# ON THE NONASSOCIATIVE JEWELL-SINCLAIR THEOREM

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## Abstract

A g-c-derivation is a linear mapping D from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself such that D(ab) = D(a)g(b) + aD(b) = D(a)b + g(a)D(b) for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , where g is continuous linear map from  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself. In this paper, we prove that any g-c-derivation on a semiprime Banach nonassociative algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is continuous if for each closed infinite dimensional ideal  $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , there is a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  (the multiplication algebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ ), such that the sequence  $\{(T_1 T_2 \cdots T_n I)^-\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  is constantly decreasing. As a consequence, every g-c-derivation on nonassociative  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator is continuous.

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#### 1. Introduction

Jewell and Sinclair in [5] obtained the continuity of derivations on certain Banach algebras known as Jewell-Sinclair theorem. In 1994, Palmer in [8] presented Jewell-Sinclair theorem in a perfect form as follows: Every derivation on a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is continuous if  $\mathcal{A}$ satisfies:

(i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has no nonzero finite dimensional nilpotent ideals.

(ii) For each closed infinite dimensional ideal I of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there is a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq\mathcal{A}$  such that the sequence  $\{(a_1a_2\cdots a_nI)^-\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  is constantly decreasing.

In [6], they generalized the above Palmer presentation of Jewell-Sinclair theorem in the nonassociative setting as follows: Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a semiprime Banach algebra not necessarily associative, such that for each closed infinite dimensional ideal  $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , there is a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  (the multiplication algebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ ), such that the sequence  $\{(T_1T_2 \cdots T_nI)^-\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  is constantly decreasing, then any derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  is continuous. Also, they used this result and Villena's lines proof in [11, Theorem 4] to prove that every derivation on nonassociative  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator is continuous.

In this paper, we will prove that every g-c-derivation on nonassociative  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator is continuous via nonassociative Jewell-Sinclair theorem. So our purpose is the following theorems:

**Theorem A.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a semiprime complete normed algebra such that for each closed infinite dimensional ideal  $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , there is a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  such that the sequence  $\{(T_1T_2 \cdots T_nI)^-\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  is constantly decreasing. Then any g-c-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ is continuous. **Theorem B.** Every g-c-derivation on nonassociative  $H^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with zero annihilator is continuous.

Following [7], we define a g-c-derivation as follows : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a normed algebra, a linear mapping D from  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself is called g-c-derivation, if D(ab) = D(a)g(b) + aD(b) = D(a)b + g(a)D(b) for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , where g is continuous linear map from  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself, note that if g is the identity map, then D is the usual derivation. Recall from [10] that, if X and Y are normed spaces and if  $T: X \to Y$  is linear map, then separating subspace S(T) of T is define as follows:  $S(T) = \{y \in Y : \exists a \}$ sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\lim x_n = 0$  and  $\lim T(x_n) = y\}$ . The separating space  $\mathcal{S}(T)$  is a closed linear subspace of Y. Also, recall from [1] that an *annihilator* of an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  (denoted by Ann( $\mathcal{A}$ )) is defined as the set of those a in  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying ab = ba = 0 for every  $b \in \mathcal{A}$ . An algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is semiprime if for any ideal I of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $I^2 = 0$ , then I = 0 and  $\mathcal{A}$  is *prime*, if for any two ideals I and J of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that I. J = 0, then either I = 0 or J = 0. Also, if A has nonzero product and has no nonzero proper closed ideals, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is topologically simple. The multiplication algebra of  $\mathcal{A}$  denoted by  $M(\mathcal{A})$  is defined as a subalgebra of  $L(\mathcal{A})$  (the algebra of all linear mapping on  $\mathcal{A}$ ) generated by  $L_a, R_a$ , and  $Id_{\mathcal{A}}$ , which is left, right, and identity multiplication operators, respectively. An *involution* of an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a mapping  $x \to x^*$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  (complex field) the mapping<sup>\*</sup> satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $(x + y)^* = x^* + y^*$ ; (ii)  $(\alpha x)^* = \alpha^* x^*$ ; (iii)  $(x^*)^* = x$ ; (iv)  $(xy)^* = y^* x^*$ .

A nonassociative  $H^*$ -algebra is an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with algebra involution<sup>\*</sup>, whose underlying vector space is a Hilbert space satisfying  $\langle ab, c \rangle = \langle a, cb^* \rangle = \langle b, a^*c \rangle.$ 

Finally, we recall that a prime algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  over a field  $\mathbb{C}$  is said to be *centrally closed*, if for every nonzero ideal I of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every linear mapping  $f : I \to \mathcal{A}$  with f(ax) = af(x) and f(xa) = f(x)a, for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in I$ , then there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(x) = \lambda x$  for all  $x \in I$  (see [4]). From now on, in this paper, all algebra are not necessarily associative over a complex field.

# 2. Proof of Theorem A

For a Banach space X, we denote by BL(X) (the Banach space of all bounded linear mapping on X). We begin this section by the following results:

**Lemma 2.1** ([8, Lemma 6.1.17]). Let X and Y be Banach spaces. Let  $\{S_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subseteq BL(X)$  and  $\{R_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subseteq BL(Y)$  and  $T \in L(X, Y)$  satisfy  $TS_n - R_nT \in BL(X, Y)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, there is an integer k such that  $(R_1R_2 \cdots R_n\mathcal{S}(T))^- = (R_1R_2 \cdots R_k\mathcal{S}(T))^-$  for all  $n \geq k$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a normed algebra and if D is g-c-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  is closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that S(D) is a closed subspace of A. Let  $b \in S(D)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in A such that  $\lim a_n = 0$  and  $\lim D(a_n) = b$ . For all  $a \in A$ , we have  $\lim a_n a = 0$ . Since g is continuous, it follows that  $\lim g(a_n) = 0$ . Now  $\lim D(a_n a) = \lim D(a_n)a +$  $\lim g(a_n)D(a) = ba$ . Therefore  $ba \in S(D)$ . Similarly,  $ab \in S(D)$ . This complete the proof.

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a normed algebra and if D is g-c-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $DT - TD \in BL(\mathcal{A})$ , for all  $T \in M(\mathcal{A})$ .

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**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{T \in BL(\mathcal{A}) : DT - TD \in BL(\mathcal{A})\}$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{F}$  is subspace of  $BL(\mathcal{A})$ . For  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , we have  $DT_1T_2 - T_1T_2D = (DT_1 - T_1D)T_2 + T_1(DT_2 - T_2D)$ . Therefore  $DT_1T_2 - T_1T_2D \in BL(\mathcal{A})$ , that is,  $T_1T_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ . As a consequence,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a subalgebra of  $BL(\mathcal{A})$ . Since  $L_a, R_a$ , and  $Id_{\mathcal{A}}$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{F} = M(\mathcal{A})$ .

The proof of the following theorem is similar to that given in [6, Theorem 2-1].

**Theorem A.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a semiprime complete normed algebra such that for each closed infinite dimensional ideal  $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , there is a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  such that the sequence  $\{(T_1T_2\cdots T_nI)^-\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  is constantly decreasing. Then any g-c-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ is continuous.

**Proof.** Let D be a g-c-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  is closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  is infinite dimensional, then by assumption, there is a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  such that the sequence  $\{(T_1T_2\cdots T_n\mathcal{S}(D))^-\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is constantly decreasing. Applying Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3 by setting:  $X = Y = \mathcal{A}, T = D, R_n = T_n = S_n$  we get, there exist a natural number  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(T_1T_2\cdots T_n\mathcal{S}(D))^- = (T_1T_2\cdots T_k\mathcal{S}(D))^-$  for all  $n \geq k$ . This condition implies that  $\{T_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  not constantly decreasing, a contradiction. So,  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  must be finite dimensional. Note that, if  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  is finite dimensional, then  $D|_{\mathcal{S}(D)}$  is continuous. Now we claim that  $\mathcal{S}(D)^2 = \{0\}$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{S}(D)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\lim a_n = 0$  and  $\lim D(a_n) = a$ . Now since  $\lim a_n = 0$ , then  $\lim a_n b = 0$  and since g is continuous, then  $\lim g(a_n) = 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{S}(D)$  is an ideal of

 $\mathcal{A}$  and  $b \in \mathcal{S}(D)$ , then  $a_n b \in \mathcal{S}(D)$  but  $D|_{\mathcal{S}(D)}$  is continuous, then  $\lim D(a_n b) = 0$ . Since  $D(a_n b) = D(a_n)b + g(a_n)D(b)$ , then  $\lim D(a_n b) = ab$ , this implies that ab = 0. Therefore  $\mathcal{S}(D)^2 = \{0\}$  and since  $\mathcal{A}$  is semiprime, we have  $\mathcal{S}(D) = 0$  and by closed-graph theorem, we obtain that D is continuous. As required.  $\Box$ 

### 3. Proof of Theorem B

In this section, we need the following lemmas before we give our proof of Theorem B:

**Lemma 3.1** ([11]). Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a centrally closed prime algebra such that dim $(T(\mathcal{A})) > 1$  for all nonzero T in the multiplication algebra  $M(\mathcal{A})$ of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then, there is a sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $M(\mathcal{A})$ such that  $T_nT_{n-1} \cdots T_1b_n \neq 0$  and  $T_{n+1} \cdots T_1b_n = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.2** ([3]). Every  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator is the closure of the orthogonal sum of its minimal closed ideals, and these are topologically simple  $H^*$ -algebra.

**Lemma 3.3** ([2]). Every topologically simple  $H^*$ -algebra is centrally closed prime algebra.

**Lemma 3.4** ([9]). Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra, and assume the existence of a non-degenerate symmetric associative bilinear form  $\langle ., . \rangle$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then we have

(i) there exist a unique linear algebra involution # on the multiplication algebra  $M(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $L_d^{\#} = R_d$  and  $R_d^{\#} = L_d$  for all  $d \in \mathcal{A}$ ;

(ii) for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $T \in M(A)$ . The equality  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^{\#}y \rangle$  holds.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let D be a g-c-derivation on topologically simple complete normed algebra A and suppose that there exists a nonzero  $T \in M(A)$  with finite dimensional range satisfying DT = TD. Then D is continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in S(D)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\lim a_n = 0$  and  $\lim Da_n = x$ . Now, since TD is continuous and  $\lim a_n = 0$ , then  $\lim TD(a_n) = 0$ , hence T(x) = 0. Therefore,  $T(S(D)) = \{0\}$ . But S(D) is closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $T(\overline{S(D)}) = \{0\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  topologically simple, we have  $T(\mathcal{A}) = \{0\}$ . This is a contradiction because T is nonzero. Then  $S(D) = \{0\}$ . Thus D is continuous by the closed-graph theorem.

A well-known result is due to Villena [11, Theorem 4], which states that: If  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator, then any derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  is continuous. We present this result in a more general setting and we will use the nonassociative Jewell-Sinclair theorem in our proof, as we will see that in the following theorem:

**Theorem B.** Every g-c-derivation on  $H^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with zero annihilator is continuous.

**Proof.** Let D be a g-c-derivation on  $H^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with zero annihilator. At first, we assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is topologically simple. Applying Lemma 3.3, we have  $\mathcal{A}$  is a centrally closed prime algebra. Now,  $M(\mathcal{A})$  satisfying one of the following cases:

(i) There exist an element T in  $M(\mathcal{A})$  such that T has finite dimensional range and DT = TD.

(ii) Every element in  $M(\mathcal{A})$  has infinite dimensional range or  $DT \neq TD$  for all T in  $M(\mathcal{A})$ .

**First case.** If (i) is true, then by using Lemma 3.5, *D* is continuous.

Second case. If (ii) is true, since every element in  $M(\mathcal{A})$  has infinite dimensional range, it follows that from Lemma 3.1, there exists a sequence  $\{C_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq\mathcal{A}$  and  $\{T_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq M(\mathcal{A})$  such that for all  $n\in\mathbb{N}$ ,

$$T_{n+1}T_n \cdots T_1C_n = 0,$$
  
$$T_nT_{n-1} \cdots T_1C_n \neq 0.$$

Taking into account that every topologically simple  $H^*$ -algebra contains a non-degenerate symmetric associative bilinear continuous form  $\langle ., . \rangle$  with an algebra involution # on  $M(\mathcal{A})$  satisfying:

 $L_b^{\#} = R_b, R_b^{\#} = L_b$  for all  $b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Now, if we suppose that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is a positive integer number satisfying:

$$T_1^{\#} \cdots T_n^{\#}(\mathcal{A}) = T_1^{\#} \cdots T_{n+1}^{\#}(\mathcal{A}), \text{ then we have a contradiction. Indeed,}$$
$$0 = \langle \mathcal{A}, T_{n+1} \cdots T_1(C_n) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{A}, ((T_{n+1} \cdots T_1)^{\#})^{\#}(C_n) \rangle = \langle (T_{n+1} \cdots T_1)^{\#}(\mathcal{A}), C_n \rangle$$
$$= \langle T_1^{\#} \cdots T_{n+1}^{\#}(\mathcal{A}), C_n \rangle = \langle \overline{T_1^{\#} \cdots T_{n+1}^{\#}(\mathcal{A})}, C_n \rangle = \langle \overline{T_1^{\#} \cdots T_n^{\#}(\mathcal{A})}, C_n \rangle$$
$$= \langle T_1^{\#} \cdots T_n^{\#}(\mathcal{A}), C_n \rangle = \langle \mathcal{A}, ((T_n \cdots T_1)^{\#})^{\#}(C_n) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{A}, T_n \cdots T_1(C_n) \rangle.$$

Therefore, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a sequence  $\left\{\overline{T_1^{\#} \cdots T_n^{\#}(\mathcal{A})}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of closed right ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$  constantly decreasing. Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is semiprime, applying (Theorem A) we get D is continuous. In order to obtain the general case of the proof, assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  has zero annihilator. Now, let M be a minimal closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If the inclusion  $D(M) \subseteq M$  is not true, then there exists a nonzero minimal closed J of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $D(M) \subseteq J$ , and  $J \cap M = \{0\}$ . This is a contradiction because  $\mathcal{A}$  is semiprime. Then the inclusion must be  $D(M) \subseteq M$ , or  $D(M) \subseteq J \cap M \subseteq M$ . Since M is topologically simple by Lemma 3.2, it follows from the first part of the proof that D is continuous on M. Let  $a \in S(D)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\lim a_n = 0$  and  $\lim Da_n = a$ . Now, for all  $y \in M$ , we have  $\lim ya_n = 0$ , since M is an ideal, then  $ya_n \in M$ . Since D is continuous on M, it follows that  $\lim D(ya_n) = 0$ . Now,  $D(ya_n) = D(y)g(a_n) + yD(a_n)$ , then  $\lim D(ya_n) = ya$ . Therefore ya = 0. Similarly, ay = 0. For all  $a \in S(D)$  and  $y \in M$ , then 0 = MS(D) = S(D)M, for each minimal closed ideal M of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore  $0 = \mathcal{AS}(D) = \mathcal{S}(D)\mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $S(D) \subseteq \operatorname{Ann}(\mathcal{A}) = \{0\}$ . Thus D is continuous by the closed-graph theorem.

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