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ALMOST AND NEAR HIGHER DERIVATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we show that every near higher derivation on a Banach algebra is an almost higher derivation. Also we obtain conditions that every almost higher derivation is a near higher derivation.

1. Introduction

Let A be a Banach algebra. A linear mapping D on A is a *derivation* if

$$D(ab) = D(a)b + aD(b)$$

for all $a, b \in A$. Also a class $\{H_0, H_1, \dots, H_m\}$ of linear mappings on A is a *higher derivation* of rank m if

$$H_n(ab) = \sum_{i=0}^n H_i(a)H_{n-i}(b)$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and for all $a, b \in A$ and H_0 is an identity mapping on A, that is, $H_0 = Id_A$.

We denote the space of bounded linear mappings on A by $\mathfrak{B}_K(A)$ which is bounded by a constant K. For the convenience we let

$$\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) = \left\{ \{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \middle| \quad T_0 = Id_A, T_i \in \mathfrak{B}_K(A) \quad i = 1, 2, \cdots, m \right\}.$$

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For $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ we define

$$T_n^{\vee}(a,b) = T_n(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^n T_i(a)T_{n-i}(b)$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and for all $a, b \in A$.

The subset of $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ consisting of higher derivations is denoted by $\mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$. That is, if $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ then $T_n^{\vee} = 0$ for all $n = 1, 2, \cdots, m$. For $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ we put

$$d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\})$$

= inf $\left\{ \max_{1 \le n \le m} ||T_n - H_n|| \middle| \{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) \right\}$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \right| \\ &= \max_{1 \le n \le m} ||T_n^{\vee}|| \\ &= \max_{1 \le n \le m} \sup_{||a||, ||b|| = 1} \left\{ \left| \left| T_n(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^n T_i(a) T_{n-i}(b) \right| \right| \quad | \quad a, b \in A \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We can see that $\{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ if and only if

$$d({H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m}) = 0.$$

Note that $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ is called a δ -near higher derivation on A of rank m if

$$d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}) \le \delta$$

and also $\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\}$ is called an ε -almost higher derivation on A of rank m if

$$||\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}|| \le \varepsilon.$$

B. E. Johnson[4] obtained conditions that every almost multiplicative map is a near multiplicative map. Note that A. M. Sinclair[6] proved that every derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. F. Gurick[2] introduced the concept of higher derivation and N. P. Jewell[3] showed that the result of A. M. Sinclair could be extended to higher derivation. The author[5] solved the automatic continuity problem of an approximate higher derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra and investigate Hyers-Ulam stability for a higher derivation.

In this paper, we show that every near higher derivation on a Banach algebra is an almost higher derivation and obtain conditions that every almost higher derivation is a near higher derivation.

DEFINITION 1.1. We say that every near higher derivation on a Banach algebra A of rank m is an almost higher derivation if for each $\varepsilon \ge 0$ there exists $\delta \ge 0$ such that if $d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}) \le \delta$ for any $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ then $||\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}|| \le \varepsilon$.

THEOREM 1.2. Let A be a Banach algebra. Every near higher derivation on A of rank m is an almost higher derivation.

Proof. Let $\varepsilon \geq 0$ be given, $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ and $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2K(m-2)+3}$. Also let $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}$ be a δ -near derivation on A of rank m. Then there is a $\{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ such that for $n = 1, 2, \cdots, m, ||T_n - H_n|| \leq \delta$. Also, for $n = 1, 2, \cdots, m$, we have $||T_n^{\vee}(a, b)||$

$$\begin{split} &= \left| \left| T_n(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^n T_i(a) T_{n-i}(b) \right| \right| \\ &\leq \left| \left| (T_n - H_n)(ab) \right| \right| + \sum_{i=0}^n \left| \left| (T_i - H_i)(a) H_{n-i}(b) \right| \right| \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^n \left| \left| T_i(a) (H_{n-i} - T_{n-i})(b) \right| \right| \\ &\leq \left| \left| (T_n - H_n) \right| \left| \left| \left| a \right| \right| \right| \right| \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left| \left| (T_i - H_i)(a) H_{n-i}(b) \right| \right| \\ &+ \left| \left| (T_n - H_n)(a)b \right| \right| + \left| \left| (T_0 - H_0)(a) H_n(b) \right| \right| \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left| \left| T_i(a) (H_{n-i} - T_{n-i})(b) \right| \right| + \left| \left| a(T_0 - H_0)(b) \right| \right| + \left| \left| a(H_n - T_n)(b) \right| \right| \\ &\leq \left(3 + 2K(n-2)\right) \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \left| \left| (T_i - H_i) \right| \right| \end{split}$$

for all $a, b \in A$ with ||a|| = 1, ||b|| = 1 and for all $\{H_0, H_1, \dots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$. Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} ||\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_n\}|| &= \max_{1 \le n \le m} ||T_n^{\vee}|| \\ &\le (3 + 2K(m - 2))d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}) \\ &\le (3 + 2K(m - 2))\delta \\ &\le \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 1.3. We say that every almost higher derivation on a Banach algebra A of rank m is a near higher derivation if for each $\varepsilon \ge 0$ there exists $\delta \ge 0$ such that if $||\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\}|| \le \delta$ for any $\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ then $d(\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\}) \le \varepsilon$.

EXAMPLE 1.4. Let A be a Banach algebra of 2×2 matrices which the matrix is of the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc}a&0\\b&a\end{array}\right)$$

for each scalar a and b. Let $\varepsilon_1 \ge 0$ and $\varepsilon_2 \ge 0$ be given. Define mappings $\{H_0, H_1, H_2\}$ by

$$H_0 = Id,$$

$$H_1 \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \varepsilon_1 b & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H_2 \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \varepsilon_2 b & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $\{H_0, H_1, H_2\}$ is a higher derivation of rank 2. Now define mappings $\{T_0, T_1, T_2\}$ by

$$T_{0} = Id,$$

$$T_{1} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{1}a & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{1}a \end{pmatrix},$$

$$T_{2} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{2}a & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{2}a \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $||T_1^{\vee}|| \leq \varepsilon_1$, $||T_2^{\vee}|| \leq \varepsilon_2$ $||T_1 - H_1|| \leq \varepsilon_1$ and $||T_2 - H_2|| \leq \varepsilon_2$ Therefore $\{T_0, T_1, T_2\}$ is $max\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$ -almost higher derivation of rank 2 and also it is a $max\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$ -near higher derivation.

THEOREM 1.5. Let A be a finite dimensional Banach algebra. Then every almost higher derivation on A of any rank m is a near higher derivation.

Proof. Note that the dimension of $(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))^m$ is also finite. Let $\varepsilon \ge 0$ be given and

$$\mathfrak{C} = \Big\{ \{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) \Big| d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}) \ge \varepsilon \Big\}, \\ \mathfrak{G}_{\delta} = \Big\{ \{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) \Big| ||\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}|| > \delta \Big\}.$$

We claim that $\mathfrak{G}_{\delta} \subseteq (\mathfrak{B}_{K}(A))^{m}$ is open and $\mathfrak{C} \subseteq (\mathfrak{B}_{K}(A))^{m}$ is closed.

Let $\varepsilon \geq 0$ be given and there exists

$$\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,m)}\} \in (\mathfrak{B}_K(A))^m \setminus \mathfrak{G}_\delta$$

such that

$$\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,m)}\} \to \{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_m\}$$

in \mathfrak{G}^c_{δ} as $t \to \infty$. Since $\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,m)}\} \notin \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}$ for every (t, n),

$$\sup_{||a||,||b||=1} \left| \left| J_{(t,n)}(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^{m} J_{(t,i)}(a) J_{(t,n-1)}(b) \right| \right| \le \delta$$

and there is a constant N such that for all $t\geq N$ and $n=1,2,\cdots,m$

$$||J_n - J_{(t,n)}|| \le \varepsilon.$$

Then for each n we have

$$\begin{split} ||J_{n}^{\vee}|| \\ &= \sup_{||a||,||b||=0} \left| \left| J_{n}(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^{n} J_{i}(a) J_{n-i}(b) \right| \right| \\ &= \sup_{||a||,||b||=0} \left(||(J_{n} - J_{(t,n)})(ab)|| + ||J_{(t,n)}(ab) - \sum_{i=0}^{n} J_{(t,i)}(a) J_{(t,n-i)}(b)|| + \sum_{i=0}^{n} J_{(t,i)}(a) J_{(t,n-i)}(b) - J_{i}(a) J_{n-i}(b)|| \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{n} ||J_{(t,i)}(a) J_{(t,n-i)}(b) - J_{i}(a) J_{n-i}(b)|| \right) \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \delta + \sup_{||a||,||b||=0} \sum_{i=0}^{n} ||J_{i}(a) (J_{(t,n-i)} - J_{n-i})(b)|| \\ &+ \sup_{||a||,||b||=0} \sum_{i=0}^{n} ||J_{i}(a) (J_{(t,n-i)} - J_{n-i})(b)|| \end{split}$$

$$\leq \varepsilon + \delta + \sup_{\substack{||a||, ||b|| = 0 \\ i=1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ||(J_{(t,i)} - J_i)(a)J_{(t,n-i)}(b)|| + ||(J_{(t,n)} - J_n)(a)J_{(t,0)}(b)|| + \sup_{\substack{||a||, ||b|| = 0 \\ i=1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ||J_i(a)(J_{(t,n-i)} - J_i)(b)|| + ||J_0(a)(J_{(t,n)} - J_n)(b)|| \leq \varepsilon + \delta + 2\varepsilon + 2K(n-2)\varepsilon = M\varepsilon + \delta, \quad (\text{where} \quad M = 2K(n-2) + 3).$$

Since ε was arbitrary, $||J_n^{\vee}|| \le \delta$ for $1 \le n \le m$ and so

$$||\{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_n\}|| \le \delta.$$

This states that $\{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_n\} \notin \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}$ and thus $\{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_n\} \in \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}^c$. This says that \mathfrak{G}_{δ} is open.

To show that \mathfrak{C} is closed, we let

$$\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\} \to \{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_m\}$$

in \mathfrak{C} as $t \to \infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &||\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\}|| \\ &= \inf \left\{ \max_{1 \le n \le m} ||H_n - J_{(t,n)}|| \left| \{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_n\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) \right\} \right. \\ &\geq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and for arbitrary $\varepsilon'\geq 0$ there is N such that for all n $(n=1,2,\cdots,m),$ and t>N

$$||J_n - J_{(t,n)}|| < \varepsilon'.$$

Thus for every $(n = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, we have

$$||H_n - J_n|| \ge ||H_n - J_{(n,t)}|| - ||J_{(n,t)} - J_n|| \ge \varepsilon - \varepsilon'.$$

Since ε' was arbitrary, $d(\{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_n\}) \ge \varepsilon$. Therefore $\{J_0, J_1, \cdots, J_n\} \in \mathfrak{C}$ and thus \mathfrak{C} is closed.

Since $\mathfrak{C} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_K(A)^m$ and $\dim(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)^m) < \infty$, \mathfrak{C} is compact. Since

$$\mathfrak{C} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_K(A)^m \backslash \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A)) \subseteq \bigcup_{\delta > 0} \mathfrak{G}_{\delta},$$

there exist $\delta_1, \delta_2, \cdots, \delta_l \ge 0$ such that

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{l} \mathfrak{G}_{\delta_i} \supset \mathfrak{C}.$$

Let $\triangle = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \cdots, \delta_l\}$. Then $C \subset \mathfrak{G}_{\triangle}$. Now let $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \in$ $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ with $||\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}|| \leq \Delta$. Then $\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\} \notin \mathfrak{C}$. Therefore

$$d(\{T_0, T_1, \cdots, T_m\}) < \varepsilon.$$

This says that every almost higher derivation on A of rank m is a near higher derivation.

THEOREM 1.6. Let A be a Banach algebra. Every almost higher derivation on A of any rank m is a near higher derivation if and only if for any

$$\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$$

with $J_{(t,n)}^{\vee} \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ $(n = 1, 2, \cdots, m)$, there exists

$$\{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(B_K(A))$$

such that for each n $(n = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $J_{(t,n)} - H_n \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$.

Proof. Let $\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ and $J_{(t,n)}^{\vee} \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ $(n = 1, 2, \cdots, m)$. Then for any $\varepsilon \ge 0$ we can choose δ and tsuch that

$$||\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\}|| = \max_{1 \le i \le m} ||J_{(t,i)}^{\vee}|| \le \delta.$$

By hypothesis,

$$d(\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\})$$

= inf $\left\{ \max_{1 \le n \le m} ||J_{(t,n)} - H_n|| | | \{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_k(A)) \right\}$
 $\le \varepsilon.$

Thus there exists $\{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$ such that $J_{(t,n)}$ - $H_n \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$.

Conversely, suppose that $\varepsilon \geq 0$ and

$$\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(A))$$

and $J_{(t,n)}^{\vee} \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ $(n = 1, 2, \cdots, m)$. Then there exists $\delta \ge 0, N$ and

$$\{H_0, H_1, \cdots, H_n\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_k(A))$$

such that for every $t \geq N$ and $n = 1, 2, \cdots, m, ||J_{(t,n)}^{\vee}|| \leq \delta$ implies $||J_{(t,n)} - H_n|| \leq \varepsilon$. That is, if

$$||\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\}|| \le \delta$$

then

$$d(\{J_{(t,0)}, J_{(t,1)}, \cdots, J_{(t,n)}\}) \le \varepsilon.$$

Thus every almost higher derivation on A of any rank m is a near higher derivation.

EXAMPLE 1.7. Let $C^{\infty}[0,1]$ denote the algebra of all complex valued functions on [0,1] which have infinitely differentiable functions. J. F. Feinstein[1] got several Banach algebra norms on $C^{\infty}[0,1]$. We give a Banach algebra norm on $C^{\infty}[0,1]$ by

$$||f|| = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{||f^{(n)}||_{\infty}}{(n!)^2}$$

where $||f||_{\infty} = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |f(t)|$. Then $||f'|| \le ||f||$ and $||f^{(k)}|| \le (k!)^2 ||f||$, because for any $k \ge 1$

$$\frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left(\frac{1}{(2!)^2} + \frac{(2!)^2}{(3!)^2} + \frac{(3!)^2}{(4!)^2} + \dots \right) ||f^{(k)}|| \le \frac{1}{(k!)^2} ||f^{(k)}|| \le ||f||.$$

We denote this Banach algebra by $C^{\infty}([0, 1], (n!)^2)$.

Define $\{H_0, H_1, \dots, H_m\} \in \mathfrak{H}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(C^{\infty}([0, 1], (n!)^2)))$ by $H_0 = Id$ and $H_n(f) = f^{(n)}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Also define $\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathfrak{B}_K(C^{\infty}([0, 1], (n!)^2)))$ by $T_0 = Id$ and $T_n(f) = f^{(n)} + \varepsilon f$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then $||T_n(f) - H_n(f)|| \le \varepsilon ||f||$ and

m

$$\begin{split} ||T_{n}^{\vee}(fg)|| &= ||T_{n}(fg) - \sum_{i=0} T_{i}(f)T_{n-i}(g)|| \\ &= ||(fg)^{(n)} + \varepsilon fg - \sum_{i=0}^{m} (f^{(i)} + \varepsilon f)(g^{(n-i)} + \varepsilon g)|| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \Big(\varepsilon + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (i!)^{2} ((m-i)!)^{2} \Big) ||f||||g|| \end{split}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $f, g \in C^{\infty}[0, 1]$. Therefore $\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m\}$ is an almost and near higher derivation.

DEFINITION 1.8. Let A be a commutative Banach algebra. A linear mapping D on A is a ρ -derivation (or module derivation) if

$$D(ab) = \rho(b)D(a) + \rho(a)D(b)$$

for all $a, b \in A$, which ρ is a continuous homomorphism on A. Also a class $\{H_0 = \rho, H_1, \dots, H_m\}$ of linear mappings on A is a ρ -higher

derivation of rank m if

$$H_n(ab) = \sum_{i=0}^n H_i(a)H_{n-i}(b)$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and for all $a, b \in A$. As well as almost and near higher derivations, we can define almost and near ρ -higher derivations.

We can see that all theorems above hold for the case of ρ -higher derivation.

THEOREM 1.9. Let $\{T_0 = \rho, T_1, T_2\} \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathfrak{B}_K(C^{\infty}([0, 1], (n!)^2)))$ be an ε -almost ρ -higher derivation of rank 2 with $\rho(z^i)T_n(z^j) = 0$ for i + j > s (for some integer s and $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$). Then $\{T_0, T_1, T_2\}$ is a near ρ -higher derivation.

Proof. For the convenience, we denote $\rho(f)g$ by fg. We prove the following formula by induction; For $m \geq 2$, we have

$$T_1(z^l) = T_1^{\vee}(z, z^{l-1}) + zT_1^{\vee}(z, z^{l-2}) + z^2T_1^{\vee}(z, z^{l-3}) + \dots + z^{l-2}T_1^{\vee}(z, z) + lz^{l-1}T_1(z).$$

It is trivial for l = 2. Assume that it holds for l. Then

$$T_1(z^{l+1}) = T_1^{\vee}(z, z^l) + zT_1(z^l) + z^l T_1(z)$$

= $T_1^{\vee}(z, z^l) + zT_1^{\vee}(z, z^{l-1})$
+ \cdots + $z^{l-1}T_1^{\vee}(z, z) + (l+1)z^l T_1(z).$

For any polynomial $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_t z^t$ $(t \ge s)$, we have

$$T_{1}(p) = T_{1}(a_{0}) + a_{1}T_{1}(z) + a_{2}2zT_{1}(z) + \dots + a_{t}tz^{t-1}T_{1}(z) + T_{1}^{\vee}(z,z)(a_{2} + a_{3}z + \dots + a_{t}z^{t-2}) + T_{1}^{\vee}(z,z^{2})(a_{3} + a_{4}z + \dots + a_{t}z^{t-3}) + \dots + T_{1}^{\vee}(z,z^{t-1}(a_{t} + T_{1}^{\vee}(z,z^{t}).$$

Since $z^i T_n(z^j) = 0$ for i + j > s for some integer s and i, j = 0, 1, 2 it is easy to show that $z^i T_1^{\vee}(z, z^j) = 0$ for i + j > s. Thus

$$T_1(p) = p'T_1(z) + T_1(a_0) + T_1^{\vee}(z, z)(a_2 + a_3z + \dots + a_{s-3}z^{s-1}) + T_1^{\vee}(z, z^2)(a_3 + a_4z + \dots + a_{s-4}z^{s-2}) + \dots + T_1^{\vee}(z, z^s)(a_{s+1}).$$

Since $n!|a_n| \leq ||p^{(n)}||_{\infty} \leq ||p^{(n)}|| \leq (n!)^2 ||p||, |a_n| \leq (n!)||p||$ for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$. Thus we have

$$||T_1(p) - p'T_1(z)|| \le \varepsilon s(1 + 2! + 3! + \dots + (s - 3)!)||p|| = \varepsilon'||p||$$

for $\varepsilon' = m(1+2!+3!+\cdots+(s-3)!).$

We define $H_0, H_1 \in \mathfrak{B}_K(C^{\infty}([0,1],(n!)^2))$ by $H_0 = \rho, H_1(f) = f'T_1(z)$. Then H_1 is a derivation and for all $f \in C^{\infty}([0,1],(n!)^2)$

$$||T_1(f) - H_1(f)|| \le \varepsilon' ||f||.$$

By induction, we have

$$T_{2}(z^{l}) = T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-1}) + zT_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-2}) + z^{2}T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-3}) + \dots + z^{l-2}T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z) + T_{1}(z)(T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-2}) + 2zT_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-3}) + \dots + (l-2)z^{l-3}T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z)) + \frac{l(l-1)}{2}z^{l-2}T_{1}(z)^{2} + lz^{l-1}T_{2}(z)$$

for $l \geq 2$. It is trivial for n = 2. Assume that it is true for l. Then

$$T_{2}(z^{l}) = T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{l}) + zT_{2}(z^{l}) + z^{l}T_{2}(z) + T_{1}(z)T_{1}(z^{l})$$

$$= T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{l}) + zT_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-1}) + \dots + z^{l-1}T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z)$$

$$+ T_{1}(z)(T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{l}) + 2zT_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{l-2}))$$

$$+ \dots + (l+1)z^{l-2}T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z))$$

$$+ \frac{l(l+1)}{2}z^{l-1}T_{1}(z)^{2} + (l+1)z^{l}T_{2}(z).$$

For any polynomial $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_t z^t$ $(t \ge s),$

$$\begin{split} T_2(p) = & T_2(a_0) + a_1 T_2(z) + a_2 2z T_2(z) \cdots + a_t t z^{t-1} T_2(z) \\ &+ \frac{T_1(z)^2}{2} (a_2 2 + a_3 3 \cdot 2z \cdots + a_t t (t-1) z^{t-2}) \\ &+ T_2^{\vee}(z, z) (a_2 + a_3 z + \cdots + a_t z^{t-2}) \\ &+ T_2^{\vee}(z, z^2) (a_3 + a_4 z + \cdots + a_t z^{t-3}) \\ &+ \cdots + T_2^{\vee}(z, z^{t-1}) a_t \\ &+ T_1(z) T_1^{\vee}(z, z) (a_3 + a_4 2z + \cdots + a_t (t-2) z^{t-3}) \\ &+ T_1(z) T_1^{\vee}(z, z^2) (a_4 + a_5 2z + \cdots + a_t (t-3) z^{t-4}) \\ &+ \cdots + T_1(z) T_1^{\vee}(z, z^{t-2}) a_t. \end{split}$$

Thus we have

Almost and near higher derivation

$$T_{2}(p) = p'T_{2}(z) + \frac{1}{2}p''T_{2}(z) + T_{2}(a_{0}) + T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z)(a_{2} + a_{3}z + \dots + a_{s+1}z^{s-1}) + T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{2})(a_{3} + a_{4}z + \dots + a_{s+1}z^{s-2}) + \dots + T_{2}^{\vee}(z, z^{s})a_{s+1} + T_{1}(z)T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z)(a_{3} + a_{4}2z + \dots + a_{s+2}sz^{s-1}) + T_{1}(z)T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{2})(a_{4} + a_{5}2z + \dots + a_{s+2}(s-1)z^{s-2}) + \dots + T_{1}(z)T_{1}^{\vee}(z, z^{s})a_{s+2}.$$

By the calculation above we get

$$||T_2(p) - p'T_2(z) - \frac{1}{2}f''T_1(z)^2|| \le \varepsilon s(1+2!+3!+\dots+(s+1)!)||p|| + \varepsilon s||T_1||(3!+4!+\dots+(s+2)!)||p|| = \varepsilon''||p||$$
$$:= \varepsilon''||p||$$

for a constant ε'' , where $\varepsilon'' \to 0$ as $\varepsilon' \to 0$.

We define $H_2 \in \mathfrak{B}_K(C^{\infty}([0,1],(n!)^2))$ by $H_2(f) = f'T_2(z) + \frac{1}{2}f''T_1(z)^2$. Then $\{\rho, H_1, H_2\}$ is a ρ -higher derivation of rank 2 and for all $f \in C^{\infty}([0,1],(n!)^2)$

$$||T_2(f) - H_2(f)|| \le \varepsilon'' ||f||.$$

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