



Non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivations on \ast -algebras

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Abstract. Let \mathcal{M} be a unital \ast -algebra. For any $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$, the Jordan and bi-skew Lie product of M_1 and M_2 are defined as $M_1 \circ M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1$ and $[M_1, M_2]_{\circ} = M_1 M_2^{\ast} - M_2 M_1^{\ast}$, respectively. A product defined as $p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n) = [M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \dots \circ M_{n-1}, M_n]_{\circ}$ for all $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n \in \mathcal{M}$, is called a mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -product of M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n . In this article, we prove that a map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, satisfies $\Psi(p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n)) = \sum_{k=1}^n p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_{k-1}, \Psi(M_k), M_{k+1}, \dots, M_n)$ for all $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n \in \mathcal{M}$, if and only if Ψ is an additive \ast -derivation. We apply the above result to prime \ast -algebras, factor von Neumann algebras, von Neumann algebras with no central summands of type I_1 and standard operator algebras.

1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{M} be an associative \ast -algebra over \mathbb{C} (the field of complex numbers). The products, $[M_1, M_2] = M_1 M_2 - M_2 M_1$ and $M_1 \circ M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1$ are respectively the usual Lie and Jordan product of $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. These products have been extensively studied by many mathematicians (see [1, 5, 6, 17, 18, 23] and the references therein). An involution " \ast " over \mathcal{M} is a map $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\ast}$ satisfies $(\lambda M + N)^{\ast} = \bar{\lambda} M^{\ast} + N^{\ast}$, $(MN)^{\ast} = N^{\ast} M^{\ast}$ and $(M^{\ast})^{\ast} = M$ for all $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, where $\bar{\lambda}$ is the conjugate of λ . An algebra with involution \ast , is called a \ast -algebra. Recall that an additive \ast -derivation is a map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, if it is additive and satisfies $\Psi(M_1 M_2) = \Psi(M_1) M_2 + M_1 \Psi(M_2)$ and $\Psi(M^{\ast}) = \Psi(M)^{\ast}$ for all $M, M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. Obviously every \ast -derivation is a derivation. A linear map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is called a Lie (resp. Jordan) derivation if $\Psi([M_1, M_2]) = [\Psi(M_1), M_2] + [M_1, \Psi(M_2)]$ (resp. $\Psi(M_1 \circ M_2) = \Psi(M_1) \circ M_2 + M_1 \circ \Psi(M_2)$) for all $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. If we remove the linearity assumption in the above definitions, then Ψ is said to be a non-linear Lie (resp. non-linear Jordan) derivation on \mathcal{M} . Similarly, a map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, is called a non-linear Lie (resp. non-linear Jordan) triple derivation if it only satisfies $\Psi([[M_1, M_2], M_3]) = [[\Psi(M_1), M_2], M_3] + [[M_1, \Psi(M_2)], M_3] + [[M_1, M_2], \Psi(M_3)]$ (resp. $\Psi(M_1 \circ M_2 \circ M_3) = \Psi(M_1) \circ M_2 \circ M_3 + M_1 \circ \Psi(M_2) \circ M_3 + M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \Psi(M_3)$) for all $M_1, M_2, M_3 \in \mathcal{M}$. The new products defined as $[M_1, M_2]_{\ast} = M_1 M_2 - M_2 M_1^{\ast}$ and $M_1 \ast M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1^{\ast}$ are respectively

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called \ast -Lie (or skew Lie) product and \ast -Jordan (or skew Jordan) product of $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. These products are very important as they naturally appear in the problem of representing quadratic functionals by sesquilinear functionals on modules over \ast -algebras. Many mathematicians studied the structure of certain maps (specifically derivations) preserving these products on different rings and operator algebras (see, for example [7, 14, 16, 21, 24]). Recently, a new product called as bi-skew Lie product defined as, for any $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$, $[M_1, M_2]_\diamond = M_1 M_2^\ast - M_2 M_1^\ast$, has been introduced by Kong and Zhang [10]. They obtained the structure of non-linear bi-skew Lie derivation on factor von Neumann algebra \mathcal{A} . In fact, they proved that such a map is an additive \ast -derivation on \mathcal{A} . This result was further extended [8] by the third author to the case of non-linear/multiplicative bi-skew Lie triple derivations on \mathcal{A} .

In recent years, many mathematicians considered mixed triple products such as $[[M_1, M_2]_\ast, M_3]$, $[[M_1, M_2], M_3]_\ast$, $[M_1 \ast M_2, M_3]_\ast$, $[M_1, M_2]_\ast \ast M_3$, $M_1 \ast M_2 \circ M_3$ etc. and characterized the structure of derivations preserving these products (see [4, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 25, 26]). For instance, Zhou et al. [26] obtained the structure of non-linear mixed Lie triple derivations on prime \ast -algebras. In [15] (resp. [12]) Li and Zhang proved that every non-linear mixed Jordan triple \ast -derivation on factor von Neumann algebras (resp. on \ast -algebras), is an additive \ast -derivation. Kong and Li [9] characterized non-linear mixed Lie triple derivations on prime \ast -rings. Zhao and Fang [25] explored the structure of second non-linear mixed Lie triple derivations on finite von Neumann algebras.

In a recent study, Ferreira and Costa [3] provided a characterization of \ast -Jordan type maps on C^\ast -algebra \mathcal{A} . Their findings revealed that under certain mild conditions imposed on \mathcal{A} , every multiplicative \ast -Jordan-type map on \mathcal{A} is, in fact, a \ast -isomorphism. Building on this discovery, Ferreira and Wei [4] extended their investigations to \ast -algebras. Specifically, they demonstrated that on a \ast -algebra \mathcal{M} , any non-linear mixed \ast -Jordan-type derivation i.e., the map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, satisfying

$$\Psi(M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \cdots \bullet M_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \cdots \circ M_{k-1} \circ \Psi(M_k) \circ M_{k+1} \circ \cdots \bullet M_n$$

for all $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n \in \mathcal{M}$ is, indeed, an additive \ast -derivation, where $M_1 \circ M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1$ and $M_1 \bullet M_2 = M_1^\ast M_2 + M_2^\ast M_1$.

The above mentioned work motivates us to construct a new type of mixed product called as mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -product which we define as

$$p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n) = [M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \cdots \circ M_{n-1}, M_n]_\diamond$$

where $M_1 \circ M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1$ and $[M_1, M_2]_\diamond = M_1 M_2^\ast - M_2 M_1^\ast$ and we try to give the structure of non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivations on \ast -algebras.

Let us first define non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie triple derivations. A map (not necessarily linear) $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, is said to be a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie triple derivation if

$$\Psi([M_1 \circ M_2, M_3]_\diamond) = [\Psi(M_1) \circ M_2, M_3]_\diamond + [M_1 \circ \Psi(M_2), M_3]_\diamond + [M_1 \circ M_2, \Psi(M_3)]_\diamond$$

for all $M_1, M_2, M_3 \in \mathcal{M}$, where $M_1 \circ M_2 = M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_1$ and $[M_1, M_2]_\diamond = M_1 M_2^\ast - M_2 M_1^\ast$. By considering non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie triple derivation and the definition of non-linear mixed \ast -Jordan-type derivations in [4], we define non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -derivation as follows: Let \mathcal{M} be a \ast -algebra and $n \geq 3$ be a fixed positive integer. Then a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -derivation is a map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, which satisfies the following condition

$$\Psi(p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n)) = \sum_{k=1}^n p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_{k-1}, \Psi(M_k), M_{k+1}, \dots, M_n) \quad (1)$$

for all $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n \in \mathcal{M}$, where $p_n(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n) = [M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \cdots \circ M_{n-1}, M_n]_\diamond$. By the definition, it is evident that every non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie triple derivation can be categorized as a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie 3-derivation. Additionally, it is apparent that any non-linear mixed Jordan

bi-skew Lie triple derivation defined on a $*$ -algebra is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -derivation, although the converse is not true in general. Non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie 3-derivation, non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie 4-derivation and non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie n -derivations are collectively denoted as non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivations.

2. Preliminaries

In the entire text, unless specified otherwise, the symbol \mathcal{M} denotes a $*$ -algebra over the field of complex numbers, denoted as \mathbb{C} . Let H represent a complex Hilbert space, and $\mathcal{B}(H)$ represent the algebra comprising all bounded linear operators on H . An idempotent operator P belonging to $\mathcal{B}(H)$ is called a projection if it satisfies the condition of being self-adjoint, i.e., $P^2 = P$ and $P^* = P$. Any operator $M \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, can be expressed as $M = RM + iImM$, where $i \in \mathbb{C}$ (i.e., $i^2 = -1$), $RM = \frac{M+M^*}{2}$, and $ImM = \frac{M-M^*}{2i}$. It is noteworthy that both RM and ImM are self-adjoint.

Consider a projection $P = P_1 \in \mathcal{M}$. Define $P_2 = I - P_1$ and $\mathcal{M}_{ij} = P_i \mathcal{M} P_j$. Consequently, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{11} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{12} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{21} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{22}$. Let $\mathcal{R} = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid M^* = M\}$ and $\mathcal{S} = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid M^* = -M\}$. Additionally, define $\mathcal{S}_{12} = \{P_1 S P_2 + P_2 S P_1 \mid S \in \mathcal{S}\}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{ii} = P_i \mathcal{S} P_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Thus, for any $S \in \mathcal{S}$, it can be expressed as $S = S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}$, where $S_{12} \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$ and $S_{ii} \in \mathcal{S}_{ii}$ for $i = 1, 2$.

3. Main Result

Theorem 3.1. Let \mathcal{M} be a unital $*$ -algebra containing a nontrivial projection P satisfying

$$MMP = (0) \text{ implies } M = 0 \quad (2)$$

and

$$MM(I - P) = (0) \text{ implies } M = 0. \quad (3)$$

Then, a map $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivation if and only if it is an additive $*$ -derivation.

The sufficient part is easy to prove as every additive $*$ -derivation satisfies (1). So, we only need to prove the necessary part, which we shall prove in a series of claims that are as follows:

Claim 3.2. $\Psi(0) = 0$.

It follows from the hypothesis that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(0) &= \Psi(p_n(0, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ &= p_n(\Psi(0), 0, \dots, 0) + p_n(0, \Psi(0), \dots, 0) + \dots + p_n(0, 0, \dots, \Psi(0)) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Claim 3.3. $\Psi(S)^* = -\Psi(S)$ for every $S \in \mathcal{S}$.

Let $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Then, we can write $S = p_n(S, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2})$. Now, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(S) &= \Psi(p_n(S, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2})) \\ &= p_n(\Psi(S), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}) + p_n(S, \Psi(\frac{I}{2}), \dots, \frac{I}{2}) + \dots + p_n(S, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi(\frac{I}{2})) \\ &= p_{n-1}(\Psi(S), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}) + p_{n-1}(S\Psi(\frac{I}{2}) + \Psi(\frac{I}{2})S, \dots, \frac{I}{2}) + \dots + p_{n-1}(S, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi(\frac{I}{2})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[\Psi(S), \frac{I}{2} \right]_{\circ} + \left[\left(S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) + \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)S \right), \frac{I}{2} \right]_{\circ} + \dots + \left[S, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \right]_{\circ} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\Psi(S) - \Psi(S)^*) + \frac{n}{2}(S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^* + \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)S) + \frac{(n-2)}{2}(S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) + \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^*S).
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\Psi(S) = -\Psi(S)^* + n\left(S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^* + \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)S\right) + (n-2)\left(S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) + \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^*S\right). \quad (4)$$

It follows that

$$\Psi(S)^* = -\Psi(S) - n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)S + S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^*\right) - (n-2)\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^*S + S\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)\right). \quad (5)$$

Combining (4) and (5), we get $\Psi(S)^* = -\Psi(S)$.

Claim 3.4. For any $S_{11} \in \mathcal{S}_{11}$, $S_{12} \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$ and $S_{22} \in \mathcal{S}_{22}$, we have

- (i) $\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}) = \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12})$;
- (ii) $\Psi(S_{12} + S_{22}) = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(S_{22})$.

(i) Let $\Delta = \Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}) - \Psi(S_{11}) - \Psi(S_{12})$. It is evident from Claim 3.3 that $\Delta \in \mathcal{S}$, i.e., $\Delta^* = -\Delta$. It would be sufficient to show that $\Delta = \Delta_{11} + \Delta_{12} + \Delta_{22} = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right)\right) \\
&= \Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{11}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) + \dots + p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2\right) \\
&+ p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2)\right) + p_n\left(\Psi(S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

We obtain from the above two expressions that $p_n\left(\Delta, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2\right) = 0$. Which gives $\Delta_{12} = \Delta_{22} = 0$. Now, since $p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) = 0$, then we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
&p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2 - P_1)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right)\right) \\
&= \Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) \\
&\quad + \dots + p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2 - P_1)\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\Psi(S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) \\
&\quad + \dots + p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2 - P_1)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1\right) \\
&\quad + \dots + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), P_2 - P_1\right) + p_n\left(S_{11} + S_{12}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(P_2 - P_1)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

The above expression yields that $p_n(\Delta, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, P_2 - P_1) = 0$. Using Claim 3.3, we obtain $\Delta_{11} = 0$. Therefore $\Delta = 0$, i.e.,

$$\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}) = \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}).$$

Following the similar procedure, one can establish (ii). This proves the claim.

Claim 3.5. For any $S_{11} \in \mathcal{S}_{11}$, $S_{12} \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$ and $S_{22} \in \mathcal{S}_{22}$, we have

$$\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}) = \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(S_{22}).$$

Let $\Delta = \Psi(S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}) - \Psi(S_{11}) - \Psi(S_{12}) - \Psi(S_{22})$. It follows from Claim 3.4 and $p_n(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1) = 0$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right)\right) \\
&= \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11} + S_{12}), P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi(P_1)\right) + p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1\right) + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{22}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{22}), P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, \Psi(P_1)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + S_{12}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}), P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12}, \Psi(P_1)\right) + p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, P_1\right) + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{22}, P_1\right) \\
&\quad + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{22}), P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{22}, \Psi(P_1)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) \right. \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(S_{22}), P_1\right) \\
&\left. + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, \Psi(P_1)\right)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Apparently

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) \right. \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, P_1\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}), P_1\right) \\
&\left. + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}, \Psi(P_1)\right)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

We can conclude from the above two relations that $p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Delta, P_1\right) = 0$. Using the fact that $\Delta^* = -\Delta$, we obtain $\Delta_{11} = \Delta_{12} = 0$. It remains to show that $\Delta_{22} = 0$. Observe that $p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, S_{11}, P_2\right) = 0$. Following the similar technique as above, one can obtain $\Delta_{22} = 0$, and thus $\Delta = 0$, i.e.,

$$\Psi(S_{11} + S_{12} + S_{22}) = \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(S_{22}).$$

Claim 3.6. For any $S_{12}, N_{12} \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$, we have

$$\Psi(S_{12} + N_{12}) = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(N_{12}).$$

Let $X_{12}, Y_{12} \in \mathcal{M}_{12}$. Assume that $S_{12} = X_{12} - X_{12}^* \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$ and $N_{12} = Y_{12} - Y_{12}^* \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
&p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, (iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*), (iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*)\right) \\
&= (X_{12} - X_{12}^*) + (Y_{12} - Y_{12}^*) + (X_{12}Y_{12}^* + X_{12}^*Y_{12} - Y_{12}X_{12}^* - Y_{12}^*X_{12}) \\
&= S_{12} + N_{12} + S_{12}N_{12}^* - N_{12}S_{12}^*.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that $S_{12}N_{12}^* - N_{12}S_{12}^* = X_{12}Y_{12}^* - Y_{12}X_{12}^* + X_{12}^*Y_{12} - Y_{12}^*X_{12} = S_{11} + S_{22}$, where $S_{11} = X_{12}Y_{12}^* - Y_{12}X_{12}^* \in \mathcal{S}_{11}$ and $S_{22} = X_{12}^*Y_{12} - Y_{12}^*X_{12} \in \mathcal{S}_{22}$. Since $iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iY_{12} + iY_{12}^* \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$, then from Claims 3.4 and 3.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Psi(S_{12} + N_{12}) + \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{22}) \\
&= \Psi(S_{12} + N_{12} + S_{11} + S_{22}) = \Psi(S_{12} + N_{12} + S_{12}N_{12}^* - N_{12}S_{12}^*) \\
&= \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right) \right. \\
&+ p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right) \\
&+ \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right) \\
&+ p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(iP_1) + \Psi(iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*), iP_2 + iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right) \\
&+ p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1 + iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, \Psi(iP_2) + \Psi(iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*)\right) \\
&\left. = \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1, iP_2\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iP_1, iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iP_2\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, iX_{12} + iX_{12}^*, iY_{12} + iY_{12}^*\right)\right) \\
& = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(N_{12}) + \Psi(S_{12}N_{12}^* - N_{12}S_{12}^*) = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(N_{12}) + \Psi(S_{11} + S_{22}) \\
& = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(N_{12}) + \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(S_{22}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\Psi(S_{12} + N_{12}) = \Psi(S_{12}) + \Psi(N_{12}).$$

Claim 3.7. For every $S_{ii}, N_{ii} \in \mathcal{S}_{ii}$ ($i = 1, 2$), we have

$$(i) \quad \Psi(S_{11} + N_{11}) = \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(N_{11});$$

$$(ii) \quad \Psi(S_{22} + N_{22}) = \Psi(S_{22}) + \Psi(N_{22}).$$

(i) Let $\Delta = \Psi(S_{11} + N_{11}) - \Psi(S_{11}) - \Psi(N_{11})$. In order to prove the claim, we show that $\Delta = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right)\right) \\
& = \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11}, P_2\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, N_{11}, P_2\right)\right) \\
& = p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11}, P_2\right) \\
& + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11}), P_2\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11}, \Psi(P_2)\right) + p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, N_{11}, P_2\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, N_{11}, P_2\right) + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), N_{11}, P_2\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(N_{11}), P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, N_{11}, \Psi(P_2)\right) \\
& = p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) \\
& + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(N_{11}), P_2\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, \Psi(P_2)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right)\right) \\
& = p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) \\
& + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), S_{11} + N_{11}, P_2\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(S_{11} + N_{11}), P_2\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, S_{11} + N_{11}, \Psi(P_2)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Equating the above two relations, we get $p_n(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Delta, P_2) = 0$, and using the fact that $\Delta^* = -\Delta$, we obtain $\Delta_{12} = \Delta_{22} = 0$. Now, for any $X_{12} \in \mathcal{M}_{12}$, we can assume that $W_{12} = X_{12} - X_{12}^* \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$. Then $p_n(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11}), p_n(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, N_{11}) \in \mathcal{S}_{12}$. Therefore, using Claim 3.6, we write

$$p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(W_{12}), S_{11} + N_{11}\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, \Psi(S_{11} + N_{11})\right) \\
& = \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right)\right) \\
& = \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11}\right)\right) + \Psi\left(p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, N_{11}\right)\right) \\
& = p_n\left(\Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right) \\
& + \dots + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \Psi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right), W_{12}, S_{11} + N_{11}\right) + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, \Psi(W_{12}), S_{11} + N_{11}\right) \\
& + p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, \Psi(S_{11}) + \Psi(N_{11})\right).
\end{aligned}$$

The above expression yields that $p_n\left(\frac{I}{2}, \frac{I}{2}, \dots, \frac{I}{2}, W_{12}, \Delta\right) = 0$. This implies that $\Delta_{11} = 0$. Using the similar procedure one can easily obtain (ii). Therefore, the proof is completed.

Remark 3.8. Claims 3.5–3.7 assert the additivity of Ψ on \mathcal{S} .

Claim 3.9. $\Psi(I) = 0$.

Let $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Then, using Claim 3.3 and Remark 3.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{n-1}\Psi(S) &= \Psi(2^{n-1}S) = \Psi\left(p_n(S, I, \dots, I)\right) \\
&= p_n\left(\Psi(S), I, \dots, I\right) + p_n\left(S, \Psi(I), \dots, I\right) + \dots + p_n\left(S, I, \dots, \Psi(I)\right) \\
&= 2^{n-1}\Psi(S) + n2^{n-3}\left(\Psi(I)S + S\Psi(I)^*\right) + (n-2)2^{n-3}\left(S\Psi(I) + \Psi(I)^*S\right).
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$n\left(\Psi(I)S + S\Psi(I)^*\right) + (n-2)\left(S\Psi(I) + \Psi(I)^*S\right) = 0. \quad (6)$$

Putting $S = iI$ in (6), we obtain $(2n-2)i(\Psi(I) + \Psi(I)^*) = 0$. Thus, we get

$$\Psi(I)^* = -\Psi(I). \quad (7)$$

It follows from (6) and (7) that $\Psi(I)S = S\Psi(I)$ for any $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Now, since for any $M \in \mathcal{M}$, $M = S_1 + iS_2$ with $S_1 = \frac{M-M^*}{2} \in \mathcal{S}$ and $S_2 = \frac{M+M^*}{2i} \in \mathcal{S}$. Therefore, we have

$$\Psi(I)M = M\Psi(I) \quad (8)$$

for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$. Next, since $p_n(I, I, \dots, I) = 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I)) \\
&= p_n(\Psi(I), I, \dots, I) + p_n(I, \Psi(I), \dots, I) + \dots + p_n(I, I, \dots, \Psi(I)) \\
&= (n-1)2^{n-2}(\Psi(I) - \Psi(I)^*) + 2^{n-2}(\Psi(I)^* - \Psi(I)) \\
&= (n-2)2^{n-2}(\Psi(I) - \Psi(I)^*).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from (7) that $(n-2)2^{n-1}\Psi(I) = 0$. Since (by the hypothesis) $n \geq 3$, then we have $\Psi(I) = 0$.

Claim 3.10. For any $R \in \mathcal{R}$, $\Psi(R)^* = \Psi(R)$.

Let $R \in \mathcal{R}$. Then, $p_n(R, I, \dots, I) = 0$, so by the hypothesis and Claim 3.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Psi(p_n(R, I, \dots, I)) \\ &= p_n(\Psi(R), I, \dots, I) = 2^{n-2}(\Psi(R) - \Psi(R)^*). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

This gives $\Psi(R)^* = \Psi(R)$ for all $R \in \mathcal{R}$. Hence the claim.

Claim 3.11. $\Psi(iI) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{M})$.

It follows from Claims 3.2, 3.3, 3.9, 3.10 and $p_n(I, I, \dots, I, R, iI, iI) = 0$, that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, R, iI, iI)) \\ &= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(R), iI, iI) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, R, \Psi(iI), iI) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, R, iI, \Psi(iI)) \\ &= 2^{n-2}i(\Psi(iI)R - R\Psi(iI)). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\Psi(iI)R = R\Psi(iI)$ for all $R \in \mathcal{R}$. Since for any $M \in \mathcal{M}$, $M = R_1 + iR_2$ with $R_1 = \frac{M+M^*}{2} \in \mathcal{R}$ and $R_2 = \frac{M-M^*}{2i} \in \mathcal{R}$. Thus, $\Psi(iI)M = M\Psi(iI)$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$, and hence $\Psi(iI) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{M})$.

Claim 3.12. For any $R \in \mathcal{R}$, $\Psi(iR) = i\Psi(R) + \Psi(iI)R$.

In view of Claims 3.3, 3.9, 3.11 and Remark 3.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n-1}\Psi(iR) &= \Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iI, R)) \\ &= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(iI), R) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iI, \Psi(R)) \\ &= 2^{n-1}(i\Psi(R) + \Psi(iI)R). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\Psi(iR) = i\Psi(R) + \Psi(iI)R.$$

Claim 3.13. Ψ is additive on \mathcal{R} .

Let $R, R' \in \mathcal{R}$. Then, using Remark 3.8 and Claim 3.12, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} i\Psi(R + R') + \Psi(iI)(R + R') &= \Psi(i(R + R')) \\ &= \Psi(iR) + \Psi(iR') \\ &= i(\Psi(R) + \Psi(R')) + \Psi(iI)(R + R'). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\Psi(R + R') = \Psi(R) + \Psi(R').$$

Claim 3.14. For any $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$ and $M \in \mathcal{M}$, we have

(i) $\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) = \Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2$;

(ii) $\Psi(M^*) = \Psi(M)^*$.

(i) Let $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Then, in view of Claims 3.10, 3.13 and $p_n(R_1, I, I, \dots, I) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(p_n(R_1 + iR_2, I, I, \dots, I)) &= \Psi(p_n(R_1, I, I, \dots, I)) + \Psi(p_n(iR_2, I, I, \dots, I)) \\ &= \Psi(p_n(iR_2, I, I, \dots, I)) = p_n(\Psi(iR_2), I, I, \dots, I) = 2^{n-1}\Psi(iR_2) \\ &= 2^{n-1}(i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(p_n((R_1 + iR_2), I, \dots, I)) &= p_n(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2), I, \dots, I) \\ &= 2^{n-2}(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) - \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^*).\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

From (10) and (11), we have

$$2^{n-1}(i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2) = 2^{n-2}(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) - \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^*).\quad (12)$$

Since $p_n(iR_2, iI, I, \dots, I) = 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(p_n(R_1 + iR_2, iI, I, \dots, I)) &= \Psi(p_n(R_1, iI, I, \dots, I)) + \Psi(p_n(iR_2, iI, I, \dots, I)) \\ &= \Psi(p_n(R_1, iI, I, \dots, I)) = p_n(\Psi(R_1), iI, I, \dots, I) + p_n(R_1, \Psi(iI), I, \dots, I) \\ &= 2^{n-1}(i\Psi(R_1) + \Psi(iI)R_1).\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

Apparently, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(p_n(R_1 + iR_2, iI, I, \dots, I)) &= p_n(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2), iI, I, \dots, I) + p_n(R_1 + iR_2, \Psi(iI), I, \dots, I) \\ &= 2^{n-2}i(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) + \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^*) + 2^{n-1}\Psi(iI)R_1.\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

From (13) and (14), we get

$$2^{n-1}(i\Psi(R_1) + \Psi(iI)R_1) = 2^{n-1}\Psi(iI)R_1 + 2^{n-2}i(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) + \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^*).$$

It follows that

$$2^{n-1}(\Psi(R_1) - i\Psi(iI)R_1) = -2^{n-1}i\Psi(iI)R_1 + 2^{n-2}(\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) + \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^*).\quad (15)$$

On adding (12) and (15), we obtain

$$\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) = \Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2.$$

(ii) Let $M \in \mathcal{M}$. Then $M = R_1 + iR_2$ for some $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. In view of Claims 3.3, 3.10, 3.11, 3.13 and 3.14 (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(M)^* &= \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)^* = (\Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2)^* \\ &= \Psi(R_1) - i\Psi(R_2) - \Psi(iI)R_2 = \Psi(R_1 - iR_2) \\ &= \Psi(M^*).\end{aligned}$$

This gives the assertion.

Claim 3.15. Ψ is additive on \mathcal{M} .

Let $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $M = R_1 + iR_2$ and $M' = R'_1 + iR'_2$ for $R_1, R_2, R'_1, R'_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Observe, from Claims 3.13 and 3.14 (i), that

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(M + M') &= \Psi((R_1 + R'_1) + i(R_2 + R'_2)) \\ &= \Psi(R_1 + R'_1) + i\Psi(R_2 + R'_2) + \Psi(iI)(R_2 + R'_2) \\ &= \Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2 + \Psi(R'_1) + i\Psi(R'_2) + \Psi(iI)R'_2 \\ &= \Psi(R_1 + iR_2) + \Psi(R'_1 + iR'_2) \\ &= \Psi(M) + \Psi(M').\end{aligned}$$

Hence the result.

Claim 3.16. $\Psi(iI) = 0$.

Since $\Psi(I) = 0$, $\Psi(R)^* = \Psi(R)$, for all $R \in \mathcal{R}$, $\Psi(M^*) = \Psi(M)^*$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\Psi(R_1 + iR_2) = \Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(iI)R_2$, then let us assume that

$$\Psi(P_1) = R \quad (16)$$

for some $R \in \mathcal{R}$ and

$$\Psi(iP_1) = i\Psi(P_1) + \Psi(iI)P_1 = iR + \Psi(iI)P_1. \quad (17)$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n-1}\Psi(iP_1) &= \Psi(p_n(iP_1, P_1, I, \dots, I)) \\ &= p_n(\Psi(iP_1), P_1, I, \dots, I) + p_n(iP_1, \Psi(P_1), I, \dots, I) \\ &= p_n((iR + \Psi(iI)P_1), P_1, I, \dots, I) + p_n(iP_1, R, I, \dots, I) \\ &= 2^{n-1}(i(P_1R + RP_1) + \Psi(iI)P_1). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\Psi(iP_1) = \Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1R + RP_1). \quad (18)$$

From (17) and (18), we get

$$R = P_1R + RP_1.$$

This gives

$$P_1RP_1 = P_2RP_2 = 0$$

and hence

$$\Psi(iP_1) = \Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1). \quad (19)$$

Observe, for any $M_{12} \in \mathcal{M}_{12}$, that

$$\Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (M_{12} - M_{12}^*))) = -2^{n-2}\Psi(i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)).$$

In view of Claims 3.12 and 3.14 (ii), we have

$$-2^{n-2}\Psi(i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)) = -2^{n-2}(i\Psi(M_{12}) + i\Psi(M_{12})^* + \Psi(iI)(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)).$$

Thus

$$\Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (M_{12} - M_{12}^*))) = -2^{n-2}(i\Psi(M_{12}) + i\Psi(M_{12})^* + \Psi(iI)(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)). \quad (20)$$

Alternatively, from (19), Claims 3.9 and 3.15, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (M_{12} - M_{12}^*))) \\ &= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(iP_1), (M_{12} - M_{12}^*)) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, \Psi(M_{12} - M_{12}^*)) \\ &= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, (\Psi(iI)P_1 + iP_1RP_2 + iP_2RP_1), (M_{12} - M_{12}^*)) \\ &\quad + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (\Psi(M_{12}) - \Psi(M_{12}^*))) \\ &= 2^{n-2}\left\{(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1))(M_{12}^* - M_{12}) + (M_{12} - M_{12}^*)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1) \right) + iP_1\left(\Psi(M_{12})^* - \Psi(M_{12}) \right) + i\left(\Psi(M_{12}) - \Psi(M_{12})^* \right)P_1 \Big\}.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Psi\left(p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (M_{12} - M_{12}^*)\right)\right) \\ &= 2^{n-2} \left\{ \left(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1) \right) (M_{12}^* - M_{12}) + (M_{12} - M_{12}^*) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1) \right) + iP_1\left(\Psi(M_{12})^* - \Psi(M_{12}) \right) + i\left(\Psi(M_{12}) - \Psi(M_{12})^* \right)P_1 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

From (20) and (21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & -i\Psi(M_{12}) - i\Psi(M_{12})^* - \Psi(iI)(M_{12} + M_{12}^*) \\ &= \left(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1) \right) (M_{12}^* - M_{12}) + (M_{12} - M_{12}^*) \left(\Psi(iI)P_1 + i(P_1RP_2 + P_2RP_1) \right) \\ & \quad + iP_1\left(\Psi(M_{12})^* - \Psi(M_{12}) \right) + i\left(\Psi(M_{12}) - \Psi(M_{12})^* \right)P_1. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Multiplying (22) by P_1 from left and by P_2 from right, we get

$$P_1\Psi(M_{12})^*P_2 = 0.$$

Next, consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{n-2} \left(\Psi(M_{12}) - \Psi(M_{12})^* \right) = \Psi\left(p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)\right)\right) \\ &= p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(iP_1), i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)\right) + p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, \Psi(i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*))\right) \\ &= p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, (\Psi(iI)P_1 + iP_1RP_2 + iP_2RP_1), i(M_{12} + M_{12}^*)\right) \\ & \quad + p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, iP_1, (i\Psi(M_{12}) + i\Psi(M_{12}^*) + \Psi(iI)(M_{12} + M_{12}^*))\right) \\ &= -2^{n-2} \left\{ \left(i\Psi(iI)P_1 - P_1RP_2 - P_2RP_1 \right) (M_{12} + M_{12}^*) - (M_{12} + M_{12}^*) \left(i\Psi(iI)P_1 - P_1RP_2 - P_2RP_1 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - P_1\left(\Psi(M_{12}) + \Psi(M_{12})^* \right) + i\Psi(iI)M_{12} + \left(\Psi(M_{12}) + \Psi(M_{12})^* - i\Psi(iI)(M_{12} + M_{12}^*) \right)P_1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying above relation by P_1 from left and by P_2 from right, we obtain $\Psi(iI)M_{12} = 0$ and so by (3), we get $\Psi(iI)P_1 = 0$. Also, by Claim 3.11, we get $\Psi(iI)M_{12}^* = 0$ and thus, by (2), we obtain $\Psi(iI)P_2 = 0$. Hence, $\Psi(iI) = \Psi(iI)P_1 + \Psi(iI)P_2 = 0$. This completes the proof.

Claim 3.17. $\Psi(iM) = i\Psi(M)$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$.

In light of Claims 3.12 and 3.16, we get $\Psi(iR) = i\Psi(R)$ for all $R \in \mathcal{R}$. Therefore, for any $M \in \mathcal{M}$, assume that $M = R_1 + iR_2$ for some $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. In view of Claim 3.15, we have

$$\Psi(iM) = \Psi(i(R_1 + iR_2)) = i\left(\Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2) \right) = i\Psi(M).$$

Hence the result.

Proof of Theorem 3.1: We have shown that Ψ is additive on \mathcal{M} (Claim 3.15) with $\Psi(M^*) = \Psi(M)^*$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$ (Claim 3.14 (ii)). The final task is to prove that Ψ satisfies the Leibniz rule on \mathcal{M} . Now, let $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Then

$$2^{n-2}\Psi(R_1R_2 - R_2R_1) = \Psi\left(p_n\left(I, I, \dots, I, R_1, R_2\right)\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(R_1), R_2) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, R_1, \Psi(R_2)) \\
&= 2^{n-2}(\Psi(R_1)R_2 - R_2\Psi(R_1) + R_1\Psi(R_2) - \Psi(R_2)R_1).
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{n-2}i\Psi(R_1R_2 + R_2R_1) &= \Psi(p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iR_1, R_2)) \\
&= p_n(I, I, \dots, I, \Psi(iR_1), R_2) + p_n(I, I, \dots, I, iR_1, \Psi(R_2)) \\
&= 2^{n-2}i(\Psi(R_1)R_2 + R_2\Psi(R_1) + R_1\Psi(R_2) + \Psi(R_2)R_1).
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Addition of (23) and (24) gives $\Psi(R_1R_2) = \Psi(R_1)R_2 + R_1\Psi(R_2)$ for all $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Further, for any $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ assume that $M = R_1 + iR_2$ and $M' = R'_1 + iR'_2$ for some $R_1, R_2, R'_1, R'_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(MM') &= \Psi((R_1 + iR_2)(R'_1 + iR'_2)) = \Psi(R_1R'_1 + iR_1R'_2 + iR_2R'_1 - R_2R'_2) \\
&= \Psi(R_1)R'_1 + R_1\Psi(R'_1) + i\Psi(R_1)R'_2 + iR_1\Psi(R'_2) + i\Psi(R_2)R'_1 + iR_2\Psi(R'_1) \\
&\quad - \Psi(R_2)R'_2 - R_2\Psi(R'_2).
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(M)M' + M\Psi(M') &= \Psi(R_1 + iR_2)(R'_1 + iR'_2) + (R_1 + iR_2)\Psi(R'_1 + iR'_2) \\
&= (\Psi(R_1) + i\Psi(R_2))(R'_1 + iR'_2) + (R_1 + iR_2)(\Psi(R'_1) + i\Psi(R'_2)) \\
&= \Psi(R_1)R'_1 + R_1\Psi(R'_1) + i\Psi(R_1)R'_2 + iR_1\Psi(R'_2) + i\Psi(R_2)R'_1 + iR_2\Psi(R'_1) \\
&\quad - \Psi(R_2)R'_2 - R_2\Psi(R'_2).
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

From (25) and (26), we conclude that Ψ satisfies the Leibniz rule on \mathcal{M} , i.e., $\Psi(MM') = \Psi(M)M' + M\Psi(M')$ holds for all $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$. Therefore, the proof of the main theorem is completed.

4. Corollaries

The following corollaries are immediate from our main result.

Let \mathcal{M} be a $*$ -algebra. An algebra \mathcal{M} is called prime if for any two non-zero ideals $I, J \subseteq \mathcal{M}$, $IJ \neq (0)$. Alternatively, an algebra \mathcal{M} is said to be prime if for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{M}$, $XMY = (0)$ implies that either $X = 0$ or $Y = 0$. Given that prime $*$ -algebras satisfy conditions (2) and (3), the subsequent corollary can be deduced.

Corollary 4.1. *Consider a unital prime $*$ -algebra \mathcal{M} containing a nontrivial projection P . A mapping Ψ is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivation on \mathcal{M} if and only if Ψ is an additive $*$ -derivation on \mathcal{M} .*

A von Neumann algebra \mathcal{M} is defined as a weakly closed self-adjoint algebra of operators on a complex Hilbert space H that includes the identity operator I . The algebra \mathcal{M} is classified as a factor if its centre is trivial. Given that a factor von Neumann algebra is a prime $*$ -algebra, the subsequent corollary follows.

Corollary 4.2. *For a factor von Neumann algebra \mathcal{M} with $\dim(\mathcal{M}) \geq 2$, a mapping $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivation if and only if Ψ is an additive $*$ -derivation.*

It follows from [2] and [11] that every von Neumann algebra having no central summands of type I_1 satisfies (2) and (3). Therefore, we have the following corollary:

Corollary 4.3. *Let \mathcal{M} be a von Neumann algebra with no central summands of type I_1 . A mapping $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivation if and only if Ψ is an additive $*$ -derivation.*

Consider the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space H , denoted as $\mathcal{B}(H)$. A subalgebra \mathcal{M} of $\mathcal{B}(H)$ is termed a standard operator algebra if it contains the subalgebra $\mathcal{F}(H)$, comprising all finite-rank operators on H . As a standard operator algebra is inherently a prime $*$ -algebra, the following corollary is derived.

Corollary 4.4. For an infinite-dimensional complex Hilbert space H and a standard operator algebra \mathcal{M} on H containing the identity operator I , closed under the adjoint operation, a mapping $\Psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a non-linear mixed Jordan bi-skew Lie-type derivation if and only if Ψ is an additive $*$ -derivation. Additionally, there exists an operator $X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ such that $X + X^* = 0$, and $\Psi(M) = MX - XM$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$, indicating that Ψ is inner.

Proof. As Ψ is an additive $*$ -derivation on standard operator algebra \mathcal{M} , so from [20] we deduce that Ψ is inner, i.e., there exists $Y \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ such that $\Psi(M) = MY - YM$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$. Since $\Psi(M^*) = \Psi(M)^*$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$, then we have

$$M^*Y - YM^* = \Psi(M^*) = \Psi(M)^* = Y^*M^* - M^*Y^*$$

for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$. This implies that $M^*(Y + Y^*) = (Y + Y^*)M^*$. Thus, $Y + Y^* = \alpha I$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Let us set $X = Y - \frac{1}{2}\alpha I$. One can check that $X + X^* = 0$ such that $\Psi(M) = MX - XM$. \square

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