

Characterization of (δ, ε) -double derivations on rings and algebras

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Abstract. This paper is an attempt to prove the following result:
Let $n > 1$ be an integer and let \mathcal{R} be a $n!$ -torsion-free ring with the identity element. Suppose that d, δ, ε are additive mappings satisfying

$$d(x^n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x^{n-j} d(x) x^{j-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^j x^{n-1-j} (\delta(x) x^{j-i} \varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x) x^{j-i} \delta(x)) x^{i-1} \quad (1)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. If $\delta(e) = \varepsilon(e) = 0$, then d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation. In particular, if \mathcal{R} is a semiprime algebra and further, $\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2} [(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(x^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))x - x(\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))]$ holds for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$, then $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is a derivation on \mathcal{R} .

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In this paper, \mathcal{R} represents an associative unital ring with center $Z(\mathcal{R})$ such that e will show its unit element and $x^0 = e$ for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. The center of \mathcal{R} is

$$Z(\mathcal{R}) = \{x \in \mathcal{R} | xy = yx, \forall y \in \mathcal{R}\}.$$

A ring \mathcal{R} is n -torsion free, where $n > 1$ is an integer, in case $nx = 0$, $x \in \mathcal{R}$ implies $x = 0$. Like most authors, we denote the commutator $xy - yx$ by $[x, y]$ for all pair $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$. Recall that \mathcal{R} is prime if $x\mathcal{R}y = \{0\}$ implies $x = 0$ or $y = 0$, and is semiprime if $x\mathcal{R}x = \{0\}$ implies $x = 0$.

As well, the above-mentioned statements are considered for algebras. An additive mapping $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$, where \mathcal{R} is an arbitrary ring, is called a derivation if $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$ holds for all pairs $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$, and is called a Jordan derivation when $d(x^2) = d(x)x + xd(x)$ is fulfilled for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. A derivation d is inner if there exists $a \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $d(x) = [a, x]$ holds for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Every derivation is a Jordan derivation. The converse is not true in general. A classical result of Herstein [7], asserts that any Jordan derivation on a 2-torsion free prime ring (prime ring with characteristic different from two) is a derivation. A brief proof of Herstein's result can be found Brešar and Vukman [2]. Cusack [5] generalized Herstein's result to 2-torsion free prime rings (see also [1] for an alternative proof). A series of results related to derivations on prime and semiprime rings, can be found in [3, 4, 10, 11, 13].

Mirzavaziri and Omidvar Tehrani [9] defined a (δ, ε) -double derivation as follows. Suppose that $\delta, \varepsilon : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ are two additive mappings. An additive mapping $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ is said to be a (δ, ε) -double derivation, when for all $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$,

$$d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(y) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(y).$$

Similar to the Jordan derivations, an additive mapping d is called a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation if

$$d(x^2) = d(x)x + xd(x) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)$$

holds for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Clearly, this notion includes ordinary derivation (Jordan derivation), when $\delta(x)\varepsilon(y) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$.

Vukman and Ulbl [12] considered the following result: Let $n > 1$ be an integer and let \mathcal{R} be an $n!$ -torsion free semiprime ring with identity element. Suppose that there exists an additive mapping $D : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ such that

$$D(x^n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x^{n-j} D(x) x^{j-1}$$

is fulfilled for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. In this case, D is a derivation. In [8], Hosseini presented some characterizations of δ -double derivations on rings and algebras. In this note, by methods mentioned above, we prove notions of a general characterization of (δ, ε) -double derivations on rings and algebra by some equations. Let $n > 1$ be an integer and $d, \delta, \varepsilon :$

$\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be additive mappings such that

$$d(x^n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x^{n-j}d(x)x^{j-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^j x^{n-1-j} \left(\delta(x)x^{j-i}\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)x^{j-i}\delta(x) \right) x^{i-1}$$

is fulfilled for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. If \mathcal{R} is a unital $n!$ -torsion free ring and $\delta(e) = \varepsilon(e) = 0$, then d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation. In particular, if \mathcal{R} is a semiprime algebra and further,

$$\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(x^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))x - x(\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x)) \right],$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$, then $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is an ordinary derivation on \mathcal{R} .

2. Main results

Let \mathcal{A} be an algebra, and δ, ε be two additive mappings on \mathcal{A} . An additive mapping $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is called a (δ, ε) -double derivation, if

$$d(ab) = d(a)b + ad(b) + \delta(a)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(a)\delta(b)$$

for every pair $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$. Similar to Jordan derivation, an additive mapping d is called Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation if

$$d(a^2) = d(a)a + ad(a) + \delta(a)\varepsilon(a) + \varepsilon(a)\delta(a)$$

holds for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$. By a δ -double derivation we mean a (δ, δ) -double derivation.

Also, an additive mapping $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is called a (δ, ε) -double left derivation, if $D(ab) = aD(b) + bD(a) + \delta(a)\varepsilon(b) + \delta(b)\varepsilon(a)$ for each pair $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ and is called a Jordan (δ, ε) -double left derivation in case $D(a^2) = 2aD(a) + 2\delta(a)\varepsilon(a)$ is fulfilled for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$.

Lemma 2.1 If δ, ε are derivations on \mathcal{A} , then each (δ, ε) -double derivation $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is of the form $d = \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2} + \gamma$, where $\gamma : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a derivation.

Proof. Suppose that $\gamma = d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$. It is routine to show that γ is a derivation. ■

Lemma 2.2 Let \mathcal{A} be a semiprime algebra and let δ, ε be Jordan derivations on \mathcal{A} . If $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation, then d is a (δ, ε) -double derivation.

Proof. By using Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 1 of [1], we deduce that $d = \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2} + \gamma$, where $\gamma : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a derivation. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d(xy) &= \left(\frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2} \right)(xy) + \gamma(xy) \\ &= \left(\frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2} + \gamma \right)(x)y + x \left(\frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2} + \gamma \right)(y) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(y) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(y) \\ &= d(x)y + xd(y) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(y) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence d is a (δ, ε) -double derivation. ■

Theorem 2.3 Let $n > 1$ be an integer and let \mathcal{R} be a $n!$ -torsion-free ring with the identity element. Suppose that d, δ, ε are additive mappings satisfying

$$d(x^n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x^{n-j} d(x) x^{j-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^j x^{n-1-j} \left(\delta(x) x^{j-i} \varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x) x^{j-i} \delta(x) \right) x^{i-1} \quad (2)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. If $\delta(e) = \varepsilon(e) = 0$, then d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation. In particular, if \mathcal{R} is a semiprime algebra and further, $\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(x^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))x - x(\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x)) \right]$ holds for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$, then $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is an ordinary derivation on \mathcal{R} .

Proof. Let c be an element of $Z(\mathcal{R})$ so that $d(c)$, $\delta(c)$, and $\varepsilon(c)$ are zero. By putting $x + c$ instead of x in (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} d(x^{n-i} c^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} x^{n-1-i} c^i d(x) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i d(x)(x+c) + \cdots \\ &+ d(x) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} x^{n-1-i} c^i + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \left[\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \binom{n-3}{i} x^{n-3-i} c^i \left[\delta(x) \left((x+c)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)(x+c) \right) \right. \\ &+ \left. \varepsilon(x) \left((x+c)\delta(x) + \delta(x)(x+c) \right) \right] + \cdots + \left[\delta(x) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \varepsilon(x) \right) \right. \\ &+ \left. \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \binom{n-3}{i} x^{n-3-i} c^i \varepsilon(x)(x+c) + \cdots + \varepsilon(x) \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \right] \\ &+ \varepsilon(x) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \delta(x) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \binom{n-3}{i} x^{n-3-i} c^i \delta(x)(x+c) + \cdots \right. \\ &+ \left. (x+c)\delta(x) \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \binom{n-3}{i} x^{n-3-i} c^i + \delta(x) \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \right), \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Using (1) and collecting together terms of the above-mentioned relations involving the same number of factors of c , we achieve

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x, c) = 0 \quad x \in \mathcal{R}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_i(x, c) = & \binom{n}{i} d(x^{n-i} c^i) - \binom{n-1}{i} x^{n-1-i} c^i d(x) - \left(\binom{n-2}{i} \binom{1}{0} x^{n-2-i} c^i d(x) x \right. \\
 & + \binom{n-2}{i-1} \binom{1}{1} x^{n-1-i} c^i d(x) \Big) - \dots - \binom{n-1}{i} d(x) x^{n-1-i} c^i \\
 & - \binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i (\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)) \\
 & - \left[\binom{n-3}{i} x^{n-3-i} c^i ((\delta(x)x\varepsilon(x) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(x)x) + (\varepsilon(x)x\delta(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)x)) \right. \\
 & + \left. \binom{n-3}{i-1} x^{n-2-i} c^i (2\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + 2\varepsilon(x)\delta(x)) \right] - \dots \\
 & - \left[\delta(x) \left(\binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \varepsilon(x) + \binom{n-3}{i} \binom{1}{0} x^{n-3-i} c^i \varepsilon(x) x \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \binom{n-3}{i-1} \binom{1}{1} x^{n-2-i} c^i \varepsilon(x) + \dots + \binom{n-2}{i} \varepsilon(x) x^{n-2-i} c^i \right) \\
 & + \varepsilon(x) \left(\binom{n-2}{i} x^{n-2-i} c^i \delta(x) + \binom{n-3}{i} \binom{1}{0} x^{n-3-i} c^i \delta(x) x \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \binom{n-3}{i-1} \binom{1}{1} x^{n-2-i} c^i \delta(x) + \dots + \binom{n-2}{i} \delta(x) x^{n-2-i} c^i \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Having replaced $c, 2c, 3c, \dots, (n-1)c$ instead of c in (2), we obtain a system of $n-1$ homogeneous equations as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x, c) = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x, 2c) = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x, 3c) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x, (n-1)c) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

It is observed that the coefficient matrix of the above system is equal to the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & \binom{n}{3} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1} \\ 2\binom{n}{1} & 2^2\binom{n}{2} & 2^3\binom{n}{3} & \dots & 2^{n-1}\binom{n}{n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ (n-1)\binom{n}{1} & (n-1)^2\binom{n}{2} & (n-1)^3\binom{n}{3} & \dots & (n-1)^{n-1}\binom{n}{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the determinant of A is different from zero, it follows that the system has only a trivial solution. In particular, $f_{n-2}(x, e) = 0$, that is

$$0 = \binom{n}{n-2}d(x^2) - \binom{n-1}{n-2}xd(x) - \binom{n-2}{n-2}d(x)x - \binom{n-2}{n-3}xd(x) - \cdots - \binom{n-1}{n-2}d(x)x \\ - \left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right) - 2\left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right) - \cdots - (n-1)\left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right),$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. The above equation reduces to

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}d(x^2) = (n-1)xd(x) + d(x)x + (n-2)xd(x) + \cdots + (n-1)d(x)x + \left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right) + 2\left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right) + \cdots + (n-1)\left(\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right),$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Thus, we have

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}d(x^2) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i\right)\left(d(x)x + xd(x) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x)\right), \quad (4)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Since \mathcal{R} is $n!$ -torsion free, it follows from (3) that

$$d(x^2) = d(x)x + xd(x) + \delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x), \quad (5)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. In other words, d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation. Now suppose that \mathcal{R} is a semiprime algebra and further $\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(x^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))x - x(\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))\right]$ for all $x \in \mathcal{R}$. This equation with (4) imply that $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is a jordan derivation. It follows from Theorem 1 of [1] that $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is an ordinary derivation on \mathcal{R} . ■

Using the above theorem, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 2.4 Let $n > 1$ be an integer, \mathcal{A} be a unital semiprime algebra. Suppose that $d, \delta, \varepsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ are additive mappings satisfying

$$d(a^n) = \sum_{j=1}^n a^{n-j}d(a)a^{j-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^j a^{n-1-j}\left(\delta(a)a^{j-i}\varepsilon(a) + \varepsilon(a)a^{j-i}\delta(a)\right)a^{i-1}$$

for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$. If δ, ε are two derivations, then d is a (δ, ε) -double derivation.

Proof. According to the previous theorem and Lemma 2.2, d is a (δ, ε) -double derivation. ■

Theorem 2.5 Let \mathcal{A} be a unital Banach algebra and $d, \delta, \varepsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be additive mappings satisfying

$$d(a) = -ad(a^{-1})a - a\delta(a^{-1})\varepsilon(a) - a\varepsilon(a^{-1})\delta(a) \quad (6)$$

for all invertible element $a \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\delta(a) = -a\delta(a^{-1})a$ and $\varepsilon(a) = -a\varepsilon(a^{-1})a$ for all invertible element a , then d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -double derivation.

In particular, if \mathcal{A} is semiprime and $\delta(b)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(b)\delta(b) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(b^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b))b - b(\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b)) \right]$ holds for all $b \in \mathcal{A}$, then $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is an ordinary derivation.

Proof. Let b be an arbitrary element from \mathcal{A} and let n be a positive number so that $\|\frac{b}{n-1}\| < 1$. It is evident that $\|\frac{b}{n}\| < 1$, too. If we consider $a = ne + b$, then we have $\frac{a}{n} = e - \frac{b}{n}$. Since $\|\frac{b}{n}\| < 1$, it follows from Theorem 1.4.2 of [6] that $e - \frac{b}{n}$ is invertible and consequently, a is invertible. Similarly, we can show that $e - a$ is also an invertible element of \mathcal{A} . In the following, we use the well-known Hua identity $a^2 = a - (a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}$. Applying the relation (5) it is obtained that

$$\begin{aligned} d(a^2) &= d(a) - d((a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}) \\ &= d(a) + (a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}d(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1} \\ &\quad + (a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}\delta(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})\varepsilon((a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}) \\ &\quad + (a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}\varepsilon(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})\delta((a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})^{-1}) \\ &= d(a) + a(e - a)d(a^{-1})a(e - a) + a(e - a)d((e - a)^{-1})a(e - a) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)\delta(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})\varepsilon(a(e - a)) + a(e - a)\varepsilon(a^{-1} + (e - a)^{-1})\delta(a(e - a)) \\ &= d(a) - a(e - a)a^{-1}d(a)a^{-1}a(e - a) - a(e - a)a^{-1}\delta(a)\varepsilon(a^{-1})a(e - a) \\ &\quad - a(e - a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a)\delta(a^{-1})a(e - a) + a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}d(a)(e - a)^{-1}a(e - a) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(a)\varepsilon((e - a)^{-1})a(e - a) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a)\delta((e - a)^{-1})a(e - a) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)a^{-1}\delta(a)a^{-1}(a - a^2)\varepsilon(a^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)a^{-1}\delta(a)a^{-1}(a - a^2)\varepsilon((e - a)^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad - a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}(a - a^2)\varepsilon(a^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad - a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}(a - a^2)\varepsilon((e - a)^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a)a^{-1}(a - a^2)\delta(a^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad + a(e - a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a)a^{-1}(a - a^2)\delta((e - a)^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad - a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}(a - a^2)\delta(a^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &\quad - a(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}(a - a^2)\delta((e - a)^{-1})(a - a^2) \\ &= ad(a) + d(a)a - \delta(a)\varepsilon(a^{-1})a + \delta(a)\varepsilon(a^{-1})a^2 + a\delta(a)\varepsilon(a^{-1})a - a\delta(a)\varepsilon(a^{-1})a^2 \\ &\quad - \varepsilon(a)\delta(a^{-1})a + \varepsilon(a)\delta(a^{-1})a^2 + a\varepsilon(a)\delta(a^{-1})a - a\varepsilon(a)\delta(a^{-1})a^2 \\ &\quad + a\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}a(e - a) + a\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(e - a)(e - a)^{-1}a(e - a) \\ &\quad - \delta(a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a) + \delta(a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a)a + \delta(a)\varepsilon(a) + a\delta(a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a) - a\delta(a)a^{-1}\varepsilon(a)a - a\delta(a)\varepsilon(a) \\ &\quad + a\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a) - a\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a)a - \varepsilon(a)a^{-1}\delta(a) \\ &\quad - a\delta(a)(e - a)^{-1}a\varepsilon(a) + \varepsilon(a)a^{-1}\delta(a)a + \varepsilon(a)\delta(a) + a\varepsilon(a)a^{-1}\delta(a) - a\varepsilon(a)a^{-1}\delta(a)a \\ &\quad - a\varepsilon(a)\delta(a) + a\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(a) - a\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}\delta(a)a - a\varepsilon(a)(e - a)^{-1}a\delta(a). \end{aligned}$$

Putting $\delta(x) = -x\delta(x^{-1})x$ and $\varepsilon(x) = -x\varepsilon(x^{-1})x$ Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(a^2) &= ad(a) + d(a)a + \delta(a)\varepsilon(a) - a\delta(a)\varepsilon(a) + a\delta(a)(e-a)^{-1}\varepsilon(a) + \varepsilon(a)\delta(a) \\ &\quad - a\delta(a)(e-a)^{-1}a\varepsilon(a) - a\varepsilon(a)\delta(a) + a\varepsilon(a)(e-a)^{-1}\delta(a) - a\varepsilon(a)(e-a)^{-1}a\delta(a) \\ &= ad(a) + d(a)a + \delta(a)\varepsilon(a) + \varepsilon(a)\delta(a). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\delta(e) = -e\delta(e^{-1})e$ and $\varepsilon(e) = -e\varepsilon(e^{-1})e$. Hence $\delta(e) = \varepsilon(e) = 0$ and it implies that $d(e) = 0$. Having put $a = ne + b$ in the previous equation, we obtain

$$d(n^2 + 2nb + b^2) = d(b)(ne + b) + (ne + b)d(b) + \delta(b)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(b)\delta(b).$$

We, therefore, have $d(b^2) = bd(b) + d(b)b + \delta(b)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(b)\delta(b)$ for all $b \in \mathcal{A}$, i.e. d is a Jordan (δ, ε) -derivation. Now, assume that $\delta(b)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(b)\delta(b) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(b^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b))b - b(\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b)) \right]$ for all $b \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence,

$$d(b^2) = bd(b) + d(b)b + \frac{1}{2} \left[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(b^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b))b - b(\delta\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon\delta(b)) \right]$$

equivalently we have,

$$\left(d - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta) \right)(b^2) = b \left(d - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta) \right)(b) + \left(d - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta) \right)(b)b.$$

It means that $d - \frac{\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta}{2}$ is a Jordan derivation. At this point, Theorem 1 of [1] completes the argument. ■

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