# NOTE ON JORDAN TRIPLE $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivations in $H^*$ -algebras

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#### Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to prove the following result. Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime \*-ring and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are endomorphisms of R. Then any Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on R is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation. As an application of this result, we establish that any linear Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on a semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra is a linear Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation.

## 1 Introduction

This research is inspired by our earlier work [1] and the work of M. Fošner and D. Ileševic [5]. Throughout, R will denote an associative ring and A will represent a \*-algebra over the field F. Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. A ring R is said to be *n*-torsion free if for  $x \in R$ , nx = 0 implies x = 0. Recall that R is prime if  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies a = 0 or b = 0. A ring R is called semiprime if  $aRa = \{0\}$  implies a = 0. An additive mapping  $x \mapsto x^*$  satisfying  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$ and  $(x^*)^* = x$  for all  $x, y \in R$  is called an involution. A ring equipped with an involution is called a \*-ring or a ring with involution. If R is an algebra we assume additionally that  $(\lambda x)^* = \overline{\lambda}x^*$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $\lambda \in F$ , where  $\overline{\lambda}$ denotes the complex conjugate of  $\lambda$ . An algebra equipped with an involution is called a \*-algebra or algebra with involution. The radical of A, denoted by rad(A), is the intersection of all maximal left(or right) ideals of A. An algebra

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A is called semisimple if rad(A) = 0. A Banach algebra is a linear associative algebra which, as a vector space, is a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  satisfying the multiplicative inequality;  $\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$  for all x and y in A. A \*-algebra which is also a Banach algebra is called a Banach \*-algebra. Let us recall that a semisimple H\*-algebra is a semisimple Banach \*-algebra whose norm is a Hilbert space norm such that  $(x, yz^*) = (xz, y) = (z, x^*y)$  is fulfilled for all  $x, y, z \in A$  (see [2] for details).

An additive mapping  $d: R \to R$  is called a derivation (resp. Jordan derivation) if d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y) (resp.  $d(x^2) = d(x)x + xd(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \to R$  is called a Jordan triple derivation if d(xyx) = d(x)yx + xd(y)x + xyd(x) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . Of course, any derivation is a Jordan triple derivation. Moreover, if R is a 2-torsion free, one can easily prove that any Jordan derivation is a Jordan triple derivation, but converse is not true in general. A classical result due to Brešar ([3], Theorem 4.3) asserts that a Jordan triple derivation on 2-torsion free semiprime ring is a derivation.

Let R be a \*-ring, and let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  be endomorphisms of R. An additive mapping  $d : R \to R$  is said to be a \*-derivation (resp. Jordan \*-derivation) if  $d(xy) = d(x)y^* + xd(y)$  (resp.  $d(x^2) = d(x)x^* + xd(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . Following [5], an additive mapping  $d : R \to R$  is called a Jordan triple \*derivation if  $d(xyx) = d(x)y^*x^* + xd(y)x^* + xyd(x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . One can easily prove that every Jordan \*-derivation on a 2-torsion free \*-ring is a Jordan triple \*-derivation (see the proof of [[4], Lemma 2]) but not conversely. In [7], P. Šemrl has proved that if R is a real Banach \*-algebra with identity then the converse also holds. Further, Vukman [8] established that any Jordan triple \*-derivation on a 6-torsion free semiprime \*-ring is a Jordan \*-derivation. In the year 2008, M. Fošner and D. Iliševic [5] generalized this result for 2-torsion free semiprime \*-rings.

In [1], the notion of Jordan triple \*-derivation was extended as follows: an additive mapping  $d : R \to R$  is called a Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation if  $d(xyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are endomorphisms of R. In any \*-ring with automorphisms  $\alpha$ and  $\beta$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto a\alpha(x^*) - \beta(x)a$ , where a is fixed element in R, is a Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on R. Note that for  $I_R$ , the identity map on R, a Jordan triple  $(I_R, I_R)^*$ -derivation is just a Jordan triple \*-derivation. Using similar approach as in Lemma 2 of [4], it can be easily seen that any Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on a 2-torsion free \*-ring is a Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation, but not conversely(cf.; [1], Example 2.4]). Most recently, the author together with A. Fošner [1] proved that on a 6-torsion free semiprime \*-ring R, every Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on R is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation. The main goal of this paper is to improve the above mentioned result by removing 3-torsion free restriction and prove that any Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ derivation on 2-torsion free semiprime \*-ring is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation. As consequence of this result, it was shown that any linear Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ derivation on a semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra is a linear Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation.

# 2 The main results

The following theorem is a generalization of [[5], Theorem 5.2] and [[8], Theorem 1].

**Theorem 1.** Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime \*-ring, and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be surjective endomorphisms of R. Let  $d: R \to R$  be an additive mapping. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) d is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation;
- (ii)  $d(xyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

In order to prove above theorem, first we establish the following technical lemma which extended the result of [[6], Section 2, p-5].

**Lemma 1.** Let R be a semiprime \*-ring, and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be surjective endomorphisms of R. If there exists element  $x \in R$  such that  $\beta(y)x\alpha(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y \in R$  or  $\alpha(y)x\beta(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y \in R$ , then x = 0.

*Proof.* We consider the relation  $\beta(y)x\alpha(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y \in R$ . Replacing y by  $y^* + z$  we obtain

$$\beta(y^*)x\alpha(y) + \beta(z)x\alpha(y) + \beta(y^*)x\alpha(z^*) + \beta(z)x\alpha(z^*) = 0 \text{ for all } y, z \in R. (1)$$

This implies that

$$\beta(z)x\alpha(y) + \beta(y^*)x\alpha(z^*) = 0, \text{ for all } y, z \in R.$$
(2)

Replace  $z^*$  by y in (2) to get

$$\beta(z)x\alpha(y) + \beta(y^*)x\alpha(y) = 0 \text{ for all } y, z \in R.$$
(3)

and hence in view of our hypothesis we obtain

$$\beta(z)x\alpha(y) = 0$$
 for all  $y, z \in R$ .

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Using the last relation, we find that

$$(x\beta(z)x)\alpha(y)(x\beta(z)x) = x(\beta(z)x\alpha(y))(x\beta(z)x)$$
  
= 0 for all  $y, z \in R.$  (4)

Therefore, we find that  $(x\beta(z)x)\alpha(y)(x\beta(z)x) = 0$  for all  $y, z \in R$ . Since  $\alpha$  is a surjective endomorphism of R, so we have  $(x\beta(z)x)R(x\beta(z)x) = \{0\}$  for all  $z \in R$ . The semiprimeness of R forces that  $x\beta(z)x = 0$  for all  $z \in R$ . Since Ris semiprime and  $\beta$  is surjective endomorphism of R, we conclude that x = 0.

Using similar arguments one can prove that if  $\alpha(y)x\beta(y^*) = 0$  for all  $y \in R$ , then x = 0. The proof is complete.

We are now ready to complete the proof of Theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We proceed to prove (i) implies (ii). Suppose that d is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation i.e.,

$$d(x^2) = d(x)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(x)d(x)) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$
(5)

The linearization of the above relation yields that

$$d(xy + yx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*) + \beta(x)d(y) + d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(y)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$
(6)

Replacing y by xy + yx in (6), then on one hand we find that

$$d(x(xy + yx) + (xy + yx)x) = d(x)\alpha(x^{*}y^{*}) + d(x)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + \beta(x)d(x)\alpha(y^{*})) + \beta(x^{2})d(y) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(xy)d(x) + d(x)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}) + d(y)\alpha(x^{*^{2}}) + \beta(y)d(x)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(xy)d(x) + \beta(yx)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$
(7)

On the other hand, we have

$$d(x(xy + yx) + (xy + yx)x) = d(x^{2}y + yx^{2}) + 2d(xyx)$$
  
=  $d(x)\alpha(x^{*}y^{*}) + \beta(x)d(x)\alpha(y^{*}) + \beta(x^{2})d(y)$   
+  $d(y)\alpha((x^{*^{2}}) + \beta(y)d(x)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(yx)d(x)$   
+  $2d(xyx)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . (8)

Combining (7) and (8), we obtain

$$2d(xyx) = 2\{d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)\} \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Since  ${\cal R}$  is 2-torsion free, the last expression forces that

$$d(xyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R; \quad (9)$$

and hence d is Jordan triple  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on R.

Let us prove the converse part *i.e.*, (ii) implies (i). Suppose relation (9) holds. Replace x by x + z in (9) to get

$$d((x+z)y(x+z)) = d(x+z)\alpha(y^{*})\alpha(x^{*}+z^{*}) + \beta(x+z)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}+z^{*}) + \beta(x+z)\beta(y)d(x+z) = d(x)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + d(z)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + d(x)\alpha(y^{*}z^{*}) + d(z)\alpha(y^{*}z^{*}) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(z)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(z^{*}) + \beta(z)d(y)\alpha(z^{*}) + \beta(xy)d(x) + \beta(zy)d(x) + \beta(xy)d(z) + \beta(zy)d(z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$
(10)

On the other hand, we have

$$d((x+z)y(x+z)) = d(xyx) + d(zyz) + d(xyz + zyx)$$
  
=  $d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)$   
+  $d(z)\alpha(y^*z^*) + \beta(z)d(y)\alpha(z^*) + \beta(zy)d(z)$   
+  $d(xyz + zyx)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . (11)

Comparing (10) and (11), we arrive at

$$d(xyz + zyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*z^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(z^*) + \beta(xy)d(z) + d(z)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(z)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(zy)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$
(12)

Since d is additive, so for any  $x, y \in R$ , we have

$$d((xy)^2) = d(xyxy) = d(xy(xy) + (xy)yx - xy^2x) = d(xy(xy) + (xy)yx) - d(xy^2x).$$
 Application of (9) and (12) yields that

$$d((xy)^{2}) = d(x)\alpha(y^{*})\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + \beta(xy)d(xy) + d(xy)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) + \beta(xy)d(y)\alpha(x^{*}) + \beta(xy)\beta(y)d(x) - d(x)\alpha(y^{*^{2}})\alpha(x^{*}) - \beta(x)d(y^{2})\alpha(x^{*}) - \beta(xy^{2})d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$
(13)

For any  $x, y \in R$ , the above relation implies that

$$d(xy)^{2} - d(xy)\alpha(y^{*}x^{*}) - \beta(xy)d(xy) +\beta(x)(d(y^{2}) - d(y)\alpha(y^{*}) - \beta(y)d(y))\alpha(x^{*}) = 0.$$
(14)

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This can be rewritten as

$$\delta(xy) + \beta(x)\delta(y)\alpha(x^*) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R;$$
(15)

where  $\delta(x) = d(x^2) - d(x)\alpha(x^*) - \beta(x)d(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Using equation (15) three times, we find that

$$2\beta(zy)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*z^*) = \beta(z)(\beta(y)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*))\alpha(z^*) + \beta(zy)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*z^*)$$
$$= \beta(z)(-\delta(yx)\alpha(z^*)) - \delta((zy)x)$$
$$= -\beta(z)\delta(yx)\alpha(z^*) - \delta(zyx)$$
$$= -\beta(z)\delta(yx)\alpha(z^*) - \delta(zyx)$$
$$= \delta(z(yx)) - \delta(zyx)$$
$$= 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$
(16)

This implies that

$$2\beta(zy)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*z^*) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$
(17)

Since R is 2-torsion free, the above expression forces that  $\beta(zy)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*z^*) = 0$ for all  $x, y, z \in R$  i.e.,  $\beta(z)(\beta(y)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*))\alpha(z^*) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Application of Lemma 1 yields that  $\beta(y)\delta(x)\alpha(y^*) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Again, using Lemma 1, we obtain  $\delta(x) = 0$  *i.e.*,  $d(x^2) = d(x)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(x)d(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Hence, d is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation on R. This completes the proof of our theorem.

Following are the immediate consequences of Theorem 1.

**Corollary 1.** Let R be a 2-torsion free semisimple \*-ring, and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be surjective endomorphism of R. Let  $d : R \to R$  be an additive mapping. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) d is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation;
- (ii)  $d(xyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \alpha(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Proof.** As a consequence of Theorem 1 and of the fact that every simple \*-ring is a semiprime \*-ring.

**Corollary 2.** ([5], Theorem 5.2) Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime \*-ring, and let  $d : R \to R$  be an additive mapping. Then the following condition, are mutually equivalent:

(i) d is a Jordan \*-derivation;

(ii) 
$$d(xyx) = d(x)y^*x^* + xd(y)x^* + xyd(x)$$
 for all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Corollary 3.** ([8], Theorem 1). Let R be a 6-torsion free semiprime \*-ring and let  $d : R \to R$  be an additive mapping satisfying the relation

 $d(xyx) = d(x)y^*x^* + xd(y)x^* + xyd(x)$ 

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then d is a Jordan \*-derivation on R.

Finally, we prove another theorem in the spirit of Theorem 1, that is,

**Theorem 2.** Let A be a semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra. Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are surjective homomorphisms of A. Let  $d : A \to A$  be a linear mapping. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) d is a Jordan  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$ -derivation;

(ii) 
$$d(xyx) = d(x)\alpha(y^*x^*) + \beta(x)d(y)\alpha(x^*) + \beta(xy)d(x)$$
 for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Proof.** By the structure theorem of semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra (see [2]), every semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra is a semiprime \*-ring and hence proof is complete by Theorem 1.

**Corollary 4.** Let A be a semisimple  $H^*$ -algebra. Let  $d : A \to A$  be a linear mapping. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) d is a Jordan \*-derivation;

(ii) 
$$d(xyx) = d(x)y^*x^* + xd(y)x^* + xyd(x)$$
 for all  $x, y \in A$ .

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