

## A NOTE ON NONLINEAR SKEW LIE TRIPLE DERIVATION BETWEEN PRIME \*-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Recently, Li et al proved that  $\Phi$  which satisfies the following condition on factor von Neumann algebras

$$\Phi([A, B]_*, C]_*) = [[\Phi(A), B]_*, C]_* + [[A, \Phi(B)]_*, C]_* + [[A, B]_*, \Phi(C)]_*$$

where  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , is additive \*-derivation. In this short note we show the additivity of  $\Phi$  which satisfies the above condition on prime \*-algebras.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a \*-ring. For  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}$ , denoted by  $A \diamond B = AB + BA^*$  and  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$ , which are \*-Jordan product and \*-Lie product, respectively. These products are found playing a more and more important role in some research topics, and its study has recently attracted many author's attention (for example, see [2, 4, 6, 7]).

Let define  $\lambda$ -Jordan \*-product by  $A \diamond_\lambda B = AB + \lambda BA^*$ . We say the map  $\Phi$  with property of  $\Phi(A \diamond_\lambda B) = \Phi(A) \diamond_\lambda B + A \diamond_\lambda \Phi(B)$  is a  $\lambda$ -Jordan \*-derivation map. It is clear that for  $\lambda = -1$  and  $\lambda = 1$ , the  $\lambda$ -Jordan \*-derivation map is a \*-Lie derivation and \*-Jordan derivation, respectively [1]. We should mention here whenever we say  $\Phi$  preserves derivation, it means  $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$ .

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Recently, Yu and Zhang in [9] proved that every non-linear  $*$ -Lie derivation from a factor von Neumann algebra into itself is an additive  $*$ -derivation. Also, Li, Lu and Fang in [3] have investigated a non-linear  $\lambda$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation. They showed that if  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a von Neumann algebra without central abelian projections and  $\lambda$  is a non-zero scalar, then  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a non-linear  $\lambda$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

In [8] we showed that  $*$ -Jordan derivation map (i.e.,  $\phi(A \diamond_1 B) = \phi(A) \diamond_1 B + A \diamond_1 \phi(B)$ ) on every factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is additive  $*$ -derivation.

The authors of [5] introduced the concept of Lie triple derivations. A map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a nonlinear skew Lie triple derivations if

$$(1.1) \quad \Phi([[A, B]_*, C]_*) = [[\Phi(A), B]_*, C]_* + [[A, \Phi(B)]_*, C]_* + [[A, B]_*, \Phi(C)]_*$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$ . They showed that if  $\Phi$  preserves the above characterizations on factor von Neumann algebras then  $\Phi$  is additive  $*$ -derivation.

In this paper, we prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a prime  $*$ -algebra then  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  which holds in (1.1) is additive.

We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime, that is, for  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  if  $A\mathcal{A}B = \{0\}$  then  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ .

## 2. Main Results

Our main theorem is as follows:

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime  $*$ -algebra with a non-trivial projection. Then the map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies in the following condition*

$$(2.1) \quad \Phi([[A, B]_*, C]_*) = [[\Phi(A), B]_*, C]_* + [[A, \Phi(B)]_*, C]_* + [[A, B]_*, \Phi(C)]_*$$

where  $[A, B]_* = AB - \lambda BA^*$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  is additive.

**Proof.** Let  $P_1$  be a nontrivial projection in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $P_2 = I_{\mathcal{A}} - P_1$ . Denote  $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = P_i \mathcal{A} P_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2$ , then  $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ . For every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  we may write  $A = A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}$ . In all that follow, when we write  $A_{ij}$ , it indicates that  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ . For showing additivity of  $\Phi$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , we use above partition of  $\mathcal{A}$  and give some claims that prove  $\Phi$  is additive on each  $\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2$ .

We prove the above theorem by several claims.

CLAIM 1. We show that  $\Phi(0) = 0$ .

This claim is easy to prove.

CLAIM 2. For each  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$  and  $A_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$  we have

$$\Phi(A_{11} + A_{22}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{22}).$$

We show that

$$T = \Phi(A_{11} + A_{22}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(A_{22}) = 0.$$

For  $i \in \mathbb{C}$ , we can write that

$$\begin{aligned} & [[\Phi(iI), P_1]_*, A_{11} + A_{22}]_* + [[iI, \Phi(P_1)]_*, A_{11} + A_{22}]_* \\ & + [[iI, P_1]_*, \Phi(A_{11} + A_{22})]_* = \Phi([[iI, P_1]_*, A_{11} + A_{22}]_*) \\ & = \Phi([[iI, P_1]_*, A_{11}] + \Phi([[iI, P_1]_*, A_{22}]_*) \\ & = \Phi([[iI, P_1]_*, A_{11} + A_{22}]_*) + [[iI, \Phi(P_1)]_*, A_{11} + A_{22}]_* \\ & + [[iI, P_1]_*, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{22})]_* \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$[[iI, P_1]_*, T]_* = 0.$$

So,

$$T_{11} = T_{12} = T_{21} = 0.$$

Similarly, by applying the same proof for  $P_2$  we have  $T_{22} = 0$ .

CLAIM 3. For each  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$ ,  $A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ ,  $A_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ ,  $A_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$  we have

$$\Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21}) + \Phi(A_{22}).$$

We show that for  $T$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  the following holds

$$(2.2) \quad T = \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(A_{12}) - \Phi(A_{21}) - \Phi(A_{22}) = 0.$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[\Phi(P_1), (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, P_2]_* \\
& \quad + [[P_1, \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, P_2]_* \\
& \quad + [[P_1, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, \Phi(P_2)]_* \\
& = \Phi([[P_1, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, P_2]_*) \\
& = \Phi([[P_1, A_{11}]_*, P_2]_*) + \Phi([[P_1, A_{12}]_*, P_2]_*) \\
& \quad + \Phi([[P_1, A_{21}]_*, P_2]_*) + \Phi([[P_1, A_{22}]_*, P_2]_*) \\
& = [[\Phi(P_1), (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, P_2]_* \\
& \quad + [[P_1, (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21}) + \Phi(A_{22}))]_*, P_2]_* \\
& \quad + [[P_1, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*, \Phi(P_2)]_*.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$[[P_1, T]_*, P_1]_* = 0.$$

So,  $T_{12} = 0$ .

Similarly, one can show that

$$[[P_2, T]_*, P_1]_* = 0.$$

We obtain  $T_{21} = 0$ .

From Claim 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[\Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}))]_* \\
& \quad + [[i(P_1 - P_2), \Phi(I)]_*, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_* \\
& \quad + [[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_* \\
& = \Phi([[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_*) \\
& = [\Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, (A_{11} + A_{22}))]_* \\
& \quad + \Phi([[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{12}]_*) + \Phi([[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{21}]_*) \\
& = \Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{11})_* + \Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{22})_* \\
& \quad + \Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{21})_* + \Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, A_{21})_* \\
& = \Phi(i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}))_* \\
& \quad + [[i(P_1 - P_2), \Phi(I)]_*, (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22})]_* \\
& \quad + [[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21}) + \Phi(A_{22}))]_*.
\end{aligned}$$

So, we obtain

$$[[i(P_1 - P_2), I]_*, T]_* = 0.$$

So,  $T_{11} = T_{22} = 0$ .

CLAIM 4. For each  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_i$  such that  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}).$$

It is easy to show that

$$\left[ \left[ i\frac{I}{2}, (P_i + A_{ij}) \right]_*, i(P_j + B_{ij}) \right]_* = A_{ij} - B_{ij} - A_{ij}^* - B_{ij}A_{ij}^*.$$

From Claim 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ij}^*) - \Phi(B_{ij}A_{ij}^*) \\ &= \Phi \left( \left[ \left[ i\frac{I}{2}, (P_i + A_{ij}) \right]_*, i(P_j + B_{ij}) \right]_* \right) \\ & \quad + [\Phi \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), (P_i + A_{ij})]_* , i(P_j + B_{ij})]_* \\ & \quad + \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), \Phi(P_i + A_{ij}) \right]_*, i(P_j + B_{ij}) \right]_* \\ &= \left[ \left[ \Phi \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), (P_i + A_{ij}) \right]_*, (P_j + B_{ij}) \right]_* \\ & \quad + \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), (\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(A_{ij})) \right]_*, (P_j + B_{ij}) \right]_* \\ & \quad + \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), (P_i + A_{ij}) \right]_*, (\Phi(iP_j) + \Phi(iB_{ij})) \right]_* \\ &= \Phi \left( \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), P_i \right]_*, iP_j \right]_* \right) + \Phi \left( \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), P_i \right]_*, iB_{ij} \right]_* \right) \\ & \quad + \Phi \left( \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), A_{ij} \right]_*, iP_j \right]_* \right) + \Phi \left( \left[ \left[ \left( i\frac{I}{2} \right), A_{ij} \right]_*, iB_{ij} \right]_* \right) \\ &= -\Phi(B_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ij}^*) - \Phi(B_{ij}A_{ij}^*). \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}).$$

CLAIM 5. For each  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ , we have

$$\Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ii}).$$

We show that

$$T = \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(B_{ii}) = 0.$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[\Phi(iP_j), I]_*, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*] + [[iP_j, \Phi(I)]_*, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*] \\
& \quad + [[iP_j, I]_*, \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*] \\
& = \Phi([[iP_j, I]_*, A_{ii} + B_{ii}]_*) = \Phi([[iP_j, I]_*, A_{ii}]_*) + \Phi([[iP_j, I]_*, B_{ii}]_*) \\
& = [[\Phi(iP_j), I]_*, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*] + [[iP_j, \Phi(I)]_*, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*] \\
& \quad + [[iP_j, I]_*, (\Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}))_*].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$[[iP_j, I]_*, T]_* = 0.$$

So,  $T_{ij} = T_{ji} = T_{jj} = 0$ . From Claim 4 for each  $C_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[\Phi(iP_i), (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*]_*, C_{ij}]_* + [[iP_i, \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*]_*, C_{ij}]_* \\
& + [[iP_i, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*]_*, \Phi(C_{ij})_*] = \Phi([[iP_i, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*]_*, C_{ij}]_*) \\
& = \Phi([[iP_i, A_{ii}]_*]_*, C_{ij}]_*) + \Phi([[iP_i, B_{ii}]_*]_*, C_{ij}]_*) \\
& = [[\Phi(iP_i, (A_{ii} + B_{ii}))_*]_*, C_{ij}]_* + [[iP_i, (A_{ii} + B_{ii})_*]_*, \Phi(C_{ij})_*] \\
& \quad + [[iP_i, (\Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ij}))_*]_*, C_{ij}]_*.
\end{aligned}$$

From primeness of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have  $T_{ii} = 0$ .

Hence, the additivity of  $\Phi$  comes from the above claims.

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