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NONLINEAR MAPS MIXED JORDAN TRIPLE *-DERIVATIONS ON FACTOR VON NEUMANN ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a factor von Neumann algebra with $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \geq 2$. In this paper, we prove that a map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ (not necessarily linear) satisfies $\Phi(A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge \Phi(B) \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \Phi(C)$ for all $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$, if and only if Φ is an additive $*$ -derivation.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an associative $*$ -algebra over the complex field $\mathbb{C}$. A map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is called an additive $*$ -derivation if it is an additive derivation and satisfies $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

For $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, we define the Lie product $[A, B]$, skew Lie product $[A, B]_*$ and the Jordan $*$ -product $A \bullet B$ by

$[A, B] = AB - BA$, $[A, B]_* = AB - BA^*$, and $A \bullet B = AB + BA^*$, respectively.

We also define $A \blacklozenge B$ and $A \blacktriangledown B$, by For $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$,

$A \blacklozenge B = A^*B + B^*A$ and, $A \blacktriangledown B = A^*B - B^*A$, respectively.

These products have recently attracted the attention of many authors (see for example, [1, 2, 3, 4]). Liu and Ji [7] proved that a bijective map Φ on factor von Neumann algebras preserves the product $\blacklozenge$ if and only if Φ is a $*$ -isomorphism. Zhou et al. [9] studied the structure of nonlinear mixed Lie triple derivations on prime $*$ -algebras. They proved that any map Φ on a unital $*$ -algebra $\mathcal{A}$, containing a nontrivial projection, satisfying

$\Phi([([A, B]_*, C)]) = [[\Phi(A), B]_*, C] + [[A, \Phi(B)]_*, C] + [[A, B]_*, \Phi(C)] \quad (A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}),$

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is an additive $*$ -derivation. Li et al. [6] studied the nonlinear maps preserving the mixed product $[A \bullet B, C]_*$ on von Neumann algebras. Zhang [10] studied nonlinear maps that preserve the mixed product $[A, B]_* \bullet C$ on factor von Neumann algebras. Recently, Li and Zhang [5] proved that Φ is a nonlinear mixed Jordan triple $*$ -derivation on factor von Neumann algebras if and only if Φ is an additive $*$ -derivation.

In this paper, we prove that a map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\Phi(A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge \Phi(B) \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \Phi(C) \quad (A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}),$$

if and only if Φ is an additive $*$ -derivation.

2. MAIN RESULTS

To prove our main result we need to quote the following lemma from [8].

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a von Neumann algebra with no central abelian projections. Then there exists a projection $P \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\underline{P} = 0$ and $\overline{P} = I$.*

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a factor von Neumann algebra with $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \geq 2$. Then a map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$\Phi(A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge \Phi(B) \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \Phi(C) \quad (A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}),$$

if and only if Φ is an additive $$ -derivation.*

Proof. The necessity is clear. The proof of sufficiency is divided into several steps.

Step 1: It is clear that $\Phi(0) = 0$.

Step 2: $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^* = \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$.

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

$$0 = \Phi\left(A \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\right) = A \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{A + A^*}{2}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^* \left(\frac{A + A^*}{2}\right).$$

By putting $A = I$ in the latter identity, we can conclude that $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)^*$.

Therefore, $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$.

Step 3: $\Phi(A) = \Phi(A)^*$, for every self-adjoint $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - A^*)\right) &= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge A\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge A + \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \blacklozenge A + \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(A) \\ &= 2\left(\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) A - A^* \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right)\right) + \frac{I}{2}(\Phi(A) - \Phi(A)^*). \end{aligned}$$

If $A = A^*$, then from the latter identity we arrive at $\Phi(A) = \Phi(A)^*$.

Step 4: $\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)^* = -\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$.

For every $A \in \mathcal{A}_s$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge A \diamond \frac{iI}{2}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \blacklozenge A \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + \frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(A) \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + \frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge A \diamond \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \blacklozenge A \diamond \frac{iI}{2} \\ &= \left(\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)^* A + A \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)\right) i. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $A = I$ we get $\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)^* = -\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)$. Thus, $\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)^* A = A \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right)^*$, which holds true for all $A \in \mathcal{A}_s$. Therefore, $\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$.

Step 5: $\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) = 0$.

It follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) &= \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} \diamond \frac{iI}{2}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + \frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + \frac{iI}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} \diamond \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) = 3\Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Step 6: $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A)$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}_s$.

From Steps 4 and 5, we have

$$\Phi(iA) = \Phi\left(A \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \diamond \frac{iI}{2}\right) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + A \blacklozenge \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) \diamond \frac{iI}{2} + A \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \diamond \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right).$$

Employing the latter identity for $A = \frac{I}{2}$, we get $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) = 0$. Therefore, $\Phi(iA) = i\Phi(A)$.

For the following steps we need to fix some notations. Suppose that $P \in \mathcal{A}$ is the projection with $\underline{P} = 0$ and $\overline{P} = I$, whose existence confirmed by Lemma 2.1. Set $P_1 = P$, $P_2 = I - P$, and $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = P_i \mathcal{A} P_j$ ($i, j = 1, 2$). Then, $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mathcal{A}_{ij}$. When we write A_{ij} , it indicates that $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{ij}$, ($i, j = 1, 2$). We also define $\mathbf{A}_{12}$ by $\mathbf{A}_{12} = P_1 A P_2 + P_2 A P_1$, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}_s$. Hence, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}_s$, we get $A = A_{11} + \mathbf{A}_{12} + A_{22}$.

Step 7: For every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_s$, we have $\Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12})$, and $\Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12} + A_{22}) = \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}) + \Phi(A_{22})$.

We set

$$T = \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) - \Phi(A_{11}) - \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}).$$

We need to show that $T = 0$. To this end, since $I \blacklozenge A_{11} \blacklozenge iP_2 = 0$, $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) = 0$, and $\Phi(0) = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge iP_2 + \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge (A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge \Phi(iP_2) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge (A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge iP_2\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \mathbf{B}_{12} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) \\ &= \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge iP_2 + \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \mathbf{B}_{12} \blacklozenge \Phi(iP_2). \end{aligned}$$

From this, we conclude that

$$\frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge T \blacklozenge iP_2 = 0.$$

Thus, $\mathbf{T}_{12} = T_{22} = 0$. Similarly, we can conclude $T_{11} = 0$. Therefore,

$$\Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}).$$

Likewise, we obtain

$$\Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12} + A_{22}) = \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}) + \Phi(A_{22}).$$

Step 8: $\Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) = \Phi(A_{11}) + \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{12}) + \Phi(C_{22})$, for every $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}_s$.

Set $T = \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) - \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) - \Phi(C_{22})$. We shall show that $T = 0$. Since $C_{22} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_1 = 0$, we get $\mathbf{T}_{12} = T_{11} = 0$. It follows from Step 7 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2 + (A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(iP_2) \\ &= \Phi\left((A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) = \Phi\left(\mathbf{B}_{12} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) + \Phi\left(C_{22} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) \\ &= \Phi\left((A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) + \Phi\left(C_{22} \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2\right) \\ &= (A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12} + C_{22}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \Phi(iP_2) + \Phi(A_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{12}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2 + \Phi(C_{22}) \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $T \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge iP_2 = 0$. From this we obtain that $T_{22} = 0$, therefore $T = 0$, as claimed.

Step 9: $\Phi(\mathbf{A}_{jk} + \mathbf{B}_{jk}) = \Phi(\mathbf{A}_{jk}) + \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{jk})$, for every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_s$, $1 \leq j \neq k \leq 2$. Since

$$\frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge (P_j + \mathbf{A}_{jk}) \blacklozenge i(P_k + \mathbf{B}_{jk}) = i(\mathbf{A}_{jk} + \mathbf{B}_{jk}) + (i\mathbf{A}_{jk}\mathbf{B}_{jk} + i\mathbf{B}_{jk}\mathbf{A}_{jk}),$$

we get from Step 6 and Step 8 that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(i(\mathbf{A}_{jk} + \mathbf{B}_{jk})) + \Phi(i\mathbf{A}_{jk}\mathbf{B}_{jk} + i\mathbf{B}_{jk}\mathbf{A}_{jk}) &= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge(P_j + \mathbf{A}_{jk})\blacklozenge i(P_k + \mathbf{B}_{jk})\right) \\
&= \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge(\Phi(P_j) + \Phi(\mathbf{A}_{jk}))\blacklozenge(i(P_k + \mathbf{B}_{jk})) + \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge(P_j + \mathbf{A}_{jk})\blacklozenge(\Phi(iP_k) + \Phi(i\mathbf{B}_{jk})) \\
&= \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge\mathbf{A}_{jk}\blacklozenge iP_k\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge P_j\blacklozenge i\mathbf{B}_{jk}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge\mathbf{A}_{jk}\blacklozenge i\mathbf{B}_{jk}\right) \\
&= \Phi(i\mathbf{A}_{jk}) + \Phi(i\mathbf{B}_{jk}) + \Phi(i\mathbf{A}_{jk}\mathbf{B}_{jk} + i\mathbf{B}_{jk}\mathbf{A}_{jk}).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows $\Phi(i\mathbf{A}_{jk} + i\mathbf{B}_{jk}) = \Phi(i\mathbf{A}_{jk}) + \Phi(i\mathbf{B}_{jk})$, from which we get

$$\Phi(\mathbf{A}_{jk} + \mathbf{B}_{jk}) = \Phi(\mathbf{A}_{jk}) + \Phi(\mathbf{B}_{jk}).$$

Step 10: For every $A_{jj}, B_{jj} \in \mathcal{A}_{jj}$, $\Phi(A_{jj} + B_{jj}) = \Phi(A_{jj}) + \Phi(B_{jj})$.

Set $T = \Phi(A_{jj} + B_{jj}) - \Phi(A_{jj}) - \Phi(B_{jj})$ ($1 \leq j \neq k \leq 2$). We see that $T = 0$.

Since $\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge A_{jj}\blacklozenge iP_k = \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge B_{jj}\blacklozenge iP_k = 0$. We conclude that $\frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge T\blacklozenge iP_k = 0$. Therefore $T_{kk} = T_{jk} = 0$. For every $C \in \mathcal{A}_s$, it follows from Step 9 that

$$\Phi(P_j\blacklozenge A_{jj} + B_{jj}\blacklozenge iC_{jk}) = \Phi(P_j\blacklozenge A_{jj}\blacklozenge iC_{jk}) + \Phi(P_j\blacklozenge B_{jj}\blacklozenge iC_{jk}).$$

Hence $P_j\blacklozenge T\blacklozenge iC_{jk} = 0$. Thus $2iT_{jj}C_{jk} = 0$, for all $C \in \mathcal{A}_s$. Primeness of $\mathcal{A}$ now implies that $T_{jj} = 0$, so $T = 0$.

Step 11: Φ is additive on $\mathcal{A}_s$.

Let $A = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}$ and $B = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 B_{ij}$ be two arbitrary elements of $\mathcal{A}$. It follows from Steps 8, 9, and 10 that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(A + B) &= \Phi\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij} + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 B_{ij}\right) = \Phi\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 (A_{ij} + B_{ij})\right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Phi(A_{ij} + B_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Phi(A_{ij}) + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \Phi(B_{ij}) \\
&= \Phi\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 A_{ij}\right) + \Phi\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 B_{ij}\right) = \Phi(A) + \Phi(B).
\end{aligned}$$

Step 12: Φ is additive on $\mathcal{A}_{sk} = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A^* = -A\}$.

Follows from Step 6 and Step 11.

Step 13: For every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_s$, $\Phi(A + iB) = \Phi(A) + i\Phi(B)$.

Set $T = \Phi(A + iB) - \Phi(A) - \Phi(iB)$. We need to show that $T = 0$. Since

$iB\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} = 0$, and $\Phi\left(\frac{I}{2}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{iI}{2}\right) = \Phi(0) = 0$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(A + iB)\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} &= \Phi\left((A + iB)\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2}\right) = \Phi(A)\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} + \Phi\left(iB\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2}\right) \\
&= \Phi(A)\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} + \Phi(iB)\blacklozenge \frac{I}{2}\blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2},
\end{aligned}$$

and this implies that $T \blacklozenge \frac{I}{2} \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} = 0$. Therefore, $T = 0$. It follows from Step 6 that $\Phi(A + iB) = \Phi(A) + i\Phi(B)$.

Step 14: Φ preserves star.

Applying Steps 3, 6, and 13, one concludes that Φ preserves the star operation.

Step 15: For every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_s$, $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$.

For every $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_s$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(i(AB + BA)) &= \Phi\left(A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2}\right) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} + A \blacklozenge \Phi(B) \blacklozenge \frac{iI}{2} \\ &= (\Phi(A)B + B\Phi(A) + A\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)A)i. \end{aligned}$$

By Step 6, we get

$$\Phi(AB + BA) = \Phi(A)B + B\Phi(A) + A\Phi(B) + \Phi(B)A. \quad (2.1)$$

Similarly we have

$$\Phi(AB - BA) = \Phi(A)B - B\Phi(A) + A\Phi(B) - \Phi(B)A. \quad (2.2)$$

It follows from (2.1), (2.2) and the additivity of Φ that

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

Step 16: $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$, for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$.

Since for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $A = A_1 + iA_2$, where $A_1 = \frac{A + A^*}{2}$ and $A_2 = \frac{A - A^*}{2i}$ are self-adjoint, the identity $\Phi(AB) = \Phi(A)B + A\Phi(B)$ follows from Steps 6 and 14. $\square$

The following corollary is immediate by of [5, Theorems 2.1 and 2.4].

Corollary 2.3. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a factor von Neumann algebra with $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \geq 2$. Then for every map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) $\Phi([A, B]_* \bullet C) = [\Phi(A), B]_* \bullet C + [A, \Phi(B)]_* \bullet C + [A, B]_* \bullet \Phi(C)$, for every $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$.
- (2) Φ is an additive $*$ -derivation.
- (3) $\Phi(A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C) = \Phi(A) \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge \Phi(B) \blacklozenge C + A \blacklozenge B \blacklozenge \Phi(C)$, for every $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$.

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