



A Note on Nonlinear Mixed (bi-Skew, skew Lie) Triple Derivations on \ast -Algebras

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Abstract. Let \mathfrak{A} be a unital \ast -algebra containing non-trivial projection. We prove that if a map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ such that $\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N})_{\ast} = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_{\ast} + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_{\ast} + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_{\ast}$ for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$, then Λ is additive. Moreover, if $\Lambda(\mathcal{J})$ is self-adjoint, then Λ is a \ast -derivation. Additionally, as an application, we can also apply our results on factor von Neumann algebras, standard operator algebras and prime \ast -algebras.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathfrak{A} be an \ast -algebra over the complex field \mathbb{C} . For $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{A}$, we call $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\ast} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{M} - \mathcal{M}\mathcal{L}^{\ast}$ the skew Lie product and $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}^{\ast} - \mathcal{M}\mathcal{L}^{\ast}$ denotes the bi-skew Lie product. The skew Lie product, Jordan product, and bi-skew Lie product have become increasingly relevant in various research fields, and numerous authors have shown a keen interest in their exploration. This is evident from the numerous studies by authors (see [1, 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 13]). Recall that an additive map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is called an additive derivation if $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})$ for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{A}$. If $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{\ast}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})^{\ast}$ for all $\mathcal{L} \in \mathfrak{A}$, then Λ is an additive \ast -derivation. Let $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ be a map (without the additivity assumption). We say Λ is a nonlinear skew Lie derivation or nonlinear skew Lie triple derivation if

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\ast}) = [\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\ast} + [\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\ast}$$

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or

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_*, \mathcal{N}]_* = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_*, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_*, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_*, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$. Similarly, a map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is said to be a nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivation or nonlinear bi-skew Lie triple derivation if

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet) = [\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet + [\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet$$

or

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_\bullet) = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_\bullet + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_\bullet + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_\bullet$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$. In 2021, A. Khan [3] established a proof demonstrating that any multiplicative or nonadditive bi-skew Lie triple derivation acting on a factor Von Neumann algebra can be characterized as an additive $*$ -derivation.

Numerous authors have recently explored the derivations and isomorphisms corresponding to the novel products created by combining Lie and skew Lie products, skew Lie and skew Jordan product see [8, 11, 12]. As an illustration, Li and Zhang [8] delved into an investigation focused on understanding the arrangement and properties of the nonlinear mixed Jordan triple $*$ -derivation within the domain of $*$ -algebras. In 2023, Rehman et. al. [12] mixed the concept of Jordan and Jordan $*$ -product and gives the complete characterization of nonlinear mixed Jordan $*$ -triple derivation on $*$ -algebras. Inspired by the above results, in the present paper, we combined skew Lie product and bi-skew Lie product and defined nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations on $*$ -algebras. A map $\Lambda: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is called nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations if

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$. Our proof establishes that when Λ represents a nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivation acting on $*$ -algebras, it necessarily possesses additivity. Furthermore, if the image of Λ under the transformation of the identity element ($\Lambda(I)$) is self-adjoint, then Λ can be identified as an $*$ -derivation. In simpler terms, the study demonstrates that specific properties, such as additivity and self-adjointness, can be attributed to the nature of nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations on $*$ -algebras.

2. Main Result

Our First Theorem is as follows:

Theorem 2.1. *Let \mathfrak{A} be a unital $*$ -algebra with unity \mathfrak{I} containing a non-trivial projection P satisfies*

$$\mathfrak{X}\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P} = 0 \implies \mathfrak{X} = 0 \tag{\blacktriangle}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{X}\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{I} - \mathcal{P}) = 0 \implies \mathfrak{X} = 0. \tag{\blacktriangledown}$$

Define a map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ such that

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

Then Λ is an additive.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1$ be a non-trivial projection in \mathfrak{A} and $\mathcal{P}_2 = \mathfrak{I} - \mathcal{P}_1$, where \mathfrak{I} is the unity of this algebra. Then by Peirce decomposition of \mathfrak{A} , we have $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{P}_1\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_1\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_2 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_2$ and, denote $\mathfrak{A}_{11} = \mathcal{P}_1\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_1$, $\mathfrak{A}_{12} = \mathcal{P}_1\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_2$, $\mathfrak{A}_{21} = \mathcal{P}_2\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_1$ and $\mathfrak{A}_{22} = \mathcal{P}_2\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}_2$. Note that any $\mathcal{L} \in \mathfrak{A}$ can be written as $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}$, where $\mathcal{L}_{ij} \in \mathfrak{A}_{ij}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{ij}^* \in \mathfrak{A}_{ji}$ for $i, j = 1, 2$.

Several lemmas are used to prove Theorem 2.1.

Lemma 2.1. $\Lambda(0) = 0$.

Proof. It is trivial that

$$\Lambda(0) = \Lambda([0, 0]_{\bullet}, 0]_* = [[\Lambda(0), 0]_{\bullet}, 0]_* + [[0, \Lambda(0)]_{\bullet}, 0]_* + [[0, 0]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(0)]_* = 0.$$

Lemma 2.2. For any $\mathcal{L}_{ij} \in \mathfrak{A}_{ij}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$, we have

$$\Lambda\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mathcal{L}_{ij}\right) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ij}).$$

Proof. Let $M = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22})$. In order to prove that $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22})$, we show $M = 0$. Since $[[\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* = [[\mathcal{L}_{21}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* = [[\mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* = 0$. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ &= \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ & \quad + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{21}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22}), \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ & \quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ & \quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}), \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ & \quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* \\ & \quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_* \end{aligned}$$

From the above equations, we get $[[M, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_1]_* = 0$. This implies that $M\mathcal{P}_1 - \mathcal{P}_1M^*\mathcal{P}_1 - \mathcal{P}_1M^* + \mathcal{P}_1M\mathcal{P}_1 = 0$. By multiplying \mathcal{P}_2 from left, we get $\mathcal{P}_2M\mathcal{P}_1 = 0$. Similarly, by

applying \mathcal{P}_2 instead of \mathcal{P}_1 , we get $\mathcal{P}_1 M \mathcal{P}_2 = 0$.

Also, for any $\mathcal{X}_{12} \in \mathfrak{A}_{12}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}), \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_*. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* &= \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{11}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* \\ &\quad + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{21}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11}), \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{11}, \Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{11}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}), \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* \\ &\quad + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}), \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{21}, \Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{21}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22}), \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{22}, \Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{22}, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_*. \end{aligned}$$

From the above two equations, we get $[[M, \mathcal{X}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* = 0$. That means $-\mathcal{X}_{12} M^* \mathcal{P}_2 + \mathcal{P}_2 M \mathcal{X}_{12}^* = 0$. By multiplying \mathcal{P}_1 from left, we get $\mathcal{P}_2 M \mathcal{X}_{12}^* = 0$. Thus, $\mathcal{P}_2 M \mathcal{P}_2 = 0$ by using (\blacktriangle) and (\blacktriangledown) . In the similar way, we can show that $\mathcal{P}_1 M \mathcal{P}_1 = 0$ by choosing \mathcal{X}_{21} and \mathcal{P}_1 instead of \mathcal{X}_{21} and \mathcal{P}_1 respectively in above. Hence $M = 0$. It follows that $\Lambda(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mathcal{L}_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ij})$.

Lemma 2.3. For each $\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{M}_{12} \in \mathfrak{A}_{12}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{21}, \mathcal{M}_{21} \in \mathfrak{A}_{21}$, we have

(i) $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{12})$.

(ii) $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{M}_{21}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{21})$.

Proof. (1) Let $T = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{12})$. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* &= \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{M}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}), \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* \\ &\quad + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{12}), \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{M}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{M}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_*. \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}), \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_1)]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_*. \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the above two expressions, we get $[[T, \mathcal{P}_1]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* = 0$. This implies that $\mathcal{P}_2 T \mathcal{P}_1 = 0$. Similarly, $\mathcal{P}_1 T \mathcal{P}_2 = 0$. For any $\mathcal{X}_{12} \in \mathfrak{A}_{12}$, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12}), \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_*$$

$$+[[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_*.$$

Since $[[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* = 0$ and using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* &= \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2)_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12}), \mathcal{L}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{L}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{12}), \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{12})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{12}, \mathcal{M}_{12}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_2)]_* . \end{aligned}$$

From the last two expressions, we get $[[\mathcal{X}_{12}, T]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_2]_* = 0$. That means $\mathcal{X}_{12}T^*\mathcal{P}_2 - \mathcal{P}_2M\mathcal{X}_{12}^* = 0$. Multiplying left side by \mathcal{P}_2 and then using (\blacktriangle) and (\blacktriangledown) , we get $\mathcal{P}_2T\mathcal{P}_2 = 0$. Similarly, $\mathcal{P}_1T\mathcal{P}_1 = 0$. Hence, $T = 0$.

(2) By using the similar argument as in (1), we get the required conclusion.

Lemma 2.4. For each $\mathcal{L}_{ii}, \mathcal{M}_{ii} \in \mathfrak{A}_{ii}$ such that $1 \leq i \leq 2$, we have

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{ii}).$$

Proof. Let $T = \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii}) - \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{ii})$. It follows from Lemma 2.1 and $i \neq j$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* &= \Lambda([\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{P}_j), \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* \\ &\quad + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{P}_j), \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{P}_j), \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* . \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the last two expressions, we get $[[\mathcal{P}_j, T]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* = 0$. This gives $\mathcal{P}_i T \mathcal{P}_j = 0$ with $i \neq j$. Also, for any $\mathcal{X}_{ij} \in \mathfrak{A}_{ij}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{ij}), \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* . \end{aligned}$$

Under other conditions, $[[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* = 0$ and using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii} + \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* &= \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* + \Lambda([\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i)_* \\ &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{ij}), \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{L}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* \\ &\quad + [[\Lambda(\mathcal{X}_{ij}), \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{ii})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* + [[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, \mathcal{M}_{ii}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{P}_i)]_* . \end{aligned}$$

From the last two expressions, we get $[[\mathcal{X}_{ij}, T]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{P}_i]_* = 0$. That means $\mathcal{X}_{ij}T^*\mathcal{P}_i - T\mathcal{X}_{ij}^* - \mathcal{P}_i T \mathcal{X}_{ij}^* + \mathcal{X}_{ij}T^* = 0$. Left multiplying by \mathcal{P}_j both sides and using (\blacktriangle) and (\blacktriangledown) , we find $\mathcal{P}_j T \mathcal{P}_j = 0$.

Lemma 2.5. Λ is an additive map.

Proof. For any $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{A}$, we write $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}$ and $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{11} + \mathcal{M}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{21} + \mathcal{M}_{22}$. By using Lemmas 2.2 - 2.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{M}) &= \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22} + \mathcal{M}_{11} + \mathcal{M}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{21} + \mathcal{M}_{22}) \\ &= \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{M}_{11}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{M}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22} + \mathcal{M}_{22}) \\ &= \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{11}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{12}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{21}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{22}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{22}) \\ &= \Lambda(\mathcal{L}_{11} + \mathcal{L}_{12} + \mathcal{L}_{21} + \mathcal{L}_{22}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}_{11} + \mathcal{M}_{12} + \mathcal{M}_{21} + \mathcal{M}_{22}) \\ &= \Lambda(\mathcal{L}) + \Lambda(\mathcal{M}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Λ is additive. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Theorem 2.2. Let \mathfrak{A} be a unital $*$ -algebra with unity I containing a non-trivial projection \mathcal{P} satisfies (\blacktriangle) and (\blacktriangledown) . Let the map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ satisfy the condition

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$. If $\Lambda(I)$ is self-adjoint, then Λ is an $*$ -derivation.

Proof of Theorem 2.2 We present the proof of the above theorem with several lemmas.

Lemma 2.6. We show that if $\Lambda(\mathcal{J})$ is self-adjoint then $\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{J}) = 0$.

Proof. we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{J}, i\mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{J}]_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{J}), i\mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{J}]_* + [[\mathcal{J}, \Lambda(i\mathcal{J})]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{J}]_* + [[\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, \Lambda(i\mathcal{J})]_* \\ &= 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}) - 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{J})^* + 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{J})^* + 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{J}) + 4i\Lambda(\mathcal{J}). \end{aligned}$$

Also, from the other side, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{J}, i\mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathcal{J}]_* = 4\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}).$$

By using above two equations, we get

$$2\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}) - 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{J})^* + 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{J})^* + 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{J}) + 4i\Lambda(\mathcal{J}) - 4\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}) = 0. \tag{2.1}$$

Alternatively, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{J}, i\mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, i\mathcal{J}]_* = -4\Lambda(\mathcal{J}).$$

Also, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{J}, i\mathcal{J}]_{\bullet}, i\mathcal{J}]_* = 2i\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}) - 2i\Lambda(i\mathcal{J})^* - 2\Lambda(\mathcal{J})^* - 2\Lambda(\mathcal{J}) + 4i\Lambda(i\mathcal{J}).$$

From the last two expressions, we have

$$4\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}) + 2i\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) - 2i\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J})^* - 2\Lambda(\mathfrak{J})^* - 2\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}) + 4i\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

Multiplying (2.2) by i , we get

$$4i\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}) - 2\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) + 2\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J})^* - 2i\Lambda(\mathfrak{J})^* - 2i\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}) - 4\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

Adding (2.1) and (2.3), we get

$$\Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) = i\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}). \tag{2.4}$$

Using (2.4) in (2.3), we get

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{J})^* = -\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}). \tag{2.5}$$

Since $\Lambda(\mathfrak{J})$ is self-adjoint, then

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{J}) = \Lambda(i\mathfrak{J}) = 0.$$

Lemma 2.7. Λ preserves star, i.e., $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*$ for all $\mathcal{L} \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Proof. From Lemma 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}, i\mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), i\mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* = [[-i\Lambda(\mathcal{L}) - i\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*, i\mathfrak{J}]_* \\ &= 2\Lambda(\mathcal{L}) + 2\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, i\mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* = 2\Lambda(\mathcal{L}) + 2\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*).$$

From the last two equations, we get $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*$.

Lemma 2.8. We prove that $\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}) = i\Lambda(\mathcal{L})$ for all $\mathcal{L} \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2.6 that

$$\Lambda([i\mathcal{L}, \mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* = [\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}), \mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* = 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}) - 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{L})^*.$$

Hence

$$\Lambda(2i\mathcal{L} + 2i\mathcal{L}^*) = 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}) - 2\Lambda(i\mathcal{L})^*. \tag{2.6}$$

From the other side, we have

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, i\mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* = [\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), i\mathfrak{J}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* = -2i\Lambda(\mathcal{L}) - 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*$$

It follows that

$$\Lambda(-2i\mathcal{L} - 2i\mathcal{L}^*) = -2i\Lambda(\mathcal{L}) - 2i\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^*. \tag{2.7}$$

Adding (2.6) and (2.7), we get

$$\Lambda(i(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}^*)) = i\Lambda(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}^*). \tag{2.8}$$

Since (2.8) is true for any self-adjoint then for any member of \mathcal{L} , we have

$$\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}) = i\Lambda(\mathcal{L}).$$

Lemma 2.9. *We show that Λ is a derivation, i.e, $\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})$.*

Proof. It is easy to check that

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* = 2\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}^*) - 2\Lambda(\mathcal{ML}^*).$$

Also, it follows from Lemma 2.6 that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* &= [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{J}]_* \\ &= 2\Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* - 2\mathcal{M}\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^* + 2\mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})^* - 2\Lambda(\mathcal{M})\mathcal{L}^*. \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the last two expressions, we have

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}^*) - \Lambda(\mathcal{ML}^*) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* - \mathcal{M}\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^* + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})^* - \Lambda(\mathcal{M})\mathcal{L}^* \tag{2.9}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\Lambda([i\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* = -\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}^*) - \Lambda(\mathcal{ML}^*).$$

By using Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 2.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda([i\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* &= [[\Lambda(i\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* + [[i\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_{\bullet}, i\mathfrak{J}]_* \\ &= i\Lambda(i\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* - i\mathcal{M}\Lambda(i\mathcal{L})^* - \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})^* - \Lambda(\mathcal{M})\mathcal{L}^* \\ &= -\Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* - \mathcal{M}\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^* - \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})^* - \Lambda(\mathcal{M})\mathcal{L}^*. \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the last two expressions, we have

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}^*) + \Lambda(\mathcal{ML}^*) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* + \mathcal{M}\Lambda(\mathcal{L})^* + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M})^* + \Lambda(\mathcal{M})\mathcal{L}^* \tag{2.10}$$

Adding (2.9) and (2.10), we get

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}^*) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M}^* + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M}^*). \tag{2.11}$$

Replacing \mathcal{M}^* by \mathcal{M} , we get

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{LM}) = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{L}\Lambda(\mathcal{M}).$$

Hence, Λ is a derivation. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

Now, we provide an example to demonstrate the necessity of the conditions (▲) and (▼) in Theorem 2.1.

Example 2.1. Consider $\mathfrak{A} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, the algebra of all lower triangular matrix of order 2 over the field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} and $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ be unity of \mathfrak{A} . The map $*$: $\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ given by $*(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}^\theta$, where \mathcal{L}^θ denotes the conjugate transpose of matrix A , is an involution. Hence, \mathfrak{A} is a unital $*$ -algebra with unity I . Now, define a map $\Pi : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ such that $\Pi \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -ic & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Note that Π is a derivation on \mathfrak{A} . So, it also satisfies

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_*) = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$. Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a non-trivial projection, so $P^2 = P$ and $P^* = P$.

For $W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \in \mathfrak{A}$ and hence $W\mathfrak{A}P = (0)$ but $0 \neq W \in \mathfrak{A}$. However, Π is not an additive $*$ -derivation because $\Pi(\mathcal{L}^*) \neq (\Pi(\mathcal{L}))^*$ for some $\mathcal{L} \in \mathfrak{A}$.

3. Corollaries

As a direct consequence of Theorem 2.1, we have the following corollaries:

Corollary 3.1. Let \mathfrak{A} be a standard operator algebra on an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} containing identity operator \mathfrak{I} . Suppose that \mathfrak{A} is closed under adjoint operation. Define $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ such that

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_*) = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$, then Λ is an additive. If $\Lambda(\mathfrak{I})$ is self-adjoint, then Λ is an $*$ -derivation.

Corollary 3.2. Let \mathcal{M} be a factor von Neumann algebra with $\dim \mathcal{M} \geq 2$. Define $\Lambda : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_*) = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$, then Λ is an additive. If $\Lambda(\mathfrak{I})$ is self-adjoint, then Λ is an $*$ -derivation.

Corollary 3.3. Let \mathfrak{A} be a prime $*$ -algebra with unit \mathfrak{I} containing non-trivial projection P . A map $\Lambda : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ satisfies

$$\Lambda([\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_*) = [[\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \Lambda(\mathcal{M})]_\bullet, \mathcal{N}]_* + [[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}]_\bullet, \Lambda(\mathcal{N})]_*$$

for all $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{A}$, then Λ is an additive. If $\Lambda(\mathfrak{I})$ is self-adjoint, then Λ is an $*$ -derivation.

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