

# MAPPINGS OF \*-DERIVATION-TYPE ON SUM OF PRODUCTS $ab - b \circ a^*$ ON \*-ALGEBRAS

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**Abstract** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime \*-algebra. In this paper, we prove that every mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\delta(ab - b \circ a^*) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b) - \delta(b) \circ a^* - b \circ \delta(a)^*$  (where  $\circ$  is the special Jordan product on  $\mathcal{A}$ ), for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , is an additive \*-derivation.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a \*-algebra over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . Denote by  $a \circ b = \frac{1}{2}(ab + ba)$ , for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , the *special Jordan product* and by  $[a, b]_* = ab - ba^*$ , for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , the *\*-Lie product*. A mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called *additive \*-derivation* if it is an additive derivation and satisfies  $\delta(a^*) = \delta(a)^*$ , for all element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , and it is called *nonlinear \*-Lie derivation* if  $\delta([a, b]_*) = [\delta(a), b]_* + [a, \delta(b)]_*$ , for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . A mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called *\*-derivation-type on sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$*  if

$$\delta(ab - b \circ a^*) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b) - \delta(b) \circ a^* - b \circ \delta(a)^*, \quad (1.1)$$

for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Recently, several authors have presented new results in the study of some classes of mappings on \*-algebras. Within the scope of this paper some examples can be seen in [1], [2], [3], [4]. In that regard, Cui and Li [1] proved that every bijective map preserving \*-Lie product on factor von Neumann algebras is a \*-ring isomorphism, Yu and Zhang [4] proved that every \*-Lie derivation on factor von Neumann algebras is an additive \*-derivation and Ferreira e Marietto [2] proved that every mapping preserving sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$  on factor von Neumann algebras is a \*-ring isomorphism. Motivated by these results, the aim of the present paper is to prove that a mapping of \*-derivation-type on sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$  on prime \*-algebras is an additive \*-derivation.

Our main result reads as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime \*-algebra with  $1_{\mathcal{A}}$  its identity and such that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a non-trivial projection. Then every mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\delta(ab - b \circ a^*) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b) - \delta(b) \circ a^* - b \circ \delta(a)^*$ , for all elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , is an additive \*-derivation.*

## 2 The proof of the Theorem 1.1

The proof of the Theorem 1.1 is made by proving several lemmas. We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a \*-algebra and a mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  of \*-derivation-type on sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$ . Then  $\delta(0) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed,  $\delta(0) = \delta(00 - 0 \circ 0^*) = \delta(0)0 + 0\delta(0) - \delta(0) \circ 0^* - 0 \circ \delta(0)^* = 0$ . □

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a prime  $*$ -algebra with  $1_{\mathcal{A}}$  its identity and such that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a nontrivial projection. Then every mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  of  $*$ -derivation-type on sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$  is additive.*

Based on the approach taken by Cui and Li [1], Ferreira and Marietto [2] and Yu and Zhang [4], we shall organize the proof of Lemma 2.2 in a series of properties. We begin, though, with a well-known result that will be used throughout this paper.

Let  $p_1$  be an arbitrary non-trivial projection of  $\mathcal{A}$  and write  $p_2 = 1_{\mathcal{A}} - p_1$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  has a Peirce decomposition  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{11} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{12} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{21} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = p_i \mathcal{A} p_j$  ( $i, j = 1, 2$ ), satisfying the following multiplicative relations:  $\mathcal{A}_{ij} \mathcal{A}_{kl} \subseteq \delta_{jk} \mathcal{A}_{il}$ , where  $\delta_{jk}$  is the Kronecker delta function.

**Property 2.3.** For arbitrary elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , the following assertions hold: (i)  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})$ , (ii)  $\delta(a_{11} + c_{21}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(c_{21})$ , (iii)  $\delta(b_{12} + d_{22}) = \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(d_{22})$  and (iv)  $\delta(c_{21} + d_{22}) = \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* At first, observe that  $(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_2)^* = (ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_2)^*$ , since  $(ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$ . For this reason, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) \\ & - \delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta((ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta((ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_2)^*) + \delta((ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta(ip_2)a_{11} + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ & + \delta(ip_2)b_{12} + (ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) + (ip_2)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})) \\ & - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \end{aligned}$$

which demonstrates that

$$(ip_2)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12})) - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12})) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0.$$

Defining  $t = \delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) = t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}$ , we can write the above equation as

$$(ip_2)(t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) - (t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$$

which implies that  $\frac{1}{2}t_{12} + \frac{3}{2}t_{21} + 2t_{22} = 0$ . It results in  $t_{12} = t_{21} = t_{22} = 0$ . Now, observe that  $(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = (ip_1 - 3ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*$ , since  $(ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0$ . It therefore follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) \\ & - \delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ & + \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)a_{11} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(a_{11}) \\ & - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ & + \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) \\ & - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})) \\ & - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \end{aligned}$$

which produces

$$(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12})) - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0.$$

This shows that

$$(ip_1 - 3ip_2)t_{11} - t_{11} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0$$

which leads to  $t_{11} = 0$ . As consequence, we obtain  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12})$ .

Using a similar reasoning as above, we prove the cases (ii), (iii) and (iv).  $\square$

**Property 2.4.** For arbitrary elements  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  and  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ , the following assertion holds:  $\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) = \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})$ .

*Proof.* At first, observe that  $(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = (ip_1 - 3ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*$ , since  $(ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0$ . On account of this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) \\ & - \delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ & + \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) \\ & - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ & + \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)c_{21} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(c_{21}) \\ & - \delta(c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - c_{21} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \\ & - (\delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) - (\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0.$$

Defining  $t = \delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21}) = t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}$ , we can write the above equation as

$$(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) - (t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0$$

through which we get  $2t_{11} - 4t_{21} - 6t_{22} = 0$ . This implies that  $t_{11} = t_{21} = t_{22} = 0$ . Now, observe that  $(-3ip_1 + ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* = (-3ip_1 + ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^*$ , since  $(-3ip_1 + ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* = 0$ . On account of this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) + (-3ip_1 + ip_2)\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) \\ & - \delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* \\ = & \delta((-3ip_1 + ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta((-3ip_1 + ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^*) \\ & + \delta((-3ip_1 + ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^*) \\ = & \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)b_{12} + (-3ip_1 + ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) \\ & - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)c_{21} + (-3ip_1 + ip_2)\delta(c_{21}) \\
 & - \delta(c_{21}) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* - c_{21} \circ \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* \\
 = & \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)(b_{12} + c_{21}) + (-3ip_1 + ip_2)(\delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \\
 & - (\delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* - (b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(-3ip_1 + ip_2)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 (-3ip_1 + ip_2)(\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \\
 - (\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the above equation that

$$(-3ip_1 + ip_2)t_{12} - t_{12} \circ (-3ip_1 + ip_2)^* = 0$$

which results in  $t_{12} = 0$ . Consequently,  $\delta(b_{12} + c_{21}) = \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})$ . □

**Property 2.5.** For arbitrary elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , the following assertions hold: (i)  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})$  and (ii)  $\delta(b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) = \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the Property 2.4 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \\
 & - \delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\
 = & \delta((ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_2)^*) \\
 = & \delta((ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_2)^*) + \delta((ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_2)^*) \\
 & + \delta((ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (ip_2)^*) \\
 = & \delta(ip_2)a_{11} + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\
 & + \delta(ip_2)b_{12} + (ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\
 & + \delta(ip_2)c_{21} + (ip_2)\delta(c_{21}) - \delta(c_{21}) \circ (ip_2)^* - c_{21} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\
 = & \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_2)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \\
 & - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

which produces the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ip_2)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \\
 - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Defining  $t = \delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21}) = t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}$ , so we get

$$(ip_2)(t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) - (t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$$

which leads to  $\frac{1}{2}t_{12} + \frac{3}{2}t_{21} + 2t_{22} = 0$ . It therefore follows that  $t_{12} = t_{21} = t_{22} = 0$ . Also, by Property 2.3(ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \\
 & - \delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\
 = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\
 = & \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\
 & + \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*) \\
 & + \delta((ip_1 - 3ip_2)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)a_{11} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(a_{11}) \\
&\quad - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\
&\quad + \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)b_{12} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(b_{12}) \\
&\quad - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\
&\quad + \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)c_{21} + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)\delta(c_{21}) \\
&\quad - \delta(c_{21}) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* - c_{21} \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\
&= \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) + (ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \\
&\quad - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* \\
&\quad - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ \delta(ip_1 - 3ip_2)^*
\end{aligned}$$

which demonstrates that

$$\begin{aligned}
&(ip_1 - 3ip_2)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \\
&\quad - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21})) \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It results in

$$(ip_1 - 3ip_2)t_{11} - t_{11} \circ (ip_1 - 3ip_2)^* = 0$$

which leads to  $t_{11} = 0$ . Therefore,  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21})$ .

Using a similar reasoning as above, we prove the case (ii).  $\square$

**Property 2.6.** For arbitrary elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , the following assertion holds:  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* From Property 2.5(i), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\delta(ip_1)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) + (ip_1)\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \\
&\quad - \delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ (ip_1)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ \delta(ip_1)^* \\
&= \delta((ip_1)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ (ip_1)^*) \\
&= \delta((ip_1)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_1)^*) + \delta((ip_1)b_{12} - b_{12} \circ (ip_1)^*) \\
&\quad + \delta((ip_1)c_{21} - c_{21} \circ (ip_1)^*) + \delta((ip_1)d_{22} - d_{22} \circ (ip_1)^*) \\
&= \delta(ip_1)a_{11} + (ip_1)\delta(a_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_1)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_1)^* \\
&\quad + \delta(ip_1)b_{12} + (ip_1)\delta(b_{12}) - \delta(b_{12}) \circ (ip_1)^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(ip_1)^* \\
&\quad + \delta(ip_1)c_{21} + (ip_1)\delta(c_{21}) - \delta(c_{21}) \circ (ip_1)^* - c_{21} \circ \delta(ip_1)^* \\
&\quad + \delta(ip_1)d_{22} + (ip_1)\delta(d_{22}) - \delta(d_{22}) \circ (ip_1)^* - d_{22} \circ \delta(ip_1)^* \\
&= \delta(ip_1)(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) + (ip_1)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})) \\
&\quad - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})) \circ (ip_1)^* - (a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ \delta(ip_1)^*
\end{aligned}$$

which results in the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
&(ip_1)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21}) - \delta(d_{22})) \\
&\quad - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21}) - \delta(d_{22})) \circ (ip_1)^* = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Defining  $t = \delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{12}) - \delta(c_{21}) - \delta(d_{22}) = t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}$ , we obtain

$$(ip_1)(t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) - (t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (ip_1)^* = 0$$

which implies that  $2t_{11} + \frac{3}{2}t_{12} + \frac{1}{2}t_{21} = 0$ . Therefore,  $t_{11} = t_{12} = t_{21} = 0$ .

Using a similar reasoning as above, we prove that  $t_{22} = 0$ . As consequence we have  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{12}) + \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{22})$ .  $\square$

**Property 2.7.** For arbitrary elements  $a_{12}, b_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  and  $c_{21}, d_{21} \in \mathcal{A}_{21}$ , the following assertions hold: (i)  $\delta(a_{12} + b_{12}) = \delta(a_{12}) + \delta(b_{12})$  and (ii)  $\delta(c_{21} + d_{21}) = \delta(c_{21}) + \delta(d_{21})$ .

*Proof.* First, we note that the following identity holds

$$(p_1 + a_{12})(p_2 + b_{12}) - (p_2 + b_{12}) \circ (p_1 + a_{12})^* = a_{12} + \frac{1}{2}b_{12} - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^* - \frac{1}{2}b_{12}a_{12}^* - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*b_{12}.$$

Then, by Property 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(a_{12} + \frac{1}{2}b_{12}) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}b_{12}a_{12}^*) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*b_{12}) \\ &= \delta(a_{12} + \frac{1}{2}b_{12} - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^* - \frac{1}{2}b_{12}a_{12}^* - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*b_{12}) \\ &= \delta((p_1 + a_{12})(p_2 + b_{12}) - (p_2 + b_{12}) \circ (p_1 + a_{12})^*) \\ &= \delta(p_1 + a_{12})(p_2 + b_{12}) + (p_1 + a_{12})\delta(p_2 + b_{12}) \\ & \quad - \delta(p_2 + b_{12}) \circ (p_1 + a_{12})^* - (p_2 + b_{12}) \circ \delta(p_1 + a_{12})^* \\ &= (\delta(p_1) + \delta(a_{12}))(p_2 + b_{12}) + (p_1 + a_{12})(\delta(p_2) + \delta(b_{12})) \\ & \quad - (\delta(p_2) + \delta(b_{12})) \circ (p_1 + a_{12})^* - (p_2 + b_{12}) \circ (\delta(p_1) + \delta(a_{12}))^* \\ &= \delta(p_1)p_2 + p_1\delta(p_2) - \delta(p_2) \circ p_1^* - p_2 \circ \delta(p_1)^* \\ & \quad + \delta(p_1)b_{12} + p_1\delta(b_{12}) - \delta(b_{12}) \circ p_1^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(p_1)^* \\ & \quad + \delta(a_{12})p_2 + a_{12}\delta(p_2) - \delta(p_2) \circ a_{12}^* - p_2 \circ \delta(a_{12})^* \\ & \quad + \delta(a_{12})b_{12} + a_{12}\delta(b_{12}) - \delta(b_{12}) \circ a_{12}^* - b_{12} \circ \delta(a_{12})^* \\ &= \delta(p_1p_2 - p_2 \circ p_1^*) + \delta(p_1b_{12} - b_{12} \circ p_1^*) \\ & \quad + \delta(a_{12}p_2 - p_2 \circ a_{12}^*) + \delta(a_{12}b_{12} - b_{12} \circ a_{12}^*) \\ &= \delta(\frac{1}{2}b_{12}) + \delta(a_{12} - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}b_{12}a_{12}^* - \frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*b_{12}) \\ &= \delta(a_{12}) + \delta(\frac{1}{2}b_{12}) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}b_{12}a_{12}^*) + \delta(-\frac{1}{2}a_{12}^*b_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $\delta(a_{12} + \frac{1}{2}b_{12}) = \delta(a_{12}) + \delta(\frac{1}{2}b_{12})$ . Due to this result, we conclude that  $\delta(a_{12} + b_{12}) = \delta(a_{12}) + \delta(b_{12})$ .

Similarly, we prove the case (ii) using the identity

$$(p_2 + c_{21})(p_1 + d_{21}) - (p_1 + d_{21}) \circ (p_2 + c_{21})^* = c_{21} + \frac{1}{2}d_{21} - \frac{1}{2}c_{21}^* - \frac{1}{2}d_{21}c_{21}^* - \frac{1}{2}c_{21}^*d_{21}.$$

□

**Property 2.8.** For arbitrary elements  $a_{11}, b_{11} \in \mathcal{A}_{11}$  and  $c_{22}, d_{22} \in \mathcal{A}_{22}$ , the following assertions hold: (i)  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11})$  and (ii)  $\delta(c_{22} + d_{22}) = \delta(c_{22}) + \delta(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* At first, observe that  $(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{11}) - (a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$ , since  $(ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_2)^* = (ip_2)b_{11} - b_{11} \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$ . For this reason, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{11}) + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) \\ & \quad - \delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ &= \delta((ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{11}) - (a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^*) \\ &= \delta((ip_2)a_{11} - a_{11} \circ (ip_2)^*) + \delta((ip_2)b_{11} - b_{11} \circ (ip_2)^*) \\ &= \delta(ip_2)a_{11} + (ip_2)\delta(a_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* - a_{11} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ & \quad + \delta(ip_2)b_{11} + (ip_2)\delta(b_{11}) - \delta(b_{11}) \circ (ip_2)^* - b_{11} \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \\ &= \delta(ip_2)(a_{11} + b_{11}) + (ip_2)(\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11})) \\ & \quad - (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11})) \circ (ip_2)^* - (a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ \delta(ip_2)^* \end{aligned}$$

which demonstrates that

$$(ip_2)(\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{11})) - (\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{11})) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0.$$

Defining  $t = \delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{11}) = t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}$ , we can write the above equation as

$$(ip_2)(t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) - (t_{11} + t_{12} + t_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (ip_2)^* = 0$$

which yields in  $\frac{1}{2}t_{12} + \frac{3}{2}t_{21} + 2t_{22} = 0$ . It therefore follows that  $t_{12} = t_{21} = t_{22} = 0$ . Next, for an arbitrary element  $c_{12} \in \mathcal{A}_{12}$  we have, by Property 2.7(i),

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(a_{11} + b_{11})c_{12} + (a_{11} + b_{11})\delta(c_{12}) \\ & - \delta(c_{12}) \circ (a_{11} + b_{11})^* - c_{12} \circ \delta(a_{11} + b_{11})^* \\ = & \delta((a_{11} + b_{11})c_{12} - c_{12} \circ (a_{11} + b_{11})^*) \\ = & \delta(a_{11}c_{12} - c_{12} \circ a_{11}^*) + \delta(b_{11}c_{12} - c_{12} \circ b_{11}^*) \\ = & \delta(a_{11})c_{12} + a_{11}\delta(c_{12}) - \delta(c_{12}) \circ a_{11}^* - c_{12} \circ \delta(a_{11})^* \\ & + \delta(b_{11})c_{12} + b_{11}\delta(c_{12}) - \delta(c_{12}) \circ b_{11}^* - c_{12} \circ \delta(b_{11})^* \\ = & (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11}))c_{12} + (a_{11} + b_{11})\delta(c_{12}) \\ & - \delta(c_{12}) \circ (a_{11} + b_{11})^* - c_{12} \circ (\delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11}))^*. \end{aligned}$$

This produces the equation

$$(\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{11}))c_{12} - c_{12} \circ (\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) - \delta(a_{11}) - \delta(b_{11}))^* = 0$$

which leads to

$$t_{11}c_{12} - c_{12} \circ t_{11}^* = 0.$$

Due to this result, we conclude that  $t_{11} = 0$ . Consequently, we obtain  $\delta(a_{11} + b_{11}) = \delta(a_{11}) + \delta(b_{11})$ .

Similarly, we prove the case (ii). □

**Property 2.9.**  $\delta$  is an additive mapping.

*Proof.* The result is a direct consequence of Properties 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8. □

From now on, we assume that all lemmas satisfy the conditions of the Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 2.10.** (i)  $\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 0$  and  $\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 0$ , (ii)  $\delta(a^*) = \delta(a)^*$ , for all element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , and (iii)  $\delta(ia) = i\delta(a)$ , for all element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that the calculations

$$\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}})1_{\mathcal{A}} + 1_{\mathcal{A}}\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) - \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ 1_{\mathcal{A}}^* - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}})^* = \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}1_{\mathcal{A}} - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ 1_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) + (i1_{\mathcal{A}})\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) - \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* - (i1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* \\ & = \delta((i1_{\mathcal{A}})(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) - (i1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^*) = -2\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) \end{aligned}$$

result in  $\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) - \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}})^* = 0$  and  $-2\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 3i\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) - i\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^*$ , respectively. As  $-2\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}})^* = -3i\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* + i\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})$ , then we conclude that  $\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* = -\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})$ . As consequence of the last result, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) & = \delta((i1_{\mathcal{A}})1_{\mathcal{A}} - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^*) \\ & = \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})1_{\mathcal{A}} + (i1_{\mathcal{A}})\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) - \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* \\ & = 2\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) + 2i\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 0$  and this leads to conclusion that  $\delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 0$ . Thus, for an arbitrary element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(a) - \delta(a)^* &= \delta(a)1_{\mathcal{A}} + a\delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) - \delta(1_{\mathcal{A}}) \circ a^* - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ \delta(a)^* \\ &= \delta(a)1_{\mathcal{A}} - 1_{\mathcal{A}} \circ a^* = \delta(a) - \delta(a)^* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2\delta(ia) &= \delta((i1_{\mathcal{A}})a - a \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^*) \\ &= \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})a + (i1_{\mathcal{A}})\delta(a) - \delta(a) \circ (i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* - a \circ \delta(i1_{\mathcal{A}})^* \\ &= 2i\delta(a). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\delta(a^*) = \delta(a)^*$  and  $\delta(ia) = i\delta(a)$ , for all element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . □

**Lemma 2.11.** *The mapping  $\delta$  is a derivation.*

*Proof.* For arbitrary elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(ab) - \delta(b \circ a^*) &= \delta(ab - b \circ a^*) \\ &= \delta(a)b + a\delta(b) - \delta(b) \circ a^* - b \circ \delta(a)^*, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

by Property 2.9. Replacing  $a$  by  $ia$  in the equality (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta((ia)b) - \delta(b \circ (ia)^*) &= \delta((ia)b - b \circ (ia)^*) \\ &= \delta(ia)b + (ia)\delta(b) - \delta(b) \circ (ia)^* - b \circ \delta(ia)^* \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$\delta(ab) + \delta(b \circ a^*) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b) + \delta(b) \circ a^* + b \circ \delta(a)^*, \tag{2.2}$$

by Lemma 2.10. Adding (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b).$$

□

Ending the demonstration of the Theorem 1.1, we conclude that  $\delta$  is an additive \*-derivation, by Property 2.9 and the Lemmas 2.10(ii) and 2.11.

The result that follows is a direct consequence of the Theorem 1.1.

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\delta : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be a mapping of \*-derivation-type on sum of products  $ab - b \circ a^*$ . Then there exists an element  $t \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfying  $t + t^* = 0$  and such that  $\delta(a) = at - ta$ , for all element  $a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .*

*Proof.* The prove is the same as in [4, Corollary 2.1]. □

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