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# Characterizations of Nonadditive Mappings in Prime \*-Rings Involving Bi-Skew Products

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**Abstract.** The paper investigates nonadditive mappings  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  on a prime ring  $\Re$  with involution \*, characterized by satisfying one of the following conditions:

- (i)  $[\Omega(u), \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} = [u, v]_{\bullet}$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ .
- (ii)  $[\Omega(u), v]_{\bullet} = [u, \Omega(v)]_{\bullet}$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ .
- (iii)  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ .

Furthermore, the paper characterizes generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations within prime \*-rings and examines the implications of these results in the context of various operator algebras.

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# 1. Introduction

In this paper, unless stated otherwise,  $\Re$  represents a prime ring with  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$  as its center. A ring  $\Re$  is defined as prime if, for any  $u, v \in \Re$ , the condition  $u\Re v = \{0\}$  implies that either u = 0 or v = 0.

We denote the maximal left and right rings of quotients of  $\Re$  by  $\mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{mr}(\Re)$ , respectively. The maximal symmetric ring of quotients of  $\Re$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$ . It is well established that  $\Re \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re) \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re)$  and that  $\mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re) = \mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re) \cap \mathcal{Q}_{mr}(\Re)$ . Both  $\mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re)$  are also recognized as prime rings and share a common center,

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denoted by  $\mathcal{C}$ , which is the extended centroid of  $\Re$ . The set  $\mathcal{C}$  is defined as  $\{\lambda \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re) \mid \lambda a = a\lambda \text{ for all } a \in \Re\}$ . The ring  $\Re$  is prime if and only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a field (see [1–3] for more details).

An involution '\*' on  $\Re$  is defined as an anti-automorphism of order 1 or 2. An anti-automorphism  $\nabla$  of  $\Re$  is classified as being of the first kind with respect to  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$  if it acts as the identity map on  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$ ; otherwise, it is considered of the second kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$ . For a semiprime ring  $\Re$ , if  $\nabla$  is an anti-automorphism, then a right ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\Re$  is dense if and only if  $\nabla(\mathcal{I})$  is a dense left ideal of  $\Re$ , and a left ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\Re$  is dense if and only if  $\nabla(\mathcal{I})$  is a dense right ideal of  $\Re$ . Consequently, with a straightforward modification of the proof in [1, Proposition 2.5.4], it follows that  $\nabla$  can be uniquely extended to an anti-automorphism of  $\mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$ . An anti-automorphism  $\nabla$  of  $\Re$  is said to be of the first kind if it acts as the identity on  $\mathcal{C}$ , and of the second kind otherwise. For elements  $u, v \in \Re$ , the following products are defined: the Lie product [u, v] = uv - vu, the skew Lie product  $[u, v]_* = uv - vu^*$ , the skew Jordan product  $u \diamond v = uv + vu^*$ , the bi-skew Lie product  $[u, v]_* = uv^* - vu^*$ , and the bi-skew Jordan product  $u \diamond v = uv^* + vu^*$ . These types of products have been the focus of extensive research by various authors (see [4–15]).

A map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is termed a strong commutativity preserving map if it satisfies  $\Omega([u,v]) = [u,v]$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$ . In the context of \*-rings,  $\Omega$  is referred to as a strong skew commutativity preserving map if  $\Omega([u,v]_*) = [u,v]_*$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$ , and as a strong bi-skew commutativity preserving map if  $\Omega([u,v]_{\bullet}) = [u,v]_{\bullet}$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [9, 12, 14, 16]). A map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is called a skew commuting map if it satisfies  $[\Omega(u),v]_* = [u,\Omega(v)]_*$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [17]). Similarly,  $\Omega$  is termed a bi-skew commuting map if  $[\Omega(u),v]_{\bullet} = [u,\Omega(v)]_{\bullet}$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$ .

A map  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is described as \*-linear if it holds that  $\Omega(u^*) = \Omega(u)^*$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Furthermore, a map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is known as a derivation if it satisfies  $\Omega(uv) = \Omega(u)v + u\Omega(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . In \*-rings, a map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is called a skew Lie derivation if  $\Omega([u,v]_*) = [\Omega(u),v]_* + [u,\Omega(v)]_*$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [7, 18]). Similarly, it is called a skew Jordan derivation if  $\Omega(u \diamond v) = \Omega(u) \diamond v + u \diamond \Omega(v)$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$ . A map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is defined as a bi-skew Jordan derivation if  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [19–22]). Additionally, a map  $\Psi: \Re \to \Re$  is termed a generalized bi-skew Jordan derivation if there exists a bi-skew Jordan derivation  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  such that  $\Psi([u,v]_{\bullet}) = [\Psi(u),v]_{\bullet} + [u,\Omega(v)]_{\bullet}$  for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [22]). A derivation  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is called an additive \*-derivation if  $\Omega$  is both additive and \*-linear. A map  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is called a left (resp. right) centralizer if  $\Omega(uv) = \Omega(u)v$  (resp.  $\Omega(uv) = u\Omega(v)$ ) for all  $u,v \in \Re$  (see [23]). Similarly,  $\Omega$  is termed a left (resp. right) bi-skew Jordan centralizer if  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v$  (resp.  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = u \bullet \Omega(v)$ ) for all  $u,v \in \Re$ .

Brešar and Miers [24, Theorem 5] proved that if  $\Re$  is a semiprime ring and  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is an additive strong commutativity preserving map, then  $\Omega(u) = \lambda u + \mu(u)$  for all  $u \in \Re$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mu: \Re \to \mathcal{C}$  is an additive map. Recently, several authors have studied strong commutativity preserving maps (see [8, 10, 11, 15]). Strong skew commutativity preserving maps have received a lot of attention from various algebraists and have been widely studied in the context of rings and algebras (see [4, 6, 9, 12, 14]). Quiet recently, Siddeeque et al. [25, Theorem 2.2] characterized surjective strong skew commutativity

preserving maps in prime rings without assuming the existence of the unity and a nontrivial symmetric idempotent. They established that if  $\Re$  is a prime ring with an involution '\*' and  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is a surjective strong skew commutativity preserving map, then there exists  $\lambda \in \{1, -1\}$  such that  $\Omega(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in \Re$ . Qi and Chen [16, Theorem 2.1] characterized surjective strong bi-skew commutativity preserving maps on prime \*algebras. Consequently, they proved the following result: Let  $\mathfrak A$  be a prime \*-algebra, over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ , with unity I and containing a nontrivial symmetric idempotent. Suppose that '\*' is of the second kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $\Psi(I)\Psi(I)^* = \Psi(I)^*\Psi(I) = I$ . If  $\Psi: \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{A}$ is a surjective strong bi-skew commutativity preserving map, then  $\Psi(u) = \alpha u \Psi(I)$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $\alpha^* = \alpha \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\alpha^2 = I$ . Khong and Zhang [17] showed, under certain restrictions, that if  $\Re$  is a unital \*-ring containing a nontrivial symmetric idempotent and  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is a skew commutating map, then there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\Re)$  such that  $\Omega(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in \Re$ . Recently, Siddeeque et al. [25, Theorem 2.3] characterized skew commutating maps in prime rings without assuming the existence of the unity and a nontrivial symmetric idempotent. They established that if  $\Re$  is a prime ring with an involution '\*' and  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  is a skew commutating map, then there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ such that  $\Omega(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in \Re$ . Motivated by the above results, in Section 2 of the present paper, we will characterize surjective strong bi-skew commutativity preserving maps and bi-skew commutating maps in prime rings without assuming the existence of the unity and a nontrivial symmetric idempotent (see Theorems 2.1 and 2.2). As applications, we will characterize such maps in different operator algebras.

Skew Lie, skew Jordan and bi-skew Jordan derivations have been explored by various algebraists in the context of algebras and rings (see [7, 18, 21, 22] and their bibliographic content). Very recently, Siddeeque and Shikeh [20] characterized bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings and proved that every bi-skew Jordan derivation on a unital prime \*-ring containing a nontrivial symmetric idempotent is an additive \*-derivation. In Section 3, we will characterize generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings (see Theorem 3.2). As applications, we will characterize generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations in different operator algebras.

# 2. Strong bi-skew commutativity preserving maps and bi-skew commuting maps in prime rings

We facilitate our discussion with the following lemma which plays a crucial role in the proof of our main results.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\Re$  be a prime ring with an involution '\*' of order 2 and let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re)$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}u^* = u\mathfrak{a}$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $\Re$  is noncommutative, then by [20, Lemma 2.1], the result follows. Therefore, let's assume that  $\Re$  is commutative. Thus,  $\alpha^* \neq \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \Re$ . Substituting  $\alpha u$  for u in the given relation, we find that  $\mathfrak{b}\alpha^*u^* = \alpha u\mathfrak{a}$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Also,  $\alpha \mathfrak{b}u^* = \alpha u\mathfrak{a}$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Hence,  $(\alpha^* - \alpha)\mathfrak{b}u^* = 0$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{b} = 0$  and consequently,  $\mathfrak{a} = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\Re$  be a prime PI-ring with an anti-automorphism  $\nabla$ . Then  $\nabla$  is of first kind if and only if  $\nabla$  is of the first kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$ .

*Proof.* By [26, Corollary 1],  $\mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re) = \Re \mathcal{C} = \{\frac{u}{\alpha} | u \in \Re \text{ and } 0 \neq \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\Re)\}$ . Therefore if  $\nabla$  is of the first kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\Re)$ , then  $\nabla$  can be uniquely extended to an antiautomorphism of  $\Re \mathcal{C}$ , denoted by  $\nabla$  also, by defining  $\nabla(\frac{a}{\alpha}) = \frac{\nabla(u)}{\alpha}$ . Hence  $\nabla$  is of the first kind. The converse holds trivially.

**Lemma 2.3.** [20, Lemma 2.2] Let  $\Re$  be a ring with an involution '\*' and let  $\Omega: \Re \times \Re \to \mathcal{G}$  be a map, where  $\mathcal{G}$  is an additive group. Suppose  $f, h: \Re \to \mathcal{G}$  are maps such that  $\Omega(u, v) = f(uv^*) + h(vu^*)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Then  $\Omega(uw, v) = \Omega(u, vw^*)$  for all  $u, w, v \in \Re$ .

The following result provides a characterization of strong bi-skew commutativity preserving maps in prime rings without assuming the existence of the unity and a nontrivial symmetric idempotent, thereby generalizing, improving and extending [16, Theorem 2.1] to prime rings.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\Re$  be a prime ring with an involution '\*' of order 2, and let  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  be a surjective strong bi-skew commutativity preserving map. Then there exists  $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  such that  $qq^* = 1$  and  $\Omega(u) = uq$  for all  $u \in \Re$  provided that either  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} > 4$  or both  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) \neq 2$  and '\*' is of the second kind.

*Proof.* By the given hypothesis, we have

$$[\Omega(u), \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} = [u, v]_{\bullet} \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Firstly we establish some facts about  $\Omega$ .

**Fact I.**  $\Omega$  is additive. For every  $u, v, w \in \Re$ , we have

$$\begin{split} [\Omega(u),\Omega(v+w)-\Omega(v)-\Omega(w)]_{\bullet} &= [\Omega(u),\Omega(v+w)]_{\bullet} - [\Omega(u),\Omega(v)]_{\bullet} - [\Omega(u),\Omega(w)]_{\bullet} \\ &= [u,v+w]_{\bullet} - [u,v]_{\bullet} - [u,w]_{\bullet} \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

Therefore by the surjectiveness of  $\Omega$ , we find that

$$[u, \Omega(v+w) - \Omega(v) - \Omega(w)]_{\bullet} = 0$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{R}$ . Now in view of Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $\Omega(u+v) = \Omega(u) + \Omega(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ , that is,  $\Omega$  is additive.

**Fact II.**  $\Omega$  is injective. Let  $a \in \Re$  be such that  $\Omega(a) = 0$ . then

$$[a, v]_{\bullet} = [\Omega(a), \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} = 0$$

for all  $v \in \Re$ . Hence by Lemma 2.1, a = 0. Thus  $\Omega$  is injective. Therefore from (2.1), we have

$$\Omega(u)v^* + \Omega^{-1}(v)u^* - u\Omega^{-1}(v)^* - v\Omega(u)^* = 0,$$
(2.2)

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Next, we advance by examining the following two scenarios:

#### Case I. $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re \mathcal{C} > 4$ .

In view of [27, Theorem 3.5], it follows that there exists  $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re)$  such that  $\Omega(u) = uq$  for all  $u \in \Re$  and  $\Omega^{-1}(v)^* = qv^*$  for all  $v \in \Re$ . Note that  $qv^* = \Omega^{-1}(v)^* \in \Re$  for all  $v \in \Re$ . Hence  $q\Re \subseteq \Re$ . Consequently,  $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$ . Therefore  $\Omega^{-1}(u) = uq^*$  for all  $u \in \Re$  and hence  $\Omega(u)q^* = u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Using  $\Omega(u) = uq$  in the last relation, we get  $uqq^* = u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . This entails that  $qq^* = 1$ .

### Case I. $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} \leq 4$ .

In this case  $\Re$  is a PI-ring and  $\mathcal{Q}_{ml}(\Re) = \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re) = \Re \mathcal{C}$ . According to the given hypothesis char( $\Re$ )  $\neq 2$  and '\*' is of the second kind. Hence by Lemma 2.2, there is  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}(\Re)$  such that  $\zeta^* \neq \zeta$ . Let  $\alpha = \zeta^* - \zeta$  and  $\beta = \alpha^2$ . Then  $\alpha^* = -\alpha$  and  $\beta^* = \beta$ . Setting  $v = \alpha$  in (2.2), we get

$$\alpha(\Omega(u) + \Omega(u)^*) = \Omega^{-1}(\alpha)u^* - u\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)^*, \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ . Also taking  $v = \beta$  in (2.2), we get

$$\beta(\Omega(u) - \Omega(u)^*) = u\Omega^{-1}(\beta)^* - \Omega^{-1}(\beta)u^*$$
(2.4)

for all  $u \in \Re$ . Multiplying both sides of (2.3) by  $\beta$  and (2.4) by  $\alpha$ , we get

$$\alpha\beta(\Omega(u) + \Omega(u)^*) = \beta\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)u^* - \beta u\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)^*, \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\alpha\beta(\Omega(u) - \Omega(u)^*) = \alpha u \Omega^{-1}(\beta)^* - \alpha\Omega^{-1}(\beta)u^*$$
(2.6)

for all  $u \in \Re$ , respectively. Adding (2.5) and (2.6), we find that

$$2\alpha\beta\Omega(u) = \alpha u\Omega^{-1}(\beta)^* - \alpha\Omega^{-1}(\beta)u^* + \beta\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)u^* - \beta u\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)^*, \qquad (2.7)$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ . Now  $2\alpha\beta$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Hence, we have

$$\Omega(u) = uq + q_1 u^*, \tag{2.8}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ , where  $q = (2\alpha\beta)^{-1}(\alpha\Omega^{-1}(\beta)^* - \beta\Omega^{-1}(\alpha)^*) \in \Re \mathcal{C}$  and  $q_1 = (2\alpha\beta)^{-1}(\beta\Omega^{-1}(\alpha) - \alpha\Omega^{-1}(\beta)) \in \Re \mathcal{C}$ . Using this in (2.1), we get

$$(uq + q_1u^*)(q^*v^* + vq_1^*) - (vq + q_1v^*)(q^*u^* + uq_1^*) = uv^* - vu^*,$$
(2.9)

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Replacing v by  $\alpha v$  in (2.9), we get

$$(uq + q_1u^*)(-q^*v^* + vq_1^*) - (vq - q_1v^*)(q^*u^* + uq_1^*) = -uv^* - vu^*, \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Subtracting (2.10) and (2.9), we find that

$$(uq + q_1u^*)q^*v^* - q_1v^*(q^*u^* + uq_1^*) = uv^*, (2.11)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Alter u by  $\alpha u$  in (2.11), we have

$$(uq - q_1u^*)q^*v^* - q_1v^*(-q^*u^* + uq_1^*) = uv^*, (2.12)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Subtracting (2.12) from (2.11), we obtain

$$q_1 u^* q^* v^* = q_1 v^* q^* u^*, (2.13)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Setting  $u = \alpha$  in (2.13), we get  $q_1[q^*, v] = 0$  for all  $v \in \Re$ . Therefore,  $q_1 = 0$  or  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ . If  $q_1 = 0$ , then from (2.11), we find that  $u(qq^* - 1)v = 0$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Consequently,  $qq^* = 1$ . Hence we assume that  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ . Adding (2.11) and (2.12), we obtain

$$qq^*uv - q_1vuq_1^* = uv, (2.14)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Putting  $u = v = \alpha$  in (2.14), we find that

$$qq^* - q_1q_1^* = 1. (2.15)$$

Hence from (2.14), we have  $q_1q_1^*uv = q_1vuq_1^*$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Taking  $v = \alpha$  in the last relation, we have  $q_1[q_1^*, u] = 0$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Therefore  $q_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and hence from (2.14), we find that  $qq^*uv - q_1q_1^*vu = uv$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Using (2.15), we get  $q_1q_1^*(uv + vu) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Putting  $u = v = \alpha$  in the previous relation, we get  $q_1q_1^* = 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a field, we conclude that  $q_1 = 0$ . From (2.8), we infer that  $\Omega(u) = uq$  for all  $u \in \Re$ .

The following example shows that Theorem 2.1 does not hold if  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} = 4$  and '\*' is of the first kind.

**Example 2.1.** Consider the ring  $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over any field  $\mathbb{K}$  with involution \* as the usual transpose map. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  be fixed such that  $\lambda \notin \{-1,0,1\}$ . Define the map  $\Omega : \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K}) \to \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$  by  $\Omega\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda a & \frac{b}{\lambda} \\ \frac{c}{\lambda} & \lambda d \end{bmatrix}$ . Then it can be easily seen that  $\Omega([u,v]_{\bullet}) = [u,v]_{\bullet}$  holds for all  $u,v \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$ . However,  $\Omega$  is not of the form as described in Theorem 2.1.

The following result gives a characterization of bi-skew commuting maps in prime rings without assuming the existence of the unity and a nontrivial symmetric idempotent.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\Re$  be a prime ring with an involution '\*' of order 2 and let  $\Omega: \Re \to \Re$  be a bi-skew commuting map. Then there exists  $q^* = q \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  such that  $\Omega(u) = uq$  for all  $u \in \Re$  provided that either  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} > 4$  or both  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) \neq 2$  and '\*' is of the second kind.

*Proof.* According to the given hypothesis

$$[\Omega(u), v]_{\bullet} = [u, \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} \tag{2.16}$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . First we show  $\Omega$  is additive. For every  $u, v, w \in \Re$ , we have

$$[\Omega(u+w) - \Omega(u) - \Omega(w), v]_{\bullet} = [\Omega(u+w), v]_{\bullet} - [\Omega(u), v]_{\bullet} - [\Omega(w), v]_{\bullet}$$

$$= [u + w, \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} - [u, \Omega(v)]_{\bullet} - [w, \Omega(v)]_{\bullet}$$
  
= 0

Applying Lemma 2.1, we infer that  $\Omega(u+v) = \Omega(u) + \Omega(v)$  for all  $a, b \in \Re$ , that is,  $\Omega$  is additive. Now (2.16), can be rewritten as

$$u\Omega(v)^* + v\Omega(u)^* - \Omega(u)v^* - \Omega(v)u^* = 0$$
(2.17)

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Now we proceed by considering the following two cases:-

Case 1:  $\dim(\Re C) > 4$ .

According to [27, Theorem 3.5] there exists  $q \in Q_{ml}(\Re)$  such that

$$\Omega(u) = uq \text{ for all } u \in \Re$$
 (2.18)

and

$$\Omega(v)^* = qv^* \text{ for all } v \in \Re.$$
 (2.19)

Since  $qv^* = \Omega(v)^* \in \Re$  for all  $v \in \Re$ . Therefore  $q\Re \subseteq \Re$  and hence  $q \in Q_{mr}(\Re)$ . Consequently,  $q \in Q_{ms}(\Re)$ . Thus from (2.19), we find that

$$\Omega(u) = uq^* \text{ for all } u \in \Re.$$
 (2.20)

From (2.18) and (2.20) , we have  $uq=uq^*$  for all  $u\in\Re.$  Hence  $q^*=q.$ 

Case II:  $\dim(\Re) \leq 4$ .

In this case by [26, Theorem 2],  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \neq \{0\}$ . Also, by the given hypothesis char( $\Re$ )  $\neq 2$  and  $\zeta^* \neq \zeta$  for some  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ . Let  $\alpha = \zeta^* - \zeta$  and  $\beta = \alpha^2$ . Then  $\alpha^* = -\alpha$  and  $\beta^* = \beta$ . Setting  $v = \alpha$  in (2.17), we get

$$\alpha(\Omega(u) + \Omega(u)^*) = \Omega(\alpha)u^* - u\Omega(\alpha)^*, \tag{2.21}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ . Also taking  $v = \beta$  in (2.17), we get

$$\beta(\Omega(u) - \Omega(u)^*) = u\Omega(\beta)^* - \Omega(\beta)u^* \tag{2.22}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ . Multiplying both sides of (2.21) by  $\beta$  and (2.22) by  $\alpha$ , we get

$$\alpha\beta(\Omega(u) + \Omega(u)^*) = \beta\Omega(\alpha)u^* - \beta u\Omega(\alpha)^*, \tag{2.23}$$

and

$$\alpha\beta(\Omega(u) - \Omega(u)^*) = \alpha u \Omega(\beta)^* - \alpha\Omega(\beta)u^* \tag{2.24}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ , respectively. Adding (2.23) and (2.24), we find that

$$\Omega(u) = uq + q_1 u^*, \tag{2.25}$$

for all  $u \in \Re$ , where  $q = (2\alpha\beta)^{-1}(\alpha\Omega(\beta)^* - \beta\Omega(\alpha)^*) \in \Re \mathcal{C}$  and  $q_1 = (2\alpha\beta)^{-1}(\beta\Omega(\alpha) - \alpha\Omega(\beta)) \in \Re \mathcal{C}$ . Using this in (2.17), we have

$$u(vq_1^* + q^*v^*) + v(uq_1^* + q^*u^*) - (uq + q_1u^*)v^* - (vq + q_1v^*)u^* = 0$$
(2.26)

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Alter v by  $\alpha v$  in (2.26), we get

$$u(vq_1^* - q^*v^*) + v(uq_1^* + q^*u^*) + (uq + q_1u^*)v^* - (vq - q_1v^*)u^* = 0$$
(2.27)

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Adding (2.26) and (2.27), we find that

$$uvq_1^* + v(uq_1^* + q^*u^*) - vqu^* = 0 (2.28)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Alter u by  $\alpha u$  in (2.28), we get

$$uvq_1^* + v(uq_1^* - q^*u^*) + vqu^* = 0 (2.29)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Adding (2.28) and (2.29), we get  $(uv + vu)q_1^* = 0$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Consequently,  $q_1 = 0$  and hence from (2.28), we see that  $vq^*u = vqu$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Thus  $q^* = q$ . Hence  $\Omega(u) = qu$  for all  $u \in \Re$ , where  $q^* = q \in \Re \mathcal{C}$ .

The following example shows that Theorem 2.2 does not hold if  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} = 4$  and '\*' is of the first kind.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$  be the ring of all square matrices of order 2 over any field  $\mathbb{K}$  with involution '\*' as the usual transpose. Define the map  $\Omega: \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K}) \to \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$  by  $\Omega\left(\begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1 & \zeta_2 \\ \zeta_3 & \zeta_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1 - \zeta_4 & \zeta_2 - \zeta_3 \\ \zeta_2 - \zeta_3 & \zeta_1 - \zeta_4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then it can be easily seen that  $[\Omega(a), b]_{\bullet} = [a, \Omega(b)]_{\bullet}$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . However,  $\Omega$  is not of the form as described in Theorem 2.2.

#### 3. Generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings

The following result gives a characterization of additive bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings without assuming the existence of a nontrivial symmetric idempotent.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\Re$  be a noncommutative prime ring with an involution '\*' and let  $\Omega$ :  $\Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  be an additive bi-skew Jordan derivation. Suppose that either  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} > 4$  or  $\Re$  is unital. Then  $\Omega$  is a \*-derivation unless  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} = 4$  and  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) = 2$ .

Proof. Since  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is an additive bi-skew Jordan derivation, therefore  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Now  $a \bullet b = b \bullet a$  for any  $a, b \in \Re$ . Hence if  $\Re$  is 2-torsion free, then replacing v by u in the previous expression, we have  $\Omega(uu^*) = \Omega(u) \bullet u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Also if  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is an additive map satisfying  $\Omega(uu^*) = \Omega(u) \bullet u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ , then replacing u by u + v in the last expression, we find that  $\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Thus if  $\Re$  is a 2-torsion free prime ring with an involution '\*', then an additive map  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is a bi-skew Jordan derivation if and only if  $\Omega(uu^*) = \Omega(u) \bullet u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Therefore in view of Theorem 2.1 of [20] and the arguments given in Case I of its proof, we conclude that  $\Omega$  is a \*-derivation unless  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re \mathcal{C} = 4$  and  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) = 2$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\Re$  be a noncommutative prime ring with an involution '\*' and let  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  be a left (right) bi-skew Jordan centralizer. Then there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Omega(u) = \lambda u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ .

*Proof.* We give the details of the proof only when  $\Omega$  is a left bi-skew Jordan centralizer. The case when  $\Omega$  is a right bi-skew Jordan centralizer can be proved by using similar arguments.

Suppose

$$\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v \tag{3.1}$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Alter v by v + w in (3.1), we have

$$\Omega(u \bullet v + u \bullet w) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + \Omega(u) \bullet w \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . That is,

$$\Omega(v \bullet u + v \bullet w) = \Omega(v) \bullet u + \Omega(v) \bullet w \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . Also alter u by u + w in (3.1), we have

$$\Omega(u \bullet v + w \bullet v) = \Omega(u + w) \bullet v \tag{3.4}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . Comparing (3.3) and (3.4), we find that

$$\Omega(u+w) \bullet v = \Omega(v) \bullet u + \Omega(v) \bullet w \tag{3.5}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . Putting w = 0 in (3.5), we get

$$\Omega(u) \bullet v = \Omega(v) \bullet u \tag{3.6}$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Therefore from (3.5), we find that

$$(\Omega(u+w) - \Omega(u) - \Omega(w)) \bullet v = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . In view of Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $\Omega(u+w) = \Omega(u) + \Omega(w)$  for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Thus  $\Omega$  is additive.

Now (3.1) can be rewritten as

$$\Omega(uv^* + vu^*) = \Omega(u)v^* + v\Omega(u)^*$$
(3.8)

for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider the map  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\mathbb{R})$  given by

$$\Phi(u, v) = \Omega(uv^*) + \Omega(vu^*).$$

In view of Lemma 2.3, it follows that  $\Phi$  satisfies the following relation

$$\Phi(uw, v) = \Phi(u, vw^*)$$

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . Using (3.8), we obtain

$$(\Omega(uw) - \Omega(u)w)v^* + v(\Omega(uw)^* - w^*\Omega(u)^*) = 0$$
(3.9)

for all  $u, v, w \in \Re$ . Applying Lemma 2.1, we deduce that  $\Omega(uw) = \Omega(u)w$  for all  $u, w \in \Re$ . By [23, Lemma 2.1] there exists  $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{mr}(\Re)$  such that  $\Omega(u) = qu$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Now in view of [1, Proposition 2.1.7], it follows that there exists a nonzero dense right ideal  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $\Re$  such that  $\mathcal{K}q \subseteq \Re$ . Hence from (3.8), we have

$$qvu^* = v(qu)^* \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } v \in \Re.$$
 (3.10)

For each fixed u this is a GPI. Hence by [1, Theorem 6.4.4]  $qvu^* = v(qu)^*$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{Q}_{mr}(\Re)$ . Therefore putting v = 1, we find that  $qu^* = (qu)^*$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{K}$ . Thus from (3.10), we have  $qvu^* = vqu^*$  for all  $v \in \Re$  and  $u \in \mathcal{K}$ . Consequently,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ . Now from (3.10) it can be easily seen that  $q^* = q$ . This completes the proof.

Now we are ready to provide a characterization of generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\Re$  be a unital prime \*-ring containing a nontrivial symmetric idempotent. Suppose that  $\Phi: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is a generalized bi-skew Jordan derivation with  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  as associated bi-skew Jordan derivation. Then  $\Omega$  is an additive \*-derivation and there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$  unless  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} = 4$  and  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) = 2$ .

*Proof.* By the given hypothesis

$$\Phi(u \bullet v) = \Phi(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$$

and

$$\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Therefore,

$$\Psi(u \bullet v) = \Psi(u) \bullet v$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ , where  $\Psi : \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is a map given by  $\Psi(u) = (\Phi - \Omega)(u)$ . In view of Proposition 3.1, it follows that there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Psi(u) = \lambda u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Consequently,  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Finally, by [20],  $\Omega$  is an additive \*-derivation. This completes the proof.

The following result gives a characterization of generalized additive bi-skew Jordan derivations in prime rings without assuming the existence of a nontrivial symmetric idempotent.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\Re$  be a noncommutative prime ring with an involution '\*' and let  $\Phi: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  be a generalized bi-skew Jordan derivation with  $\Omega: \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  as associated bi-skew Jordan derivation such that both  $\Phi$  and  $\Omega$  are additive. Suppose that either  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} > 4$  or  $\Re$  is unital. Then  $\Omega$  is a \*-derivation and there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$  unless  $\dim_{\mathcal{C}} \Re{\mathcal{C}} = 4$  and  $\operatorname{char}(\Re) = 2$ .

*Proof.* By the given hypothesis

$$\Phi(u \bullet v) = \Phi(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$$

and

$$\Omega(u \bullet v) = \Omega(u) \bullet v + u \bullet \Omega(v)$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ . Therefore,

$$\Psi(u \bullet v) = \Psi(u) \bullet v$$

for all  $u, v \in \Re$ , where  $\Psi : \Re \to \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\Re)$  is a map given by  $\Psi(u) = (\Phi - \Omega)(u)$ . In view of Proposition 3.1, it follows that there exists  $\lambda^* = \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Psi(u) = \lambda u$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Consequently,  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$  for all  $u \in \Re$ . Finally, by Theorem 3.1,  $\Omega$  is an \*-derivation. This completes the proof.

# 4. Applications to Some Operator Algebras

As applications of the outcomes presented in the preceding sections, we aim to delineate strong biskew commutativity-preserving maps, bi-skew commuting maps, and generalized bi-skew Jordan derivations within standard operator algebras and factor von Neumann algebras. Throughout this section, all vector spaces and algebras are defined over the field  $\mathbb C$  of complex numbers.

Suppose  $\mathbb{H}$  represents a Hilbert space, with  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  denoting the algebra comprising all bounded linear operators on  $\mathbb{H}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{H})$  representing the ideal consisting of all finite rank operators within  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$ . The map  $T \mapsto T^*$ , which takes an operator to its Hilbert adjoint operator, is an involution on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$ . Here  $\mathbb{C}$ , the field of complex numbers, is equipped with the conjugate involution and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  forms a \*-algebra. Therefore  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  is an algebra of characteristic zero and the map  $T \mapsto T^*$ , where  $T^*$  denotes the Hilbert adjoint operator of T, is an involution of the second kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H}))$ . A subset  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  is said to be closed under adjoint operation if  $u \in \mathcal{M}$  implies that  $u^* \in \mathcal{M}$ , that is,  $\mathcal{M}^* \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ .

Standard operator algebras: A subalgebra  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  earns the label of a standard operator algebra if it includes the identity operator and encompasses  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{H})$ . It's evident that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  itself is a standard operator algebra. Furthermore, every standard operator algebra qualifies as a prime algebra. Moreover, for any standard operator algebra  $\mathcal{S}$ , its center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{S})$  is  $\mathbb{C}I$ . A self-adjoint standard operator algebra  $\mathcal{S}$  represents an algebra of characteristic zero, and a mapping  $T \mapsto T^*$ , where  $T^*$  denotes the Hilbert adjoint operator of T, serves as an involution of the second kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{S})$ . Leveraging the results derived in the preceding section, the following corollaries emerge.

Corollary 4.1. Let S be a self-adjoint standard operator algebra on a Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$ . Suppose that  $\chi: S \to S$  is a surjective map. Then  $\chi$  is strong bi-skew commutativity preserving map if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(S)$  with  $\lambda \lambda^* = 1$  such that  $\chi(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**Corollary 4.2.** Let S be a self-adjoint standard operator algebra on a Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$ . Then  $\chi: S \to S$  is a bi-skew commuting map if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\chi(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** Let S be a self-adjoint standard operator algebra on a Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$ . Suppose that  $\Phi: S \to S$  is a generalized bi-skew Jordan derivation with  $\Omega: \Re \to S$  as associated bi-skew Jordan derivation. Then  $\Omega: S \to S$  is an additive \*-derivation and there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$ .

Factor von Neumann algebras A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{N}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H})$  which satisfies the double commutant property, that is,  $\mathcal{N}'' = \mathcal{N}$  where

$$\mathcal{N}' = \{ T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H}) \mid TF = FT \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{N} \} \text{ and } \mathcal{M}'' = (\mathcal{M}')'.$$

It is clear that a von Neumann algebra is unital. A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{N}$  is an algebra of characteristic zero and a map  $T \mapsto T^*$ , where  $T^*$  denotes the Hilbert adjoint operator of T, is an involution of the second kind on  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{N})$ . A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{N}$  is called a factor von Neumann algebra if its center is trivial, that is,  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathbb{C}I$ . Every factor von Neumann algebra is a prime algebra.

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a factor von Neumann algebra. Suppose that  $\chi : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a surjective map. Then  $\chi$  is strong bi-skew commutativity preserving map if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Q}_{ms}(\mathcal{N})$  with  $\lambda \lambda^* = 1$  such that  $\chi(a) = \lambda a$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{N}$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a factor von Neumann algebra. Then  $\chi : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a bi-skew commuting map if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\chi(u) = \lambda u$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{N}$ .

**Corollary 4.6.** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a factor von Neumann algebra. Suppose that  $\Phi: \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a generalized bi-skew Jordan derivation with  $\Omega: \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$  as associated bi-skew Jordan derivation. Then  $\Omega: \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$  is an additive \*-derivation and there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Phi(u) = \lambda u + \Omega(u)$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{N}$ .

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