



A generalization of Martindale's theorem to (α, β) -homomorphism

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Abstract

Martindale proved that under some conditions every multiplicative isomorphism between two rings is additive. In this paper, we extend this theorem to a larger class of mappings and conclude that every multiplicative (α, β) -derivation is additive.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

The question that when a multiplicative isomorphism is additive has been considered by Rickart [8] and Johnson [6]. In 1968 Martindale [7] proved an extension of Rickart's theorem [8]. He proved that under some conditions on a ring \mathcal{R} , every multiplicative isomorphism from \mathcal{R} into another ring \mathcal{S} is additive. In addition, the question that when a multiplicative derivation is additive has been investigated by Daif [2]. The authors of [5] extended Daif's theorem to multiplicative (α, β) -derivations. we give the definition of (α, β) -homomorphism for the first time to extended the concept of homomorphism to a larger class of mappings and then similar to the generalized Daif theorem by Hou, Zhang and Meng [5], we extend Martindale's theorem to (α, β) -isomorphism and then as a special case we deduce Hou, Zhang and Meng theorem with similar conditions.

Throughout this paper, \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are arbitrary associative rings (not necessarily with identity element). A mapping $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is called multiplicative, if $\sigma(xy) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$.

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It is called as a multiplicative isomorphism if in addition it is one to one and onto. A mapping $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ is a multiplicative derivation, if for each $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$, we have $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$. If α and β are automorphisms of \mathcal{R} , then a multiplicative (α, β) -derivation from \mathcal{R} into itself is a mapping $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ such that $d(xy) = d(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)d(y)$, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$. For further results see ([3, 4]).

In the rest section, first of all note that since the definition of (α, β) -homomorphism for the first time this section is new and without history so we not provided any reference in it.

Definition 1.1. Suppose that $\alpha : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\beta : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ are arbitrary mappings. Mapping $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is called an (α, β) -multiplicative mapping, if $\sigma(xy) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))$, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$. In addition, if it is one to one and onto, then is called an (α, β) -multiplicative isomorphism. It will be called an (α, β) -additive mapping if $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x+y))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))$, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$.

Remark 1.2. (i) If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are unital and α, β, σ are unitary (i.e, $\alpha(1_{\mathcal{R}}) = 1_{\mathcal{R}}$ and $\sigma(1_{\mathcal{R}}) = \beta(1_{\mathcal{S}}) = 1_{\mathcal{S}}$), then every (α, β) -multiplicative mapping $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is a multiplicative mapping of \mathcal{R} into \mathcal{S} . In fact, by putting $y = 1$ in the definition of (α, β) -multiplicative mapping, we have $\sigma(x) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))$ for each $x \in \mathcal{R}$. Hence $\sigma(xy) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y))) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$.

(ii) If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are unital and $\beta(1_{\mathcal{S}}) = \sigma(1_{\mathcal{R}}) = 1_{\mathcal{S}}$, and σ is onto, then $\alpha = I_{\mathcal{R}}$, implies that $\beta = I_{\mathcal{S}}$. In fact by putting $y = 1$ in the definition of (α, β) -multiplicative mapping we have $\beta(\sigma(x)) = \sigma(x)$ for each $x \in \mathcal{R}$. So $\beta(z) = z$ for each $z \in \mathcal{S}$.

(iii) If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are unital and σ, α are unitary, σ is one to one and $\beta = I_{\mathcal{S}}$, then $\alpha = I_{\mathcal{R}}$. Putting $y = 1$ in the definition of (α, β) -multiplicative mapping. Then $\sigma(\alpha(x)) = \sigma(x)$, which implies that $\alpha(x) = x$ for each $x \in \mathcal{R}$.

(iv) If α and β are multiplicative and idempotents ($\alpha^2 = \alpha, \beta^2 = \beta$) and σ is an (α, β) -multiplicative, then $\sigma' = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha$, is multiplicative. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'(xy) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(xy))) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)\alpha(y))) \\ &= \beta[\beta(\sigma(\alpha(\alpha(x))))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(\alpha(y))))] \\ &= \beta(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(\alpha(x))))\beta(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(\alpha(y))))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y))) = \sigma'(x)\sigma'(y). \end{aligned}$$

Note that in this case we have $\sigma'(xy) = \sigma'(x)\sigma'(y) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y))) = \sigma(xy)$.

If \mathcal{R} is a Banach algebra with a bounded left approximate identity, in particular if \mathcal{R} is a C^* -algebra, then by Cohen's factorization theorem $\mathcal{R}^2 = \mathcal{R}$ [1]. So we have $\sigma' = \sigma$.

(v) If $\alpha : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\beta : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ are multiplicative and in addition σ is an (α, β) -multiplicative, then $\sigma(xyz) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z)))$. In fact

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(xyz) = \sigma((xy)z) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(xy)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)\alpha(y)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)\sigma(\alpha(y))))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))). \end{aligned}$$

(vi) If $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{S}$ and $\sigma = I$, then obviously in each of the following cases, we have a (α, β) -multiplicative mapping.

$$(a) \quad \alpha = \beta = I. \quad (b) \quad \beta = \alpha^{-1} \text{ or } \beta = -\alpha^{-1}.$$

(vii) If σ is a multiplicative mapping, then obviously in each of the following cases we have a (α, β) -multiplicative mapping.

$$(a) \quad \alpha = \sigma^{-1}, \quad \beta = \sigma. \quad (b) \quad \alpha = \sigma, \quad \beta = \sigma^{-1} \text{ or } \beta = -\sigma^{-1}.$$

Example 1.3. (i) If \mathbb{R} is the set of real numbers and $\sigma, \alpha, \beta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are mappings, then in each of the following cases we have a (α, β) – *multiplicative* mapping.

(a) $\sigma(x) = 4x, \alpha(x) = 3x, \beta(x) = \frac{1}{6}x$. In this case we have

$$\sigma(xy) = 4xy = (2x)(2y) = \frac{4(3x)}{6} \cdot \frac{4(3y)}{6} = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))$$

(b) $\sigma(x) = x, \alpha(x) = \sin x, \beta(x) = \sin^{-1}x$.

(c) $\sigma(x) = x^2, \alpha(x) = \sqrt{|x|}, \beta(x) = x^2$.

(ii) Let $\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ be the ring of integer numbers module 5 and $\sigma : \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5, \alpha : \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5, \beta : \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$ defined by $\sigma(x) = 4x, \alpha(x) = 3x, \beta(x) = 4x$, then σ is a (α, β) – *multiplicative* mapping. In fact $\sigma(xy) = 4xy = (3x)(3y) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))$.

2. The main results

In this section, we generalized the Martindale’s theorem [7] to (α, β) -isomorphisms.

Theorem 2.1. Suppose that \mathcal{R} is a ring containing a family $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of idempotents, such that for each $x \in \mathcal{R}$ satisfies the following conditions:

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

$$(ii) \quad e_\alpha \mathcal{R} x = 0 \quad \text{for each} \quad \alpha \in A \quad \text{implies} \quad x = 0;$$

$$(iii) \quad e_\alpha x e_\alpha \mathcal{R} (1 - e_\alpha) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad e_\alpha x e_\alpha = 0, \quad \text{for every} \quad \alpha \in A.$$

Suppose that \mathcal{S} is an arbitrary ring, $\alpha : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\beta : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ are bijective and $\alpha_0 \in A$. If (α, β) –multiplicative isomorphism $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ satisfies the following conditions, then it is (α, β) –additive.

$$(iv) \quad \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0}xy) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0}x)\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(y);$$

$$(v) \quad \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(xye_{\alpha_0}) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(x)\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(ye_{\alpha_0});$$

$$(vi) \quad \sigma(xz) + \sigma(yz) = \sigma((x + y)z);$$

$$(vii) \quad \sigma(zx) + \sigma(zy) = \sigma(z(x + y));$$

for each $x, y, z \in \mathcal{R}$.

Note that under condition 2.2.(iv) ,(iv) holds and (iv) implies that :

$$\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0}x) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0}e_{\alpha_0}x) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0}e_{\alpha_0})\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(x) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0})\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(x).$$

Similarly $\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(xe_{\alpha_0}) = \beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(x)\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(e_{\alpha_0})$.

The proof of the theorem will be organized in a series of lemmas. We assume that the hypothesis of theorem as needed during the proof. First we begin with the trivial lemma.

Lemma 2.2. $\sigma(0) = 0$.

Proof . Since $\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha$ is onto, there is $x \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(x) = 0$. Hence $\sigma(0) = \sigma(0.x) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(0)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(0))).0 = 0$.

□

For the rest lemma, fix $\alpha_0 \in A$ and set $e_{\alpha_0} = e_1, \quad e_2 = 1 - e_1$.

We will use e_2x , in place of $x - e_1x$.

Take $\mathcal{R}_{ij} = e_i\mathcal{R}e_j, \quad (i, j = 1, 2)$, then we may write \mathcal{R} in the following decomposition

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{11} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{12} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{21} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{22}.$$

In fact, $x = (e_1 + (1 - e_1))x(e_1 + (1 - e_1)) = e_1xe_1 + e_1x(1 - e_1) + (1 - e_1)xe_1 + (1 - e_1)x(1 - e_1)$, shows that $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{12} + \mathcal{R}_{21} + \mathcal{R}_{22}$, and the later sum is a direct sum. Because for instance $z \in \mathcal{R}_{11} \cap \mathcal{R}_{12}$, we have $z = e_1xe_1 = e_1y(1 - e_1)$, for some $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$. Therefore

$$e_1xe_1 = e_1y - e_1ye_1$$

$$e_1(e_1xe_1)e_1 = e_1(e_1y - e_1ye_1)e_1$$

$$e_1xe_1 = e_1ye_1 - e_1ye_1 = 0$$

So $z = e_1xe_1 = 0$.

We denote an element of \mathcal{R}_{ij} by x_{ij} . Since $e_1e_2 = e_1(1 - e_1) = e_1 - e_1^2 = 0$, we have $e_jx_{kl} = 0$ and $x_{ij}x_{kl} = 0, \quad (i, j, k, l = 1, 2, j \neq k)$.

Lemma 2.3. $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{ii} + x_{jk}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{ii}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{jk})))$ for each $j \neq k$.

Proof . First assume that $i = j = 1$ and $k = 2$. Since α, β and σ are onto there exist an element z of \mathcal{R} such that $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12})))$. For $a_{1j} \in \mathcal{R}_{1j}$, by (vi) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(za_{1j}) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= \sigma((x_{11} + x_{12})a_{1j}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $za_{1j} = (x_{11} + x_{12})a_{1j}$, since σ is one to one. Similarly for $a_{2j} \in \mathcal{R}_{2j}$, we have

$$za_{2j} = (x_{11} + x_{12})a_{2j}.$$

Therefore

$$(z - (x_{11} + x_{12}))a_{1j} = 0$$

$$(z - (x_{11} + x_{12}))a_{2j} = 0$$

Hence $[z - (x_{11} + x_{12})][\mathcal{R}_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{12} + \mathcal{R}_{21} + \mathcal{R}_{22}] = 0$, or $[z - (x_{11} + x_{12})]\mathcal{R} = 0$.

By (i) we have $z = x_{11} + x_{12}$. It means that $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11} + x_{12})))$.

Similarly for $i = k = 1$ and $j = 2$ and applying (ii) we have $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{21}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11} + x_{21})))$. □

Lemma 2.4. σ is (α, β) - additive on \mathcal{R}_{12} .

Proof . Let $x_{12}, y_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$, and choose $z \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12})))$.

For $a_{1j} \in \mathcal{R}_{1j}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(za_{1j}) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{1j}))) \\ &= \sigma(x_{12}a_{1j}) + \sigma(y_{12}a_{1j}) \\ &= \sigma(0) + \sigma(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

whence $za_{1j} = 0$. since σ is one to one.

Similarly for $a_{2j} \in \mathcal{R}_{2j}$ we have

$$\sigma(za_{2j}) = (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j}))), \tag{2.1}$$

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j}))) = \sigma(e_1a_{2j}) = \sigma(0) = 0, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))) = \sigma(x_{12}y_{12}) = \sigma(0) = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

and by (iv)

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1)))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1y_{12}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))), \tag{2.4}$$

From the above relations,

$$\sigma(za_{2j}) = [\beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12})))][\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j})))], \tag{2.5}$$

Now by (iv) we have

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}a_{2j}))),$$

Since $e_1 = e_1e_1e_1$, by applying Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1 + x_{12}))), \tag{2.6}$$

Again in each of cases $j = 1$ or $j = 2$ in another term of right hand (3.5) we can apply Lemma 2.3 and obtain that

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}a_{2j}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j} + y_{12}a_{2j}))), \tag{2.7}$$

Now from (3.5), (3.6), (3.7) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(za_{2j}) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1 + x_{12})))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{2j} + y_{12}a_{2j}))) \\ &= \sigma((e_1 + x_{12})(a_{2j} + y_{12}a_{2j})) \\ &= \sigma(e_1a_{2j} + e_1y_{12}a_{2j} + x_{12}a_{2j} + x_{12}y_{12}a_{2j}) \\ &= \sigma(0 + y_{12}a_{2j} + x_{12}a_{2j} + 0a_{2j}) \\ &= \sigma((y_{12} + x_{12})a_{2j}). \end{aligned}$$

Whence $za_{2j} = (y_{12} + x_{12})a_{2j}$, since σ is one to one. Now $[z - (x_{12} + y_{12})]a_{2j} = 0$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} [z - (x_{12} + y_{12})]\mathcal{R} &= [z - (x_{12} + y_{12})](\mathcal{R}_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{12} + \mathcal{R}_{21} + \mathcal{R}_{22}) \\ &= z\mathcal{R}_{11} + z\mathcal{R}_{12} - (x_{12} + y_{12})(\mathcal{R}_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{12}) + [z - (x_{12} + y_{12})](\mathcal{R}_{21} + \mathcal{R}_{22}) \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So by (i), $z = x_{11} + y_{12}$. That is

$$\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12} + y_{12}))).$$

□

Lemma 2.5. σ is (α, β) – additive on \mathcal{R}_{11} .

Proof . Let $x_{11}, y_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$. There exist $z \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11})))$. Since $\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha$ is onto. By using (v) and Lemma 2.4 we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha(za_{12}) &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))))(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(a_{12})))) \\ &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}a_{12})))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}a_{12}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}a_{12} + y_{11}a_{12}))).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $za_{12} = x_{11}a_{12} + y_{11}a_{12}$. Since σ is one to one and consequently

$$[z - (x_{11} + y_{11})]a_{12} = 0. \text{ So } [z - (x_{11} + y_{11})]R_{12} = 0.$$

Now we write z in terms of its components $z = z_{11} + z_{12} + z_{21} + z_{22}$, and by applying (iv) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1y_{11}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1)))(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11})))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1)))(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11})))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z)))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1))\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z_{11} + z_{12} + z_{21} + z_{22})))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(e_1(z_{11} + z_{12} + z_{21} + z_{22})))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z_{11} + z_{12}))).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $z = z_{11} + z_{12}$. Since $\beta\sigma\sigma\alpha$ is one to one and hence $z_{11} = z_{12} = 0$, by uniqueness of direct sum.

Next using (v) and repeating the above argument with e_1 multiplied on the right, one finds that $z_{12} = 0$, thus yielding $z = z_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$. Therefore $z - (x_{11} + y_{11}) \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ and consequently $(z - (x_{11} + y_{11}))\mathcal{R}_{12} = 0$. For some $x \in \mathcal{R}$, we have $e_1xe_1e_1Re_2 = 0$. Hence $e_1xe_1\mathcal{R}(1 - e_1) = 0$. This implies that $x = 0$ by condition (iii). Then $0 = e_1xe_1 = z - (x_{11} + y_{11})$. So $z = x_{11} + y_{11}$. Therefore $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11} + y_{11})))$.

□

Lemma 2.6. σ is (α, β) – additive on $e_1\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{12}$.

Proof . Let $x_{11}, y_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ and let $x_{12}, y_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$. By Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 and 2.5 to see that

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\sigma(\alpha((x_{11} + x_{12}) + (y_{11} + y_{12})))) &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha((x_{11} + y_{11}) + (x_{12} + y_{12})))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{12}))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x_{11} + x_{12}))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y_{11} + y_{12})))\end{aligned}$$

□

Now we are ready to state the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Proof . Let $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$, there exists $z \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))$. Choose $t_\alpha \in e_\alpha \mathcal{R}$. By Lemma 2.6, σ is (α, β) – additive on $e_\alpha \mathcal{R}$ and by (iv) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha z))) &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha)))(\beta(\sigma(\alpha(z)))) \\ &= \beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha)))[\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y)))] \\ &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha x))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha y)))) \\ &= (\beta(\sigma(\alpha(t_\alpha x + t_\alpha y)))) \end{aligned}$$

So $t_\alpha z = t_\alpha x + t_\alpha y$, since $\beta\sigma\alpha$ is one to one. Hence $t_\alpha[z - (x + y)] = 0$. So $e_\alpha \mathcal{R}[z - (x + y)] = 0$. By condition(ii), $z - (x + y) = 0$ or $z = x + y$. Then $\beta(\sigma(\alpha(x))) + \beta(\sigma(\alpha(y))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(z))) = \beta(\sigma(\alpha(x + y)))$.

□

Corollary 2.7. *If α and β are multiplicative under the conditions of Theorem 2.1, then every multiplicative isomorphism $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is additive.*

Proof . Under the condition of theorem σ is a (α, β) -additive mapping. In other words $\beta\sigma\alpha$ is an additive mapping, furthermore since α and β are onto multiplicative isomorphisms. We conclude that also α^{-1} and β^{-1} are multiplicative isomorphisms. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(xy) &= \alpha(x)\alpha(y) \\ \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(x)\alpha(y)) &= \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(xy)) = xy = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(x))\alpha^{-1}(\alpha(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Surjectivity α implies the multiplication of α^{-1} . By the main theorem of [7] α^{-1} and β^{-1} are additive and consequently $\beta^{-1}\sigma(\beta\sigma\alpha)\alpha^{-1} = \sigma$ is an additive mapping. □

Now we recall the following theorem and we state a similar to one.

Theorem 2.8. (see [5, Theorem 1]) Suppose that \mathcal{R} is a ring (not necessarily with an identity) and α and β are ring automorphisms on \mathcal{R} . Also assume that there exists an idempotent $e(e \neq 0, e \neq 1)$ such that the following conditions hold:

- (a) $\tilde{e}\mathcal{R}x = 0$ implies $x = 0$;
- (b) $\tilde{e}xe\mathcal{R}(1 - e) = 0$ implies $\tilde{e}xe = 0$;
- (c) $x\mathcal{R} = 0$ implies $x = 0$,

where $\tilde{e} = \beta\alpha^{-1}(e)$. Then every multiplicative (α, β) – derivation of \mathcal{R} is additive.

As a special case of Theorem 2.1, we conclude the following theorem:

Theorem 2.9. *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 α and β are ring homomorphisms on \mathcal{R} and at least one of α and β is one to one then every multiplicative (α, β) – derivation of \mathcal{R} is additive.

Proof . Let $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be a multiplicative (α, β) – derivation, and let

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

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

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

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

Then σ is multiplicative. Hence it is an isomorphism and by Theorem 2.1, 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. \square

Note that by Theorem 2.9 every derivation on a prime ring \mathcal{R} ($x\mathcal{R}y = 0$ implies that $x = 0$ or $y = 0$), with a nontrivial idempotents e ($e \neq 0, 1$) is additive.

Example 2.10. Suppose that $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ denotes the algebra of all the $n \times n$ complex matrices.

Set $e_k = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$, ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n$), where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

In other words e_k is the diagonal matrix in which the only nonzero element is the k^{th} element on its diagonal. Theorem 2.9 implies that every multiplicative (α, β) -derivation on $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ in which one of α and β is one to one is additive.

Example 2.11. Let \mathcal{X} be a Banach space such that $\dim(\mathcal{X}) \geq 2$ and let $F(\mathcal{X})$ the algebra of all finite rank operators on \mathcal{X} . Using by Hahn Banach theorem, one can show that $F(\mathcal{X})$ is a prime ring. Choose a nonzero idempotent P of $F(\mathcal{X})$. If $T \in F(\mathcal{X})$, then

- (i) $TF(\mathcal{X}) = 0$ implies $T = 0$.
- (ii) $PF(\mathcal{X})T = 0$ implies $T = 0$.
- (iii) $PTPF(\mathcal{X})(I - P) = 0$ implies $PTP = 0$.

Hence if one of the mapping α and β is one to one, every multiplicative derivation on $F(\mathcal{X})$ is additive.

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