



# The nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations on $\ast$ -algebras

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $\ast$ -algebra. In this paper, under some mild conditions on  $\mathcal{A}$ , it is shown that a map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivation if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $\ast$ -derivation. As applications, nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations on prime  $\ast$ -algebras, von Neumann algebras with no central summands of type  $I_1$ , factor von Neumann algebras and standard operator algebras are characterized.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\ast$ -algebra over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , define the bi-skew Jordan product of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A \circ B = A^\ast B + B^\ast A$  and the bi-skew Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $[A, B]_\diamond = A^\ast B - B^\ast A$ . The bi-skew Jordan product and bi-skew Lie product have attracted many scholars to study (see for example [2–6, 10, 14–17]). Particular attention has been paid to understand maps which preserve the bi-skew Jordan product and the bi-skew Lie product on  $C^\ast$ -algebras. M. Wang and G. Ji [15] proved that every bijective map preserving bi-skew Lie product between factor von Neumann algebras is a linear  $\ast$ -isomorphism or a conjugate linear  $\ast$ -isomorphism. C. Li et al. [10] proved that every bijective map preserving bi-skew Jordan product between von Neumann algebras with no central abelian projections is just the sum of a linear  $\ast$ -isomorphism and a conjugate linear  $\ast$ -isomorphism. A. Taghavi and S. Gholampoor [14] studied surjective maps preserving bi-skew Jordan product between  $C^\ast$ -algebras.

Recall that an additive map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be an additive derivation if  $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$  holds for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore,  $\Phi$  is said to be an additive  $\ast$ -derivation if it is an additive derivation and satisfies  $\Phi(A^\ast) = \Phi(A)^\ast$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . We say that  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivation or bi-skew Jordan derivation if

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

or

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

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hold for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Recently, many authors have studied nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivations and bi-skew Jordan derivations. For example, L. Kong and J. Zhang [6] proved that any nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivation on factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{A} \geq 2$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. A. Taghavi and M. Razeghi [15] investigated nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivations on prime  $*$ -algebras. Let  $\Phi$  be a nonlinear bi-skew Lie derivation on a unital prime  $*$ -algebra with a nontrivial projection. They proved that if  $\Phi(I)$  and  $\Phi(iI)$  are self-adjoint, then  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. V. Darvish et al. [2] proved any nonlinear bi-skew Jordan derivation on prime  $*$ -algebra is an additive  $*$ -derivation. A. Khan [5] proved that any nonlinear bi-skew Lie triple derivation on factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{A} \geq 2$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation. V. Darvish et al. [3] proved any nonlinear bi-skew Jordan triple derivation on prime  $*$ -algebra is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

Recently, many authors have studied derivations corresponding to some mixed products (see for example [8, 9, 11, 12, 18, 19]). Y. Zhou, Z. Yang and J. Zhang [18] 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  $B$  and  $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$  is the skew Lie product of  $A$  and  $B$ . Y. Zhou and J. Zhang [19] 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 [17] gave similar result on finite von Neumann algebra with no central summands of type  $I_1$ . Y. Pang, D. Zhang and D. Ma [11] proved that if  $\Phi$  is a second nonlinear mixed Jordan triple derivable mapping on a factor von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , that is, if  $\Phi$  satisfies

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

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  $B$  and  $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$  is the Jordan  $*$ -product of  $A$  and  $B$ . Lately, N. Rehman, J. Nisar and M. Nazim [12] generalized the above result to general  $*$ -algebras. C. Li and D. Zhang [8, 9] studied the derivations corresponding to the mixed products  $[A, B]_* \bullet C$  and  $[A \bullet B, C]_*$ .

Motivated by the above mentioned works, in this paper, we will consider the derivations corresponding to the new product of the mixture of the bi-skew Lie product and the bi-skew Jordan product. A map  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivation if

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

holds for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ . In this paper, we will give the structure of the nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivations on  $*$ -algebra. Under some mild conditions on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , we prove that  $\Phi$  is a nonlinear mixed bi-skew Lie triple derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation.

## 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  $P$  which satisfies*

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

and

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

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

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

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  $\ast$ -algebras satisfy  $(\spadesuit)$  and  $(\clubsuit)$ . Applying Theorem 2.1 to prime  $\ast$ -algebras, we have the following corollary.

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

$$\Phi([A \circ B, C]_{\diamond}) = [\Phi(A) \circ B, C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ \Phi(B), C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ B, \Phi(C)]_{\diamond}$$

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

Let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq B(\mathcal{H})$  be the subalgebra of all bounded finite rank operators. A subalgebra  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq B(\mathcal{H})$  is called a standard operator algebra if it contains  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ . Now we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a standard operator algebra on an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  containing the identity operator  $I$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under the adjoint operation. Then  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\Phi([A \circ B, C]_{\diamond}) = [\Phi(A) \circ B, C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ \Phi(B), C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ B, \Phi(C)]_{\diamond}$$

*for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is a linear  $\ast$ -derivation. Moreover, there exists an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  satisfying  $T + T^{\ast} = 0$  such that  $\Phi(A) = AT - TA$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , i.e.,  $\Phi$  is inner.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is prime, we have that  $\Phi$  is an additive  $\ast$ -derivation. It follows from [13] that  $\Phi$  is a linear inner derivation, i.e., there exists an operator  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $\Phi(A) = AS - SA$ . Since  $\Phi(A^{\ast}) = \Phi(A)^{\ast}$ , we have

$$A^{\ast}S - SA^{\ast} = \Phi(A^{\ast}) = \Phi(A)^{\ast} = -A^{\ast}S^{\ast} + S^{\ast}A^{\ast}$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence  $A^{\ast}(S + S^{\ast}) = (S + S^{\ast})A^{\ast}$ , and then  $S + S^{\ast} = \lambda I$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T = S - \frac{1}{2}\lambda I$ . It is easy to see that  $T + T^{\ast} = 0$  such that  $\Phi(A) = AT - TA$ .  $\square$

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 2.4.** *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*

$$\Phi([A \circ B, C]_{\diamond}) = [\Phi(A) \circ B, C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ \Phi(B), C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ B, \Phi(C)]_{\diamond}$$

*if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $\ast$ -derivation.*

It is shown in [1] and [7] that if a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  has no central summands of type  $I_1$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies  $(\spadesuit)$  and  $(\clubsuit)$ . Now we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.5.** *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*

$$\Phi([A \circ B, C]_{\diamond}) = [\Phi(A) \circ B, C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ \Phi(B), C]_{\diamond} + [A \circ B, \Phi(C)]_{\diamond}$$

*if and only if  $\Phi$  is an additive  $\ast$ -derivation.*

### 3. The proof of main result

**The proof of Theorem 2.1.** In the following, let  $P_1 = P$  and  $P_2 = I - P$ . Denote  $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = P_i\mathcal{A}P_j$  ( $i, j = 1, 2$ ). Then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{11} + \mathcal{A}_{12} + \mathcal{A}_{21} + \mathcal{A}_{22}$ . Let  $\mathcal{N} = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A^{\ast} = -A\}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_{12} = \{P_1NP_2 + P_2NP_1 : N \in \mathcal{N}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_{ii} = P_i\mathcal{N}P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Thus, for every  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $N = N_{11} + N_{12} + N_{22}$ , where  $N_{11} \in \mathcal{N}_{11}$ ,  $N_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$ ,  $N_{22} \in \mathcal{N}_{22}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, we only need to prove the necessity. We will complete the proof by several claims.

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

Indeed, we have

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi([0 \circ 0, 0]_{\circ}) = [\Phi(0) \circ 0, 0]_{\circ} + [0 \circ \Phi(0), 0]_{\circ} + [0 \circ 0, \Phi(0)]_{\circ} = 0.$$

Claim 2.. For every  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have  $\Phi(N) \in \mathcal{N}$ .

For any  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $N = [N \circ \frac{i}{2}I, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\circ}$ . Since  $[A \circ B, C]_{\circ} \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(N) &= \Phi([N \circ \frac{i}{2}I, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\circ}) \\ &= [\Phi(N) \circ \frac{i}{2}I, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\circ} + [N \circ \Phi(\frac{i}{2}I), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\circ} + [N \circ \frac{i}{2}I, \Phi(\frac{i}{2}I)]_{\circ} \in \mathcal{N}.\end{aligned}$$

Claim 3.. For every  $C_{11} \in \mathcal{N}_{11}$ ,  $N_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$  and  $D_{22} \in \mathcal{N}_{22}$ , we have

$$\Phi(C_{11} + N_{12}) = \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(N_{12})$$

and

$$\Phi(N_{12} + D_{22}) = \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(D_{22}).$$

Let  $T = \Phi(C_{11} + N_{12}) - \Phi(C_{11}) - \Phi(N_{12})$ . By Claim 2, we have  $T^* = -T$ . Since  $[I \circ P_2, C_{11}]_{\circ} = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}&[\Phi(I) \circ P_2, C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ \Phi(P_2), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ P_2, \Phi(C_{11} + N_{12})]_{\circ} \\ &= \Phi([I \circ P_2, C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ}) \\ &= \Phi([I \circ P_2, C_{11}]_{\circ}) + \Phi([I \circ P_2, N_{12}]_{\circ}) \\ &= [\Phi(I) \circ P_2, C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ \Phi(P_2), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ P_2, \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(N_{12})]_{\circ}.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $[I \circ P_2, T]_{\circ} = 0$ , and hence  $P_1TP_2 = P_2TP_1 = P_2TP_2 = 0$ .

Next, it follows from  $[I \circ (P_2 - P_1), N_{12}]_{\circ} = 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}&[\Phi(I) \circ (P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ \Phi(P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} \\ &+ [I \circ (P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} \\ &= \Phi([I \circ (P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ}) \\ &= \Phi([I \circ (P_2 - P_1), C_{11}]_{\circ}) + \Phi([I \circ (P_2 - P_1), N_{12}]_{\circ}) \\ &= [\Phi(I) \circ (P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} + [I \circ \Phi(P_2 - P_1), C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ} \\ &+ [I \circ (P_2 - P_1), \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(N_{12})]_{\circ}.\end{aligned}$$

So  $[I \circ (P_2 - P_1), T]_{\circ} = 0$ , and it yields that  $P_1TP_1 = 0$ . Hence  $T = 0$ .

Similarly, we can get that  $\Phi(N_{12} + D_{22}) = \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(D_{22})$ .

Claim 4.. For every  $C_{11} \in \mathcal{N}_{11}$ ,  $N_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$  and  $D_{22} \in \mathcal{N}_{22}$ , we have

$$\Phi(C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}) = \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(D_{22}).$$

Let  $T = \Phi(C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}) - \Phi(C_{11}) - \Phi(N_{12}) - \Phi(D_{22})$ . By Claim 2, we have  $T^* = -T$ . Since  $[P_1 \circ I, D_{22}]_{\circ} = 0$ , it follows from Claim 3 that

$$\begin{aligned}&[\Phi(P_1) \circ I, C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}]_{\circ} + [P_1 \circ \Phi(I), C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}]_{\circ} \\ &+ [P_1 \circ I, \Phi(C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22})]_{\circ} \\ &= \Phi([P_1 \circ I, C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}]_{\circ}) \\ &= \Phi([P_1 \circ I, C_{11} + N_{12}]_{\circ}) + \Phi([P_1 \circ I, D_{22}]_{\circ}) \\ &= [\Phi(P_1) \circ I, C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}]_{\circ} + [P_1 \circ \Phi(I), C_{11} + N_{12} + D_{22}]_{\circ} \\ &+ [P_1 \circ I, \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(D_{22})]_{\circ}.\end{aligned}$$

This yields that  $[P_1 \circ I, T]_{\circ} = 0$ , and then  $P_1TP_1 = P_1TP_2 = 0$ . In the similar manner, we can show that  $P_2TP_1 = P_2TP_2 = 0$ . Hence  $T = 0$ .

Claim 5.. For every  $N_{12}, B_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$ , we have

$$\Phi(N_{12} + B_{12}) = \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(B_{12}).$$

Let  $N_{12}, B_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$ . Then  $N_{12} = P_1NP_2 + P_2NP_1$ ,  $B_{12} = P_1BP_2 + P_2BP_1$ , where  $N, B \in \mathcal{N}$ . Since

$$[(iP_1 + N_{12}) \circ (iP_2 + B_{12}), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} = N_{12} + B_{12} - iN_{12}B_{12} - iB_{12}N_{12},$$

where

$$N_{12} + B_{12} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}$$

and

$$-iN_{12}B_{12} - iB_{12}N_{12} = P_1(-i(NP_2B + BP_2N))P_1 + P_2(-i(NP_1B + BP_1N))P_2 \in \mathcal{N}_{11} + \mathcal{N}_{22},$$

we can get from Claim 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(N_{12} + B_{12}) + \Phi(-iN_{12}B_{12} - iB_{12}N_{12}) \\ &= \Phi(N_{12} + B_{12} - iN_{12}B_{12} - iB_{12}N_{12}) \\ &= \Phi([(iP_1 + N_{12}) \circ (iP_2 + B_{12}), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) \\ &= [(\Phi(iP_1) + \Phi(N_{12})) \circ (iP_2 + B_{12}), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} + [(iP_1 + N_{12}) \circ (\Phi(iP_2) + \Phi(B_{12})), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} \\ &\quad + [(iP_1 + N_{12}) \circ (iP_2 + B_{12}), \Phi(\frac{i}{2}I)]_{\diamond} \\ &= \Phi([(iP_1) \circ (iP_2), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) + \Phi([(iP_1) \circ B_{12}, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) + \Phi([N_{12} \circ (iP_2), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) \\ &\quad + \Phi([N_{12} \circ B_{12}, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) \\ &= \Phi(B_{12}) + \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(-iN_{12}B_{12} - iB_{12}N_{12}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\Phi(N_{12} + B_{12}) = \Phi(N_{12}) + \Phi(B_{12}).$$

Claim 6.. For every  $C_{ii}, D_{ii} \in \mathcal{N}_{ii}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), we have

$$\Phi(C_{ii} + D_{ii}) = \Phi(C_{ii}) + \Phi(D_{ii}).$$

Let  $T = \Phi(C_{11} + D_{11}) - \Phi(C_{11}) - \Phi(D_{11})$ . By Claim 2, we have  $T^* = -T$ . Since  $[P_2 \circ I, C_{11}]_{\diamond} = [P_2 \circ I, D_{11}]_{\diamond} = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [\Phi(P_2) \circ I, C_{11} + D_{11}]_{\diamond} + [P_2 \circ \Phi(I), C_{11} + D_{11}]_{\diamond} + [P_2 \circ I, \Phi(C_{11} + D_{11})]_{\diamond} \\ &= \Phi([P_2 \circ I, C_{11} + D_{11}]_{\diamond}) \\ &= \Phi([P_2 \circ I, C_{11}]_{\diamond}) + \Phi([P_2 \circ I, D_{11}]_{\diamond}) \\ &= [\Phi(P_2) \circ I, C_{11} + D_{11}]_{\diamond} + [P_2 \circ \Phi(I), C_{11} + D_{11}]_{\diamond} + [P_2 \circ I, \Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(D_{11})]_{\diamond}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[P_2 \circ I, T]_{\diamond} = 0$ , and then  $P_1TP_2 = P_2TP_1 = P_2TP_2 = 0$ . Now we have  $T = P_1TP_1$ .

For every  $A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ , let  $N = A_{12} - A_{12}^*$ . Then

$$[C_{11} \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}, [D_{11} \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} \in \mathcal{N}_{12}.$$

In view of Claim 5, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [\Phi(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} + [(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ \Phi(N), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} \\
 & + [(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ N, \Phi(\frac{i}{2}I)]_{\diamond} \\
 & = \Phi([(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) \\
 & = \Phi([C_{11} \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) + \Phi([D_{11} \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond}) \\
 & = [(\Phi(C_{11}) + \Phi(D_{11})) \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} + [(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ \Phi(N), \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} \\
 & + [(C_{11} + D_{11}) \circ N, \Phi(\frac{i}{2}I)]_{\diamond}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields that  $[T \circ N, \frac{i}{2}I]_{\diamond} = 0$ , that is,  $A_{12}^*T - TA_{12} = 0$ . Multiplying the above equation by  $P_1$  from the left, we have  $P_1TA_{12} = 0$  for all  $A_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ . It follows from ( $\clubsuit$ ) that  $P_1TP_1 = 0$ , and hence  $T = 0$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $\Phi(C_{22} + D_{22}) = \Phi(C_{22}) + \Phi(D_{22})$ .

By using Claims 4-6, one can obtain the following claim easily.

*Claim 7..*  $\Phi$  is additive on  $\mathcal{N}$ .

*Claim 8..*

1.  $\Phi(I) = \Phi(iI) = 0$ ;
2. For any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $M^* = M$ , we have  $\Phi(M)^* = \Phi(M)$  and  $\Phi(iM) = i\Phi(M)$ .

For any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ , it follows from Claims 2 and 7 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 4\Phi(iI) &= \Phi(4iI) = \Phi([(iI) \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond}) \\
 &= [\Phi(iI) \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond} + [(iI) \circ \Phi(iI), iI]_{\diamond} + [(iI) \circ (iI), \Phi(iI)]_{\diamond} \\
 &= 2[-2i\Phi(iI), iI]_{\diamond} + [2I, \Phi(iI)]_{\diamond} \\
 &= 12\Phi(iI).
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\Phi(iI) = 0$ .

For any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $M^* = M$ ,

$$0 = \Phi([M \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond}) = [\Phi(M) \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond} = 2(\Phi(M) - \Phi(M)^*).$$

Hence  $\Phi(M)^* = \Phi(M)$  for all  $M^* = M$ .

Now, we can get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= 4\Phi(iI) = \Phi(4iI) = \Phi([I \circ I, iI]_{\diamond}) \\
 &= [\Phi(I) \circ I, iI]_{\diamond} + [I \circ \Phi(I), iI]_{\diamond} \\
 &= 8i\Phi(I).
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields that  $\Phi(I) = 0$ .

For any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $M^* = M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 4\Phi(iM) &= \Phi(4iM) = \Phi([I \circ M, iI]_{\diamond}) \\
 &= [I \circ \Phi(M), iI]_{\diamond} \\
 &= 4i\Phi(M).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Phi(iM) = i\Phi(M)$  for all  $M^* = M$ .

*Claim 9..* For any  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A_1^* = A_1, A_2^* = A_2$ , we have

$$\Phi(A_1 + A_2) = \Phi(A_1) + \Phi(A_2)$$

and

$$\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) = \Phi(A_1) + i\Phi(A_2).$$

Let  $A_1^* = A_1, A_2^* = A_2$ . It follows from Claims 7 and 8 that

$$i\Phi(A_1 + A_2) = \Phi(i(A_1 + A_2)) = \Phi(iA_1) + \Phi(iA_2) = i(\Phi(A_1) + \Phi(A_2)).$$

That is,  $\Phi(A_1 + A_2) = \Phi(A_1) + \Phi(A_2)$ .

Now, on the one hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4i\Phi(A_1) &= \Phi(4iA_1) = \Phi([(A_1 + iA_2) \circ I, iI]_{\diamond}) \\ &= [\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) \circ I, iI]_{\diamond} \\ &= 2i(\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) + \Phi(A_1 + iA_2)^*). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} 4i\Phi(A_2) &= \Phi(4iA_2) = \Phi([(A_1 + iA_2) \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond}) \\ &= [\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) \circ (iI), iI]_{\diamond} \\ &= 2(\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) - \Phi(A_1 + iA_2)^*). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above two equations, we obtain  $\Phi(A_1 + iA_2) = \Phi(A_1) + i\Phi(A_2)$ .

*Claim 10..*

1. For every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A)$  and  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ ;
2.  $\Phi$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $A = A_1 + iA_2$ , where  $A_1^* = A_1, A_2^* = A_2$ . It follows from Claim 9 that

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

Next, from Claims 8 and 9, we find that

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

For any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $A = A_1 + iA_2$  and  $B = B_1 + iB_2$ , where  $A_1^* = A_1, A_2^* = A_2, B_1^* = B_1, B_2^* = B_2$ . Then we can obtain from Claim 9 that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(A + B) &= \Phi((A_1 + B_1) + i(A_2 + B_2)) \\ &= \Phi(A_1 + B_1) + i\Phi(A_2 + B_2) \\ &= (\Phi(A_1) + i\Phi(A_2)) + (\Phi(B_1) + i\Phi(B_2)) \\ &= \Phi(A) + \Phi(B). \end{aligned}$$

*Claim 11.*  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For every  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , on the one hand, by Claims 8 (1) and 10, we have

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

This yields that

$$\Phi(A^*B + B^*A) = \Phi(A)^*B + B^*\Phi(A) + A^*\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)^*A.$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} -2(\Phi(A^*B - B^*A)) &= \Phi(-2(A^*B - B^*A)) \\ &= \Phi([A \circ iB, iI]_{\circ}) \\ &= [\Phi(A) \circ iB, iI]_{\circ} + [A \circ \Phi(iB), iI]_{\circ} \\ &= -2(\Phi(A)^*B - B^*\Phi(A) + A^*\Phi(B) - \Phi(B)^*A). \end{aligned}$$

This yields that

$$\Phi(A^*B - B^*A) = \Phi(A)^*B - B^*\Phi(A) + A^*\Phi(B) - \Phi(B)^*A.$$

By summing the above two equations, we have

$$\Phi(A^*B) = \Phi(A)^*B + A^*\Phi(B).$$

Replacing  $A$  by  $A^*$  in the above equation and using Claim 10 (1), we obtain

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

Hence  $\Phi$  is an additive  $*$ -derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  by Claim 10. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

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