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# Non-linear new product $\frac{1}{2}(AB^*C + CB^*A)$ 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  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfies in the following condition

$$\Phi(\{ABC\}) = \{\Phi(A)BC\} + \{A\Phi(B)C\} + \{AB\Phi(C)\}$$

where  $\{ABC\} = \frac{1}{2}(AB^*C + CB^*A)$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , is additive. Moreover, if  $\Phi(I)$  is self-adjoint, then  $\Phi$  is a \*-derivation

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#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a \*-algebra. For  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , denoted by  $A \circ B = AB + BA$  and  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$ , which are Jordan product and \*-Jordan 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 [2,5,6]). Recall that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  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  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . 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 [1,8,9,10,11,12]. in [4], Taghavi, Rohi and Darvish proved that every nonlinear \*-Jordan derivation between factor von Neumann algebra is an additive derivation.

In recent years, many mathematicians devoted themselves to study the new products, ABA and  $AB^*A$ , which are called Jordan triple product and \*-Jordan triple product, respectively. From the work done in this field in [3], Taghavi, Nouri, Razeghi and Darvish proved that if the map  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  is bijective and preserves Jordan or \*-Jordan triple product, then it is additive. Moreover, if  $\Phi$  preserves Jordan triple product, they prove the multiplicativity or anti-multiplicativity of  $\Phi$ . Finally, they prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are two prime operator \*-algebras,  $\Psi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  is bijective and preserves \*-Joran triple product, then  $\Psi$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear or conjugate  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear \*-isomorphism. Another definition that needs to be said here is Jordan derivation, which is a mapping like derivation mentioned earlier, which in this case is  $D(A^2) = D(A)A + AD(A)$ . It can be seen in [7]. In [13], Taghavi and Tavakoli defined a new product as  $\frac{1}{2}(AB^*C + CB^*A)$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ . They proved that if the map  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  is bijective and preserves the mentioned product, then it is additive. Also, if  $\Phi(I)$  is a positive element, then  $\Phi$  is a \*-isomorphism. In this paper, we use  $\{ABC\} = \frac{1}{2}(AB^*C + CB^*A)$ . In the next section, we state the main results of the present paper.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Our main theorem is as follows:

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

$$\Phi(\{ABC\}) = \{\Phi(A)BC\} + \{A\Phi(B)C\} + \{AB\Phi(C)\}$$
(2.1)

where  $\{ABC\} = \frac{1}{2}(AB^*C + CB^*A)$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , is additive. Moreover, if  $\Phi(I)$  is self-adjoint, then  $\Phi$  is a \*-derivation.

**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  $\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , 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 lemmas that prove  $\Phi$  is additive on each  $\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , i, j = 1, 2.

The proof of the theorem is organized as a series lemmas. We begin with the following lemma with a simple proof.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.1**  $\Phi(0) = 0$ 

**Proof:** 
$$\Phi(0) = \Phi(\{000\}) = \{\Phi(0)00\} + \{0\Phi(0)0\} + \{00\Phi(0)\} = 0.$$

**Lemma 2.2** For every  $A_{ij} \in A_{ij}$ ,  $A_{ji} \in A_{ji}$ , we have  $\Phi(A_{ij} + A_{ji}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ji})$  for  $1 \le i \ne j \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = \Phi(A_{ij} + A_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji})$ , we should prove that T = 0. Using Lemma 2.1 we have  $\Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)(A_{ij} + A_{ji})\}) = \Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)A_{ij}\}) + \Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)A_{ji}\})$ . From this, we get

$$\begin{split} &\{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} = \\ &\{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)A_{ij}\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)A_{ij}\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\} \\ &+ \{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)A_{ij}\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)A_{ji}\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ji})\}. \end{split}$$

So, we obtain  $\{I(P_i - P_j)(\Phi(A_{ij} + A_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji}))\} = 0$ . That is  $\{I(P_i - P_j)T\} = \frac{1}{2}((P_i - P_j)T + T(P_i - P_j)) = 0$ . So, we have  $T_{ii} = T_{jj} = 0$ . For every  $C_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , since  $\{C_{ij}I(A_{ij} + A_{ji})\} = \{C_{ij}IA_{ji}\} + \{C_{ij}IA_{ji}\}$ , we have  $\Phi(\{C_{ij}I(A_{ij} + A_{ij})\}) = \Phi(\{C_{ij}IA_{ji}\}) + \Phi(\{C_{ij}IA_{ji}\})$ . From this, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\Phi(C_{ij})I(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{C_{ij}\Phi(I)(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{C_{ij}I\Phi(A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} = \\ &\{\Phi(C_{ij})IA_{ij}\} + \{C_{ij}\Phi(I)A_{ij}\} + \{C_{ij}I\Phi(A_{ij})\} \\ &+ \{\Phi(C_{ij})IA_{ji}\} + \{C_{ij}\Phi(I)A_{ji}\} + \{C_{ij}I\Phi(A_{ji})\}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we obtain  $\{C_{ij}I((\Phi(A_{ij}+Aji)-\Phi(A_{ij})-\Phi(A_{ji}))\}=0$ . That is  $\{C_{ij}IT\}=\frac{1}{2}(C_{ij}T+TC_{ij})=0$ . Hence  $P_jTC_{ij}=0$ . Then  $T_{ji}C_{ij}=0$  for all  $C_{ij}\in\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , that is  $T_{ji}CP_j=0$  for all  $C\in\mathcal{A}$ . By primness, it follow that  $T_{ji}=0$ . Similarly, by putting  $C_{ji}$  in place of  $C_{ij}$ , we get  $T_{ij}=0$ , so T=0.

**Lemma 2.3** For every  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$ ,  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $A_{ji} \in \mathcal{A}_{ji}$ , we have  $\Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ij})$  for  $1 \le i \ne j \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = \Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji})$ . Using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have  $\Phi(\{IP_j(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji})\}) = \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ii}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ij}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ji}\})$ . We can write that

$$\begin{split} &\{\Phi(I)P_{j}(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} = \\ &\{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ii}\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ii}\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii})\} + \{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ij}\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ij}\} \\ &+ \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ij})\} + \{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ji}\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ji}\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ji})\}. \end{split}$$

So, we obtain  $\{IP_j((\Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji})))\} = 0$ . That is  $\{IP_jT\} = \frac{1}{2}(P_jT + TP_j) = 0$ , from which we get that  $T_{jj} = T_{ij} = T_{ji} = 0$ . Using Lemma 2.1, we have  $\Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji})\}) = \Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)A_{ii}\}) + \Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)A_{ij}\}) + \Phi(\{I(P_i - P_j)A_{ji}\})$ . We can write that

$$\begin{split} &\{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} \\ &+ \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji})\} \\ &= \{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)A_{ii}\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)A_{ii}\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ii})\} \\ &+ \{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)A_{ij}\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)A_{ij}\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ij})\} \\ &+ \{\Phi(I)(P_i-P_j)A_{ii}\} + \{I\Phi(P_i-P_j)A_{ii}\} + \{I(P_i-P_j)\Phi(A_{ii})\}. \end{split}$$

So, we obtain  $\{I(P_i - P_j)(\Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji})\Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji}))\} = 0$ . That is  $\{I(P_i - P_j)T\} = \frac{1}{2}((P_i - P_j)T + T(P_i - P_j)) = 0$ , so  $T_{ii} = 0$ . Then T = 0.

**Lemma 2.4** For every  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$ ,  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $A_{ji} \in \mathcal{A}_{ji}$ ,  $A_{jj} \in \mathcal{A}_{jj}$  we have  $\Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji} + A_{jj}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(A_{ji}) + \Phi(A_{jj})$  for  $1 \le i \ne j \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = \Phi(A_{ii} + A_{ji} + A_{ji} + A_{jj}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ij}) - \Phi(A_{ji})$ . Using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3, we obtain  $\Phi(\{IP_j(A_{ii} + A_{ij} + A_{ji} + A_{jj})\}) = \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ii}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ij}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ji}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ji}\})$ . From this, we can write that

$$\begin{split} &\{\Phi(I)P_{j}(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji}+A_{jj})\}\\ &+\{I\Phi(P_{j})(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji}+A_{jj})\}+\{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji}+A_{jj})\}\\ &=\{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ii}\}+\{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ii}\}+\{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii})\}\\ &+\{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ij}\}+\{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ij}\}+\{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ij})\}\\ &+\{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ji}\}+\{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ji}\}+\{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ji})\}\\ &+\{\Phi(I)P_{i}A_{ij}\}+\{I\Phi(P_{i})A_{ij}\}+\{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ji})\}. \end{split}$$

So, we get  $\{IP_j(\Phi(A_{ii}+A_{ij}+A_{ji}+A_{jj})-\Phi(A_{ii})-\Phi(A_{ij})-\Phi(A_{ji})-\Phi(A_{jj}))\}=0$ . That is  $\{IP_jT\}=\frac{1}{2}(P_jT+TP_j)=0$ , we have  $T_{jj}=T_{ij}=T_{ji}=0$ . Similarly, by putting  $P_i$  in place of  $P_j$ , we get  $T_{ii}=0$ . So, T=0.

**Lemma 2.5** For every  $A_{ii} \in A_{ii}$ ,  $B_{ji} \in A_{ji}$ , we have  $\Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ji}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ji})$  for  $1 \le i \ne j \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ji}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(B_{ji})$ . We obtain  $\Phi(\{P_jI(A_{ii} + B_{ji})\}) = \Phi(\{P_jIA_{ii}\}) + \Phi(\{P_jIB_{ji}\})$ . From this, we can write that

$$\{\Phi(P_j)I(A_{ii} + B_{ji})\} + \{P_j\Phi(I)(A_{ii} + B_{ji})\} + \{P_jI\Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ji})\} = \{\Phi(P_j)IA_{ii}\} + \{P_j\Phi(I)A_{ii}\} + \{P_jI\Phi(A_{ii})\} + \{\Phi(P_j)IB_{ji}\} + \{P_j\Phi(I)B_{ji}\} + \{P_j\Phi(I)B_{ji}\} + \{P_jI\Phi(B_{ji})\}.$$

So, we get  $\{P_jI(\Phi(A_{ii}+B_{ji})-\Phi(A_{ii})-\Phi(B_{ji}))\}=0$  That is  $\{P_jIT\}=0$ , we have  $T_{jj}=T_{ij}=T_{ji}=0$ . Similarly, by putting  $(P_i-P_j)$  in place of  $P_j$ , we get  $T_{ii}=0$ . So, T=0.

**Lemma 2.6** For every  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , we have  $\Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij})$  for  $1 \le i \ne j \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Using Lemma 2.5, we obtain

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\begin{split} \Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) &= \Phi(\{(P_i + 2A_{ij})I(P_j + 2B_{ij})\}) = \{\Phi(P_i + 2A_{ij})I(P_j + 2B_{ij})\} \\ &\quad + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})\Phi(I)(P_j + 2B_{ij})\} \\ &\quad + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})I\Phi(P_j + 2B_{ij})\} \\ &= \{\Phi(P_i + 2A_{ij})IP_j\} + \{\Phi(P_i + 2A_{ij})I(2B_{ij})\} \\ &\quad + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})\Phi(I)P_j\} + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})\Phi(I)(2B_{ij})\} \\ &\quad + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})I\Phi(P_j)\} + \{(P_i + 2A_{ij})I\Phi(2B_{ij})\} \\ &= \Phi(\{(P_i + 2A_{ij})IP_j\}) + \Phi(\{(P_i + 2A_{ij})I(2B_{ij})\}) \\ &= \Phi(A_{ij}) + \Phi(B_{ij}). \end{split}
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The proof is complete.

**Lemma 2.7** For every  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$ , we have  $\Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) = \Phi(A_{ii}) + \Phi(B_{ii})$  for  $1 \le i \le 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = \Phi(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) - \Phi(A_{ii}) - \Phi(B_{ii})$ . Using Lemma 2.1, we obtain  $\Phi(\{IP_j(A_{ii} + B_{ii})\}) = \Phi(\{IP_jA_{ii}\}) + \Phi(\{IP_jB_{ii}\})$ . From this, we can write that

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\Phi(I)P_{j}(A_{ii}+B_{ii})\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})(A_{ii}+B_{ii})\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii}+B_{ii})\} \\ &= \{\Phi(I)P_{j}A_{ii}\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})A_{ii}\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(A_{ii})\} \\ &+ \{\Phi(I)P_{j}B_{ii}\} + \{I\Phi(P_{j})B_{ii}\} + \{IP_{j}\Phi(B_{ii})\}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we get  $\{I(P_j)(\Phi(A_{ii}+B_{ii})-\Phi(A_{ii})-\Phi(B_{ii}))\}=0$ . That is  $\{IP_jT\}=\frac{1}{2}(P_jT+TP_j)=0$ , we have  $T_{jj}=T_{ij}=T_{ji}=0$ . For every  $C_{ij}\in\mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , by Lemma 2.6 we obtain  $\Phi(\{C_{ij}I(A_{ii}+B_{ii})\})=\Phi(\{C_{ij}IA_{ii}\})+\Phi(\{C_{ij}IB_{ii}\})$ . We get the same as the previous lemmas  $\{C_{ij}IT\}=0$ . Since  $T_{jj}=0$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is the prime, we have  $T_{ii}=0$ . So, T=0.

**Lemma 2.8** If  $\Phi(I)$  is self-adjoint then  $\Phi(I) = 0$ .

**Proof:** We can write  $\Phi(\{III\}) = \{\Phi(I)II\} + \{I\Phi(I)I\} + \{II\Phi(I)\}$ . We get it easily  $\Phi(I) + \Phi(I)^* = 0$ . Since  $\Phi(I)$  is self-adjoint, therefore  $\Phi(I) = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.9**  $\Phi$  is a \*-derivation.

**Proof:** For every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  we can write  $\Phi(\{IAI\}) = \{\Phi(I)AI\} + \{I\Phi(A)I\} + \{IA\Phi(I)\}$ . Since,  $\Phi(I) = 0$ , we have  $\Phi(\frac{1}{2}(IA^*I + IA^*I)) = \frac{1}{2}(I\Phi(A)^*I + I\Phi(A)^*I)$ . So,  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ . Now, considering A = C and B = I, we have  $\Phi(\{AIA\}) = \{\Phi(A)IA\} + \{A\Phi(I)A\} + \{AI\Phi(A)\}$ . Since  $\Phi(I) = 0$ , we get  $\Phi(A^2) = \Phi(A)A + A\Phi(A)$ . We get that  $\Phi$  is a Jordan derivation and since according to [7], every Jordan derivation of a unital prime algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with a nontrivial idempotent P is a derivation. Therefore, the proof is complete. The following example shows that the self-adjoint condition of  $\Phi(I)$  in theorem is necessary.

**Example 2.1** Let A be a prime \*-algebra with unit I and nontrivial projection. Define a map  $\Phi: A \to A$  where  $\Phi(A) = iA$  for all  $A \in A$ . In this mapping  $\Phi(I)$  is not self-adjoint. It can be easily shown that the mapping  $\Phi$  in (2.1) applies, but is not a derivation.

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