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*Abstract.* The aims of this paper are introduce the notions of symmetric bi-derivation and generalized derivation in  $MV$ -algebras and investigate some of their properties.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [5], C. C. Chang invented the notion of  $MV$ -algebra in order to provide an algebraic proof of the completeness theorem of infinite valued Lukasiewicz propositional calculus. Recently, algebraic theory of  $MV$ -algebras is intensively studied, see [3, 6, 7, 9].

Let  $R$  be a ring. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . During the past few decades there has been on ongoing interest concerning the relation ship between the commutativity of a ring and the existance of certain specific types of derivations of  $R$ .

The concept of a symmetric bi-derivation has been introduced by Maksa [8]. Let  $R$  be a ring. A mapping  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is said to be symmetric if  $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$  holds for all pairs  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = B(x, x)$ , where  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric mapping, is called the trace of  $B$ . A symmetric bi-additive (i. e. additive in both arguments) mapping  $D : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called a symmetric bi-derivation if  $D(xy, z) = D(x, z)y + xD(y, z)$  is fulfilled for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . In recent years, many mathematicians studied the commutativity of prime and semi-prime rings admitting suitably-constrained symmetric bi-derivations. In [4], Y. Çeven applied the notion of symmetric bi-derivation in ring and near ring theory to lattices. In this paper, we introduce the notion of symmetric bi-derivation in  $MV$ -algebras and investigate some of its properties.

M. Bresar [2] defined the following notation. An additive mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is called a generalized derivation if there exists a derivation  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$f(xy) = f(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . One may observe that the concept of derivations, also of the left multipliers when  $d = 0$ .

In [1], N. O. Alshehri introduced the concept of derivation in  $MV$ -algebras and discussed some related properties. In this paper, we introduce the notions of symmetric bi-derivation and generalized derivation in  $MV$ -algebras and investigate some of their properties.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 1** ([9]). An  $MV$ -algebra is a structure  $(M, +, *, 0)$  where  $+$  is a binary operation,  $*$  is a unary operation and  $0$  is a constant such that the following axioms are satisfied for any  $a, b \in M$ ,

- (MV1)  $(M, +, 0)$  is a commutative monoid,
- (MV2)  $(a^*)^* = a$ ,
- (MV3)  $0^* + a = 0^*$ ,
- (MV4)  $(a^* + b)^* + b = (b^* + a)^* + a$ .

If we define the constant  $1 = 0^*$  and the auxiliary  $\odot, \vee, \wedge$  by  $a \odot b = (a^* + b^*)^*$ ,  $a \vee b = a + (b \odot a^*)$ ,  $a \wedge b = a \odot (b \oplus a^*)$  then  $(M, \odot, 1)$  is a commutative monoid and the structure  $(M, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Also, we define the binary operation  $\ominus$  by  $x \ominus y = x \odot y^*$ . A subset of  $X$  an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$  is called subalgebra of  $M$  if and only if  $X$  is closed under the  $MV$ -operations defined in  $M$ . In any  $MV$ -algebras one can define a partial order  $\leq$  by putting  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x \wedge y = x$  for each  $x, y \in M$ . If the order relation  $\leq$ , defined over  $M$ , is total then we say that  $M$  is linearly ordered. For an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$ , if we define  $B(M) = \{x \in M : x + x = x\} = \{x \in M : x \odot x = x\}$ . Then  $(B(M), +, *, 0)$  is both largest subalgebra of  $M$  and a Boolean algebra.

An  $MV$ -algebra  $M$  has the following properties for all  $x, y, z \in M$ ,

- (1)  $x + 1 = 1$ ,
- (2)  $x + x^* = 1$ ,
- (3)  $x + x^* = 0$ ,
- (4) If  $x + y = 0$ , then  $x = y = 0$ ,
- (5) If  $x \odot y = 1$ , then  $x = y = 1$ ,
- (6) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x \vee z \leq y \vee z$  and  $x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z$ ,
- (7) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x + z \leq y + z$  and  $x \odot z \leq y \odot z$ ,
- (8)  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y^* \leq x^*$ ,
- (9)  $x + y = y$  if and only if  $x \odot y = x$ .

**Theorem 1** ([5]). The following conditions are equivalent for all  $x, y \in M$ ,

- (i)  $x \leq y$ ,
- (ii)  $y + x^* = 1$ ,
- (iii)  $x \odot y^* = 0$ .

**Definition 2** ([5]). Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra and  $I$  be a nonempty subset of  $M$ . Then we say that  $I$  is an ideal if the following conditions are satisfied,

- (i)  $0 \in I$ ,
- (ii)  $x, y \in I$  imply  $x \oplus y \in I$ ,
- (iii)  $x \in I$  and  $y \leq x$  imply  $y \in I$ .

**Proposition 1** ([5]). Let  $M$  be a linearly ordered  $MV$ -algebra, then  $x + y = x + z$  and  $x + z \neq 1$  imply that  $y = z$ .

**Definition 3** ([1]). Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra and  $d : M \rightarrow M$  be a function. We called  $d$  a derivation of  $M$ , if it satisfies the following condition for all  $x, y \in M$ ,

$$d(x \odot y) = (dx \odot y) + (x \odot dy)$$

**Definition 4.** Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra. A mapping  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  is a called symmetric if  $D(x, y) = D(y, x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in M$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra. A mapping  $d : M \rightarrow M$  defined by  $d(x) = D(x, x)$  is called trace of  $D$ , where  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  is a symmetric mapping.

We often abbreviate  $d(x)$  to  $dx$ .

### 3. SYMMETRIC BI-DERIVATION OF MV-ALGEBRAS

**Definition 6.** Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra and  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric mapping. We call  $D$  a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$ , if it satisfies the following condition,

$$D(x \odot y, z) = (D(x, z) \odot y) + (x \odot D(y, z))$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$ .

Obviously, a symmetric bi-derivation  $D$  on  $M$  satisfies the relation  $D(x, y \odot z) = (D(x, y) \odot z) + (y \odot D(x, z))$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ .

*Example 1.* Let  $M = \{0, a, b, 1\}$ . Consider the following tables:

+	0	a	b	1
0	0	a	b	1
a	a	a	1	1
b	b	1	b	1
1	1	1	1	1

*	0	a	b	1
1	1	b	a	0

Then  $(M, +, *, 0)$  is an  $MV$ -algebra. Define a map  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  by

$$D(x, y) = \begin{cases} b, & (x, y) = (b, b), (b, 1), (1, b) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then we can see that  $D$  is a symmetric bi-derivation of  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra,  $D$  be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . Then, for all  $x \in M$ ,*

- (i)  $d0 = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $dx \odot x^* = x \odot dx^* = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $dx = dx + (x \odot D(x, 1))$ ,
- (iv)  $dx \leq x$ ,
- (v) If  $I$  is an ideal of an  $MV$ -algebra,  $d(I) \subseteq I$ .

*Proof.* (i) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, 0) &= D(x, 0 \odot 0) = (D(x, 0) \odot 0) + (0 \odot D(x, 0)) \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d$  is the trace of  $D$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d0 &= D(0, 0) = D(0 \odot 0, 0) = (D(0, 0) \odot 0) + (0 \odot D(0, 0)) \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= D(x, 0) = D(x, x \odot x^*) \\ &= (D(x, x) \odot x^*) + (x \odot D(x, x^*)) \end{aligned}$$

and so,  $dx \odot x^* = 0$  and  $x \odot D(x, x^*) = 0$ .

Similarly,  $x \odot dx^* = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ .

(iii) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= D(x, x) = D(x, x \odot 1) = (D(x, x) \odot 1) + (x \odot D(x, 1)) \\ &= dx + (x \odot D(x, 1)) \end{aligned}$$

(iv) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 0^* = (dx \odot x^*)^* = \left[ \left( (dx)^* + (x^*)^* \right)^* \right]^* \\ &= (dx)^* + x \end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 1 (ii),  $dx \leq x$  for all  $x \in M$ .

(v) Let  $y \in d(I)$ , then  $d(x) = y$  for some  $x \in I$ . From (iv),  $d(x) \leq x$  and so  $y \in I$ , since  $I$  is an ideal of  $M$ . Hence  $d(I) \subseteq I$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** For all  $x \in M$ , since  $x \odot D(x, x^*) = 0$ , we get  $D(x, x^*) \leq x^*$  and  $x \leq (D(x, x^*))^*$ .

For all  $x, y \in M$ , since

$$0 = D(x \odot x^*, y) = (D(x, y) \odot x^*) + (x \odot D(x^*, y))$$

we get,  $D(x, y) \leq x$  and  $D(x^*, y) \leq x^*$ .

Similarly,  $D(x, y) \leq y$  and  $D(x, y^*) \leq y^*$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $D$  be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . If  $x \leq y$  for  $x, y \in M$ , then the followings hold:

- (i)  $d(x \odot y^*) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $dy^* \leq x^*$ ,
- (iii)  $dx \odot dy^* = 0$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \leq y$ , for  $x, y \in M$ . From (7), since  $x \odot y^* \leq y \odot y^* = 0$ , we get  $x \odot y^* = 0$ . Since  $d0 = 0$ , we have  $d(x \odot y^*) = 0$ .

(ii) Let  $x \leq y$ , for  $x, y \in M$ . Since  $x \odot dy^* \leq y \odot dy^* \leq y \odot y^* = 0$ , we get  $x \odot dy^* = 0$  and so  $dy^* \leq x^*$ .

(iii) Since  $x \leq y$ , we get  $dx \leq y$  and so  $dx \odot dy^* \leq y \odot dy^* \leq y \odot y^* = 0$ . Hence  $dx \odot dy^* = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $D$  be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . The the followings hold:

- (i)  $dx \odot dx^* = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $dx^* = (dx)^*$  if and only if  $d$  is the identity on  $M$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $dx \odot dy^* = 0$ , replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we get  $dx \odot dx^* = 0$ .

(ii) Since  $x \odot dy^* = 0$  for  $x, y \in M$ , we get  $x \odot dx^* = x \odot (dx)^* = 0$ . Since  $x \leq dx$  and  $dx \leq x$ , we have  $x = dx$ . Hence  $d$  is the identity on  $M$ .

If  $d$  is the identity on  $M$ ,  $dx^* = (dx)^*$  for all  $x \in M$ .  $\square$

**Definition 7.** Let  $M$  is an MV-algebra,  $D$  be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$ . If  $x \leq y$  implies  $D(x, z) \leq D(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ ,  $D$  is called an isotone.

If  $d$  is the trace of  $D$  and  $D$  is an isotone,  $x \leq y$  implies  $d(x) \leq d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .

*Example 2.* Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra as in Example 1. Define a map  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  by

$$D(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & (x, y) \in \{(0, 0), (a, 0), (0, a), (b, 0), (0, b), (1, 0), (0, 1), (a, b), (b, a)\} \\ b, & (x, y) \in \{(b, b), (b, 1), (1, b)\} \\ a, & (x, y) \in \{(a, a), (1, a), (a, 1)\} \\ 1, & (x, y) \in \{(1, 1)\} \end{cases}$$

Then we can see that  $D$  is an isotone symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$ . Since  $d0 = 0$ ,  $d1 = 1$ ,  $da = a$  and  $db = b$ ,  $d$  is the identity on  $M$  and so  $x \leq y$  implies  $d(x) \leq$

$d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .

In Example 1,  $b \leq 1$ ,  $D(b, 1) = b$ ,  $D(1, 1) = 0$ , but  $0 \leq b$ . That is,  $D$  is not isotone.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $D$  be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . If  $dx^* = dx$  for all  $x \in M$ , then the followings hold:*

- (i)  $d1 = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $dx \odot dx = 0$ ,
- (iii) *If  $D$  is an isotone on  $M$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Replacing  $x$  by 0 in  $dx^* = dx$ , we get  $d1 = 0$ .

(ii) For all  $x \in M$ ,  $dx \odot dx = dx \odot dx^* = 0$ .

(iii) Let  $D$  is an isotone on  $M$ . For  $x \in M$ , since  $dx \leq d1 = 0$ , we get  $dx = 0$ . Thus  $d = 0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 8.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra and  $D$  be a symmetric mapping on  $M$ . If  $D(x + y, z) = D(x, z) + D(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ ,  $D$  is called bi-additive mapping.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $D$  be a bi-additive symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . Then  $d(B(M)) \subseteq B(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y \in d(B(M))$ . Thus  $y = d(x)$  for some  $x \in B(M)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} y + y &= dx + dx = D(x, x) + D(x, x) = D(x + x, x) \\ &= D(x, x) = y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y \in B(M)$ . That is,  $d(B(M)) \subseteq B(M)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M$  be a linearly ordered MV-algebra,  $D$  be a bi-additive symmetric bi-derivation on  $M$  and  $d$  be a trace of  $D$ . Then  $d = 0$  or  $d1 = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $x + x^* = 1$  and  $x + 1 = 1$  for all  $x \in M$ ,

$$d1 = D(1, 1) = D(x + x^*, 1) = D(x, 1) + D(x^*, 1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d1 &= D(1, 1) = D(x + 1, 1) \\ &= D(x, 1) + d1 \end{aligned}$$

If  $d1 \neq 1$ , Proposition 1, we get  $D(x^*, 1) = d1$ . Replacing  $x$  by 1, we get  $d1 = 0$ .

For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$0 = d1 = D(x, 1) + d1 = D(x, 1)$$

and

$$D(x, 1) = D(x, x + 1) = dx = D(x, 1) = dx.$$

Thus  $dx = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ . That is,  $d = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $M$  be a linearly ordered MV-algebra,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  bi-additive symmetric bi-derivations on  $M$  and  $d_1, d_2$  be traces of  $D_1, D_2$ , respectively. If  $d_1 d_2 = 0$  where  $(d_1 d_2)(x) = d_1(d_2 x)$  for all  $x \in M$ , then  $d_1 = 0$  or  $d_2 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $d_1 d_2 = 0$  and  $d_2 \neq 0$ . Thus  $d_2 1 = 1$ . For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$0 = (d_1 d_2)(x) = d_1(d_2 x) = d_1(d_2 x + (x \odot D_2(x, 1))).$$

Also, since  $d_2 1 = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_2(x, 1) &= D_2(x \odot 1, 1) = (D_2(x, 1) \odot 1) + (x \odot D_2(1, 1)) \\ &= D_2(x, 1) + x \end{aligned}$$

From (9), we get  $x \odot D_2(x, 1) = x$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d_1(d_2 x + x) = D_1(d_2 x + x, d_2 x + x) \\ &= D_1(d_2 x, d_2 x) + D_1(d_2 x, x) + D_1(x, d_2 x) + D_1(x, x) \\ &= D_1(d_2 x, x) + D_1(x, d_2 x) + d_1 x. \end{aligned}$$

From (4), we get  $D_1(d_2 x, x) = 0$  or  $d_1 x = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ .

Let  $D_1(d_2 x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $1$ , we get  $D_1(1, 1) = 0$ , that is,  $d_1 1 = 0$ . For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$0 = d_1 1 = D_1(x + 1, 1) = D_1(x, 1) + d_1 1$$

and so,  $D_1(x, 1) = 0$ . Therefore,

$$0 = D_1(x, 1) = D_1(x, x + 1) = d_1 x + d_1 1 = d_1 x.$$

Thus  $d_1 = 0$ . □

#### 4. GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS ON MV-ALGEBRAS

**Definition 9.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra. A mapping  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is called generalized derivation on  $M$  if there exists a derivation  $d : M \rightarrow M$  such that

$$f(x \odot y) = (f(x) \odot y) + (x \odot d(y)),$$

for all  $x, y \in M$ .

*Example 3.* Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra in Example 1. Define a function  $d : M \rightarrow M$  as the following,

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0, a, 1 \\ b, & x = b \end{cases}$$

*Example 4.* It is obvious that  $d$  is derivation on  $M$ . If we define  $f$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0, a \\ b, & x = b, 1 \end{cases}$$



Then  $f$  is generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . Also,  $f$  is derivation on  $M$ .

*Example 5.* Let  $M = \{0, a, b, c, d, 1\}$ . Consider the following tables:

+	0	a	b	c	d	1
0	0	a	b	c	d	1
a	a	c	d	c	1	1
b	b	d	b	1	d	1
c	c	c	1	c	1	1
d	d	1	d	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

*	0	a	b	c	d	1
1	1	d	c	b	a	0

Then  $(M, +, *, 0)$  is an  $MV$ -algebra. Define a function  $d : M \rightarrow M$  as the following

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0, a, c \\ b, & x = b, d, 1 \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that  $d$  is derivation on  $M$ . If we define a function  $f$  by  $f(x) = x$ , for all  $x \in M$ .

Then  $f$  is generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . But, since

$$\begin{aligned} f(ac) &= f(a)c + af(c) \\ &= ac + ac = a + a = c \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(ac) = f(c) = a$ ,  $f$  is not derivation on  $M$ .

**Proposition 6.** Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra,  $f$  be a generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . Then the followings hold for all  $x \in M$ ,

- (i)  $f(0) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x) \odot x^* = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $f(x) = f(x) + (x \odot d(1))$ ,
- (iv)  $f(x) \leq x$ ,
- (v) If  $I$  is an ideal of an  $MV$ -algebra, then  $f(I) \subseteq I$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $f(0) = f(0 \odot 0) = (f(0) \odot 0) + (0 \odot d(0)) = 0$ .

(ii) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$0 = f(0) = f(x \odot x^*) = (f(x) \odot x^*) + (x \odot d(x^*))$$

and so,  $f(x) \odot x^* = 0$ .

(iii) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x \odot 1) = (f(x) \odot 1) + (x \odot d(1)) \\ &= f(x) + (x \odot d(1)). \end{aligned}$$

(iv) For all  $x \in M$ ,

$$1 = 0^* = (f(x) \odot x^*)^* = (f(x))^* + x$$

From Theorem 1 (ii),  $f(x) \leq x$  for all  $x \in M$ .

(v) Let  $y \in f(I)$ , then  $d(x) = y$  for some  $x \in I$ . From (iv),  $f(x) \leq x$  and so  $y \in I$ , since  $I$  is an ideal of  $M$ . Hence  $f(I) \subseteq I$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $f$  be a generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . If  $x \leq y$  for some  $x, y \in M$ , then the followings hold,

(i)  $f(x \odot y^*) = 0$ ,

(ii)  $f(x) \leq y$ ,

(iii)  $f(x) \odot f(y^*) = 0$ ,

(iv)  $f(x^*) = (f(x))^*$  if and only if  $f$  is the identity on  $M$ .

**Definition 10.** Let  $M$  is an MV-algebra,  $f$  be a generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . If  $x \leq y$  implies  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ,  $f$  is called an isotone.

*Example 6.* In Example 5, since  $f$  is an identity function,  $f$  is isotone.

**Proposition 7.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra,  $f$  be a generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . If  $f(x^*) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in M$ , then the followings hold,

(i)  $f(1) = 0$ ,

(ii)  $f(x) \odot f(x) = 0$ ,

(iii) If  $f$  is an isotone on  $M$ , then  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* It is clear.  $\square$

**Definition 11.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra and  $f$  be a generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . If  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ,  $f$  is called additive generalized derivation on  $M$ .

*Example 7.* In Example 4,  $f$  is additive generalized derivation on  $M$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $M$  be an MV-algebra and  $f$  be a nonzero additive derivation on  $M$ . Then  $f(B(M)) \subseteq B(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y \in f(B(M))$ . Thus  $y = f(x)$  for some  $x \in B(M)$ . Then

$$y + y = f(x) + f(x) = f(x + x) = f(x) = y$$

Hence  $y \in B(M)$ . That is,  $f(B(M)) \subseteq B(M)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f$  be an additive generalized derivation on a linearly ordered MV-algebra  $M$ . Then either  $f = 0$  or  $f(1) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be an additive generalized derivation on a linearly ordered  $MV$ -algebra  $M$ . Hence

$$f(1) = f(x + x^*) = f(x) + f(x^*)$$

and

$$f(1) = f(x + 1) = f(x) + f(1)$$

for all  $x \in M$ . If  $f(1) \neq 1$ , from Proposition 1, we get  $f(1) = 0$ . Therefore

$$0 = f(1) = f(1) + f(x) = f(x)$$

for all  $x \in M$ . That is,  $f = 0$ . □

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $M$  be a linearly ordered  $MV$ -algebra and  $f$  additive generalized derivation determined by  $d$  on  $M$ . If  $f^2 = 0$  where  $f^2(x) = f(f(x))$  for all  $x \in M$ , then  $f = 0$ .*

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