (7). By (1) and (4) we get

$$xR_yL_zL_t = t(z(xy))$$
$$= (tz)(xy) + t((xy)z) - (t(xy))z = yV_{x,z}L_t - xR_yV_{t,z}$$
From the identity (2) follows (9).

Then (1) and (6) give that

$$xR_yV_{z,t} = (z(xy))t$$
$$= ((zx)y)t + (z(yx))t - ((zy)x)t = yR_xV_{z,t}.$$

By (6) we obtain  $tV_{x,z}R_t = ((xt)z)t = 0$ , and, therefore,  $V_{x,y}R_z = 0$ . Set  $v = uV_{x,y}$ . Then (6), (1), and (4) imply that

$$vL_zL_t = t(zv) - t(vz) = (tz)v - (tv)z = -vV_{t,z}.$$

### 3. Algebras $P_n$

For each natural n we define the algebra  $P_n$  with a linear basis

$$a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_i, d_{ij}, e_{ij},$$

where  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , and with the product defined by

$$a_{ij}c_i = d_{ij}, \quad b_{ij}c_i = e_{ij},$$

$$a_{ij}e_{ij} = e_{ij}a_{ij} = -b_{ij}d_{ij} = -d_{ij}b_{ij} = c_j$$

where all zero products are omitted.

Set

$$A_n = \operatorname{Span}\{a_{ij}, b_{ij} \mid 1 \le i, j \le n\}$$

and

$$D_n = \text{Span}\{c_i, d_{ij}, e_{ij} \mid 1 \le i, j \le n\},\$$

where Span X denotes the linear span of X. Then  $A_n$  is a subalgebra of  $P_n$  and  $D_n$  is an ideal of  $P_n$ . Moreover,  $P_n$  is a direct sum of the vector spaces  $A_n$  and  $D_n$ . Set also

 $C_n = \text{Span}\{c_i \mid 1 \le i \le n\}, \ \overline{C}_n = \text{Span}\{d_{ij}, e_{ij} \mid 1 \le i, j \le n\}.$ 

Then

(13)

$$P_n^2 = D_n, \quad A_n^2 = D_n^2 = 0, \quad D_n = C_n \oplus \overline{C}_n,$$
$$D_n P_n = C_n, \quad P_n C_n = \overline{C}_n, \quad C_n P_n = 0, \quad P_n \overline{C}_n = C_n.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** The algebra  $P_n$  belongs to the variety  $\mathcal{R}$ .

*Proof.* Obviously the space of commutators  $[P_n, P_n]$  coincides with  $\overline{C}_n$ , which is in the center of  $P_n$ , i.e., (2) holds.

In order to verify the identity (3), it is sufficient to check the identities (3) and (5) for all elements of the basis of  $P_n$ . Let us begin with (3). Since  $A_n^2 = D_n^2 = (D_n A_n) D_n = 0$ , we may assume that  $a \in A_n$  and  $b \in D_n$ . Consider all nonzero products of the space  $A_n D_n$ . If  $a = a_{ij}$  and  $b = c_i$ , then

$$(a_{ij}c_i)a_{ij} = d_{ij}a_{ij} = 0.$$

If  $a = a_{ij}$  and  $b = e_{ij}$ , then

$$(a_{ij}e_{ij})a_{ij} = c_j a_{ij} = 0.$$

The other cases can be verified similarly.

Now let's verify (5). Since  $(D_n P_n)P_n = 0$ , the product (ab)c is nonzero only if  $a = a_{ij}$ ,  $b = c_i$ ,  $c = b_{ij}$  or  $a = b_{ij}$ ,  $b = c_i$ ,  $c = a_{ij}$ . Thus,

$$(ab)c + (cb)a = -c_i + c_j = 0.$$

From the relations  $P_n^2 = D_n$  and  $D_n^2 = 0$  immediately follow the identity (4).

**Lemma 3.2.** For all  $x, y \in P_n$ ,  $d \in D_n$  we have

$$(A_n + \overline{C}_n)V_{x,y} = 0, \quad V_{d,y} = V_{y,d} = 0.$$

*Proof.* The relations (13) give that  $(P_nA_n)P_n \subseteq C_nP_n = 0$  and  $(P_n\overline{C}_n)P_n \subseteq C_nP_n = 0$ , i.e., the first equality of the lemma holds. Similarly, by noting that  $(D_nP_n)P_n \subseteq C_nP_n = 0$ and  $(P_nP_n)D_n \subseteq D_nD_n = 0$ , we can deduce the second equality of the lemma.

Denote by  $\operatorname{Ann}_{l}P_{n}$  the space of left annihilators of  $P_{n}$ .

# Lemma 3.3. $\operatorname{Ann}_l P_n = C_n$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $x \in (A_n + \overline{C}_n + C_n) \cap \operatorname{Ann}_l P_n$  and express it as

$$x = \sum_{i,j} (\alpha_{ij}a_{ij} + \beta_{ij}b_{ij} + \gamma_{ij}d_{ij} + \delta_{ij}e_{ij} + \epsilon_i c_i),$$

where  $\alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, \delta_{ij}, \epsilon_i \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then we have

$$xc_i = \sum_j (\alpha_{ij}d_{ij} + \beta_{ij}e_{ij}), \quad xa_{ij} = \delta_{ij}c_j, \quad xb_{ij} = -\gamma_{ij}c_j.$$

From these equations, it can be deduced that  $\alpha_{ij} = \beta_{ij} = \gamma_{ij} = \delta_{ij} = 0$ . Therefore, we can conclude that  $x = \sum_{i} \epsilon_i c_i$ . Consequently,  $\operatorname{Ann}_l P_n = C_n$ .

# 4. Structure of free algebras of $\mathcal{R}$

Let F(X) be the free algebra of the variety  $\mathcal{R}$  generated by an infinite countable set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, \ldots\}.$ 

**Proposition 4.1.** The set of elements  $\mathcal{B}$  of F(X) of the forms

$$x_i, \quad x_i R_{x_j} L_{x_s}, \quad x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} L_{x_s},$$

where i < j and  $p_r < q_r$  for all r = 1, 2, ..., k,  $k \ge 1$ , and  $\hat{T}_x$  denotes that the operator  $T_x$  might not occur, is a basis of F(X).

*Proof.* In order to show that  $\mathcal{B}$  linearly spans F(X) it is sufficient to verify that, for any  $v \in \mathcal{B}$ , the elements  $vR_{x_i}$  and  $vL_{x_i}$  belong to the linear span of  $\mathcal{B}$ . This is easy to do using the identities (1), (4), and Lemma 2.2. For example, let

$$v = x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} L_{x_s}.$$

Then

$$vR_{x_r} = x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} L_{x_s} R_{x_r} = x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} V_{x_s, x_r}.$$

By (12), we get

$$vL_{x_r} = x_i \hat{R}_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} L_{x_s} L_{x_r} = -x_i \hat{R}_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} V_{x_r, x_s}.$$

Applying (7) we can express  $vR_{x_r}$  and  $vL_{x_r}$  as a linear combination of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

It remains to prove the linear independence of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Suppose that  $f = f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in F(X)$  is a nontrivial linear combination of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Suppose that  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\deg_{x_i}(v) = k$ . Let's write  $v = v(x_i, \ldots, x_i)$  in order to differ the presence of  $x_i$  in different places. To linearize v in  $x_i$  we use new variables  $y_1, \ldots, y_k \in X$  and, after renumeration, we can assume that  $y_r < x_j$  if i < j and  $x_j < y_r$  if j < i for all  $1 \leq r \leq k$ . Notice that every word  $v(y_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, y_{\sigma(k)})$ , where  $\sigma \in S_k$  and  $S_k$  is the symmetric group in k symbols, is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then the full linearization of v in  $x_i$  is a linear combination of basis elements  $v(y_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, y_{\sigma(k)})$ . Therefore, by linearizing a nontrivial element f, we obtain a nontrivial element that is a linear combination of multilinear elements from  $\mathcal{B}$ . Substituting zeroes instead of some variables, if necessary, we can make f linear in each variable. Therefore, we can assume that f is a multilinear nontrivial identity in the variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ . Let

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i u_i$$

where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $u_i \in \mathcal{B}$ . Suppose, for example, that

$$u_1 = x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}} L_{x_s}$$

Set  $x_i = d_{1,2}$ ,  $x_j = -b_{1,2}$ ,  $x_{p_r} = a_{r+1,r+2}$ ,  $x_{q_r} = -b_{r+1,r+2}$  for all  $r = 1, 2, \ldots k$ ,  $x_s = a_{k+2,k+3}$ . We have  $c_i V_{a_{ij},-b_{ij}} = c_j$  for all i, j. Then the value of  $u_1$  under this substitution is  $d_{k+2,k+3}$  and the value of any other  $u_i$  is 0. Consequently, the value of f is  $\alpha_1 d_{k+2,k+3} \neq 0$ . Thus, f is not an identity for  $\mathcal{R}$ .

If  $L_{x_s}$  does not appear in  $u_1$ , then we perform the same substitutions for the variables. If  $R_{x_j}$  does not appear in  $u_1$ , then we simply set  $x_i = c_2$  and perform the same substitutions for the rest of the variables as described above. In both cases the value of f is nonzero. This completes our proof.

Let M = M(F(X)) be the multiplication algebra of the algebra F(X). Denote by  $E_0$  the subalgebra (without identity) of M generated by the operators  $V_{i,j} = V_{x_i,x_j}$  with i < j for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \ldots$  Set also

$$E_1 = \sum_{j \ge 1} E_0 L_{x_j}, \quad E_2 = \sum_{i \ge 1} R_{x_i} E_0, \quad E_3 = \sum_{i,j \ge 1} R_{x_i} E_0 L_{x_j},$$

and

$$R_k = \sum_{i>1} x_i E_k$$
, for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

According to Proposition 4.1, the space F(X) is the direct sum of the subspaces  $R_k$  and the linear span of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  of degrees less than or equal to 3.

**Lemma 4.2.** An identity  $zf(x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0$ , where  $f \in E_0$ , is a consequence of a system of identities

(14) 
$$tg_j(x_1,\ldots,x_l) = 0, \quad g_j \in E_0, \quad j \in \mathcal{J},$$

in the variety  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\mathcal{J}$  is any set of indices, if and only if the operator  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m)$ belongs to the ideal of the associative algebra  $E_0$  generated by the set G of all operators  $\varphi(g_j)$ , where  $\varphi$  runs over the set of all linear endomorphisms  $\varphi: X \to \mathbb{F}X = \sum_{i \ge 1} \mathbb{F}x_i$ and  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that f belongs to the ideal of  $E_0$  generated by G. Then

$$f = \sum_{r=1}^{t} u_r g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r} v_r,$$

for some linear endomorphisms  $\varphi_r$  and  $u_r, v_r \in E_0$ . Therefore,

$$zf = \sum_{r=1}^{t} (zu_r) g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r} v_r$$

and zf = 0 is a consequence of the system of identities (14).

Let's describe all the consequences of the identities (14). Let  $\varphi : F(X) \to F(X)$  be an arbitrary endomorphism and set  $\varphi(x_i) = y_i + h_i$ , where  $y_i \in \mathbb{F}X$  and  $h_i \in F(X)^2$  for all *i*. Since  $g_j \in E_0$ , using (4) and (6), we get

$$t\varphi(g_j) = tg_j(y_1, \dots, y_l) = 0$$

Thus, a general form of consequences of the identities (14) can be expressed as

$$\sum_{r=1}^t u_r g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r} v_r,$$

where  $u_r \in F(X)$ ,  $v_r \in M(F(X))$ , and  $\varphi_r$  are linear endomorphisms. We know that  $g_{i_r}^{\varphi_r} \in E_0$ . We also claim that  $u_r$  and  $v_r$  can be represented in the forms

$$x_i \hat{R}_{x_j} V_{x_{p_1}, x_{q_1}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k}, x_{q_k}}, \qquad V_{x_{p_1'}, x_{q_1'}} \cdots V_{x_{p_k'}, x_{q_k'}} \hat{L}_{x_s}$$

respectively, where i < j,  $p_l < q_l$ ,  $p'_l < q'_l$  and  $k = 0, 1, \ldots$ 

Suppose that  $u_r$  is a basis element that ends with  $L_{x_s}$ . Then, by (11) and (12), we can derive that

$$V_{x_i,x_j} L_{x_s} V_{x_k,x_t} = V_{x_i,x_j} L_{x_s} L_{x_k} R_{x_t} = -V_{x_i,x_j} V_{x_k,x_s} R_{x_t} = 0.$$

Consequently, we have  $V_{x_i,x_j}L_{x_s}E_0 = 0$ .

If  $u_r = x_i R_{x_j} L_{x_k}$ , then by (8) and (11) we get

$$u_r V_{x_s, x_t} = x_i R_{x_j} L_{x_k} L_{x_s} R_{x_t} = x_j V_{x_i, x_k} L_{x_s} R_{x_t} - x_i R_{x_j} V_{x_s, x_k} R_{x_t} = x_j V_{x_i, x_k} V_{x_s, x_t}.$$

So, we can conclude that  $u_r$  has the claimed form.

Now, let's consider the case when  $v_r$  is a basis element that starts with  $R_y$ . According to (11), we have  $E_0R_y = 0$ . If  $v_r$  starts with  $L_{x_i}L_{x_j}$ , then by using (12), we find

$$V_{x_k,x_s}L_{x_i}L_{x_j} = -V_{x_k,x_s}V_{x_j,x_i}.$$

Hence,  $v_r$  also has the claimed form.

If zf = 0 is a consequence of the identities (14), then we get an equality of the form

$$x_{m+1}f(x_1,\ldots,x_m) = \sum_{r=1}^t \lambda_r x_{i_r} w_r g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r} v_r,$$

where  $x_{i_r}w_r = u_r$ ,  $w_r \in E_0 + E_2$  and  $v_r \in E_0 + E_1$ . Notice that every element  $x_{i_r}w_r g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r}v_r$ belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Consequently, we may assume that  $x_{i_r} = x_{m+1}$ ,  $w_r, v_r \in E_0$ , and

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{r=1}^t \lambda_r w_r g_{j_r}^{\varphi_r} v_r.$$

#### 5. Identities of $P_n$ .

In this section, we study the connections between the identities and the operator identities of  $P_n$  for  $n \ge 2$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** If  $f \in F(X)$  and f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$  for  $n \ge 2$ , then (15)  $f = f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + f_3 \in F(X), \quad f_k \in R_k,$ 

and  $f_k = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$  for all k = 0, 1, 2, 3.

*Proof.* Let

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i x_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m} \lambda_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i,j,k=1,i< j}^{m} \lambda_{ijk} x_i R_{x_j} L_{x_k} + f',$$

where f' is a linear combination of elements from  $\mathcal{B}$  of degree  $\geq 4$ .

We first show that  $\lambda_i = \lambda_{ij} = \lambda_{ijk} = 0$  for all i, j, k = 1, ..., m. For any fixed *i* the substitution  $x_i = c_1$  and  $x_j = 0$  for all  $j \neq i$  gives that  $\lambda_i c_1 = 0$ , which implies  $\lambda_i = 0$ .

If  $i \neq j$  then the substitution  $x_i = a_{11}$ ,  $x_j = c_1$ , and  $x_k = 0$  for all  $k \neq i, j$ , makes the value of f equal to  $\lambda_{ij}d_{11} = 0$ . The same value we get if i = j under the substitution  $x_i = x_j = a_{11} + c_1$  and  $x_k = 0$  for all  $k \neq i, j$ . This gives  $\lambda_{ij} = 0$  in both cases.

Assume that i < j > k. If  $i \neq k$ , then the substitution  $x_i = b_{11}$ ,  $x_j = d_{11}$ ,  $x_k = a_{12}$ , and  $x_t = 0$  for all  $t \neq i, j, k$ , makes the value of f equal to  $-\lambda_{ijk}d_{12}$ . This gives that  $\lambda_{ijk} = 0$ . If i = k, then the substitution  $x_i = b_{11}, x_j = d_{11}$ , and  $x_t = 0$  for all  $t \neq i, j$ , gives that  $-\lambda_{iji}e_{11} = 0$  and  $\lambda_{iji} = 0$ . If i < j = k, then the substitution  $x_i = d_{11}, x_j = b_{11}$ , and  $x_t = 0$  for all  $t \neq i, j$ , gives that  $-\lambda_{ijj}e_{11} = 0$  and  $\lambda_{ijj} = 0$ . Finally, if i < j < k, then the substitution  $x_i = d_{11}, x_j = x_k = b_{11}$ , and  $x_t = 0$  for all  $t \neq i, j$ , gives that  $-\lambda_{ijk}e_{11} - \lambda_{ikj}e_{11} = 0$ , i.e.,  $\lambda_{ijk} = -\lambda_{ikj} = 0$ .

Thus, f is a linear combination of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  of degree  $\geq 4$ . Suppose that f is written as in (15). Taking into account the relations  $D_n P_n \subseteq C_n$  and  $P_n C_n \subseteq \overline{C}_n$  it can be observed that the images of  $F_0 = f_0 + f_2$  and  $F_1 = f_1 + f_3$  belong to  $C_n$  and  $\overline{C}_n$ , respectively. Therefore, if f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$ , then  $F_0 = 0$  and  $F_1 = 0$  are also identities of  $P_n$ .

Suppose that

$$f_k(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i g_i^{(k)}(x_1, \dots, x_m),$$

where  $g_i^{(k)} \in E_k$  and k = 0, 1, 2, 3. Let  $p_1, \ldots, p_m \in P_n$  with  $p_s = v_s + \overline{v}_s + a_s$ , where  $v_s \in C_n, \overline{v}_s \in \overline{C}_n, a_s \in A_n$ . By Lemma 3.2 we can obtain that

$$p_i V_{p_j, p_k} = v_i V_{p_j, p_k} = v_i V_{v_j + \overline{v}_j + a_j, v_k + \overline{v}_k} + v_i V_{v_j + \overline{v}_j, a_k} + v_i V_{a_j, a_k} = v_i V_{a_j, a_k}$$

Then we can write as

$$f_0(p_1,\ldots,p_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i g_i^{(0)}(a_1,\ldots,a_m) = f_0(v_1+a_1,\ldots,v_m+a_m)$$

It is easy to note that  $(A_n + C_n)R_{a_i+v_i}V_{a_j+v_j,a_s+v_s} = 0$  for all  $a_i, a_j, a_s \in A_n$  and  $v_i, v_j, v_s \in C_n$ . It follows that

$$f_2(v_1+a_1,\ldots,v_m+a_m)=0$$

Thus,

$$f_0(p_1, \dots, p_m)$$
  
=  $f_0(v_1 + a_1, \dots, v_m + a_m) + f_2(v_1 + a_1, \dots, v_m + a_m)$   
=  $F_0(v_1 + a_1, \dots, v_m + a_m) = 0.$ 

Therefore, we can conclude that  $f_0 = 0$  and  $f_2 = 0$  are identities of  $P_n$ . Similarly, we can establish that  $f_1 = 0$  and  $f_3 = 0$  are also identities of  $P_n$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** If  $f = f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in R_1 + R_3$ , then  $fx_{m+1} \in R_0 + R_2$  and if  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m)x_{m+1} = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$ , then f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$  as well.

Proof. We have  $fx_{m+1} \in R_0 + R_2$  by the definition of the spaces  $R_i$ , where  $0 \le i \le 3$ . If  $fx_{m+1} = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$ , then all values of f in  $P_n$  belong to  $C_n = \operatorname{Ann}_l(P_n)$  by Lemma 3.3. However, since f is an element of  $R_1 + R_3$ , the values of f must belong to  $\overline{C_n}$ . Consequently, f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$ .

Recall an exact formal definition of the linearization of identities [37, Chapter 1]. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be an arbitrary variety of algebras and  $\mathbb{F}\langle X \rangle$  be its free algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$  generated by  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots\}$ . Let  $y \in \mathbb{F}\langle X \rangle$  be an arbitrary fixed element. For a nonnegative integer k, we define the linear mapping  $\Delta_{x_i}^k(y)$  on  $\mathbb{F}\langle X \rangle$  as follows:

- $\Delta^0_{x_i}(y)$  is the identity mapping;
- $x_s \Delta_{x_i}^k(y) = 0$ , if either k > 1 or  $k = 1, i \neq s$ ;
- $x_i \Delta^1_{x_i}(y) = y;$
- $(uv)\Delta_{x_i}^k(y) = \sum_{r+s=k} (u\Delta_{x_i}^r(y))(v\Delta_{x_i}^s(y)),$

where  $x_i \in X$  and u, v are any monomials in  $\mathbb{F}\langle X \rangle$ . We also write  $\Delta_{x_i}(y)$  instead of  $\Delta_{x_i}^1(y)$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** Suppose that  $f = f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in R_2$ . Then  $f\Delta_i(x_{m+1}x_{m+2}) \in R_0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Moreover, f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$  if and only if  $P_n$  satisfies the following system of identities

(16) 
$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m)\Delta_i(x_{m+1}x_{m+2}) = 0, \quad 1 \le i \le m.$$

*Proof.* Let  $w = xR_yV_{z_1,t_1}\cdots V_{z_r,t_r} \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $u, v \in X$ . We have

$$(xR_y)\Delta_x(uv) = (uv)R_y = vV_{u,y}.$$

By (1), (4) and (6), we get

$$(xR_yV_{z_1,t_1})\Delta_y(uv) = (z_1(x(uv)))t_1 = ((z_1x)(uv) - (z_1(uv))x + z_1((uv)x))t_1$$
$$= -((z_1(uv))x)t_1 + (z_1((uv)x))t_1 = (z_1((uv)x))t_1 = vV_{u,x}V_{z_1,t_1}.$$

By (4) one can get that  $w\Delta_{z_i}(uv) = w\Delta_{t_i}(uv) = 0$  for any  $i = 1, \ldots, r$ . Thus, if  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in R_2$ , then  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m)\Delta_i(x_{m+1}x_{m+2}) \in R_0$ . If  $p_1, \ldots, p_m \in P_n$  and  $v_1, \ldots, v_m \in D_n$ , then we have

(17) 
$$f(p_1 + v_1, \dots, p_m + v_m) = f(p_1, \dots, p_m) + \sum_{i=1}^m f(p_1, \dots, p_m) \Delta_i(v_i).$$

In fact, by Lemma 1.3 from [37], the relation

$$f(x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_m + y_m) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m \ge 0} f \Delta_1^{i_1}(y_1) \cdots \Delta_m^{i_m}(y_m)$$
$$= f(x_1, \dots, x_m) + \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_1, \dots, x_m) \Delta_i(y_i) + g,$$

where  $y_1, \ldots, y_m \notin \{x_1, \ldots, x_m\}$  are distinct variables and the degree of g in the variables  $y_1, \ldots, y_m$  is greater than one, holds in  $\mathbb{F}\langle X \rangle$ . By substituting  $x_i = p_i, y_i = v_i$  and using the fact that  $D_n^2 = 0$ , one can obtain the relation (17).

If f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$ , then the relation (17) implies that

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_m)\Delta_i(v) = f(p_1, \dots, p_i + v, \dots, p_m) - f(p_1, \dots, p_m) = 0$$

for all  $p_i \in P_n$  and  $v \in D_n$ . In other words, the algebra  $P_n$  satisfies the system of identities (16).

Conversely, suppose that the system of identities (16) holds in  $P_n$ . Assume that  $p_1, \ldots, p_m \in P_n$  of the form  $p_i = a_i + v_i$ , where  $a_i \in A_n$  and  $v_i \in D_n$ . Then using the relation (17), we have

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_m) = f(a_1 + v_1, \dots, a_m + v_m)$$
  
=  $f(a_1, \dots, a_m) + \sum_{i=1}^m f(p_1, \dots, p_m) \Delta_i(v_i) = f(a_1, \dots, a_m)$ 

Considering  $A_n^2 = 0$  and  $f \in R_2 \subseteq F(X)^2$ , we can conclude that  $f(a_1, \ldots, a_m) = 0$ . Consequently,  $f(p_1, \ldots, p_m) = 0$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** If  $f = f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in R_0$  and f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$  of the form

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i g_i,$$

where  $g_i \in E_0$ , then  $x_{m+1}g_i = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$ .

*Proof.* For a fixed i set  $x_i = v + a_i$  and  $x_j = a_j$  for all  $j \neq i$ , where  $v \in D_n$  and  $a_j \in A_n$ . Taking into account the relations  $A_n^2 = D_n^2 = 0$  and Lemma 3.2, one can have

$$f(x_1,\ldots,x_m) = vg_i(a_1,\ldots,a_m) = 0.$$

Hence,  $x_{m+1}g_i = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** For an arbitrary polynomial  $f = f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in F(X)$  there exist t(m) = 2m(m+3) polynomials  $g_i(x_1, \ldots, x_{m+3}) \in E_0$ , where  $i = 1, \ldots, t(m)$ , such that  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0$  is an identity of  $P_n$  for  $n \ge 2$  if and only if  $P_n$  satisfies the system of identities

$$zg_i(x_1, \dots, x_{m+3}) = 0, \quad 1 \le i \le t(m).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f = f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in F(X)$  and suppose that f = 0 is an identity of  $P_n$ . Then by Lemma 5.1 we obtain

$$f = f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + f_3, \quad f_k \in R_k,$$

and  $f_k = 0$  is an identity of the algebra  $P_n$ .

By Lemma 5.4, the identity  $f_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i g_i = 0$  is equivalent to the system of m identities  $x_{m+1}g_i = 0$  of  $P_n$ , where  $1 \le i \le m$ .

By Lemma 5.2, the identity  $f_1 = 0$  is equivalent to  $f_1 x_{m+1} = 0$  and  $f_1 x_{m+1} \in R_0$ . Moreover, if

$$f_1 x_{m+1} = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i g_i, \quad g_i \in E_0,$$

then, by Lemma 5.4, the identity  $f_1x_{m+1} = 0$  is equivalent to the system of m identities  $x_{m+2}g_i = 0$  of  $P_n$ , where  $1 \le i \le m$ .

By Lemma 5.3, the identity  $f_2 = 0$  is equivalent to the system of m identities  $f_2(x_1, \ldots, x_m)\Delta_i(x_{m+1}x_{m+2}) = 0$ , where  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ , and we have  $f_2\Delta_i(x_{m+1}x_{m+2}) \in R_0$ . Hence, by Lemma 5.4, it is equivalent to a system of m(m+2) identities of the form  $x_{m+3}g_i = 0$ , where  $g_i(x_1, \ldots, x_{m+2}) \in E_0$  and  $i = 1, \ldots, m(m+2)$ .

By Lemma 5.2, the identity  $f_3 = 0$  is equivalent to  $f_3x_{m+1} = 0$  and  $f_3x_{m+1} \in R_2$ . The identity (4) implies that  $(f_3x_{m+1})\Delta_{m+1}(x_{m+2}x_{m+3}) = 0$ . Then, by Lemma 5.3,  $f_3 = 0$  is equivalent to the system of m identities  $0 = (f_3x_{m+1})\Delta_i(x_{m+2}x_{m+3}) \in R_0$ , where  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ . Moreover, by Lemma 5.4, it is equivalent to a system of m(m+2) identities of the form  $x_{m+4}g_j = 0$ , where  $g_j(x_1, \ldots, x_{m+3}) \in E_0$  and  $1 \le j \le m(m+2)$ .

Thus, f = 0 is equivalent to a system of t(m) = 2m(m+3) identities of the form  $zg_i(x_1, \ldots, x_{m+3}) = 0$ , where  $g_i(x_1, \ldots, x_{m+3}) \in E_0$  and  $i = 1, \ldots, t(m)$ .

#### 6. V-IDENTITIES OF $P_n$ .

Let B be an arbitrary algebra in  $\mathcal{R}$ . We define  $E_0(B)$  as the algebra of operators generated by  $V_{b_1,b_2}$  for all  $b_1, b_2 \in B$ , that acts on the algebra B. Denote by  $T(E_0(B))$  the ideal of  $E_0$  defined as the intersection of the kernels of all possible homomorphisms from F(X) to B. The elements of  $T(E_0(B))$  are called V-identities of B.

**Lemma 6.1.**  $E_0(P_n) \cong M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , where  $M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices.

Proof. According to Lemma 3.2,  $E_0(P_n)$  annihilates the subspace  $A_n + \overline{C}_n$ , and  $C_n$  is an invariant subspace of  $P_n$  under its action. Consequently,  $E_0(P_n)$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra L of the algebra  $End_{\mathbb{F}}C_n$ . Furthermore, the operator  $V_{b_{ij},a_{ij}} \in E_0(P_n)$  sends the element  $c_i$  to  $c_j$ , and  $c_k$  to zero if  $k \neq i$ , resembling the action of a unit matrix. Therefore, the subalgebra L coincides with the entire algebra  $End_{\mathbb{F}}(C_n) \cong M_n(\mathbb{F})$ .  $\Box$  **Proposition 6.2.** If the algebra  $P_n$  has a finite basis of identities for  $n \ge 2$ , then the ideal  $T = T(E_0(P_n))$  is generated by polynomials of bounded degrees.

Proof. Suppose that  $P_n$  has a finite basis of identities for  $n \ge 2$ . By Proposition 5.5, modulo (1), (3), and (4), every identity is equivalent to a finite system of identities of (14). Consequently, by Lemma 4.2, there exists a finite set of elements  $G \subseteq T$  such that the identities tg = 0, where  $g \in G$ , form a basis of identities of  $P_n$ . Let m be the maximum of the degrees of polynomials in G. By the same Lemma 4.2, the ideal T is generated by all  $\varphi(g)$ , where  $g \in G$  and  $\varphi$  is linear. Consequently, T is generated by elements of degrees  $\leq m$ .

### 7. Identities of $P_2$ .

We are going to prove that  $P_2$  does not have a finite basis of identities. First, let's construct some important examples of algebras.

**Proposition 7.1.** For any s > 5 there exists an algebra  $B \in \mathcal{R}$  with the following two properties:

- (1) B is generated by a set  $Q = \{q_1, \ldots, q_{s+3}\}$  such that  $T \nsubseteq T(E_0(B))$ .
- (2) Let C be a subalgebra of B generated by any subset Q' of Q with s elements. Then

$$tg(c_1,\ldots,c_k)=0$$

for all 
$$g(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \in T$$
,  $c_1, \ldots, c_k \in C$ , and  $t \in B$ 

Proof. Set  $n = s - 5 \ge 1$ . Let H be the free algebra with identity in the variety of algebras generated by the field  $\mathbb{F}$  with free generators  $\{h_1, \ldots, h_n\}$ . Denote by W the subspace of H, spanned by all words in  $h_1, \ldots, h_n$ , including the unit element 1, that do not contain at least one  $h_i$ . Then  $W \ne H$ . By Theorem 1.6 from [37], the algebra  $A = H \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} P_3$ belongs to  $\mathcal{R}$ . Consider the subalgebra L of A generated by the following set of elements:

$$(18) \qquad \{1 \otimes c_1, 1 \otimes a_{11}, 1 \otimes b_{11}, 1 \otimes a_{12}, 1 \otimes b_{12}, h_i \otimes a_{22}, 1 \otimes b_{22}, 1 \otimes a_{23}, 1 \otimes b_{23}\}$$

where i = 1, ..., n.

We note that

$$1 \otimes c_2 = -(1 \otimes b_{12})((1 \otimes a_{12})(1 \otimes c_1)),$$
  

$$h_j \otimes c_2 = -(1 \otimes b_{22})((h_j \otimes a_{22})(1 \otimes c_2)),$$
  

$$h_i h_j \otimes c_2 = -(1 \otimes b_{22})((h_i \otimes a_{22})(h_j \otimes c_2)).$$

Thus, by induction on the length of h, one can derive that  $h \otimes c_2 \in L$  for any word h in  $h_1, \ldots, h_n$ . In addition,  $h \otimes c_3 \in L$  since

$$h \otimes c_3 = -(1 \otimes b_{23})((1 \otimes a_{23})(h \otimes c_2)).$$

Note that  $h \otimes c_3$  is a two-sided annihilator of L since

$$L \subseteq H \otimes (D_3 + \sum_{i \leq j \leq 3, (i,j) \neq (3,3)} (\mathbb{F}a_{ij} + \mathbb{F}b_{ij}).$$

Consequently,  $N = H \otimes c_3$  and  $N' = W \otimes c_3$  are ideals of L. Set B = L/N' and let's show that it satisfies the properties (1) and (2) of the proposition.

Verification of Property (1). Denote by  $q_1, \ldots, q_{s+3}$  the images of generators of (18) under the natural projection  $L \to L/N'$ . By Lemma 6.1, the algebra  $E_0(P_2)$  satisfies the well-known Hall's identity

$$[[\overline{f}_1, \overline{f}_2] \circ [\overline{f}_3, \overline{f}_4], \overline{f}_5] = 0,$$

for all  $\overline{f}_i \in E_0(P_2)$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  and  $a \circ b = ab + ba$ . It follows that  $S = [[f_1, f_2] \circ [f_3, f_4], f_5] \in T$  for all  $f_i \in E_0$ .

It is easy to choose  $f_1, \ldots, f_5 \in E_0$  and  $\varphi : F(X) \to L$  such that

$$f_1^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{12}, 1 \otimes a_{12}} \prod_{i=1}^n V_{1 \otimes b_{22}, h_i \otimes a_{22}}, \quad f_2^{\varphi} = f_5^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{11}, 1 \otimes a_{11}}$$

 $f_3^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{22}, 1 \otimes a_{22}}, \quad f_4^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{23}, 1 \otimes a_{23}}.$ 

The actions of the operators  $f_1^{\varphi}, f_2^{\varphi}, f_3^{\varphi}, f_4^{\varphi}$  on L give us

$$f_1^{\varphi} f_2^{\varphi} = 0, \quad f_2^{\varphi} f_1^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{12}, v \otimes a_{12}},$$
  
$$f_3^{\varphi} f_4^{\varphi} = V_{1 \otimes b_{23}, 1 \otimes a_{23}}, \quad f_4^{\varphi} f_3^{\varphi} = 0,$$

and we have

 $S^{\varphi} = \left[-V_{1 \otimes b_{12}, v \otimes a_{12}} \circ V_{1 \otimes b_{23}, 1 \otimes a_{23}}, V_{1 \otimes b_{11}, 1 \otimes a_{11}}\right] = V_{1 \otimes b_{12}, v \otimes a_{12}} V_{1 \otimes b_{23}, 1 \otimes a_{23}},$ 

where  $v = h_1 \cdots h_n$ . Since

$$(1 \otimes c_1)S^{\varphi} = v \otimes c_3 \neq 0 \pmod{N'},$$

we obtain  $S \notin T(E_0(B))$  and therefore  $T \nsubseteq T(E_0(B))$ .

Verification of Property (2). Let L' be a subalgebra of L generated by a subset of the set (18) that contains no more than s elements. Assume that  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \in T$ . Let M be the set of all elements of the form  $(1 \otimes c_1)f(l_1, \ldots, l_k)$ , where  $l_i \in L'$ . We claim that

(19) 
$$M \cap N \subseteq N'.$$

Let's assume that (19) does not hold. In other words, there is an element

$$g = (h_1 \cdots h_n \otimes c_3)(h' \otimes c_3) + h'' \otimes c_3 \in M \cap N$$

for some nonzero  $h' \in H$  and some  $h'' \in W$ .

Note that

$$(1 \otimes c_1)V_{1 \otimes b_{12}, 1 \otimes a_{12}} = 1 \otimes c_2, \quad (1 \otimes c_2)V_{1 \otimes b_{22}, h_i \otimes a_{22}} = h_i \otimes c_2,$$

 $(h_i \otimes c_2) V_{1 \otimes b_{22}, h_j \otimes a_{22}} = h_i h_j \otimes c_2, \ (h_1 \cdots h_n \otimes c_2) V_{1 \otimes b_{23}, 1 \otimes a_{23}} = h_1 \cdots h_n \otimes c_3.$ 

Without using  $1 \otimes c_1$  and all of the operators

$$V_{1\otimes b_{12},1\otimes a_{12}}, V_{1\otimes b_{22},h_i\otimes a_{22}}, V_{1\otimes b_{23},1\otimes a_{23}},$$

we cannot get elements containing the product  $h_1 \dots h_n$ . This means that  $M \cap N$  contains g if and only if the following s + 1 elements appear in our calculations:

$$1 \otimes c_1, 1 \otimes a_{12}, 1 \otimes b_{12}, h_i \otimes a_{22}, 1 \otimes b_{22}, 1 \otimes a_{23}, 1 \otimes b_{23}$$
  $(i = 1, \dots, n).$ 

It is impossible since L' is generated by s elements. This contradiction establishes the inclusion (19).

Set  $\overline{f} = f(l_1, \ldots, l_k)$  for some fixed  $l_1, \ldots, l_k \in L'$ . We show that  $L\overline{f} = 0 \pmod{N'}$ . By Lemma 3.2, one can have that  $(H \otimes (\overline{C}_3 + A_3 + \mathbb{F}c_3))E_0(L) = 0$ . Then, because of (19), it is sufficient to prove that

(20) 
$$(1 \otimes c_1)\overline{f} = 0 \pmod{N}, \quad (H \otimes c_2)\overline{f} = 0.$$

If  $l_i = l'_i + l''_i$ , where

$$l'_i \in H \otimes \sum_{i \le j \le 2} (\mathbb{F}a_{ij} + \mathbb{F}b_{ij}), \quad l''_i \in H \otimes (\mathbb{F}a_{23} + \mathbb{F}b_{23}).$$

then

(21) 
$$(1 \otimes c_1)\overline{f} = (1 \otimes c_1)f(l'_1, \dots, l'_k) (mod N)$$

We have

$$f(x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_k + y_k) = f(x_1, \dots, x_k) + g(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k),$$

where every monomial of  $g \in E_0$  involve at least one variable from  $y_1, \ldots, y_k$ . Since  $LV_{l'',L} \subseteq N$ , we obtain

$$(1\otimes c_1)g(l'_1,\ldots,l'_k,l''_1\ldots,l''_k)=0(mod N),$$

which implies (21).

Consequently, to prove the first relation of (20), without loss of generality we can assume that  $l_i \in H \otimes \sum_{i \leq j \leq 2} (\mathbb{F}a_{ij} + \mathbb{F}b_{ij})$ . In this case, the elements  $c_1, l_1, \ldots, l_k$  generate a subalgebra of  $H \otimes P_2$ . The algebra H can be embedded into the Cartesian product  $\mathbb{F}^{\alpha}$ of the algebra  $\mathbb{F}$ . So,  $H \otimes P_2$  can be embedded into  $\mathbb{F}^{\alpha} \otimes P_2 \cong P_2^{\alpha}$  and satisfies all the identities of  $P_2$ . Consequently, it satisfies all V-identities from T. Thus, the first relation of (20) is established. The second relation of (20) can be established similarly using the equality

$$H \otimes \left(\sum_{j \leq 2} (\mathbb{F}a_{1j} + \mathbb{F}b_{1j})\right)c_2 = 0.$$

In this case, we can assume that

$$l_i \in H \otimes (\sum_{2 \le i, j \le 3} (\mathbb{F}a_{ij} + \mathbb{F}b_{ij})).$$

Then the elements  $c_2, l_1, \ldots, l_k$  generate an algebra isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $H \otimes P_2$ . Thus, we have  $L\overline{f} = 0 \pmod{N'}$ . The factorization by N' completes the proof of Proposition 7.1.

**Lemma 7.2.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of generators of the ideal  $T = T(E_0(P_2))$  of  $E_0$ . Then for any natural number s, there exists a polynomial  $f_s \in \Sigma$  that depends on more than s variables.

*Proof.* Suppose, contrary, that  $\Sigma$  consists of polynomials that depend on  $\leq s$  variables. Let B be the algebra satisfying the conditions of Proposition 7.1. Consider the epimorphism  $\tau: F(X) \to B$  defined by

$$\tau(x_i) = \begin{cases} q_i & \text{if } i \le s+3, \\ 0 & \text{if } i > s+3. \end{cases}$$

This induces the epimorphism  $\tilde{\tau}: E_0 \to E_0(B)$  defined by

$$\tilde{\tau}g(x_1,\ldots,x_k) = g(\tau(x_1),\ldots,\tau(x_k)).$$

If  $g(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \in \Sigma$ , then  $k \leq s$  and  $c_i = \tau(x_i)$  belong to a subalgebra of B generated by  $\leq s$  elements. By Proposition 7.1(2),  $g(c_1, \ldots, c_k) = 0$ . Thus,  $g \in Ker \tilde{\tau}$ . So  $Ker\tilde{\tau}$ contains  $\Sigma$  and, consequently, T as well.

Now let  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \in T$ . For any  $b_1, \ldots, b_m \in B$  there exist  $r_i \in F(X)$  such that  $b_i = \tau(r_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ . Since  $f(r_1, \ldots, r_m) \in T$ , we have  $f(b_1, \ldots, b_m) = \tilde{\tau}f(r_1, \ldots, r_m) = 0$ . This proves that every element of T is a V-identity of B. This contradicts Proposition 7.1(1).

**Theorem 7.3.** Algebra  $P_2$  over an arbitrary field  $\mathbb{F}$  does not have a finite basis of identities.

*Proof.* If  $P_2$  has a finite basis of identities, then the ideal  $T = T(E_0(P_2))$  is generated by polynomials of bounded degree by Proposition 6.2. This contradicts Lemma 7.2.

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