

## On the superstability of a special derivation

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to show that under some mild conditions a functional equation of multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation is superstable on standard operator algebras. Furthermore, we prove that this generalized derivation can be a continuous and an inner  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - derivation.

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### 1. Introduction

Questions concerning the stability of functional equations seems to be originated with S. M. Ulam [15]. In fact if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two Banach spaces and if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an approximately additive mapping, he wanted the functional equation for additive functions to be stable.

The case of approximately additive mapping between Banach spaces was solved by D. H. Hyers [9]. In 1968 S. M. Ulam proposed a more general problems: " When is it true that by changing the hypothesis of Hyers theorem a little one can still assert that the thesis of the theorem remains true of approximately true!"

Th. M. Rassias [12] proved a substantial generalization of the result of Hyers. Taking it into account, the additive functional equation is said to have the "Hyers- Ulam- Rassias" stability. And many authors answered the Ulam's equation for several cases. In [4] the

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author proved that every mapping  $f$  of a Banach algebra  $A$  onto a Banach algebra  $B$  which is approximately multiplicative is a ring homomorphism of  $A$  onto  $B$ .

J. A. Baker [2] showed that every approximately multiplicative unbounded complex-valued function defined on a semigroup  $S$  is actually a multiplicative function. We can find further references on problems concerning stability and superstability in survey papers .

In 1994 Peter Semrl [14] proved that the question of multiplicative derivation is superstable on standard operator algebras. In this paper at first we prove that the functional equation of linear  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation is superstable on whole of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  and furthermore we prove that this  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation can be a continuous and inner  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation and then we extend superstability to functional equation of multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on standard operator algebras. (for further results see [3],[9],[16]).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two arbitrary associative rings ( not necessarily with identity element). A mapping  $\sigma : R \rightarrow S$  such that  $\sigma(x + y) = \sigma(x) + \sigma(y)$  ( $x, y \in R$ ) is called an additive mapping of  $R$  into  $S$  and is called a multiplicative mapping of  $R$  into  $S$  if  $\sigma(xy) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$  ( $x, y \in R$ ) and a ring homomorphism from  $R$  into  $S$  is a mapping that is additive and also multiplicative. Furthermore a one to one and onto ring homomorphism is called a ring isomorphism and a ring isomorphism from  $R$  into  $R$  is called a ring automorphism of  $R$ .

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are mappings on  $R$ , by multiplicative derivation from  $R$  into itself we call a mapping  $D : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y) \quad (x, y \in R).$$

And by a multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - derivation from  $R$  into itself we call a mapping  $D : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$D(xy) = D(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)D(y) \quad (x, y \in R).$$

In addition, if there exists  $x_0 \in R$  such that  $d(x) = \beta(x)x_0 - x_0\alpha(x)$  holds for each  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  is called an inner  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - derivation.

Note that if  $R \subseteq S$  similarly the derivation and  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation  $D : R \rightarrow S$  can be defined ( for further results see [5],[6],[7] ).

**Definition 2.1** A mapping  $\sigma$  from a ring  $R$  into a normed linear space  $S$  is approximately additive if there is  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|\sigma(x + y) - \sigma(x) - \sigma(y)\| \leq \delta \quad (x, y \in R).$$

And is approximately multiplicative if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|\sigma(xy) - \sigma(x)\sigma(y)\| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in R).$$

**Definition 2.2** A mapping  $D$  from a normed linear space  $R$  into  $R$  is an approximate multiplicative derivation if there is  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|D(xy) - D(x)y - xD(y)\| \leq \delta \quad (x, y \in R).$$

And is an approximate multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|D(xy) - D(x)\alpha(y) - \beta(x)D(y)\| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in R).$$

**Definition 2.3** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a normed space. If for given  $\epsilon > 0$  and for an approximate additive mapping  $f : R \rightarrow S$  there exists a unique additive mapping  $g : R \rightarrow S$  such that  $\|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq \epsilon$  then we say the functional equation for additive functions is stable. In a situation where an approximate additive mapping must be a true additive mapping we say that the equation of the additive mapping is superstable. In a similar fashion we can define stability and superstability of the functional equations of multiplicative functions and multiplicative derivations and multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivations.

**Definition 2.4** A ring  $R$  is called a prime ring if  $xRy = 0$  for  $x, y \in R$ , implies that  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .

Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ , the algebra of all bounded linear operators of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  the subalgebra of all bounded linear finite rank operators and  $\mathcal{F}_1(X)$  the subalgebra of all bounded linear rank one operators. We shall call a subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  standard provided  $\mathcal{A}$  contains  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.5** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a standard operator algebra on a Banach space  $X$ .

A mapping  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is called a linear derivation if

- (i)  $D(\lambda A) = \lambda D(A)$ .
- (ii)  $D(A + B) = D(A) + D(B)$ .
- (iii)  $D(AB) = AD(B) + D(A)B$ .

For each  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

A mapping satisfying (ii) and (iii) is called a ring derivation. Multiplicative derivations are mapping satisfying only (iii). Linear  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation and ring  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation are defined similarly.

Given a Banach algebra  $A$  it is also to consider  $n \times n$  matrix algebra  $M_n(A)$  with the following standard operations,

$$(a_{ij}) + (b_{ij}) = (a_{ij} + b_{ij}), \quad \lambda(a_{ij}) = (\lambda a_{ij}), \quad (a_{ij})(b_{ij}) = (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}) \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

And the norm  $\|(a_{ij})\| = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\|a_{i1}\| + \dots + \|a_{in}\|)$ .

Note that if  $X$  is finite dimensional vector space then all norms defined on  $X$  are equivalent. So if  $A$  is finite dimensional then the above norm on  $M_n(A)$  is equivalent to the operator norm.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $X^*$  the dual space of  $X$ . If  $x \in X$  and  $f \in X^*$ , then  $x \otimes f$  denotes the operator defined by  $(x \otimes f)(z) = f(z)x \quad (z \in X)$ .

In particular if  $H$  is a Hilbert space and  $x, y \in H$ , then  $x \otimes y$  denotes the operator defined by  $(x \otimes y)(z) = \langle z, y \rangle x \quad (z \in H)$ .

Clearly if  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , then  $A(x \otimes f) = A(x) \otimes f$ .

**Definition 2.6** A Banach space  $X$  is called simple if  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  has a unique nontrivial norm-closed two-sided ideal. For example,  $l^p \quad (1 \leq p < \infty)$ ,  $c_0$  (The Banach space of all sequences which converges to zero, with  $l^\infty$  norm) and a separable infinite dimensional Hilbert space  $H$  are simple. In this case, the norm closure of all the finite rank operators is the ideal of compact operators, which is dense in  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  with weak operator topology and is the unique nontrivial norm-closed two-sided ideal of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . (for further results see [1],[11],[13]).

### 3. Main Results

**Lemma 3.1** [10] Let  $R$  be a ring containing a family  $\{e_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  of idempotent which satisfies:

(1)  $xR = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ .

(2) if  $e_\alpha Rx = 0$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $x = 0$  (and hence  $Rx = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ ).

(3) for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $e_\alpha x e_\alpha R(1 - e_\alpha) = 0$  implies  $e_\alpha x e_\alpha = 0$ .

Then every multiplicative isomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$  onto a arbitrary ring is additive.

As a special case of Lemma 3.1, we conclude the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.2** Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a ring containing a family  $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of idempotents, such that for each  $\alpha \in A$  and  $x \in \mathcal{R}$  satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $x\mathcal{R} = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ ;

(ii)  $e_\alpha \mathcal{R} x = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ ;

(iii) If  $e_\alpha x e_\alpha \mathcal{R}(1 - e_\alpha) = 0$  then  $e_\alpha x e_\alpha = 0$ .

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are ring homomorphisms on  $\mathcal{R}$  and at least one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is one to one then every multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{R}$  is additive.

**Proof.** Let  $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation, and let

$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x) & d(x) \\ 0 & \alpha(x) \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathcal{R} \right\}$ . Obviously  $\mathcal{S}$  is a ring. Define  $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  by

$\sigma(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x) & d(x) \\ 0 & \alpha(x) \end{pmatrix}$ , for each  $x \in \mathcal{R}$ . Then  $\sigma$  is onto and one to one, since one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is one to one.

For every  $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(xy) &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(xy) & d(xy) \\ 0 & \alpha(xy) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x)\beta(y) & d(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)d(y) \\ 0 & \alpha(x)\alpha(y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x) & d(x) \\ 0 & \alpha(x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(y) & d(y) \\ 0 & \alpha(y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sigma(x)\sigma(y). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\sigma$  is multiplicative. Hence it is an isomorphism and by Lemma 3.1, it is additive.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x + y) &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x + y) & d(x + y) \\ 0 & \alpha(x + y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sigma(x) + \sigma(y) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(x) + \beta(y) & d(x) + d(y) \\ 0 & \alpha(x) + \alpha(y) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d$  is additive. ■

**Lemma 3.3** [8] Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be mappings from  $\mathcal{B}(X)$

into itself. Let  $D : \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a linear  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation. Then  $D$  is continuous if one of the following conditions holds:

(i)  $\alpha$  is an automorphism,  $\beta$  is continuous at 0 and the set  $\{\beta(T) : T \in \mathcal{F}_1(X)\}$  separates the points of  $X$  in the sense that, for each pair  $\xi, \eta \in X$  with  $\xi \neq \eta$ , there is a rank one operator  $T$  such that  $\beta(T)\xi \neq \beta(T)\eta$ , equivalently, the set  $\{\beta(T) : T \in \mathcal{F}_1(X)\}$  has no nonzero right annihilators in  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ .

(ii)  $\beta$  is an automorphism,  $\alpha$  is continuous at 0 and the set  $\{\alpha(T) : T \in \mathcal{F}_1(X)\}$  has no nonzero right annihilators in  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ .

(iii)  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are continuous at 0,  $span\{\alpha(T)\xi : T \in \mathcal{F}_1(X), \xi \in X\}$  is dense in  $X$  and there is a rank one  $S$  such that  $\beta(S)$  is injective.

(iv)  $X$  is simple and  $\alpha, \beta$  are surjective and continuous at zero.

(v)  $\alpha, \beta$  are surjective and multiplicative and there are rank one operators  $T_0$  and  $S_0$  such that  $\alpha(T_0) \neq 0$  and  $\beta(S_0) \neq 0$ .

Moreover, if either (i), or  $X$  is reflexive and (ii), holds,  $D$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -inner.

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+$  the set of all nonnegative real numbers. We prove that the equation of a special multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - derivation is superstable on standard operator algebras.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space with  $dim X > 1$  and suppose that  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a mapping such that  $lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(t)}{t} = 0$  and  $D : \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is a mapping satisfying  $D(\lambda A) = \lambda D(A)$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ ) and

$$\|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\| < \phi(\|A\| \|B\|) \quad (A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X)).$$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are ring homomorphisms on  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  and at least one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is one to one in which  $\alpha$  is a scalar multiplicative preservering map then the following statements holds:

(1)  $D$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -inner if either condition (i) or when  $X$  is reflexive, condition (ii) of lemma 3.3 holds.

(2)  $D$  is continuous if one of conditions (i),(ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of Lemma 3.3 holds.

**Proof.** At first we show that if  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , then  $A\mathcal{B}(X)B = 0$  implies  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ . In fact if  $B \neq 0$ , then there exists  $z \in A$  such that  $B(z) \neq 0$  and then from Hahn Banach theorem there exists  $f \in X^*$  such that  $f(B(z)) \neq 0$ . Now for every arbitrary  $x \in X$  we have:

$$A\mathcal{B}(X)B = 0$$

$$A(x \otimes f)B(z) = 0$$

$$(Ax \otimes f)(B(z)) = 0$$

$$f(B(z))A(x) = 0$$

$$A(x) = 0 \quad (x \in X)$$

$$A = 0.$$

Furthermore if  $\{x_i\}$  is a base for  $X$  and  $j$  be considered fixed we can define  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $T(\sum a_i x_i) = a_j x_j$ , then clearly  $T$  is a nontrivial idempotent of rank one.

Therefore  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  is a prime ring with nontrivial idempotent and so satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.2 and so every multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - derivation on  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  is a ring  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation.

Replacing  $B$  by  $tB$  in which  $t$  is a positive real number in  $\|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\| < \phi(\|A\|\|B\|)$ , and then by dividing the above inequality by  $t$ , we obtain  $\|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\| < \frac{\phi(t\|A\|\|B\|)}{t}$ . By taking a limit when  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we see that  $D$  is multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - derivation and hence the above observations and assumption imply that  $D$  is a linear  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation. Now, the result follows from Lemma 3.3.  $\blacksquare$

Now we want extend Theorem 3.4 for the case  $D$  is not necessarily scalar multiplicative preserving maps.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $X$  be a Banach space with  $\dim X > 1$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be a standard operator algebra on  $X$ . Assume that  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a function satisfying  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(t)}{t} = 0$ . Suppose  $\alpha : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is an algebra automorphism and  $\beta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be a ring automorphism and suppose that  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is a mapping such that  $\|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\| < \phi(\|A\|\|B\|)$  ( $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ ). Then  $D$  is multiplicative  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - derivation.

**Proof.** Let us define a mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X \oplus X)$  by

$$\phi(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta(A) & D(A) \\ 0 & \alpha(A) \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(AB) - \phi(A)\phi(B) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(AB) & D(AB) \\ 0 & \alpha(AB) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \beta(A) & D(A) \\ 0 & \alpha(A) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta(B) & D(B) \\ 0 & \alpha(B) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \beta(AB) & D(AB) \\ 0 & \alpha(AB) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \beta(A)\beta(B) & \beta(A)D(B) + D(A)\alpha(B) \\ 0 & \alpha(A)\alpha(B) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\|\phi(AB) - \phi(A)\phi(B)\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{Sup}(\|0\| + \|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\|, \|0\| + \|0\|) \\
 &= \|D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B)\| < \phi(\|A\|\|B\|) \quad (A, B \in \mathcal{A}).
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\phi(AB) - \phi(A)\phi(B)) \phi(C) \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta(C) & D(C) \\ 0 & \alpha(C) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that for arbitrary  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|(D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C)\| \\
 &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| \\
 &= \|(\phi(AB) - \phi(A)\phi(B))\phi(C)\| \\
 &= \|\phi(AB)\phi(C) - \phi(A)\phi(BC) + \phi(A)\phi(BC) - \phi(A)\phi(B)\phi(C)\| \\
 &\leq \|\phi(AB)\phi(C) - \phi(A)\phi(BC)\| + \|\phi(A)\phi(BC) - \phi(A)\phi(B)\phi(C)\| \\
 &= \|\phi(AB)\phi(C) - \phi(ABC) + \phi(ABC) - \phi(A)\phi(BC)\| + \|\phi(A)\phi(BC) - \phi(A)\phi(B)\phi(C)\| \\
 &\leq \|\phi(AB)\phi(C) - \phi(ABC)\| + \|\phi(ABC) - \phi(A)\phi(BC)\| + \|\phi(A)\|\|\phi(BC) - \phi(B)\phi(C)\| \\
 &< \phi(\|AB\|\|C\|) + \phi(\|A\|\|BC\|) + \|\phi(A)\|\phi(\|B\|\|C\|).
 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $C$  by  $tC$  in which  $t$  is a positive real number;

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|(D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(tC)\| \\
 &< \phi(t\|AB\|\|C\|) + \phi(t\|A\|\|BC\|) + \|\phi(A)\|\phi(t\|B\|\|C\|),
 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing the above inequality by  $t$ , we get

$$0 \leq \|(D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C)\| < \frac{\phi(t\|AB\|\|C\|)}{t} + \frac{\phi(t\|A\|\|BC\|)}{t} + \|\phi(A)\|\frac{\phi(t\|B\|\|C\|)}{t},$$

Taking  $t$  to infinity we have

$$\|(D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C)\| = 0.$$

$$(D(AB) - \beta(A)D(B) - D(A)\alpha(B))\alpha(C) = 0.$$

For any arbitrary  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists  $C \in \mathcal{A}$ , such that  $\alpha(C) = E$ , since  $\alpha$  is onto. Hence

for any arbitrary  $E \in \mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{F}(X)$ , we have  $(D(AB) - D(A)\alpha(B) - \beta(A)D(B))E = 0$ .  
Therefore  $(D(AB) - D(A)\alpha(B) - \beta(A)D(B))F(X) = 0$ .

So with the similar argument in Theorem 3.4 with application Hahn Banach theorem we have:

$$D(AB) - D(A)\alpha(B) - \beta(A)D(B) = 0.$$

$$D(AB) = D(A)\alpha(B) + \beta(A)D(B).$$

as desired. ■

**Corollary 3.6** Let  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\phi$  be the same as in Theorem 3.5 and  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a mapping satisfies

$$\| D(AB) - AD(B) - D(A)B \| < \phi(\| A \| \| B \|) \quad (A, B \in \mathcal{A})$$

then  $D$  is a multiplicative derivation.

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