

## ON $(m, n)$ -JORDAN \*-DERIVATIONS AND RELATED MAPPINGS IN RINGS WITH INVOLUTION

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**Abstract:** The aim of the present paper is to introduce the notions of  $(m, n)$  \*-derivations and  $(m, n)$ -Jordan \*-derivations, and to prove some related results in rings with involution. In particular, we prove that if  $(m + n + 1)!$ -torsion free \*-ring  $R$  admits an additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m + n + 1)x^n d(x)(x^*)^m$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  is an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan \*-derivation on  $R$ , where  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  are some fixed integers. Further, we prove that if  $R$  is an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free, then an additive mapping  $T$  satisfies  $T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x^*)^n$  for all  $x \in R$  must be a Jordan left \*-centralizer. As an application, Jordan left \*-centralizers are characterized.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will denote an associative ring with the identity  $e$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be prime if  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ ,

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and  $R$  is semiprime if  $aRa = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be  $n$ -torsion free, where  $n > 1$  is an integer and if  $nx = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . An additive mapping  $x \mapsto x$  satisfying  $(xy) = yx$  and  $(x) = x$  for all  $x, y \in R$  is called an involution. A ring equipped with an involution  $*$  is called a  $*$ -ring or ring with involution (see [11] for details). An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a derivation (resp. Jordan derivation) on  $R$  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 [7], an additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a Jordan left derivation of  $R$  if  $d(x^2) = 2xd(x)$  holds for all  $x \in R$ . According [18], an additive mapping  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is called a left centralizer in case  $T(xy) = T(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . If  $R$  has the identity element, then  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is a left centralizer if and only if  $T$  is of the form  $T(x) = ax$  for all  $x \in R$  and some fixed element  $a \in R$ . An additive mapping  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is called a Jordan left centralizer in case  $T(x^2) = T(x)x$  holds for all  $x \in R$ . The definition of a right centralizer and Jordan right centralizer should be self-explanatory. For  $T$  a left centralizer of  $R$  and  $S$  a right centralizer of  $R$ , the pair  $(S, T)$  is called double centralizer of  $R$  if  $xT(y) = S(x)y$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$  (see [10] for details). Following ideas from [5], Zalar [18] has proved that any left (resp. right) Jordan centralizers on a 2-torsion free semiprime ring is a left (resp. right) centralizer. The second named author together with Dar and Vukman [3], studied this problem in the setting of rings with involution. An additive mapping  $T$  is called a two sided centralizer in case  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is a left and a right centralizer. In case  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is a two sided centralizer, where  $R$  is a semiprime ring with extended centroid  $C$ , then there exists an element  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $T(x) = \lambda x$  for all  $x \in R$  (see [4, Proposition 2.2.3]).

Let  $R$  be a  $*$ -ring. Following [1], an additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a  $*$ -derivation (resp. Jordan  $*$ -derivation) if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  (resp.  $d(x^2) = d(x)x + xd(x)$ ) for all  $x, y \in R$ . Note that the mapping  $x \mapsto ax - xa$ , where  $a$  is fixed element in  $R$ , is a Jordan  $*$ -derivation. Such Jordan  $*$ -derivation is said to be inner. The study of Jordan  $*$ -derivations has been motivated by the problem of the representativity of quadratic forms by bilinear forms (for the results concerning this problem we refer the reader to [12], [13] and [19]). It turns out that the question, whether each quadratic form can be represented by some bilinear form, is connected with the question, whether every Jordan  $*$ -derivation is inner, as shown by Šemrl [12]. In [6], Brešar and Vukman studied some algebraic properties of Jordan  $*$ -derivations. Further in [8], it was shown that in case of complex  $*$ -algebra every double centralizer  $(S, T)$  of  $A$  induces a Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $d$ , defined by  $d(x) = T(x) - S(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . Some recent results concerning these mappings can be found in [1], [8] and [14] where further references can be found.

The main purpose of this manuscript is to introduce the notions of  $(m, n)$   $*$ -derivations and  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations (Definitions 1.3 & 1.4), and to prove some results related to  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations and Jordan left  $*$ -centralizers in rings with involution. In Section 2, we prove that if  $(m + n + 1)!$ -torsion free  $*$ -ring  $R$  admits an additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^n d(x)(x)^m$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  is an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation on  $R$ , where  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  are some fixed integers (Theorem 2.1). Moreover, we establish the commutativity of  $(m + n + 1)!$ -torsion free prime  $*$ -ring that satisfy certain  $*$ -differential identity (Theorem 2.2). Further in Section 3, we study Jordan left  $*$ -centralizers in  $*$ -rings, and prove that if  $R$  is an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free, then an additive mapping  $T$  satisfies  $T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x)^n$  for all  $x \in R$  must be a Jordan left  $*$ -centralizer (Theorem 3.1). As an application, Jordan left  $*$ -centralizers are characterized (Corollary 3.3).

In [2] and [15], the following notions were introduced:

**Definition 1.** Let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called an  $(m, n)$ -derivation if it satisfies

$$(m + n)d(xy) = 2md(x)y + 2nxd(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan derivation if

$$(m + n)d(x^2) = 2md(x)x + 2nxd(x) \text{ holds for all } x \in R.$$

Motivated by the definitions of  $(m, n)$ -derivation and  $(m, n)$ -Jordan derivation, we introduce the following notions:

**Definition 3.** Let  $R$  be a  $*$ -ring, and let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called an  $(m, n)$   $*$ -derivation if it satisfies

$$(m + n)d(xy) = 2md(x)y + 2nxd(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

**Definition 4.** Let  $R$  be a  $*$ -ring and let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m + n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation if it satisfies

$$(m + n)d(x^2) = 2md(x)x + 2nxd(x) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Obviously, a  $(0, 1)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation is a Jordan left derivation on  $R$ . Further, if  $R$  is 2-torsion free, then every  $(1, 1)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation is a Jordan  $*$ -derivation. Thus, the notion of  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation includes the notion of Jordan left derivation as well as the notion of Jordan  $*$ -derivation.

**Example 5.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Then  $R$  is a ring under usual matrix operations. Taking  $*$  :  $R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Next, consider the mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

It can be easily check that for any nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $d$  is a nonzero  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation on  $R$ .

## 2. $(m, n)$ -Jordan $*$ -Derivations

The present section deals with the study of  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation and motivated by the recent work of Vukman [15]. In [16], Vukman and Kosi-Ulbi proved the following result: Let  $R$  be an  $(m+n+2)!$ -torsion free semiprime ring with identity element. Suppose there exists an additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^m d(x)x^n$  is satisfied for all  $x \in R$ . In this case,  $d$  is a derivation, which maps  $R$  into its center. In case  $R$  is a noncommutative prime ring, we have  $d = 0$ . This result motivated us to consider the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m+n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers and  $R$  be an  $(m+n+1)!$ -torsion free  $*$ -ring. If  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^n d(x)(x)^m$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  is an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation on  $R$ .

*Proof.* In view of our hypothesis, we have

$$d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^n d(x)(x)^m \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (1)$$

Putting  $x = e$  in (1), we get

$$d(e) = (m+n+1)d(e).$$

Since  $R$  is  $(m + n + 1)!$ -torsion free, the above expression forces that  $d(e) = 0$ . For any positive integer  $k$ , replacing  $x$  by  $x + ke$  in (1) and using the fact that  $d(e) = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{m+n} \binom{m+n+1}{j} d(x^{m+n+1-j})k^j \\ = & (m+n+1) \left( \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^{n-j}k^j \right) d(x) \left( \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (x)^{m-j}k^j \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Using (1) and collecting the coefficient's of  $k^j$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m + n$ , we find that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m+n} p_j(x, e)k^j = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \tag{2}$$

Putting  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m + n$  in (2), we obtain the system of  $m + n$  homogeneous equations, whose matrix of coefficients is Vandermonde matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 2 & 2^2 & \dots & 2^{m+n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (m+n) & (m+n)^2 & \dots & (m+n)^{m+n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since the determinant of the matrix is equal to a product of positive integers, each of which is less than or equal to  $m + n$ , and  $R$  is  $(m + n + 2)!$ -torsion free, it follows that  $p_j(x, e) = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m + n$ . In particular, for  $p_{m+n-1}(x, e) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{m+n+1}{m+n-1} d(x^2) \\ = & (m+n+1) \left\{ \binom{n}{n-1} \binom{m}{m} xd(x) + \binom{n}{n} \binom{m}{m-1} d(x)x \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in R$ . This implies that

$$(m+n+1)(m+n)d(x^2) = 2(m+n+1)\{nxd(x) + md(x)x\} \text{ for all } x \in R. \tag{3}$$

Since  $R$  is  $(m + n + 1)!$ -torsion free, so (3) reduces to

$$(m+n)d(x^2) = 2md(x)x + 2nxd(x) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

This shows that  $d$  is an  $(m, n)$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation of  $R$ . The theorem has now been proved. □

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $R$  be a  $3!$ -torsion free  $*$ -ring. If  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $d(x^3) = 3xd(x)x$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  is a Jordan  $*$ -derivation on  $R$ .*

Next, we establish the commutativity of prime  $*$ -rings involving certain additive map.

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  with  $m+n \neq 0$  be some fixed integers and  $R$  be an  $(m+n+2)!$ -torsion free semiprime  $*$ -ring. If  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)(x)^n d(x)(x)^m$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $d$  maps  $R$  into its center. Moreover, if  $R$  is prime and  $d$  is nonzero, then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* We are given that  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that

$$d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)(x)^n d(x)(x)^m \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (4)$$

Applying  $*$  on both sides of the relation (4), we get

$$d(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^m d(x) x^n \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (5)$$

Now, we define a mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(x) = d(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then (5) can be written as

$$f(x^{m+n+1}) = (m+n+1)x^m f(x)x^n \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since  $d$  and  $*$  both are additive, so  $f$  is too. Hence, by [16, Theorem 2], we conclude that  $f$  is a derivation which maps  $R$  into its center. That is,  $[f(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . This implies that  $[d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Again, we applying  $*$  on both sides of the last relation, we get  $[d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and henceforth, we conclude that  $d$  maps  $R$  into its center. Further, if  $R$  is prime and  $d$  is nonzero, then in view of [16, Theorem 2], we conclude that  $R$  is commutative. Thereby the proof is completed.  $\square$

### 3. Jordan Left $*$ -Centralizers

Let  $R$  be a  $*$ -ring. Following [3], an additive mapping  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a left  $*$ -centralizer (resp. reverse left  $*$ -centralizer) if  $T(xy) = T(x)y$  (resp.  $T(xy) = T(y)x$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . The definition of a right  $*$ -centralizer (resp. reverse right  $*$ -centralizer) should be self explanatory. Note that for some fixed element  $a \in R$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto ax$  is a reverse left  $*$ -centralizer and

$x \mapsto xa$  is a reverse right  $*$ -centralizer on  $R$ . An additive mapping  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is called a  $*$ -centralizer if  $T$  is both a left and right  $*$ -centralizer. An additive mapping  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a Jordan left  $*$ -centralizer (resp. right) if  $T(x^2) = T(x)x$  (resp.  $T(x^2) = xT(x)$ ) holds for all  $x \in R$ . In [3], Ali et al. proved that if a semiprime  $*$ -ring such that  $char(R) \neq 2$  admits an additive mapping  $T; R \rightarrow R$  such that  $T(x^2) = T(x)x$  holds for all  $x \in R$ , then  $T$  is a reverse left  $*$ -centralizer that is,  $T(xy) = T(y)x$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Inspired by the above mentioned result, here we consider the following situation.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $n \geq 1$  be a fixed integer, and let  $R$  be an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free  $*$ -ring. If  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x)^n$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $T$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -centralizer of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* By assumption, we have

$$T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x)^n \text{ for all } x \in R. \tag{6}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x + ke$  in (6) for any positive integer  $k$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} T((x + ke)^{n+1}) &= T(x + ke)((x + ke)^n) \\ &= T(x)(x + ke)^n + kT(e)(x + ke)^n \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Expanding both sides (7) and using (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &T \left( \binom{n+1}{1} x^n k + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n-1} x^2 k^{n-1} + \binom{n+1}{n} x k^n + k^{n+1} e \right) \\ &= T(x) \left\{ \binom{n}{1} (x)^{n-1} k + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x k^{n-1} + k^n e \right\} \\ &+ kT(e) \left\{ (x)^n + \binom{n}{1} (x)^{n-1} k + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x k^{n-1} + k^n e \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in R$ . The above expression can be written as

$$kf_1(x, e) + k^2 f_2(x, e) + \dots + k^n f_n(x, e) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R,$$

where  $f_i(x, e)$  are the coefficients of  $k^i$ 's for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Henceforth using the same arguments as we have used in the proof of Theorem 6, we conclude that  $f_i(x, e) = 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . In particular, for  $f_n(x, e) = 0$ , we have

$$\binom{n+1}{n} T(x) = \binom{n}{n} T(x) + \binom{n}{n-1} T(e)x \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free, the above relation reduces to

$$T(x) = T(e)x \quad \text{for all } x \in R.$$

This implies that

$$T(x^2) = T(e)x^2 = (T(e)x)x = T(x)x \quad \text{for all } x \in R.$$

Hence,  $T$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -centralizer of  $R$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

As immediate consequences of Theorem 9, we obtain the following results:

**Corollary 10.** *Let  $n \geq 1$  be a fixed integer, and let  $R$  be an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free semiprime  $*$ -ring. If  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x)^n$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $T$  is a reverse left  $*$ -centralizer on  $R$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 9,  $T$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -centralizer on  $R$ . In view of Proposition 2.3 in [3], we conclude that  $T$  is a reverse left  $*$ -centralizer on  $R$ . This proves the corollary.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.** *Let  $n \geq 1$  be a fixed integer, and let  $R$  be an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free semiprime  $*$ -ring. If  $T : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $T(x^{n+1}) = T(x)(x)^n$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $T(x) = qx$  for all  $x \in R$ , where  $q \in Q_r(R)$ , the right Martindale ring of quotients (see [4] for details).*

*Proof.* In view of above corollary, we conclude that  $T$  is a reverse left  $*$ -centralizer on  $R$ . That is,  $T(xy) = T(y)x$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Note that a map  $\eta : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\eta(x) = T(x)$  is a right  $R$ -module homomorphism (i.e., a left centralizer). Therefore, there exists  $q \in Q_r(R)$  such that  $\eta(x) = T(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Hence,  $T(x) = qx$  for all  $x \in R$ .  $\square$

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