

**DERIVATIONS ON FINITE AND  
INFINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS  
AND TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

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# **I—DERIVATIONS ON FINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS**

**Sophus Lie (1842–1899)**



Marius Sophus Lie was a Norwegian mathematician. He largely created the theory of continuous symmetry, and applied it to the study of geometry and differential equations.

## Pascual Jordan (1902–1980)



Pascual Jordan was a German theoretical and mathematical physicist who made significant contributions to quantum mechanics and quantum field theory.

LET  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  DENOTE THE ALGEBRA OF  
ALL  $n$  by  $n$  COMPLEX MATRICES, OR  
MORE GENERALLY, ANY FINITE  
DIMENSIONAL SEMISIMPLE  
ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRA. .

### **DEFINITION 2**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(AB) = \delta(A)B + A\delta(B)$$

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### **PROPOSITION 2**

FIX A MATRIX  $A$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  AND DEFINE

$$\delta_A(X) = AX - XA.$$

THEN  $\delta_A$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

## THEOREM 2

(1933—Noether) (1937—Jacobson)  
(1942—Hochschild) (Wedderburn)

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
IS OF THE FORM  $\delta_A$  FOR SOME  $A$  IN  
 $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Gerhard Hochschild (1915–2010)**



(Photo 1968)

Gerhard Paul Hochschild was an American mathematician who worked on Lie groups, algebraic groups, homological algebra and algebraic number theory.

**Joseph Henry Maclagan Wedderburn  
(1882–1948)**



Scottish mathematician, who taught at Princeton University for most of his career. A significant algebraist, he proved that a finite division algebra is a field, and part of the Artin–Wedderburn theorem on simple algebras. He also worked on group theory and matrix algebra.

## **Amalie Emmy Noether (1882–1935)**



Amalie Emmy Noether was an influential German mathematician known for her groundbreaking contributions to abstract algebra and theoretical physics. Described as the most important woman in the history of mathematics, she revolutionized the theories of rings, fields, and algebras. In physics, Noether's theorem explains the fundamental connection between symmetry and conservation laws.



## PROOF OF THEOREM 2 (Jacobson 1937)

If  $\delta$  is a derivation, consider the two representations of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$

$$z \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } z \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ \delta(z) & z \end{bmatrix}$$

The first is a direct sum of two copies of the identity representation; but so is the second, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \delta(z) & z \end{bmatrix} \text{ is equivalent to } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ \delta(z) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } az = za, \quad bz = zb$$

$$\delta(z)a = cz - zc \text{ and } \delta(z)b = dz - zd.$$

$a$  and  $b$  are multiples of  $I$  and can't both be zero. QED

### **DEFINITION 3**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

$$[X, Y] = XY - YX$$

IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta([A, B]) = [\delta(A), B] + [A, \delta(B)]$$

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### **PROPOSITION 3**

FIX A MATRIX  $A$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  AND DEFINE

$$\delta_A(X) = [A, X] = AX - XA.$$

THEN  $\delta_A$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION

### **THEOREM 3**

(1894 Cartan, 1942 Hochschild, Zassenhaus)  
EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})^*$  WITH  
RESPECT TO BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION IS OF THE FORM  $\delta_A$   
FOR SOME  $A$  IN  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Hans Zassenhaus (1912–1991)**



Hans Julius Zassenhaus was a German mathematician, known for work in many parts of abstract algebra, and as a pioneer of computer algebra.

\*not a semisimple Lie algebra:  $\text{trace}(X) I$  is a derivation which is not inner



### **Elie Cartan 1869–1951**

Elie Joseph Cartan was an influential French mathematician, who did fundamental work in the theory of Lie groups and their geometric applications. He also made significant contributions to mathematical physics, differential geometry, and group theory. He was the father of another influential mathematician, Henri Cartan.

## PROOF OF THEOREM 3

(From Meyberg Notes 1972—Chapter 5)

An algebra  $L$  with multiplication  $(x, y) \mapsto [x, y]$  is a Lie algebra if  $[xx] = 0$  and

$$[[xy]z] + [[yz]x] + [[zx]y] = 0.$$

Left multiplication in a Lie algebra is denoted by  $\text{ad}(x)$ :  $\text{ad}(x)(y) = [x, y]$ . An associative algebra  $A$  becomes a Lie algebra  $A^-$  under the product,  $[xy] = xy - yx$ .

The first axiom implies that  $[xy] = -[yx]$  and the second (called the *Jacobi identity*) implies that  $x \mapsto \text{ad} x$  is a homomorphism of  $L$  into the Lie algebra  $(\text{End } L)^-$ , that is,  $\text{ad}[xy] = [\text{ad } x, \text{ad } y]$ .

Assuming that  $L$  is finite dimensional, the Killing form is defined by  $\lambda(x, y) = \text{tr } \text{ad}(x)\text{ad}(y)$ .

## **CARTAN CRITERION**

A finite dimensional Lie algebra  $L$  over a field of characteristic 0 is semisimple if and only if the Killing form is nondegenerate.

A linear map  $D$  is a derivation if  $D \cdot \text{ad}(x) = \text{ad}(Dx) + \text{ad}(x) \cdot D$ . Each  $\text{ad}(x)$  is a derivation, called an inner derivation.

## **THEOREM OF E. CARTAN**

If the finite dimensional Lie algebra  $L$  over a field of characteristic 0 is semisimple, then every derivation is inner.

## **PROOF**

Let  $D$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Since  $x \mapsto \text{tr } D \cdot \text{ad}(x)$  is a linear form, there exists  $d \in L$  such that  $\text{tr } D \cdot \text{ad}(x) = \lambda(d, x) = \text{tr } \text{ad}(d) \cdot \text{ad}(x)$ . Let  $E$  be the derivation  $E = D - \text{ad}(d)$  so that

$$\text{tr } E \cdot \text{ad}(x) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Note next that

$$\begin{aligned} E \cdot [\text{ad}(x), \text{ad}(y)] &= \\ E \cdot \text{ad}(x) \cdot \text{ad}(y) - E \cdot \text{ad}(y) \cdot \text{ad}(x) &= \\ (\text{ad}(x) \cdot E + [E, \text{ad}(x)]) \cdot \text{ad}(y) - E \cdot \text{ad}(y) \cdot \text{ad}(x) &= \\ \text{so that} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [E, \text{ad}(x)] \cdot \text{ad}(y) &= \\ E \cdot [\text{ad}(x), \text{ad}(y)] - \text{ad}(x) \cdot E \cdot \text{ad}(y) + E \cdot \text{ad}(y) \cdot \text{ad}(x) &= \\ E \cdot [\text{ad}(x), \text{ad}(y)] + [E \cdot \text{ad}(y), \text{ad}(x)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{tr}[E, \text{ad}(x)] \cdot \text{ad}(y) = \text{tr} E \cdot [\text{ad}(x), \text{ad}(y)].$$

However, since  $E$  is a derivation

$$\begin{aligned} [E, \text{ad}(x)] \cdot \text{ad}(y) &= \\ E \cdot \text{ad}(x) \cdot \text{ad}(y) - \text{ad}(x) \cdot E \cdot \text{ad}(y) &= \\ (\text{ad}(Ex) + \text{ad}(x) \cdot E) \cdot \text{ad}(y) - \text{ad}(x) \cdot E \cdot \text{ad}(y) &= \\ = \text{ad}(Ex) \cdot \text{ad}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(Ex, y) &= \text{tr ad}(Ex) \cdot \text{ad}(y) \\ &= \text{tr}[E, \text{ad}(x)] \cdot \text{ad}(y) \\ &= \text{tr} E \cdot [\text{ad}(x), \text{ad}(y)] = 0 \text{ by (1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  and  $y$  are arbitrary,  $E = 0$  and so  $D - \text{ad}(d) = 0$ . QED

### **DEFINITION 4**

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

$$X \circ Y = (XY + YX)/2$$

IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(A \circ B) = \delta(A) \circ B + A \circ \delta(B)$$

### **PROPOSITION 4**

FIX TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  AND  
DEFINE

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = A \circ (B \circ X) - B \circ (A \circ X).$$

THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION



## THEOREM 4

(1937 Jacobson)

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION  
IS A SUM OF DERIVATIONS OF THE  
FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$  FOR SOME  $A$ s and  $B$ s IN  
 $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Nathan Jacobson (1910–1999)**



Nathan Jacobson was an American mathematician who was recognized as one of the leading algebraists of his generation, and he was also famous for writing more than a dozen standard monographs.

## PROOF OF THEOREM 4 (Jacobson 1949)

First note that for any algebra,  $D$  is a derivation if and only if  $[R_a, D] = R_{Da}$ .

If you polarize the Jordan axiom  $(a^2b)a = a^2(ba)$ , you get  $[R_a, [R_b, R_c]] = R_{A(b,a,c)}$  where  $A(b, a, c) = (ba)c - b(ac)$  is the “associator”.

From the commutative law  $ab = ba$ , you get

$$A(b, a, c) = [R_b, R_c]a$$

and so  $[R_b, R_c]$  is a derivation, sums of which are called **inner**, forming an ideal in the Lie algebra of all derivations.

The **Lie multiplication algebra**  $L$  of the Jordan algebra  $A$  is the Lie algebra generated by the multiplication operators  $R_a$ . It is given by

$$L = \{R_a + \sum_i [R_{b_i}, R_{c_i}] : a, b_i, c_i \in A\}$$

so that  $L$  is the sum of a Lie triple system and the ideal of inner derivations.

Now let  $D$  be a derivation of a semisimple finite dimensional unital Jordan algebra  $A$ . Then  $\tilde{D} : X \mapsto [X, D]$  is a derivation of  $L$ .

It is well known to algebraists that  $L = L' + C$  where  $L'$  (the derived algebra  $[L, L]$ ) is semisimple and  $C$  is the center of  $L$ . Also  $\tilde{D}$  maps  $L'$  into itself and  $C$  to zero.

By Theorem 3,  $\tilde{D}$  is an inner derivation of  $L'$  and hence also of  $L$ , so there exists  $U \in L$  such that  $[X, D] = [X, U]$  for all  $X \in L$  and in particular  $[R_a, D] = [R_a, U]$ .

Then  $Da = R_{Da}1 = [R_a, D]1 = [R_a, U]1 = (R_aU - UR_a)1 = a \cdot U1 - Ua$  so that  $D = R_U1 - U \in L$ .

Thus,  $D = R_a + \sum [R_{b_i}, R_{c_i}]$  and so

$$0 = D1 = a + 0 = a \quad \text{QED}$$

## II—DERIVATIONS ON OPERATOR ALGEBRAS

A BASIC QUESTION ON DERIVATIONS OF BANACH ALGEBRAS (INTO THEMSELVES)

- ARE ALL (CONTINUOUS) DERIVATIONS INNER? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

### POSSIBLE CONTEXTS

- (i)  $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS  
(Banach  $\langle$ associative $\rangle$  algebras)
- (ii)  $JC^*$ -ALGEBRAS  
(Banach Jordan algebras)
- (iii)  $JC^*$ -TRIPLES  
(Banach Jordan triples)

Could also consider:

- (ii') Banach Lie algebras
- (iii') Banach Lie triple systems
- (i') Banach associative triple systems

## **(i) $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS**

derivation:  $D(ab) = a(Db) + (Da)b$

inner derivation:  $\text{ad } a(x) = xa - ax$  ( $a$  fixed)

### **THEOREM (1966-Sakai, Kadison)**

EVERY DERIVATION OF A  $C^*$ -ALGEBRA IS OF THE FORM  $x \mapsto xa - ax$  FOR SOME  $a$  IN THE WEAK CLOSURE OF THE  $C^*$ -ALGEBRA



**Soichiro Sakai (b. 1926 c.)**

**Richard Kadison (b. 1925)**



Richard V. Kadison is an American mathematician known for his contributions to the study of operator algebras.

## (ii) JC\*-ALGEBRA

derivation:  $D(a \circ b) = a \circ Db + Da \circ b$

inner derivation:  $\sum_i [L(x_i)L(a_i) - L(a_i)L(x_i)]$

$(x_i, a_i \in A)$

$b \mapsto \sum_i [x_i \circ (a_i \circ b) - a_i \circ (x_i \circ b)]$

## THEOREM (1980-Upmeier)

1. Purely exceptional JBW-algebras have the inner derivation property
2. Reversible JBW-algebras have the inner derivation property
3.  $\oplus L^\infty(S_j, U_j)$  has the inner derivation property if and only if  $\sup_j \dim U_j < \infty$ ,  $U_j$  spin factors.

## Harald Upmeyer (b. 1950)



## (ii') LIE OPERATOR ALGEBRAS

**C. Robert Miers, Lie derivations of von Neumann algebras. DukeMath. J. 40 (1973), 403–409.**

If  $M$  is a von Neumann algebra,  $[M, M]$  the Lie algebra linearly generated by  $\{[X, Y] = XY - YX : X, Y \in M\}$  and  $L : [M, M] \rightarrow M$  a Lie derivation, i.e.,  $L$  is linear and  $L[X, Y] = [LX, Y] + [X, LY]$ , then  $L$  has an extension  $D : M \rightarrow M$  that is a derivation of the associative algebra.

The proof involves matrix-like computations.

Using the Sakai-Kadison theorem, Miers shows that if  $L : M \rightarrow M$  is a Lie derivation, then  $L = D + \lambda$ , where  $D$  is an associative derivation and  $\lambda$  is a linear map into the center of  $M$  vanishing on  $[M, M]$ .



## THEOREM (JOHNSON 1996)

EVERY CONTINUOUS LIE DERIVATION OF A  $C^*$ -ALGEBRA  $A$  INTO A BANACH BI-MODULE  $X$  (IN PARTICULAR,  $X = A$ ) IS THE SUM OF AN ASSOCIATIVE DERIVATION AND A “TRIVIAL” DERIVATION

(TRIVIAL=ANY LINEAR MAP WHICH VANISHES ON COMMUTATORS AND MAPS INTO THE “CENTER” OF THE MODULE).

“It is also an interesting open question whether or not every Lie derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra to itself has this form.”

(H.G. Dales)

NOTE: Johnson’s 1996 paper does not quote Miers’s 1973 paper, which it partially but significantly generalizes.

### III—DERIVATIONS ON FINITE DIMENSIONAL TRIPLE SYSTEMS

#### DEFINITION 5

A DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO  
TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE (TRIPLE) PRODUCT  
RULE

$$\delta(AB^*C) = \\ \delta(A)B^*C + A\delta(B)^*C + AB^*\delta(C)$$

#### PROPOSITION 5

FOR TWO MATRICES

$A \in M_m(\mathbb{C}), B \in M_n(\mathbb{C}),$  WITH

$$A^* = -A, B^* = -B,$$

DEFINE  $\delta_{A,B}(X) =$

$$AX + XB$$

THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE MATRIX  
MULTIPLICATION

## THEOREM 5

EVERY DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  WITH RESPECT TO TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION IS A SUM OF DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .

## REMARKS

1. THESE RESULTS HOLD TRUE AND ARE OF INTEREST FOR THE CASE  
$$m = n.$$
2. THEOREM 5 IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEOREM 7, BY CONSIDERING THE SYMMETRIZED TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION:  $AB^*C + CB^*A$ .

# TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

LET'S GO BACK FOR A MOMENT TO  
SQUARE MATRICES AND THE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION.

MOTIVATED BY THE LAST REMARK,  
WE DEFINE THE TRIPLE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION TO BE  $[[X, Y], Z]$

## DEFINITION 6

A DERIVATION ON  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO  
TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE TRIPLE PRODUCT RULE

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

### **PROPOSITION 6**

FIX TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  IN  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  AND  
DEFINE  $\delta_{A,B}(X) = [[A, B], X]$   
THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION.

### **THEOREM 6**

EVERY DERIVATION OF  $M_n(\mathbb{C})^\dagger$  WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE BRACKET  
MULTIPLICATION IS A SUM OF  
DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .

<sup>†</sup>not a semisimple Lie triple system, as in Theorem 3

## PROOF OF THEOREM 6

(From Meyberg Notes 1972—Chapter 6)

Let  $F$  be a finite dimensional semisimple Lie triple system over a field of characteristic 0 and suppose that  $D$  is a derivation of  $F$ .

Let  $L$  be the Lie algebra  $(\text{Inder } F) \oplus F$  with product

$$[(H_1, x_1), (H_2, x_2)] = \\ ([H_1, H_2] + L(x_1, x_2), H_1x_2 - H_2x_1).$$

A derivation of  $L$  is defined by

$$\delta(H \oplus a) = [D, H] \oplus Da.$$

We take as a leap of faith that  $F$  semisimple implies  $L$  semisimple (IT'S TRUE!).

Thus there exists  $U = H_1 \oplus a_1 \in L$  such that  $\delta(X) = [U, X]$  for all  $X \in L$ .

Then  $0 \oplus Da = \delta(0 \oplus a) = [H_1 + a_1, 0 \oplus a] = L(a_1, a) \oplus H_1a$  so  $L(a_1, a) = 0$  and  $D = H_1 \in \text{Inder } F$ . QED

## TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

LET'S RETURN TO RECTANGULAR  
MATRICES AND FORM THE TRIPLE  
CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

$$(AB^*C + CB^*A)/2$$

For sanity's sake, let us write this as

$$\{A, B, C\} = (AB^*C + CB^*A)/2$$

### DEFINITION 7

A DERIVATION ON  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO  
TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION

IS A LINEAR MAPPING  $\delta$  WHICH  
SATISFIES THE TRIPLE PRODUCT RULE

$$\delta(\{A, B, C\}) = \\ \{\delta(A), B, C\} + \{A, \delta(B), C\} + \{B, A, \delta(C)\}$$

### **PROPOSITION 7**

FIX TWO MATRICES  $A, B$  IN  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  AND  
DEFINE

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = \{A, B, X\} - \{B, A, X\}$$

THEN  $\delta_{A,B}$  IS A DERIVATION WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE CIRCLE  
MULTIPLICATION.

### **THEOREM 7**

EVERY DERIVATION OF  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  WITH  
RESPECT TO TRIPLE CIRCLE  
MULTIPLICATION IS A SUM OF  
DERIVATIONS OF THE FORM  $\delta_{A,B}$ .



## PROOF OF THEOREM 7

((From Meyberg Notes 1972—Chapter 11)<sup>‡</sup>

Let  $V$  be a Jordan triple and let  $L(V)$  be its  
TKK Lie algebra (**Tits-Kantor-Koecher**)

$L(V) = V \oplus V_0 \oplus V$  and the Lie product is  
given by  $[(x, h, y), (u, k, v)] =$   
 $(hu - kx, [h, k] + x \square v - u \square y, k \natural y - h \natural v).$

$V_0 = \text{span}\{V \square V\}$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $L(V)$   
and for  $h = \sum_i a_i \square b_i \in V_0$ , the map  $h \natural : V \rightarrow V$   
is defined by

$$h \natural = \sum_i b_i \square a_i.$$

We can show the correspondence of  
derivations  $\delta : V \rightarrow V$  and  $D : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$   
for Jordan triple  $V$  and its TKK Lie algebra  
 $L(V)$ .

Let  $\theta : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$  be the main involution  
 $\theta(x \oplus h \oplus y) = y \oplus -h \natural \oplus x$

<sup>‡</sup>slightly simplified by Chu and Russo 2012

### LEMMA 1

Let  $\delta : V \rightarrow V$  be a derivation of a Jordan triple  $V$ , with TKK Lie algebra  $(L(V), \theta)$ . Then there is a derivation  $D : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$  satisfying

$$D(V) \subset V \quad \text{and} \quad D\theta = \theta D.$$

### PROOF

Given  $a, b \in V$ , we define

$$D(a, 0, 0) = (\delta a, 0, 0)$$

$$D(0, 0, b) = (0, 0, \delta b)$$

$$D(0, a \square b, 0) = (0, \delta a \square b + a \square \delta b, 0)$$

and extend  $D$  linearly on  $L(V)$ . Then  $D$  is a derivation of  $L(V)$  and evidently,  $D(V) \subset V$ .

It is readily seen that  $D\theta = \theta D$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} D\theta(0, a \square b, 0) &= D(0, -b \square a, 0) \\ &= (0, -\delta b \square a - b \square \delta a, 0) \\ &= \theta(0, \delta a \square b + a \square \delta b, 0) \\ &= \theta D(0, a \square b, 0). \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

## LEMMA 2

Let  $V$  be a Jordan triple with TKK Lie algebra  $(L(V), \theta)$ . Given a derivation  $D : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$  satisfying  $D(V) \subset V$  and  $D\theta = \theta D$ , the restriction  $D|_V : V \rightarrow V$  is a triple derivation.

## THEOREM

Let  $V$  be a Jordan triple with TKK Lie algebra  $(L(V), \theta)$ . There is a one-one correspondence between the triple derivations of  $V$  and the Lie derivations  $D : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$  satisfying  $D(V) \subset V$  and  $D\theta = \theta D$ .

### **LEMMA 3**

Let  $V$  be a Jordan triple with TKK Lie algebra  $(L(V), \theta)$ . Let  $D : L(V) \rightarrow L(V)$  be a Lie inner derivation such that  $D(V) \subset V$ . Then the restriction  $D|_V$  is a triple inner derivation of  $V$ .

### **COROLLARY**

Let  $\delta$  be a derivation of a finite dimensional semisimple Jordan triple  $V$ . Then  $\delta$  is a triple inner derivation of  $V$ .

### **PROOF**

The TKK Lie algebra  $L(V)$  is semisimple. Hence the result follows from the Lie result and Lemma 3

The proof of lemma 3 is instructive.

1.  $D(x, k, y) = [(x, k, y), (a, h, b)]$  for some  $(a, h, b) \in (V)$
2.  $D(x, 0, 0) = [(x, 0, 0), (a, h, b)] = (-h(x), x \square b, 0)$
3.  $\delta(x) = -h(x) = -\sum_i \alpha_i \square \beta_i(x)$
4.  $D(0, 0, y) = [(0, 0, y), (a, h, b)] = (0, -a \square y, h^\sharp(y))$
5.  $\delta(x) = -h^\sharp(x) = \sum_i \beta_i \square \alpha_i(x)$
6.  $\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\beta_i \square \alpha_i - \alpha_i \square \beta_i)(x)$

QED

# AXIOMATIC APPROACH FOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS

AN TRIPLE SYSTEM IS DEFINED TO BE  
A SET (ACTUALLY A VECTOR SPACE)  
WITH ONE BINARY OPERATION,  
CALLED ADDITION AND ONE TERNARY  
OPERATION CALLED  
TRIPLE MULTIPLICATION

ADDITION IS DENOTED BY

$$a + b$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE  
COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE

$$a + b = b + a, \quad (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

TRIPLE MULTIPLICATION IS DENOTED  
(TEMPORARILY) BY

$$abc$$

AND IS REQUIRED TO BE LINEAR IN  
EACH VARIABLE

$$(a + b)cd = acd + bcd$$

$$a(b + c)d = abd + acd$$

$$ab(c + d) = abc + abd$$

SIMPLE, BUT SOMETIMES IMPORTANT,  
EXAMPLES OF TRIPLE SYSTEMS CAN  
BE FORMED FROM ANY ALGEBRA

IF  $ab$  DENOTES THE ALGEBRA  
PRODUCT, JUST DEFINE A TRIPLE  
MULTIPLICATION TO BE  $(ab)c$  (OR  $a(bc)$ )

LET'S SEE HOW THIS WORKS IN THE  
ALGEBRAS WE INTRODUCED EARLIER



$$1. (M_n(\mathbb{C}), \times); abc \text{ OR } ab^*c$$

**OK: associative triple systems.**

**But  $\{abc\} = abc + cba$  is better: you get a Jordan triple system**

$$2. (M_n(\mathbb{C}), [,]), [[a, b], c] \quad \text{OK: Lie triple system}$$

$$3. (M_n(\mathbb{C}), \circ); abc = (a \circ b) \circ c \quad \text{NO GO!}$$

**$\{abc\} = (a \circ b) \circ c + (c \circ b) \circ a - (a \circ c) \circ b$  is better: you get a Jordan triple system again**

A TRIPLE SYSTEM IS SAID TO BE  
ASSOCIATIVE (RESP. COMMUTATIVE) IF  
THE **MULTIPLICATION** IS ASSOCIATIVE  
(RESP. COMMUTATIVE)

(RECALL THAT ADDITION IS ALWAYS  
COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE)

IN THE TRIPLE CONTEXT THIS MEANS  
THE FOLLOWING

ASSOCIATIVE

$$ab(cde) = (abc)de = a(bcd)e$$

OR  $ab(cde) = (abc)de = a(dcb)e$

COMMUTATIVE:  $abc = cba$

# **AXIOMATIC APPROACH FOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

THE AXIOM WHICH CHARACTERIZES  
TRIPLE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION IS

$$(abc)de = ab(cde) = a(dcb)e$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

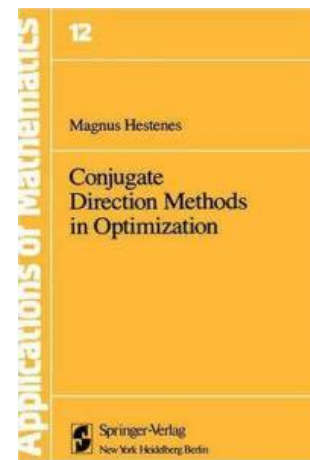
or

**HESTENES ALGEBRAS**

## Magnus Hestenes (1906–1991)



Magnus Rudolph Hestenes was an American mathematician. Together with Cornelius Lanczos and Eduard Stiefel, he invented the conjugate gradient method.



THE AXIOMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE  
TRIPLE BRACKET MULTIPLICATION ARE

$$aab = 0$$

$$abc + bca + cab = 0$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc + a(deb)c + ab(dec)$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**LIE TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

(NATHAN JACOBSON, MAX KOECHER)

## **Max Koecher (1924–1990)**



Max Koecher was a German mathematician. His main research area was the theory of Jordan algebras, where he introduced the KantorKoecherTits construction.

## **Nathan Jacobson (1910–1999)**



THE AXIOMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE  
TRIPLE CIRCLE MULTIPLICATION ARE

$$abc = cba$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc - a(edb)c + ab(dec)$$

THESE ARE CALLED  
**JORDAN TRIPLE SYSTEMS**



**Kurt Meyberg**



**Ottmar Loos + Erhard Neher**

## Table 4

### TRIPLE SYSTEMS

#### **associative triple systems**

$$(abc)de = ab(cde) = a(dcb)e$$

#### **Lie triple systems**

$$aab = 0$$

$$abc + bca + cab = 0$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc + a(deb)c + ab(dec)$$

#### **Jordan triple systems**

$$abc = cba$$

$$de(abc) = (dea)bc - a(edb)c + ab(dec)$$



## IV—DERIVATIONS ON BANACH TRIPLES

### (iii) JC\*-TRIPLE

derivation:

$$D\{a, b, c\} = \{Da.b, c\} + \{a, Db, c\} + \{a, b, Dc\}$$

$$\{x, y, z\} = (xy^*z + zy^*x)/2$$

inner derivation:  $\sum_i [L(x_i, a_i) - L(a_i, x_i)]$

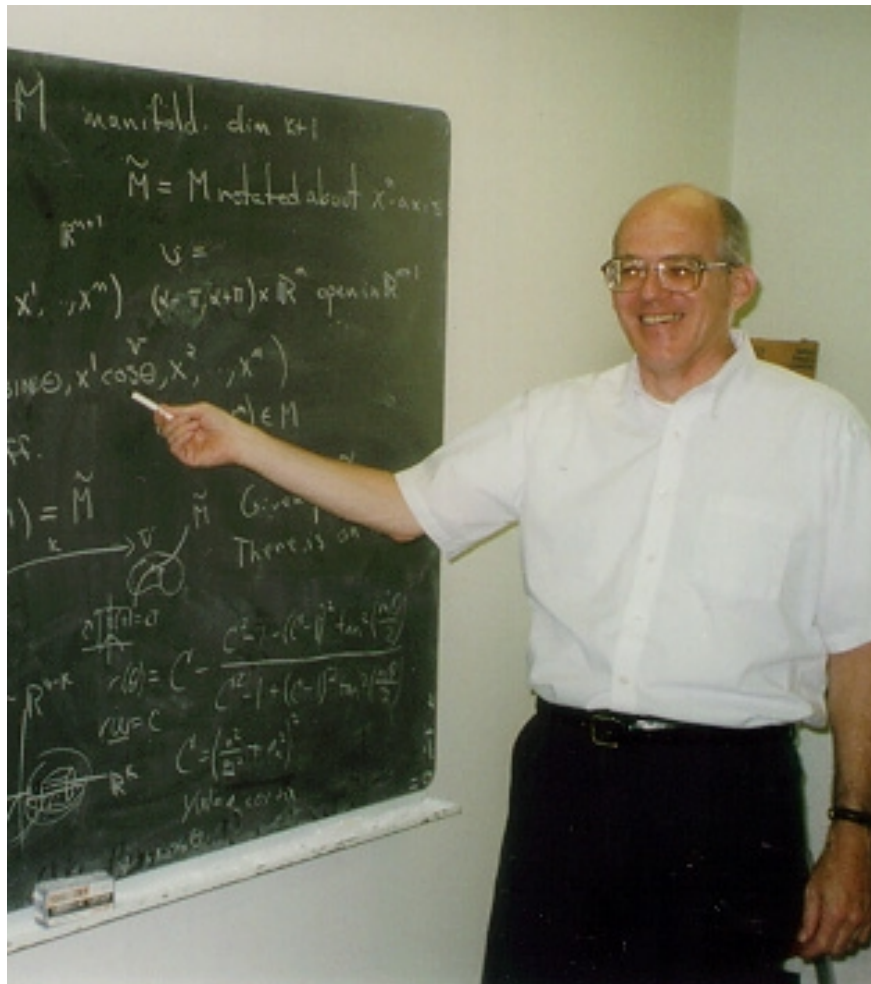
$$(x_i, a_i \in A)$$

$$b \mapsto \sum_i [\{x_i, a_i, b\} - \{a_i, x_i, b\}]$$

### INNER DERIVATION RESULTS

- HO-MARTINEZ-PERALTA-RUSSO 2002  
( $JBW^*$ -triples)

KUDOS TO:  
**Lawrence A. Harris (PhD 1969)**



1974 (infinite dimensional holomorphy)  
 1981 (spectral and ideal theory)



**Antonio Peralta (b. 1974)**  
**Bernard Russo (b. 1939)**

**GO LAKERS!**

**THEOREM 2002**  
**(Ho-Martinez-Peralta-Russo)**  
CARTAN FACTORS OF TYPE  $I_{n,n}$ ,  
II (even or  $\infty$ ), and III HAVE THE INNER  
DERIVATION PROPERTY

**THEOREM 2002**  
**(Ho-Martinez-Peralta-Russo)**  
INFINITE DIMENSIONAL CARTAN  
FACTORS OF TYPE  $I_{m,n}, m \neq n$ , and IV  
DO NOT HAVE THE INNER DERIVATION  
PROPERTY.

### (iii') LIE OPERATOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS

**C. Robert Miers, Lie triple derivations of  
von Neumann algebras. Proc. Amer.  
Math. Soc. 71 (1978), no. 1, 57–61.**

Authors summary: A Lie triple derivation of  
an associative algebra  $M$  is a linear map

$L : M \rightarrow M$  such that

$$L[[X, Y], Z] = [[L(X), Y], Z] +$$

$$[[X, L(Y)], Z] + [[X, Y], L(Z)]$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in M$ .

We show that if  $M$  is a von Neumann algebra  
with no central Abelian summands then there  
exists an operator  $A \in M$  such that

$L(X) = [A, X] + \lambda(X)$  where  $\lambda : M \rightarrow Z_M$  is a  
linear map which annihilates brackets of  
operators in  $M$ .

## **(i') ASSOCIATIVE OPERATOR TRIPLE SYSTEMS**

**Borut Zalar, On the structure of  
automorphism and derivation pairs of  
 $B^*$ -triple systems.** Topics in Operator  
Theory, operator algebras and applications  
(Timisoara,1994),265-271, Rom.  
Acad.,Bucharest, 1995

Let  $W \subset B(H, K)$  be a TRO which contains  
all the compact operators. If  $D$  is a derivation  
of  $W$  with respect to the associative triple  
product  $ab^*c$  then there exist  $a = -a^* \in B(K)$   
and  $b = -b^* \in B(H)$  such that  $Dx = ax + xb$ .

Extended to  $B(X, Y)$  ( $X, Y$  Banach spaces) in

**Maria Victoria Velasco and Armando R.  
Villena; Derivations on Banach pairs.  
Rocky Mountain J. Math 28 1998  
1153–1187.**