

ADDITIVITY OF JORDAN  $n$ -TUPLE HIGHER  
DERIVABLE MAPS ON RINGS

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Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring and  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  a family of maps  $d_m : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  satisfying  $d_0 = I_{\mathcal{R}}$  (the identity map on  $\mathcal{R}$ ) and  $d_m(a_n \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) = \sum_{p_1 + \cdots + p_n = m} d_{p_n}(a_n) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_2) \circ d_{p_1}(a_1)) \cdots)$ , for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{R}$  and for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a \circ b = ab + ba$  is the Jordan product of  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ . We prove that if  $\mathcal{R}$  contain a non-trivial idempotent satisfying some conditions, then  $d_m$  is additive for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . In particular, if  $\mathcal{R}$  is a standard operator algebra, then  $d_m$  is additive for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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# 1 Introduction

A ring  $\mathcal{R}$  is called *k-torsion free* if  $kx = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , for any  $x \in \mathcal{R}$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer. We define the *Jordan product*  $a \circ b$  of elements  $a, b$  in  $\mathcal{R}$  as  $a \circ b = ab + ba$ .

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring and  $\delta : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a map. We call  $\delta$  a *derivable map* or *multiplicative derivation* if  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{R}$ , a *Jordan derivable map* or *multiplicative Jordan derivation* if  $\delta(a \circ b) = \delta(a) \circ b + a \circ \delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{R}$  and a *Jordan n-tuple derivable map* or *multiplicative Jordan n-tuple derivation* if

$$\delta(a_n \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_n \circ (\cdots (\delta(a_k) \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) \cdots)$$

for all  $a_1, \cdots, a_n \in \mathcal{R}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring and  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  a family of maps  $d_m : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ , for all  $m \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \cdots\}$ , such that  $d_0 = I_{\mathcal{R}}$  (the identity map on  $\mathcal{R}$ ). We call  $D$  a *Jordan n-tuple higher derivable map* if

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(a_n \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) \\ = \sum_{p_1 + \cdots + p_n = m} d_{p_n}(a_n) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_2) \circ d_{p_1}(a_1)) \cdots), \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a_1, \cdots, a_n \in \mathcal{R}$  and for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We say that a Jordan  $n$ -tuple higher derivable map  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is *additive* if  $d_m$  is additive, for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The authors in [3] studied the additivity of Jordan 2-tuple derivable maps, defined on rings having at least one non-trivial idempotent, and the authors in [2] extended their results to the Jordan  $n$ -tuple derivable maps, for all integers  $n \geq 3$  and similar classes of rings. Recently, the authors in [1] studied the additivity of Jordan 2-tuple higher derivable maps for the same class of rings in [3]. They proved the following main theorem:

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring containing a nontrivial idempotent and satisfying the following conditions for  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2\}$ .*

(P1) *If  $a_{ij}x_{jk} = 0$  for all  $x_{jk} \in \mathcal{R}_{jk}$ , then  $a_{ij} = 0$ ;*

(P2) If  $x_{ij}a_{jk} = 0$  for all  $x_{ij} \in \mathcal{R}_{ij}$ , then  $a_{jk} = 0$ ;

(P3) If  $a_{ii}x_{ii} + x_{ii}a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $x_{ii} \in \mathcal{R}_{ii}$ , then  $a_{ii} = 0$ .

If the family  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  of mappings  $d_m : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  such that  $d_0 = I_{\mathcal{R}}$  satisfies

$$d_m(ab + ba) = \sum_{p+q=m} d_p(a)d_q(b) + d_p(b)d_q(a)$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{R}$  and for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is additive. In addition, if  $\mathcal{R}$  is 2-torsion free, then  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Jordan higher derivation.

The aim of this paper is to extend the Theorem 1.1 to the class of Jordan  $n$ -tuple higher derivable maps, for all integer  $n \geq 3$  and similar classes of rings in [2].

## 2 The main result

Our main result reads as follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring 2 and  $(2^{n-1} - 1)$ -torsion free containing a non-trivial idempotent  $e_1$  and satisfying the following conditions:*

(i)  $e_i a e_j \mathcal{R} e_k = 0$  or  $e_k \mathcal{R} e_i a e_j = 0$  implies  $e_i a e_j = 0$  ( $1 \leq i, j, k \leq 2$ );

(ii)  $r_{22} \circ (\cdots (a_{22} \circ r_{22}) \cdots) = 0$  for all  $r_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$ , implies  $a_{22} = 0$ .

Then every Jordan  $n$ -tuple higher derivable map  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is additive.

Following the ideas and techniques used by Ashraf et al. [1] and Ferreira et al. [2] we shall organize the proof of Theorem 2.1 in a series of lemmas.

We note that for  $m = 1$ , the identity (1) reduces to

$$d_1(a_n \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_n \circ (\cdots (d_1(a_i) \circ (\cdots (a_2 \circ a_1) \cdots)) \cdots)$$

for all  $a_1, \cdots, a_n \in \mathcal{R}$ . Thus, from the [2, Theorem 2.1.]  $d_1$  is an additive map. We use this result throughout the paper without further reference.

We begin with the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.1.**  $d_m(0) = 0$  for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* We prove the lemma based on second principle of mathematical induction for  $m$ . Let's assume that  $d_k(0) = 0$  for every non-negative integer  $k$  with  $k < m$  for any non-negative integer  $m$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_m(0) &= d_m(\underbrace{0 \circ (\cdots (0 \circ 0) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}) \\
 &= \sum_{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m} d_{p_n}(0) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(0) \circ d_{p_1}(0)) \cdots) \\
 &= 0 \circ (\cdots (d_m(0) \circ 0) \cdots) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(0) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(0) \circ d_{p_1}(0)) \cdots) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can conclude that  $d_m(0) = 0$ , for each nonnegative integer  $m$ .  $\square$

In what follows, we assume the assumption that  $d_k$  is an additive map for each non-negative integer  $k < m$  for any non-negative integer  $m$ .

The following lemma will be used throughout this paper, whose proof is elementary and therefore omitted.

**Lemma 2.2.** For any elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  the following holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\
 &= \sum_{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
 &\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\
 &= r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
 &\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(d_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $r_{i_kj_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_kj_k}$  ( $i_k, j_k = 1, 2; k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ).

**Lemma 2.3.** For any elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  the following hold: (i)  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) = d_m(a_{11}) + d_m(b_{12})$ ; (ii)  $d_m(a_{11} + c_{21}) = d_m(a_{11}) + d_m(c_{21})$ ; (iii)  $d_m(b_{12} + d_{22}) = d_m(b_{12}) + d_m(d_{22})$  and (iv)  $d_m(c_{21} + d_{22}) = d_m(c_{21}) + d_m(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_kj_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_kj_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), with  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots ((a_{11} + b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& = d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (a_{11} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& \quad + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (b_{12} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& = \sum_{p_1+\dots+p_n=m} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& \quad + \sum_{p_1+\dots+p_n=m} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& = r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (d_m(a_{11}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (d_m(b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots). \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

Considering  $c_{21} = d_{22} = 0$  in (2) and subtracting (2) from (3), we obtain

$$r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots ((d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12})) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) = 0. \tag{4}$$

This implies that, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& + r_{22}^{n-1} \dots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{11}^1 = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

by (4), which yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& = r_{22}^{n-1} \dots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{11}^1 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{12} = (d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{21} = 0$ , by [2, Lemma 2.1.(i)]. If  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , then by (4), we obtain

$$r_{22}^{n-1} \circ (\dots ((d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12})) \circ r_{22}^1) \dots) = 0$$

which yields  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{22} = 0$ , by [2, Lemma 2.1.(ii)]. If  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-2$ ), then by (4) again and the previous cases, we obtain

$$(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{12}^1 r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} = 0$$

which shows that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{11} = 0$ , by [2, Lemma 2.1.(i)]. Consequently,  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) = 0$ .

Similarly, we prove (ii), (iii) and (iv).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** For any elements  $a_{12}, b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$ ,  $b_{21}, c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  and  $t_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  the following hold: (i)  $d_m(a_{12}t_{22} + b_{12}t_{22}) = d_m(a_{12}t_{22}) + d_m(b_{12}t_{22})$ ; (ii)  $d_m(t_{22}b_{21} + t_{22}c_{21}) = d_m(t_{22}b_{21}) + d_m(t_{22}c_{21})$ .

*Proof.* First, we observe that the following identity holds

$$a_{12}t_{22} + b_{12}t_{22} = \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ ((a_{12} + t_{22}) \circ (b_{12} + t_{22}))) \cdots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}}.$$

As a result, we have by Lemma 2.3(iii) that

$$\begin{aligned} & d_m(a_{12}t_{22} + b_{12}t_{22}) \\ = & d_m(\underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ ((a_{12} + t_{22}) \circ (b_{12} + t_{22}))) \cdots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}}) \\ = & \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ ((a_{12} + t_{22}) \circ d_m(b_{12} + t_{22}))) \cdots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}} \\ & + \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (d_m(a_{12} + t_{22}) \circ (b_{12} + t_{22}))) \cdots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}} \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_1 \neq m, p_2 \neq m}} \underbrace{d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_3}(e_1) \circ (d_{p_2}(a_{12} + t_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(b_{12} + t_{22}))) \cdots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}} \\ = & e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (a_{12} \circ d_m(b_{12}))) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (a_{12} \circ d_m(t_{22}))) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (t_{22} \circ d_m(b_{12}))) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (t_{22} \circ d_m(t_{22}))) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (d_m(a_{12}) \circ b_{12})) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (d_m(a_{12}) \circ t_{22})) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (d_m(t_{22}) \circ b_{12})) \cdots) \\ & + e_1 \circ (\cdots (e_1 \circ (d_m(t_{22}) \circ t_{22})) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_1 \neq m, p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(b_{12})) \cdots)) \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_1 \neq m, p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(a_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(t_{22})) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_1 \neq m, p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(t_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(b_{12})) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_1 \neq m, p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(t_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(t_{22})) \dots)) \dots) \\
& = d_m(e_1 \circ (\dots (e_1 \circ (a_{12} \circ b_{12})) \dots)) + d_m(e_1 \circ (\dots (e_1 \circ (a_{12} \circ t_{22})) \dots)) \\
& \quad + d_m(e_1 \circ (\dots (e_1 \circ (t_{22} \circ b_{12})) \dots)) + d_m(e_1 \circ (\dots (e_1 \circ (t_{22} \circ t_{22})) \dots)) \\
& = d_m(a_{12}t_{22}) + d_m(b_{12}t_{22}).
\end{aligned}$$

Using a similar argument to the previous case we prove that  $d_m(t_{22}b_{21} + t_{22}c_{21}) = d_m(t_{22}b_{21}) + d_m(t_{22}c_{21})$ , from the identity

$$t_{22}b_{21} + t_{22}c_{21} = \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\dots (e_1 \circ ((c_{21} + t_{22}) \circ (b_{21} + t_{22}))) \dots)}_{(n-2)\text{-times}}.$$

□

**Lemma 2.5.** *For any elements  $a_{12}, b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$  and  $b_{21}, c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  the following hold: (i)  $d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) = d_m(a_{12}) + d_m(b_{12})$ ; (ii)  $d_m(b_{21} + c_{21}) = d_m(b_{21}) + d_m(c_{21})$ .*

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_k j_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_k j_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) with  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we have by Lemma 2.4(i) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& d_m(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots ((a_{12} + b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& = d_m(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (a_{12} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& \quad + d_m(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (b_{12} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
& = r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (d_m(a_{12}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \dots) \\
& \quad + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \dots)
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \circ(\cdots(d_{p_2}(a_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \cdots) \\
& + r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ(\cdots(d_m(b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ(\cdots(d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \\
& \circ(\cdots(d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \cdots). \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

Considering  $a_{11} = c_{21} = d_{22} = 0$  and replacing  $b_{12}$  by  $a_{12} + b_{12}$ , in (2), and subtracting (2) from (5), it results

$$r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ(\cdots((d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12})) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) = 0. \quad (6)$$

As a consequence, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{22}^2 \cdots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& + r_{22}^{n-1} \cdots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{11}^1 = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

by (6), which results that

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{22}^2 \cdots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& = r_{22}^{n-1} \cdots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{11}^1 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It implies that  $(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{12} = (d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{21} = 0$ . If  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , then by (6), we obtain

$$r_{22}^{n-1} \circ(\cdots((d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12})) \circ r_{22}^1) \cdots) = 0.$$

which results  $(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{22} = 0$ , by [2, Lema 2.1.(ii)]. If  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), then by (6) and the previous cases, we conclude that

$$(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))r_{12}^1 r_{22}^2 \cdots r_{22}^{n-1} = 0.$$

It therefore follows that  $(d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}))_{11} = 0$ . Consequently,  $d_m(a_{12} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{12}) - d_m(b_{12}) = 0$ .

Similarly, we prove (ii). □

**Lemma 2.6.** For any elements  $a_{11}, b_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$  and  $c_{22}, d_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  the following hold: (i)  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) = d_m(a_{11}) + d_m(b_{11})$ ; (ii)  $d_m(c_{22} + d_{22}) = d_m(c_{22}) + d_m(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_k j_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_k j_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) with  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we have by Lemma 2.5(i) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots((a_{11} + b_{11}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
 = & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots(a_{11} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
 & + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots(b_{11} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots)) \\
 = & r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots(d_m(a_{11}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots(d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
 & \quad \circ (\dots(d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
 & + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots(d_m(b_{11}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots(d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
 & \quad \circ (\dots(d_{p_2}(b_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots). \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Considering  $b_{12} = c_{21} = d_{22} = 0$  and replacing  $a_{11}$  by  $a_{11} + b_{11}$ , in (2), and subtracting (2) from (7), we get

$$r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots((d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11})) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) = 0. \tag{8}$$

As a consequence, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), by (8) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
 & = r_{22}^{n-1} \dots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))r_{11}^1 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))_{12} = (d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))_{21} = 0$ . If  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , then

by (8), we obtain

$$r_{22}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11})) \circ r_{22}^1) \cdots) = 0$$

resulting in  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))_{22} = 0$ , by [2, Lema 2.1.(ii)].  
If  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), then by (8) yet and the previous cases, we obtain

$$(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))r_{12}^1 r_{22}^2 \cdots r_{22}^{n-1} = 0$$

which results that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}))_{11} = 0$ . Consequently,  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{11}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{11}) = 0$ .

Similarly, we prove (ii).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *For any elements  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$  and  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  the following holds  $d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) = d_m(b_{12}) + d_m(c_{21})$ .*

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_k j_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_k j_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) with  $(i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-2$ ), or  $(i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}) = (2, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-2$ ), or  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ = & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (b_{12} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (c_{21} \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ = & r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\ & \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\ & + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(c_{21}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\ & \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Considering  $a_{11} = d_{22} = 0$  in (2) and subtracting (2) from (9) we get

$$r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \cdots) = 0. \quad (10)$$

As a consequence, if  $(i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-2$ ) we obtain

$$r_{12}^{n-1} \circ (r_{11}^{n-2} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{11}^1) \cdots)) = 0, \quad (11)$$

by (10). Multiplying (11) from right by  $t_{11}$ , then

$$r_{12}^{n-1} ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) r_{11}^1 \cdots r_{11}^{n-2} t_{11}) = 0$$

which results that  $(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{21} = 0$ . If  $(i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}) = (2, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-2$ ) we obtain

$$r_{21}^{n-1} \circ (r_{22}^{n-2} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{22}^1) \cdots)) = 0, \quad (12)$$

by (10) again. Multiplying (12) from right by  $t_{22}$ , then

$$r_{21}^{n-1} ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) r_{22}^1 \cdots r_{22}^{n-2} t_{22}) = 0$$

which yields that  $(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{12} = 0$ . Now, let us prove that  $(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{11} = 0$ . First, we observe that the following identity holds  $b_{12} + c_{21} = \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots ((b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}$ . As consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) &= d_m(\underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots ((b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}) \\ &= e_1 \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ e_1) \cdots) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \\ &\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(e_1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= e_1 \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ e_1) \cdots) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \\
&\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(e_1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \\
&\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(e_1)) \cdots)) \cdots). \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we observe that the identity holds  $b_{12} = \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (b_{12} \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}$  which results in,

$$\begin{aligned}
d_m(b_{12}) &= d_m(\underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (b_{12} \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}) \\
&= e_1 \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12}) \circ e_1) \cdots) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \\
&\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(e_1)) \cdots)) \cdots). \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $c_{21} = \underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (c_{21} \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}$  which yields

$$\begin{aligned}
d_m(c_{21}) &= d_m(\underbrace{e_1 \circ (\cdots (c_{21} \circ e_1) \cdots)}_{n\text{-times}}) \\
&= e_1 \circ (\cdots (d_m(c_{21}) \circ e_1) \cdots) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(e_1) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(e_1) \\
&\quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(e_1)) \cdots)) \cdots). \quad (15)
\end{aligned}$$

It therefore follows that, subtracting (13) from (14) and (15) we obtain

$$d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})$$

$$= e_1 \circ (\cdots ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ e_1) \cdots). \quad (16)$$

which implies that  $(2^{n-1} - 1)e_1(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))e_1 = 0$ . As results, we obtain  $(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{11} = 0$ , since  $\mathcal{R}$  is a  $(2^{n-1} - 1)$ -torsion free ring. Finally, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), by (10) yet, we have

$$r_{11}^{n-1} \circ (r_{11}^{n-2} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{12}^1) \cdots)) = 0.$$

which shows that

$$r_{11}^{n-1} \cdots r_{11}^2 r_{12}^1 (d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) = 0. \quad (17)$$

The identity (17) allows us to conclude that  $(d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{22} = 0$ . Consequently,  $d_m(b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** *For any elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  the following hold: (i)  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) = d_m(a_{11}) + d_m(b_{12}) + d_m(c_{21})$ ; (ii)  $d_m(b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) = d_m(b_{12}) + d_m(c_{21}) + d_m(d_{22})$ .*

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_k j_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_k j_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) with  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we have by Lemma 2.7 that

$$\begin{aligned} & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ &= d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (a_{11} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & \quad + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (b_{12} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & \quad + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (c_{21} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ &= r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(a_{11}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \\ & \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\ & \quad + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots) \\
& + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (d_m(c_{21}) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_n=m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\dots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_kj_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\dots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1j_1}^1)) \dots)) \dots). \tag{18}
\end{aligned}$$

Considering  $d_{22} = 0$  in (2) and subtracting (2) from (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\dots ((d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \\
& \quad - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{i_1j_1}^1) \dots) = 0. \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), by (19) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& + r_{22}^{n-1} \dots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))r_{11}^1 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{11}^1(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))r_{22}^2 \dots r_{22}^{n-1} \\
& = r_{22}^{n-1} \dots r_{22}^2(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))r_{11}^1 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It therefore follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{12} \\
& = (d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{21} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , then by (19), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{22}^{n-1} \circ (\dots (d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) \\
& \quad - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21})) \circ r_{22}^1) \dots) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{22} = 0$ , by [2, Lema 2.1.(ii)]. If  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 2)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), then by (19) we have

$$(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))r_{12}^1 r_{22}^2 \cdots r_{22}^{n-1} = 0$$

which implies that  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}))_{11} = 0$ . Consequently,  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) = 0$ .

Similarly, we prove (ii).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.** For any elements  $a_{11} \in \mathcal{R}_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} \in \mathcal{R}_{12}$ ,  $c_{21} \in \mathcal{R}_{21}$  and  $d_{22} \in \mathcal{R}_{22}$  holds  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) = d_m(a_{11}) + d_m(b_{12}) + d_m(c_{21}) + d_m(d_{22})$ .

*Proof.* For any elements  $r_{i_k j_k}^k \in \mathcal{R}_{i_k j_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) with  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), or  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ), we have by Lemma 2.8 that

$$\begin{aligned} & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ = & d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (a_{11} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (b_{12} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (c_{21} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ & + d_m(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_{22} \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots)) \\ = & r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(a_{11}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \\ & \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(a_{11}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\ & + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(b_{12}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \\ & \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(b_{12}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1)) \cdots)) \cdots) \\ & + r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(c_{21}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \dots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1}j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(c_{21}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1)) \cdots) \cdots) \\
& + r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots (d_m(d_{22}) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{p_1 + \cdots + p_n = m \\ p_2 \neq m}} d_{p_n}(r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1}) \circ (\cdots (d_{p_k}(r_{i_k j_k}^k) \\
& \quad \circ (\cdots (d_{p_2}(d_{22}) \circ d_{p_1}(r_{i_1 j_1}^1)) \cdots) \cdots). \tag{20}
\end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (2) from (20) it results that

$$\begin{aligned}
& r_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} \circ (\cdots ((d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) \\
& \quad - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22})) \circ r_{i_1 j_1}^1) \cdots) = 0. \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, if  $(i_1, j_1) = (1, 1)$  and  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  ( $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we get  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22}))_{12} = 0$  and  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22}))_{21} = 0$ , by (21). If  $(i_k, j_k) = (1, 1)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , then  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22}))_{11} = 0$ , by (21) and [2, Lemma 2.1.(ii)]. If  $(i_k, j_k) = (2, 2)$  for all  $(k = 1, \dots, n-1)$ , we have  $(d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22}))_{22} = 0$ , by (21) and [2, Lemma 2.1.(ii)] again. It therefore follows that  $d_m(a_{11} + b_{12} + c_{21} + d_{22}) - d_m(a_{11}) - d_m(b_{12}) - d_m(c_{21}) - d_m(d_{22}) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10.** *For any elements  $a, b \in \mathcal{R}$  holds  $d_m(a + b) = d_m(a) + d_m(b)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is a direct consequence of Lemmas 2.5, 2.6 and 2.9. Thus,  $d_m$  is additive.  $\square$

Now we are able to prove the Theorem 2.1.

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* The Lemma 2.10 and the second principle of mathematical induction allows us to conclude that  $d_m$  is an additive map, for each non-negative integer  $m$ . Consequently,  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a family of additive maps. The prove is complete.  $\square$

We may therefore state the following corollaries.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a ring 2 and  $(2^{n-1}-1)$ -torsion free prime ring containing a non-trivial idempotent  $e_1$  and satisfying the following condition:  $e_2 r_1 e_2 \circ (\cdots (e_2 a e_2 \circ e_2 r_1 e_2) \cdots) = 0$ , for all  $r_1 \in \mathcal{R}$ , implies  $e_2 a e_2 = 0$ . Then every Jordan  $n$ -tuple higher derivable map  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is additive.*

As a direct consequence of the above Corollary 2.1 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space with  $\dim \mathcal{X} > 1$  and  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$  a standard operator algebra. Then every Jordan  $n$ -tuple higher derivable map  $D = \{d_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is additive.*

*Proof.* Since it is well known that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a prime ring of characteristic zero and containing a non-trivial idempotent, then it is sufficient to prove that the condition in Corollary 2.1 is satisfied. Hence, since  $\mathcal{A}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$  under the strong operator topology, let us consider a net  $\{r_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $SOT-\lim_\lambda r_\lambda = 1$ . The limit in  $e_2 r_\lambda e_2 \circ (\cdots (e_2 a e_2 \circ e_2 r_\lambda e_2) \cdots) = 0$ , for all  $r_\lambda \in \mathcal{A}$ , leads us to conclude that  $e_2 a e_2 = 0$ .  $\square$

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