

# LINEAR $\ast$ -DERIVATIONS ON $JB^\ast$ -ALGEBRAS <sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract** It is shown that for a derivation

$$f(x_1 \circ \cdots \circ x_{j-1} \circ x_j \circ x_{j+1} \circ \cdots \circ x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^k x_1 \circ \cdots \circ x_{j-1} \circ x_{j+1} \circ \cdots \circ x_k \circ f(x_j)$$

on a  $JB^\ast$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $\ast$ -derivation  $D : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  near the derivation.

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## 1 Introduction

Our knowledge concerning the continuity properties of epimorphisms on Banach algebras, Jordan-Banach algebras, and, more generally, nonassociative complete normed algebras, is now fairly complete and satisfactory (see [7] and [8]). A basic continuity problem consists in determining algebraic conditions on a Banach algebra  $A$  which ensure that derivations on  $A$  are continuous. In 1996, Villena<sup>[8]</sup> proved that derivations on semisimple Jordan-Banach algebras are continuous.

Borelli<sup>[1]</sup> proved the Hyers-Ulam stability problem of the functional equation

$$D(xy) = xD(y) + yD(x)$$

on the interval  $(0, 1]$ , which is called a derivation, and Tabor<sup>[6]</sup> investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability problem of the functional equation for Banach space-valued functions and obtained the following result: Let  $X$  be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow X$  be a mapping and  $\theta > 0$ . Suppose that

$$\|f(xy) - xf(y) - yf(x)\| \leq \theta$$

for all  $x, y \in (0, 1]$ . Then there exists a derivation  $D : (0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\|f(x) - D(x)\| \leq 4e\theta$$

for all  $x \in (0, 1]$ .

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Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Consider  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  to be a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in E_1$ . Assume that

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ . Rassias<sup>[5]</sup> showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{2-2^p} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ . Găvruta<sup>[2]</sup> generalized the Rassias' result, and Park<sup>[4]</sup> applied the Găvruta's result to linear functional equations in Banach modules over a  $C^*$ -algebra.

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $JB^*$ -algebra with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and  $k$  an integer greater than 1.

In this paper, we prove that for a derivation

$$f(x_1 \circ \cdots \circ x_{j-1} \circ x_j \circ x_{j+1} \circ \cdots \circ x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^k x_1 \circ \cdots \circ x_{j-1} \circ x_{j+1} \circ \cdots \circ x_k \circ f(x_j)$$

on a  $JB^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $*$ -derivation  $D : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  near the derivation.

## 2 Stability of Linear $*$ -Derivations on $JB^*$ -Algebras

The original motivation to introduce the class of nonassociative algebras known as Jordan algebras came from quantum mechanics (see [7]). Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space, regarded as the "state space" of a quantum mechanical system. Let  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be the real vector space of all bounded self-adjoint linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ , interpreted as the (bounded) observables of the system. In 1932, Jordan observed that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is a (nonassociative) algebra via the anticommutator product  $x \circ y := \frac{xy+yx}{2}$ . A commutative algebra  $X$  with product  $x \circ y$  (not necessarily given by an anticommutator) is called a Jordan algebra if  $x^2 \circ (x \circ y) = x \circ (x^2 \circ y)$  holds.

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