



# Article Linear Generalized *n*-Derivations on C\*-Algebras

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**Abstract:** Let  $n \ge 2$  be a fixed integer and  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. A permuting *n*-linear map  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  is known to be symmetric generalized *n*-derivation if there exists a symmetric *n*-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{G}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \dots, \varsigma_i \varsigma'_i, \dots, \varsigma_n) = \mathcal{G}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \dots, \varsigma_i, \dots, \varsigma_n) \varsigma'_i + \varsigma_i \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \dots, \varsigma'_i, \dots, \varsigma_n)$  holds  $\forall \varsigma_i, \varsigma'_i \in \mathcal{A}$ . In this paper, we investigate the structure of  $C^*$ -algebras involving generalized linear *n*-derivations. Moreover, we describe the forms of traces of linear *n*-derivations satisfying certain functional identity.

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## 1. Introduction

A Banach algebra is a linear associate algebra which, as a vector space, is a Banach space with norm ||.|| satisfying the multiplicative inequality;  $||\varsigma\varepsilon|| \le ||\varsigma||||\varepsilon|| \forall \varsigma$  and  $\varepsilon$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . "An involution on an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a linear map  $\varsigma \mapsto \varsigma^*$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself such that the following conditions hold: (*i*)  $(\varsigma\varepsilon)^* = \varepsilon^*\varsigma^*$ , (*ii*)  $(\varsigma^*)^* = \varsigma$ , and (*iii*)  $(\varsigma + \lambda\varepsilon)^* = \varsigma^* + \overline{\lambda}\varepsilon^* \forall \varsigma$ ,  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , the field of complex numbers, where  $\overline{\lambda}$  is the conjugate of  $\lambda$ . An algebra equipped with an involution \* is called a \*-algebra or algebra with involution. A Banach \*-algebra is a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  together with an isometric involution  $||\varsigma^*|| = ||\varsigma|| \forall \varsigma \in \mathcal{A}$ . A  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach \*-algebra with the additional norm condition  $||\varsigma^*\varsigma|| = ||\varsigma||^2 \forall \varsigma \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Throughout this discussion, unless otherwise mentioned,  $\mathcal{A}$  will denote  $C^*$ -algebra with  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$  as its center. However,  $\mathcal{A}$  may or may not have unity. The symbols  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon]$  and  $\varsigma \circ \varepsilon$  denote the commutator  $\varsigma \varepsilon - \varepsilon \varsigma$  and the anti-commutator  $\varsigma \varepsilon + \varepsilon \varsigma$ , respectively, for any  $\varsigma, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$ . An algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be prime if  $\varsigma \mathcal{A} \varepsilon = \{0\}$  implies that either  $\varsigma = 0$  or  $\varepsilon = 0$ , and semiprime if  $\varsigma \mathcal{A} \varsigma = \{0\}$  implies that  $\varsigma = 0$ , where  $\varsigma, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$ . An additive subgroup Uof  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be a Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $[u, r] \in U$ ,  $\forall u \in U$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{A}$ . U is called a square-closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  if U is a Lie ideal and  $u^2 \in U \forall u \in U$ . A linear operator  $\mathcal{D}$  on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a derivation if  $\mathcal{D}(\varsigma \varepsilon) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma)\varepsilon + \varsigma \mathcal{D}(\varepsilon)$  holds  $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$ . Consider the inner derivation  $\delta_a$  implemented by an element a in  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is defined as  $\delta_a(\varsigma) = \varsigma a - a\varsigma$  for every  $\varsigma$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , as a typical example of a nonzero derivation in a noncommutative algebra.

In order to broaden the scope of derivation, Maksa [1] introduced the concept of symmetric bi-derivations. A bi-linear map  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a bi-derivation if

$$\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma\varsigma',\varepsilon) = \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma,\varepsilon)\varsigma' + \varsigma\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma',\varepsilon)$$
$$\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma,\varepsilon\varepsilon') = \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma,\varepsilon)\varepsilon' + \varepsilon\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma,\varepsilon')$$

holds for any  $\zeta, \zeta', \varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathcal{A}$ . The foregoing conditions are identical if  $\mathfrak{D}$  is also a symmetric map, whereby if  $\mathfrak{D}(\zeta, \varepsilon) = \mathfrak{D}(\varepsilon, \zeta)$  for every  $\zeta, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$ . In this case,  $\mathfrak{D}$  is referred to as a symmetric bi-derivation of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Vukman [2] investigated symmetric bi-derivations in prime



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**Copyright:** © 2024 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). and semiprime rings. Argao and Yenigül ([3], Chapter 3) and Muthana [4] obtained the similar type of results on Lie ideals of ring *R*.

In this paper, we briefly discuss the various extensions of the notion of derivations on  $C^*$ -algebras. The most general and important one among them is the notion of symmetric linear generalized *n*-derivations on  $C^*$ -algebras. Suppose *n* is a fixed positive integer and  $\mathcal{R}^n = \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{A}$ . A map  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  is said to be symmetric (permuting) if the relation  $\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n) = \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_{\pi(1)}, \varsigma_{\pi(2)}, \ldots, \varsigma_{\pi(n)})$  holds  $\forall \varsigma_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and for every permutation  $\{\pi(1), \pi(2), \ldots, \pi(n)\}$ . The concept of derivation and symmetric bi-derivation was generalized by Park [5] as follows: a *n*-linear map  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a symmetric (permuting) linear *n*-derivation if  $\mathfrak{D}$  is permuting and  $\mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_i \varsigma'_i, \ldots, \varsigma_n) = \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n)\varsigma'_i + \varsigma_i \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma'_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_n)$  hold  $\forall \varsigma_i, \varsigma'_i \in \mathcal{A}, i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . A map  $\vartheta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  defined by  $\vartheta(\varsigma) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varsigma, \ldots, \varsigma)$  is called the trace of  $\mathfrak{D}$ . If  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  is permuting and *n*-linear, then the trace  $\vartheta$  of  $\mathfrak{D}$  satisfies the relation

$$d(\varsigma + \varepsilon) = d(\varsigma) + d(\varepsilon) + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l} h_{l}(\varsigma; \varepsilon)$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  ${}^{n}C_{l} = {n \choose l}$  and

$$h_l(\varsigma; \varepsilon) = \mathfrak{D}(\underbrace{\varsigma, \ldots, \varsigma}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{\varepsilon, \ldots, \varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}).$$

Ashraf et al. [6] introduced the notion of symmetric generalized *n*-derivations in a ring, building upon the concept of generalized derivation. Let  $n \ge 1$  be a fixed positive integer. A symmetric *n*-linear map  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  is known to be symmetric linear generalized *n*-derivation if there exists a symmetric linear *n*-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{G}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_i \varsigma'_i, \ldots, \varsigma_n) = \mathcal{G}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma_i, \ldots, \varsigma_n) \varsigma'_i + \varsigma_i \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \ldots, \varsigma'_i, \ldots, \varsigma_n)$  holds  $\forall \varsigma_i, \varsigma'_i \in \mathcal{A}''$ .

### Example 1. Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{C} \right\},$$

where  $\mathbb{C}$  is a complex field. Next, define an involution \* to be the identity map. It is clear that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra under norm defined by ||A|| = |a| for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Denote  $A_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_i & a_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and let us define  $\mathcal{G} = \mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathfrak{D}(A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with trace  $g = \mathfrak{d} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  define by  $g\left( \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a^n \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a symmetric linear generalized n-derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

There has been notable scholarly focus on the structure of linear derivations and linear bi-derivations within the context of  $C^*$ -algebras. Various authors have provided diverse expositions of derivations on  $C^*$ -algebras, showcasing a spectrum of perspectives and methodologies. For instance, Kadison's work in 1966 [7] demonstrated that every linear derivation acting on a  $C^*$ -algebra annihilates its center. In 1989, Mathieu [8] built upon Posner's first theorem [9] regarding  $C^*$ -algebras, extending its implications. Basically, he proved that "if the product of two linear derivations *d* and *d'* on a  $C^*$ -algebra is a linear derivation then dd' = 0". Very recently, Ekrami and Mirzavaziri [10] showed that "if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra admitting two linear derivations *d* and *d'* on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then there exists a linear derivation D on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $dd' + d'd = D^2$  if and only if *d* and *d'* are linearly dependent".

In [11], Ali and Khan proved that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra admitting a symmetric bilinear generalized \*-biderivation  $\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  with an associated symmetric bilinear \*-biderivation  $\mathcal{B} : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}$  maps  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$  into  $Z(\mathcal{A})$ . In [12], Rehman and Ansari provided a characterization of the trace of symmetric bi-derivations, and they proved more general results by examining different conditions on a subset of the ring R, specifically the Lie ideal of R. Basically, they proved that "let R be a prime ring with *char* $R \neq 2$  and U be a square closed Lie ideal of R. Suppose that  $B : R \times R \to R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and f, the trace of B. If  $[f(x), x] = 0 \forall x \in U$ , then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or f = 0" (see also [13–19] for recent results).

The motivation behind this research stems from the seminal works of Ali and Khan [11], as well as Rehman and Ansari [12], who explored the intricate connections between bilinear biderivations and algebraic structures within  $C^*$ -algebras and prime rings, respectively. In this study, we extend the above mentioned inquiry to the realm of linear generalized *n*-derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras. Focusing specifically on Lie ideals within these algebras, we aim to uncover broader outcomes and novel insights into the intricate relationships between linear generalized *n*-derivations and algebraic structure of  $C^*$ -algebras. By scrutinizing the behavior of linear generalized *n*-derivations within Lie ideals, our research seeks to elucidate their role in the algebraic landscape, contributing to a deeper understanding of the underlying principles governing linear generalized *n*-derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras. Precisely, we prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra, U is a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  admitting a nonzero symmetric linear generalized *n*-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the condition  $(g(\varsigma \varepsilon) - g(\varepsilon \varsigma)) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

### 2. The Results

To initiate the substantiation of our primary theorems, we first articulate a result that we frequently invoke in the demonstration of our principal outcomes.

**Lemma 1** ([20], Corollary 2.1). *"Let R be a* 2*-torsion free semiprime ring, U a Lie ideal of R such that U*  $\not\subseteq$  *Z*(*R*) *and a, b*  $\in$  *U.* 

- 1. If  $aUa = \{0\}$ , then a = 0.
- 2. If  $aU = \{0\}$  ( $Ua = \{0\}$ ), then a = 0.
- 3. If *U* is a square closed Lie ideal and  $aUb = \{0\}$ , then ab = 0 and ba = 0.

**Lemma 2** ([21], Lemma 1). *Let* R *be a semiprime,* 2 *torsion-free ring and let* U *be a Lie ideal of* R. *Suppose that*  $[U, U] \subseteq Z(R)$ *, then*  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ *.* 

**Lemma 3** ([22]). Let *n* be a fixed positive integer and *R* a *n*!-torsion free ring. Suppose that  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \ldots, \varepsilon_n \in R$  satisfy  $\lambda \varepsilon_1 + \lambda^2 \varepsilon_2 + \cdots + \lambda^n \varepsilon_n = 0$  for  $\lambda = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Then  $\varepsilon_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n''$ .

Daif and Bell [23] proved that if a semiprime ring admits a derivation d such that either  $\varsigma \varepsilon - d(\varsigma \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \varsigma - d(\varepsilon \varsigma)$  or  $\varsigma \varepsilon + d(\varsigma \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \varsigma + d(\varepsilon \varsigma)$  holds  $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in R$ , then R is commutative. In this section, apart from proving other results, we expand the previous result by demonstrating the following theorem for the traces of generalized linear nderivation on well behaved subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $d : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the condition of  $(g(\varsigma \varepsilon) - g(\varepsilon \varsigma)) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof.** It is given that

$$(g(\varsigma\varepsilon) - g(\varepsilon\varsigma)) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\zeta + m\varepsilon$ , where  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma(\varsigma+m\varepsilon)) - g((\varsigma+m\varepsilon)\varsigma) \pm [\varsigma,\varsigma+m\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\forall\,\varsigma,\varepsilon \in U$$

which on solving, we have

$$g(\varsigma m\varepsilon) - g(m\varepsilon\varsigma) + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}G(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2}, \dots, \varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{\varsigma m\varepsilon, \dots, \varsigma m\varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}) - \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}G(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2}, \dots, \varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{m\varepsilon\varsigma, \dots, m\varepsilon\varsigma}_{l-\text{times}}) \\ \pm [\varsigma, m\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$
(1)

By using hypothesis, we obtain

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2},\ldots,\varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{\varsigma m\varepsilon,\ldots,\varsigma m\varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}) - \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2},\ldots,\varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{m\varepsilon\varsigma,\ldots,m\varepsilon\varsigma}_{l-\text{times}}) \pm [\varsigma,m\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . Making use of Lemma 3, we see that

$$G(\varsigma^2, \dots, \varsigma^2, \varsigma\varepsilon) - G(\varsigma^2, \dots, \varsigma^2, \varepsilon\varsigma) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\,\forall \,\,\varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

For  $1 \le m \le n$ , (1) can also be written as

$$m^{n}g(\varsigma\varepsilon) - m^{n}g(\varepsilon\varsigma) + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}G(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2},\ldots,\varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{\varsigma m\varepsilon,\ldots,\varsigma m\varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}) - \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}G(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2},\ldots,\varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{m\varepsilon\varsigma,\ldots,m\varepsilon\varsigma}_{l-\text{times}}) + \underbrace{[\varsigma,m\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\forall \,\varsigma,\varepsilon \in U.}$$

Again making use of Lemma 3, we have

$$n\{\mathcal{G}(\varsigma^2,\ldots,\varsigma^2,\varsigma\varepsilon) - \mathcal{G}(\varsigma^2,\ldots,\varsigma^2,\varepsilon\varsigma)\} \pm [\varsigma,\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\,\forall \,\,\varsigma,\varepsilon \in U.$$
(3)

From (2) and (3), we obtain  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . As every C\*-algebra is a semiprime ring, using Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $d : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the condition of  $(g(\varsigma) \pm g(\varepsilon)) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose on the contrary that  $U \nsubseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ . We have given that

$$(g(\varsigma) - g(\varepsilon)) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varsigma + m\varepsilon$ , where  $z \in U$  and  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \pm g(\varsigma + m\varepsilon) \pm (\varsigma \circ \varsigma + m\varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\forall \,\varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which on solving, we have

$$g(\varsigma) \pm g(\varsigma)g(m\varepsilon) \pm \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma, \dots, \varsigma}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{m\varepsilon, \dots, m\varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}) \pm \varsigma \circ \varsigma \pm \varsigma \circ m\varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$
(4)

Using the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \pm \varsigma^2 \pm \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^n C_l \mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma, \dots, \varsigma}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{\mathfrak{m}\varepsilon, \dots, \mathfrak{m}\varepsilon}_{l-\text{times}}) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

Multiply the above equation by m which implies that

$$mA_1(\varsigma, \varepsilon) + m^2 A_2(\varsigma, \varepsilon) + \dots + m^{n-1} A_{n-1}(\varsigma, \varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$  where  $A_l(\varsigma, \varepsilon)$  represents the term in which *z* appears *l*-times.

Making use of Lemma 3, we see that

$$\mathcal{G}(\varsigma,\ldots,\varsigma,\varepsilon)\in Z(\mathcal{A})\ \forall\ \varsigma,\varepsilon\in U.$$

Replace  $\varepsilon$  by  $\zeta$ , we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

From hypothesis, we have  $\varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . Again replace  $\varsigma$  by  $\varepsilon\varsigma$ , we have  $\varepsilon(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$  which imply  $[\varepsilon(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon), z] \in Z(\mathcal{A})$ . On solving, we obtain  $[\varepsilon, z](\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$ . Again replace  $\varsigma$  by  $\varsigma z$ , we have  $[\varepsilon, z]\varsigma[z, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $[z, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall \varepsilon, z \in U$ . Again using Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ , which is a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $d : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $g(\varsigma^2) \pm \varsigma^2 = 0 \forall \varsigma \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose on the contrary that  $U \nsubseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ . We have given that  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  be symmetric linear generalized *n*-derivations associated with  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $g(\varsigma^2) \pm \varsigma^2 = 0 \forall \varsigma \in U$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{A}$  is semiprime as  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra. Now replacing  $\varsigma$  by  $\varsigma + m\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \in U$  for  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma + m\varepsilon)^2 \pm (\varsigma + m\varepsilon)^2 = 0 \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Further solving, we have

$$g(\varsigma^{2}) + g(m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma)) + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2}, \dots, \varsigma^{2}}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma), \dots, m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma)}_{l-\text{times}}) + g((m\varepsilon)^{2}) + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma^{2} + m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma), \dots, \varsigma^{2} + m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma)}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{(m\varepsilon)^{2}, \dots, (m\varepsilon)^{2}}_{l-\text{times}}) + \underbrace{\varsigma^{2} \pm (m\varepsilon)^{2} \pm m(\varsigma\varepsilon + \varepsilon\varsigma) = 0 \,\forall \,\varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.}$$

In accordance of the given condition and Lemma 3, we obtain

$$nG(\varsigma^2,\ldots,\varsigma^2,\varsigma\varepsilon+\varepsilon\varsigma)\pm(\varsigma\varepsilon+\varepsilon\varsigma)=0$$
  $\forall$   $\varsigma,\varepsilon\in U.$ 

Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\zeta$ , we find that

$$2ng(\varsigma^2)\pm 2\varsigma^2=0,$$

or

$$c^2 = 0.$$

This implies that  $\varsigma \varepsilon + \varepsilon \varsigma = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon z$ , where  $z \in U$ , we obtain  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon]z = 0$ . Again replacing z by  $z[\varsigma, \varepsilon]$ , we obtain  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon]z[\varsigma, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$ . Using the Lemma 1, we obtain  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . By Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ , a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 1.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $g(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Theorem 4.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $d : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & [g(\varsigma),g(\varepsilon)] - [\varsigma,\varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & [g(\varsigma),g(\varepsilon)] - [\varepsilon,\varsigma] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U. \\ Then, U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) Given that

$$[g(\varsigma), g(\varepsilon)] - [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\forall \, \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$
(5)

Consider a positive integer *m*;  $1 \le m \le n - 1$ . Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon + mz$ , where  $z \in U$  in (5), we obtain

$$[g(\varsigma), g(\varepsilon + mz)] - [\varsigma, \varepsilon + mz] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

On further solving, we obtain

$$[g(\varsigma), g(\varepsilon)] + [g(\varsigma), g(mz)] + [g(\varsigma), \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{mz, \dots, mz}_{l-\text{times}})] - [\varsigma, \varepsilon] - [\varsigma, mz] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

On taking account of hypothesis, we see that

$$mA_1(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + m^2 A_2(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + \dots + m^{n-1} A_{n-1}(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

where  $A_l(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z)$  represents the term in which *z* appears *l*-times. Using Lemma 3, we have

$$[g(\varsigma), \mathcal{G}(\varepsilon, \ldots, \varepsilon, z)] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \,\forall \,\varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

In particular, for  $z = \varepsilon$ , we obtain

$$[g(\varsigma),g(\varepsilon)] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Now using the given condition, we find that

$$[\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

From Lemma 2,  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

(ii) Follows from the first implication with a slight modification.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & g(\varsigma)g(\varepsilon) \pm \varsigma \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & g(\varsigma)g(\varepsilon) \pm \varepsilon \varsigma \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U. \\ \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{ll} Then, \; U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

**Corollary 3.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\ell : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

(*i*)  $[g(\zeta), g(\varepsilon)] = [\zeta, \varepsilon] \forall \zeta, \varepsilon \in U$ (*ii*)  $[g(\zeta), g(\varepsilon)] = [\varepsilon, \zeta] \forall \zeta, \varepsilon \in U$ . *Then*,  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Theorem 5.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\vartheta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the condition  $g(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof.** Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon + mz$  for  $1 \le m \le n - 1$ ,  $z \in U$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma \circ (\varepsilon + mz)) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon + mz] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

On further solving and using the specified condition, we obtain

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}G(\underbrace{\varsigma \circ \varepsilon, \dots, \varsigma \circ \varepsilon}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{\varsigma \circ mz , \dots, \varsigma \circ mz}_{l-\text{times}}) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which implies that

$$mA_1(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) + m^2A_2(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) + \dots + m^{n-1}A_{n-1}(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \zeta, \varepsilon, z \in U$  where  $A_l(\zeta, \varepsilon, z)$  represents the term in which z appears l-times. Using Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\mathcal{G}(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon, \dots, \varsigma \circ \varepsilon, \varsigma \circ z) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$
(6)

For  $z = \varepsilon$ , we obtain  $g(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$  then our hypothesis reduces to  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A})$ . Using the Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 4.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\vartheta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying the condition  $\vartheta(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Theorem 6.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\ell : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varsigma) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U. \\ \end{array} \\ Then, U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) Given that

$$g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varsigma) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Replacing  $\varsigma$  by  $\varsigma + mz$ , where  $z \in U$  and  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g([\varsigma + mz, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varsigma + mz) \pm [\varsigma + mz, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$$

which on solving and using hypothesis, we obtain

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{[\varsigma,\varepsilon],\ldots,[\varsigma,\varepsilon]}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{[mz,\varepsilon],\ldots,[mz,\varepsilon]}_{l-\text{times}})$$
  
$$\pm \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varsigma,\ldots,\varsigma}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{mz,\ldots,mz}_{l-\text{times}}) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which implies that

$$mA_1(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + m^2 A_2(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + \dots + m^{n-1} A_{n-1}(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$  where  $A_l(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z)$  represents the term in which *z* appears *l*-times.

Making use of Lemma 3 and torsion restriction, we see that

$$G([\varsigma, \varepsilon], \dots, [\varsigma, \varepsilon], [z, \varepsilon]) \pm G(\varsigma, \dots, \varsigma, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

Replace z by  $\zeta$  to obtain

$$g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varsigma) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

Hence, by using the given condition, we find that  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A})$ . On taking account of Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ . (*ii*) Given that

$$g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varsigma) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon + mz$ , where  $z \in U$  and  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g([\varsigma, \varepsilon + mz]) \pm g(\varepsilon + mz) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon + mz] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$$

which on solving and using hypothesis, we obtain

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{[\varsigma,\varepsilon],\ldots,[\varsigma,\varepsilon]}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{[\varsigma,mz],\ldots,[\varsigma,mz]}_{l-\text{times}}) \\ \pm \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varepsilon,\ldots,\varepsilon}_{(n-l)-\text{times}},\underbrace{mz,\ldots,mz}_{l-\text{times}}) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma,\varepsilon,z \in U$$

which implies that

$$mA_1(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + m^2 A_2(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) + \dots + m^{n-1} A_{n-1}(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$  where  $A_l(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z)$  represents the term in which z appears l-times.

Making use of Lemma 3 and torsion restriction, we see that

$$G([\varsigma, \varepsilon], \ldots, [\varsigma, \varepsilon], [\varsigma, z]) \pm G(\varepsilon, \ldots, \varepsilon, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

Replace *z* by  $\varepsilon$  to obtain

$$g([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm g(\varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

Hence, by using the given condition, we find that  $[\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A})$ . On taking account of Lemma 2, we obtain  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ .

(*iii*) Follows from the first implication with a slight modification.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & \mathscr{d}([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm \mathscr{d}(\varsigma) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & \mathscr{d}([\varsigma, \varepsilon]) \pm \mathscr{d}(\varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ \end{array} \\ Then, U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

**Theorem 7.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear generalized n-derivation  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  associated with symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{ll} Then, \; U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) Suppose on the contrary that  $U \nsubseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$ . It is given that

$$g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Replacing  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon + mz$ , where  $z \in U$  and  $1 \le m \le n - 1$  in the given condition, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon + mz) \pm \varsigma \circ (\varepsilon + mz) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which on solving, we have

$$g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon) + g(\varsigma) \circ g(mz) + g(\varsigma) \circ \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathcal{G}(\underbrace{\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{mz, \dots, mz}_{l-\text{times}}) \\ \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon \pm \varsigma \circ mz \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

By using hypothesis, we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \circ \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^{n}C_{l}\mathfrak{D}(\underbrace{\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon}_{(n-l)-\text{times}}, \underbrace{mz, \dots, mz}_{l-\text{times}}) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which implies that

$$mA_1(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) + m^2A_2(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) + \dots + m^{n-1}A_{n-1}(\varsigma,\varepsilon,z) \in Z(\mathcal{A})$$

 $\forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$  where  $A_l(\varsigma, \varepsilon, z)$  represents the term in which *z* appears *l*-times.

Making use of Lemma 3, we see that

$$g(\varsigma) \circ G(\varepsilon, \ldots, \varepsilon, z) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U.$$

In particular,  $z = \varepsilon$ , we obtain

$$g(\varsigma) \circ g(\varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \ \forall \ \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U.$$

Hence, by using the given condition, we find that  $\varsigma \circ \varepsilon \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . Replacing  $\varsigma$  by  $\varepsilon\varsigma$ , we obtain  $\varepsilon(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon) \in Z(\mathcal{A}) \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U$ . We can also write it as

$$[\varepsilon(\varsigma \circ \varepsilon), z] \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$$

which on solving, we obtain  $[\varepsilon, z] \varsigma \circ \varepsilon = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$ . Again replace  $\varsigma$  by  $\varsigma z$  and using the same equation, we obtain  $[\varepsilon, z] \varsigma[z, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall \varsigma, \varepsilon, z \in U$ . Using Lemma 1, we have  $[z, \varepsilon] = 0 \forall z, \varepsilon \in U$ . By Lemma 2, we have  $U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A})$  which is a contradiction. (*ii*) Proceeding in the same way as in (*i*), we conclude.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 6.** For any fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a C\*-algebra and U be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  admit a nonzero symmetric linear n-derivation  $\mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  with trace  $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  satisfying one of the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & \mathcal{d}(\varsigma) \circ \mathcal{d}(\varepsilon) \pm \varsigma \circ \varepsilon = 0 \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U \\ (ii) & \mathcal{d}(\varsigma) \circ \mathcal{d}(\varepsilon) \pm [\varsigma, \varepsilon] = 0 \; \forall \; \varsigma, \varepsilon \in U. \\ \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{ll} Then, \; U \subseteq Z(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$ 

#### 3. Conclusions

In this study, we have explored the structural properties of  $C^*$ -algebras through the lens of generalized linear *n*-derivations. In fact, our investigation delves into the structure of  $C^*$ -algebras, focusing particularly on the intricate interplay between symmetric generalized *n*-derivations  $\mathcal{A}$  and Lie ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$ . By elucidating the functional identity governing the behavior of linear generalized *n*-derivations, we provided insights into their forms of traces, thus shedding light on their intrinsic properties and behaviors.

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