

## \*-JORDAN SEMI-TRIPLE DERIVABLE MAPPINGS

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In this paper, we characterize the \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mappings (i.e. a mapping  $\Phi$  from  $*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\Phi(AB^*A) = \Phi(A)B^*A + A\Phi(B)^*A + AB^*\Phi(A)$  for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ ) in the finite dimensional case and infinite dimensional case.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is a surprising result of Martindale [16] that every multiplicative bijective mapping from a prime ring containing a nontrivial idempotent onto an arbitrary ring is necessarily additive. This result was utilized by Šemrl in [20] to describe the form of the semigroup isomorphisms of standard operator algebras on Banach spaces. Some other results on the additivity of multiplicative mappings between operator algebras can be found in [3, 5, 13, 14, 17, 18]. Besides additivity of multiplicative mappings, additivity of derivable mappings is also an interesting problem.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra. Recall that a mapping  $\phi$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *derivable mapping* if  $\phi(AB) = \phi(A)B + A\phi(B)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  and a *Jordan derivable mapping* if  $\phi(AB + BA) = \phi(A)B + A\phi(B) + \phi(B)A + B\phi(A)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . We say that additive derivable mappings are additive derivations, and additive Jordan derivable mappings are additive Jordan derivations. Lu [15] showed that each Jordan derivable mapping of a 2-torsion free prime ring containing a nontrivial

idempotent is also additive. Let  $[A, B] = AB - BA$  be the usual Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$ . Recall that a mapping  $\phi$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *Lie derivable mapping* if  $\phi([A, B]) = [\phi(A), B] + [A, \phi(B)]$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Lu [12] gave a characterization of Lie derivable mapping of operator algebra on Banach space. Some other results on derivable mappings can be found in [1, 7, 11].

In recent years, the additivity of  $*$ -derivable mappings has attracted the attentions of many researchers. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra with involution, a mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a  *$*$ -Lie derivable mapping* if for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\phi([A, B]_*) = [\phi(A), B]_* + [A, \phi(B)]_*$ , where  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$  is the skew Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$ . In [21] Yu and Zhang showed that every  $*$ -Lie derivable mapping from a factor von Neumann algebra on an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space into itself is an additive  $*$ -derivation. In [10], Li, Lu and Fang arrived the same conclusion on von Neumann algebra without central abelian projections. Jing [8] proved that every  $*$ -Lie derivable mapping of standard operator algebra on complex Hilbert space is an inner  $*$ -derivation. A mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a  *$*$ -Jordan triple multiplicative mapping* if for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\phi(AB^*A) = \phi(A)\phi(B)^*\phi(A)$ . In [3], Gao gave a full characterization of  $*$ -Jordan triple multiplicative surjective mappings. Notice that the operator algebras in above papers are all on complex Hilbert space, how about on real space?

In [1] a mapping  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(ABA) = \phi(A)\phi(B)\phi(A)$  is called a *Jordan semi-triple mapping*. Molnár showed in [17] that in the case of standard operator algebras acting on infinite dimensional Banach spaces every bijective semi-triple mapping is additive. Later, Lu in [13, 14] presented a purely algebraic proof. Gorazd Lešnjak and Nung-Sing Sze [4] gave a characterization of injective Jordan semi-triple mapping on matrix algebra  $M_n(\mathbb{F})$  with entries in a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Du and Zhang in [2] gave a characterization of *Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping* (i.e. a mapping  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(ABA) = \phi(A)BA + A\phi(B)A + AB\phi(A)$ ) on matrix algebra over 2-torsion free commutative ring with unity.

In this paper, motivated by [2-4], we follow this line of investigation and consider  *$*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping* (i.e. a mapping  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(AB^*A) = \phi(A)B^*A + A\phi(B)^*A + AB\phi(A)^*$ ). We shall give a full characterization of a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping on matrix algebra over 2-torsion free commutative real ring with unity and on operator algebra  $B(\mathcal{H})$  respectively.

Let us fix some notation. Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{R}$  denote 2-torsion free commutative real ring,  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) denote the algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . For any  $1 \leq j, k \leq n$  we write  $E_{jk}$  for the matrix having 1 as its  $(j, k)$ th entry and zeros elsewhere. For a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and a homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $A_\varphi$  be the matrix obtained by applying  $\varphi$  entrywise, i.e.  $[A_\varphi]_{jk} = \varphi(a_{jk})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a (real or complex) Hilbert space and denote by  $B(\mathcal{H})$  the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Before giving the main results we collect some easy verifiable facts about \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mappings.

*Lemma 2.1* — If  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping, then

(1)  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ;

(2)  $\Phi(I) = -\Phi(I)^*$ .

PROOF : In fact, take  $A = B = 0$ , we get  $\Phi(0) = 0$ . Take  $A = B = I$ , we have  $\Phi(I) = \Phi(II^*I) = \Phi(I)I^*I + I\Phi(I)^*I + II^*\Phi(I) = 2\Phi(I) + \Phi(I)^*$ , hence  $\Phi(I) = -\Phi(I)^*$ .  $\square$

*Lemma 2.2* — Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be a 2-torsion free commutative real ring with unity, and  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the algebra of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\Phi : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping (here  $*$  denote the transpose), then there exist  $T \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T^* = -T$ , and an additive derivation  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\Phi(A) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A + \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I) + AT - TA + A_\varphi$$

for all  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $A_\varphi = (\varphi(a_{ij}))$ .

PROOF : Suppose  $\Phi(E_{11}) = (a_{ij})$ ,  $\Phi(E_{12}) = (b_{ij})$ ,  $\Phi(E_{21}) = (c_{ij})$ ,  $\Phi(E_{22}) = (d_{ij})$ ,  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_{ij}, d_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Since  $\Phi(E_{11}E_{11}^*E_{11}) = \Phi(E_{11})E_{11}^*E_{11} + E_{11}\Phi(E_{11})^*E_{11} + E_{11}E_{11}^*\Phi(E_{11})$ , we get  $a_{11} = 0, a_{22} = 0$ , thus  $\Phi(E_{11}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Similarly, we can get  $\Phi(E_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\Phi(E_{21}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\Phi(E_{22}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

By the definition of \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping, chose  $A = E_{11}, B = E_{12}$  in the above equality, we can get  $b_{11} = -a_{12}$ . Similarly, chose  $A = E_{11}, B = E_{21}$ , we can get  $c_{11} = -a_{21}$ ; chose  $A = E_{12}, B = E_{22}$ , we can get  $d_{12} = -b_{22}$ ; chose  $A = E_{21}, B = E_{22}$ , we can get  $d_{21} = -c_{22}$ . Thus we have

$$\Phi(E_{11}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi(E_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\Phi(E_{21}) = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(E_{22}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -b_{22} \\ -c_{22} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.2)$$

For any  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , define

$$\Psi(A) = \Phi(A) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A - \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I). \quad (2.3)$$

It is easy to verify that  $\Psi$  is a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping with  $\Psi(I) = 0$ . So, for each  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Psi(A^2) = \Psi(A)A + A\Psi(A)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(A^*) &= \Phi(A^*) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A^* - \frac{1}{2}A^*\Phi(I) \\ &= \Phi(I)A^* + \Phi(A)^* + A^*\Phi(I) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A^* - \frac{1}{2}A^*\Phi(I) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A^* + \frac{1}{2}A^*\Phi(I) + \Phi(A)^* \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)^*A^* - \frac{1}{2}A^*\Phi(I)^* + \Phi(A)^* \\ &= (\Phi(A) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A - \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I))^* \\ &= \Psi(A)^*, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\Psi$  preserving  $*$  operation. By Lemma 2.1, assume  $\phi(I) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -b \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . It follows from Eq. (2.1) and Eqs. (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(E_{11}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{12} + \frac{1}{2}b \\ a_{21} - \frac{1}{2}b & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \Psi(E_{12}) &= \begin{pmatrix} -a_{12} - \frac{1}{2}b & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} - \frac{1}{2}b \end{pmatrix}, & \Psi(E_{21}) &= \\ & & & & \begin{pmatrix} -a_{21} + \frac{1}{2}b & 0 \\ 0 & c_{22} + \frac{1}{2}b \end{pmatrix} & \text{and} & \Psi(E_{22}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -b_{22} + \frac{1}{2}b \\ -c_{22} + \frac{1}{2}b & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Psi(E_{12}) = \Psi(E_{12}^*) = \Psi(E_{21})$ , we have  $b = a_{21} - a_{12} = b_{22} - c_{12}$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $0 = \Psi(E_{12}^2) = E_{12}\Psi(E_{12}) + E_{12}\Psi(E_{12})$ , we get  $b_{22} + c_{22} = -(a_{12} + a_{21})$ . Let  $a_{12} + a_{21} = 2x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(E_{11}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ x & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \Psi(E_{12}) &= \begin{pmatrix} -x & 0 \\ 0 & x \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Psi(E_{21}) &= \begin{pmatrix} -x & 0 \\ 0 & x \end{pmatrix} & \text{and} & \Psi(E_{22}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -x \\ -x & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ -x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

It is clear that  $T = -T^*$  and  $\Psi(E_{ij}) = E_{ij}T - TE_{ij}$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Now for any  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , define

$$\Delta(A) = \Psi(A) - (AT - TA). \tag{2.4}$$

It is easy to verify that  $\Delta$  is a \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping with  $\Delta(E_{ij}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . For  $A = (a_{ij}) \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , let  $\Delta(A) = (b_{ij})$ . Then

$$b_{ij}E_{ji} = E_{ji}\Delta(A)E_{ji} = \Delta(E_{ij}AE_{ij}) = \Delta(a_{ji}E_{ji}).$$

Thus, the  $(i, j)$ th entry of  $\Delta(A)$  depends on the  $(j, i)$ th entry of  $A$  only. Therefore, we may write  $\Delta(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{11}(a_{11}) & \varphi_{12}(a_{21}) \\ \varphi_{21}(a_{12}) & \varphi_{22}(a_{22}) \end{pmatrix}$  for some maps  $\varphi_{ij}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Furthermore, from  $\Delta(E_{ij}) = 0$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  we conclude that  $\varphi_{ij}(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi_{ij}(1) = 0$ . Let  $J = E_{11} + E_{12} + E_{21} + E_{22}$ . For any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , since  $\Delta(I) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(a_{11})J &= J(\varphi(a_{11}E_{11}))J = J\Delta(aE_{11})J \\ &= \Delta(aJE_{11}J) = \Delta(aJ) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{11}(a_{11}) & \varphi_{12}(a_{21}) \\ \varphi_{21}(a_{12}) & \varphi_{22}(a_{22}) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\varphi_{11} = \varphi_{12} = \varphi_{21} = \varphi_{22}$ . We label this common mapping by  $\varphi$  and it follows that  $\Delta(A) = A_\varphi$  for every  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . It remains to prove that  $\varphi$  is an additive derivation of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $A = aE_{11} + bE_{12}$ . Then  $\Delta(A) = \varphi(a)E_{11} + \varphi(b)E_{12}$ . Since

$$\varphi(a)^2E_{11} + \varphi(a)\varphi(b)E_{12} = \Delta(A)^2 = \Delta(A^2) = \varphi(a^2)E_{11} + \varphi(ab)E_{12}$$

and

$$(\varphi(a) + \varphi(b))J = J\Delta(A)J = \Delta(JAJ) = \Delta((a + b)J) = \varphi(a + b)J,$$

we have  $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$  and  $\varphi(a + b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$ . Hence, by Eq. (2.3) and Eq. (2.4),  $\Phi(A) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A + \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I) + AT - TA + A_\varphi$  for all  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . □

**Theorem 2.3** — *Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be a 2-torsion free commutative real ring with unity, and  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be the algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\Phi$  is a \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping from  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  into  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  (here \* denote the transpose) if and only if there exist  $T \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T^* = -T$ , and an additive derivation  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$\Phi(A) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A + \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I) + AT - TA + A_\varphi$$

for all  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $A_\varphi$  is the image of  $A$  under  $\varphi$  applied entrywise.

PROOF : For any  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , define

$$\Psi(A) = \Phi(A) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A - \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I). \quad (2.5)$$

By the proof of Lemma 2.1, we know that  $\Psi(I) = 0$ ,  $\Psi(A^2) = \Psi(A)A + A\Psi(A)$  and  $\Psi(A^*) = \Psi(A)^*$ . We proceed to prove the theorem by induction of  $n$  for  $\Psi$ . By Lemma 2.1, the theorem is hold for  $n = 2$ . Now we assume that the theorem is hold for  $n = m$ . For  $n = m + 1$ , let  $P = I_m \oplus [0]$  and  $P^\perp = I - P = [0]_m \oplus [1]$ ,  $[0]_m$  is the zero matrix in  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $\Psi(P^2) = \Psi(P)P + P\Psi(P)$ , we have  $P\Psi(P)P = P^\perp\Psi(P)P^\perp = 0$ . Thus

$$\Psi(P) = P\Psi(P)P^\perp + P^\perp\Psi(P)P = PU - UP,$$

here  $U = P\Psi(P)P^\perp - P^\perp\Psi(P)P \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $U^* = -U$ . For any  $A \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , replacing  $\Psi$  by the mapping

$$A \mapsto \Psi(A) - (AU - UA) \quad (2.6)$$

we may assume that  $\Psi(P) = 0$ . For any  $A_m \in M_m(\mathbb{R})$  let  $A = A_m \oplus [0]$ . Then  $A = PAP \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\Psi(P) = 0$  implies

$$\Psi(A) = \Psi(PAP) = P\Psi(A)P = B_m \oplus [0]$$

for some matrix  $B_m \in M_m(\mathbb{R})$ . Define the mapping  $\hat{\Psi}$  on  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$  by  $\hat{\Psi}(A_m) = B_m$ . It is easy to check that  $\hat{\Psi}$  is a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping from  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$  into  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$ . By the induction hypothesis there is a  $S \in M_m(\mathbb{R})$  with  $T^* = -T$  and an additive derivation from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\hat{\Psi}(A_m) = A_m S - S A_m + A_\varphi$  for all  $A_m \in M_m(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $V = S \oplus [0]$ . For any  $X \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , define

$$\Delta(X) = \Psi(X) - (XV - VX). \quad (2.7)$$

Thus we can get a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping  $\hat{\Delta}$  from  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$  into  $M_m(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\Delta(A_m \oplus [0]) = \hat{\Delta}(A_m) \oplus [0]$ . This is equivalent to

$$\Delta(A_m \oplus 0) = A_\varphi \oplus 0. \quad (2.8)$$

Also, for any  $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $A_{11} \in M_m(\mathbb{R})$  we have  $PAP = A_{11} \oplus [0]$ .

Thus

$$P\Delta(A)P = \Delta(PAP) = \hat{\Delta}(A_{11} \oplus [0]) = (A_{11})_{\varphi} \oplus [0]. \tag{2.9}$$

Let us define matrices  $D_i$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  by  $D_i = I_{m+1} - E_{ii} - E_{(m+1)(m+1)} + E_{i(m+1)} + E_{(m+1)i}$ . Let  $i$  be arbitrary, but fixed. From Eq. (2.9) we have  $P\Delta(D_i)P = 0$ . Then there exists  $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{im}), (y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \dots, y_{im}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $z_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Delta(D_i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0_m & x_i^* \\ y_i & z_i \end{pmatrix}$ .

For each fixed  $i$ , since  $D_i^2 = I_{m+1}$ , from the equality

$$D_i\Delta(D_i) + \Delta(D_i)D_i = \Delta(D_i^2) = \Delta(I_{m+1}) = 0$$

we get  $x_{ii} = -y_{ii}, z_i = 0$  and  $x_{ik} = y_{ik} = 0$  ( $k \neq i$ ). Hence,

$$\Delta(D_i) = x_{ii}E_{i(m+1)} - x_{ii}E_{(m+1)i}.$$

Let  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \neq i$ . Then  $D_iD_jD_i = I_{m+1} - E_{ii} - E_{jj} + E_{ij} + E_{ji}$ . From the equality

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= P\Delta(I_{m+1} - E_{ii} - E_{jj} + E_{ij} + E_{ji})P = P\Delta(D_iD_jD_i)P \\ &= P[\Delta(D_i)D_jD_i + D_i\Delta(D_j)D_i + D_iD_j\Delta(D_i)]P \\ &= P[(x_{ii} - x_{jj})E_{ij} + (x_{jj} - x_{ii})E_{ji}]P \\ &= (x_{ii} - x_{jj})E_{ij} + (x_{jj} - x_{ii})E_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

we get  $x_{ii} = x_{jj}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $i \neq j$ . So,  $\Delta(D_i) = x_{11}E_{i(m+1)} - x_{11}E_{(m+1)i}$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Let  $W = [0]_m \oplus x_{11}$ . For any  $X \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , replacing  $\Delta$  by the map

$$X \mapsto \Psi(X) - (XW - WX) \tag{2.10}$$

we may assume that  $\Delta(D_i) = 0$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Let us fix some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  again. As  $m \geq 2$ , there is another  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \neq i$  such that  $E_{i(m+1)} = D_jE_{ij}D_j$  and  $E_{ji} = D_jE_{(m+1)i}D_j$ . Then for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Delta(aE_{i(m+1)}) = \Delta(D_j(aE_{ij})D_j) = D_j\varphi(a)E_{ij}D_j = \varphi(a)E_{i(m+1)} \tag{2.11}$$

and

$$\Delta(aE_{(m+1)i}) = \Delta(D_j(aE_{ji})D_j) = D_j\varphi(a)E_{ji}D_j = \varphi(a)E_{(m+1)i}. \tag{2.12}$$

Also  $E_{(m+1)(m+1)} = D_1 E_{11} D_1$ , we arrive

$$\Delta(aE_{(m+1)(m+1)}) = \Delta(D_1(aE_{11})D_1) = D_1\varphi(a)E_{11}D_1 = \varphi(a)E_{(m+1)(m+1)}. \quad (2.13)$$

Eq. (2.8), (2.11), (2.12), (2.13) imply that  $\Delta(aE_{ij}) = \varphi(a)E_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m+1\}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Finally, for any  $A \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , let  $\Delta(A) = (b_{ij})$ . Then

$$b_{ij}E_{ji} = E_{ji}\Delta(A)E_{ji} = \Delta(E_{ij}AE_{ij}) = \Delta(a_{ji}E_{ji}).$$

This shows  $\Delta(A) = (\varphi(a_{ij})) = A_\varphi$  for all  $A \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ . By Eq. (2.6), (2.7) and (2.10), we get

$$\Psi(A) = AT - TA + A_\varphi$$

for all  $A \in M_{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , here  $T = U + V + W$  with  $T^* = -T$ . Thus, by Eq. (2.5)

$$\Phi(A) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A + \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I) + AT - TA + A_\varphi$$

for all  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , and hence the proof is completed.  $\square$

In the following theorem, we will characterize a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping of  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . For  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $A^*$  denote self adjoint of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.4** — *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space and  $B(\mathcal{H})$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $\Phi$  is a  $*$ -Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping from  $B(\mathcal{H})$  into  $B(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if there exist  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  with  $T^* = -T$  such that*

$$\Phi(A) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A + \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I) + AT - TA$$

for all  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ .

PROOF : For any  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , define

$$\Psi(A) = \Phi(A) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi(I)A - \frac{1}{2}A\Phi(I). \quad (2.14)$$

By the proof of Lemma 2.1, we know that  $\Psi(I) = 0$ ,  $\Psi(A^2) = \Psi(A)A + A\Psi(A)$  and  $\Psi(A^*) = \Psi(A)^*$ . If  $\Psi$  is additive, then  $\Psi$  is an additive Jordan derivation. By [6, Theorem 3.1],  $\Psi$  is a derivation. By the Kadison-Sakai theorem [9, 19], it is an inner derivation, thus by Eq. (2.14) the theorem is proved. So, it remains to show that  $\Psi$  is additive.

Since  $\dim \mathcal{H} = \infty$ , there exists a projection  $P \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $\dim(P\mathcal{H}) = \dim(P^\perp\mathcal{H}) = \infty$ . Let  $P_1 = P, P_2 = P^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = P_i B(\mathcal{H}) P_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Then  $B(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{A}_{11} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{12} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{21} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{22}$ .



For the convenience of citation and clarity of exposition, we shall organize the proof in a series of claims.

*Claim 1 :* There exists  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  with  $S^* = -S$  such that  $\Psi(P_i) = P_i S - S P_i, i = 1, 2$ .

Since  $\Psi(P_i) = \Psi(P_i)P_i + P_i\Psi(P_i)$ , we get  $P_j\Psi(P_i)P_j = 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ . Thus,

$$\Psi(P_i) = P_i\Psi(P_i)P_j + P_j\Psi(P_i)P_i$$

for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(P_1) &= \Psi((I - 2P_2)P_1(I - 2P_2)) \\ &= \Psi(I - 2P_2)P_1 + (I - 2P_2)\Psi(P_1)(I - 2P_2) + P_1\Psi(I - 2P_2) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the above equation by  $P_1$  (or  $P_2$ ) and  $P_2$  (or  $P_1$ ) from the left and right, respectively, we get that

$$2P_1\Psi(P_1)P_2 = P_1\Psi(I - 2P_2)P_2 \text{ and } 2P_2\Psi(P_1)P_1 = P_2\Psi(I - 2P_2)P_1.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(P_2) &= \Psi((I - 2P_2)P_2(I - 2P_2)) \\ &= -\Psi(I - 2P_2)P_2 + (I - 2P_2)\Psi(P_2)(I - 2P_2) - P_2\Psi(I - 2P_2) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the above equation by  $P_1$  (or  $P_2$ ) and  $P_2$  (or  $P_1$ ) from the left and right, respectively, we get that

$$2P_1\Psi(P_2)P_2 = -P_1\Psi(I - 2P_2)P_2 \text{ and } 2P_2\Psi(P_2)P_1 = -P_2\Psi(I - 2P_2)P_1.$$

Hence,  $\Psi(P_1) = -\Psi(P_2)$ . Let  $S = P_1\Psi(P_1)P_2 - P_2\Psi(P_1)P_1$ . For  $i = 1, 2, \Psi(P_i) = P_i S - S P_i$ .

Now, for any  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , define  $\Delta(A) = \Psi(A) - (AS - SA)$ . It is easy to verify that  $\Delta$  is also a \*-Jordan semi-triple derivable mapping and  $\Delta(P_i) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Claim 2 :* For any  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $i, j = 1, 2$ , we have  $\Delta(P_i A P_j) = P_i \Delta(A) P_j$ .

For any  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $i = 1, 2$ , it follows from  $\Delta(P_i) = 0$  that

$$\Delta(P_i A P_i) = \Delta(P_i) A \Delta(P_i) + P_i \Delta(A) P_i + P_i A \Delta(P_i) = P_i \Delta(A) P_i. \tag{2.15}$$

Since  $\dim P_1 \mathcal{H} = \dim P_2 \mathcal{H}$ , by polar decomposition theorem, there exists a partial isometry  $U \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  such that  $U U^* = P_1, U^* U = P_2$ . Since  $P_2 U = U P_1 = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Delta(U P_1 A P_2 U) = \Delta(U) P_1 A P_2 U + U \Delta(P_1 A P_2) U + U P_1 A P_2 \Delta(U) \\ &= U \Delta(P_1 A P_2) U. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the above equation by  $U^*$ , we get  $P_2\Delta(P_1AP_2)P_1 = 0$ . This together with Eq. (2.15), we get  $\Delta(P_1AP_2) = P_1\Delta(P_1AP_2)P_2$ . Similarly, one can prove that  $\Delta(P_2AP_1) = P_2\Delta(P_2AP_1)P_1$ . In particular,  $\Delta(U^*) = P_2\Delta(U^*)P_1$ . On the other hands, from the fact  $U^*AU^* = U^*P_1AP_2U^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(U^*P_1AP_2U^*) &= \Delta(U^*)P_1AP_2U^* + U^*\Delta(P_1AP_2)U^* + U^*P_1AP_2\Delta(U^*) \\ &= \Delta(U^*AU^*) = \Delta(U^*)AU^* + U^*\Delta(A)U^* + U^*A\Delta(U^*) \\ &= \Delta(U^*)P_1AP_2U^* + U^*\Delta(A)U^* + U^*P_1AP_2\Delta(U^*),\end{aligned}$$

this shows  $U^*\Delta(P_1AP_2)U^* = U^*\Delta(A)U^*$ . Hence,  $P_1\Delta(P_1AP_2)P_2 = P_1\Delta(A)P_2$ . This together with  $\Delta(P_1AP_2) = P_1\Delta(P_1AP_2)P_2$  we get  $\Delta(P_1AP_2) = P_1\Delta(A)P_2$ . Similarly, one can prove that  $\Delta(P_2AP_1) = P_2\Delta(A)P_1$ .

*Claim 3 :* Let  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Then  $\Delta(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(A_{ij})$ .

Suppose there exists  $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $X = \Delta(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij})$ . By Claim 2,

$$X_{ij} = P_i\Delta\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}\right)P_j = \Delta\left(P_i\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}\right)P_j\right) = \Delta(A_{ij}).$$

Hence  $\Delta(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(A_{ij})$ .

*Claim 4 :* Let  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ . Then  $\Delta(2A_{ij}) = 2\Delta(A_{ij})$ .

For any  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ , by Claim 1 and Claim 3 we have

$$\Delta(I + A_{ij}) = \Delta(P_1 + P_2 + A_{ij}) = \Delta(A_{ij}).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(2A_{ij}) &= \Delta((I + A_{ij})^2) = \Delta(I + A_{ij})(I + A_{ij}) + (I + A_{ij})\Delta(I + A_{ij}) \\ &= \Delta(A_{ij})(I + A_{ij}) + (I + A_{ij})\Delta(A_{ij}) = 2\Delta(A_{ij}).\end{aligned}$$

*Claim 5 :* Let  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ . Then  $\Delta(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \Delta(A_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ij})$ .

For any  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$  and  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ , we have

$$(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij})(I + B_{ij})(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}) = I + A_{ij} + B_{ij}.$$

By Claim 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) &= \Delta(I + A_{ij} + B_{ij}) \\
 &= \Delta\left(\left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right)\left(I + B_{ij}\right)\left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right)\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\Delta(A_{ij})(I + B_{ij})\left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right) + \left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right)\Delta(B_{ij})\left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right) \\
 &\quad + \left(I + \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}\right)\left(I + B_{ij}\right)\frac{1}{2}\Delta(A_{ij}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\Delta(A_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(A_{ij}) \\
 &= \Delta(A_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ij}).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Claim 6 :* Let  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ . Then  $\Delta(A_{ii}B_{ij}) = \Delta(A_{ii})B_{ij} + A_{ii}\Delta(B_{ij})$ .

For any  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2$ , we have

$$A_{ii} + A_{ii}B_{ij} = (P_i + B_{ij})A_{ii}(P_i + B_{ij}).$$

By Claim 4 and Claim 5,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(A_{ii} + A_{ii}B_{ij}) &= \Delta(A_{ii} + \Delta(A_{ii}B_{ij})) = \Delta((P_i + B_{ij})A_{ii}(P_i + B_{ij})) \\
 &= \Delta(B_{ij})A_{ii}(P_i + B_{ij}) + (P_i + B_{ij})\Delta(A_{ii})(P_i + B_{ij}) \\
 &\quad + (P_i + B_{ij})A_{ii}\Delta(B_{ij}) \\
 &= (P_i + B_{ij})\Delta(A_{ii})(P_i + B_{ij}) + (P_i + B_{ij})A_{ii}\Delta(B_{ij}) \\
 &= \Delta(A_{ii}) + \Delta(A_{ii})B_{ij} + A_{ii}\Delta(B_{ij}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\Delta(A_{ii}B_{ij}) = \Delta(A_{ii})B_{ij} + A_{ii}\Delta(B_{ij})$ .

*Claim 7 :* Let  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}, i = 1, 2$ . Then  $\Delta(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) = \Delta(A_{ii}) + \Delta(B_{ii})$ .

Suppose  $1 \leq j \neq i \leq 2$ , for any  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$  and  $C_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ , by Claim 6 we have

$$\Delta((A_{ii} + B_{ii})C_{ij}) = \Delta(A_{ii} + B_{ii})C_{ij} + (A_{ii} + B_{ii})\Delta(C_{ij}). \quad (2.16)$$

On the other hands, by Claim 5 and Claim 6,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(A_{ii} + B_{ii})C_{ij} &= \Delta(A_{ii}C_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ii}C_{ij}) \\
 &= \Delta(A_{ii})C_{ij} + A_{ii}\Delta(C_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ii})C_{ij} + B_{ii}\Delta(C_{ij}) \\
 &= (\Delta(A_{ii}) + \Delta(B_{ii}))C_{ij} + A_{ii}\Delta(C_{ij}) + B_{ii}\Delta(C_{ij}).
 \end{aligned}$$

This together with Eq. (2.16) we can get

$$\Delta(A_{ii} + B_{ii})C_{ij} = (\Delta(A_{ii}) + \Delta(B_{ii}))C_{ij}$$

for all  $C_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ . So,  $\Delta(A_{ii} + B_{ii}) = \Delta(A_{ii}) + \Delta(B_{ii})$  for all  $A_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{A}_{ii}$ .

*Claim 8* :  $\Delta$  is additive.

Let  $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $A = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}$  and  $B = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 B_{ij}$ ,  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ . By Claim 3, Claim 5, Claim 6 and Claim 7,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(A + B) &= \Delta\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 (A_{ij} + B_{ij})\right) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(A_{ij}) + \Delta(B_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(A_{ij}) + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Delta(B_{ij}) \\ &= \Delta(A) + \Delta(B). \end{aligned}$$

Completing the proof. □

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