

On Lie All-Derivable Points of $B(H)^*$

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Abstract Let H be a Hilbert space of dimension greater than 2 and $B(H)$ be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on H . In this paper, the authors show that $G \in B(H)$ is a Lie all-derivable point of $B(H)$ if the range of G is not dense in H .

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1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} be an associative algebra over a field \mathbb{F} . Recall that a linear map ϕ from \mathcal{A} into itself is a derivation if $\phi(ST) = \phi(S)T + S\phi(T)$ for all $S, T \in \mathcal{A}$ (see [4, 11]). In recent years, there have been a number of papers on the study of conditions under which derivations of algebras can be completely determined by the action on some sets of elements. We say that a linear map $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is derivable at $G \in \mathcal{A}$ if $\phi(ST) = \phi(S)T + S\phi(T)$ for all $S, T \in \mathcal{A}$ with $ST = G$ and an element G in \mathcal{A} is an all-derivable point if every derivable map at G is a derivation of \mathcal{A} . For some algebras, the cases that G is zero, the unit, nontrivial idempotents, invertible elements, and so on were discussed by several authors (for example, see [1–3, 8, 10, 12] and the references therein).

More generally, a linear map $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is said to be a Lie derivation if $\phi([S, T]) = [\phi(S), T] + [S, \phi(T)]$ for all $S, T \in \mathcal{A}$ and Lie derivable at $G \in \mathcal{A}$ if $\phi([S, T]) = [\phi(S), T] + [S, \phi(T)]$ for all $S, T \in \mathcal{A}$ with $ST = G$, where $[S, T] = ST - TS$ is the usual Lie product. It is obvious that the condition of maps Lie derivable at some points is much weaker than the condition of being a Lie derivation. In [9], Lu and Jing gave a characterization for Lie derivable maps. Let X be a Banach space of dimension greater than 2 and $B(X)$ be the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on X . It is proved in [9] that if $\delta : B(X) \rightarrow B(X)$ is Lie derivable at zero (resp., P , where P is a fixed nontrivial idempotent of $B(X)$), then δ is standard, that is, $\delta = d + \tau$, where d is a derivation of $B(X)$ and $\tau : B(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}I$ is a linear map vanishing at commutators $[A, B]$ with $AB = 0$ (resp., $AB = P$).

In this paper, we say that an element $G \in \mathcal{A}$ is a Lie all-derivable point of \mathcal{A} if every linear map from \mathcal{A} into itself which is Lie derivable at G can be decomposed as the standard form. So zero and nontrivial idempotent P are Lie all-derivable points of $B(X)$. In [6], Ji and Qi proved

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the same is true for triangular algebras. Du and Wang [5] showed that zero is a Lie all-derivable point of generalized matrix algebras. It is natural and interesting to ask the question whether or not there exists a Lie all-derivable point that is neither zero nor nontrivial idempotent. The purpose of the present paper is to give some new Lie all-derivable points of $B(H)$.

Throughout this paper, denote by H and $B(H)$ the Hilbert space of dimension greater than 2 and the algebra of all bounded linear operators on H , respectively. We use the symbol $\text{ran } G$ for the range of $G \in B(H)$. The closure of $\text{ran } G$ is denoted by $\overline{\text{ran } G}$.

2 Result and Proof

In this section, we show that every operator with non-dense range in $B(H)$ is a Lie all-derivable point of $B(H)$. We begin with the following lemma which is frequently used in the rest of this section.

Lemma 2.1 *Let ϕ be a linear map from $B(H)$ into itself. Then the following statements hold:*

- (i) *If $\phi(X) = 0$ for any invertible operator $X \in B(H)$, then $\phi \equiv 0$.*
- (ii) *If $\phi(X)Y = Y\phi(X)$ for any invertible operators $X, Y \in B(H)$, then $\phi(X)Y = Y\phi(X)$ for all $X, Y \in B(H)$.*

Proof For each operator $X \in B(H)$, there exists a real number $\alpha > \|X\|$ such that $\alpha I - X$ is invertible in $B(H)$. Then $\phi(\alpha I - X) = 0$ for all $X \in B(H)$. It follows from the linearity of ϕ that $\phi \equiv 0$.

Similarly, for each operator $X \in B(H)$ and $Y \in B(H)$, there exist two real numbers $\alpha > \|X\|$ and $\beta > \|Y\|$ such that $\alpha I - X$ and $\beta I - Y$ are invertible operators in $B(H)$. Then $\phi(\alpha I - X)(\beta I - Y) = (\beta I - Y)\phi(\alpha I - X)$. It follows from the linearity of ϕ that $\phi(X)Y = Y\phi(X)$ for all $X, Y \in B(H)$.

The following is the main result of the paper.

Theorem 2.1 *Let $G \in B(H)$ be an operator with $\overline{\text{ran } G} \neq H$. Then G is a Lie all-derivable point of $B(H)$.*

Proof For the case that $G = 0$, it was proved in [9] that G is a Lie all-derivable point of $B(H)$.

For the case that $G \neq 0$, suppose that linear map $\phi : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ is Lie derivable at G . If $\dim(\text{ran } G) > 1$, then we take $H_1 = \overline{\text{ran } G}$ and $H_2 = (\text{ran } G)^\perp$. In the case that $\dim(\text{ran } G) = 1$, we take $H_1 = \overline{\text{ran } G} \oplus \text{span}\{e\}$ and $H_2 = (\text{ran } G)^\perp \ominus \text{span}\{e\}$, where $0 \neq e \in (\text{ran } G)^\perp$. Thus we always assume that $\dim(H_1) > 1$. Since the dimension of H is greater than 2 and $\overline{\text{ran } G} \neq H$, we see that G can be represented as a 2×2 operator matrix relative to the orthogonal decomposition $H = H_1 \oplus H_2$ as follows:

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & m_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a_0 \in B(H_1)$, $m_0 \in B(H_2, H_1)$. For each operator $S \in B(H)$, it can also be expressed as

the following operator matrix in the orthogonal decomposition of $H = H_1 \oplus H_2$ as follows

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ n & b \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a \in B(H_1)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$. Since ϕ is linear, we may write

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a) & f_{12}(a) \\ f_{21}(a) & f_{22}(a) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11}(m) & g_{12}(m) \\ g_{21}(m) & g_{22}(m) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ n & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11}(n) & l_{12}(n) \\ l_{21}(n) & l_{22}(n) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}(b) & h_{12}(b) \\ h_{21}(b) & h_{22}(b) \end{pmatrix}, \end{array} \right.$$

where f_{ij} , g_{ij} , l_{ij} and h_{ij} are linear maps from $B(H_1)$, $B(H_2, H_1)$, $B(H_1, H_2)$ and $B(H_2)$ into $B(H_j, H_i)$ ($i, j = 1, 2$), respectively. For any $S, T \in B(H)$ with $ST = G$, we write

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & m_1 \\ n_1 & b_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & m_2 \\ n_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a_1a_2 + m_1n_2 = a_0$, $a_1m_2 + m_1b_2 = m_0$, $n_1a_2 + b_1n_2 = 0$ and $n_1m_2 + b_1b_2 = 0$. Since ϕ is Lie derivable at G , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 & \Delta_2 \\ \Delta_3 & \Delta_4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \phi([S, T]) = [\phi(S), T] + [S, \phi(T)] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a_1) + g_{11}(m_1) + l_{11}(n_1) + h_{11}(b_1) & f_{12}(a_1) + g_{12}(m_1) + l_{12}(n_1) + h_{12}(b_1) \\ f_{21}(a_1) + g_{21}(m_1) + l_{21}(n_1) + h_{21}(b_1) & f_{22}(a_1) + g_{22}(m_1) + l_{22}(n_1) + h_{22}(b_1) \end{pmatrix} \\ & \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & m_2 \\ n_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ & - \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & m_2 \\ n_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a_1) + g_{11}(m_1) + l_{11}(n_1) + h_{11}(b_1) & f_{12}(a_1) + g_{12}(m_1) + l_{12}(n_1) + h_{12}(b_1) \\ f_{21}(a_1) + g_{21}(m_1) + l_{21}(n_1) + h_{21}(b_1) & f_{22}(a_1) + g_{22}(m_1) + l_{22}(n_1) + h_{22}(b_1) \end{pmatrix} \\ & + \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & m_1 \\ n_1 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a_2) + g_{11}(m_2) + l_{11}(n_2) + h_{11}(b_2) & f_{12}(a_2) + g_{12}(m_2) + l_{12}(n_2) + h_{12}(b_2) \\ f_{21}(a_2) + g_{21}(m_2) + l_{21}(n_2) + h_{21}(b_2) & f_{22}(a_2) + g_{22}(m_2) + l_{22}(n_2) + h_{22}(b_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ & - \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a_2) + g_{11}(m_2) + l_{11}(n_2) + h_{11}(b_2) & f_{12}(a_2) + g_{12}(m_2) + l_{12}(n_2) + h_{12}(b_2) \\ f_{21}(a_2) + g_{21}(m_2) + l_{21}(n_2) + h_{21}(b_2) & f_{22}(a_2) + g_{22}(m_2) + l_{22}(n_2) + h_{22}(b_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ & \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & m_1 \\ n_1 & b_1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = f_{11}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{11}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + l_{11}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) + h_{11}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1), \\
\Delta_2 &= f_{12}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{12}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) \\
& + l_{12}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) + h_{12}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1), \\
\Delta_3 &= f_{21}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{21}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) \\
& + l_{21}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) + h_{21}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1), \\
\Delta_4 &= f_{22}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{22}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) \\
& + l_{22}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) + h_{22}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Then the above matrix equation implies the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{11}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{11}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) + l_{11}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) \\
& + h_{11}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1) \\
= & f_{11}(a_1)a_2 + g_{11}(m_1)a_2 + l_{11}(n_1)a_2 + h_{11}(b_1)a_2 + f_{12}(a_1)n_2 + g_{12}(m_1)n_2 \\
& + l_{12}(n_1)n_2 + h_{12}(b_1)n_2 - a_2f_{11}(a_1) - a_2g_{11}(m_1) - a_2l_{11}(n_1) - a_2h_{11}(b_1) \\
& - m_2f_{21}(a_1) - m_2g_{21}(m_1) - m_2l_{21}(n_1) - m_2h_{21}(b_1) + a_1f_{11}(a_2) + a_1g_{11}(m_2) \\
& + a_1l_{11}(n_2) + a_1h_{11}(b_2) + m_1f_{21}(a_2) + m_1g_{21}(m_2) + m_1l_{21}(n_2) + m_1h_{21}(b_2) \\
& - f_{11}(a_2)a_1 - g_{11}(m_2)a_1 - l_{11}(n_2)a_1 - h_{11}(b_2)a_1 - f_{12}(a_2)n_1 - g_{12}(m_2)n_1 \\
& - l_{12}(n_2)n_1 - h_{12}(b_2)n_1, \tag{2.1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{12}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{12}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) + l_{12}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) \\
& + h_{12}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1) \\
= & f_{11}(a_1)m_2 + g_{11}(m_1)m_2 + l_{11}(n_1)m_2 + h_{11}(b_1)m_2 + f_{12}(a_1)b_2 + g_{12}(m_1)b_2 \\
& + l_{12}(n_1)b_2 + h_{12}(b_1)b_2 - a_2f_{12}(a_1) - a_2g_{12}(m_1) - a_2l_{12}(n_1) - a_2h_{12}(b_1) \\
& - m_2f_{22}(a_1) - m_2g_{22}(m_1) - m_2l_{22}(n_1) - m_2h_{22}(b_1) + a_1f_{12}(a_2) + a_1g_{12}(m_2) \\
& + a_1l_{12}(n_2) + a_1h_{12}(b_2) + m_1f_{22}(a_2) + m_1g_{22}(m_2) + m_1l_{22}(n_2) + m_1h_{22}(b_2) \\
& - f_{11}(a_2)m_1 - g_{11}(m_2)m_1 - l_{11}(n_2)m_1 - h_{11}(b_2)m_1 - f_{12}(a_2)b_1 - g_{12}(m_2)b_1 \\
& - l_{12}(n_2)b_1 - h_{12}(b_2)b_1, \tag{2.2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{21}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{21}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) + l_{21}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) \\
& + h_{21}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1) \\
= & f_{21}(a_1)a_2 + g_{21}(m_1)a_2 + l_{21}(n_1)a_2 + h_{21}(b_1)a_2 + f_{22}(a_1)n_2 + g_{22}(m_1)n_2 \\
& + l_{22}(n_1)n_2 + h_{22}(b_1)n_2 - n_2f_{11}(a_1) - n_2g_{11}(m_1) - n_2l_{11}(n_1) - n_2h_{11}(b_1) \\
& - b_2f_{21}(a_1) - b_2g_{21}(m_1) - b_2l_{21}(n_1) - b_2h_{21}(b_1) + n_1f_{11}(a_2) + n_1g_{11}(m_2) \\
& + n_1l_{11}(n_2) + n_1h_{11}(b_2) + b_1f_{21}(a_2) + b_1g_{21}(m_2) + b_1l_{21}(n_2) + b_1h_{21}(b_2) \\
& - f_{21}(a_2)a_1 - g_{21}(m_2)a_1 - l_{21}(n_2)a_1 - h_{21}(b_2)a_1 - f_{22}(a_2)n_1 - g_{22}(m_2)n_1 \\
& - l_{22}(n_2)n_1 - h_{22}(b_2)n_1, \tag{2.3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{22}(a_0 - a_2a_1 - m_2n_1) + g_{22}(m_0 - a_2m_1 - m_2b_1) + l_{22}(-n_2a_1 - b_2n_1) \\
& + h_{22}(-n_2m_1 - b_2b_1) \\
= & f_{21}(a_1)m_2 + g_{21}(m_1)m_2 + l_{21}(n_1)m_2 + h_{21}(b_1)m_2 + f_{22}(a_1)b_2 + g_{22}(m_1)b_2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ l_{22}(n_1)b_2 + h_{22}(b_1)b_2 - n_2f_{12}(a_1) - n_2g_{12}(m_1) - n_2l_{12}(n_1) - n_2h_{12}(b_1) \\
 &- b_2f_{22}(a_1) - b_2g_{22}(m_1) - b_2l_{22}(n_1) - b_2h_{22}(b_1) + n_1f_{12}(a_2) + n_1g_{12}(m_2) \\
 &+ n_1l_{12}(n_2) + n_1h_{12}(b_2) + b_1f_{22}(a_2) + b_1g_{22}(m_2) + b_1l_{22}(n_2) + b_1h_{22}(b_2) \\
 &- f_{21}(a_2)m_1 - g_{21}(m_2)m_1 - l_{21}(n_2)m_1 - h_{21}(b_2)m_1 - f_{22}(a_2)b_1 - g_{22}(m_2)b_1 \\
 &- l_{22}(n_2)b_1 - h_{22}(b_2)b_1.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Now we organize the proof in a series of claims.

Claim 1 For any $a \in B(H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$, the following is true :

- (i) $f_{12}(a) = af_{12}(I_1)$;
- (ii) $f_{21}(a) = f_{21}(I_1)a$;
- (iii) $h_{12}(b) = -f_{12}(I_1)b$;
- (iv) $h_{21}(b) = -bf_{21}(I_1)$.

For any invertible operator $a \in B(H_1)$ and any real number $\lambda > 0$, taking $a_1 = \lambda a$, $m_1 = m_0$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0$, $m_2 = 0$, $n_2 = 0$ and $b_2 = I_2$ into (2.2)–(2.3), respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f_{12}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{12}(m_0 - \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0m_0) \\
 &= \lambda(f_{12}(a) + ah_{12}(I_2)) + \lambda^{-1}(-a^{-1}a_0g_{12}(m_0) - f_{11}(a^{-1}a_0)m_0 + m_0f_{22}(a^{-1}a_0)) \\
 &\quad + g_{12}(m_0) - a^{-1}a_0f_{12}(a) + af_{12}(a^{-1}a_0) + m_0h_{22}(I_2) - h_{11}(I_2)m_0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f_{21}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{21}(m_0 - \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0m_0) \\
 &= \lambda(-f_{21}(a) - h_{21}(I_2)a) + \lambda^{-1}g_{21}(m_0)a^{-1}a_0 - g_{21}(m_0) - f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)a \\
 &\quad + f_{21}(a)a^{-1}a_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $f_{12}(a) + ah_{12}(I_2) = 0$ and $f_{21}(a) + h_{21}(I_2)a = 0$ for any invertible $a \in B(H_1)$. By Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$f_{12}(a) + ah_{12}(I_2) = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$f_{21}(a) + h_{21}(I_2)a = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$.

Similarly, for any invertible operator $b \in B(H_2)$ and any real number $\lambda > 0$, putting $a_1 = I_1$, $m_1 = 0$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = a_0$, $m_2 = m_0$, $n_2 = 0$, $b_2 = \lambda b$ into (2.2)–(2.3), respectively, we have

$$0 = \lambda(f_{12}(I_1)b + h_{12}(b)) - a_0f_{12}(I_1) + f_{11}(I_1)m_0 - m_0f_{22}(I_1) + f_{12}(a_0)$$

and

$$g_{21}(m_0) = -\lambda(bf_{21}(I_1) + h_{21}(b)) + f_{21}(I_1)a_0 - f_{21}(a_0) - g_{21}(m_0).$$

Then the above two equations imply that $f_{12}(I_1)b + h_{12}(b) = 0$ and $bf_{21}(I_1) + h_{21}(b) = 0$ for any invertible $b \in B(H_2)$. By Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$f_{12}(I_1)b + h_{12}(b) = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$bf_{21}(I_1) + h_{21}(b) = 0 \quad (2.8)$$

for all $b \in B(H_2)$. Combining (2.5) and (2.7), we have

$$f_{12}(a) = af_{12}(I_1)$$

and

$$h_{12}(b) = -f_{12}(I_1)b.$$

Combining (2.6) and (2.8), we get

$$f_{21}(a) = f_{21}(I_1)a$$

and

$$h_{21}(b) = -bf_{21}(I_1)$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$.

Claim 2 The following statements hold:

- (i) $h_{11}(b) \in \mathbb{C}I_1$ for all $b \in B(H_2)$;
- (ii) $f_{22}(a) \in \mathbb{C}I_2$ for all $a \in B(H_1)$.

For any invertible $a \in B(H_1)$, $b \in B(H_2)$ and any real number $\lambda > 0$, putting $a_1 = \lambda a$, $m_1 = 0$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0$, $m_2 = \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}m_0$, $n_2 = 0$ and $b_2 = \lambda b$ into (2.1) and (2.4), respectively, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{11}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{11}(m_0) \\ &= \lambda^2(ah_{11}(b) - h_{11}(b)a) + f_{11}(a)a^{-1}a_0 - a^{-1}a_0f_{11}(a) - a^{-1}m_0f_{21}(a) \\ & \quad + af_{11}(a^{-1}a_0) + ag_{11}(a^{-1}m_0) - f_{11}(a^{-1}a_0)a - g_{11}(a^{-1}m_0)a \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f_{22}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{22}(m_0) = f_{21}(a)a^{-1}m_0 + \lambda^2(f_{22}(a)b - bf_{22}(a)).$$

Then the above two equations imply that $ah_{11}(b) - h_{11}(b)a = 0$ and $f_{22}(a)b - bf_{22}(a) = 0$ for all invertible $a \in B(H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$. By Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$ah_{11}(b) - h_{11}(b)a = 0$$

and

$$f_{22}(a)b - bf_{22}(a) = 0$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$, which yield that $h_{11}(b) \in \mathbb{C}I_1$ and $f_{22}(a) \in \mathbb{C}I_2$.

Claim 3 For any $a \in B(H_1)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, there hold

- (i) $l_{11}(n) = -f_{12}(I_1)n$;
- (ii) $l_{12}(n) = 0$;
- (iii) $(g_{11}(m) + mf_{21}(I_1)) \oplus (g_{22}(m) - f_{21}(I_1)m) \in \mathbb{C}I$;
- (iv) $l_{22}(n) = nf_{12}(I_1)$;
- (v) $h_{22}(nm) = mg_{12}(m) + l_{21}(n)m + f_{22}(mn)$;
- (vi) $l_{21}(na) = l_{21}(n)a + nf_{11}(a) - f_{22}(a)n$;
- (vii) $f_{11}(mn) = g_{12}(m)n + ml_{21}(n) + h_{11}(nm)$.

For any $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, arbitrary nonzero real numbers λ and μ , putting $a_1 = I_1$, $m_1 = \mu m$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = a_0 - \lambda\mu mn$, $m_2 = m_0$, $n_2 = \lambda n$ and $b_2 = 0$ into (2.1)–(2.4), respectively, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda\mu f_{11}(mn) + g_{11}(m_0) - \mu g_{11}(a_0m) + \lambda\mu^2 g_{11}(mnm) - \lambda l_{11}(n) - \lambda\mu h_{11}(nm) \\ &= \mu(g_{11}(m)a_0 - a_0g_{11}(m) - m_0g_{21}(m) + mf_{21}(a_0) + mg_{21}(m_0)) + f_{11}(I_1)a_0 \\ & \quad + \lambda\mu(-f_{11}(I_1)mn + g_{12}(m)n + mnf_{11}(I_1) + ml_{21}(n)) + \lambda f_{12}(I_1)n \\ & \quad - a_0f_{11}(I_1) - m_0f_{21}(I_1) + \lambda\mu^2(-g_{11}(m)(mn) + mng_{11}(m) - mf_{21}(mn)), \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda\mu f_{12}(mn) + g_{12}(m_0) - \mu g_{12}(a_0m) + \lambda\mu^2 g_{12}(mnm) - \lambda l_{12}(n) - \lambda\mu h_{12}(nm) \\ &= f_{11}(I_1)m_0 - a_0f_{12}(I_1) - m_0f_{22}(I_1) + f_{12}(a_0) + g_{12}(m_0) + \lambda\mu mnf_{12}(I_1) \\ & \quad - \lambda\mu f_{12}(mn) + \lambda\mu ml_{22}(n) - \lambda\mu l_{11}(n)m + \mu(-g_{11}(m_0)m + g_{11}(m)m_0 \\ & \quad - a_0g_{12}(m) - m_0g_{22}(m)) + \lambda\mu^2 mng_{12}(m) - \lambda\mu^2 mf_{22}(mn) + \lambda\mu^2 f_{11}(mn)m \\ & \quad + \mu(mf_{22}(a_0) + mg_{22}(m_0) - f_{11}(a_0)m) + \lambda l_{12}(n), \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda\mu f_{21}(mn) + g_{21}(m_0) - \mu g_{21}(a_0m) + \lambda\mu^2 g_{21}(mn)m - \lambda\mu h_{21}(nm) \\ &= \lambda\mu g_{22}(m)n - \lambda\mu ng_{11}(m) + f_{21}(I_1)a_0 - f_{21}(a_0) - g_{21}(m_0) + \mu g_{21}(m)a_0 \\ & \quad - \lambda\mu^2 g_{21}(m)mn + \lambda f_{22}(I_1)n - \lambda n f_{11}(I_1) \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda\mu f_{22}(mn) + g_{22}(m_0 - \mu a_0m + \lambda\mu^2 mnm) - \lambda l_{22}(n) - \lambda\mu h_{22}(nm) \\ &= \lambda\mu^2 f_{21}(mn)m - \lambda\mu(n g_{12}(m) + l_{21}(n)m) - \lambda n f_{12}(I_1) + \mu(g_{21}(m)m_0 \\ & \quad - g_{21}(m_0)m - f_{21}(a_0)m) + f_{21}(I_1)m_0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

It follows from (2.9) that

$$l_{11}(n) = -f_{12}(I_1)n$$

and

$$f_{11}(mn) - h_{11}(nm) = g_{12}(m)n + ml_{21}(n) + mnf_{11}(I_1) - f_{11}(I_1)mn \tag{2.13}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$.

By (2.10), we get

$$l_{12}(n) = 0$$

for all $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$.

(2.11) reduces to

$$f_{21}(mn) - h_{21}(nm) = g_{22}(m)n - ng_{11}(m).$$

The above equation and Claim 1(ii), (iv) together imply that

$$n(g_{11}(m) + mf_{21}(I_1)) = (g_{22}(m) - f_{21}(I_1)m)n$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$. This leads to

$$(g_{11}(m) + mf_{21}(I_1)) \oplus (g_{22}(m) - f_{21}(I_1)m) \in \mathbb{C}I$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$.

By (2.12), we have

$$l_{22}(n) = nf_{12}(I_1)$$

and

$$h_{22}(nm) = ng_{12}(m) + l_{21}(n)m + f_{22}(mn)$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$.

Furthermore, for any invertible $a \in B(H_1)$, any $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and any real number $\lambda > 0$, putting $a_1 = a$, $m_1 = 0$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = a^{-1}a_0$, $m_2 = a^{-1}m_0$, $n_2 = \lambda n$ and $b_2 = 0$ into (2.3), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{21}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) - \lambda l_{21}(na) \\ &= \lambda(f_{22}(a)n - nf_{11}(a) - l_{21}(n)a) + f_{21}(a)a^{-1}a_0 - f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)a - g_{21}(a^{-1}m_0)a, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $l_{21}(na) = l_{21}(n)a + nf_{11}(a) - f_{22}(a)n$ for all invertible $a \in B(H_1)$ and all $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$. By Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$l_{21}(na) = l_{21}(n)a + nf_{11}(a) - f_{22}(a)n$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$. Replacing a by I_1 in the above equation, we get that

$$nf_{11}(I_1) = f_{22}(I_1)n$$

for all $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, which implies that there exists a complex number λ such that $f_{11}(I_1) = \lambda I_1$ and $f_{22}(I_1) = \lambda I_2$. Combining this and (2.13), we obtain that

$$f_{11}(mn) = g_{12}(m)n + ml_{21}(n) + h_{11}(nm)$$

for all $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, completing the proof of Claim 3.

Claim 4 Let $a \in B(H_1)$, $b \in B(H_2)$ and $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Then

- (i) $g_{12}(mb) = g_{12}(m)b + mh_{22}(b) - h_{11}(b)m$;
- (ii) $g_{12}(am) = ag_{12}(m) + f_{11}(a)m - mf_{22}(a)$;
- (iii) $g_{21}(m) = 0$.

For any $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, any invertible $b \in B(H_2)$ and any nonzero real numbers λ and μ , taking $a_1 = I_1$, $m_1 = \mu m$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = a_0$, $m_2 = m_0 - \lambda\mu mb$, $n_2 = 0$ and $b_2 = \lambda b$ into (2.2), one can easily check that

$$g_{12}(m_0 - \mu a_0 m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\lambda\mu^2 g_{11}(m)mb + \lambda\mu^2 mbg_{22}(m) - \lambda\mu^2 mg_{22}(mb) + \lambda\mu^2 g_{11}(mb)m \\ &\quad + \mu(g_{11}(m)m_0 + mg_{22}(m_0) - g_{11}(m_0)m - m_0g_{22}(m)) \\ &\quad + \lambda\mu(g_{12}(m)b - g_{12}(mb) + mh_{22}(b) - h_{11}(b)m) \\ &\quad + \mu(mf_{22}(a_0) - f_{11}(a_0)m - a_0g_{12}(m)) + g_{12}(m_0). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $g_{12}(mb) = g_{12}(m)b + mh_{22}(b) - h_{11}(b)m$ for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and all invertible $b \in B(H_2)$. By Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$g_{12}(mb) = g_{12}(m)b + mh_{22}(b) - h_{11}(b)m$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$.

Moreover, for any invertible $a \in B(H_1)$, any $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and any nonzero real numbers λ and μ , putting $a_1 = \lambda a$, $m_1 = m_0 - \lambda\mu am$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = \lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0$, $m_2 = \mu m$, $n_2 = 0$ and $b_2 = I_2$ into (2.2)–(2.4), respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &f_{12}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{12}(m_0) - g_{12}(\lambda^{-1}a^{-1}a_0m_0) + g_{12}(a^{-1}a_0a\mu m) \\ &= \lambda\mu(f_{11}(a)m - g_{12}(am) - mf_{22}(a) + ag_{12}(m) - amh_{22}(I_2) + h_{11}(I_2)am) \\ &\quad + \mu(g_{11}(m_0)m + a^{-1}a_0g_{12}(am) - mg_{22}(m_0) - amf_{22}(a^{-1}a_0) + m_0g_{22}(m)) \\ &\quad + f_{11}(a^{-1}a_0)am - g_{11}(m)m_0 + g_{12}(m_0) - a^{-1}a_0f_{12}(a) + af_{12}(a^{-1}a_0) \\ &\quad + m_0h_{22}(I_2) - h_{11}(I_2)m_0 + \lambda\mu^2(-g_{11}(am)m + mg_{22}(am) - amg_{22}(m) \\ &\quad + g_{11}(m)am) + \lambda^{-1}(-a^{-1}a_0g_{12}(m_0) + m_0f_{22}(a^{-1}a_0) - f_{11}(a^{-1}a_0)m_0), \\ &\quad f_{21}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) - \lambda^{-1}g_{21}(a^{-1}a_0m_0) + \mu g_{21}(a^{-1}a_0am) \\ &= f_{21}(a)(a^{-1}a_0) - g_{21}(am)a^{-1}a_0 - f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)a + \lambda\mu(g_{21}(am) - g_{21}(m)a) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &f_{22}(a_0 - a^{-1}a_0a) + g_{22}(m_0) - \lambda^{-1}g_{22}(a^{-1}a_0m_0) + \mu g_{22}(a^{-1}a_0am) \\ &= -\lambda^{-1}f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)m_0 + \mu(f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)am - g_{21}(m)m_0) - h_{21}(I_2)m_0 \\ &\quad + \lambda\mu^2(g_{21}(m)am - g_{21}(am)m) + \lambda\mu(f_{21}(a)m + h_{21}(I_2)am). \end{aligned}$$

The above three equations and Claim 1(ii) imply that

$$g_{12}(am) = ag_{12}(m) + f_{11}(a)m - mf_{22}(a) + h_{11}(I_2)am - amh_{22}(I_2), \tag{2.14}$$

$$g_{21}(am)a^{-1}a_0 = 0, \tag{2.15}$$

$$g_{21}(am) = g_{21}(m)a \tag{2.16}$$

and

$$-g_{21}(m)m_0 = g_{22}(a^{-1}a_0am) - f_{21}(a^{-1}a_0)am \tag{2.17}$$

for all invertible $a \in B(H_1)$ and all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, respectively. Replacing a by I_1 in (2.14)–(2.15), respectively, we obtain that

$$f_{11}(I_1)m - mf_{22}(I_1) + h_{11}(I_2)m - mh_{22}(I_2) = 0 \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$g_{21}(m)a_0 = 0 \tag{2.19}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Note that we have proved $f_{11}(I_1) = \lambda I_1$ and $f_{22}(I_1) = \lambda I_2$. Combining these and (2.18), we get

$$h_{11}(I_2)m - mh_{22}(I_2) = 0 \tag{2.20}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Comparing (2.14) and (2.20), we see that $g_{12}(am) = ag_{12}(m) + f_{11}(a)m - mf_{22}(a)$ for all invertible $a \in B(H_1)$ and all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Using Lemma 2.1 again, we arrive at

$$g_{12}(am) = ag_{12}(m) + f_{11}(a)m - mf_{22}(a)$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$ and $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$.

Next, we will show that $g_{21}(m) = 0$. Indeed, replacing a by I_1 in (2.17), we have

$$-g_{21}(m)m_0 = g_{22}(a_0m) - f_{21}(a_0)m \tag{2.21}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Moreover, for any $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, any real number $\lambda > 0$, putting $a_1 = I_1$, $m_1 = m_0 + \lambda a_0m$, $n_1 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $a_2 = a_0$, $m_2 = -\lambda a_0m$, $n_2 = 0$ and $b_2 = I_2$ into (2.1), we have

$$-g_{11}(a_0m) = g_{11}(m)a_0 - a_0g_{11}(m) - m_0g_{21}(m) + mf_{21}(a_0) \tag{2.22}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. It follows from Claim 1(ii) and Claim 3(iii) that

$$g_{11}(m)a_0 + mf_{21}(a_0) = a_0g_{11}(m) + a_0mf_{21}(I_1) \tag{2.23}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Applying (2.22)–(2.23) and Claim 3(iii), we get

$$m_0g_{21}(m) = g_{11}(a_0m) + a_0mf_{21}(I_1) \in \mathbb{C}I_1 \tag{2.24}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Replacing m by am in (2.24), we obtain

$$m_0g_{21}(am) = g_{11}(a_0am) + a_0amf_{21}(I_1) \in \mathbb{C}I_1.$$

Combining this and (2.16) reduces to

$$m_0g_{21}(m)a = g_{11}(a_0am) + a_0amf_{21}(I_1) \in \mathbb{C}I_1$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$ and $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Note that $\dim(H_1) > 1$. It follows that

$$m_0g_{21}(m) = 0$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Then it follows from (2.24) that

$$g_{11}(a_0m) + a_0mf_{21}(I_1) = 0$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Combining this and Claim 3(iii) reduces to

$$g_{22}(a_0m) - f_{21}(I_1)a_0m = 0$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Thus, by the above equation and (2.21), we have

$$g_{21}(m)m_0 = 0 \tag{2.25}$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$. Therefore, (2.19) and (2.25) yield that

$$g_{21}(m) = 0$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, as desired.

By Claim 2(ii), we see that $f_{22}(a) \in \mathbb{C}I_2$ for all $a \in B(H_1)$. So there exists a linear functional τ_1 on $B(H_1)$ such that $f_{22}(a) = \tau_1(a)I_2$ for all $a \in B(H_1)$.

Claim 5 $\delta_1 = f_{11} - \tau_1 I_1$ is a derivation of $B(H_1)$.

For any $a_1, a_2 \in B(H_1)$ and $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, on the one hand, by Claim 4(ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_{12}(a_1 a_2 m) &= a_1 g_{12}(a_2 m) + \delta_1(a_1) a_2 m \\ &= a_1 a_2 g_{12}(m) + a_1 \delta_1(a_2) m + \delta_1(a_1) a_2 m. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$g_{12}(a_1 a_2 m) = a_1 a_2 g_{12}(m) + \delta_1(a_1 a_2) m.$$

Comparing these two equalities, we have that

$$a_1 \delta_1(a_2) m + \delta_1(a_1) a_2 m = \delta_1(a_1 a_2) m,$$

which is equivalent to

$$(\delta_1(a_1 a_2) - a_1 \delta_1(a_2) - \delta_1(a_1) a_2) I_1 B(H) I_2 = 0.$$

Since $B(H)$ is prime, we get

$$\delta_1(a_1 a_2) = a_1 \delta_1(a_2) + \delta_1(a_1) a_2$$

for all $a_1, a_2 \in B(H_1)$. Hence δ_1 is a derivation of $B(H_1)$.

Similarly, by Claim 2(i), we see that $h_{11}(b) \in \mathbb{C}I_1$ for all $b \in B(H_2)$. So there exists a linear functional τ_2 on $B(H_2)$ such that $h_{11}(b) = \tau_2(b)I_1$ for all $b \in B(H_2)$. With the similar argument in Claim 5, using Claim 4(i), one can get the following claims.

Claim 6 $\delta_2 = h_{22} - \tau_2 I_2$ is a derivation of $B(H_2)$.

Claim 7 For any $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$, we claim that

- (i) $h_{11}(nm) \oplus f_{22}(mn) \in \mathbb{C}I$;
- (ii) $l_{21}(bn) = bl_{21}(n) + h_{22}(b)n - nh_{11}(b)$.

For any $a \in B(H_1)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, by Claim 3(vii), on the one hand, we have

$$f_{11}(mna) = g_{12}(m)na + ml_{21}(na) + h_{11}(nam),$$

on the other hand,

$$f_{11}(mn)a = g_{12}(m)na + ml_{21}(n)a + h_{11}(nm)a.$$

Comparing the above two equalities, we see that

$$f_{11}(mn)a = f_{11}(mna) - ml_{21}(na) - h_{11}(nam) + ml_{21}(n)a + h_{11}(nm)a,$$

which implies

$$f_{11}(mn)a = f_{11}(mna) - h_{11}(nam) + h_{11}(nm)a - mnf_{11}(a) + mn\tau_1(a)I_1 \quad (2.26)$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ by Claim 3(vi). Applying Claim 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_{11}(mna) - \tau_1(mna)I_1 &= \delta_1(mna) \\ &= \delta_1(mn)a + mn\delta_1(a) \\ &= f_{11}(mn)a - \tau_1(mn)a + mnf_{11}(a) - mn\tau_1(a)I_1. \end{aligned}$$

This and (2.26) yield that

$$h_{11}(nm)a - \tau_1(mn)a = h_{11}(nam) - \tau_1(mna)I_1$$

for all $a \in B(H_1)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$. Note that $\dim(H_1) > 1$. This leads to

$$h_{11}(nm) - \tau_1(mn)I_1 = 0,$$

and then

$$h_{11}(nm) \oplus f_{22}(mn) \in \mathbb{C}I$$

for all $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$.

Furthermore, for any $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$, $b \in B(H_2)$, by Claim 7(i), we have $h_{11}(bnm) \oplus f_{22}(mbn) \in \mathbb{C}I$ and $h_{11}(nmb) \oplus f_{22}(mbn) \in \mathbb{C}I$. It follows that

$$h_{11}(bnm) = h_{11}(nmb). \quad (2.27)$$

For any $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$, $m \in B(H_2, H_1)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$, by Claim 3(vii), on the one hand, we have

$$g_{12}(mb)n = f_{11}(mbn) - mbl_{21}(n) - h_{11}(nmb).$$

On the other hand, by Claim 4(i), we have

$$g_{12}(mb)n = g_{12}(m)bn + mh_{22}(b)n - h_{11}(b)mn.$$

Comparing these two equalities, we see that

$$f_{11}(mbn) - mbl_{21}(n) - h_{11}(nmb) = g_{12}(m)bn + mh_{22}(b)n - h_{11}(b)mn. \quad (2.28)$$

Moreover, combining Claim 3(vii) and (2.27), we have

$$ml_{21}(bn) = f_{11}(mbn) - h_{11}(nmb) - g_{12}(m)bn. \quad (2.29)$$

Thus (2.28)–(2.29) imply that

$$ml_{21}(bn) = mbl_{21}(n) + mh_{22}(b)n - mn h_{11}(b),$$

which is equivalent to

$$I_1 B(H) I_2 (l_{21}(bn) - bl_{21}(n) - h_{22}(b)n + nh_{11}(b)) = 0.$$

Since $B(H)$ is prime, we get

$$l_{21}(bn) = bl_{21}(n) + h_{22}(b)n - nh_{11}(b)$$

for all $n \in B(H_1, H_2)$ and $b \in B(H_2)$.

Now, by Claim 1, Claim 3(i)–(ii), (iv) and Claim 4(ii), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(a) & af_{12}(I_1) \\ f_{21}(I_1)a & f_{22}(a) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{11}(m) & g_{12}(m) \\ 0 & g_{22}(m) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ n & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -f_{12}(I_1)n & 0 \\ l_{21}(n) & nf_{12}(I_1) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}(b) & -f_{12}(I_1)b \\ -bf_{21}(I_1) & h_{22}(b) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Define two linear maps $\psi : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ and $\gamma : B(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}I$ by

$$\psi \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ n & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1(a) & g_{12}(m) \\ l_{21}(n) & \delta_2(b) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -mf_{21}(I_1) - f_{12}(I_1)n & af_{12}(I_1) - f_{12}(I_1)b \\ f_{21}(I_1)a - bf_{21}(I_1) & nf_{12}(I_1) + f_{21}(I_1)m \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ n & b \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1(a)I_1 + h_{11}(b) & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2(b)I_2 + f_{22}(a) \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} g_{11}(m) + mf_{21}(I_1) & 0 \\ 0 & g_{22}(m) - f_{21}(I_1)m \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

for all $\begin{pmatrix} a & m \\ n & b \end{pmatrix} \in B(H)$.

It is clear that $\phi = \psi + \gamma$. Moreover, by Claim 3(v)–(vii) and Claims 4–7, the following statements hold:

- (i) $\delta_1(a)$ is a derivation of $B(H_1)$ with $\delta_1(mn) = g_{12}(m)n + ml_{21}(n)$;
- (ii) $\delta_2(b)$ is a derivation of $B(H_2)$ with $\delta_2(nm) = ng_{12}(m) + l_{21}(n)m$;
- (iii) $g_{12}(am) = ag_{12}(m) + \delta_1(a)m$ and $g_{12}(mb) = g_{12}(m)b + m\delta_2(b)$;
- (iv) $l_{21}(na) = l_{21}(n)a + n\delta_1(a)$ and $l_{21}(bn) = bl_{21}(n) + \delta_2(b)n$.

Thus, using [7, Proposition 4.2], one can easily check that ψ is a derivation of $B(H)$.

Furthermore, for any $S, T \in B(H)$ with $ST = G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma([S, T]) &= \phi([S, T]) - \psi([S, T]) \\ &= [\phi(S), T] + [S, \phi(T)] - \psi(ST - TS) \\ &= [\psi(S) + \gamma(S), T] + [S, \psi(T) + \gamma(T)] - \psi(ST - TS) \\ &= [\psi(S), T] + [S, \psi(T)] - \psi(ST - TS) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.

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