



## Lie triple centralizers and generalized Lie triple derivations on triangular operator algebras by local actions

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a triangular operator algebra, and  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  be a linear map. In this paper, under some mild conditions on  $\mathcal{U}$ , we prove that if  $\phi$  satisfies

$$\phi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W] = [[U, \phi(V)], W]$$

for any  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P$  being the standard idempotent (resp.  $UV = UW = 0$ ), then there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and a linear map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  satisfying  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for any  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P$  (resp.  $UV = UW = 0$ ) such that  $\phi(U) = \lambda U + \tau(U)$  for  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . As an application, we give a characterization of generalized Lie triple derivations on  $\mathcal{U}$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be Banach spaces over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . By  $B(\mathcal{X})$  we denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be unital subalgebras of  $B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $B(\mathcal{Y})$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{M} \subset B(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X})$  be a faithful  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule, that is, for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a\mathcal{M} = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ , and for  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}b = 0$  implies  $b = 0$ . Under the usual matrix operations,

$$\mathcal{U} = \text{Tri}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathcal{A}, m \in \mathcal{M}, b \in \mathcal{B} \right\} \subset B(\mathcal{X} \oplus \mathcal{Y})$$

is a triangular operator algebra with the unit  $I = \begin{pmatrix} I_{\mathcal{A}} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\mathcal{B}} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $I_{\mathcal{B}}$  are the units of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , respectively. Denote

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I_{\mathcal{A}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\mathcal{B}} \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{U}_{ij} = P_i \mathcal{U} P_j (1 \leq i \leq j \leq 2),$$

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and  $P_1$  is called the standard idempotent. It is clear that  $\mathcal{U}$  can be represented as  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{12} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$  and  $\mathcal{U}_{12}$  is a faithful  $(\mathcal{U}_{11}, \mathcal{U}_{22})$ -bimodule. Let  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  be the center of  $\mathcal{U}$ . It follows from [7] that

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : am = mb \text{ for all } m \in \mathcal{M} \right\}.$$

Let us define two natural projections  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{B}} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  by

$$\pi_{\mathcal{A}} \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} = a \text{ and } \pi_{\mathcal{B}} \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} = b.$$

Then  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B})$ . There exists a unique algebra isomorphism  $\eta : \pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) \rightarrow \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}))$  such that  $am = m\eta(a)$  for all  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Recall that a linear map  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is called a centralizer if  $\phi(UV) = \phi(U)V = U\phi(V)$  for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{U}$ , a linear map  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is called a Lie centralizer if  $\phi([U, V]) = [\phi(U), V]$  for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $[U, V] = UV - VU$  is the Lie product of  $U$  and  $V$ . The structure of Lie centralizers on rings and operator algebras, has attracted some attention over past years. The relationship between a Lie centralizer  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  and the sum of a centralizer  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  and a map  $\zeta : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  has been studied (see [4], [8], [11] and references therein). For example, in [4], Fošner and Jing proved that under mild assumptions, every Lie centralizer  $\phi$  from a triangular ring  $\mathfrak{K}$  to itself is of standard form, that is,  $\phi$  can be expressed through a centralizer  $\varphi : \mathfrak{K} \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}$  and a linear mapping  $\zeta : \mathfrak{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{K})$  vanishing at commutators. Jabeen in [8] considered Lie centralizers on generalized matrix algebras.

There exist some important classes of mappings on algebras, such as Lie triple centralizers and Lie triple derivations, and their generalizations. A linear map  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is called a Lie triple centralizer if

$$\phi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W]$$

for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$ . It can be easily checked that  $\phi$  is a Lie triple centralizer on  $\mathcal{U}$  if and only if  $\phi([[U, V], W]) = [[U, \phi(V)], W]$  for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$ . Obviously every Lie centralizer is a Lie triple centralizer, but the converse is generally not true. We say that a linear map  $\sigma : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a Lie triple derivation if

$$\sigma([[A, B], C]) = [[\sigma(A), B], C] + [[A, \sigma(B)], C] + [[A, B], \sigma(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$ . A linear map  $\Delta : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is called a generalized Lie triple derivation associated with the Lie triple derivation  $\sigma$

$$\Delta([[A, B], C]) = [[\Delta(A), B], C] + [[A, \sigma(B)], C] + [[A, B], \sigma(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  if and only if  $\Delta - \sigma$  is a Lie triple centralizer (see [2]). In [2], Fadaee et al. gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for a Lie triple centralizer to be standard, and as an application, they characterized generalized Lie triple derivations. Xiao [13] proved that under mild assumptions, every Lie triple derivation  $\delta$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  is of standard form, that is,  $\delta = d + \tau$ , where  $d$  is a derivation from  $\mathcal{U}$  to itself and  $\tau$  is a linear map from  $\mathcal{U}$  to  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  vanishing on all second commutators of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Recently, there have been a great interest in the study by local actions of Lie triple derivations and Lie triple centralizers. Liu[9] considered that Lie triple derivations on zero product on factor von Neumann algebras. Liu[10] showed that Lie triple derivations on projection product on von Neumann algebras. Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an arbitrary von Neumann algebra, Fadaee[3] proved that if an additive map  $\phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  satisfies  $\phi([[A, B], C]) = [[\phi(A), B], C] = [[A, \phi(B)], C]$  for any  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $AB = 0$ , then  $\phi(A) = WA + \xi(A)$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{M}$ , where  $W \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\xi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{M})$  is an additive mapping such that  $\xi([[A, B], C]) = 0$  for any  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $AB = 0$ .

In this paper, we will consider the structure of a kind of Lie triple centralizer by local actions on triangular operator algebras. As an application, we give a characterization of generalized Lie triple derivations on  $\mathcal{U}$ .

2. Main result

The main result is the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{U} = Tri(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

- $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}), \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B})$
  - $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [A, T], T = 0, T \in \mathcal{A}\}, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [B, T], T = 0, T \in \mathcal{B}\}$
- If  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a linear map satisfying

$$\phi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W] = [[U, \phi(V)], W]$$

for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P_1$ , then there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U) = \lambda U + \tau(U)$  for  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P_1$ .

**Proof:** We will complete the proof by several claims.

**Claim 1**  $\phi(P_1) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

Since  $P_1P_1 = P_1P_1 = P_1$ , we have

$$0 = \phi([[P_1, P_1], P_1]) = [[\phi(P_1), P_1], P_1] = \phi(P_1)P_1 + P_1\phi(P_1) - 2P_1\phi(P_1)P_1 = P_1\phi(P_1)P_2,$$

and hence  $\phi(P_1) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

**Claim 2**  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{12}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

For any  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ , since  $(P_1 + U_{12})P_1 = (P_1 + U_{12})P_1 = P_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(U_{12}) &= \phi([[P_1 + U_{12}, P_1], P_1]) = [[P_1 + U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] \\ &= [[P_1, \phi(P_1)], P_1] + [[U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] = [[U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] = P_1\phi(P_1)U_{12} - U_{12}\phi(P_1)P_2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $P_1\phi(U_{12})P_1 = P_2\phi(U_{12})P_2 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{12}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

**Claim 3**  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{ii}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22} (i = 1, 2)$ .

For any invertible  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , since  $A_{11}^{-1}A_{11} = A_{11}^{-1}A_{11} = P_1$ , we get

$$0 = \phi([[A_{11}^{-1}, A_{11}], A_{11}]) = [[A_{11}^{-1}, \phi(A_{11})], A_{11}] = A_{11}^{-1}\phi(A_{11})A_{11} - \phi(A_{11})P_1 - P_1\phi(A_{11}) + A_{11}\phi(A_{11})A_{11}^{-1}.$$

Multiplying the above equation by  $P_2$  from the right, we obtain that  $P_1\phi(A_{11})P_2 = 0$ , and hence  $\phi(A_{11}) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ . For any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $nP_1 - U_{11}$  is invertible. Let  $U_{11} = nP_1 - (nP_1 - U_{11})$ , by the above and Claim 1, we have  $\phi(U_{11}) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ ,  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ .

For any  $U_{22} \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ , since  $(P_1 + U_{22})P_1 = (P_1 + U_{22})P_1 = P_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \phi([[P_1 + U_{22}, P_1], P_1]) = \phi([[P_1, P_1], P_1]) + \phi([[U_{22}, P_1], P_1]) \\ &= \phi([[U_{22}, P_1], P_1]) = [[\phi(U_{22}), P_1], P_1] = \phi(U_{22})P_1 + P_1\phi(U_{22}) - 2P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1 = P_1\phi(U_{22})P_2, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\phi(U_{22}) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ ,  $U_{22} \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

**Claim 4** There exists a map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U_{ii}) - \tau(U_{ii}) \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$ , for all  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, i = 1, 2$ .

For any invertible element  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$  and  $A_{22} \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ , since  $(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22})A_{11} = (A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22})A_{11} = P_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \phi([[A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}, A_{11}], A_{11}]) = [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}), A_{11}], A_{11}] = [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1}), A_{11}], A_{11}] + [[\phi(A_{22}), A_{11}], A_{11}] \\ &= [[\phi(A_{22}), A_{11}], A_{11}] = [[P_1\phi(A_{22})P_1 + P_2\phi(A_{22})P_2, A_{11}], A_{11}] = [[P_1\phi(A_{22})P_1, A_{11}], A_{11}]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Since  $A_{11}(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}) = A_{11}(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}) = P_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \phi([[A_{11}, A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}]) = [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}] \\ &= [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{11}^{-1}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}] + [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{22}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Since  $A_{11}A_{11}^{-1} = A_{11}(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}) = P_1$ , we have

$$0 = \phi([A_{11}, A_{11}^{-1}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}) = [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{11}^{-1}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}]. \tag{2.3}$$

By Eqs. (2.2) and (2.3), then

$$0 = [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{22}], A_{11}^{-1} + A_{22}] = [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{22}], A_{11}^{-1}] + [[\phi(A_{11}), A_{22}], A_{22}] = [[P_2\phi(A_{11})P_2, A_{22}], A_{22}]. \tag{2.4}$$

By the condition of theorem 2.1 and Eqs. (2.1) and (2.4), we have  $P_1\phi(A_{22})P_1 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{11}) = P_1\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_1$ ,  $P_2\phi(A_{11})P_2 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{22}) = P_2\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_2$ . For any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , there exists some numbers  $n$  such that  $nP_1 - U_{11}$  is invertible. Then  $P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{11}) = P_1\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_1$ ,  $P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{22}) = P_2\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_2$ .

For  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, i = 1, 2$ , let  $\tau_1(U_{11}) = P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2$ ,  $\tau_2(U_{22}) = P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1$ . For  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , define the map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  as

$$\tau(U) = \tau_1(U_{11}) + \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(U_{11})) + \tau_2(U_{22}) + \eta(\tau_2(U_{22})).$$

It is obvious that  $\tau(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ . Then for any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , it follows that

$$\phi(U_{11}) - \tau(U_{11}) = P_1\phi(U_{11})P_1 + P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2 - \tau_1(\mathcal{U}_{11}) - \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(\mathcal{U}_{11})) = P_1\phi(U_{11})P_1 - \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(U_{11})) \in \mathcal{U}_{11}.$$

Similarly, we can obtain  $\phi(U_{22}) - \tau(U_{22}) \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

Define a map  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  as

$$\varphi(U) = \phi(U) - \tau(U)$$

for any  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . It follows from claims 2 and 4 that  $\varphi(U_{12}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{12}$ ,  $\varphi(U_{ii}) = \phi(U_{ii}) - \tau(U_{ii}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{ii}$  with  $i = 1, 2$  for all  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$ , meanwhile,  $\varphi(U_{12}) = \phi(U_{12})$ , for all  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

**Claim 5** For any  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii} (i = 1, 2)$ , we have

(a)  $\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \varphi(U_{11})U_{12} = U_{11}\varphi(U_{12});$

(b)  $\varphi(U_{12}U_{22}) = \varphi(U_{12})U_{22} = U_{12}\varphi(U_{22}).$

(a) For any invertible element  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , and  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ . Since  $(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12})A_{11} = (A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12})A_{11} = P_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(A_{11}U_{12}) &= \phi(A_{11}U_{12}) = \phi([A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, A_{11}], A_{11}) = [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}), A_{11}], A_{11}] \\ &= [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1}), A_{11}], A_{11}] + [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}), A_{11}], A_{11}] = [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}), A_{11}], A_{11}]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Replace  $U_{12}$  with  $A_{11}U_{12}$  in Eqs. (2.5), then

$$\varphi(A_{11}A_{11}U_{12}) = [[\phi(A_{11}^{-1}A_{11}U_{12}), A_{11}], A_{11}] = [[\phi(U_{12}), A_{11}], A_{11}] = A_{11}A_{11}\phi(U_{12}) = A_{11}A_{11}\varphi(U_{12}).$$

For any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , there exists some numbers  $n$  such that we have  $nP_1 - U_{11}$  is invertible. So

$$\varphi((nP_1 - U_{11})(nP_1 - U_{11})U_{12}) = (nP_1 - U_{11})(nP_1 - U_{11})\varphi(U_{12}),$$

and hence

$$\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = U_{11}\varphi(U_{12}) \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $U_{ij} \in \mathcal{U}_{ij}$ .

For any invertible element  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$  and  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(A_{11}U_{12}) &= \phi(A_{11}U_{12}) = \phi([A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, A_{11}], A_{11}) \\ &= [[A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, \phi(A_{11})], A_{11}] = [[A_{11}^{-1}, \phi(A_{11})], A_{11}] + [[A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, \phi(A_{11})], A_{11}] = [[A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, \phi(A_{11})], A_{11}] \\ &= [[A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}, \varphi(A_{11})], A_{11}] = A_{11}\varphi(A_{11})A_{11}^{-1}U_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $U_{12}$  with  $A_{11}U_{12}$ , then  $\varphi(A_{11}A_{11}U_{12}) = A_{11}\varphi(A_{11})U_{12}$ .

For any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , we may find some numbers  $n$  such that  $nP_1 - U_{11}$  is invertible. So

$$\varphi((nP_1 - U_{11})(nP_1 - U_{11})U_{12}) = (nP_1 - U_{11})\varphi(nP_1 - U_{11})U_{12}.$$

Thus,

$$n^2\varphi(U_{12}) - 2n\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) + \varphi(U_{11}U_{11}U_{12}) = n^2\varphi(P_1)U_{12} - n\varphi(U_{11})U_{12} - nU_{11}\varphi(P_1)U_{12} + U_{11}\varphi(U_{11})U_{12}. \tag{2.7}$$

Replace  $n$  with  $n + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & (n + 1)^2\varphi(U_{12}) - 2(n + 1)\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) + \varphi(U_{11}U_{11}U_{12}) \\ & = (n + 1)^2\varphi(P_1)U_{12} - (n + 1)\varphi(U_{11})U_{12} - (n + 1)U_{11}\varphi(P_1)U_{12} + U_{11}\varphi(U_{11})U_{12}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

By Eqs.(2.6) (2.7) and (2.8), then

$$2n\varphi(U_{12}) + \varphi(U_{12}) - 2\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = 2n\varphi(P_1)U_{12} + \varphi(P_1)U_{12} - \varphi(U_{11})U_{12} - U_{11}\varphi(P_1)U_{12}. \tag{2.9}$$

Replace  $n$  with  $n + 1$  in Eqs. (2.9)

$$2(n + 1)\varphi(U_{12}) + \varphi(U_{12}) - 2\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = 2(n + 1)\varphi(P_1)U_{12} + \varphi(P_1)U_{12} - \varphi(U_{11})U_{12} - U_{11}\varphi(P_1)U_{12}. \tag{2.10}$$

By Eqs. (2.9) and (2.10), then

$$\varphi(U_{12}) = \varphi(P_1)U_{12}. \tag{2.11}$$

By Eqs. (2.6), (2.7), (2.8), (2.11), then

$$\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \varphi(U_{11})U_{12}.$$

We can prove that (a) is true.

(b) For any  $U_{22} \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ , and  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ . Since  $(P_1 + U_{12})(P_1 + U_{22} - U_{12}U_{22}) = (P_1 + U_{12})P_1 = P_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(U_{12}) &= \phi(U_{12}) = \phi([P_1 + U_{12}, P_1 + U_{22} - U_{12}U_{22}], P_1) = [[P_1 + U_{12}, \phi(P_1) + \phi(U_{22}) - \phi(U_{12}U_{22})], P_1] \\ &= [[P_1 + U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] + [[P_1 + U_{12}, \phi(U_{22})], P_1] - [[P_1 + U_{12}, \phi(U_{12}U_{22})], P_1] \\ &= [[U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] + [[U_{12}, \phi(U_{22})], P_1] - [[P_1, \phi(U_{12}U_{22})], P_1] \\ &= [[U_{12}, \varphi(P_1)], P_1] + [[U_{12}, \varphi(U_{22})], P_1] - [[P_1, \varphi(U_{12}U_{22})], P_1] = P_1\varphi(P_1)U_{12} - U_{12}\varphi(U_{22}) + \varphi(U_{12}U_{22}). \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\varphi(U_{12}U_{22}) = U_{12}\varphi(U_{22})$  and  $\varphi(U_{12}U_{22}) = \varphi(P_1U_{12}U_{22}) = \varphi(P_1)U_{12}U_{22} = \varphi(U_{12})U_{22}$ . We can prove that (b) is true.

**Claim 6** For any  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, S_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}(i = 1, 2)$ , we have

- (a)  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11} = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11});$
- (b)  $\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) = \varphi(A_{22})B_{22} = A_{22}\varphi(B_{22});$
- (a) For any  $S_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ , by claim 5, on the one hand,

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = \varphi(A_{11}B_{11})S_{12}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11}S_{12}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})S_{12}.$$

Combining the above two equations, we have

$$(A_{11}\varphi(B_{11}) - \varphi(A_{11}B_{11}))S_{12} = 0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is faithful  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule, we get  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})$ .

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11}S_{12} = \varphi(A_{11}B_{11})S_{12}$$

that  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11} = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})$ . We can show that (a) holds.

(b) It follows from Claims 5 that

$$\varphi(S_{12}A_{22}B_{22}) = S_{12}\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}).$$

On the other hand,

$$\varphi(S_{12}A_{22}B_{22}) = \varphi(S_{12}A_{22})B_{22} = S_{12}\varphi(A_{22})B_{22}$$

Combining the above two equations, we have

$$S_{12}(\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) - A_{22}\varphi(B_{22})) = 0$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is faithful  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule, we get  $\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) = A_{22}\varphi(B_{22})$ . Similarly, we can obtain that  $\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) = \varphi(A_{22})B_{22}$ , and hence  $\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) = \varphi(A_{22})B_{22} = A_{22}\varphi(B_{22})$ .

We can show that (b) holds.

So, from steps 1-6, it follows that

$$\varphi(AB) = A\varphi(B) = \varphi(A)B.$$

for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{U}$ , then

$$\varphi(A) = \lambda A (\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})).$$

**Claim 7**  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P_1$ .

For  $UV = UW = P_1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau([[U, V], W]) &= \phi([[U, V], W]) - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) \\ &= [[\varphi(U) + \tau(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = [[\varphi(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from claim 1-7 that there exists a  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and a linear map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U) = \lambda U + \tau(U)$  ( $U \in \mathcal{U}$ ), where  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for any  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = P_1$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{Tri}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

- $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B})$ .
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [[A, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{A}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [[B, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{B}\}$ .

If  $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a linear map satisfying

$$\phi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W] = [[U, \phi(V)], W]$$

for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = 0$ , then there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U) = \lambda U + \tau(U)$  for  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = 0$ .

**Proof:** We will use the same symbols with that in Theorem 2.1. We organize the proof in a series of claims.

**Claim 1**  $\phi(P_1) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

Since  $P_1P_2 = P_1P_2 = 0$ , we have

$$0 = \phi([[P_1, P_2], P_2]) = [[\phi(P_1), P_2], P_2] = P_1\phi(P_1)P_2.$$

We obtain that  $\phi(P_1) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

**Claim 2**  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{12}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

For any  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ , since  $U_{12}P_1 = U_{12}P_1 = 0$ , we have

$$\phi(U_{12}) = \phi([[U_{12}, P_1], P_1]) = [[U_{12}, \phi(P_1)], P_1] = -U_{12}\phi(P_1) + P_1\phi(P_1)U_{12}.$$

This implies that  $P_1\phi(U_{12})P_1 = P_2\phi(U_{12})P_2 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{12}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

**Claim 3**  $\phi(\mathcal{U}_{ii}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22} (i = 1, 2)$ .

For any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , since  $U_{11}P_2 = U_{11}P_2 = 0$ , we get

$$0 = \phi([[U_{11}, P_2], P_2]) = [[\phi(U_{11}), P_2], P_2] = P_1\phi(U_{11})P_2,$$

and hence  $\phi(U_{11}) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ . Similarly,  $\phi(U_{22}) \in \mathcal{U}_{11} + \mathcal{U}_{22}$ ,  $U_{22} \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

**Claim 4** There exists a map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U_{ii}) - \tau(U_{ii}) \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$ , for all  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, i = 1, 2$ .

For any  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$ , since  $U_{22}U_{11} = U_{22}U_{12} = 0$ , we have

$$0 = \phi([[U_{22}, U_{11}], U_{12}]) = [[\phi(U_{22}), U_{11}], U_{12}],$$

so  $[\phi(U_{22}), U_{11}] \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ . Then, we obtain that  $[P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1, U_{11}] \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{11})$ . Similarly, we obtain that  $[U_{22}, P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2] \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{22})$ . By the condition of theorem 2.2, we have  $P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{11}) = P_1\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_1$ ,  $P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2 \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}_{22}) = P_2\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})P_2$ .

For  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, i = 1, 2$ , let  $\tau_1(U_{11}) = P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2$ ,  $\tau_2(U_{22}) = P_1\phi(U_{22})P_1$ . For  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , define the map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  as

$$\tau(U) = \tau_1(U_{11}) + \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(U_{11})) + \tau_2(U_{22}) + \eta(\tau_2(U_{22})).$$

It is obvious that  $\tau(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ . Then for any  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , it follows that

$$\phi(U_{11}) - \tau(U_{11}) = P_1\phi(U_{11})P_1 + P_2\phi(U_{11})P_2 - \tau_1(U_{11}) - \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(U_{11})) = P_1\phi(U_{11})P_1 - \eta^{-1}(\tau_1(U_{11})) \in \mathcal{U}_{11}.$$

Similarly, we can obtain  $\phi(U_{22}) - \tau(U_{22}) \in \mathcal{U}_{22}$ .

Define a map  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  as

$$\varphi(U) = \phi(U) - \tau(U)$$

for any  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . It follows from claims 2 and 4 that  $\varphi(U_{12}) \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ ,  $\varphi(U_{ii}) = \phi(U_{ii}) - \tau(U_{ii}) \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$  with  $i = 1, 2$  for all  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}$ , meanwhile,  $\varphi(U_{12}) = \phi(U_{12})$ , for all  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ .

**Claim 5** For any  $U_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii} (i = 1, 2)$ , we have

(a)  $\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \varphi(U_{11})U_{12} = U_{11}\varphi(U_{12});$

(b)  $\varphi(U_{12}U_{22}) = \varphi(U_{12})U_{22} = U_{12}\varphi(U_{22}).$

(a) For any invertible element  $U_{11} \in \mathcal{U}_{11}$ , and  $U_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ . Since  $U_{12}U_{11} = U_{12}P_1 = 0$ , we have

$$\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \phi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \phi([[U_{12}, U_{11}], P_1]) = [[\phi(U_{12}), U_{11}], P_1] = U_{11}\phi(U_{12}) = U_{11}\varphi(U_{12})$$

and,

$$\varphi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \phi(U_{11}U_{12}) = \phi([[U_{12}, U_{11}], P_1]) = [[U_{12}, \phi(U_{11})], P_1] = [[U_{12}, \varphi(U_{11})], P_1] = \varphi(U_{11})U_{12}$$

We can show that (a) holds.

(b) Similarly, we can show that (b) holds.

**Claim 6** For any  $A_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, B_{ii} \in \mathcal{U}_{ii}, S_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12} (i = 1, 2)$ , we have

(a)  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11} = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11});$

(b)  $\varphi(A_{22}B_{22}) = \varphi(A_{22})B_{22} = A_{22}\varphi(B_{22});$

(a) For any  $S_{12} \in \mathcal{U}_{12}$ , by claim 5, on the one hand,

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = \varphi(A_{11}B_{11})S_{12}.$$

on the other hand,

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11}S_{12}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})S_{12}.$$

Combining the above two equations, we have

$$(A_{11}\varphi(B_{11}) - \varphi(A_{11}B_{11}))S_{12} = 0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is faithful  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule, we get  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})$ .

It follows from

$$\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}S_{12}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11}S_{12} = \varphi(A_{11}B_{11})S_{12}$$

that  $\varphi(A_{11}B_{11}) = \varphi(A_{11})B_{11} = A_{11}\varphi(B_{11})$ . We can show that (a) holds.

(b) Similarly, we can show that (b) holds.

So, from steps 1-6, it follows that

$$\varphi(AB) = A\varphi(B) = \varphi(A)B.$$

for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{U}$ , then

$$\varphi(A) = \lambda A (\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})).$$

**Claim 7**  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for all  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = 0$ .

For  $UV = UW = 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau([[U, V], W]) &= \phi([[U, V], W]) - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = [[\phi(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) \\ &= [[\varphi(U) + \tau(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = [[\varphi(U), V], W] - \varphi([[U, V], W]) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exists a  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and a linear map  $\tau : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that  $\phi(U) = \lambda U + \tau(U) (U \in \mathcal{U})$ , where  $\tau([[U, V], W]) = 0$  for any  $U, V, W \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $UV = UW = 0$ .

### 3. Application

**Application 1:** characterization of generalized Lie triple derivations by acting on idempotent products.

**Theorem 3.1**

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{Tri}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

- (1)  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}), \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B})$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [[A, T], T] = 0, T \in \mathcal{A}\}, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [[B, T], T] = 0, T \in \mathcal{B}\}$ .

Suppose that a linear map  $\sigma : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$

$$\sigma([[A, B], C]) = [[\sigma(A), B], C] + [[A, \sigma(B)], C] + [[A, B], \sigma(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ , then  $\sigma$  is of the form  $\sigma = \varphi + h$ , where  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a derivation, a linear map  $h : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  vanishing on  $[[A, B], C]$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{Tri}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

- $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}), \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B})$ ,
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [[A, T], T] = 0, T \in \mathcal{A}\}, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [[B, T], T] = 0, T \in \mathcal{B}\}$ .

Suppose that a linear map  $\Delta : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$

$$\Delta([[A, B], C]) = [[\Delta(A), B], C] + [[A, \Delta(B)], C] + [[A, B], \Delta(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ . Then, there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ , a derivation  $\varphi$  and  $h_1 : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that

$$\Delta(A) = \varphi(A) + h_1(A) + \lambda A$$

for  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $h_1([[A, B], C]) = 0$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ .

Proof: According to the theorem 3.1, there are linear maps  $\varphi$  and  $h$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ ,

$$\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \quad h : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$$

$h([A, B], C) = 0$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ . By assumption, for a Lie triple centralizer  $\phi = \Delta - \sigma$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have

$$A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}, AB = AC = P_1 \Rightarrow \phi([[A, B], C]) = [[\phi(A), B], C] = [[A, \phi(B)], C]$$

It follows from the result of this paper that there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and a linear map  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\phi(A) = \lambda A + \tau(A)$ , where  $\tau(A) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\tau([[A, B], C]) = 0, AB = AC = P_1$ . Suppose that  $h_1 = \tau + h$ , thus  $h_1 : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  is a linear map where  $h_1([[A, B], C]) = 0$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = P_1$ . Thus, we have

$$\Delta(A) = \sigma(A) + \phi(A) = \varphi(A) + h(A) + \lambda A + \tau(A) = \varphi(A) + h_1(A) + \lambda A$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ , this completes the proof.

**Application 2:** characterization of generalized Lie triple derivations by acting on zero products.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\mathcal{U} = Tri(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

(1)  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}), \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}),$

(2)  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [[A, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{A}\}, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [[B, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{B}\}.$

Suppose that a linear map  $\sigma : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$\sigma([[A, B], C]) = [[\sigma(A), B], C] + [[A, \sigma(B)], C] + [[A, B], \sigma(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ , then  $\sigma$  is of the form  $\sigma = \varphi + h$ , where  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a derivation, a linear map  $h : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  vanishing on  $[[A, B], C]$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $\mathcal{U} = Tri(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular operator algebra satisfying

•  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}), \pi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}),$

•  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid [[A, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{A}\}, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) = \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid [[B, X], Y] = 0, X, Y \in \mathcal{B}\}.$

Suppose that a linear map  $\Delta : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$\Delta([[A, B], C]) = [[\Delta(A), B], C] + [[A, \sigma(B)], C] + [[A, B], \sigma(C)]$$

for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ . Then, there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ , a derivation  $\varphi$  and  $h_1 : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  such that

$$\Delta(A) = \varphi(A) + h_1(A) + \lambda A.$$

for  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $h_1([[A, B], C]) = 0$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ .

Proof: According to the theorem 3.3, there exist linear maps  $\varphi$  and  $h$  on  $\mathcal{U}$

$$\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \quad h : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$$

$h([A, B], C) = 0$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ . By assumption, for a Lie triple centralizer  $\phi = \Delta - \sigma$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have

$$A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}, AB = AC = 0 \Rightarrow \phi([[A, B], C]) = [[\phi(A), B], C] = [[A, \phi(B)], C]$$

It follows from the result of this paper that there exist  $\lambda \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  and a linear map  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\phi(A) = \lambda A + \tau(A)$ , where  $\tau(A) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\tau([[A, B], C]) = 0, AB = AC = 0$ . Suppose that  $h_1 = \tau + h$ , thus  $h_1 : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$  is a linear map where  $h_1([[A, B], C]) = 0$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $AB = AC = 0$ . Thus, we have

$$\Delta(A) = \sigma(A) + \phi(A) = \varphi(A) + h(A) + \lambda A + \tau(A) = \varphi(A) + h_1(A) + \lambda A$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ , this completes the proof.

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