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## On $\theta$ -centralizing $\theta$ -generalized Derivations on Convolution Algebras

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**Abstract.** Let  $\theta$  be an isomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . In this paper, we investigate  $\theta$ -generalized derivations on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . We show that every  $\theta$ -centralizing  $\theta$ -generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is a  $\theta$ -right centralizer. We also prove that this result is true for  $\theta$ -skew centralizing  $\theta$ -generalized derivations.

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $w : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a continuous function such that  $w(0) = 1$  and for every  $x, y \geq 0$

$$w(x + y) \leq w(x)w(y).$$

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Let  $L^1(w)$  be the Banach algebra of all Lebesgue measurable functions on  $[0, \infty)$ . Let also  $M(w)$  be the Banach algebra of all complex regular Borel measure on  $[0, \infty)$ ; for study of these Banach algebras see [5, 13]. We denote by  $L_0^\infty(w)$  the Banach space of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$  such that

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}\{f(y)\chi_{(x,\infty)}(y)/w(y) : y \geq 0\} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , where  $\chi_{(x,\infty)}$  is the characteristic function on  $(x, \infty)$ . It is proved that the dual of  $L_0^\infty(w)$ , represented by  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ , is a Banach algebra with the first Arens product defined by

$$mn(f) = m(nf),$$

where the functional  $nf$  is defined by  $nf(\varphi) = n(f\varphi)$ , in which

$$f\varphi(x) = \int_0^\infty f(x+y)\varphi(y)dy$$

for all  $m, n \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ ,  $f \in L_0^\infty(w)$ ,  $\varphi \in L^1(w)$  and  $x \geq 0$ ; for more details see [8, 9]. By the usual way,  $L^1(w)$  may be regarded as a subspace of  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . In this case,  $L^1(w)$  is a closed ideal of  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Note that the sequence

$$\{i\chi_{(0,1/i)}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is a bounded approximate identity for  $L^1(w)$ . The set of all weak\*-cluster points of an approximate identity of  $L^1(w)$  bounded by one is denoted by  $\Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . It is easy to see that  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  if and only if  $u$  is a right identity for  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .

Let  $\theta$  be a homomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $T$  be a linear map on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Then  $T$  is called a  $\theta$ -right centralizer if for every  $m, n \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$

$$T(mn) = \theta(m)T(n).$$

A linear map  $d$  on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is called a  $\theta$ -derivation if

$$d(mn) = d(m)\theta(n) + \theta(m)d(n)$$

for all  $m, n \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Also, a linear map  $D$  on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is called a  $\theta$ -generalized derivation with associated to derivation  $d$ , if

$$D(mn) = \theta(m)D(n) + d(m)\theta(n)$$

for all  $m, n \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . We denote this concept with  $(D, d)$ . Note that if  $D = d$ , then  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -derivation. In the case where  $d = 0$ , then for every  $m, n \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$

$$D(mn) = \theta(m)D(n).$$

This type of  $\theta$ -generalized derivation is called a  $\theta$ -right centralizer. A linear map  $T$  on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is called  $\theta$ -commuting if for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$

$$T(m)\theta(m) = \theta(m)T(m),$$

and  $T$  is called  $\theta$ -centralizing if

$$[T(m), \theta(m)] := T(m)\theta(m) - \theta(m)T(m) \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ , where  $Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  is the center of  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .

Some authors studied the Banach algebra  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  [1, 2, 10, 11, 12]. For example, Ahmadi Gandomani and the second author [1] studied generalized derivations on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . They showed that every centralizing generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is a right centralizer. They proved that this result holds for skew centralizing generalized derivations; see also [3, 6, 7]. In this paper, we investigate these facts for  $\theta$ -generalized derivations on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .

## 2 Main Results

In the following, let  $\text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  be the right annihilator of  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ , that is, the set of all  $r \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$  such that  $mr = 0$  for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\theta$  be a homomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $(D, d)$  be a  $\theta$ -generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- (i)  $D$  maps  $\text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  into  $\text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ .
- (ii)  $D$  is  $\theta$ -centralizing if and only if  $D$  is  $\theta$ -commuting.
- (iii) If  $\theta$  is an isomorphism and  $D$  is  $\theta$ -centralizing, then  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -right centralizer.

**Proof.** (i) Let  $k \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ ,  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  and  $r \in \text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . Then

$$kD(r) = k\theta(u)D(r) = k[D(ur) - d(u)\theta(r)] = 0,$$

where  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . Hence  $D(r) \in \text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ .

(ii) Let  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and

$$[D(m), \theta(m)] \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*).$$

So if  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} [D(m), \theta(m)] &= [D(m), \theta(m)]u \\ &= u[D(m), \theta(m)] \\ &= u(D(m)\theta(m) - \theta(m)D(m)) \\ &= uD(m)\theta(m) - uD(m)\theta(m) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $D$  is  $\theta$ -commuting.

(iii) Let  $\theta$  be an isomorphism and  $D$  be  $\theta$ -centralizing. Then for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$

$$D(m)\theta(m) = \theta(m)D(m).$$

Choose  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . Then

$$D(u) = D(u)\theta(u) = \theta(u)D(u). \quad (1)$$

On the other hand,

$$D(u) = D(uu) = \theta(u)D(u) + d(u)\theta(u) = \theta(u)D(u) + d(u). \quad (2)$$

From this and (1), we have  $d(u) = 0$ . Note that if  $r \in \text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ , then

$$(r + u)^2 = r + u$$

and  $\theta(u + r)$  is a right identity for  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} D(u + r) &= D(u + r)\theta(u + r) \\ &= D((u + r)^2) - d(u + r)\theta(u + r) \\ &= D(u + r) - d(r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d(r) = 0$ . This shows that for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(m) &= d(um) \\ &= d(u)\theta(m) + \theta(u)d(m) \\ &= \theta(u)d(m) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

because  $d$  maps  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  into  $\text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ ; see [12]. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} D(m) &= D(mu) \\ &= \theta(m)D(u) + d(m)\theta(u) \\ &= \theta(m)D(u) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . That is,  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -right centralizer.  $\square$

Let  $\theta$  be a homomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Then a map

$$T : L_0^\infty(w)^* \rightarrow L_0^\infty(w)^*$$

is called  $\theta$ -skew commuting if for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$

$$\langle T(m), \theta(m) \rangle := T(m)\theta(m) + \theta(m)T(m) = 0,$$

if for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ ,

$$\langle T(m), \theta(m) \rangle \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*),$$

then  $T$  is called  $\theta$ -skew centralizing.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\theta$  be an isomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $(D, d)$  be a  $\theta$ -generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Then the following statements hold.*

(i) *If  $D$  is  $\theta$ -skew centralizing, then there exists  $n \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  such that  $D(m) = mn$  for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .*

(ii) *If  $D$  is  $\theta$ -skew commuting, then  $D = 0$  on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .*

**Proof.** (i). Let  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and

$$\langle D(m), \theta(m) \rangle \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*).$$

Then

$$0 = [\langle D(m), \theta(m) \rangle, \theta(m)] = [D(m), \theta(m)^2].$$

It follows that

$$D(u) = D(u)\theta(u)^2 = \theta(u)^2D(u) = \theta(u)D(u).$$

On the other hand,

$$D(u) = D(uu) = \theta(u)D(u) + d(u).$$

Hence  $d(u) = 0$ . An argument similar to the proof of Theorem 1, shows that  $D(m) = \theta(m)D(u)$  for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . But,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D(u), \theta(u) \rangle &= D(u)\theta(u) + \theta(u)D(u) \\ &= \theta(u)D(u)\theta(u) + \theta(u)D(u) \\ &= 2\theta(u)D(u) \end{aligned}$$

is an element of  $Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . Since

$$D(m) = \theta(m)D(u) = \theta(m)\theta(u)D(u),$$

the statement (i) holds.

(ii) Let  $D$  be  $\theta$ -skew commuting. Then there exists  $n \in Z(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  such that

$$D(m) = mn$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . So, if  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= D(u)\theta(u) + \theta(u)D(u) \\ &= un\theta(u) + \theta(u)un \\ &= u\theta(u)n + \theta(u)n \\ &= n\theta(u) + n\theta(u) \\ &= 2n\theta(u) \\ &= 2n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $n = 0$  and therefore,  $D = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\theta$  be a homomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $(D, d)$  be a  $\theta$ -generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Then  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -derivation if and only if  $D = d$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $D$  be a  $\theta$ -derivation. Then for every  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(m) = D(m.u) &= D(m)\theta(u) + \theta(m)D(u) \\ &= D(m) + \theta(m)D(u) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D(m) = \theta(m)D(u) + d(m)\theta(u) = \theta(m)D(u) + d(m).$$

Hence  $d = D$ .  $\square$

We denote by  $\text{rad}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  the radical of  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . Before, we give the next result, let us recall that a map  $T : L_0^\infty(w)^* \rightarrow L_0^\infty(w)^*$  is called *spectrally infinitesimal* if

$$r(T(m)) = 0$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ , where  $r(\cdot)$  is the spectral radius.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\theta$  be a homomorphism on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $(D, d)$  be a  $\theta$ -generalized derivation on  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . If  $D$  maps  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  into  $\text{rad}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$  or  $D$  is spectrally infinitesimal, then  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -derivation.*

**Proof.** First, note that if  $D$  maps  $L_0^\infty(w)^*$  into

$$\text{rad}(L_0^\infty(w)^*) = \text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*),$$

then  $D$  is spectrally infinitesimal. Hence  $r(D(m)) = 0$  for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ . One can prove that

$$\frac{L_0^\infty(w)^*}{\text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*)}$$

is isomorphic to the commutative Banach algebra  $M(w)$ ; see [9]. In view of [14], there exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$r(mD(u)) \leq c r(m) r(D(u)) = 0$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$  and  $u \in \Lambda(L_0^\infty(w)^*)$ . It follows from Proposition 25.1 (ii) of [4] and that

$$D(u) \in \text{rad}(L_0^\infty(w)^*) = \text{ran}(L_0^\infty(w)^*).$$

Therefore,

$$D(m) = \theta(m)D(u) + d(m) = d(m)$$

for all  $m \in L_0^\infty(w)^*$ .  $\square$

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