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# Additivity of Maps Preserving Triple Product on \*-ring

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ABSTRACT: Let  $\mathcal A$  and  $\mathcal B$  be two prime \*-rings. Let  $\Phi:\mathcal A\to\mathcal B$  be a bijective and satisfies

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P),$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $P \in \{I, P_1, I - P_1\}$  where  $P_1$  is a projection in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The operation  $\bullet_{\lambda}$  between two arbitrary elements S and T in  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined as  $S \bullet_{\lambda} T = ST + \lambda TS^*$  for  $\lambda \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Then, if  $\Phi(I)$  is projection, we show that  $\Phi$  is additive.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{R}'$  be rings. We say the map  $\Phi: \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{R}'$  preserves Lie product [A,B] = AB - BA or Jordan product  $A \circ B = AB + BA$  if  $\Phi(AB - BA) = \Phi(A)\Phi(B) - \Phi(B)\Phi(A)$  and  $\Phi(AB + BA) = \Phi(A)\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)\Phi(A)$ , respectively (for example, see [2,3,8,12,13,16]). The results in the mentioned papers show that, in some sense, Jordan product or Lie product structure is enough to determine the ring or algebraic structure. Historically, many mathematicians devoted themselves to the study of additive or linear Jordan or Lie product preservers between rings or operator algebras. Such maps are called Jordan homomorphism or Lie homomorphism. Here we only list several results [4,14,15].

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a \*-ring. For  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}$ , we denote by  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$  and  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$ , which are two different kinds of new products. This product is found playing a more and more important role in some research topics, and its study has recently attracted many author's attention.

In [5], J. Cui and C. K. Li proved a bijective map  $\Phi$  on factor von Neumann algebras which preserves  $[A,B]_*$  must be a \*-isomorphism. Moreover, in [9] C. Li et al, discussed the non-linear bijective map preserving  $A \bullet B$  is also \*-ring isomorphism.

The authors in [19] weakened the conditions of the above two results. They proved that if  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are two  $C^*$ -algebras and a map  $\Phi$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$  that is bijective, unital and satisfies

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P),$$

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for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $P \in \{P_1, I - P_1\}$  where  $P_1$  is a nontrivial projection in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda \in \{-1, +1\}$ , then,  $\Phi$  is \*-additive.

In [11], Li, Lu and Wang assumed  $\mathcal{A}$  to be a von Neumann algebra with no central abelian projections and  $\mathcal{B}$  to be a \*-algebra. Suppose that a bijective map  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  satisfies

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  where  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$  is the skew Lie product. They showed that the following holds:

- 1.  $\Phi(I)$  is self-adjoint central element in  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\Phi(I_{\mathcal{A}})^2 = I_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
- 2. Let  $\Psi(A) = \Phi(I)\Phi(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then there exists a central projection  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  such that the restriction of  $\Psi$  to  $\mathcal{A}E$  is a linear \*-isomorphism and the restriction of  $\Psi$  to  $\mathcal{A}(I E)$  is a conjugate linear \*-isomorphism.

Also, the authors in [10] considered the same assumptions on  $\Phi$  as above, but the map  $\Phi$  satisfies the following condition

$$\Phi(A \bullet B \bullet C) = \Phi(A) \bullet \Phi(B) \bullet \Phi(C)$$

where  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$ . They obtained the same results.

In this paper, motivated by the above results, we consider  $\Phi:\mathcal{A}\to\mathcal{B}$  which is bijective and satisfies

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P),$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $P \in \{I_{\mathcal{A}}, P_1, I_{\mathcal{A}} - P_1\}$  where  $P_1$  is a projection in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Phi$  is additive. The operation  $\bullet_{\lambda}$  between two arbitrary elements S and T in  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined as  $S \bullet_{\lambda} T = ST + \lambda TS^*$  for  $\lambda \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

It is well known that ring  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime, in the sense that  $A\mathcal{A}B = 0$  for  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  implies either A = 0 or B = 0. Also, for the real and imaginary part of an operator T we will use  $\Re(T)$  and  $\Im(T)$ , respectively.

## 2. Main result

We need the following lemmas for our theorem:

**Lemma 2.1.** Let A and B be two prime \*-rings with an unit  $I_A$  and a nontrivial projection  $P_1$ . Let  $\Phi: A \to B$  be a bijective map which satisfies the following condition

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P)$$
(2.1)

for each  $A, P \in \mathcal{A}$  such that P is in  $\{I_{\mathcal{A}}, P_1, I_{\mathcal{A}} - P_1\}$ . Then  $\Phi$  is unital and  $\Phi(0) = 0$ .

**Proof.** First, we show that  $\Phi$  is unital. We know that

$$\Phi(I \bullet_{\lambda} I \bullet_{\lambda} I) = \Phi(I) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(I) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(I).$$

It follows that

$$\Phi(4I) = 4\Phi(I). \tag{2.2}$$

On the other hand, for  $\lambda = -1$ , we have

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{-1} I \bullet_{-1} I) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{-1} \Phi(I) \bullet_{-1} \Phi(I).$$

So,

$$\Phi(2A - 2A^*) = (\Phi(A)\Phi(I) - \Phi(I)\Phi(A)^*) \bullet_{-1} \Phi(I).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is surjective, then there is an element A such that  $\Phi(A) = I$ , hence

$$\Phi(2A - 2A^*) = 0$$

it means that

$$A = A^*. (2.3)$$

Also, using (2.1) for A and I, we have

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} I \bullet_{\lambda} I) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(I) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(I)$$

it follows that

$$\Phi(2A + 2A^*) = (\Phi(A)\Phi(I) + \Phi(I)\Phi(A)^*) \bullet_1 \Phi(I).$$

We can find A such that  $\Phi(A) = I$ . Then

$$\Phi(2A + 2A^*) = 2\Phi(I)\Phi(I) + 2\Phi(I)\Phi(I)^*. \tag{2.4}$$

From (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) we obtain

$$\Phi(4A) = \Phi(4I)$$

since  $\Phi$  is injective then A = I.

Now, suppose that A = I in (2.1), we have

$$\Phi(IP - PI^*P + PIP - PI^*) = \Phi(I)\Phi(P) - \Phi(P)\Phi(I)^*\Phi(P) + \Phi(P)\Phi(I)\Phi(P) - \Phi(P)\Phi(I)$$

then

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi(P) - \Phi(P)^{2} + \Phi(P)^{2} - \Phi(P) = 0.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let A and B be two prime \*-rings with an unit  $I_A$  and a nontrivial projection  $P_1$ . Let  $\Phi: A \to B$  be a map which satisfies

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P)$$

for all  $A, P \in \mathcal{A}$  such that P is in  $\{I_{\mathcal{A}}, P_1, I_{\mathcal{A}} - P_1\}$ . Let A, B and T be in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\Phi(T) = \Phi(A) + \Phi(B)$ . Then we have

$$\Phi(TP + PT^*P + PTP + PT^*) = \Phi(AP + PA^*P + PAP + PA^*) 
+ \Phi(BP + PB^*P + PBP + PB^*)$$
(2.5)

and

$$\Phi(TP - PT^*P + PTP - PT^*) = \Phi(AP - PA^*P + PAP - PA^*) 
+ \Phi(BP - PB^*P + PBP - PB^*)$$
(2.6)

**Proof.** We just show relation (2.5). Other relation (2.6) can be obtain in a similar way.

Let

$$\Phi(T) = \Phi(A) + \Phi(B). \tag{2.7}$$

Equivalently, we have

$$\Phi(T)^* = \Phi(A)^* + \Phi(B)^*. \tag{2.8}$$

From (2.7), it follows

$$\Phi(T)\Phi(P)^{2} + \Phi(P)\Phi(T)\Phi(P)^{*} = \Phi(A)\Phi(P)^{2} + \Phi(P)\Phi(A)\Phi(P)^{*} + \Phi(B)\Phi(P)^{2} + \Phi(P)\Phi(B)\Phi(P)^{*}.$$
(2.9)

Similarly, by (2.8) we can write

$$\Phi(P)^{2}\Phi(T)^{*} + \Phi(P)\Phi(T)^{*}\Phi(P) = \Phi(P)^{2}\Phi(A) + \Phi(P)\Phi(A)^{*}\Phi(P) + \Phi(P)^{2}\Phi(B) + \Phi(P)\Phi(B)^{*}\Phi(P).$$
(2.10)

By adding (2.9) and (2.10) we have

$$\Phi(TP + PT^*P + PTP + PT^*) = \Phi(AP + PA^*P + PAP + PA^*) + \Phi(BP + PB^*P + PBP + PB^*).$$

**Main Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be two prime \*-rings with an unit  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  and a nontrivial projection  $P_1$ . If  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  is a bijective map which satisfies

$$\Phi(A \bullet_{\lambda} P \bullet_{\lambda} P) = \Phi(A) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P)$$
 (2.11)

for all  $A, P \in \mathcal{A}$  where P is in  $\{I_{\mathcal{A}}, P_1, I_{\mathcal{A}} - P_1\}$ . Then,  $\Phi$  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, as a sub-ring of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  we may write  $A = P_1 A P_1 + P_1 A P_2 + P_2 A P_1 + P_2 A P_2$ . One could call it Peirce decomposition. In all that follow, when we write  $A_{ij}$ , it indicates that  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ .

To show additivity of  $\Phi$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , we use above decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$  and give some claims that prove  $\Phi$  is additive on each  $\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , i, j = 1, 2.

Claim 1. For each  $A_{11} \in A_{11}$  and  $A_{12} \in A_{12}$  we have

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

**Proof.** Since  $\Phi$  is surjective, we can find  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\Phi(T) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{12}). \tag{2.12}$$

Using (2.5) to (2.12) for  $P_1$ , we get

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(TP_1 + P_1T^*P_1 + P_1TP_1 + P_1T^*) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11}P_1 + P_1A_{11}^*P_1 + P_1A_{11}P_1 + P_1A_{11}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{12}P_1 + P_1A_{12}^*P_1 + P_1A_{12}P_1 + P_1A_{12}^*). \end{split}$$

From that  $T = T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21} + T_{22}$ , it follows that

$$\Phi(T_{11} + T_{21} + T_{11}^* + T_{11} + T_{11}^* + T_{21}^*) = \Phi(A_{11} + A_{11}^* + A_{11} + A_{11}^*) + \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{11} + 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} + T_{21}^*) = \Phi(2A_{11} + 2A_{11}^*).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we obtain

$$2T_{11} + 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} + T_{21}^* = 2A_{11} + 2A_{11}^*$$

In fact,

$$4\Re(T_{11}) = 4\Re(A_{11})$$
 and  $\Re(T_{21}) = 0.$  (2.13)

Similarly, by applying (2.6) to (2.12) for  $P_1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(TP_1 - P_1T^*P_1 + P_1TP_1 - P_1T^*) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11}P_1 - P_1A_{11}^*P_1 + P_1A_{11}P_1 - P_1A_{11}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{12}P_1 - P_1A_{12}^*P_1 + P_1A_{12}P_1 - P_1A_{12}^*). \end{split}$$

By knowing that  $T = T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21} + T_{22}$ , it follows that

$$\Phi(T_{11} + T_{21} - T_{11}^* + T_{11} - T_{11}^* - T_{21}^*) = \Phi(A_{11} - A_{11}^* + A_{11} - A_{11}^*) + \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{11} - 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} - T_{21}^*) = \Phi(2A_{11} - 2A_{11}^*).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective , we obtain

$$2T_{11} - 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} - T_{21}^* = 2A_{11} - 2A_{11}^*.$$

Therefore,

$$4\Im(T_{11}) = 4\Im(A_{11}) \text{ and } \Im(T_{21}) = 0.$$
 (2.14)

By considering (2.13) and (2.14), we have  $T_{11} = A_{11}$  and  $T_{21} = 0$ . On the other hand, by applying (2.5) to (2.12) for  $P_2$  we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(TP_2 + P_2T^*P_2 + P_2TP_2 + P_2T^*) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11}P_2 + P_2A_{11}^*P_2 + P_2A_{11}P_2 + P_2A_{11}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{12}P_2 + P_2A_{12}^*P_2 + P_2A_{12}P_2 + P_2A_{12}^*). \end{split}$$

It follows that

$$\Phi(T_{22} + T_{12} + T_{22}^* + T_{22} + T_{12}^* + T_{22}^*) = \Phi(A_{12} + A_{12}^*) + \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{22} + 2T_{22}^* + T_{12} + T_{12}^*) = \Phi(A_{12} + A_{12}^*).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we obtain

$$2T_{22} + 2T_{22}^* + T_{12} + T_{12}^* = A_{12} + A_{12}^*.$$

Hence,

$$\Re(T_{22}) = 0$$
 and  $\Re(T_{12}) = \Re(A_{12}).$  (2.15)

Similarly, by applying (2.6) to (2.12) for  $P_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(TP_2 - P_2T^*P_2 + P_2TP_2 - P_2T^*) \\ &= \Phi(A_{11}P_2 - P_2A_{11}^*P_2 + P_2A_{11}P_2 - P_2A_{11}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{12}P_2 - P_2A_{12}^*P_2 + P_2A_{12}P_2 - P_2A_{12}^*). \end{split}$$

It leads to

$$\Phi(T_{22} + T_{12} - T_{22}^* + T_{22} - T_{22}^* - T_{12}^*) = \Phi(A_{12} - A_{12}^*) + \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{22} - 2T_{22}^* + T_{12} - T_{12}^*) = \Phi(A_{12} - A_{12}^*).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we obtain

$$2T_{22} - 2T_{22}^* + T_{12} - T_{12}^* = A_{12} - A_{12}^*.$$

Therefore,

$$\Im(T_{22}) = 0 \text{ and } \Im(T_{12}) = \Im(A_{12}).$$
 (2.16)

Combining (2.15) and (2.16), we have  $T_{12} = A_{12}$  and  $T_{22} = 0$ .

Claim 2. For each  $A_{12} \in A_{12}$  and  $A_{21} \in A_{21}$ , we have

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

**Proof.** By surjectivity of  $\Phi$ , we can find  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ , such that

$$\Phi(T) = \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{21}). \tag{2.17}$$

By using (2.5) for (2.17) for  $P_1$ , we have

$$\Phi(TP_1 + P_1T^*P_1 + P_1TP_1 + P_1T^*) 
= \Phi(A_{12}P_1 + P_1A_{12}^*P_1 + P_1A_{12}P_1 + P_1A_{12}^*) 
+ \Phi(A_{21}P_1 + P_1A_{21}^*P_1 + P_1A_{21}P_1 + P_1A_{21}^*)$$

It follows that

$$\Phi(T_{11} + T_{21} + T_{11}^* + T_{11} + T_{11}^* + T_{21}^*) = \Phi(A_{21} + A_{21}^*) + \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{11} + 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} + T_{21}^*) = \Phi(A_{21} + A_{21}^*)$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we have

$$2T_{11} + 2T_{11}^* + T_{21} + T_{21}^* = A_{21} + A_{21}^*.$$

Therefore, we have

$$4\Re(T_{11}) = 0$$
 and  $\Re(T_{21}) = \Re(A_{21})$ . (2.18)

In a similar way applying (2.6) to (2.17) for  $P_1$ , we have

$$4\Im(T_{11}) = 0 \text{ and } \Im(T_{21}) = \Im(A_{21}).$$
 (2.19)

By (2.18) and (2.19), we obtain  $T_{11} = 0$  and  $T_{21} = A_{21}$ . By using(2.5) for  $P_2$  in (2.17), we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(T_{22}P_2 + T_{12}P_2 + P_2T_{22}^* + P_2T_{12}^* + P_2T_{22}P_2 + P_2T_{22}^*P_2) \\ &= \Phi(A_{12}P_2 + P_2A_{12}^* + P_2A_{12}P_2 + P_2A_{12}^*P_2) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{21}P_2 + P_2A_{21}^* + P_2A_{21}P_2 + P_2A_{21}^*P_2). \end{split}$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(2T_{22} + T_{12} + 2T_{22}^* + T_{12}^*) = \Phi(A_{12} + A_{12}^*).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we have

$$2T_{22} + T_{12} + 2T_{22}^* + T_{12}^* = A_{12} + A_{12}^*$$

it follows that

$$T_{22} + T_{22}^* + P_1 T P_2 + P_2 T^* P_1 + P_2 T P_2 + P_2 T^* P_2 = A_{12} + A_{12}^*.$$

So,

$$T_{22} + T_{22}^* + (P_1 + P_2)TP_2 + P_2T^*(P_1 + P_2) = A_{12} + A_{12}^*.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$T_{22} + T_{22}^* + ITP_2 + P_2T^*I = A_{12} + A_{12}^*.$$

Multiplying the both sides of the above equality by  $P_1$  we obtain  $T_{12} = A_{12}$ . Since  $T_{12} = A_{12}$ , from the equality

$$2T_{22} + T_{12} + 2T_{22}^* + T_{12}^* = A_{12} + A_{12}^*$$

we have  $T_{22} + T_{22}^* = 0$ . So,  $2\Re(T_{22}) = 0$ .

If we use (2.6) for  $P_2$  in (2.17), we have  $\Im(T_{22}) = 0$ . So, we obtain  $T_{22} = 0$ ,  $T_{12} = A_{12}$ . It means that  $T = A_{12} + A_{21}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.**  $\Phi(4\Re(A)) = 4\Re(\Phi(A))$ .

**Proof.** By applying (2.11) for I and knowing that  $\Phi$  is unital, we have

$$\Phi(A + A^* + A + A^*) = \Phi(A \bullet_1 I \bullet_1 I) 
= \Phi(A) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) 
= (\Phi(A)\Phi(I) + \Phi(I)\Phi(A)^*)) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) 
= \Phi(A) + \Phi(A)^* + \Phi(A) + \Phi(A)^*.$$

So,  $\Phi(4\Re(A)) = 4\Re(\Phi(A))$ . Similarly, we can prove  $\Phi(4i\Im(A)) = 4i\Im(\Phi(A))$ .

Claim 3. For each  $A_{11} \in A_{11}, A_{21} \in A_{21}$ , we have

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

**Proof.** We prove  $\Phi(2A_{11} + 2A_{21}) = \Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(2A_{21})$ . Since  $\Phi$  is surjective, there exists  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\Phi(2T) = \Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(2A_{21}). \tag{2.20}$$

By using (2.5) for  $P = P_1$  in (2.20), Claim 1 and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_1+2P_1T^*+2P_1TP_1+2P_1T^*P_1)\\ &=\Phi(2A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*+2P_1A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*P_1)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*+2P_1A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*P_1). \end{split}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2T_{11}P_1+2T_{21}P_1+2P_1T_{11}^*+2P_1T_{21}^*+2P_1T_{11}P_1+2P_1T_{11}^*P_1)\\ &=\Phi(2A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*+2P_1A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*P_1)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*+2P_1A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*P_1). \end{split}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 2.3, we can write

$$\Phi(4T_{11} + 2T_{21} + 4T_{11}^* + 2T_{21}^*) = \Phi(4A_{11} + 4A_{11}^*) + \Phi(2A_{21} + 2A_{21}^*) 
= \Phi(4\Re 2A_{11}) + \Phi(4\Re A_{21}^*) 
= 4\Re(\Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{21}^*)) 
= 4\Re(\Phi(2A_{11} + A_{21}^*)) 
= \Phi(4\Re 2A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21}^*) 
= \Phi(8\Re A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21})$$

therefore

$$\Phi(8\Re T_{11} + 4\Re T_{21}) = \Phi(8\Re A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21}).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we have

$$8\Re T_{11} + 4\Re T_{21} = 8\Re A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21}.$$

In a similar way using (2.6) for  $P_i = P_1$  in (2.20) we have

$$8\Im T_{11} + 4\Im T_{21} = 8\Im A_{11} + 4\Im A_{21}.$$

So, we have

$$8T_{11} + 4T_{21} = 8A_{11} + 4A_{21}$$
.

Multiplying the left side of the above equality by  $P_1$ , we have  $T_{11} = A_{11}$ ,  $T_{21} = A_{21}$ . By using (2.5) in (2.20) for  $P = P_2$  we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_2+2P_2T^*+2P_2T^*P_2+2P_2TP_2)\\ &=\Phi(2A_{11}P_2+2P_2A_{11}^*+2P_2A_{11}P_2+2P_2A_{11}^*P_2)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{21}P_2+2P_2A_{21}^*+2P_2A_{21}P_2+2P_2A_{21}^*P_2) \end{split}$$

it follows that

$$\Phi(2T_{22}P_2 + 2T_{12}P_2 + 2P_2T_{22}^* + 2P_2T_{12}^* + 2P_2T_{22}^*P_2 + 2P_2T_{22}P_2) = 0.$$

So,

$$\Phi(4T_{22} + 2T_{12} + 4T_{22}^* + 2T_{12}^*) = 0.$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective  $8\Re T_{22} + 4\Re T_{12} = 0$ .

In a similar way by using (2.6) for  $P = P_2$  in (2.20), we have  $8\Im T_{22} + 4\Im T_{12} = 0$ . So, we have

$$8\Re T_{22} + 8i\Im T_{22} + 4\Re T_{12} + 4i\Im T_{12} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $8T_{22} + 4T_{12} = 0$ . Multiplying the above equality by  $P_1$  on the left, we have  $T_{12} = 0$  and  $T_{22} = 0$ . Hence, we have  $T = A_{11} + A_{12}$ .

In a same way, we prove that 
$$\Phi(A_{12} + A_{22}) = \Phi(A_{12}) + \Phi(A_{22})$$
.

Claim 4. 
$$\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}).$$

**Proof.** Above claim is equivalent to  $\Phi(2A_{ij}+2B_{ij})=\Phi(2A_{ij})+\Phi(2B_{ij})$  Since  $\Phi$  is surjective we can find T such that

$$\Phi(2T) = \Phi(2A_{ij}) + \Phi(2B_{ij}) \tag{2.21}$$

We should show that  $T = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$ . Applying (2.5) to  $P_i$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_i + 2P_iT^*P_i + 2P_iTP_i + 2P_iT^*) \\ &= \Phi(2A_{ij}P_i + 2P_iA_{ij}^*P_i + 2P_iA_{ij}P_i + 2P_iA_{ij}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(2B_{ij}P_i + 2P_iB_{ij}^*P_i + 2P_iB_{ij}P_i + 2P_iB_{ij}^*, \end{split}$$

it follows that

$$\Phi(2T_{ii} + 2T_{ji} + 2T_{ii}^* + 2T_{ii} + 2T_{ii}^* + 2T_{ji}^*) = \Phi(0).$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(8\Re(T_{ii}) + 4\Re(T_{ji}) = 0,$$

by injectivity, we have  $\Re(T_{ii}) = 0$  and  $\Re(T_{ji}) = 0$ . Similarly we can show that  $\Im(T_{ii}) = 0$  and  $\Im(T_{ji}) = 0$ . Now By (2.5) for  $P_j$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_j + 2P_jT^*P_j + 2P_jTP_j + 2P_jT^*) \\ &= \Phi(2A_{ij}P_j + 2P_jA_{ij}^*P_j + 2P_jA_{ij}P_j + 2P_jA_{ij}^*) \\ &+ \Phi(2B_{ij}P_j + 2P_iB_{ij}^*P_j + 2P_jB_{ij}P_j + 2P_jB_{ij}^*. \end{split}$$

It follows that

$$\Phi(2T_{jj} + 2T_{ij} + 2T_{jj}^* + 2T_{jj} + 2T_{jj}^* + 2T_{ij}^*) = \Phi(2A_{ij} + 2A_{ij}^*) + \Phi(2B_{ij} + 2B_{ij}^*),$$

so, we have

$$\Phi(8\Re(T_{ij}) + 4\Re(T_{ij})) = \Phi(4\Re(A_{ij})) + \Phi(4\Re(B_{ij}^*)).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\Phi(8\Re(T_{jj}) + 4\Re(T_{ij})) = \Phi(4\Re(A_{ij})) + \Phi(4\Re(B_{ij}^*)) 
= 4\Re(\Phi(A_{ij})) + 4\Re(\Phi(B_{ij}^*)) 
= 4\Re(\Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}^*)) 
= 4\Re(\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}^*))$$
 By Claim 2   
=  $\Phi(4\Re(A_{ij} + B_{ij}^*))$  By Lemma 2.3   
=  $\Phi(4\Re(A_{ij}) + 4\Re(B_{ij}^*))$    
=  $\Phi(4\Re(A_{ij}) + 4\Re(B_{ij}))$ .

By injectivity  $\Re(T_{jj}) = 0$  and  $\Re(T_{ij}) = \Re(A_{ij}) + \Re(B_{ij})$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\Im(T_{ij}) = \Im(A_{ij}) + \Im(B_{ij})$ . It leads us to  $\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij})$ .  $\square$ 

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

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

**Proof.** We prove the following identity

$$\Phi(2A_{11} + 2A_{12} + 2A_{21} + 2A_{22}) = \Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(2A_{12}) + \Phi(2A_{21}) + \Phi(2A_{22}),$$

since  $\Phi$  is surjective, there exists

$$T = T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21} + T_{22} \in \mathcal{A} \tag{2.22}$$

such that

$$\Phi(2T) = \Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(2A_{12}) + \Phi(2A_{21}) + \Phi(2A_{22}).$$

By using (2.5) for  $P = P_1$  in (2.22) and using Claim 3, we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_1+2P_1T^*+2P_1TP_1+2P_1T^*P_1)\\ &=\Phi(2A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*+2P_1A_{11}P_1+2P_1A_{11}^*P_1)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{22}P_1+2P_1A_{22}^*+2P_1A_{22}P_1+2P_1A_{22}^*P_1)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{12}P_1+2P_1A_{12}^*+2P_1A_{12}P_1+2P_1A_{12}^*P_1)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*+2P_1A_{21}P_1+2P_1A_{21}^*P_1) \end{split}$$

then

$$\begin{split} \Phi(4T_{11} + 2T_{21} + 4T_{11}^* + 2T_{21}^*) &= \Phi(4A_{11} + 4A_{11}^*) + \Phi(2A_{21} + 2A_{21}^*) \\ &= \Phi(4\Re 2A_{11}) + \Phi(4\Re A_{21}) \\ &= 4\Re(\Phi(2A_{11}) + \Phi(A_{21})) \\ &= 4\Re(\Phi(2A_{11} + A_{21})) \\ &= \Phi(4\Re 2A_{11} + \Re A_{21}). \end{split}$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we have

$$8\Re T_{11} + 4\Re T_{21} = 8\Re A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21}.$$

In a similar way, by using (2.6) for  $P = P_1$  in (2.22), we have

$$8\Im T_{11} + 4\Im T_{21} = 8\Im A_{11} + 4\Im A_{21}.$$

So, we have

$$8\Re T_{11} + 8i\Im T_{11} + 4\Re T_{21} + 4i\Im T_{21} = 8\Re A_{11} + 8i\Im A_{11} + 4\Re A_{21} + 4i\Im A_{21}$$

then we have

$$8T_{11} + 4T_{21} = 8A_{11} + 4A_{21}.$$

Multiplying the above equality by  $P_2$  on the left, we have  $T_{21} = A_{21}$ . So,  $T_{11} = A_{11}$ . By using (2.5) for  $P = P_2$  in (2.22), we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi(2TP_2+2P_2T^*+2P_2TP_2+2P_2T^*P_2)\\ &=\Phi(2A_{11}P_2+2P_2A_{11}^*)+2P_2A_{11}P_2+2P_2A_{11}^*P_2\\ &+\Phi(2A_{22}P_2+2P_2A_{22}^*+2P_2A_{22}P_2+2P_2A_{22}^*P_2)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{12}P_2+2P_2A_{12}^*+2P_2A_{12}P_2+2P_2A_{12}^*P_2)\\ &+\Phi(2A_{12}P_2+2P_2A_{21}^*+2P_2A_{21}P_2+2P_2A_{21}^*P_2). \end{split}$$

Therefore, from Claim 3 and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\Phi(4T_{22} + 2T_{12} + 4T_{22}^* + 2T_{12}^*) = \Phi(4A_{22} + 4A_{22}^*) + \Phi(2A_{12} + 2A_{12}^*) 
= \Phi(4\Re 2A_{22}) + \Phi(4\Re A_{12}) 
= 4\Re \Phi(2A_{22}) + 4\Re \Phi(A_{12}) 
= 4\Re (\Phi(2A_{22}) + \Phi(A_{12})) 
= 4\Re (\Phi(2A_{22} + A_{12})) 
= \Phi(4\Re (2A_{22} + A_{12})),$$

so, we have

$$\Phi(8\Re T_{22} + 4\Re T_{12}) = \Phi(8\Re A_{22} + 4\Re A_{12}).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is injective, we obtain

$$8\Re T_{22} + 4\Re T_{12} = 8\Re A_{22} + 4\Re A_{12}.$$

In a same way by using (2.6) for  $P = P_2$  in (2.22), Lemma 2.3 and Claim 3, we have

$$8\Im T_{22} + 4\Im T_{12} = 8\Im A_{22} + 4\Im A_{12}$$
.

So,

$$8\Re T_{22} + 8i\Im T_{22} + 4\Re T_{12} + 4i\Im T_{12} = 8\Re A_{22} + 8i\Im A_{22} + 4\Re A_{12} + 4i\Im A_{12}.$$

Hence, we have

$$8T_{22} + 4T_{12} = 8A_{22} + 4A_{12}$$
.

Multiplying the above equality by  $P_2$  on the left, we have  $T_{22} = A_{22}$ ,  $T_{12} = A_{12}$ . So,  $T = A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{12} + A_{21}$ .

Claim 6.  $\Phi$  preserves the orthogonal projections  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  on the both sides.

**Proof.** By (2.11) for  $P_i$  and  $\lambda = 1$  we have

$$\Phi(AP_i + P_i A^* P_i + P_i A P_i + P_i A^*) = \Phi(A)\Phi(P_i)^2 + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)^*\Phi(P_i) 
+ \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(P_i)^*\Phi(A)^*,$$

and for  $\lambda = -1$ , we have

$$\Phi(AP_i - P_iA^*P_i + P_iAP_i - P_iA^*) = \Phi(A)\Phi(P_i)^2 - \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)^*\Phi(P_i) 
+ \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i) - \Phi(P_i)\Phi(P_i)^*\Phi(A)^*.$$

By adding the two above relations, using Claim 5 and Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{split} 2\Phi(A)\Phi(P_{i})^{2} + 2\Phi(P_{i})\Phi(A)\Phi(P_{i}) &= & \Phi(AP_{i} + P_{i}A^{*}P_{i} + P_{i}AP_{i} + P_{i}A^{*}) \\ &+ \Phi(AP_{i} - P_{i}A^{*}P_{i} + P_{i}AP_{i} - P_{i}A^{*}) \\ &= & \Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ji} + A_{ii}^{*} + A_{ji}^{*} + A_{ii} + A_{ii}^{*}) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ji} - A_{ii}^{*} - A_{ji}^{*} + A_{ii} - A_{ii}^{*}) \\ &= & \Phi(4\Re A_{ii}) + \Phi(4i\Im A_{ii}) + \Phi(A_{ji}) \\ &+ \Phi(A_{ji}^{*}) + \Phi(A_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ji}^{*}) \\ &= & 4\Re \Phi(A_{ii}) + 4i\Im \Phi(A_{ii}) + 2\Phi(A_{ji}) \\ &= & 4\Phi(A_{ii}) + 2\Phi(A_{ji}) \\ &= & 2\Phi(A_{ii}) + 2\Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(A_{ji})) \\ &= & 2\Phi(A_{ii}) + 2\Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij}) \\ &= & 2\Phi(A_{ii}) + 2\Phi(A_{ii}). \end{split}$$

So, we obtain

$$\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i)^2 + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i) = \Phi(AP_i) + \Phi(A_{ii}). \tag{2.23}$$

It follows that

$$\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i)^2 + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A)\Phi(P_i) = \Phi(AP_i) + \Phi(P_iAP_i).$$

By considering A = I, we have

$$\Phi(P_i)^2 + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(P_i) = \Phi(P_i) + \Phi(P_i).$$

Hence,

$$\Phi(P_i)^2 = \Phi(P_i)$$

So, we have proved  $\Phi(P_i)$  is idempotent. Now, we prove that  $\Phi(P_i)$  self-adjoint.

$$\begin{split} \Phi(P_i) &= \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4} \bullet_1 I \bullet_1 I\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) \\ &= \left(\Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) \Phi(I) + \Phi(I) \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right)^*\right) \bullet_1 \Phi(I) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) \Phi(I)^2 + \Phi(I) \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right)^* \Phi(I) + \Phi(I) \Phi(I)^* \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right)^* \\ &+ \Phi(I) \Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) \Phi(I)^* \\ &= 2\Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) + 2\Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right)^* \end{split}$$

So,

$$\Phi(P_i) = 2\Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right) + 2\Phi\left(\frac{P_i}{4}\right)^*, \qquad (2.24)$$

it follows that  $\Phi(P_i) = \Phi(P_i)^*$ .

Note that  $\Phi(P_i)\Phi(P_i) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Claim 7. For every  $A_{ij} \in A_{ij}$ ,  $B_{ij} \in B_{ij}$  and for  $i \neq j$  we have  $\Phi(A_{ij}) = B_{ij}$ .

**Proof.** For  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , we can write

$$\Phi(A_{ij} \bullet_{\lambda} P_i \bullet_{\lambda} P_i) = \Phi(A_{ij}) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P_i) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P_i).$$

For  $\lambda = 1$  the equation above converts to

$$\Phi(A_{ij} + A_{ij}^*) = \Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_j)^2 + \Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})^*\Phi(P_j) 
+ \Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_j) + \Phi(P_j)\Phi(P_j)^*\Phi(A_{ij})^*.$$
(2.25)

For  $\lambda = -1$ , we can write

$$\Phi(A_{ij} - A_{ij}^*) = \Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_j)^2 - \Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})^*\Phi(P_j) 
+ \Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_j) - \Phi(P_j)\Phi(P_j)^*\Phi(A_{ij})^*.$$
(2.26)

From (2.25), (2.26) and Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\Phi(A_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_i)^2 + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_i). \tag{2.27}$$

The above equation gives us

$$\Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_i) = 0,$$

$$\Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_j) = 0$$

and

$$\Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ij})\Phi(P_i) = 0.$$

So, we have

$$\Phi(\mathcal{A}_{ij}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{ij}.$$

Since  $\Phi^{-1}$  has the same property as  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\mathcal{B}_{ij} \subseteq \Phi(\mathcal{A}_{ij}).$$

Similarly, one can prove that  $\Phi(A_{ji}) = B_{ji}$ .

Claim 8. For every  $A_{ii} \in A_{ii}$  we have  $\Phi(A_{ii}) = \mathcal{B}_{ii}$ .

**Proof.** We know

$$\Phi(A_{ii} \bullet_{\lambda} P_i \bullet_{\lambda} P_i) = \Phi(A_{ii}) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P_i) \bullet_{\lambda} \Phi(P_i).$$

For  $\lambda = 1$ , we have

$$\Phi(2A_{ii} + 2A_{ii}) = \Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})^*\Phi(P_i) 
+ \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})^*.$$
(2.28)

For  $\lambda = -1$ , we have

$$\Phi(2A_{ii} - 2A_{ii}^*) = \Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) - \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})^*\Phi(P_i) 
+ \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) - \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})^*.$$
(2.29)

By adding (2.28) and (2.29), we obtain

$$4\Re(\Phi(A_{ii})) + 4i\Im(\Phi(A_{ii})) = 2\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) + 2\Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i).$$

It follows that

$$4\Phi(A_{ii}) = 2\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) + 2\Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i). \tag{2.30}$$

By the above equation we have

$$\Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_j) = 0,$$
  
$$\Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) = 0$$

and

$$\Phi(P_j)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_j) = 0.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\Phi(A_{ii}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_j) = \Phi(P_i)\Phi(A_{ii})\Phi(P_i) \in \mathcal{B}_{ii}.$$

Hence,  $\Phi(A_{ii}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{ii}$ . Since  $\Phi^{-1}$  has the same properties as  $\Phi$  then we have the result.

Claim 9. For every  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in A_{ii}$ , we have

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

**Proof.** For  $\Phi(T)_{ij} = \Phi(P_i)\Phi(T)\Phi(P_j) \in \mathcal{B}_{ij}$ , we can write

$$\Phi(T)_{ij}\Phi(AP_i + BP_i) = \Phi(P_i)\Phi(T)\Phi(P_j)\Phi(AP_i + BP_i).$$

We multiply the right side of the above equation by  $\Phi(P_i)$  to obtain

$$\begin{split} \Phi(T)_{ij} \Phi(AP_i + BP_i) \Phi(P_i) &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) \Phi(P_j) \Phi(AP_i + BP_i) \Phi(P_i) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) \Phi(P_j (AP_i + BP_i) P_i) \ \ (\Phi(\mathcal{A}_{ji}) = \mathcal{B}_{ji}) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) \Phi(P_j AP_i + P_j BP_i) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) \Phi(A_{ji} + B_{ji}) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) (\Phi(A_{ji}) + \Phi(B_{ji})) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) (\Phi(P_j AP_i) + \Phi(P_j BP_i)) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(T) (\Phi(P_j AP_i) + \Phi(P_j BP_i)) \\ &= \Phi(P_i) \Phi(BP_i) \Phi(P_i) \\ &= \Phi(T)_{ij} (\Phi(AP_i) + \Phi(BP_i)) \Phi(P_i). \end{split}$$

We showed that

$$\Phi(T)_{ij}(\Phi(AP_i + BP_i) - \Phi(AP_i) - \Phi(BP_i))\Phi(P_i) = 0$$

for all  $\Phi(T)_{ij} \in \mathcal{B}_{ij}$ , since  $\mathcal{B}$  is prime, we have

$$\Phi(AP_i + BP_i)\Phi(P_i) = \Phi(AP_i)\Phi(P_i) + \Phi(BP_i)\Phi(P_i).$$

Multiplying the above equation from the left side by  $\Phi(P_i)$  and knowing that  $\Phi(A_{ii}) = B_{ii}$  we obtain

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

So, by Claims  $4, 5, 9, \Phi$  is additive.

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