

## Characterization of $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $d, \delta, \varepsilon$  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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $\delta$ -double derivations on rings and algebras. In this note, by methods mentioned above, we prove notions of a general characterization of  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $\delta, \varepsilon$  be two additive mappings on  $\mathcal{A}$ . An additive mapping  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $\delta$ -double derivation we mean a  $(\delta, \delta)$ -double derivation.

Also, an additive mapping  $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $\delta, \varepsilon$  are derivations on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then each  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $\gamma$  is a derivation. ■

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -double derivation. Now suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a semiprime algebra and further  $\delta(x)\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon(x)\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2}[(\delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\delta)(x^2) - (\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))x - x(\delta\varepsilon(x) + \varepsilon\delta(x))]$  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

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

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

**Proof.** According to the previous theorem and Lemma 2.2,  $d$  is a  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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  $(\delta, \varepsilon)$ -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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