

# Codimensions of algebras and growth functions

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Let  $A$  be an algebra over a field  $F$  of characteristic zero and let  $c_n(A)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , be its sequence of codimensions. It is well known that if  $A$  is associative and satisfies a non trivial polynomial identity, then in general the codimensions are exponentially bounded and their exponential rate of growth is integer. What about if a non associative algebra has codimensions which are exponentially bounded? For any real number  $\alpha > 1$  we construct an  $F$ -algebra  $A_\alpha$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{c_n(A_\alpha)}$  exists and equals  $\alpha$ . This is achieved by attaching to the algebra  $A_\alpha$  an infinite word in the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  which is either periodic or Sturmian with slope an explicit function of  $\alpha$ .

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