



## Non-linear new product $A*B - B*A$ derivations on $*$ -algebras

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### Abstract:

*Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime  $*$ -algebra with unit  $I$  and a nontrivial projection. Then the map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies in the following condition*

$$\Phi(A \diamond B) = \Phi(A) \diamond B + A \diamond \Phi(B)$$

*where  $A \diamond B = A*B - B*A$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , is additive. Moreover, if  $\Phi(\alpha I)$  is self-adjoint operator for  $\alpha \in \{1, i\}$  then  $\Phi$  is a  $*$ -derivation.*

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a  $*$ -algebra. For  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}$ , denoted by  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$  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 [3, 9, 11, 15]).

Recall that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is said to be an additive derivation if

$$\Phi(A + B) = \Phi(A) + \Phi(B)$$

and

$$\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$$

for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}$ . A map  $\Phi$  is additive  $*$ -derivation if it is an additive derivation and  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ . Derivations are very important maps both in theory and applications, and have been studied intensively ([2, 12, 13, 14]).

Let us define  $\lambda$ -Jordan  $*$ -product by  $A \bullet_\lambda B = AB + \lambda BA^*$ . We say that the map  $\Phi$  with the property of  $\Phi(A \bullet_\lambda B) = \Phi(A) \bullet_\lambda B + A \bullet_\lambda \Phi(B)$  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].

A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a self-adjoint subalgebra of some  $B(H)$ , the algebra of bounded linear operators acting on a complex Hilbert space, which satisfies the double commutant property:  $\mathcal{A}'' = \mathcal{A}$  where  $\mathcal{A}' = \{T \in B(H), TA = AT, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $\mathcal{A}'' = \{\mathcal{A}'\}'$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}' \cap \mathcal{A}$  the center of  $\mathcal{A}$ . A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a factor if its center is trivial, that is,  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathbf{C}I$ . For  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , recall that the central carrier of  $A$ , denoted by  $\overline{A}$ , is the smallest central projection  $P$  such that  $PA = A$ . It is not difficult to see that  $\overline{A}$  is the projection onto the closed subspace spanned by  $\{BAx : B \in \mathcal{A}, x \in H\}$ . If  $A$  is self-adjoint, then the core of  $A$ , denoted by  $\underline{A}$ , is  $\sup\{S \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) : S = S^*, S \leq A\}$ . If  $A = P$  is a projection, it is clear that  $\underline{P}$  is the largest central projection  $Q$  satisfying  $Q \leq P$ . A projection  $P$  is said to be core-free if  $\underline{P} = 0$  (see [10]). It is easy to see that  $\underline{P} = 0$  if and only if  $\overline{I - P} = I$ , [6, 7].

Recently, Yu and Zhang in [17] 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 [8] 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

$\Phi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a non-linear  $\lambda$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

On the other hand, many mathematician devoted themselves to study the  $*$ -Jordan product  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$ . In [18], F. Zhang proved that every non-linear  $*$ -Jordan derivation map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  on a factor von neumann algebra with  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  the identity of it is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

In [16], we showed that  $*$ -Jordan derivation map on every factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is additive  $*$ -derivation.

Very recently the authors of [5] discussed some bijective maps preserving the new product  $A^*B + B^*A$  between von Neumann algebras with no central abelian projections. In other words,  $\Phi$  holds in the following condition

$$\Phi(A^*B + B^*A) = \Phi(A)^*\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)^*\Phi(A).$$

They showed that such a map is sum of a linear  $*$ -isomorphism and a conjugate linear  $*$ -isomorphism.

Motivated by the above results, in this paper, we prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a prime  $*$ -algebra then  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  which holds in the following condition

$$\Phi(A \diamond B) = \Phi(A) \diamond B + A \diamond \Phi(B)$$

where  $A \diamond B = A^*B - B^*A$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , is additive  $*$ -derivation.

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  $B = 0$ . For example, every simple or prime generally primitive  $C^*$ -algebras are prime (e.g.,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  for every Hilbert space) [4].

## 2. Main Results

Our main theorem is as follows:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime  $*$ -algebra with unit  $I$  and a nontrivial projection. Then the map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies in the following condition*

$$(2.1) \quad \Phi(A \diamond B) = \Phi(A) \diamond B + A \diamond \Phi(B)$$

where  $A \diamond B = A^*B - B^*A$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . 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.**  $\Phi(0) = 0$ .

This claim is easy to prove.

**Claim 2.**  $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A) + A^*K$ , where,  $K = \Phi(iI) - i\Phi(I)$ .

Consider

$$\Phi(-iA \diamond I) = \Phi(A \diamond iI).$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(-iA)^* - \Phi(-iA) + iA^*\Phi(I) + i\Phi(I)^*A = i\Phi(A)^* + i\Phi(A) \\ (2.2) \quad & + A^*\Phi(iI) - \Phi(iI)^*A. \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$\Phi(-iA \diamond iI) = \Phi(I \diamond A)$$

So, we have

$$i\Phi(-iA)^* + i\Phi(-iA) + iA^*\Phi(iI) + i\Phi(iI)^*A = \Phi(I)^*A - A^*\Phi(I) + \Phi(A) - \Phi(A)^*.$$

Equivalently, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & -\Phi(-iA)^* - \Phi(-iA) - A^*\Phi(iI) - \Phi(iI)^*A = i\Phi(I)^*A - iA^*\Phi(I) \\ (2.3) \quad & + i\Phi(A) - i\Phi(A)^*. \end{aligned}$$

By adding equations (2.2) and (2.3) we have

$$-\Phi(-iA) - i\Phi(A) = -iA^*\Phi(I) + A^*\Phi(iI).$$

Substituting  $iA$  instead of  $A$  in the above equation implies

$$\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A) + A^*(\Phi(iI) - i\Phi(I))$$

that

$$K = \Phi(iI) - i\Phi(I).$$

So

$$\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A) + A^*K$$

**Claim 3.**  $\Phi(-A) = -\Phi(A)$

By considering  $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A) + A^*K$  and applying  $iA$  instead of  $A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(-A) &= i\Phi(iA) - iA^*K \\
 \Phi(-A) &= i(i\Phi(A) + A^*K) - iA^*K \\
 \Phi(-A) &= -\Phi(A) + iA^*K - iA^*K \\
 (2.4) \quad \Phi(-A) &= -\Phi(A).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Claim 4.** For each  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$ ,  $A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  we have

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

Let  $T = \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(A_{12})$ , we should prove that  $T = 0$ . For  $X_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  we can write that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{21} + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond \Phi(X_{21}) = \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{21}) \\
 &= \Phi(A_{11} \diamond X_{21}) + \Phi(A_{12} \diamond X_{21}) = \Phi(A_{11}) \diamond X_{21} + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{21}) \\
 &\quad + \Phi(A_{12}) \diamond X_{21} + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{21}) \\
 &= (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12})) \diamond X_{21} + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond \Phi(X_{21}).
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we obtain

$$T \diamond X_{21} = 0.$$

Since  $T = T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21} + T_{22}$  we have

$$T_{21}^* X_{21} + T_{22}^* X_{21} - X_{21}^* T_{21} - X_{21}^* T_{22} = 0.$$

From the above equation and primeness of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have  $T_{22} = 0$  and

$$(2.5) \quad T_{21}^* X_{21} - X_{21}^* T_{21} = 0.$$

On the other hand, similarly by applying  $iX_{21}$  instead of  $X_{21}$  in above, we obtain

$$iT_{21}^* X_{21} + iT_{22}^* X_{21} + iX_{21}^* T_{21} + iX_{21}^* T_{22} = 0.$$

Since  $T_{22} = 0$  we obtain from the above equation that

$$(2.6) \quad -T_{21}^* X_{21} - X_{21}^* T_{21} = 0.$$

From (2.5) and (2.6) we have

$$X_{21}^* T_{21} = 0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime, then we get  $T_{21} = 0$ .

It suffices to show that  $T_{12} = T_{11} = 0$ . For this purpose for  $X_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 &= \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + ((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &= (\Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond \Phi(X_{12})) \diamond P_1 + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 \\ &\quad + A_{11} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1) + A_{12} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1). \end{aligned}$$

So, we showed that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 &= \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 \\ &\quad + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1) + A_{12} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Since  $A_{12} \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 &= \Phi((A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1) + \Phi((A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + (A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond \Phi(P_1) + \Phi(A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + (A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &= (\Phi(A_{11}) \diamond X_{12} + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{12})) \diamond P_1 + (A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &\quad + (\Phi(A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{12})) \diamond P_1 + (A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1) \\ &\quad + \Phi(A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + A_{12} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1). \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) \diamond P_1 &= \Phi(A_{11}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + A_{11} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 \\ &\quad + A_{11} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1) + \Phi(A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 \\ &\quad + A_{12} \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \diamond P_1 + A_{12} \diamond X_{12} \diamond \Phi(P_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

From (2) and (2.7) we have

$$\Phi(A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 = \Phi(A_{11}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 + \Phi(A_{12}) \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1.$$

It follows that  $T \diamond X_{12} \diamond P_1 = 0$ , so  $T_{11}^* X_{12} - X_{12}^* T_{11} = 0$ . We have  $T_{11}^* X_{12} = 0$  or  $T_{11} X_{12} = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ , then we have  $T_{11} = 0$ . Similarly, we can show that  $T_{12} = 0$  by applying  $P_2$  instead of  $P_1$  in above.

**Claim 5.** For each  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}, A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}, A_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  and  $A_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$  we have

1.

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

2.

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

We show that

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

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond X_{21} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond \Phi(X_{21}) \\ &= \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond X_{21}) = \Phi(A_{11} \diamond X_{21}) + \Phi(A_{12} \diamond X_{21}) + \Phi(A_{21} \diamond X_{21}) \\ &= (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21})) \diamond X_{21} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond \Phi(X_{21}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $T \diamond X_{21} = 0$ . Since  $T = T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21} + T_{22}$  we have

$$T_{22}^* X_{21} + T_{21}^* X_{21} - X_{21}^* T_{22} - C_{21}^* T_{21} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $T_{22} = T_{21} = 0$ .

From Claim 4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond X_{12} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \\ &= \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond X_{12}) = \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12}) \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21} \diamond X_{12}) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21} \diamond X_{12}) \\ &= (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21})) \diamond X_{12} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond \Phi(X_{12}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$T_{11}^* X_{12} + T_{12}^* X_{12} - X_{12}^* T_{11} - X_{12}^* T_{12} = 0.$$

Then  $T_{11} = T_{12} = 0$ . Similarly

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

**Claim 6.** For each  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}, A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}, A_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  and  $A_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$  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

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

From Claim 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) \diamond X_{12} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) \diamond \Phi(X_{12}) \\ &= \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) \diamond X_{12}) \\ &= \Phi((A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21}) \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{22} \diamond X_{12}) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11} \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{12} \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21} \diamond X_{12}) + \Phi(A_{22} \diamond X_{12}) \\ &= (\Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21}) + \Phi(A_{22})) \diamond X_{12} \\ &+ (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{21} + A_{22}) \diamond \Phi(X_{12}). \end{aligned}$$

So,  $T \diamond X_{12} = 0$ . It follows that

$$T_{11}^* X_{12} + T_{12}^* X_{12} - X_{12}^* T_{11} - X_{12}^* T_{12} = 0.$$

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

Similarly, by applying  $X_{21}$  instead of  $X_{12}$  in above, we obtain  $T_{21} = T_{22} = 0$ .

**Claim 7.** For each  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$  such that  $i \neq j$ , we have

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

It is easy to show that

$$(P_i + A_{ij})(P_j + B_{ij}) - (P_j + B_{ij}^*)(P_i + A_{ij}^*) = A_{ij} + B_{ij} - A_{ij}^* - B_{ij}^*.$$

So, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) + \Phi(-A_{ij}^* - B_{ij}^*) = \Phi((P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond (P_j + B_{ij})) \\ &= \Phi(P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond (P_j + B_{ij}) + (P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond \Phi(P_j + B_{ij}) \\ &= (\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(A_{ij}^*)) \diamond (P_j + B_{ij}) + (P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond (\Phi(P_j) + \Phi(B_{ij})) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \diamond B_{ij} + P_i \diamond \Phi(B_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ij}^*) \diamond P_j + A_{ij}^* \diamond \Phi(P_j) \\ &= \Phi(P_i \diamond B_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ij}^* \diamond P_j) \\ &= \Phi(B_{ij}) + \Phi(-B_{ij}^*) + \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(-A_{ij}^*). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we show that



$$(2.9) \Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) + \Phi(-A_{ij}^* - B_{ij}^*) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}) + \Phi(-A_{ij}^*) + \Phi(-B_{ij}^*)$$

By an easy computation, we can write

$$(P_i + A_{ij})(iP_j + iB_{ij}) - (-iP_j - iB_{ij}^*)(P_i + A_{ij}^*) = iA_{ij} + iB_{ij} + iA_{ij}^* + iB_{ij}^*.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(iA_{ij} + iB_{ij}) + \Phi(iA_{ij}^* + iB_{ij}^*) = \Phi((P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond (iP_j + iB_{ij})) \\ & = \Phi(P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond (iP_j + iB_{ij}) + (P_i + A_{ij}^*) \diamond \Phi(iP_j + iB_{ij}) \\ & = (\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(A_{ij}^*)) \diamond (iP_j + iB_{ij}) + (P_i + A_{ij}^*)(\Phi(iP_j) + \Phi(iB_{ij})) \\ & = \Phi(P_i) \diamond iB_{ij} + P_i \diamond \Phi(iB_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ij}^*) \diamond iP_j + A_{ij}^* \diamond \Phi(iP_j) \\ & = \Phi(P_i \diamond iB_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ij}^* \diamond iP_j) \\ & = \Phi(iB_{ij}) + \Phi(iB_{ij}^*) + \Phi(iA_{ij}) + \Phi(iA_{ij}^*). \end{aligned}$$

We showed that

$$\Phi(iA_{ij} + iB_{ij}) + \Phi(iA_{ij}^* + iB_{ij}^*) = \Phi(iB_{ij}) + \Phi(iB_{ij}^*) + \Phi(iA_{ij}) + \Phi(iA_{ij}^*).$$

From Claims 2, 3 and the above equation, we have

$$(2.10) \Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) - \Phi(-A_{ij}^* - B_{ij}^*) = \Phi(B_{ij}) - \Phi(-B_{ij}^*) + \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(-A_{ij}^*)$$

By adding equations (2.8) and (2.9), we obtain

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

**Claim 8.** 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

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond P_j + (A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond \Phi(P_j) = \Phi((A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond P_j) \\ & = \Phi(A_{ii} \diamond P_j) + \Phi(B_{ii} \diamond P_j) \\ & \Phi(A_{ii}) \diamond P_j + A_{ii} \diamond \Phi(P_j) + \Phi(B_{ii}) \diamond P_j + B_{ii} \diamond \Phi(P_j) \\ & = (\Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ii})) \diamond P_j + (A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond \Phi(P_j). \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$T \diamond P_j = 0.$$

Therefore, we obtain  $T_{ij} = T_{ji} = T_{jj} = 0$ .

On the other hand, for every  $X_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond X_{ij} + (A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond \Phi(X_{ij}) = \Phi((A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond X_{ij}) \\ & = \Phi(A_{ii} \diamond X_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ii} \diamond X_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) \diamond X_{ij} + A_{ii} \diamond \Phi(X_{ij}) \\ & \quad + \Phi(B_{ii}) \diamond X_{ij} + B_{ii} \diamond \Phi(X_{ij}) \\ & = (\Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ii})) \diamond X_{ij} + (A_{ii} + B_{ii}) \diamond \Phi(X_{ij}). \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$(\Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(B_{ii})) \diamond X_{ij} = 0.$$

It follows that  $T \diamond X_{ij} = 0$  or  $T_{ii}X_{ij} = 0$ . By knowing that  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime, we have  $T_{ii} = 0$ .

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

In the rest of this paper we show that  $\Phi$  is  $*$ -derivation.

**Theorem 2.2.** *With notation of the previous theorem, if  $\Phi(\alpha I)$  is self-adjoint operator for  $\alpha \in \{1, i\}$  then  $\Phi$  is  $*$ -derivation.*

**Proof.** We present the proof of the above theorem by several claims.

**Claim 9.**  $\Phi(iI) = \Phi(I) = 0$ .

Consider  $\Phi(I \diamond iI) = \Phi(I) \diamond iI + I \diamond \Phi(iI)$  that imply

$$(2.11) \quad 2\Phi(iI) = i\Phi(I)^* + i\Phi(I) + \Phi(iI) - \Phi(iI)^* = i\Phi(I).$$

By taking the adjoint of above equation we have  $\Phi(iI) = \Phi(I) = 0$

**Claim 10.**  $\Phi$  preserves star.

Since  $\Phi(I) = 0$  then we can write

$$\Phi(I \diamond A) = I \diamond \Phi(A).$$

Then

$$\Phi(A - A^*) = \Phi(A) - \Phi(A)^*.$$

So, we showed that  $\Phi$  preserves star.

**Claim 11.** We prove that  $\Phi$  is derivation.

For every  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(AB - B^*A^*) &= \Phi(A^* \diamond B) \\ &= \Phi(A^*) \diamond B + A^* \diamond \Phi(B) \\ &= \Phi(A^*)^*B - \Phi(B)^*A^* - B^*\Phi(A^*) + A\Phi(B).\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since  $\Phi$  preserves star, we have

$$(2.12) \quad \Phi(AB - B^*A^*) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B) - B^*\Phi(A^*) - \Phi(B)^*A^*.$$

So, from (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(i(AB + B^*A^*)) &= \Phi(A(iB) - (iB)^*A^*) \\ &= \Phi(A)(iB) + A\Phi(iB) - (iB)^*\Phi(A^*) - \Phi(iB)^*A^*.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from claims 2 and 9 we have

$$(2.13) \quad \Phi(AB + B^*A^*) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B) + B^*\Phi(A^*) + \Phi(B^*)A^*.$$

By adding equations (2.11) and (2.12), we have

$$\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B).$$

This completes the proof.

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