

# The second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple $*$ -derivations on $*$ -algebras

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## Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $*$ -algebra. In this paper, under some mild conditions on  $\mathcal{A}$ , it is shown that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is the second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. In particular, we apply the above result to prime  $*$ -algebras, von Neumann algebras with no central summands of type  $I_1$ , factor von Neumann algebras and standard operator algebras.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $*$ -algebra over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , define the skew Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$  and the Jordan  $*$ -product of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$ . The skew Lie product and the Jordan  $*$ -product are fairly meaningful and important in some research topics (see [1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10–15, 23–25, 28–30, 32]). They were extensively studied because they naturally arise in the problem of representing quadratic functionals with sesquilinear functionals (see [20–22]) and in the problem of characterizing ideals (see [2, 18]).

Recall that an additive map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be an additive derivation if  $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore,  $\Phi$  is said to be an

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additive  $*$ -derivation if it is an additive derivation and satisfies  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . A map (without the additivity assumption)  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a nonlinear skew Lie derivation or a nonlinear Jordan  $*$ -derivation if

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

or

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

for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Over the years several works have been published considering Jordan  $*$ -derivations, skew Lie derivations and triple derivations, such as Jordan triple  $*$ -derivations and skew Lie triple derivations (see [5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 26, 27]).

Recently, many authors have studied derivations corresponding to some mixed products (see [13, 19, 31, 33, 34]). Y. Zhou, Z. Yang and J. Zhang [33] proved any map  $\Phi$  from a unital  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  containing a non-trivial projection to itself satisfying

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , is an additive  $*$ -derivation, where  $[A, B] = AB - BA$  is the usual Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$ . Y. Zhou and J. Zhang [34] proved that any map  $\Phi$  on factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , is also an additive  $*$ -derivation. X. Zhao and X. Fang [31] gave similar result on finite von Neumann algebra with no central summands of type  $I_1$ . Y. Pang, D. Zhang and D. Ma [19] proved that if  $\Phi$  is a second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple derivable mapping on a factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , that is,

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation, where  $A \circ B = AB + BA$  is the usual Jordan product of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Very recently, C. Li and D. Zhang [13] considered the nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivations. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $*$ -algebra. A map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivation if

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ . Under some mild conditions on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , C. Li and D. Zhang [13] proved that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. Similarly, we can give the definition of the second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivations. A map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be the second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivation if

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ . In this paper, we will give the structure of the second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivations on  $*$ -algebras. Under some mild conditions on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , we prove that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple  $*$ -derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. In particular, we apply the above result to prime  $*$ -algebras, von Neumann algebras with no central summands of type  $I_1$ , factor von Neumann algebras and standard operator algebras.

## 2 Main result and corollaries

The following is our main result in this paper.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $*$ -algebra with the unit  $I$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  contains a nontrivial projection  $P$  and satisfies

$$(\spadesuit) \quad X\mathcal{A}P = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad X = 0$$

and

$$(\clubsuit) \quad X\mathcal{A}(I - P) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad X = 0.$$

Then a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

Recall that an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime if  $A\mathcal{A}B = \{0\}$  for  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  implies either  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ . It is easy to see that prime  $*$ -algebras satisfy  $(\spadesuit)$  and  $(\clubsuit)$ . Applying Theorem 2.1 to prime  $*$ -algebras, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime  $*$ -algebra with unit  $I$  and  $P$  be a nontrivial projection in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  is a weakly closed, self-adjoint algebra of operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  containing the identity operator  $I$ .  $\mathcal{M}$  is a factor von Neumann algebra if its center only contains the scalar operators. It is well known that a factor von Neumann algebra is prime. Now we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a factor von Neumann algebra with  $\dim(\mathcal{M}) \geq 2$ . Then a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  satisfies

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

It is shown in [3] and [8] that if a von Neumann algebra has no central summands of type  $I_1$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies ( $\spadesuit$ ) and ( $\clubsuit$ ). Now we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a von Neumann algebra with no central summands of type  $I_1$ . Then a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  satisfies

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

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

### 3 The proof of main result

**The proof of Theorem 2.1.** Let  $P_1 = P$  and  $P_2 = I - P$ . Denote  $\mathcal{A}_{jk} = P_j \mathcal{A} P_k$ ,  $j, k = 1, 2$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j,k=1}^2 \mathcal{A}_{jk}$ . In all that follows, when we write  $A_{jk}^*$ , it means that  $A_{jk}^* = (A_{jk})^*$ . Clearly, we only need prove the necessity. Now we will complete the proof of Theorem 2.1 by proving several claims.

**Claim 1.**  $\Phi(0) = 0$ .

Indeed, we have

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi([0, 0]_* \bullet 0) = [\Phi(0), 0]_* \bullet 0 + [0, \Phi(0)]_* \bullet 0 + [0, 0]_* \bullet \Phi(0) = 0.$$

**Claim 2.** For every  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}, B_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}, C_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}, D_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , we have

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

Let

$$T = \Phi(A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(B_{12}) - \Phi(C_{21}) - \Phi(D_{22}).$$

It follows from Claim 1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\Phi(P_2), A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1 + [P_2, \Phi(A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22})]_* \bullet P_1 \\
& + [P_2, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1) \\
& = \Phi([P_2, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = \Phi([P_2, C_{21}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = \Phi([P_2, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([P_2, B_{12}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([P_2, C_{21}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([P_2, D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = [\Phi(P_2), A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1 + [P_2, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{12}) + \Phi(C_{21}) + \Phi(D_{22})]_* \\
& \bullet P_1 + [P_2, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1).
\end{aligned}$$

From this, we get  $T_{21} + T_{21}^* = [P_2, T]_* \bullet P_1 = 0$ . So  $T_{21} = 0$ . Similarly, we can prove  $T_{12} = 0$ .

For every  $S_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\Phi(S_{21}), A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, \Phi(A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22})]_* \bullet P_1 \\
& + [S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1) \\
& = \Phi([S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = \Phi([S_{21}, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = \Phi([S_{21}, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([S_{21}, B_{12}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([S_{21}, C_{21}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([S_{21}, D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
& = [\Phi(S_{21}), A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{12}) + \Phi(C_{21}) + \Phi(D_{22})]_* \\
& \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{12} + C_{21} + D_{22}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies  $S_{21}T_{11} + T_{11}^*S_{21}^* = [S_{21}, T]_* \bullet P_1 = 0$ . Hence  $T_{11}^*S_{21}^* = 0$  for every  $S_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ . It follows from the condition ( $\clubsuit$ ) that  $T_{11} = 0$ . Similarly, we can prove  $T_{22} = 0$ , proving the claim.

**Claim 3.** For every  $A_{jk}, B_{jk} \in \mathcal{A}_{jk}$ ,  $1 \leq j \neq k \leq 2$ , we have

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

Since

$$[-\frac{i}{2}I, i(P_j + A_{jk})]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) = (A_{jk} + B_{jk}) + A_{jk}^* + B_{jk}A_{jk}^*,$$

we get from Claim 2 that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi(A_{jk} + B_{jk}) + \Phi(A_{jk}^*) + \Phi(B_{jk}A_{jk}^*) \\
&= \Phi\left[-\frac{i}{2}I, i(P_j + A_{jk})\right]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) \\
&= [\Phi(-\frac{i}{2}I), i(P_j + A_{jk})]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) + [-\frac{i}{2}I, \Phi(i(P_j + A_{jk}))]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) \\
&+ [-\frac{i}{2}I, i(P_j + A_{jk})]_* \bullet \Phi(P_k + B_{jk}) \\
&= [\Phi(-\frac{i}{2}I), i(P_j + A_{jk})]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) + [-\frac{i}{2}I, \Phi(iP_j) + \Phi(iA_{jk})]_* \bullet (P_k + B_{jk}) \\
&+ [-\frac{i}{2}I, i(P_j + A_{jk})]_* \bullet (\Phi(P_k) + \Phi(B_{jk})) \\
&= \Phi\left[-\frac{i}{2}I, iP_j\right]_* \bullet P_k + \Phi\left[-\frac{i}{2}I, iP_j\right]_* \bullet B_{jk} + \Phi\left[-\frac{i}{2}I, iA_{jk}\right]_* \bullet P_k \\
&+ \Phi\left[-\frac{i}{2}I, iA_{jk}\right]_* \bullet B_{jk} \\
&= \Phi(B_{jk}) + \Phi(A_{jk} + A_{jk}^*) + \Phi(B_{jk}A_{jk}^*) \\
&= \Phi(B_{jk}) + \Phi(A_{jk}) + \Phi(A_{jk}^*) + \Phi(B_{jk}A_{jk}^*).
\end{aligned}$$

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

**Claim 4.** For every  $A_{jj}, B_{jj} \in \mathcal{A}_{jj}, 1 \leq j \leq 2$ , we have

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

Let  $T = \Phi(A_{11} + B_{11}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(B_{11})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\Phi(P_2), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1 + [P_2, \Phi(A_{11} + B_{11})]_* \bullet P_1 + [P_2, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1) \\
&= \Phi([P_2, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
&= \Phi([P_2, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([P_2, B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
&= [\Phi(P_2), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1 + [P_2, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{11})]_* \bullet P_1 \\
&+ [P_2, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1).
\end{aligned}$$

From this, we get  $T_{21} + T_{21}^* = [P_2, T]_* \bullet P_1 = 0$ . So  $T_{21} = 0$ . Similarly, we can prove  $T_{12} = 0$ .

For every  $S_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\Phi(S_{12}), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_2 + [S_{12}, \Phi(A_{11} + B_{11})]_* \bullet P_2 + [S_{12}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_2) \\
&= \Phi([S_{12}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_2) \\
&= \Phi([S_{12}, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_2) + \Phi([S_{12}, B_{11}]_* \bullet P_2) \\
&= [\Phi(S_{12}), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_2 + [S_{12}, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{11})]_* \bullet P_2 \\
&+ [S_{12}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_2),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $S_{12}T_{22} + T_{22}^*S_{12}^* = [S_{12}, T]_* \bullet P_2 = 0$ . So  $T_{22}^*S_{12}^* = 0$  for all  $S_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ . It follows from the condition ( $\spadesuit$ ) that  $T_{22} = 0$ .

For every  $S_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ , it follows from Claim 2 and Claim 3 that

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\Phi(S_{21}), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, \Phi(A_{11} + B_{11})]_* \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1) \\
&= \Phi([S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
&= \Phi(S_{21}(A_{11} + B_{11})) + \Phi((A_{11} + B_{11})^*S_{21}^*) \\
&= \Phi(S_{21}A_{11}) + \Phi(S_{21}B_{11}) + \Phi(A_{11}^*S_{21}^*) + \Phi(B_{11}^*S_{21}^*) \\
&= \Phi(S_{21}A_{11} + A_{11}^*S_{21}^*) + \Phi(S_{21}B_{11} + B_{11}^*S_{21}^*) \\
&= \Phi([S_{21}, A_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) + \Phi([S_{21}, B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1) \\
&= [\Phi(S_{21}), A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet P_1 + [S_{21}, \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{11})]_* \bullet P_1 \\
&+ [S_{21}, A_{11} + B_{11}]_* \bullet \Phi(P_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $S_{21}T_{11} + T_{11}^*S_{21}^* = [S_{21}, T]_* \bullet P_1 = 0$ , and then  $T_{11}^*S_{21}^* = 0$  for all  $S_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ . It follows from the condition ( $\clubsuit$ ) that  $T_{11} = 0$ . Now we have proved that  $\Phi(A_{11} + B_{11}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(B_{11})$ . Similarly, we can prove  $\Phi(A_{22} + B_{22}) = \Phi(A_{22}) + \Phi(B_{22})$ .

**Claim 5.**  $\Phi$  is additive.

By Claims 2, 3 and 4, it is easy to show the additivity of  $\Phi$ .

**Claim 6.** (1)  $\Phi(iI)^* = \Phi(iI) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ ;

(2)  $\Phi(I)^* = \Phi(I) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ .

On using Claim 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
-4\Phi(iI) &= \Phi([iI, iI]_* \bullet (iI)) \\
&= [\Phi(iI), iI]_* \bullet (iI) + [iI, \Phi(iI)]_* \bullet (iI) + [iI, iI]_* \bullet \Phi(iI) \\
&= 4\Phi(iI)^* - 8\Phi(iI).
\end{aligned}$$

So  $\Phi(iI)^* = \Phi(iI)$ . From here, for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi([iI, I]_* \bullet A) \\ &= [\Phi(iI), I]_* \bullet A + [iI, \Phi(I)]_* \bullet A + [iI, I]_* \bullet \Phi(A) \\ &= (2i\Phi(I)) \bullet A \\ &= 2i(\Phi(I)A - A\Phi(I)^*). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A = I$ . Then  $\Phi(I)^* = \Phi(I)$ . So  $\Phi(I)A = A\Phi(I)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $\Phi(I) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ . Similarly, by replacing  $iI$  with  $A$  in above equation, we can prove (1).

**Claim 7.** For  $1 \leq j \neq k \leq 2$ , we have

- (1)  $P_j\Phi(P_j)P_k = -P_j\Phi(P_k)P_k$  and  $P_j\Phi(P_k)P_j = 0$ ;
- (2)  $P_j\Phi(iP_j)P_k = -P_j\Phi(iP_k)P_k$  and  $P_j\Phi(iP_k)P_j = 0$ .

In view of Claim 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi([iI, P_j]_* \bullet P_k) \\ &= [iI, \Phi(P_j)]_* \bullet P_k + [iI, P_j]_* \bullet \Phi(P_k) \\ &= 2i(\Phi(P_j)P_k - P_k\Phi(P_j)^* + P_j\Phi(P_k) - \Phi(P_k)P_j). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the left and by  $P_k$  from the right, we obtain that  $P_j\Phi(P_j)P_k = -P_j\Phi(P_k)P_k$ . On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi([iP_j, iI]_* \bullet P_k) \\ &= [\Phi(iP_j), iI]_* \bullet P_k + [iP_j, iI]_* \bullet \Phi(P_k) \\ &= i(\Phi(iP_j)P_k - \Phi(iP_j)^*P_k - P_k\Phi(iP_j)^* + P_k\Phi(iP_j)) - 2P_j\Phi(P_k) - 2\Phi(P_k)P_j. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the both sides, we obtain that  $P_j\Phi(P_k)P_j = 0$ .

Next, it follows from Claim 6 that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi([iI, iP_j]_* \bullet (iP_k)) \\ &= [iI, \Phi(iP_j)]_* \bullet (iP_k) + [iI, iP_j]_* \bullet \Phi(iP_k) \\ &= -2\Phi(iP_j)P_k + 2P_k\Phi(iP_j)^* - 2P_j\Phi(iP_k) - 2\Phi(iP_k)P_j. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the left and by  $P_k$  from the right, we have  $P_j\Phi(iP_j)P_k = -P_j\Phi(iP_k)P_k$ . Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the both sides, we also have  $P_j\Phi(iP_k)P_j =$



0.

**Claim 8.**  $P_j\Phi(P_j)P_j = P_j\Phi(iP_j)P_j = 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

For any  $A_{jk} \in \mathcal{A}_{jk}$ ,  $1 \leq j \neq k \leq 2$ , using Claims 5 and 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Phi(iA_{jk}) &= \Phi([iI, P_j]_* \bullet A_{jk}) \\ &= [iI, \Phi(P_j)]_* \bullet A_{jk} + [iI, P_j]_* \bullet \Phi(A_{jk}) \\ &= 2i(\Phi(P_j)A_{jk} - A_{jk}\Phi(P_j)^* + P_j\Phi(A_{jk}) - \Phi(A_{jk})P_j). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the left and by  $P_k$  from the right, by Claim 7 (1), we get

$$P_j\Phi(iA_{jk})P_k = i(P_j\Phi(P_j)A_{jk} + P_j\Phi(A_{jk})P_k). \quad (3. 1)$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} -2\Phi(A_{jk}) &= \Phi([iI, P_j]_* \bullet (iA_{jk})) \\ &= [iI, \Phi(P_j)]_* \bullet (iA_{jk}) + [iI, P_j]_* \bullet \Phi(iA_{jk}) \\ &= -2(\Phi(P_j)A_{jk} - A_{jk}\Phi(P_j)^* - iP_j\Phi(iA_{jk}) + i\Phi(iA_{jk})P_j). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the left and by  $P_k$  from the right, by Claim 7 (1), we obtain that  $P_j\Phi(A_{jk})P_k = P_j\Phi(P_j)A_{jk} - iP_j\Phi(iA_{jk})P_k$ . So

$$P_j\Phi(iA_{jk})P_k = i(P_j\Phi(A_{jk})P_k - P_j\Phi(P_j)A_{jk}). \quad (3. 2)$$

Now, from Eqs. (3. 1) and (3. 2), we have  $P_j\Phi(P_j)A_{jk}=0$  for any  $A_{jk} \in \mathcal{A}_{jk}$ . It follows from ( $\spadesuit$ ) and ( $\clubsuit$ ) that  $P_j\Phi(P_j)P_j = 0$ .

Moreover, using Claims 5 and 6, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} -2\Phi(A_{jk}) &= \Phi([iI, iP_j]_* \bullet A_{jk}) \\ &= [iI, \Phi(iP_j)]_* \bullet A_{jk} + [iI, iP_j]_* \bullet \Phi(A_{jk}) \\ &= 2i\Phi(iP_j)A_{jk} - 2iA_{jk}\Phi(iP_j)^* - 2P_j\Phi(A_{jk}) - 2\Phi(A_{jk})P_j. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $P_j$  from the left and by  $P_k$  from the right, by Claim 7 (2), we obtain that  $P_j\Phi(iP_j)A_{jk} = 0$ . Thus, it follows from ( $\spadesuit$ ) and ( $\clubsuit$ ) that  $P_j\Phi(iP_j)P_j = 0$ .

**Claim 9.**  $\Phi(I) = \Phi(iI) = 0$ .

By Claims 5, 7 and 8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(I) &= \Phi(P_1 + P_2) = \Phi(P_1) + \Phi(P_2) \\ &= P_1\Phi(P_1)P_2 + P_2\Phi(P_1)P_1 + P_1\Phi(P_2)P_2 + P_2\Phi(P_2)P_1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(iI) &= \Phi(i(P_1 + P_2)) = \Phi(iP_1) + \Phi(iP_2) \\ &= P_1\Phi(iP_1)P_2 + P_2\Phi(iP_1)P_1 + P_1\Phi(iP_2)P_2 + P_2\Phi(iP_2)P_1 \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Claim 10.** For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A)$ .

Let  $N = -N^* \in \mathcal{A}$ . Using Claims 5 and 9, we have

$$-4\Phi(N) = \Phi([iI, N]_* \bullet (iI)) = [iI, \Phi(N)]_* \bullet (iI) = -2\Phi(N) + 2\Phi(N)^*,$$

which implies that

$$\Phi(N)^* = -\Phi(N).$$

From this, we get

$$4\Phi(iN) = \Phi([N, iI]_* \bullet I) = [\Phi(N), iI]_* \bullet I = 4i\Phi(N).$$

So

$$\Phi(iN) = i\Phi(N).$$

For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $A = A_1 + iA_2$ , where  $A_1^* = -A_1$  and  $A_2^* = -A_2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(iA) &= \Phi(i(A_1 + iA_2)) = \Phi(iA_1 - A_2) = \Phi(iA_1) - \Phi(A_2) \\ &= i\Phi(A_1) - \Phi(A_2) = i(\Phi(A_1) + i\Phi(A_2)) \\ &= i(\Phi(A_1) + \Phi(iA_2)) = i\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) \\ &= i\Phi(A).\end{aligned}$$

**Claim 11.** For any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $\Phi(A \bullet B) = \Phi(A) \bullet B + A \bullet \Phi(B)$ .

In view of Claims 5, 9 and 10, we have

$$\begin{aligned}-2\Phi(A \bullet B) &= \Phi([iI, iA]_* \bullet B) \\ &= [iI, i\Phi(A)]_* \bullet B + [iI, iA]_* \bullet \Phi(B) \\ &= -2(\Phi(A) \bullet B + A \bullet \Phi(B)),\end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $\Phi(A \bullet B) = \Phi(A) \bullet B + A \bullet \Phi(B)$ .

**Claim 12.** For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ .

Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . It follows from Claims 5, 9 and 11 that

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

Hence  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ .

**Claim 13.**  $\Phi$  is a derivation.

By Claims 5 and 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(AB) + \Phi(BA^*) &= \Phi(AB + BA^*) = \Phi(A \bullet B) \\ &= \Phi(A) \bullet B + A \bullet \Phi(B) \\ &= \Phi(A)B + B\Phi(A)^* + A\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)A^*. \end{aligned} \quad (3. 3)$$

On the other hand, by Claims 5, 10 and 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\Phi(AB) + \Phi(BA^*) &= \Phi(-AB + BA^*) = \Phi((iA) \bullet (iB)) \\ &= (i\Phi(A)) \bullet (iB) + (iA) \bullet (i\Phi(B)) \\ &= -\Phi(A)B + B\Phi(A)^* - A\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)A^*. \end{aligned} \quad (3. 4)$$

From Eqs. (3. 3) and (3. 4), we obtain that

$$\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B).$$

Now, from Claims 5, 12 and 13, we can conclude that  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

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