



CHAPTER I

3-DIMENSIONAL NILPOTENT ALGEBRAS OVER AN ALGEBRICALLY  
CLOSED FIELD OF CHARACTERISTIC  $\neq 2$ .

In this chapter we classify the nilpotent algebras of dimension 3 over arbitrary algebraically closed fields of characteristic  $\neq 2$  up to isomorphism. The material of this chapter is drawn from reference [1].

Let  $A$  be a nilpotent algebra of dimension 3 over a field  $K$ . Then there exists a  $m > 1$  such that  $A^m = \{0\}$ . Let  $k$  be the smallest such  $m$ . We claim that  $A \supset A^2 \supset A^3 \supset \dots \supset A^k = \{0\}$ . Suppose that  $A^n = A^{n+1}$  for some  $n < k$ , then we can see that

$$A^{n+2} = A^{n+1}, A = A^{n+1} = A^n$$

$$A^{n+3} = A^{n+2}, A = A^{n+1} = A^n$$

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$$A^k = A^n,$$

which implies that  $A^n = \{0\}$ . But this contradicts to the smallest of  $k$ . Therefore  $A \supset A^2 \supset A^3 \supset \dots \supset A^k = \{0\}$ . Thus we see that dimension  $A^2 = 2$  or 1 or 0. Dimension  $A^2 = 0$  is the trivial case, so we just consider the case where dimension  $A^2 = 1$ , or dimension  $A^2 = 2$ . If dimension  $A^2 = 1$ , then  $A^3 = \{0\}$ . If dimension  $A^2$  is 2, then dimension  $A^3$  is 1 or 0 and  $A^4 = \{0\}$ .

The case where the dimension of  $A^2$  is 2 and  $A^3 = \{0\}$  is impossible. See proof in [1] page 41.

Next, we shall consider the other cases of a nilpotent algebra of dimension 3.

Remark: The following theorem is true for arbitrary fields.

In [1] it was proven only for  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Theorem: Let  $A$  be a nilpotent algebra of dimension 3 over the field  $K$ . If dimension of  $A^2$  is 2 and dimension of  $A^3 = 1$ ,  $A^4 = \{0\}$ , then the multiplication in  $A$  is uniquely determined up to isomorphism.

Proof: Since the dimension of  $A$  is 3, dimension of  $A^2 = 2$ , dimension of  $A^3 = 1$  and  $A^4 = \{0\}$ , we let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  be a basis in  $A$  such that  $\{e_2, e_3\}$  is a basis of  $A^2$  and  $e_3$  is a basis of  $A^3$ . For each  $x, y$  in  $A$  we have

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i, \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j e_j, \quad \{a_i, b_j\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

Hence

$$xy = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i b_j e_i e_j.$$

Since  $e_2^2, e_1 e_3, e_3 e_1 \in A^4 = \{0\}$ ,  $e_2 e_3, e_3 e_2 \in A^5 = \{0\}$  and  $e_3^2 \in A^6 = \{0\}$ , we have

$$xy = a_1 b_1 e_1^2 + a_1 b_2 e_1 e_2 + a_2 b_1 e_2 e_1.$$

Since  $e_1^2 \in A^2$ , we can write  $e_1^2 = k_1 e_2 + k_2 e_3$  for some  $k_1, k_2$  in  $K$  and since  $e_1 e_2, e_2 e_1 \in A^3$  we get  $e_1 e_2 = k_3 e_3$  and  $e_2 e_1 = k_4 e_3$  for some  $k_3, k_4$  in  $K$ . Thus  $xy$  can be expressed in the form

$$(*) \quad xy = k_1 a_1 b_1 e_1 + (k_2 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_1 b_2 + k_4 a_2 b_1) e_3.$$

Now we consider  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$ . Since dimension of  $A^2 = 2$ , the case  $k_1 = 0$  and the case  $k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$  can not occur. The proof proceeds with 7 cases. The proof of case 1 to case 6 is the same as [1] page 45-47. Now we consider the last step of proof.

Case 7. Assume that all  $k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are not zero.

Then the multiplication (\*) is

$$(7.1) \quad xy = k_1 a_1 b_1 e_2 + (k_2 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_1 b_2 + k_4 a_2 b_1) e_3.$$

Let  $z = \sum_{\ell=1}^3 c_\ell e_\ell$ ,  $\{c_\ell\}_{\ell=1,2,3} \in K$ . Then (7.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (xy)z &= \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j e_j \right) \right] \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^3 c_\ell e_\ell \right) \\ &= \left[ k_1 a_1 b_1 e_2 + (k_2 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_1 b_2 + k_4 a_2 b_1) e_3 \right] \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^3 c_\ell e_\ell \right) \\ &= k_4 (k_1 a_1 b_1) c_1 e_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{whereas, } x(yz) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i \right) \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j e_j \right) \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^3 c_\ell e_\ell \right) \right] \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i \right) \left[ k_1 b_1 c_1 e_2 + (k_2 b_1 c_1 + k_3 b_1 c_2 + k_4 b_2 c_1) e_3 \right] \\ &= k_3 a_1 (k_1 b_1 c_1) e_3. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  is an associative algebra, we must have that

$k_1 k_4 a_1 b_1 c_1 = k_1 k_3 a_1 b_1 c_1$ . That is  $k_3 = k_4$ . Hence the multiplication (7.1) becomes

$$(7.2) \quad xy = k_1 a_1 b_1 e_2 + (k_2 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1) e_3.$$

We claim that this multiplication is isomorphic to the multiplication in case 4. In case 4 we have that

$$(4.1) \quad xoy = a_1' b_1' e_2' + (a_1' b_2' + a_2' b_1') e_3'$$

where  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i'$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j'$ ,  $\{a_i', b_j'\} \in K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

To prove this, let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be the linear map defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= e_1, \\ f(e_2) &= k_1 e_2 + k_2 e_3, \\ f(e_3) &= k_1 k_3 e_3, \quad k_1, k_2, k_3 \in K. \end{aligned}$$

We have that

$$\det [f] = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & k_1 k_3 \end{bmatrix} = k_1^2 k_3 \neq 0.$$

Therefore,  $f$  is 1-1 and onto. (4.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(xoy) &= f\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i'\right) \circ \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j'\right)\right] \\ &= f[a_1' b_1' e_2' + (a_1' b_2' + a_2' b_1') e_3'] \\ &= k_1 a_1' b_1' e_2' + (k_2 a_1' b_1' + k_1 k_3 a_1' b_2' + k_1 k_3 a_2' b_1') e_3', \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand, (7.2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)f(y) &= f\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i'\right) f\left(\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j'\right) \\ &= [a_1' e_1 + k_1 a_2' e_2 + (k_2 a_2' + k_1 k_3 a_3') e_3] [b_1' e_1 + k_1 b_2' e_2 \\ &\quad + (k_2 b_2' + k_1 k_3 b_3') e_3] \\ &= k_1 a_1' b_1' e_2 + (k_2 a_1' b_1' + k_1 k_3 a_1' b_2' + k_1 k_3 a_2' b_1') e_3. \end{aligned}$$

That is  $f(xoy) = f(x)f(y)$ . Therefore, these two multiplications are isomorphic.

Hence, we have already proved that the multiplication in a nilpotent algebra  $A$  of dimension 3 over the field  $K$  with dimension  $A^2 = 2$ , dimension  $A^3 = 1$  and  $A^4 = \{0\}$  is uniquely determined up to isomorphism. #

Suppose  $A$  is a nilpotent algebra of dimension 3 with dimension  $A^2 = 1$  and  $A^3 = \{0\}$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\{e'_1, e'_2, e'_3\}$  be bases in  $A$  such that  $e_3$  and  $e'_3$  are in  $A^2$ . If  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is an isomorphism, then  $f : A^2 \rightarrow A^2$ . Therefore,  $f(e_3) \in A^2$ .

Consequently, we may write

$$f(e_1) = m_1 e'_1 + m_2 e'_2 + m_3 e'_3,$$

$$f(e_2) = p_1 e'_1 + p_2 e'_2 + p_3 e'_3,$$

$$f(e_3) = q e'_3, \quad \{m_i, p_j, q\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$q \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

The classification of 3-dimensional nilpotent algebras  $A$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  with dimension  $A^2 = 1$  has already been done in [1]. Now we begin to discuss the classification of 3-dimensional nilpotent algebras  $A$  over arbitrary algebraically closed fields  $K$  of characteristic  $\neq 2$  such that dimension  $A^2 = 1$ , by choosing a basis  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  in  $A$  such that  $e_3 \in A^2$ . First, note that it isn't necessary to check associativity in this case since  $A^3 = \{0\}$ . For each  $x, y$  in  $A$  we have

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i,$$

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j e_j, \quad \{a_i, b_j\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

It follows that

$$xy = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i b_j e_i e_j .$$

Since  $e_1 e_3, e_3 e_1, e_2 e_3, e_3 e_2 \in A^3 = \{0\}$  and  $e_3^2 \in A^4 = \{0\}$ , we have that

$$xy = a_1 b_1 e_1^2 + a_1 b_2 e_1 e_2 + a_2 b_1 e_2 e_1 + a_2 b_2 e_2^2 .$$

Since  $e_1^2, e_1 e_2, e_2 e_1, e_2^2 \in A^2$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} e_1^2 &= k_1 e_3 , \\ e_1 e_2 &= k_2 e_3 , \\ e_2 e_1 &= k_3 e_3 , \\ e_2^2 &= k_4 e_3 , \text{ for some } k_i \in K, i = 1, 2, 3, 4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(**) \quad xy = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3 .$$

Now we begin to classify the multiplications  $xy$  by studying  $k_i$  in  $K$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Since dimension of  $A^2 = 1$ , the case  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$  cannot occur. Therefore, we consider the following cases.

Case 1. If  $k_1 \neq 0$  and  $k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$ , then the multiplication  $(**)$  becomes

$$xy = k_1 a_1 b_1 e_3$$

As in [1], we choose a new basis  $e'_1 = e_1, e'_2 = e_2, e'_3 = k_1 e_3$ .

Therefore,

$$xy = a_1' b_1' (e_1')^2 + a_1' b_2' e_1' e_2' + a_2' b_1' e_2' e_1' + a_2' b_2' (e_2')^2,$$

$$\text{for } x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i', \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j', \quad \{a_i', b_j'\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$\text{Since } (e_1')^2 = e_1^2 = k_1 e_3 = e_3'.$$

$$e_1' e_2' = k_2 e_3 = 0, \quad e_2' e_1' = k_3 e_3 = 0, \quad (e_2')^2 = k_4 e_3 = 0,$$

we have

$$(1.1) \quad xy = a_1' b_1' e_3'.$$

Case 2. If  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0$ , then the multiplication (\*\*) can be written as

$$(2.1) \quad xoy = k_4 a_2' b_2' e_3'.$$

This multiplication is isomorphic to (1.1) in case 1. See proof in [1] page 52.

Case 3. If  $k_3 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = k_4 = 0$ , then from (\*\*) we have that

$$xy = k_3 a_2' b_1' e_3'$$

Like the other cases we choose a new basis  $e_1' = e_1, e_2' = e_2, e_3' = k_3 e_3$  and get the result,

$$(3.1) \quad xy = a_2' b_1' e_3',$$

$$\text{where } x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i', \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j', \quad \{a_i', b_j'\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

Notice that  $A$  is not a commutative algebra over  $K$  with respect to this multiplication, but  $A$  is commutative with respect to the multiplication (1.1) in case 1. Therefore, the multiplication in this case is not isomorphic to the one in case 1 (and hence in case 2.).

Case 4. Assume that  $k_2 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$ . The multiplication (\*\*) becomes

$$(4.1) \quad xoy = k_2 a_1 b_2 e_3 .$$

This multiplication is isomorphic to (3.1) in case 3. The proof is the same as [1] page 53.

Case 5. Suppose that  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_2 \neq 0$  and  $k_3 = k_4 = 0$ . Then the multiplication (\*\*) is

$$(5.1) \quad xoy = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_2 a_1 b_2) e_3 .$$

This multiplication is isomorphic to (3.1) in case 3. The proof is the same as [1] page 54.

Case 6. Let  $k_3 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$ ,  $k_1 = k_2 = 0$ . Then from (\*\*) we have that

$$(6.1) \quad xoy = (k_3 a_2 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3 .$$

By the same proof as [1] page 55. we have that (6.1) is isomorphic to (3.1) in case 3.



Case 7. Assume that  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$  and  $k_2 = k_4 = 0$ . Then the multiplication (\*\*) is

$$(7.1) \quad xoy = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_2 b_1) e_3.$$

As in the above case, this multiplication is isomorphic to (3.1) in case 3. The proof is the same as [1] page 56

Case 8. In this case we take  $k_2 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = k_3 = 0$  in (\*\*). Then from (\*\*) we have that

$$(8.1) \quad xoy = (k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3.$$

This multiplication is isomorphic to (3.1) in case 3. The proof is the same as [1] page 57.

Case 9. Suppose that  $k_2 \neq 0$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = k_4 = 0$ . Then we have from (\*\*) that

$$xoy = (k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1) e_3.$$

Like the previous cases, we choose a new basis  $e_1'' = e_1$ ,  $e_2'' = e_2$ ,  $e_3'' = k_2 e_3$  such that

$$xoy = (a_1'' b_2'' + \frac{k_3}{k_2} a_2'' b_1'') e_3'',$$

for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i'' e_i''$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j'' e_j''$ ,  $\{a_i'', b_j''\} \subset K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $k'' = \frac{k_3}{k_2}$ , then we have

$$(9.1) \quad xoy = (a_1'' b_2'' + k'' a_2'' b_1'') e_3'', \quad k'' \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

We can prove that (9.1) is not isomorphic to the multiplications in case 1 and case 3. The proof is the same as [1] page 60.

Suppose that  $e'_1, e'_2, e'_3$  is another basis of  $A$  such that

$$(9.2) \quad x * y = (a'_1 b'_2 + k' a'_2 b'_1) e'_3, \quad k' \neq 0 \text{ in } K,$$

$$\text{for } x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a'_i e'_i, \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b'_j e'_j, \quad \{a'_i, b'_j\} \subset K.$$

By the same proof as [1] page 61-64, we conclude that the multiplications (9.1) and (9.2) are isomorphic iff  $k' = k''$  or  $k' = \frac{1}{k''}$ .

Case 10. Let  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_2 = k_3 = 0$ . Then (\*\*)  
becomes

$$x * y = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3$$

Let  $k', k''$  be the roots of the polynomial  $x^2 - \frac{k_1}{k_4}$ . Now choose one of these numbers. Let  $k'$  denote the choice. Choose a new basis  $e'_1, e'_2, e'_3$  such that  $e'_1 = e_1, e'_2 = k' e_2, e'_3 = k_1 e_3$  and get

$$(10.1) \quad x * y = (a'_1 b'_1 + a'_2 b'_2) e'_3,$$

$$\text{for } x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a'_i e'_i, \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b'_j e'_j, \quad \{a'_i, b'_j\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

This multiplication is not isomorphic to the multiplication in case 1. Since the center  $C$  of  $A$  under the multiplication in case 1 is  $C = [e_2, e_3]$  and dimension of  $C$  is 2, whereas the center  $C'$  of  $A$  under the multiplication (10.1) is  $C' = [e_3]$  and dimension of  $C'$  is 1. Moreover, the algebra  $A$  is not commutative under the multiplication (3.1) of case 3, but  $A$  is commutative under the multiplication (10.1). Therefore, the multiplications (10.1) and (3.1) cannot be isomorphic.

Recall that the multiplication (9.1) of case 9 is

$$(9.1) \quad xoy = (a_1''b_2'' + k''a_2''b_1'')e_3'', \quad k'' \neq 0 \text{ in } K,$$

$$\text{for } x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i''e_i'', \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j''e_j'', \quad \{a_i'', b_j''\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

We claim that the multiplications (10.1) and (9.1) are isomorphic iff  $k'' = 1$ . First we assume that the multiplications (10.1) and (9.1) are isomorphic. Therefore, we can find a linear, 1-1, onto function  $f: A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$f(x * y) = f(x) \circ f(y).$$

This function  $f$  is in the form

$$f(e_1'') = m_1e_1'' + m_2e_2'' + m_3e_3'',$$

$$f(e_2'') = p_1e_1'' + p_2e_2'' + p_3e_3'',$$

$$f(e_3'') = qe_3'', \quad \{m_i, p_j, q\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$q \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

Therefore, (10.1), (9.1) and the fact that  $f(x * y) = f(x) \circ f(y)$  imply that, for  $x = e_1'$ ,  $y = e_1'$

$$(1) \quad m_1 m_2 (1 + k'') = q .$$

If  $x = e_1'$ ,  $y = e_2'$ , then

$$(2) \quad m_1 p_2 + k'' m_2 p_1 = 0 .$$

If  $x = e_2'$ ,  $y = e_1'$ , then

$$(3) \quad m_2 p_1 + k'' m_1 p_2 = 0 .$$

If  $x = e_2'$ ,  $y = e_2'$ , then

$$(4) \quad p_1 p_2 (1 + k'') = q .$$

Since  $q \neq 0$ , equation (1) implies that  $k'' \neq -1$ . From (2) and (3) we have that

$$(5) \quad m_1 p_2 (k''^2 - 1) = 0$$

Since  $m_1 \neq 0$ ,  $p_2 \neq 0$  and  $k'' \neq -1$ , (5) implies that

$$k'' - 1 = 0$$

$$k'' = 1 .$$

Conversely, suppose that  $k'' = 1$ . We let  $f: A \rightarrow A$  be the linear map defined by

$$f(e_1') = e_1'' + e_2'' ,$$

$$f(e_2') = i e_1'' - i e_2'' ,$$

$$f(e_3') = 2e_3'' , \quad i = \sqrt{-1} \text{ in } K .$$

Then

$$\det [f] = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ i & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -2i - 2i = -4i.$$

Since characteristic  $K \neq 2$ ,  $\det [f] = -4i \neq 0$ . Hence  $f$  is 1-1 and onto. The multiplication (10.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x * y) &= f[(a_1' b_1' + a_2' b_2') e_3'] \\ &= 2(a_1' b_1' + a_2' b_2') e_3'', \end{aligned}$$

whereas, (9.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \circ f(y) &= f\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i'\right) \circ f\left(\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j'\right) \\ &= [(a_1' + ia_2') e_1'' + (a_1' - ia_2') e_2'' + 2a_3' e_3''] \circ [(b_1' + ib_2') e_1'' \\ &\quad + (b_1' - ib_2') e_2'' + 2b_3' e_3''] \\ &= [(a_1' + ia_2')(b_1' - ib_2') + (a_1' - ia_2')(b_1' + ib_2')] e_3'' \\ &= 2(a_1' b_1' + a_2' b_2') e_3''. \end{aligned}$$

That is  $f(x * y) = f(x) \circ f(y)$  for  $k'' = 1$ .

Case 11. Assume that  $k_2 \neq 0$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 = 0$ . Then from (\*\*) we have that

$$x * y = (k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3$$

Choose a new basis  $e'_1 = \frac{k_4}{k_2} e_1$ ,  $e'_2 = e_2$ ,  $e'_3 = k_4 e_3$ ,

then it is immediate that

$$x * y = (a'_1 b'_2 + \frac{k_3}{k_2} a'_2 b'_1 + a'_2 b'_2) e'_3 ,$$

for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a'_i e'_i$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b'_j e'_j$ ,  $\{a'_i, b'_j\} \subset K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $k' = \frac{k_3}{k_2}$ , then

$$(11.1) \quad x * y = (a'_1 b'_2 + k' a'_2 b'_1 + a'_2 b'_2) e'_3 , \text{ for } k' \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

By using the same proof as [1] page 67 we conclude that if  $k' \neq -1$ , then this multiplication is isomorphic to (9.1) of case 9 whenever  $k' = k''$ .

If  $k' = -1$ , then (11.1) becomes

$$(11.2) \quad x * y = (a'_1 b'_2 - a'_2 b'_1 + a'_2 b'_2) e'_3 .$$

We can easily see that the algebra  $A$  is not commutative under the multiplication (11.2) while  $A$  is commutative under the multiplication in case 1. Therefore, the multiplication (11.2) cannot be isomorphic to the multiplication in case 1. Moreover, the left center  $C_L$  of  $A$  under the multiplication (11.2) is  $[e_3]$  and hence  $C_L$  has dimension 1. Therefore, the multiplication (11.2) cannot be isomorphic to the multiplication (3.1) where the left center  $C'_L = [e_1, e_3]$  and has dimension 2. Furthermore, the multiplication (11.2) is not isomorphic to the multiplication (9.1) in case 9. The proof is the same as [1] page 68.

Case 12. Suppose that  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_2 \neq 0$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$  and  $k_4 = 0$ .

Then from (\*\*) we have that

$$xoy = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1) e_3$$

Like the other cases, we choose a new basis  $e_1'' = e_1$ ,  $e_2'' = \frac{k_1}{k_2} e_2$ ,  $e_3'' = k_1 e_3$  and get

$$xoy = (a_1'' b_1'' + a_1'' b_2'' + \frac{k_3}{k_2} a_2'' b_1'') e_3'',$$

for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i'' e_i''$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j'' e_j''$ ,  $\{a_i'', b_j''\} \subset K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $k'' = \frac{k_3}{k_2}$ , then

$$(12.1) \quad xoy = (a_1'' b_1'' + a_1'' b_2'' + k'' a_2'' b_1'') e_3'', \quad k'' \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

By the same proof as [1] page 69, we can prove that this multiplication is isomorphic to the multiplication (11.1) in case 11 whenever  $k' = \frac{1}{k''}$ .

Case 13. Assume that  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_2 = 0$ .

Then the multiplication (\*\*) can be written as

$$x * y = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_3 a_2 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3.$$

We can choose a new basis  $e_1''' = e_1$ ,  $e_2''' = \frac{k_1}{k_3} e_2$ ,

$e_3''' = k_1 e_3$  such that

$$x * y = (a_1''' b_1''' + a_2''' b_1''' + \frac{k_1 k_4}{k_3} a_2''' b_2''') e_3''',$$

for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i'' e_i''$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j'' e_j''$ ,  $\{a_i'', b_j''\} \subset K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $k''' = \frac{k_1 k_4}{k_3^2}$ , then we have that

$$(13.1) \quad x * y = (a_1'' b_1'' + a_2'' b_1'' + k''' a_2'' b_2'') e_3'', \quad k''' \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

We can prove that the multiplication (13.1) and (9.1) are isomorphic iff  $k''' = \frac{-k''}{(1-k'')^2}$ ,  $k'' \neq \pm 1$ . See proof in [1] page 71-73.

Under the assumption above the  $k''' = \frac{-k''}{(1-k'')^2}$  we can see that for a given number  $k'''$  we can find  $k''$  to make (13.1) isomorphic to (9.1) only if  $k''' \neq 0$  and  $k''' \neq \frac{1}{4}$ . Therefore we have to consider (13.1) when  $k''' = 1/4$ .

By the same proof as [1], we can show that the multiplications (13.1) and (11.2) are isomorphic iff  $k''' = 1/4$ .

Case 14. Suppose that  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_2 \neq 0$ ,  $k_4 \neq 0$  and  $k_3 = 0$ . Then the multiplication (\*\*) is

$$xoy = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3.$$

As in the other cases, we may choose a new basis  $e_1' = e_1$ ,

$e_2' = \frac{k_1}{k_2} e_2$ ,  $e_3' = k_1 e_3$  and obtain

$$xoy = (a_1' b_1' + a_1' b_2' + \frac{k_1 k_4}{k_2} a_2' b_2') e_3', \text{ for}$$



$$x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i', \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j', \quad \{a_i', b_j'\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

Let  $\frac{k_1 k_4}{k_2^2} = k'$ , then

$$(14.1) \quad xoy = (a_1' b_1' + a_1' b_2' + k' a_2' b_2') e_3', \quad k' \neq 0 \text{ in } K.$$

We claim that (14.1) is isomorphic to (13.1) in case 13 iff  $k' = k'''$ . To prove this, we first assume that these two multiplications are isomorphic. Therefore, there exists a linear mapping  $f: A \rightarrow A$  defined by

$$f(e_1') = m_1 e_1'' + m_2 e_2'' + m_3 e_3'',$$

$$f(e_2') = p_1 e_1'' + p_2 e_2'' + p_3 e_3'',$$

$$f(e_3') = q e_3'', \quad q \neq 0 \text{ in } K, \quad \{m_i, p_i\} \subset K, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3,$$

such that  $f(xoy) = f(x) * f(y)$ .

Hence, for  $x = e_1', y = e_1'$ , we have that

$$(1) \quad m_1^2 + m_2 m_1 + k''' m_2^2 = q$$

For  $x = e_1', y = e_2'$ , we have that

$$(2) \quad m_1 p_1 + m_2 p_1 + k''' m_2 p_2 = q.$$

For  $x = e_2', y = e_1'$ , we have that

$$(3) \quad m_1 p_1 + m_1 p_2 + k''' m_2 p_2 = 0.$$

For  $x = e_2', y = e_2'$ , we have that

$$(4) \quad p_1^2 + p_1 p_2 + k''' p_2^2 = k' q.$$

Take (2)-(3), we get that

$$(5) \quad m_2 p_1 - m_1 p_2 = q.$$

Take  $p_1 \times (1) - m_1 \times (3)$ , we get that

$$p_1 q = (m_2 p_1 - m_1 p_2)(m_1 + k''' m_2).$$

This and (5) imply that

$$(6) \quad p_1 = m_1 + k''' m_2.$$

Take  $m_1 \times (4) - p_1 \times (3)$ , we get that

$$m_1 k' q = k''' p_2 (m_1 p_2 - m_2 p_1).$$

This, together with (5), gives us the result that

$$(7) \quad m_1 k' = -p_2 k'''.$$

Take  $m_2 \times (3) - p_2 \times (1)$ , we get that

$$-p_2 q = m_1 (m_2 p_1 - m_1 p_2).$$

This and (5) imply that

$$(8) \quad -p_2 = m_1$$

Take  $m_2 \times (4) - p_2 \times (2)$ , we get that

$$q(m_2 k' - p_2) = p_1 (m_2 p_1 - m_1 p_2).$$

Thus we have that

$$(9) \quad m_2 k' - p_2 = p_1.$$

If  $m_1 = 0$ , then  $p_2 = 0$  from (8). Therefore, (6) and (9) imply that

$$k' = k'''.$$

If  $m_1 \neq 0$ , then (7) and (8) imply that

$$k' = k''' .$$

Conversely, if  $k' = k'''$ , let  $f: A \rightarrow A$  be the linear map defined by

$$f(e_1''') = e_1' ,$$

$$f(e_2''') = e_1' - e_2' ,$$

$$f(e_3''') = e_3' ,$$

Then [1] page 78 proves that (14.1) and (13.1) are isomorphic.

Case 15. In this final case we assume that all  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$  are not zero. Then the multiplication (\*\*) is

$$x * y = (k_1 a_1 b_1 + k_2 a_1 b_2 + k_3 a_2 b_1 + k_4 a_2 b_2) e_3 .$$

As in case 15 [1] page 79 we choose a new basis  $e_1', e_2', e_3'$  such that  $e_1' = e_1$ ,  $e_2' = k_2 e_1 - k_1 e_2$ ,  $e_3' = e_3$  and get that

$$(15.1) \quad x * y = [k_1 a_1' b_1' + k_1 (k_2 - k_3) a_2' b_1' + k_1 (k_1 k_4 - k_2 k_3) a_2' b_2'] e_3' ,$$

for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i' e_i'$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j' e_j'$ ,  $\{a_i', b_j'\}_{i,j=1,2,3} \subset K$ .

We have no term of the form  $a_1' b_2'$  so we are back to case 13.

In conclusion, we see that the multiplications in a 3-dimensional nilpotent algebra  $A$  with dimension  $A^2 = 1$  and  $A^3 = \{0\}$  over an algebraically closed field  $K$  of characteristic  $K \neq 2$  can be divided into 4 classes. Let  $M, N$  be any subsets of  $K - \{0, 1, -1\}$  such that

$$M \cap N = \emptyset$$

$$M \cup N = K - \{0, 1, -1\}$$

and  $k \in M$  iff  $k^{-1} \notin M$ . For each  $x = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i e_i$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j e_j$ ,

$\{a_i, b_i\} \subset K$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ , we have that

$$1) \quad xy = a_1 b_1 e_3,$$

$$2) \quad xy = a_2 b_1 e_3,$$

$$3) \quad xy = (a_1 b_2 + k a_2 b_1) e_3, \quad k = 1, -1 \text{ or } k \in M,$$

$$4) \quad xy = (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 + a_2 b_2) e_3,$$

are non-isomorphic and every nilpotent algebra is isomorphic to one of the above.