

## Automatic Continuity of Some Types of Double Derivations on Semisimple Banach Algebras

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الخلاصة :

تبعاً لـ بيينا في [9] وعلي ومحمد في [4]، قدمنا المشتقة الثنائية من النمط  $(g, h) - c$  ومن النمط  $(g, h) - c$  المعممة على جبر باناخ معقد شبة بسيط، منطلقهما مثالية أساسية ليست بالضرورة مغلقة و أثبتنا أنهما تكونان قابلتان للانغلاق. كحالة خاصة، أثبتنا كل مشتقة ثنائية من النمط  $(g, h) - c$  و من النمط  $(g, h) - c$  المعممة على أية مثالية غير صفرية للجبر  $C^*$  الأولي تكونان مستمرتان.

### Abstract

Following Villena in [9] and Mohammed and Ali in [4], we introduce partially defined  $(g, h) - c$  - double derivation and generalized  $(g, h) - c$  - double derivation on a semisimple complex Banach algebra whose domain is not necessarily closed, essential ideal and we prove that they are closable. In particular, we show that every  $(g, h) - c$  -double derivation and generalized  $(g, h) - c$  - double derivation defined on any nonzero ideal of a prime  $C^*$  - algebra are continuous.

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## 0. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a semisimple Banach algebra over complex field and  $g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are linear mappings. If  $g$  and  $h$  are the identity maps and if  $\mathcal{A}$  with or without identity we may conclude that  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous by Johnson and Sinclair in [1]. As a consequence, we can assume that  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous. So, we defined our derivation in this paper as in [5] and [7] as follows : A linear map  $D_1 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $D_1(ab) = D_1(a)b + aD_1(b) + g(a)h(b) + h(a)g(b), \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Similarly, we defined our derivation in this paper as in [8] as follows:

A linear map  $D_2 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called generalized  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  if there exists  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation

$D_1 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $D_2(ab) = D_2(a)b + aD_1(b) + g(a)h(b) + h(a)g(b), \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Recall that, a nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called essential if for any nonzero ideal  $J$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have  $I \cap J \neq \{0\}$ . Note that, if

$\mathcal{A}$  is prime then any nonzero ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  is essential. By essential defined  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation we mean a linear map  $D_1 : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $I$  is essential and for all  $a, b \in I, D_1(ab) = D_1(a)b + aD_1(b) + g(a)h(b) + h(a)g(b)$ . Clearly if  $g$  or  $h$  or both are the zero maps then  $D_1$  is the usual derivation, so  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation is a generalization of derivation. Similarly, by essential defined generalized  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation we mean a linear map  $D_2 : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $I$  is essential and for all  $a, b \in I, D_2(ab) = D_2(a)b + aD_1(b) + g(a)h(b) + h(a)g(b)$ .

Clearly if  $g$  or  $h$  or both are the zero maps and  $D_1 = D_2$ , then  $D_2$  is the usual derivation, so generalized  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation is a generalization of derivation. Also if  $D_1 = D_2$ , then generalized  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation is  $(g, h) - c -$  double derivation.

Automatic continuity of derivations are studied by many researcher, we mention some of them of our present work see [1], [2], [5], [6] and [7].

In this paper, we will follow the same lines of [4] and [9]. We will use  $D = D_1$  or  $D_2$  when the results are true for both  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , otherwise we will use only  $D_1$  or  $D_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of primitive ideals  $P$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $I \not\subseteq P$ . The primitive ideal  $P$  can be obtained as the kernel of a continuous irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{A}$  on a complex Banach

space  $X_P$ , actually the irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined by the following mappings:

$\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow BL(X_P)$  defined by  $\varphi(a) = L_a$  and  $L_a : X_P \rightarrow X_P$  defined by  $L_a(x) = ax$  and the  $ker(\varphi) = P$  satisfying  $\| ax \| \leq \| a \| \| x \|$ , for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $x \in X_P$ .

Recall that the separating subspace  $S(D)$  of  $D$  is defined to be the set of those  $a$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which there is a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(a_n) = a$ . It is well known that  $D$  is closable if and only if  $S(D) = 0$ , and it is easy to show that  $I S(D) + S(D) I \subset S(D)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_c = \{ P \in \mathcal{P} : S(D) \subset P \}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_E = \{ P \in \mathcal{P} : S(D) \not\subset P \}$ . Note that  $S(D) \subset \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{P}_c} P = P_c$ . We will show that  $D$  is closed if  $P_c = 0$ .

## 1. Main Results

We begin this section by the following fundamental results :

### Proposition 1 : [ 9 ]

Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $J$  any non necessarily closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $J \not\subset P$ . Then one of the following assertions holds :

- 1) The ideal of those elements  $b \in J$  with  $\dim bX_P < \infty$  acts irreducibly on  $X_P$ . Accordingly, given  $x, y \in X_P$  with  $x \neq 0$  there is  $b \in J$  with  $\dim bX_P = 1$  and  $bx = y$ .
- 2) There exist sequences  $\{b_n\}$  in  $J$  and  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X_P$  satisfying  $b_n \dots b_1 x_n \neq 0$  and  $b_{n+1} \dots b_1 x_n = 0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof : see [ 9, lemma 1 ]

Let  $\{P_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{P}$ . A sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $I$  is said to be a sliding hump sequence for  $\{P_n\}$  if for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x_n \in X_{P_n}$  such that  $b_n \dots b_1 x_n \neq 0$  and  $b_{n+1} \dots b_1 x_n = 0$  ( see [9] ).

### Proposition 2 :

If there exists a sliding hump sequence for a sequence  $\{P_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{P}$ , then there is a natural number  $n$  for which

- i)  $S(D_1) \subset P_n$ . In particular,  $S(D_1) \subset P$  if  $P_n = P$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- ii)  $S(D_2) \subset P_n$ . In particular,  $S(D_2) \subset P$  if  $P_n = P$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof :

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Let  $\{b_n\}$  be a sliding hump sequence for  $\{P_n\}$  then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $x_n \in X_{P_n}$  such that  $b_n \dots b_1 x_n \neq 0$  and  $b_{n+1} \dots b_1 x_n = 0$ .

We can certainly assume that  $\|b_n\| = \|g\| = \|h\| = \|x_n\| = 1$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We claim that there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and a nonzero  $x \in X_{P_n}$ , such that the map  $a \mapsto D(a)x$  from  $I$  into  $X_{P_n}$  is continuous. If the claim fails, then all the maps  $a \mapsto D(a) b_n \dots b_1 x_n$  from  $I$  into  $X_{P_n}$  are discontinuous and we can construct inductively a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $I$  satisfying :

$$\|D(a_n) b_n \dots b_1 x_n\| \geq n + \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} D(a_k b_k \dots b_1) x_n \right\| + \|D(c_{n+1}) b_{n+1} \dots b_1 x_n\| \dots \dots (1)$$

and  $\|a_n\| \leq 2^{-n} \min \{ (1 + \|D_1(b_k \dots b_1)\|)^{-1} : k = 1, \dots, n \}$ .

Now, we consider the element  $c \in \mathcal{A}$  given by  $c = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n \dots b_1$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $c_n = a_n + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k \dots b_{n+1}$ . Now we will follow the same way of [4] and [9], then we have  $c = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k b_k \dots b_1 + a_n b_n \dots b_1 + c_{n+1} b_{n+1} \dots b_1$ .

Currently, we will prove the first part of this proposition :

$$(i) D_1(c) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} D_1(a_k b_k \dots b_1) + D_1(a_n) b_n \dots b_1 + a_n D_1(b_n \dots b_1) + g(a_n) h(b_n \dots b_1) + h(a_n) g(b_n \dots b_1) + D_1(c_{n+1}) b_{n+1} \dots b_1 + c_{n+1} D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) + g(c_{n+1}) h(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) + h(c_{n+1}) g(b_{n+1} \dots b_1). \text{ Now,}$$

$$\|D_1(c)x_n\| \geq \|D_1(a_n) b_n \dots b_1 x_n\| - \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} D_1(a_k b_k \dots b_1) x_n \right\| - \|a_n D_1(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|g(a_n) h(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|h(a_n) g(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|D_1(c_{n+1}) b_{n+1} \dots b_1 x_n\| - \|c_{n+1} D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|g(c_{n+1}) h(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|h(c_{n+1}) g(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\|, \text{ then by (1) we have}$$

$$\|D_1(c)x_n\| \geq n - \|a_n D_1(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|g(a_n) h(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|h(a_n) g(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|c_{n+1} D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|g(c_{n+1}) h(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\| - \|h(c_{n+1}) g(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n\| \dots (2)$$

$$\text{As a consequence, } \|a_n D_1(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| \leq \|a_n\| \|D_1(b_n \dots b_1)\| \leq 1 \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\text{Also, } \|g(a_n) h(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| \leq \|g\| \|a_n\| \|h\| \|b_n\| \dots \|b_1\| \|x_n\| \leq \|a_n\| \leq 1 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \|h(a_n) g(b_n \dots b_1) x_n\| \leq \|h\| \|a_n\| \|g\| \|b_n\| \dots \|b_1\| \|x_n\| \leq \|a_n\| \leq 1 \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Now, we will follow the same way of [4] and [9], then we have

$$\| c_{n+1} \| \leq 2 \| a_{n+1} \| \quad \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \| c_{n+1} D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1)x_n \| &\leq \| c_{n+1} \| \| D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) \|, \text{ then by (6)} \\ &\leq 2 \| a_{n+1} \| \| D_1(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) \| \\ &\leq 2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \| g(c_{n+1}) h(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n \| &\leq \| g \| \| c_{n+1} \| \| h \| \| b_{n+1} \| \dots \\ &\quad \| b_1 \| \| x_n \|, \text{ then by (6)} \\ &\leq 2 \| a_{n+1} \| \\ &\leq 2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And, } \| h(c_{n+1}) g(b_{n+1} \dots b_1) x_n \| &\leq \| h \| \| c_{n+1} \| \| g \| \| b_{n+1} \| \dots \\ &\quad \| b_1 \| \| x_n \|, \text{ then by (6)} \\ &\leq 2 \| a_{n+1} \| \\ &\leq 2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (9) \end{aligned}$$

Then by putting (3), (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9) in (2) we get that  $\| D_1(c)x_n \| \geq n - 9 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\| D_1(c) \| \geq \| D_1(c)x_n \| \geq n - 9 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This contradiction proves our claim.

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that map  $a \mapsto D_1(a)x$  from  $I$  into  $X_{P_m}$  is continuous for some nonzero  $x \in X_{P_m}$  and let  $X$  be the set of all  $x \in X_{P_m}$  satisfying this property,  $X$  is a nonzero  $I$ -submodule of  $X_{P_m}$ ; therefore, we conclude that  $X = X_{P_m}$ . Let  $a \in S(D_1)$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_1(a_n) = a$  for a suitable sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $I$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , then  $ax = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_1(a_n)x = 0$ , for every  $x \in X_{P_m}$  and therefore,  $a \in P_m$ . That means  $S(D_1) \subset P_m$ .

(ii) The proof is similar to the proof of that of first part of this proposition. ■

**Proposition 3 : [9]**

Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $J$  any subspace of  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $IJ + JI \subset J$  and  $J \not\subset P$ . Then  $Jx = X_P$  for every nonzero  $x \in X_P$ .

Proof : see [ 9 , lemma 3 ]

**Proposition 4 :**

Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $J$  any non necessarily closed ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  contained in  $I$ . If there is an element  $b \in J$  such that  $b \notin P$ , and  $\dim bJb < \infty$ . Then  $S(D_1) \subset P$  and  $S(D_2) \subset P$ .

proof :

Note that, since  $\dim bJb < \infty$  then the map  $a \mapsto D(bJb)$  is continuous, let  $a \in S(D)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\} \subset I$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(a_n) = a$ . Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b a_n b = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(b a_n b) = 0$ . Since  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous linear maps, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(a_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(a_n) = 0$ , also  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b a_n = 0$  thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(b a_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(b a_n) = 0$ .

Firstly, we will prove  $S(D_1) \subset P$ . Now, for all  $b \in I, \{a_n\} \subset I$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_1(b a_n b) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [D_1(b a_n)b + b a_n D_1(b) + g(b a_n)h(b) + h(b a_n)g(b)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [D_1(b) a_n b + b D_1(a_n) b + g(b) h(a_n) b + h(b) \\ &\quad g(a_n) b + b a_n D_1(b) + g(b a_n) h(b) + h(b a_n) g(b)] \\ &= b a b = 0 \quad \forall a \in S(D_1) \text{ hence } b S(D_1) b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b \notin P$  then  $b X_P \neq 0$ , if we assume that  $S(D_1) \not\subset P$  then by Proposition 3 we have  $S(D_1) b X_P = X_P$  thus  $b S(D_1) b X_P = b X_P = 0$  Which gives  $b \in P$  this is contradiction; therefore,  $S(D_1) \subset P$ .

Secondly, we will prove  $S(D_2) \subset P$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_2(a_n) = a$ ; therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b D_2(a_n) = b a$  this implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_2(b a_n) = b a$ , Now, for all  $b \in I, \{a_n\} \subset I$ ,

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_2(b a_n b) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [D_2(b a_n)b + b a_n D_1(b) + g(b a_n)h(b) + h(b a_n) g(b)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_2(b a_n) b + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b a_n D_1(b) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(b a_n) h(b) \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(b a_n) g(b) \\ &= b a b = 0 \quad \forall a \in S(D_2) \text{ hence } b S(D_2) b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b \notin P$  then  $b X_P \neq 0$ , if we assume that  $S(D_2) \not\subset P$  then by Proposition 3 we have  $S(D_2) b X_P = X_P$  then  $b S(D_2) b X_P = b X_P = 0$  that means  $b \in P$  this is contradiction; therefore,  $S(D_2) \subset P$ . ■

The proof of the following result may be obtained in the same way as in [ 9 , theorem 5 ] applying the above propositions 2 and 4.

**Proposition 5 :**  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are closable.

Proof : Obvious.

A Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be ultraprime if there exists a positive constant  $K \geq 0$  such that  $K \| a \| \| b \| \leq \| M_{a,b} \| \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $M_{a,b}$  is the tow - sided multiplication operator on  $\mathcal{A}$  defined by:

$$M_{a,b}(x) = axb \quad (\text{see [9]}).$$

In [ 3, proposition 2.3 ] it was proved that every prime  $C^*$  - algebra is an ultraprime Banach algebra, where  $K = 1$ .

**Theorem 6 :**

*Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be closable  $(g, h)$  -c- double derivation and generalized  $(g, h)$  - c - double derivation respectively defined on a nonzero ideal  $I$  of an ultraprime Banach algebra, then  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are continuous.*

proof :

Since  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous; therefore, there are positive constants  $\varepsilon, \delta \geq 0$  such that  $\| g(y) \| \leq \varepsilon \| y \|$  and  $\| h(z) \| \leq \delta \| z \| \quad \forall y, z \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Firstly, we will prove  $D_1$  is continuous. Fix  $a \in I$ , with  $\| a \| = 1$  and consider the following mapping  $f_1: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  define by  $f_1(x) = D_1(xa) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}$ , we will follow the same way of [ 4 ] and [ 9 ], then we have  $f_1$  is continuous; therefore, there is a positive constant  $t \geq 0$ , such that  $\| f_1(x) \| \leq t \| x \| \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\| x \| = 1$  we have  $\| f_1(x) \| \leq t$ , thus  $\| f_1(x) \| = \| D_1(xa) \| \leq t$ . Now, for  $b \in I, x \in \mathcal{A}$  we have :  $D_1(bxa) = D_1(b)xa + bD_1(xa) + g(b)h(xa) + h(b)g(xa)$ , then  $D_1(b)xa = D_1(bxa) - bD_1(xa) - g(b)h(xa) - h(b)g(xa)$ ; therefore,  $M_{D_1(b),a}(x) = D_1(bxa) - bD_1(xa) - g(b)h(xa) - h(b)g(xa)$ , thus  $\| M_{D_1(b),a}(x) \| \leq \| D_1(bxa) \| + \| bD_1(xa) \| + \| g(b)h(xa) \| + \| h(b)g(xa) \|$   
 $\leq t + \| b \| t + \varepsilon \| b \| \delta \| xa \| + \delta \| b \| \varepsilon \| xa \|$   
 $\leq 4 t \varepsilon \delta \| b \| \| a \|.$

By taking supremum for both sides we have  $\| M_{D_1(b),a} \| \leq 4t\varepsilon\delta \| b \| \| a \|$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is ultraprime Banach algebra, then there exists a positive constant

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$K \geq 0$  such that  $K \| a \| \| b \| \leq \| M_{a,b} \|$ , for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $K \| D_1(b) \| \| a \| \leq \| M_{D_1(b),a} \| \leq 4 t \varepsilon \delta \| b \| \| a \|$ , hence  $\| D_1(b) \| \leq \frac{4 t \varepsilon \delta}{K} \| b \|$ ,  $\forall b \in I$ . This implies that  $D_1$  is continuous.

Secondly, we will prove  $D_2$  is continuous. Fix  $a \in I$ , with  $\| a \| = 1$  and consider the following mapping  $f_2: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  define by:

$$f_2(x) = D_2(x a) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A},$$

we will follow the same way of [ 4 ] and [ 9 ], then we have  $f_2$  is continuous; therefore, there is a positive constant  $r \geq 0$ , such that  $\| f_2(x) \| \leq r \| x \| \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\| x \| = 1$  we have  $\| f_2(x) \| \leq r$ , thus  $\| f_2(x) \| = \| D_2(x a) \| \leq r$ . Now, for  $b \in I, x \in \mathcal{A}$  we have:  $D_2(b x a) = D_2(b) x a + b D_1(x a) + g(b) h(x a) + h(b) g(x a)$ , so  $D_2(b) x a = D_2(b x a) - b D_1(x a) - g(b) h(x a) - h(b) g(x a)$ ; therefore,  $M_{D_2(b),a}(x) = D_2(b x a) - b D_1(x a) - g(b) h(x a) - h(b) g(x a)$ , thus  $\| M_{D_2(b),a}(x) \| \leq \| D_2(b x a) \| + \| b D_1(x a) \| + \| g(b) h(x a) \| + \| h(b) g(x a) \|$   
 $\leq r + \| b \| \frac{4 t \varepsilon \delta}{K} \| x a \| + \varepsilon \| b \| \delta \| x a \| + \delta \| b \| \varepsilon \| x a \|$   
 $\leq 7 r t \varepsilon \delta \| b \| \| a \|$ .

By taking supremum for both sides we get  $\| M_{D_2(b),a} \| \leq 7 r t \varepsilon \delta \| b \| \| a \|$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is ultraprime Banach algebra, then there exists a positive constant  $m \geq 0$  such that  $m \| a \| \| b \| \leq \| M_{a,b} \|$ , for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $m \| D_2(b) \| \| a \| \leq \| M_{D_2(b),a} \| \leq 7 r t \varepsilon \delta \| b \| \| a \|$ , hence  $\| D_2(b) \| \leq \frac{7 r t \varepsilon \delta}{m} \| b \|$ ,  $\forall b \in I$ . This proves that  $D_2$  is continuous. ■

Applying proposition 5 and theorem 6 we can prove the following result :

### Corollary 7 :

*Every essentially defined  $(g, h)$  -  $c$  - double derivation and generalized  $(g, h)$  -  $c$  - double derivation on a nonzero ideal of prime  $C^*$  - algebra is continuous.*

### Corollary 8 :

*Every essentially defined derivation on a nonzero ideal of prime  $C^*$  - algebra is continuous.*

Proof:

- i) By corollary 7, taking  $g$  or  $h$  or both in  $D_1$  to be the zero maps.
- ii) By corollary 7, let  $D_1 = D_2$  and taking  $g$  or  $h$  or both in  $D_2$  to be the zero maps.

**Remark 9 :**

*The above results of this paper are also true for the following derivations:*

- (1)  $D_3 : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $D_3(ab) = D_3(a)g(b) + h(a)D_3(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in I$ .
- (2)  $D_4 : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $D_4(ab) = D_4(a)g(b) + h(a)D_3(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in I$ .

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