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# Study of multiplicative derivation and its additivity

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we modify the result of M. N. Daif [1] on multiplicative derivations in rings. He showed that the multiplicative derivation is additive by imposing certain conditions on the ring  $\Re$ . Here, we have proved the above result with lesser conditions than M. N. Daif for getting multiplicative derivation to be additive.

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## 1. Notations and Introduction

Many results on derivations of rings have been obtained in recent years. The derivation of ring  $\Re$ , we means an additive map  $d: \Re \to \Re$  such that  $\forall x, y \in \Re, d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$ . If d is a multiplicative derivation of  $\Re$ , it is said to be non additive derivation of  $\Re$ . In 1969, Martindale [4] gave a remarkable result. He demonstrated that under the existence of a family of idempotent object in  $\Re$  that satisfy certain conditions, every antiautomorphism and multiplicative isomorphism on  $\Re$  is additive. Martindale's work influenced Daif and he expanded his findings upon multiplicative derivation and raised the question: when is multiplicative derivation is additive? In 1991, Daif [1] answered the question raised by him by using same Martindale's condition, for details see [2, 5, 6]. Our main objective in this paper is to improve the result of M. N. Daif (when is multiplicative derivation is additive?). He imposed 3 conditions to show that multiplicative derivation is additive. In this manuscript, we used only 2 condition to proved the additivity of multiplicative derivation, the conditions are as follows:

- (1)  $x\Re e = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  (and hence  $x\Re = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ ).
- (2)  $x\Re_{12} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$

Let  $0, 1 \neq e$  be an idempotent element of ring  $\Re$  (not necessarily having identity element). We will formally set  $e = e_1$  and  $1 - e = e_2$ . The following is how  $\Re$  can be decomposed:

(1.1) 
$$\Re = e_1 \Re e_1 \oplus e_1 \Re e_2 \oplus e_2 \Re e_1 \oplus e_2 \Re e_2$$

Above expression of  $\Re$  is known as two-sided Peirce decomposition determined by idempotent  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  (for details see [3]). So letting  $\Re_{mn} = e_m \Re e_n$ ; where  $m, n \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then the decomposition takes the form  $\Re = \Re_{11} \oplus \Re_{12} \oplus \Re_{21} \oplus \Re_{22}$ , where  $\Re_{ij}$  are subring of  $\Re$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Moreover, an element of the subring  $\Re_{mn}$  will be denoted by  $x_{mn}$  for all  $m, n \in \{1, 2\}$ .

Daif [1] has defined some basic concept in his result before the main result. We will be going to use those concept which was stated by Daif [1] as follow, that d(0) = d(00) = d(0)0 + 0d(0) = 0. Moreover, we have  $d(e_1) = d(e_1^2) = d(e)e + ed(e)$ . So, we can write  $d(e_1) = d_{11} + d_{12} + d_{21} + d_{22}$ and consequently, we have  $d(e_1) = d_{12} + d_{21}$ . We define g be the inner

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derivation of  $\Re$  observed by the element  $d_{12} - d_{21}$ . Therefore,  $g(e_1) = [e_1, d_{12} - d_{21}] = d_{12} + d_{21}$ . Further, we substitute d by d - g which is also a multiplicative derivation, which is denoted as D i.e., D = d - g, without losing generality. As a result we get D(e) = 0, this simplicity is quite important for upcoming results.

#### 2. The Results

Before, proving our main theorem we will need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\Re$  be a ring containing an idempotent *e* and *D* be a derivation of  $\Re$  which satisifies the given conditions. Then the following are true:

- (i)  $D(\Re_{11}) \subset \Re_{11}$
- (*ii*)  $D(\Re_{12}) \subset \Re_{12}$
- (*iii*)  $D(\Re_{21}) \subset \Re_{21}$
- $(iv) D(\Re_{22}) \subset \Re_{22}.$

**Proof.** (i) Let 
$$x_{11}$$
 be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{11}$ , we have  
 $D(x_{11}) = D(e_1x_{11}e_1) = D(e_1x_{11})e_1 + e_1x_{11}D(e_1)$   
 $= D(e_1x_{11})e_1 = D(e_1)x_{11}e_1 + e_1D(x_{11})e_1$   
 $= e_1D(x_{11})e_1 \in \Re_{11}.$ 

Since,  $x_{11}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{11}$ , so we have  $D(\Re_{11}) \subset \Re_{11}$ . (*ii*) Let  $x_{12}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$ , we obtain

$$(2.1) D(x_{12}) = D(e_1x_{12}) = D(e_1)x_{12} + e_1D(x_{12}) = e_1D(x_{12}).$$

This implies that

(2.2) 
$$D(x_{12}) = e_1 D(x_{12}).$$

By using Peirce decomposition of  $\Re$ ,  $D(x_{12})$  can be written as  $D_{11} + D_{12} + D_{21} + D_{22}$ . Putting these value in (2.2), we see that

$$(2.3) \quad D_{11} + D_{12} + D_{21} + D_{22} = e_1(D_{11} + D_{12} + D_{21} + D_{22}) = D_{11} + D_{12}$$

From (2.3), we find that

$$(2.4) D_{21} + D_{22} = 0$$

Putting the above relation in the value of  $D(x_{12})$ , we have

(2.5) 
$$D(x_{12}) = D_{11} + D_{12}.$$

Since we know that  $0 = D(0) = D(x_{12}e_1) = D(x_{12})e_1 + x_{12}D(e_1) = D(x_{12})e_1$ . Using the value of D from (2.5) in previous equation, we receive  $0 = (D_{11} + D_{12})e_1$  which implies that  $D_{11} = 0$ . Using these relation in (2.5), we get  $D(x_{12}) = D_{12} \in \Re_{12}$ . Since  $x_{12}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$ , we have  $D(\Re_{12}) \subset \Re_{12}$ .

(iii) Using the similar argument as we have done in (ii), we get the result.

(*iv*) Let 
$$D(x_{22}) = y_{11} + y_{12} + y_{21} + y_{22}$$
 for all  $x_{22} \in \Re_{22}$ , we have  
(2.6)  $0 = D(0) = D(e_1 x_{22}) = D(e_1) x_{22} + e_1 D(x_{22}).$ 

Above relation yields that

$$(2.7) 0 = e_1 D(x_{22}).$$

Using the value of  $D(x_{22})$  in above relation, we get

(2.8) 
$$0 = e_1(y_{11} + y_{12} + y_{21} + y_{22}) = y_{11} + y_{12}.$$

Substituting (2.8) in the value of  $D(x_{22})$  then we obtain  $D(x_{22}) = y_{21} + y_{22}$ . Again, we have  $0 = D(x_{22}e_1) = D(x_{22})e_1 + x_{22}D(e_1) = D(x_{22})e_1$ . Here we use the obtained value of  $D(x_{22})$ , we get  $0 = (y_{21} + y_{22})e_1 = y_{21}$ , this implies  $0 = y_{21}$ . Substituting this in  $D(x_{22})$ , we have  $D(x_{22}) = y_{22} \in \Re_{22}$ . Since,  $x_{22}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{22}$ , this yields  $D(\Re_{22}) \subset \Re_{22}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** For any  $x_{11} \in \Re_{11}$ ,  $x_{12} \in \Re_{12}$ ,  $x_{21} \in \Re_{21}$  and  $x_{22} \in \Re_{22}$ , we have

- (i)  $D(x_{11} + x_{12}) = D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12})$
- (*ii*)  $D(x_{22} + x_{12}) = D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12})$
- (*iii*)  $D(x_{11} + x_{21}) = D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})$
- $(iv) D(x_{22} + x_{21}) = D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}).$

**Proof.** (i) Consider the sum  $D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}) \in \Re$ . Let  $y_{1n} \in \Re_{1n}$  for n = 1, 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12})]y_{1n} &= D(x_{11})y_{1n} + D(x_{12})y_{1n} \\ &= D(x_{11})y_{1n} \\ &= D(x_{11})y_{1n} \\ &= D(x_{11}y_{1n}) - x_{11}D(y_{1n}) \\ &= D[(x_{11} + x_{12})y_{1n}] - x_{11}D(y_{1n}) \\ &= D(x_{11} + x_{12})y_{1n} + (x_{11} + x_{12})D(y_{1n}) - x_{11}D(y_{1n}) \\ &= D(x_{11} + x_{12})y_{1n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

(2.9) 
$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{11} + x_{12})]y_{1n} = 0.$$

In the similar fashion for any  $y_{2n} \in \Re_{2n}$ , we obtain

(2.10) 
$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{11} + x_{12})]y_{2n} = 0.$$

Since,  $y_{1n}$  and  $y_{2n}$  are an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{1n}$  and  $\Re_{2n}$  respectively. Therefore, from (2.9) and (2.10), we conclude that

(2.11) 
$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{11} + x_{12})]\Re = (0).$$

By using condition (1), we get

(2.12) 
$$D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{11} + x_{12}) = 0.$$

Above relation implies that

(2.13) 
$$D(x_{11} + x_{12}) = D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12}).$$

Proof of (i) is done.

(*ii*) Let  $x_{22}$  and  $x_{12}$  be an any element of  $\Re_{22}$  and  $\Re_{12}$ , we assume the sum  $D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12}) \in \Re$ . Now, for  $y_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  we have

$$(2.14) [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12})]y_{12} = D(x_{22})y_{12} + D(x_{12})y_{12}.$$

Using the definition of derivation in (2.14), it's yields that  $[D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12})]y_{12} = D(x_{22}y_{12}) - x_{22}D(y_{12}) + D(x_{12}y_{12}) - x_{12}D(y_{12})$   $= 0 - x_{22}D(y_{12}) + 0 - x_{12}D(y_{12})$   $= D(0) - (x_{22} + x_{12})D(y_{12})$   $= D[(x_{22} + x_{12})y_{12}] - (x_{22} + x_{12})D(y_{12})$   $= D(x_{22} + x_{12})y_{12} + (x_{22} + x_{12})D(y_{12})$   $-(x_{22} + x_{12})D(y_{12}) = D(x_{22} + x_{12})y_{12}.$  Which implies that

$$(2.15) [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12})]y_{12} = D(x_{22} + x_{12})y_{12}.$$

This implies that

$$(2.16) \qquad [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{22} + x_{12})]y_{12} = 0.$$

Since,  $y_{12}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$ , above relation yields that

(2.17) 
$$[D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12}) - D(x_{22} + x_{12})]\Re_{12} = (0)$$

By using condition (2), we obtain

$$(2.18) D(x_{22} + x_{12}) = D(x_{22}) + D(x_{12}).$$

(*iii*) Let  $x_{11}$  and  $x_{21}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{11}$  and  $\Re_{21}$ , we consider the sum  $D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21}) \in \Re$ . Now, for  $y_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  we have

$$(2.19) [D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12} = D(x_{11})y_{12} + D(x_{21})y_{12}.$$

Using the definition of derivation, above relation yields that

$$(2.20) \ [D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12} = D(x_{11}y_{12}) - x_{11}D(y_{12}) + D(x_{21}y_{12}) - x_{21}D(y_{12}).$$

Since,  $x_{11} \in \Re_{11}$  and  $y_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  this implies  $x_{11}y_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  and similarly we obtain  $x_{21}y_{12} \in \Re_{22}$ . Using previous part of this Lemma, above relation can be written as

$$(2.21)[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12} = D(x_{11}y_{12} + x_{21}y_{12}) - x_{11}D(y_{12}) - x_{21}D(y_{12}).$$

This implies that

$$(2.22)[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12} = D((x_{11} + x_{21})y_{12}) - (x_{11} + x_{21})D(y_{12}).$$

Using the definition of derivation in (2.22), we obtain

$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12}$$

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$$= D(x_{11} + x_{21})y_{12} + (x_{11} + x_{21})D(y_{12}) - (x_{11} + x_{21})D(y_{12}).$$

Above equation can be rewritten as  $[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21})]y_{12} = D(x_{11} + x_{21})y_{12}$ . This implies that

(2.23) 
$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{11} + x_{21})]y_{12} = 0.$$

Since,  $y_{12}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$ , above relation yields that

(2.24) 
$$[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{11} + x_{21})]\Re_{12} = (0).$$

By using condition (2), we obtain

(2.25) 
$$D(x_{11} + x_{21}) = D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21}).$$

 $\begin{aligned} (iv) \text{ Consider the sum } D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}) \in \Re. \text{ Let } y_{1n} \in \Re_{1n} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \\ \text{we have} \\ & [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21})]y_{1n} = D(x_{22})y_{1n} + D(x_{21})y_{1n} \\ & = D(x_{21})y_{1n} \\ & = D(x_{21})y_{1n} \\ & = D(x_{21}y_{1n}) - x_{21}D(y_{1n}) \\ & = D[(x_{22} + x_{21})y_{1n}] - x_{21}D(y_{1n}) \\ & = D(x_{22} + x_{21})y_{1n} + (x_{22} + x_{21})D(y_{1n}) - x_{21}D(y_{1n}) \\ & = D(x_{22} + x_{21})y_{1n} + x_{21}D(y_{1n}) - x_{21}D(y_{1n}) \\ & = D(x_{22} + x_{21})y_{1n} + x_{21}D(y_{1n}) - x_{21}D(y_{1n}) \end{aligned}$ 

Thus, we have

$$(2.26) \qquad [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{22} + x_{21})]y_{1n} = 0.$$

In a similar way for any  $y_{2n} \in \Re_{2n}$ , we obtain

$$(2.27) [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{22} + x_{21})]y_{2n} = 0.$$

Since,  $y_{1n}$  and  $y_{2n}$  are an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{1n}$  and  $\Re_{2n}$ , respectively. Therefore, from (2.26) and (2.27), we conclude that

$$(2.28) \qquad [D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{22} + x_{21})]\Re = (0).$$

By using condition (1), we get

(2.29) 
$$D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21}) - D(x_{22} + x_{21}) = 0.$$

Above relation implies that

$$(2.30) D(x_{22} + x_{21}) = D(x_{22}) + D(x_{21})$$

This complete the proof.

**Lemma 2.3.** D is additive on  $\Re_{21}$ 

**Proof.** Let  $x_{21}, y_{21} \in \Re_{21}$ . For any  $z_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  and  $z_{2n} \in \Re_{2n}$  for n = 1, 2 and using the definition of derivation, we have

$$(2.31) D(x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} = D((x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n}) - (x_{21} + y_{21})D(z_{12}z_{2n}).$$

Above equation can be written as  $D(x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} = D((x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n}) - (x_{21} + y_{21})D(z_{12}z_{2n}) = D((x_{21}z_{12} + y_{21})(z_{2n} + z_{12}z_{2n})) - (x_{21} + y_{21})D(z_{12}z_{2n}) = D(x_{21}z_{12} + y_{21})D(z_{2n} + z_{12}z_{2n}) + (x_{21}z_{12} + y_{21})D(z_{2n} + z_{12}z_{2n}) - (x_{21} + y_{21})D(z_{12}z_{2n}).$ 

In last relation, we use (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Lemma 2.2, this yields  $D(x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} = D(x_{21}z_{12})(z_{2n} + z_{12}z_{2n}) + D(y_{21})(z_{2n} + z_{12}z_{2n})$   $+(x_{21}z_{12} + y_{21})D(z_{2n}) + (x_{21}z_{12} + y_{21})D(z_{12}z_{2n})$  $-x_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}) - y_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}).$ 

Using Lemma 2.1 and after simplifying, we obtain

 $(2.32) \begin{array}{l} D(x_{21}+y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} &= D(x_{21}z_{12})z_{2n} + D(y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} + x_{21}z_{12}D(z_{2n}) \\ &+ y_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}) - x_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}) - y_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}). \end{array}$ 

Using definition of derivation in (2.32), we see that  

$$D(x_{21} + y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} = D(x_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} + x_{21}D(z_{12})z_{2n} + D(y_{21})z_{12}z_{2n} + x_{21}z_{12}D(z_{2n}) + y_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}) - x_{21}D(z_{12})z_{2n} - x_{21}z_{12}D(z_{2n}) - y_{21}D(z_{12}z_{2n}).$$

On simplification, this implies

$$(2.33) \qquad [D(x_{21} + y_{21}) - D(x_{21}) - D(y_{21})]z_{12}z_{2n} = 0.$$

Since,  $z_{12}$  and  $z_{2n}$  are arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$  and  $\Re_{2n}$  respectively, (2.33) becomes

(2.34) 
$$[D(x_{21} + y_{21}) - D(x_{21}) - D(y_{21})]\Re_{12}\Re_{2n} = (0).$$

Also, it is clear that

(2.35) 
$$[D(x_{21} + y_{21}) - D(x_{21}) - D(y_{21})]\Re_{12}\Re_{1n} = (0).$$

Combining (2.34) and (2.35), we get

(2.36) 
$$[D(x_{21} + y_{21}) - D(x_{21}) - D(y_{21})]\Re_{12}\Re = (0).$$

First, we use condition (1) and then (2), above relation yields that

$$(2.37) D(x_{21} + y_{21}) = D(x_{21}) - D(y_{21}).$$

This completes the Lemma.

**Lemma 2.4.** *D* is additive on  $\Re_{12}$ 

**Proof.** Let  $x_{12}$ ,  $y_{12} \in \Re_{12}$ ,  $t_{1n} \in \Re_{1n}$  and using Lemma 2.1(ii), we have

$$(2.38) [D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12})]t_{1n} = D(x_{12})t_{1n} + D(y_{12})t_{1n} = 0.$$

We have,  $[D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12})]t_{1n} = D(x_{12} + y_{12})t_{1n}$ . Solving last relation, we arrives at

(2.39) 
$$[D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12}) - D(x_{12} + y_{12})]t_{1n} = 0.$$

Since,  $t_{1n}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{1n}$ . Equation (2.39) can be written as

(2.40) 
$$[D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12}) - D(x_{12} + y_{12})]\Re_{1n} = (0).$$

Now, for an element  $t_{2n} \in \Re_{2n}$  and by using (i), (ii) and (iii) of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$D((x_{12}+y_{12})t_{2n}) = D((e_1+x_{12})(e_2t_{2n}+y_{12}t_{2n}))$$
  
=  $D(e_1+x_{12})(e_2t_{2n}+y_{12}t_{2n}) + (e_1+x_{12})D(e_2t_{2n}+y_{12}t_{2n})$   
=  $D(e_1)(e_2t_{2n}) + D(e_1)(y_{12}t_{2n}) + D(x_{12})(e_2t_{2n}) + D(x_{12})(y_{12}t_{2n})$   
+ $e_1D(e_2t_{2n}) + e_1D(y_{12}t_{2n}) + x_{12}D(e_2t_{2n}) + x_{12}D(y_{12}t_{2n}).$ 

By using (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) part of Lemma 2.1 and  $D(e_1) = 0$  in above equation and after solving, we obtain

$$(2.41)D((x_{12}+y_{12})t_{2n}) = D(x_{12})t_{2n} + D(y_{12})t_{2n} + y_{12}D(t_{2n}) + x_{12}D(t_{2n}).$$

Using the definition of derivation in left side of (2.40), we get

 $D(x_{12}+y_{12})t_{2n}+(x_{12}+y_{12})D(t_{2n}) = (D(x_{12})+D(y_{12}))t_{2n}+(y_{12}+x_{12})D(t_{2n}).$ (2.42)

On solving, we find

(2.43) 
$$D(x_{12} + y_{12})t_{2n} = (D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12}))t_{2n}.$$

Which implies that

$$(2.44) [D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12}) - D(x_{12} + y_{12})]t_{2n} = 0.$$

Since,  $t_{2n}$  is an any element of  $\Re_{2n}$ , this gives

(2.45) 
$$[D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12}) - D(x_{12} + y_{12})]\Re_{2n} = (0).$$

Combining (2.40) and (2.45), we get

(2.46) 
$$[D(x_{12} + y_{12}) - D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12})]\Re = (0).$$

On using condition (1), we get the required result i.e.,  $D(x_{12} + y_{12}) = D(x_{12}) + D(y_{12})$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** D is additive on  $\Re_{11}$ 

**Proof.** Let  $x_{11}$ ,  $y_{11} \in \Re_{11}$  and  $t_{12} \in \Re_{12}$ , we get

$$(2.47) [D(x_{11}) + D(y_{11})]t_{12} = D(x_{11})t_{12} + D(y_{11})t_{12}$$

Using the definition of derivation in last relation, we obtain  $[D(x_{11}) + D(y_{11})]t_{12} = D(x_{11}t_{12}) - x_{11}D(t_{12})$ 

$$+D(y_{11}t_{12}) - y_{11}D(t_{12}) - y_{11}D(t_{12}).$$

Since,  $x_{11}t_{12}, y_{11}t_{12} \in \Re_{12}$  and by using Lemma 2.4 in (2.46), we find that  $[D(x_{11}) + D(x_{12})]t_{12} = D(x_{12}t_{12} + y_{12}t_{12}) - (x_{11} + y_{11})D(t_{12})$ 

$$\begin{aligned} [D(x_{11}) + D(y_{11})]t_{12} &= D(x_{11}t_{12} + y_{11}t_{12}) - (x_{11} + y_{11})D(t_{12}) \\ &= D((x_{11} + y_{11})t_{12}) - (x_{11} + y_{11})D(t_{12}) \\ &= D(x_{11} + y_{11})t_{12} + (x_{11} + y_{11})D(t_{12}) \\ &- (x_{11} + y_{11})D(t_{12}) \\ &= D(x_{11} + y_{11})t_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $t_{12}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Re_{12}$ , so we have  $[D(x_{11}) + D(y_{11}) - D(x_{11} + y_{11})]\Re_{12} = (0)$ . So, by applying condition (2), we get the result.

**Lemma 2.6.** *D* is additive on  $\Re_{11} + \Re_{21} = \Re e$ 

**Proof.** Let  $x_{11}, y_{11} \in \Re_{11}$  and  $x_{21}, y_{21} \in \Re_{21}$ . Then we have

$$(2.48) \quad D((x_{11}+x_{21})+(y_{11}+y_{21}))=D((x_{11}+y_{11})+(x_{21}+y_{21})).$$

Using Lemma 2.2(iii) in (2.48), we arrives at

$$(2.49) \ D((x_{11}+x_{21})+(y_{11}+y_{21})) = D(x_{11}+y_{11}) + D(x_{21}+y_{21}).$$

By using Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.5, we find that  $D((x_{11} + x_{21}) + (y_{11} + y_{21})) = D(x_{11}) + D(y_{11}) + D(x_{21}) + D(y_{21})$   $= D(x_{11}) + D(x_{21}) + D(y_{11}) + D(y_{21}).$ 

Again we use Lemma 2.2(iii) in last relation, its yields that  $D((x_{11} + x_{21}) + (y_{11} + y_{21})) = D(x_{11} + x_{21}) + D(y_{11} + y_{21}).$ We are done.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $\Re$  be a ring containing an idempotent *e* and 1 - e. If *d* be a multiplicative derivation of  $\Re$  and suppose  $\Re$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $x \Re e = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  (and hence  $x \Re = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ )
- (2)  $x\Re_{12} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$

Then d becomes additive.

**Proof.** As we mention earlier, we replace d by D. Let  $u, v \in \Re$  and consider D(u) + D(v) be an element of  $\Re$ . Take an element  $t \in \Re e = \Re_{11} + \Re_{21}$ . Thus, ut and vt are element of  $\Re e = \Re_{11} + \Re_{21}$ . Now, we find that

(2.50) 
$$(D(u) + D(v))t = D(u)t + D(v)t.$$

Using definition of derivation in (2.50), we have

(2.51) 
$$(D(u) + D(v))t = D(ut) - uD(t) + D(vt) - vD(t).$$

Since,  $ut, vt \in \Re e = \Re_{11} + \Re_{21}$ , then by using Lemma 2.6 in (2.51), we obtain

$$(D(u) + D(v))t = D(ut + vt) - (u + v)D(t) = D((u + v)t) - (u + v)D(t) = D(u + v)t + (u + v)D(t) - (u + v)D(t) = D(u + v)t.$$

Thus, we have

(2.52) 
$$[D(u) + D(v) - D(u+v)]t = 0$$

Since, t be an arbitrary element of  $\Re e$ . So, we see that

(2.53) 
$$[D(u) + D(v) - D(u+v)]\Re e = (0).$$

By using condition (1), we obtain D(u+v) = D(u) + D(v). This shows that D, and also d, is additive.  $\Box$ 

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