

2-Local derivations on von Neumann algebras and AW^* - algebras

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Let H be a Hilbert space over the field \mathbb{C} of complex numbers, and let $B(H)$ be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on H . Denote by $\mathbf{1}$ the identity operator on H , and let $P(H) = \{p \in B(H) : p = p^2 = p^*\}$ be the lattice of projections in $B(H)$. Consider a von Neumann algebra M on H , i.e. a $*$ -subalgebra of $B(H)$ closed in the weak operator topology and containing the operator $\mathbf{1}$. Denote by $\|\cdot\|_M$ the operator norm on M . The set $P(M) = P(H) \cap M$ is a complete orthomodular lattice with respect to the natural partial order on $M_h = \{x \in M : x = x^*\}$, generated by the cone M_+ of positive operators from M .

Every von Neumann algebra can be written uniquely as a sum of von Neumann algebras of types I , II_1 (finite), II_∞ (properly infinite, semifinite) and III (purely infinite).

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Each element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ implements a derivation D_a on \mathcal{A} defined as $D_a(x) = [a, x] = ax - xa$, $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Such derivations D_a are said to be **inner derivations**.

There exist various types of linear operators which are close to derivations. Recall that a linear map Δ of \mathcal{A} is called a **local derivation** if for each $x \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists a derivation $D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, depending on x , such that $\Delta(x) = D(x)$. This notion was introduced in 1990 independently by Kadison ^a and Larson and Sourour ^b.

^aR. V. Kadison, Local derivations, J. Algebra. 130 (1990), 494–509.

^bD. R. Larson, A. R. Sourour, Local derivations and local automorphisms of $B(X)$, Proc. Sympos. Pure Math. 51. Providence, Rhode Island, 1990, Part 2, 187–194.

R.V.Kadison proved that each continuous local derivation of a von Neumann algebra M into a dual Banach M -bimodule is a derivation. This theorem gave way to studies on derivations on C^* -algebras, culminating with a result due to B.E. Johnson, which asserts that every local derivation of a C^* -algebra A into a Banach A -bimodule is automatically continuous, and hence is a derivation.^a For details we refer to the papers.^{bc}

^aB.E. Johnson, Local derivations on C^* -algebras are derivations, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society. 353 (2001), 313–325.

^bSh. A. Ayupov, K. K. Kudaybergenov, 2-local derivation on von Neumann algebras. Positivity, 19 (2015), 445-455.

^cSh. A. Ayupov, K. K. Kudaybergenov, A. M. Peralta, A survey on local and 2-local derivations on C^* -algebras and von Neumann algebras, Topics in Functional Analysis and Algebra, Contemporary Mathematics AMS, 672 (2016) 73-126.

Recall that a map

$$\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

(not linear in general) is called a **2-local derivation** if for every $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists a derivation $D_{x,y} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that $\Delta(x) = D_{x,y}(x)$ and $\Delta(y) = D_{x,y}(y)$.

2-local derivation

Any derivation is a local and a 2-local derivation, but the converse is not true in general.

Example

Consider an algebra upper-triangular 2×2 -matrix

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} : a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

Define operator Δ on \mathcal{A} by

$$\Delta(A) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{11} \neq a_{22}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2a_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{if } a_{11} = a_{22}. \end{cases}$$

Then Δ is a 2-local derivation, which is not a derivation^a.

^aJ. H. Zhang, H. X. Li, 2-Local derivations on digraph algebras, Acta Math. Sinica, Chinese series 49 (2006), 1401–1406.

The notion of 2-local derivations it was introduced in 1997 by P. Šemrl ^a and in this paper he described 2-local derivations on the algebra $B(H)$ of all bounded linear operators on the infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space H . He proved that each 2-local derivation on this algebra is a (global) derivation. A similar description for the finite-dimensional case appeared later by S. O. Kim and J. S. Kim ^b

^aŠemrl, Local automorphisms and derivations on $B(H)$, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 125 (1997) 2677–2680.

^bS. O. Kim, J. S. Kim, Local automorphisms and derivations on M_n , Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 132 (2004) 1389–1392.

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In 2012 ^a we suggested a new technique and have generalized the above mentioned results for arbitrary Hilbert spaces. Namely we considered 2-local derivations on the algebra $B(H)$ of all bounded linear operators on an arbitrary (no separability is assumed) Hilbert space H and proved that every 2-local derivation on $B(H)$ is a derivation.

^aSh. A. Ayupov, K. K. Kudaybergenov, 2-local derivations and automorphisms on $B(H)$, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 395 (2012) 15–18.

Our proof essentially use existence a faithful normal semi-finite trace on $B(H)$. Namely, the main ingredient of our paper is the following identity

$$\operatorname{tr}(\Delta(x)y) = -\operatorname{tr}(x\Delta(y)) \quad (1)$$

for all $x \in B(H)$, and for finite-dimensional operator $y \in B(H)$, where tr is the canonical trace on $B(H)$.

A similar result for 2-local derivations on finite von Neumann algebras was obtained by Sh. A. Ayupov and etal. ^a. Finally, Sh. A. Ayupov and F. N. Arzikulov^b extended all above results and give a short proof of this result for arbitrary semi-finite von Neumann algebras.

^aSh. A. Ayupov, K. K. Kudaybergenov, B. O. Nurjanov, A. K. Alauatdinov, Local and 2-local derivations on noncommutative Arens algebras, *Mathematica Slovaca*. 64 (2014) 1–10.

^bSh. A. Ayupov, F. N. Arzikulov, 2-local derivations on semi-finite von Neumann algebras, *Glasgow Math. Jour.* 56 (2014) 9–12.

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Let $g \in M$ be a self-adjoint element and let $\mathcal{W}^*(g) = \{g\}''$ be the abelian von Neumann algebra generated by the element g . Then there exists an element $a \in M$ such that

$$\Delta(x) = ax - xa$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{W}^*(g)$. In particular, Δ is additive on $\mathcal{W}^*(g)$.

Let $P(M)$ denote the lattice of all projections of the von Neumann algebra M . Recall that a map $m : P(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a signed measure (or charge) if $m(e_1 + e_2) = m(e_1) + m(e_2)$ for arbitrary orthogonal projections e_1, e_2 in M . A signed measure m is said to be bounded if $\sup\{|m(e)| : e \in P(M)\}$ is finite.

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Gleason Theorem

Let \mathcal{A} be a von Neumann algebra with no direct summand of Type I_2 . Then each complex-valued finitely additive measure on $P(\mathcal{A})$ extends to a bounded linear functional on A .

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Let M be an infinite von Neumann algebra. The restriction $\Delta|_{M_{sa}}$ of the 2-local derivation Δ onto the set M_{sa} of all self-adjoint of M is additive.

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If $\Delta|_{M_{sa}} \equiv 0$, then $\Delta \equiv 0$.

For details of the proof we refer to
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Kaplansky proved that an AW^* -algebra of type I is a von Neumann algebra if and only if its center is a von Neumann algebra and conjectured that this is true for general AW^* -algebras. But in 1970 Takenouchi and Dyer independently showed this to be false by providing examples of type III AW^* -algebras which are not von Neumann algebras
[O. Takenouchi, A non- W^* , AW^* -factor, Lect. Notes Math., vol. 650 (1978), 135-139],
[J.Dyer, Concerning AW^* -algebras, Notices Amer. Math. Soc., 17 (1970), 788].

In the present section we extend our above results concerning 2-local derivations to the case of arbitrary AW^* -algebras. First we consider 2-local derivations on matrix algebras over unital semi-prime Banach algebras. Namely, we prove that if \mathcal{A} is a unital semi-prime Banach algebra with the inner derivation property then any 2-local derivation on the algebra $M_{2^n}(\mathcal{A})$, $n \geq 2$, is a derivation. We apply this result to AW^* -algebras and prove that any 2-local derivation on an arbitrary AW^* -algebra is a derivation.

If $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a 2-local derivation, then from the definition it easily follows that Δ is homogenous. At the same time,

$$\Delta(x^2) = \Delta(x)x + x\Delta(x) \quad (2)$$

for each $x \in \mathcal{A}$.

2-Local derivations on matrix algebras

In the paper of M. Brešar

[M. Brešar, Jordan derivations on semi-prime rings. Proc. Amer. Math. Soc., 104 (1988), 1003-1006]

it is proved that any **Jordan derivation** (i.e. a linear map satisfying the above equation) on a semi-prime algebra is a derivation. Therefore, in the case semi-prime algebras in order to prove that a 2-local derivation $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a derivation, it is sufficient to prove that $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is additive.

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We say that an algebra \mathcal{A} has the **inner derivation property** if every derivation on \mathcal{A} is inner. Recall that an algebra \mathcal{A} is said to be **semi-prime** if $a\mathcal{A}a = 0$ implies that $a = 0$. Let $M_n(\mathcal{A})$ be the algebra of $n \times n$ -matrices over \mathcal{A} and assume that $n \geq 2$.

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Theorem 4.2

Let \mathcal{A} be a unital semi-prime Banach algebra with the inner derivation property and let $M_{2^n}(\mathcal{A})$ be the algebra of $2^n \times 2^n$ -matrices over \mathcal{A} . Then any 2-local derivation Δ on $M_{2^n}(\mathcal{A})$ is a derivation.

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In the second step of our proof we show that if a 2-local derivation Δ on a matrix algebra equals to zero on all diagonal matrices and on the linear span of matrix units, then it is identically zero on the whole algebra.

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Problem 4.3.

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Theorem 5.1

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Proof. Let us first note that any AW^* -algebra is semi-prime. It is also known that AW^* -algebra has the inner derivation property [D. Olesen, Derivations AW^* -algebras are inner, Pacific J. Math., 53, 555-561 (1974)].

Let z be a central projection in \mathcal{A} . Since $D(z) = 0$ for an arbitrary derivation D , it is clear that $\Delta(z) = 0$ for any 2-local derivation Δ on \mathcal{A} . Take $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and let D be a derivation on \mathcal{A} such that $\Delta(zx) = D(zx)$, $\Delta(x) = D(x)$. Then we have $\Delta(zx) = D(zx) = D(z)x + zD(x) = z\Delta(x)$. This means that every 2-local derivation Δ maps $z\mathcal{A}$ into $z\mathcal{A}$ for each central projection $z \in \mathcal{A}$. So, we may consider the restriction of Δ onto $e\mathcal{A}$. Since an arbitrary AW^* -algebra can be decomposed along a central projection into the direct sum of an abelian AW^* -algebra, and AW^* -algebras of type $I_n, n \geq 2$, type I_∞ , type II and type III, we may consider these cases separately.

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If \mathcal{A} is an AW^* -algebra of type I_n , $n \geq 2$, with the center $Z(\mathcal{A})$, then it is isomorphic to the algebra $M_n(Z(\mathcal{A}))$. By Theorem 4.2. there exists a derivation D on $\mathcal{A} \cong M_n(Z(\mathcal{A}))$ such that $\Delta \equiv D$. So, Δ is a derivation.

Let the AW^* -algebra \mathcal{A} have one of the types I_∞ , II or III. Then the halving Lemmata for type I_∞ , type II and type III

AW^* -algebras from

[I. Kaplansky, Projections in Banach algebras, Ann. Math. 53, 235-249 (1951)],

imply that the unit of the algebra \mathcal{A} can be represented as a sum of mutually equivalent orthogonal projections e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4

from \mathcal{A} . Then the map $x \mapsto \sum_{i,j=1}^4 e_i x e_j$ defines an isomorphism

between the algebra \mathcal{A} and the matrix algebra $M_4(\mathcal{B})$, where $\mathcal{B} = e_{1,1} \mathcal{A} e_{1,1}$. Therefore Theorem 4.2. implies that any 2-local derivation on \mathcal{A} is a derivation. The proof is complete.

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