

SOME TYPES OF DERIVATIONS ON HILBERT  $C^*$ -MODULES  
AND THEIR OPERATOR ALGEBRAS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. In this paper, we show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is commutative and there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ , then every Jordan ternary derivation on  $\mathcal{M}$  is a ternary derivation. Moreover, motivated by definition of Jordan  $*$ -derivations, we study innerness of the linear mapping  $J$  on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ , the  $C^*$ -algebra of adjointable operators in Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules satisfying  $J(T^2) = J(T)T + T^*J(T)$  for all  $T \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ . Also, motivated by definition of reverse  $*$ -derivations, some necessary conditions for mapping  $D$  on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  satisfying  $D(TS) = D(S)T^* + S^*D(T)$  for  $T \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  to be inner will be established. At the end of this paper, we characterize the linear mappings on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  which behave like mapping  $D$  when acting on pairs of elements with compact product.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of Jordan  $*$ -derivations were first mentioned in [20]. A linear mapping  $J$  of a  $*$ -ring  $\mathcal{R}$  into itself which satisfies  $J(x^2) = J(x)x^* + xJ(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{R}$  is called a Jordan  $*$ -derivation. The problem of representing quadratic forms by sesquilinear ones is closely connected with the structure of Jordan  $*$ -derivations and this was the motivation of this subject, see [21, 22]. The structure of Jordan  $*$ -derivations on standard operator algebras was described by Šemrl [19]. Šemrl showed that every Jordan  $*$ -derivation of  $B(\mathcal{H})$ , the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $\dim \mathcal{H} > 1$ ), is inner. For more information about this subject, we refer to [3, 4, 6, 17, 18]. In [7] Brešar and Vukman studied some algebraic properties of Jordan  $*$ -derivations. As a special case of [[7]; Theorem1] we have that every Jordan  $*$ -derivation of a complex algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with unit element is inner. Also, they introduced the notion of reverse  $*$ -derivations and studied some of its properties. A linear mapping  $D$  of a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a reverse  $*$ -derivation, if  $D(xy) = D(y)x^* + yD(x)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

In this paper, motivated by definition of this notions, we define the notion of reverse  $**$ -derivation and Jordan left  $*$ -derivation as follows:

A linear mapping  $D$  on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a reverse  $**$ -derivation if, for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$D(ab) = D(b)a^* + b^*D(a).$$

Trivially, the mapping  $a \rightarrow ba^* - a^*b$  is a reverse  $**$ -derivation, which is called an inner reverse  $**$ -derivation.

A linear mapping  $J$  on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a Jordan left  $*$ -derivation if

$$J(a^2) = J(a)a + a^*J(a),$$

for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Clearly, the mapping  $a \mapsto ba - a^*b$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -derivation which is called an inner Jordan left  $*$ -derivation. By a similar process as in [9], one may prove that if  $J$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  then for every  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$

$$(1) \quad J(ab + ba) = J(a)b + a^*J(b) + J(b)a + b^*J(a),$$

and since  $2aba = a(ab + ba) + (ab + ba)a - (a^2b + ba^2)$ , we have

$$(2) \quad J(aba) = J(a)ba + a^*J(b)a + a^*b^*J(a).$$

Now we recall some preliminaries and elementary properties of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules which will be used in the sequel. Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules are generalization of Hilbert spaces, where the field of complex numbers is replaced by a  $C^*$ -algebra. This concept was introduced by Kaplansky [11]. A pre-Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , or a pre-Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, is a left  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with an  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\langle \lambda x + y, z \rangle = \lambda \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$ , for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
- (ii)  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ , and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  for  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ ;
- (iii)  $\langle ax, y \rangle = a \langle x, y \rangle$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
- (iv)  $\langle x, y \rangle^* = \langle y, x \rangle$ , for each  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ .

It is well known that  $\|x\| = \|\langle x, x \rangle\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  defines a norm on  $\mathcal{M}$ . A pre-Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is called a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $\mathcal{A}$  if it is complete with respect to this norm. For example every Hilbert space is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{C}$ -module. The closure of the span of  $\{\langle x, y \rangle : x, y \in \mathcal{M}\}$  is denoted by  $\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is called full if  $\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rangle = \mathcal{A}$ . The concept of an orthogonal basis of a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module is introduced by D. Bakić and B. Guljaš in [2]. The Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , the direct sum of a countable number of copies of  $\mathcal{A}$ , is called standard Hilbert module over  $\mathcal{A}$ . If the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital then  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}$  possesses the standard orthogonal basis  $\{e_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$  with the unite at the  $i$ -th place.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module. Following [14], a linear mapping  $\delta : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is called

- (i) a ternary derivation if

$$(3) \quad \delta(\langle x, y \rangle z) = \langle \delta(x), y \rangle z + \langle x, \delta(y) \rangle z + \langle x, y \rangle \delta(z)$$

for every  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

- (ii) a Jordan ternary derivation if, for every  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$(4) \quad \delta(\langle x, x \rangle x) = \langle \delta(x), x \rangle x + \langle x, \delta(x) \rangle x + \langle x, x \rangle \delta(x).$$

Abbaspour and Skeide in [1] characterized the generators of dynamical systems on Hilbert modules as those generators of one-parameter groups of Banach space isometries which are ternary derivations.

A  $JB^*$ -triple is a complex vector space  $\mathcal{J}$  with a continuous mapping  $\mathcal{J}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$  with  $(x, y, z) \mapsto \{x, y, z\}$  is called a Jordan triple product, which is symmetric and bi-linear in the outer variables and conjugate linear in the middle variable and have the following properties:

- for  $x, y, z, u, v \in \mathcal{J}$
- $\{x, y, \{z, u, v\}\} = \{\{x, y, z\}, u, v\} - \{z, \{y, x, u\}, v\} + \{z, u, \{x, y, v\}\},$
- the mapping  $z \rightarrow \{x, y, z\}$  is hermitian and has non-negative spectrum,
- $\|\{x, x, x\}\| = \|x\|^3$

In [10], Isidro showed that every Hilbert  $C^*$ -module is a  $JB^*$ -triple with the Jordan triple product  $\{x, y, z\} = \frac{1}{2}(\langle x, y \rangle z + \langle z, y \rangle x)$ . A well-known lemma of [16] states that for every Jordan derivation  $D$  on  $JB^*$ -triple  $\mathcal{J}$  the equation  $D(\{x, y, x\}) = \{D(x), y, x\} + \{x, D(y), x\} + \{x, y, D(x)\}$  holds for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{J}$ . Hence for every Jordan ternary derivation  $\delta$  on Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ , we have

$$(5) \quad \delta(\langle x, y \rangle x) = \langle \delta(x), y \rangle x + \langle x, \delta(y) \rangle x + \langle x, y \rangle \delta(x).$$

Herštein [9] showed that every Jordan derivation from a 2-torsion free prime ring into itself is a derivation. Brešar [5] proved that Herštein's result is true for 2-torsion free semiprime rings. In the second section by using equation (5) we show that every Jordan ternary derivation  $\delta$  on Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  with  $x_0, y_0$  which  $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a ternary derivation.

We denote the Banach algebra of all bounded linear  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism (i.e.  $T(ax) = aT(x)$ ) from  $\mathcal{M}$  into itself, which is called operator of  $\mathcal{M}$ , by  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M})$ . It is well known that there is no natural involution on this algebra. A linear  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism  $T : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is called adjointable, if there exists a linear  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism  $T^* : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ .  $T^*$  is called the adjoint of  $T$ . It is well-known that in this case  $T, T^*$  are bounded. Indeed, the following result holds true.

LEMMA 1.1 ([15]). *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $T, S$  be two mappings from  $\mathcal{M}$  into itself such that  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Sy \rangle$ , for  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then  $T, S$  are both belong to  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ .*

The set of all adjointable operators in  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M})$  is denoted by  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  which becomes a  $C^*$ -algebra. For any  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ , the operator  $\theta_{x,y} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  defined by  $\theta_{x,y}(z) = \langle z, y \rangle x$  is called elementary operator. Let us review some properties of these operators in the following:

- (i)  $(\theta_{x,y})^* = \theta_{y,x}$ ;
- (ii)  $\theta_{x,y}\theta_{u,v} = \theta_{\langle u,y \rangle x, v} = \theta_{x, \langle y, u \rangle v}$ ;
- (iii) For any  $T \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $S \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  we have  $T\theta_{x,y} = \theta_{Tx,y}$ , and  $\theta_{x,y}S = \theta_{x, S^*y}$ ;

(iv) If  $\mathcal{A}$  is commutative then for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a\theta_{x,y} = \theta_{ax,y} = \theta_{x,a^*y}$ .

The linear span of  $\{\theta_{x,y} : x, y \in \mathcal{M}\}$  will be denoted by  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$  is used for the closed linear span of  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$ .  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$  is a closed two sided ideal in  $End_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and elements of  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$  are often called compact operators. Reader can find some properties of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules in [15]. The following lemma is essentially due to Brown [8] also one may see Lemma 2.4.3 of [15] for a direct proof.

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be full Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Then there exist  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ , such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k \langle x_i, x_i \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ .*

Identifying algebras on which all derivations are inner is the most important subject in this area. The authors in [12] give some sufficient conditions on which every derivation on  $End_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M})$  is inner. Also, P.T. Li et al. in [13] prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital and commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a full Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $\mathcal{A}$  then every derivation of  $C^*$ -algebra of  $End_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ , is an inner derivation. In this paper, using their ideas on proving innerness of derivations on  $End_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ , we investigate innerness of Jordan left  $*$ -derivations on  $End_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  in the third section. In the last section we prove some theorems involving innerness of reverse  $**$ -derivations on these spaces. Moreover, we prove that every linear mapping on  $End_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  which behave like a reverse  $**$ -derivation at compact product of elements, is a reverse  $**$ -derivation.

## 2. TERNARY DERIVATIONS ON HILBERT $C^*$ -MODULES

Throughout this section, for a linear mapping  $\delta$ , we define  $d_{\delta} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle z) = \langle \delta(x), y \rangle z + \langle x, \delta(y) \rangle z + \langle x, y \rangle \delta(z)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$ . Clearly, the mapping  $d_{\delta}$  is linear and by equation (5), if  $\delta$  is a Jordan ternary derivation we have  $d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle x) = \delta(\langle x, y \rangle x)$ .

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module such that there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathcal{M}$  that  $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$  and let  $\delta$  be a Jordan ternary derivation on  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\delta$  is a ternary derivation.*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\delta(\langle x, y \rangle z) = d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle z)$ . For  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$ , by replacing  $x$  by  $x + z$  in equation (5) and by linearity of  $\delta$  we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\langle (x+z), y \rangle (x+z)) &= \langle \delta(x+z), y \rangle (x+z) + \langle (x+z), \delta(y) \rangle (x+z) \\ &\quad + \langle (x+z), y \rangle \delta(x+z) \\ &= d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle x) + d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle z) + d_{\delta}(\langle z, y \rangle x) + d_{\delta}(\langle z, y \rangle z). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by linearity of  $\delta$  we get

$$\delta(\langle (x+z), y \rangle (x+z)) = \delta(\langle x, y \rangle x) + \delta(\langle x, y \rangle z) + \delta(\langle z, y \rangle x) + \delta(\langle z, y \rangle z).$$

Comparing two expressions, we have

$$(6) \quad \delta(\langle x, y \rangle z) + \delta(\langle z, y \rangle x) = d_{\delta}(\langle x, y \rangle z) + d_{\delta}(\langle z, y \rangle x).$$

By using  $\langle x, y \rangle z$  for  $x$  in equation (6) and by commutativity of  $\mathcal{A}$  we obtain that  $\delta(\langle z, y \rangle \langle x, y \rangle z) + \delta(\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, y \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, y \rangle z) + d_\delta(\langle z, y \rangle \langle x, y \rangle z)$ . Hence

$$(7) \quad \delta(\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, y \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, y \rangle z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$ . We can take a positive number  $\lambda$  small enough such that  $\langle \lambda z + x_0, y_0 \rangle$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Put  $a := \langle \lambda z + x_0, y_0 \rangle^{-1}$ . Replace  $z$  by  $\lambda z + x_0$  in equation (7) to get  $\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle \langle \lambda z + x_0, y_0 \rangle (\lambda z + x_0)) = d_\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle \langle \lambda z + x_0, y_0 \rangle (\lambda z + x_0))$ . Substituting  $ax$  for  $x$  in the last equality and using the fact that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, we obtain for each  $x, z \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle \lambda z) + \delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle x_0) = d_\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle \lambda z) + d_\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle x_0).$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $\lambda^{-1}(z - x_0)$  we can conclude that

$$(8) \quad \delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle z).$$

Again, for  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ , we can take a positive number  $\mu$  small enough such that  $\langle \mu y + y_0, x_0 \rangle$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Denote  $b := \langle \mu y + y_0, x_0 \rangle^{-1}$ . Then  $\langle b(\mu y + y_0), x_0 \rangle = e_{\mathcal{A}}$ . So we can replace  $y_0$  by  $b(\mu y + y_0)$ . By the equality (8), we have

$$\delta(\langle x, b(\mu y + y_0) \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, b(\mu y + y_0) \rangle z).$$

By substituting  $x$  by  $(b^*)^{-1}x$  and since  $\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, y_0 \rangle z)$ , we have  $\delta(\langle x, y \rangle z) = d_\delta(\langle x, y \rangle z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{M}$ . It means that  $\delta$  is a ternary derivation.  $\square$

### 3. JORDAN LEFT \*-DERIVATIONS ON $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$

The main result of this section is stated as follows.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital and commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with two elements  $z, x$  such that  $\langle z, x \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . If every  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  is inner then any  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  is inner.*

*Proof.* Let  $J$  be a  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ . First we show that  $J$  is a Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$ . For this, we show that  $J(\theta_{w,y}) \in \Theta(\mathcal{M})$ , for each  $w, y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Since  $\langle z, x \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ , we have

$$J(\theta_{z,x}) = J(\theta_{z,x}\theta_{z,x}) = J(\theta_{z,x})\theta_{z,x} + \theta_{x,z}J(\theta_{z,x}).$$

Since  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  is two sided ideal in  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  we get  $J(\theta_{z,x}) \in \Theta(\mathcal{M})$ . Also, by (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} J(\theta_{w,y}) + J(\theta_{\langle w,y \rangle z, x}) &= J(\theta_{w,y} + \theta_{\langle w,y \rangle z, x}) \\ &= J(\theta_{w,x}\theta_{z,y} + \theta_{z,y}\theta_{w,x}) \\ &= J(\theta_{w,x})\theta_{z,y} + \theta_{x,w}J(\theta_{z,y}) + J(\theta_{z,y})\theta_{w,x} \\ &\quad + \theta_{y,z}J(\theta_{w,x}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $J$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism,  $J(\theta_{\langle w,y \rangle z,x}) = \langle w,y \rangle J(\theta_{z,x})$  which together with the last relations imply that  $J(\theta_{w,y}) \in \Theta(\mathcal{M})$  for each  $w,y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Since  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  is the linear span of  $\{\theta_{w,y} : w,y \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , thus  $J(\Theta(\mathcal{M})) \subseteq \Theta(\mathcal{M})$ . By the assumption that every derivation of  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  is inner, there exists  $T \in \Theta(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $J(\theta_{w,y}) = T\theta_{w,y} - \theta_{y,w}T$  for all  $w,y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Now for each  $S \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ , by the equation (2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
T\theta_{y,x}S\theta_{y,x} - \theta_{x,y}S^*\theta_{x,y}T &= T\theta_{y,S^*x}\theta_{y,x} - \theta_{x,y}\theta_{S^*x,y}T \\
&= T\theta_{\theta_{y,S^*x}(y),x} - \theta_{x,\theta_{y,S^*x}(y)}T \\
&= J\left(\theta_{\theta_{y,S^*x}(y),x}\right) \\
&= J(\theta_{y,x}S\theta_{y,x}) \\
&= J(\theta_{y,x})S\theta_{y,x} + \theta_{x,y}J(S)\theta_{y,x} + \theta_{x,y}S^*J(\theta_{y,x}) \\
&= T\theta_{y,x}S\theta_{y,x} - \theta_{x,y}TS\theta_{y,x} + \theta_{x,y}J(S)\theta_{y,x} \\
&+ \theta_{x,y}S^*T\theta_{y,x} - \theta_{x,y}S^*\theta_{x,y}T.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\theta_{x,y}(J(S) + S^*T - TS)\theta_{y,x} = 0.$$

So  $\theta_{x,y}(J(S) + S^*T - TS)\theta_{y,x}(z) = 0$  and since  $\langle z,x \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ , we obtain that for each  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\theta_{x,y}(J(S) + S^*T - TS)(y) = 0.$$

Hence  $\langle (J(S) + S^*T - TS)(y), y \rangle x = 0$ .

So  $\langle (J(S) + S^*T - TS)(y), y \rangle \langle z,x \rangle = 0$  which implies that for  $y \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\langle (J(S) + S^*T - TS)(y), y \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore  $J(S) = TS - S^*T$ .  $\square$

**REMARK 3.1.** In the previous theorem we need two elements  $z,x \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\langle z,x \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . There exist many examples of such Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. For instance, unital  $C^*$ -algebras, Hilbert spaces, and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra have this property. Trivially, a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with an orthogonal basis  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$  has this property, since in this space, by definition,  $\langle e_j, e_j \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Although, there are Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules over even a unital  $C^*$ -algebra which does not satisfies this property. As an example let  $\mathcal{A} = C[0,1]$ , the space of all complex valued continuous functions on  $[0,1]$  and let  $\mathcal{M} = l^2(C_0(0,1])$ , over the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $C_0(0,1]$  is the space of all complex valued continuous functions  $f$  on  $(0,1]$  with  $f(0) = 0$ . Obviously, for any  $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, (g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\langle (f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, (g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \rangle(0) = 0$  which implies that the mentioned property does not hold on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital and commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with an orthogonal basis  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$ . If every  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\Theta(\mathcal{M})$  is inner then any  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism Jordan left  $*$ -derivation on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  is inner.*

#### 4. REVERSE \*\*-DERIVATIONS ON $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$

Before the main results of this section, we prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a full Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then every reverse \*\*-derivation on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  is spatial (i.e. it is inner but  $T$  may not belong to  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be an arbitrary reverse \*\*-derivation of  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ . By Lemma 1.2, there exist  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ , such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \langle x_i, x_i \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Define  $T : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$Ty = \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, y})x_i, \quad y \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Clearly,  $T$  is a well-defined additive mapping. For each  $S \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and  $y \in \mathcal{M}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} TSy &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, y} S^*)x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(S^*)\theta_{y, x_i}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m SD(\theta_{x_i, y})(x_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(S^*)(\langle x_i, x_i \rangle y) + STy. \end{aligned}$$

So  $D(S^*) = TS - ST$ . Hence for every  $S \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  we obtain that

$$D(S) = TS^* - S^*T$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is commutative and we will prove that every  $*$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism (i.e. a linear mapping with the property that  $D(aT) = a^*D(T)$ , for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ) reverse \*\*-derivation of  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  is inner.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital and commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a full Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Then every  $*$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism reverse \*\*-derivation on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  is inner reverse \*\*-derivation.*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be an arbitrary  $*$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism which reverses \*\*-derivation of  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ .

By Lemma 1.2 there exist  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \langle x_i, x_i \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Define  $T : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$Ty = \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, y})x_i, \quad y \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Obviously,  $T$  is a well-defined additive mapping. On the other hand,  $D$  is  $*$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism. Therefore, for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(ay) &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, ay})x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(a^*\theta_{x_i, y})x_i = aT(y), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $T$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -module homomorphism.

Now, for each  $B \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} TB y &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, By})x_i = \sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{x_i, y}B^*)x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m D(B^*)\theta_{y, x_i}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m BD(\theta_{x_i, y})x_i \\ &= D(B^*)y + BTy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D(B) = TB^* - B^*T$ .

We are going to show that  $T$  is adjointable. For proving this, define  $S : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by  $Sy = -\sum_{i=1}^m D(\theta_{y, x_i})^*x_i$ . It is enough to show that for each  $w, y \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\langle w, Sy \rangle = \langle Tw, y \rangle$ . First note that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\theta_{y, x_i}) &= D\left(\sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{y, x_k} \theta_{x_k, x_i}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m (D(\theta_{x_k, x_i})\theta_{x_k, y} + \theta_{x_i, x_k}D(\theta_{y, x_k})) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{D(\theta_{x_k, x_i})x_k, y} + \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{x_i, D(\theta_{y, x_k})^*x_k} \\ &= \theta_{Tx_i, y} - \theta_{x_i, Sy}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $D(\theta_{y, x_i}) = \theta_{Tx_i, y} - \theta_{x_i, Sy}$  for  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ .

On the other hand,

$$D(\theta_{y, x_i}) = T\theta_{x_i, y} - \theta_{x_i, y}T = \theta_{Tx_i, y} - \theta_{x_i, y}T$$

which implies that  $\theta_{x_i, Sy} = \theta_{x_i, y}T$ . So for each  $w \in \mathcal{M}$  we have  $\langle w, Sy \rangle x_i = \langle Tw, y \rangle x_i$ . Now using  $\sum_{i=1}^m \langle x_i, x_i \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$  we get  $\langle w, Sy \rangle = \langle Tw, y \rangle$ , for each  $w, y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Therefore  $T \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and  $D$  is inner.  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $x, z \in \mathcal{M}$  be such that  $\langle z, x \rangle = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Suppose that  $D$  is a linear mapping on  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $D(AB) = D(B)A^* + B^*D(A)$ , for each pair  $A, B \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  with  $AB \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$ . Then  $D$  is a reverse  $**$ -derivation.*



*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$  is two sided ideal in  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ , we have  $\theta_{x,y}A \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M})$ , for  $A \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ . So by hypothesis for  $y \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $A \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$

$$D(\theta_{x,y}A) = D(A)\theta_{y,x} + A^*D(\theta_{x,y}).$$

Let  $A, B \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ . For any  $y \in \mathcal{M}$ , we obtain

$$D(\theta_{x,y}AB) = D(AB)\theta_{y,x} + B^*A^*D(\theta_{x,y}).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} D(\theta_{x,y}AB) &= D(B)\theta_{A^*y,x} + B^*D(\theta_{x,A^*y}) \\ &= D(B)A^*\theta_{y,x} + B^*D(\theta_{x,y}A) \\ &= D(B)A^*\theta_{y,x} + B^*D(A)\theta_{y,x} + B^*A^*D(\theta_{x,y}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by comparing two last equations we have

$$D(AB)\theta_{y,x} = D(B)A^*\theta_{y,x} + B^*D(A)\theta_{y,x}.$$

Now, by acting the two side of this equation on  $z$ , we get

$$D(AB)(y) = D(B)A^*(y) + B^*D(A)(y)$$

for  $y \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $A, B \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{M})$ . Therefore  $D$  is a reverse  $**$ -derivation.  $\square$

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