

## HIGHER $R$ -DERIVATIONS OF SPECIAL SUBRINGS OF MATRIX RINGS

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $R$  be a ring with identity and  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  ([7]), i.e.  $P$  is of the form

$$P = \{A \in M_n(R); A_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } (i, j) \in \rho\},$$

where  $\rho$  is a (reflexive and transitive) relation on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , and  $M_n(R)$  is the ring of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $R$ .

In this paper we study the group  $D_s^R(P)$  of all  $R$ -derivations of order  $s$  ([5], [8]–[11]) of  $P$ . We prove (Theorem 5.3) that every element  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  has a unique representation of the form  $d = d^{(1)} * d^{(2)}$ , where  $d^{(1)}$  is an inner derivation in  $D_s^R(P)$  ([8]), and  $d^{(2)}$  is an element of a certain abelian subgroup of  $D_s^R(P)$  whose simple description is given in Section 3 (by  $*$  we denote the multiplication in the group  $D_s^R(P)$ ). This theorem plays a basic role in our further considerations.

Moreover, in Section 4, we give some necessary and sufficient conditions for a ring  $P$  to have all  $R$ -derivations (all derivations) of order  $s$  of  $P$  to be inner.

In Sections 7, 8, 9 we investigate  $s'$ -integrable  $R$ -derivations of order  $s$  (where  $s < s'$ ) i.e. such  $R$ -derivations of order  $s$  which can be extended to  $R$ -derivations of order  $s'$  (comp. [4]). We show in Example 7.4 that, in general, there are non-integrable  $R$ -derivations of  $P$ . We prove (Theorem 9.6) that if the homology group  $H_1(I)$  of the simplicial complex  $I$  of the relation  $\rho$  (Section 2) is free abelian, then every usual  $R$ -derivation is 3-integrable, and if, in addition,  $H_2(I) = 0$  then every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  is  $s'$ -integrable for any  $s < s'$  (Theorem 8.6).

At the end of this paper, we formulate three open problems.

### 2. Preliminaries.

Throughout this paper  $R$  is a ring with identity,  $n$  is a fixed natural number and  $\rho$  is a reflexive and transitive relation on the set  $I_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

We denote by  $M_n(R)$  the ring of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $R$  and by  $Z(R)$  the center of  $R$ .

Moreover, we use the following conventions:

$S$  = a segment of  $N = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ , that is,  $S = N$  or  $S = \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$  for some integer  $k \geq 0$

$s = \sup(S) \leq \infty$ ,

$A_{ij}$  =  $ij$ -coefficient of a matrix  $A$ ,

$E^{ij}$  = the element of the standard basis of  $M_n(R)$ ,

$\bar{r}$  = the diagonal matrix whose all coefficients on the diagonal are equal to  $r \in R$ ,

$M_n(R)_\rho$  = the set  $\{A \in M_n(R); A_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } (i, j) \notin \rho\}$ .

It is clear, that  $M_n(R)_\rho$  is a subring of  $M_n(R)$ . (Conversely, if  $\sigma$  is a reflexive relation on  $I_n$  and  $M_n(R)_\sigma$  is a subring of  $M_n(R)$ , then  $\sigma$  is transitive). We say that the subring  $P = M_n(R)_\rho$  of  $M_n(R)$  is *special with the relation*  $\rho$ .

Let  $P$  be an arbitrary ring with identity. A sequence  $d = (d_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings  $d_m: P \rightarrow P$  is called a *derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$*  (see [5], [8], [9], [10], [11]) if the following properties are satisfied:

$$(1) \quad d_m(a+b) = d_m(a) + d_m(b),$$

$$(2) \quad d_m(ab) = \sum_{i+j=m} d_i(a)d_j(b),$$

$$(3) \quad d_0(a) = a,$$

for all  $m \in S$  and  $a, b \in P$ .

The set  $D_s(P)$  of all derivations of order  $s$  of  $P$  is a group under the multiplication  $*$  defined by the formula

$$(d*d')_m = \sum_{i+j=m} d_i \circ d'_j,$$

where  $d, d' \in D_s(P)$  and  $m \in S$  ([9], [10], [4]).

If  $a \in P$  and  $k \in S \setminus \{0\}$  then by  $[a, k]$  we denote the element of  $D_s(P)$  defined by

$$[a, k]_m(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } m=0, \\ 0, & \text{if } k \nmid m, \\ a^r x - a^{r-1} x a, & \text{if } m=kr > 0, \end{cases}$$

for  $m \in S$ ,  $x \in P$  ([8]).

If  $\underline{a} = (a_m)_{m \in S \setminus \{0\}}$  is a sequence of elements of  $P$  then by  $\Delta(\underline{a})$  we denote the *inner derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  with respect to  $\underline{a}$*  ([8]), i.e.,  $\Delta(\underline{a})$  is a derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  such that

$$\Delta(\underline{a})_m = ([a_1, 1] * \cdots * [a_m, m])_m$$

for all  $m \in S$ . The set of inner derivations of order  $s$  of  $P$ , denoted by  $ID_s(P)$ , is a normal subgroup of  $D_s(P)$  ([8] Corollary 3.3).

Recall that the *usual derivation* of  $P$  is an additive mapping  $\delta: P \rightarrow P$  such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in P$ .

The set of usual derivations of  $P$  corresponds bijectively to the set  $D_1(P)$ , namely if  $d \in D_s(P)$  then  $d_1$  is an usual derivation of  $P$ .

We now assume that  $P$  is a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ .

Observe that we can extend every derivation of order  $s$  of  $R$  to a derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$ .

Indeed, if  $\delta \in D_s(R)$  then the sequence  $d = (d_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings  $d_m: P \rightarrow P$  defined by  $d_m(A)_{ij} = \delta_m(A_{ij})$  (for  $A \in P$ ,  $m \in S$ ) is a derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  such that  $d_m(\bar{r}) = \overline{\delta_m(r)}$  for any  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in S$ .

Look also on a generalization of the above fact.

EXAMPLE 2.1. Let  $\bar{\rho}$  be the smallest equivalence relation on  $I_n$  containing  $\rho$ ,  $T$  a fixed set of representatives of equivalence classes of  $\bar{\rho}$ , and  $v: I_n \rightarrow T$  the mapping defined by:

$$v(p) = t \text{ iff } p \bar{\rho} t.$$

Moreover, let  $\underline{d} = (d^{(i)})_{i \in T}$  be a sequence of elements of  $D_s(R)$ . Consider the sequence  $\Theta(\underline{d}) = (d_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings from  $P$  to  $P$  defined as follows

$$d_m(A)_{ij} = d_m^{(v(i))}(A_{ij})$$

for all  $m \in S$ ,  $A \in P$ .

It is easy to verify that  $\Theta(\underline{d})$  belongs to  $D_s(P)$ .

If a derivation  $d \in D_s(P)$  satisfies following equivalent two conditions:

- (4)  $d_m(\bar{r}A) = \bar{r}d_m(A)$  for all  $m \in S$ ,  $r \in R$ ,  $A \in P$ ,
- (5)  $d_m(\bar{r}) = 0$  for all  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $r \in R$ ,

then  $d$  is called  *$R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$* , and the set of all such derivations is denoted by  $D_s^R(P)$ .

We define similarly an *usual  $R$ -derivation*, an *inner  $R$ -derivation* and the set  $ID_s^R(P)$ . It is clear, that  $D_s^R(P)$  is a subgroup of  $D_s(P)$ , and (by [8] Corollary 3.3)  $ID_s^R(P)$  is a normal subgroup of  $D_s^R(P)$ . An inner derivation  $\Delta(\underline{A})$ , where  $\underline{A} = (A^{(m)})_{m \in S \setminus \{0\}}$  is a sequence of matrices of  $P$ , belongs to  $ID_s^R(P)$  iff  $A^{(m)} \in M_n(Z(R))$  for any  $m$ .

LEMMA 2.2. If  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  then  $d_m(E^{pq})_{ij} \in Z(R)$  for any  $m \in S$  and all  $i, j, p, q \in I_n$  such that  $p \rho q$ .

PROOF. Let  $r \in R$ . Since  $\bar{r}E^{pq} - E^{pq}\bar{r} = 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d_m(\bar{r}E^{pq} - E^{pq}\bar{r})_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{u+v=m} (d_u(\bar{r})d_v(E^{pq}) - d_u(E^{pq})d_v(\bar{r}))_{ij} \\ &= (\bar{r}d_m(E^{pq}) - d_m(E^{pq})\bar{r})_{ij} \\ &= rd_m(E^{pq})_{ij} - d_m(E^{pq})_{ij}r \end{aligned}$$

Usual derivations and usual  $R$ -derivations of  $P$  are investigated in [6], [1], [2], [7]. In this paper (Section 5) we give a description of the group  $D_s^R(P)$ .

Let  $s < \infty$ , and  $S'$  be a segment of  $N$  such that  $S \subseteq S'$ . We say (comp. [4]) that an  $R$ -derivation  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  is  $s'$ -integrable (where  $s' = \sup(S') \leq \infty$ ) if there exists an  $R$ -derivation  $d' \in D_{s'}^R(P)$  such that  $d'_m = d_m$  for all  $m \in S$ . We will study such derivations in Sections 7, 8, 9.

Now we will define the graph  $\Gamma$  of the relation  $\rho$ . Let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation on  $I_n$  defined by:

$$x \sim y \text{ iff } x \rho y \text{ and } y \rho x.$$

Denote by  $[x]$  the equivalence class of  $x \in I_n$  with respect to  $\sim$ , and let  $I'_n$  be the set of all equivalence classes. We define a relation  $\rho'$  of partial order on  $I_n$  as follows:

$$[x] \rho' [y] \text{ iff } x \rho y.$$

We will denote the pair  $(I'_n, \rho')$  by  $\Gamma$  (or  $\Gamma(\rho)$ ) and call it the *graph* of  $\rho$ . Elements of  $I'_n$  we call *vertices* of  $\Gamma$  and pairs  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \rho' b$  and  $a \neq b$ , *arrows* of  $\Gamma$ .

Let us imbed the set of the vertices of  $\Gamma$  in an Euclidean space of a sufficiently high dimension so that the vertices will be linearly independent.

If  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k$  are elements of  $I'_n$  such that  $a_i \rho' a_{i+1}$  and  $a_i \neq a_{i+1}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$ , then by  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k)$  we denote the  $k$ -dimensional simplex with vertices  $a_0, \dots, a_k$  ([3]). The union of all 0, 1, 2 or 3-dimensional such simplices we will denote also by  $\Gamma$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma$  is a simplicial complex of dimension  $\leq 3$ .

Let  $C_k(\Gamma)$ , for  $k=0, 1, 2, 3$ , be the free abelian group whose free generators are  $k$ -dimensional simplices of the complex  $\Gamma$ . We have the following standard complex of abelian groups:

$$0 \longrightarrow C_3(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_2(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(\Gamma) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where

$$\partial_1(a, b) = (b) - (a),$$

$$\partial_2(a, b, c) = (b, c) - (a, c) + (a, b),$$

$$\partial_3(a, b, c, d) = (b, c, d) - (a, c, d) + (a, b, d) - (a, b, c).$$

Then  $H_1(\Gamma) = \text{Ker } \partial_1 / \text{Im } \partial_2$ ,  $H_2(\Gamma) = \text{Ker } \partial_2 / \text{Im } \partial_3$  and (by the Künneth formulas)

$$H^1(\Gamma, G) = \text{Hom}(H_1(\Gamma), G)$$

for an arbitrary abelian group  $G$  (see [3]).

In the sequel  $P$  denotes a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ .

### 3. Transitive mappings.

Recall from [7] that a mapping  $\varphi: \rho \rightarrow Z(R)$  is called *transitive* if  $\varphi(p, r) = \varphi(p, q) + \varphi(q, r)$  for  $p\rho q, q\rho r$ . In this paper such mappings will be called *usual transitive mappings* from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

**DEFINITION 3.1.** A sequence  $f = (f_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings  $f_m: \rho \rightarrow Z(R)$  is called a *transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$*  if the following properties are satisfied:

- (a)  $f_0(p, q) = 1$  for all  $p\rho q$ ,
- (b)  $f_m(p, r) = \sum_{i+j=m} f_i(p, q)f_j(q, r)$  for all  $m \in S$  and  $p\rho q\rho r$ .

We denote by  $TM_s(\rho, R)$  the set of transitive mappings of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

By the above definition it follows that if  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$  then

$$f_1(p, r) - f_1(p, q) - f_1(q, r) = 0,$$

i.e.  $f_1$  is an usual transitive mapping from  $\rho$  to  $R$ , and

$$f_2(p, r) - f_2(p, q) - f_2(q, r) = f_1(p, q)f_1(q, r),$$

$$f_3(p, r) - f_3(p, q) - f_3(q, r) = f_1(p, q)f_2(q, r) + f_2(p, q)f_1(q, r)$$

for all  $p\rho q\rho r$ .

It is easy to prove

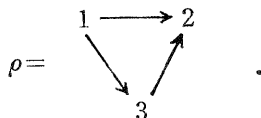
**LEMMA 3.2.** (1)  $f_m(p, p) = 0$ , for all  $p \in I_n$ ,  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ .

(2) If  $p\rho q$  and  $q\rho p$ , and  $f_2(p, q) = \dots = f_m(p, q) = 0$  for some  $m \geq 2$ , then

$f_k(p, q) = (-1)^k f_1(p, q)^k = f_1(q, p)^k$  for  $k=0, \dots, m$ .

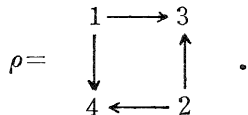
EXAMPLE 3.3. If  $Q \subseteq R$  and  $\varphi: \rho \rightarrow Z(R)$  is an usual transitive mapping then the sequence  $(f_m)_{m \in S}$ , where  $f_m(p, q) = (m!)^{-1} \varphi(p, q)^m$ , is a transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

EXAMPLE 3.4. Let



Put  $f_m(1, 2) = f_m(1, 3) = 1$  and  $f_m(2, 3) = 0$  for all  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $f = (f_m)_{m \in S}$  belongs to  $TM_s(\rho, R)$ .

EXAMPLE 3.5. Let



If  $f_m$ , for any  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ , is an arbitrary mapping from  $\rho$  to  $Z(R)$  then  $(f_m)_{m \in S}$  is a transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

Let  $f, g \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ . Denote by  $f * g$  the sequence  $(h_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings from  $\rho$  to  $Z(R)$  defined by

$$h_m(p, q) = \sum_{i+j=m} f_i(p, q) g_j(p, q)$$

for all  $m \in S$  and  $p \rho q$ .

Then  $f * g$  belongs to  $TM_s(\rho, R)$  and it is easy to check that the set  $TM_s(\rho, R)$ , under the multiplication  $*$ , is an abelian group.

For every  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$  we will denote by  $\Delta^f$  the sequence  $(\Delta_m^f)_{m \in S}$  of mappings  $\Delta_m^f: P \rightarrow P$  defined by the following formula

$$\Delta_m^f(A)_{pq} = f_m(p, q) A_{pq},$$

for all  $A \in P$  and  $p \rho q$ .

Then we have

LEMMA 3.6. The sequence  $\Delta^f$  is an  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$ .

PROOF. Every  $\Delta_m^f$  is obviously an  $R$ -additive mapping. Let  $A, B \in P$  and

$p\rho q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \sum_{k=0}^m \Delta_k^f(A) \Delta_{m-k}^f(B) \right)_{pq} &= \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_k^f(A)_{pi} \Delta_{m-k}^f(B)_{iq} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{i=1}^n f_k(p, i) f_{m-k}(i, q) A_{pi} B_{iq} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_m(p, q) A_{pi} B_{iq} \\
 &= f_m(p, q) (AB)_{pq} \\
 &= \Delta_m^f(AB)_{pq}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta_m^f(AB) = \sum_{k=0}^m \Delta_k^f(A) \Delta_{m-k}^f(B),$$

for all  $m \in S$  and  $A, B \in P$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.7.** *The mapping  $f \mapsto \Delta^f$  is a group monomorphism from  $TM_s(\rho, R)$  to  $D_s^R(P)$ .*

**PROOF.** The condition  $\Delta^{f \circ g} = \Delta^f * \Delta^g$  follows from definition of multiplications. Suppose now that  $\Delta^f = \Delta^g$  for some  $f, g \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ . Then, for  $p\rho q$  and  $m \in S$ , we have

$$f_m(p, q) = \Delta_m^f(E^{pq})_{pq} = \Delta_m^g(E^{pq})_{pq} = g_m(p, q),$$

i.e.  $f = g$ .

#### 4. Inner derivations.

Recall from [7] that if  $f$  is an usual transitive mapping from  $\rho$  to  $R$  then  $f$  is called *trivial* iff there exists a mapping  $\sigma : I_n \rightarrow Z(R)$  such that  $f(p, q) = \sigma(p) - \sigma(q)$  for all  $p\rho q$ . We say that the relation  $\rho$  is *regular over  $R$*  iff every usual transitive mapping from  $\rho$  to  $R$  is trivial.

Combining [8] Theorem 4.2 with results of the paper [7] we obtain the following two theorems

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ . The following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1) *Every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is inner,*
- (2) *Every usual  $R$ -derivation of  $P$  is inner,*
- (3) *The relation  $\rho$  is regular over  $Z(R)$ ,*
- (4) *The relation  $\rho'$  is regular over  $Z(R)$ ,*

$$(5) \quad H^1(\Gamma(\rho), Z(R))=0.$$

THEOREM 4.2. Let  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ . Denote by  $w, w_s, u, u'$  the following sentences:

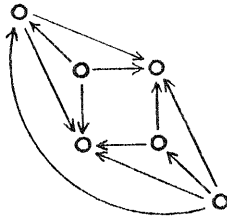
- $w$ ="Every usual derivation of  $R$  is inner",  
 $w_s$ ="Every derivation of order  $s$  of  $R$  is inner",  
 $u$ ="The relation  $\rho$  is regular over  $Z(R)$ ",  
 $u'$ ="The relation  $\rho'$  is regular over  $Z(R)$ ".

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) Every derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is inner,
- (2) Every usual derivation of  $P$  is inner,
- (3)  $w$  and  $u$ ,
- (4)  $w_s$  and  $u$ ,
- (5)  $w$  and  $u'$ ,
- (6)  $w_s$  and  $u'$ ,
- (7)  $w$  and  $H^1(\Gamma(\rho), Z(R))=0$ ,
- (8)  $w_s$  and  $H^1(\Gamma(\rho), Z(R))=0$ .

EXAMPLE 4.3. If  $P=M_n(R)_\rho$  where

- a)  $n \leq 3$ , or
- b) the graph  $\Gamma(\rho)$  is a tree, or
- c) the graph  $\Gamma(\rho)$  is a connex (i.e. there exists  $b \in I_n$  such that  $b\rho a$  or  $a\rho b$  for any  $a \in I_n$ ) in particular  $P=M_n(R)$  or  $P$  is the ring of triangular  $n \times n$  matrices over  $R$ , or
- d) the graph  $\Gamma(\rho)$  is of the form



then every  $R$ -derivation (or every derivation, if every usual derivation of  $R$  is inner) of order  $s$  of  $P$  is inner (see [7]).

## 5. The group $D_s^R(P)$ .

In this section we give a description of the group  $D_s^R(P)$ .



We start from the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $d \in D_s^R(P)$ ,  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $d_k(E^{qq})_{pq} = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and all  $p \neq q$ . Then*

- (i)  $d_k(E^{pp})_{pp} = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and any  $p \in I_n$ ,  
and  
(ii)  $d_k(E^{ij})_{pq} = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and all  $i \rho j, p \rho q$  such that  $(p, q) \neq (i, j)$ .

PROOF. (by induction with respect to  $m$ ). If  $m = 1$  then this lemma follows from [7] Lemma 3.1. Let  $m > 1$  and suppose that the conditions (i) and (ii) hold for any  $k < m$ . We show that then

- (1)  $d_m(E^{ij})_{pq} = 0$  for  $i \neq p, j \neq q$ ,
- (2)  $d_m(E^{pp})_{pp} = 0$  for any  $p \in I_n$ ,
- (3)  $d_m(E^{pp})_{pj} = 0$  for  $p \neq j$ ,
- (4)  $d_m(E^{pp})_{iq} = 0$  for  $p \neq i$ ,
- (5)  $d_m(E^{pq})_{pj} = 0$  for  $q \neq j$ .

For example we verify (1) and (2). The proofs of the conditions (3)–(5) are similar.

- (1) Let  $i \neq p, j \neq q$ , and  $p \rho q, i \rho j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(E^{ij})_{pq} &= d_m(E^{ij}E^{jj})_{pq} \\ &= \sum_{k+l=m} (d_k(E^{ij})d_l(E^{jj}))_{pq} \\ &= \sum_{k+l=m} \sum_r d_k(E^{ij})_{pr}d_l(E^{jj})_{rq}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by induction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(E^{ij})_{pq} &= \sum_r (d_0(E^{ij})_{pr}d_m(E^{jj})_{rq} + d_m(E^{ij})_{pr}d_0(E^{jj})_{rq}) \\ &= \sum_r (0d_m(E^{ij})_{rq} + d_m(E^{ij})_{pr}0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) Let  $p \in I_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(E^{pp})_{pp} &= d(E^{pp}E^{pp})_{pp} \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} (d_i(E^{pp})d_j(E^{pp}))_{pp} \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} \sum_r d_i(E^{pp})_{pr}d_j(E^{pp})_{rp} \\ &= \sum_r (d_0(E^{pp})_{pr}d_m(E^{pp})_{rp} + d_m(E^{pp})_{pr}d_0(E^{pp})_{rp}) \\ &= d_m(E^{pp})_{pp} + d_m(E^{pp})_{pp}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d_m(E^{pp})_{pp}=0$ .

LEMMA 5.2. Let  $d \in D_s^R(P)$ . Assume that  $d_m(E^{pq})_{pq}=0$  for all  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $p\rho q$ . Then the sequence  $f=(f_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings from  $\rho$  to  $R$  defined by  $f_m(p, q)=d_m(E^{pq})_{pq}$  for  $p\rho q$  is a transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

PROOF. Lemma 2.2 implies that  $f_m(p, q) \in Z(R)$  for all  $p\rho q$ . Now let  $p\rho q\rho r$ ,  $m \in S$ . By Lemma 5.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(p, r) &= d_m(E^{pr})_{pr} = d_m(E^{pq}E^{qr})_{pr} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i+j=m} d_i(E^{pq})d_j(E^{qr}) \right)_{pr} \\ &= \sum_t \sum_{i+j=m} d_i(E^{pq})_{pt} d_j(E^{qr})_{tr} \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} d_i(E^{pq})_{pq} d_j(E^{qr})_{qr} \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} f_i(p, q) f_j(q, r), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ .

Now we can prove the following

THEOREM 5.3. Let  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ . Every  $R$ -derivation  $d$  of order  $s$  of  $P$  has a unique representation:

$$(0) \quad d = \Delta(\underline{A}) * \Delta^f,$$

where

(1)  $\underline{A} = (A^{(m)})_{m \in S \setminus \{0\}}$  is a sequence of matrices  $A^{(m)} \in P \cap M_n(Z(R))$  such that  $A_{ii}^{(m)} = 0$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

(2)  $f$  is a transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

PROOF. (I). Let  $d \in D_s^R(P)$ . We define matrices  $A^{(1)}, A^{(2)}, \dots$  inductively as follows:

$$A_{pq}^{(1)} = d_1(E^{pq})_{pq},$$

and

$$A_{pq}^{(m+1)} = d_{m+1}^{(m)}(E^{pq})_{pq} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq m < s,$$

where

$$d^{(m)} = ([A^{(1)}, 1] * \dots * [A^{(m)}, m])^{-1} * d.$$

Put  $\delta = (\delta_m)_{m \in S}$ , where  $\delta_0 = id_P$  and  $\delta_m = d_m^{(m)}$  for  $m \geq 1$ . Let  $\underline{A} = (A^{(m)})_{m \in S \setminus \{0\}}$  and let  $f = (f_m)_{m \in S}$  be the sequence of mappings from  $\rho$  to  $R$  defined by

$$f_m(p, q) = \delta_m(E^{pq})_{pq}$$

for all  $m \in S$ ,  $p\rho q$ .

We show that  $\underline{A}$  and  $f$  satisfy conditions (0), (1) and (2) of this theorem. Observe first that

- a)  $d_k^{(m)} = d_k^{(k)}$  for any  $k \leq m$ ,
- b)  $\delta$  is an  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$ ,
- c)  $d = \Delta(\underline{A}) * \delta$ .

Now we prove that

- d)  $\delta_m(E^{qq})_{pq} = 0$  for  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$  and  $p \neq q$ .

In fact, for  $m=1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_1(E^{qq})_{pq} &= d_1^{(1)}(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= ([A^{(1)}, 1]^{-1} * d)_1(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= -[A^{(1)}, 1]_1(E^{qq})_{pq} + d_1(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= -(A^{(1)} E^{qq} - E^{qq} A^{(1)})_{pq} + A_{pq}^{(1)} \\
 &= -A_{pq}^{(1)} + A_{pq}^{(1)} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and, if  $m > 1$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_m(E^{qq})_{pq} &= d_m^{(m)}(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= ([A^{(m)}, m]^{-1} * d^{(m-1)})_m(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= \left( \sum_{i+j=m} [A^{(m)}, m]_i^{-1} \circ d_j^{(m-1)} \right) (E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= [A^{(m)}, m]_m^{-1} (E^{qq})_{pq} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} O d_i^{(m-1)} \right) (E^{qq})_{pq} + d_m^{(m-1)}(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
 &= -(A^{(m)} E^{qq} - E^{qq} A^{(m)})_{pq} + A_{pq}^{(m)} \\
 &= -A_{pq}^{(m)} + A_{pq}^{(m)} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using b), d), a) and Lemma 5.1 we have

- e)  $A_{pp}^{(m)} = d_m^{(m-1)} = d_m^{(m)}(E^{pp})_{pp} = 0$  for  $m \geq 2$ .

Moreover,  $A_{pp}^{(1)} = 0$ , since

$$A_{pp}^{(1)} = d_1(E^{pp})_{pp} = d_1(E^{pp} E^{pp})_{pp} = A_{pp}^{(1)} + A_{pp}^{(1)}.$$

Observe also that

- f)  $A^{(m)} \in M_n(Z(R)) \cap P$  (by Lemma 2.2),

and

- g)  $f$  is a transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$  (by b), d) and Lemma 5.2).

It remains to show that

- h)  $\delta = \Delta^f$ .

If  $X \in P$ ,  $m \in S$  and  $p \neq q$  then

$$\delta_m(X)_{pq} = \delta_m \left( \sum_{i,j} \bar{X}_{ij} E^{ij} \right)_{pq}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\sum_{i,j} \bar{X}_{ij} \delta_m(E^{ij}))_{pq} \\
&= \sum_{i,j} X_{ij} \delta_m(E^{ij})_{pq} \\
&= X_{pq} \delta_m(E^{pq})_{pq} \quad (\text{by d) and Lemma 5.1}) \\
&= X_{pq} f_m(p, q) \\
&= \Delta_m^f(X)_{pq}, \quad \text{i.e., } \delta = \Delta^f.
\end{aligned}$$

(II). Suppose that

$$\Delta(\underline{A}) * \Delta^f = \Delta(\underline{B}) * \Delta^g,$$

where  $\underline{A}$ ,  $f$  and  $\underline{B}$ ,  $g$  satisfy conditions (1) and (2).

Then, for  $p \neq q$ ,

$$A_{pq}^{(1)} = (\Delta(\underline{A}) * \Delta^f)_1(E^{qq})_{pq} = (\Delta(\underline{B}) * \Delta^g)_1(E^{qq})_{pq} = B_{pq}^{(1)}.$$

So  $A^{(1)} = B^{(1)}$ .

Suppose that  $A^{(1)} = B^{(1)}, \dots, A^{(m)} = B^{(m)}$  for some  $m < s$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(0, \dots, 0, A^{(m+1)}, A^{(m+2)}, \dots) * \Delta^f &= ([A^{(1)}, 1] * \dots * [A^{(m)}, m])^{-1} * \Delta(\underline{A}) * \Delta^f \\
&= ([B^{(1)}, 1] * \dots * [B^{(m)}, m])^{-1} * \Delta(\underline{B}) * \Delta^g \\
&= \Delta(0, \dots, 0, B^{(m+1)}, B^{(m+2)}, \dots) * \Delta^g,
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{pq}^{(m+1)} &= (\Delta(0, \dots, 0, A^{(m+1)}, A^{(m+2)}, \dots) * \Delta^f)_{m+1}(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
&= (\Delta(0, \dots, 0, B^{(m+1)}, B^{(m+2)}, \dots) * \Delta^g)_{m+1}(E^{qq})_{pq} \\
&= B_{pq}^{(m+1)} \quad \text{for } p \neq q,
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$A^{(m+1)} = B^{(m+1)}.$$

Therefore, by induction,  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}$ .

Further we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^f &= \Delta(\underline{A})^{-1} * (\Delta(\underline{A}) * \Delta^f) \\
&= \Delta(\underline{B})^{-1} * (\Delta(\underline{B}) * \Delta^g) =: \Delta^g
\end{aligned}$$

hence, by Proposition 3.7, we obtain that  $f = g$ . This completes the proof.

## 6. Corollaries to Theorem 5.3.

Let  $S'$  be a segment of  $N$  such that  $S \subset S'$  and let  $s' = \sup(S') \leq \infty$ . We say that a transitive mapping  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$  is  $s'$ -integrable if there exists a transitive mapping  $f' \in TM_s(\rho, R)$  such that  $f'_m = f_m$  for all  $m \in S$ .

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 5.3 we have

COROLLARY 6.1. *The following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1) *Every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is  $s'$ -integrable,*
- (2) *Every transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$  is  $s'$ -integrable.*

If  $U$  is an ideal in  $P$ , then  $U = [U_{ij}]$ , where  $U_{ij}$  are ideals of  $R$  for any  $i, j$  (see [7] Lemma 2.1). Therefore from Theorem 5.3 we get

COROLLARY 6.2. *If  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  and  $U$  is an ideal in  $P$  then  $d_m(U) \subseteq U$  for all  $m \in S$ .*

Observe also that from Theorem 5.3 follows

COROLLARY 6.3. *If  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  and  $C$  is the center of  $P$ , then  $d_m(C) = 0$  for all  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ .*

Denote by  $I(P)$  the set of all matrices  $A \in P$  such that  $A_{pp} = 0$  for all  $p \in I_n$ . It is easy to verify the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 6.4. *The following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1)  *$I(P)$  is an ideal in  $P$ ,*
- (2)  *$I(P)$  is a left-ideal in  $P$ ,*
- (3)  *$I(P)$  is a right-ideal in  $P$ ,*
- (4)  *$AB \in I(P)$  for all  $A, B \in I(P)$ ,*
- (5)  *$AB - BA \in I(P)$  for all  $A, B \in I(P)$ ,*
- (6)  *$AB - BA \in I(P)$  for all  $A \in I(P), B \in P$ ,*
- (7) *The relation  $\rho$  is partial order.*

LEMMA 6.5 *The following two conditions are equivalent :*

- (1)  *$AB = 0$  for all  $A, B \in I(P)$ ,*
- (2) *There do not exist three different elements  $a, b, c \in I_n$  such that  $apbpc$ .*

Combining Lemma 6.4 with Theorem 5.3 and Lemma 3.2(1) we obtain

COROLLARY 6.6. *Let  $d \in D_s^R(P)$ . If the relation  $\rho$  is a partial order then  $d_m(P) \subseteq I(P)$  for all  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ .*

We end this section with

COROLLARY 6.7. *Assume that there do not exist three different elements  $a, b, c \in I_n$  such that  $apbpc$ . Let  $d = (d_m)_{m \in S}$  be a sequence of mappings from  $P$  to*

$P$  such that  $d_0 = id_P$ .

Then  $d$  is an  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  if and only if every mapping  $d_m$  (for  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$ ) is an usual  $R$ -derivation of  $P$ .

PROOF. If  $d \in D_s^R(P)$  then, by Corollary 6.6 and Lemma 6.5,  $d_i(A)d_j(B) = 0$  for  $i > 0$  or  $j > 0$  and any  $A, B \in P$ . Therefore  $d_m(AB) = Ad_m(B) + d_m(A)B$ , for any  $m \in S \setminus \{0\}$  and  $A, B \in P$ . Conversely, if any  $d_m$  is an usual  $R$ -derivation of  $P$  then, by Corollary 6.6,  $d_m(A) \subseteq I(P)$  for any  $A \in P$ , hence, by Lemma 6.5,  $d_i(A)d_j(B) = 0$  for any  $A, B \in P$  and  $i > 0$  or  $j > 0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d_m(AB) &= Ad_m(B) + d_m(A)B \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} d_i(A)d_j(B), \quad \text{i.e. } d \in D_s^R(P). \end{aligned}$$

## 7. Integrable $R$ -derivations.

Let  $S'$  be a segment of  $N$  such that  $S \subset S'$  and let  $s' = \sup(S') \leq \infty$ .

In the sequel we shall study  $s'$ -integrable  $R$ -derivations of order  $s$  of  $P$ .

In this section, we give some examples of such  $R$ -derivations and we show that in general there are non-integrable  $R$ -derivations.

Notice first that, by Corollary 6.1, we may reduce our investigations and to study only  $s'$ -integrable transitive mappings of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$ .

Observe also, that it suffices to consider the case where  $\rho$  is a partial order. It follows from the following

LEMMA 7.1. *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *Every transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho$  to  $R$  is  $s'$ -integrable,*
- (2) *Every transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho'$  to  $R$  is  $s'$ -integrable.*

PROOF. Denote by  $W$  some fixed set of representatives of the cosets with respect to  $\sim$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $g \in TM_s(\rho', R)$ . Consider the sequence  $f = (f_m)_{m \in S}$  of mappings from  $\rho$  to  $Z(R)$  defined by  $f_m(x, y) = g_m([x], [y])$  for all  $m \in S$  and  $x \rho y$ . If  $x \rho y \rho z$  then  $[x] \rho' [y] \rho' [z]$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x, z) &= g_m([x], [z]) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} g_i([x], [y])g_j([y], [z]) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=m} f_i(x, y)f_j(y, z) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m \in S$ . Therefore  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ , and, by (1), there exists  $f' \in TM_{s'}(\rho, R)$

such that  $f'_m = f_m$  for all  $m \in S$ .

Put  $g'_i([a], [b]) = f'_i(a, b)$  for  $i \in S'$  and  $a, b \in W$ .

Then  $g' = (g'_i)_{i \in S'}$  is a transitive mapping of order  $s'$  from  $\rho'$  to  $R$ . Indeed, if  $[a]\rho'[b]\rho'[c]$ , then  $a\rho b\rho c$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} g'_i([a], [c]) &= f'_i(a, c) \\ &= \sum_{p+q=i} f'_p(a, b) f'_q(b, c) \\ &= \sum_{p+q=i} g'_p([a], [b]) g'_q([b], [c]) \quad \text{for all } i \in S'. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if  $m \in S$ ,  $[a]\rho'[b]$  then

$$g'_m([a], [b]) = f'_m(a, b) = f_m(a, b) = g_m([a], [b]),$$

i.e.  $g'_m = g_m$  for all  $m \in S$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ . We define the element  $g \in TM_{s'}(\rho', R)$  by

$$g_m([a], [b]) = f_m(a, b),$$

where  $m \in S$  and  $a, b \in W$ .

Let  $g'$  be such an element in  $TM_{s'}(\rho', R)$  that  $g'_m = g_m$  for all  $m \in S$ . We shall construct (by induction) a sequence  $f' \in TM_{s'}(\rho, R)$  such that

$$(i) \quad f'_m = f_m \quad \text{for all } m \in S,$$

and

$$(ii) \quad f'_k(a, b) = g'_k([a], [b]) \quad \text{for all } a, b \in W \text{ and } k \in S'.$$

If  $t \leq s$  then we put  $f'_t = f_t$ .

Now let  $s \leq t < s'$  and assume that  $(f'_0, f'_1, \dots, f'_t) \in TM_t(\rho, R)$  and the mappings  $f'_0, f'_1, \dots, f'_t$  satisfy the condition (ii). If  $x\rho y$  then we put

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{t+1}(x, y) &= g'_{t+1}([a], [b]) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x, a) f'_{t+1-i}(a, y) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(y, b) f'_{t+1-i}(b, y) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(a, b) f'_{t+1-i}(b, y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b$  are elements of  $W$  such that  $x \sim a, y \sim b$ . Lemma 3.2 implies that  $f'_{t+1}(a, b) = g'_{t+1}([a], [b])$  for  $a, b \in W$ .

It remains to show that

$$f'_{t+1}(x, z) - f'_{t+1}(x, y) - f'_{t+1}(y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x, y) f'_{t+1-i}(y, z)$$

for  $x\rho y\rho z$ .

For this purpose we introduce the following notices :

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, x_3) &= \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x_1, x_2) f'_{t+1-i}(x_2, x_3) \quad \text{for } x_1\rho x_2\rho x_3, \\ A(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= (x_2, x_3, x_4) - (x_1, x_3, x_4) \\ &\quad + (x_1, x_2, x_4) - (x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad \text{for } x_1\rho x_2\rho x_3\rho x_4. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$(iii) \quad A(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0.$$

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} A(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= - \sum_{i=1}^t (f'_i(x_1, x_3) - f'_i(x_2, x_3)) f'_{t+1-i}(x_3, x_4) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x_1, x_2) (f'_{t+1-i}(x_2, x_4) - f'_{t+1-i}(x_2, x_3)) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x_1, x_2) f'_{t+1-i}(x_3, x_4) \\ &\quad - \sum f'_p(x_1, x_2) f'_q(x_2, x_3) f'_r(x_3, x_4) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(x_1, x_2) f'_{t+1-i}(x_3, x_4) \\ &\quad + \sum f'_p(x_1, x_2) f'_q(x_2, x_3) f'_r(x_3, x_4) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Observe also that if  $a, b, c$  are such elements of  $W$  that  $a\rho b\rho c$  then, by (ii), we have

$$(iv) \quad g'_{t+1}([a], [c]) - g'_{t+1}([a], [b]) - g'_{t+1}([b], [c]) = (a, b, c).$$

In fact, since  $g' \in TM_{s'}(\rho', R)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} g'_{t+1}([a], [c]) - g'_{t+1}([a], [b]) - g'_{t+1}([b], [c]) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t g'_i([a], [b]) g'_{t+1-i}([b], [c]) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t f'_i(a, b) f'_{t+1-i}(b, c) \\ &= (a, b, c). \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $x\rho y\rho z$  and let  $a, b, c$  be such elements of  $W$  that  $a \sim x, b \sim y, c \sim z$ . Then, by (iii), (iv) and by the fact that  $(y, y, z) = 0$  (Lemma 3.2) we obtain



$$\begin{aligned}
& f'_{t+1}(x, z) - f'_{t+1}(x, y) - f'_{t+1}(y, z) \\
&= (a, b, c) \\
&+ (x, a, z) - (z, c, z) + (a, c, z) \\
&- (x, a, y) + (y, b, y) - (a, b, y) \\
&- (y, b, z) + (z, c, z) - (b, c, z) \\
&= ((a, y, z) - (x, y, z) + (x, a, z) - (x, a, y)) \\
&- ((b, c, z) - (a, c, z) + (a, b, z) - (a, b, c)) \\
&+ ((b, y, z) - (a, y, z) + (a, b, z) - (a, b, y)) \\
&- ((b, y, z) - (y, y, z) + (y, b, z) - (y, b, y)) \\
&+ (x, y, z) - (y, y, z) \\
&= A(x, a, y, z) - A(a, b, c, z) + A(a, b, y, z) - A(y, b, y, z) \\
&+ (x, y, z) - (y, y, z) \\
&= (x, y, z) - (y, y, z) \\
&= (x, y, z).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

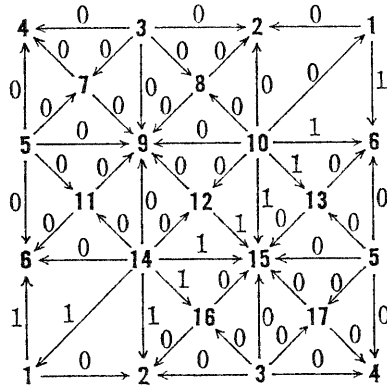
EXAMPLE 7.2. Let  $P$  be such as in Example 4.3. Since  $D_s^R(P) = ID_s^R(P)$  then every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is  $s'$ -integrable (for any  $s'$ ).

EXAMPLE 7.3. Let  $P = M_4(R)$ , where

$$\rho = \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & 3 \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ 4 & \longleftarrow & 2 \end{array} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & R & R \\ 0 & R & R & R \\ 0 & 0 & R & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & R \end{bmatrix}.$$

There exist  $R$ -derivations of order  $s$  of  $P$  which are not inner ([7]). But, by Corollary 6.1 and Example 3.5, every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is  $s'$ -integrable, for any  $s' \leq \infty$  (see also Corollary 6.7).

EXAMPLE 7.4. Consider the following relation  $\rho$  on the set  $I_{17}$



(see [7] Section 5).

Let  $R=Z_2$  and let  $f_1: \rho \rightarrow Z_2$  be the usual transitive mapping from  $\rho$  to  $Z_2$  defined by the numbers at the arrows (for example  $f_1(14, 1)=1$ ,  $f_1(10, 2)=0$ ).

Let  $f_0(a, b)=1$  for all  $apb$ . Then  $f=(f_0, f_1)$  is a transitive mapping of order 1 from  $\rho$  to  $Z_2$ . We show that  $f$  is not 2-integrable. Suppose that there exists  $f_2: \rho \rightarrow Z_2$  such that

$$f_2(a, c)=f_2(a, b)+f_2(b, c)+f_1(a, b)f_1(b, c),$$

for any  $apbpc$ .

Denote  $f_2(a, b)$  by  $(a, b)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= f_1(14, 1)f_1(1, 6) \\ &= (14, 6) + (14, 1) + (1, 6) \\ &= [(14, 12) + (10, 12) + (10, 1) + (1, 2) + (3, 2) + (3, 4) + (5, 4) + (5, 6)] \\ &\quad + [(1, 2) + (3, 2) + (3, 4) + (5, 4) + (5, 6) + (1, 6) + (10, 1) + (10, 12) + (14, 12)] + (1, 6) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The above example and Corollary 6.1 show that there exist non-integrable  $R$ -derivations of  $P$ .

### 8. A necessary condition for $s'$ -integrability.

Let  $\Gamma = \Gamma(\rho) = (I'_n, \rho')$  be the graph of the relation  $\rho$  (see Section 2), and  $f \in TM_s(\rho', R)$ .

If  $a, b, c$  are such elements in  $I'_n$  that  $a\rho'b\rho'c$  then by  $t(a, b, c)$  we denote the element  $(a, c) - (a, b) - (b, c)$  of  $C_1(\Gamma)$ , and by  $\bar{f}_{m+1}(a, b, c)$ , for  $m \in S$ , we denote the element

$$\sum_{i=1}^m f_i(a, b)f_{m+1-i}(b, c)$$

of  $Z(R)$ .

For example :

$$\bar{f}_1(a, b, c) = 0,$$

$$\bar{f}_2(a, b, c) = f_1(a, b)f_1(b, c),$$

$$\bar{f}_3(a, b, c) = f_1(a, b)f_2(b, c) + f_2(a, b)f_1(b, c).$$

Consider the following equality (in the group  $C_1(I')$ ) :

$$(*) \quad \sum_{i=1}^k z_i t(a_i, b_i, c_i) = 0,$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z_1, \dots, z_k \in Z$  and  $a_i \rho' b_i \rho' c_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

DEFINITION 8.1. Let  $s < \infty$ . We say that  $\Gamma$  is an  $s$ -graph over  $R$  if for any transitive mapping  $f$  of order  $s$  from  $\rho'$  to  $R$  and for any equality of the form  $(*)$  holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \bar{f}_{s+1}(a_i, b_i, c_i) = 0.$$

For example,  $\Gamma$  is a 1-graph over  $R$  if for every usual transitive mapping  $\varphi : \rho' \rightarrow Z(R)$  and for every equality  $(*)$  holds

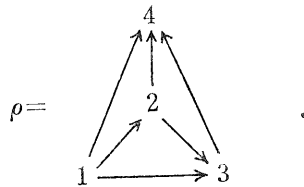
$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \varphi(a_i, b_i) \varphi(b_i, c_i) = 0,$$

and  $\Gamma$  is a 2-graph over  $R$  if for every  $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2) \in TM_2(\rho', R)$  and for every equality  $(*)$  holds

$$\sum_{i=0}^k z_i (f_1(a_i, b_i)f_2(b_i, c_i) + f_2(a_i, b_i)f_1(b_i, c_i)) = 0.$$

In Section 9 we prove that every graph  $\Gamma$  is a 1-graph and is a 2-graph over an arbitrary ring  $R$ .

EXAMPLE 8.2. Let



We show that  $\Gamma = (I_4, \rho)$  is an  $s$ -graph over an arbitrary ring  $R$ , for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Observe, that for  $\Gamma$  we have only one equality of the form  $(*)$ . Namely,

$$[(1, 4) - (1, 2) - (2, 4)] - [(1, 3) - (1, 2) - (2, 3)]$$

$$+[(2, 4)-(2, 3)-(3, 4)]-[(1, 4)-(1, 3)-(3, 4)]=0,$$

$$\text{i.e. } t(1, 2, 4)-t(1, 2, 3)+t(2, 3, 4)-t(1, 3, 4)=0.$$

If  $s \in N$ ,  $f \in TM_s(\rho, R)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{f}_{s+1}(1, 2, 4) - \bar{f}_{s+1}(1, 2, 3) + \bar{f}_{s+1}(2, 3, 4) - \bar{f}_{s+1}(1, 3, 4) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^s [f_k(1, 2)f_{s+1-k}(2, 4) - f_k(1, 2)f_{s+1-k}(2, 3) \\ & \quad + f_k(2, 3)f_{s+1-k}(3, 4) - f_k(1, 3)f_{s+1-k}(3, 4)] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^s f_k(1, 2) \left( f_{s+1-k}(3, 4) + \sum_{\substack{p+q=s-k+1 \\ p \geq 1, q \geq 1}} f_p(3, 4)f_q(2, 3) \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{k=1}^s \left( f_k(1, 2) + \sum_{\substack{p+q=k \\ p \geq 1, q \geq 1}} f_p(1, 2)f_q(2, 3) \right) f_{s+1-k}(3, 4) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove a necessary condition for any  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  to be  $(s+1)$ -integrable.

**PROPOSITION 8.3.** *Let  $P = M_n(R)_\rho$ . If every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is  $(s+1)$ -integrable then  $\Gamma = \Gamma(\rho)$  is an  $s$ -graph.*

**PROOF.** Consider in  $C_1(\Gamma)$  the equality of the form  $(*)$  and let  $f \in TM_s(\rho', R)$ . There exists, by Corollary 6.1 and Lemma 7.1, a transitive mapping  $f' \in TM_{s+1}(\rho', R)$  such that  $f'_m = f_m$  for all  $m=0, 1, \dots, s$ . Observe that, for  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ , we have

$$f'_{s+1}(a_i, c_i) - f'_{s+1}(a_i, b_i) - f'_{s+1}(b_i, c_i) = \bar{f}_{s+1}(a_i, b_i, c_i).$$

Let  $\varphi: C_1(\Gamma) \rightarrow Z(R)$  be the group homomorphism defined (for free generators) by  $\varphi(a, b) = f'_{s+1}(a, b)$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k z_i \bar{f}_{s+1}(a_i, b_i, c_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i (f'_{s+1}(a_i, c_i) - f'_{s+1}(a_i, b_i) - f'_{s+1}(b_i, c_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i (\varphi(a_i, b_i) - \varphi(a_i, b_i) - \varphi(b_i, c_i)) \\ &= \varphi \left( \sum_{i=1}^k z_i t(a_i, b_i, c_i) \right) \\ &= \varphi(0) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

We obtain some examples of  $s$ -graphs by the following

LEMMA 8.4. *If  $H_2(\Gamma)=0$  then  $\Gamma$  is an  $s$ -graph over  $R$  for any natural  $s$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that in  $C_1(\Gamma)$  the equality  $(*)$  holds, and let  $f \in TM_s(\rho', R)$ . We must to show that  $\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \bar{f}_{s+1}(a_i, b_i, c_i) = 0$ .

Consider the group homomorphism  $\varphi: C_2(\Gamma) \rightarrow R$  defined for free-generators by  $\varphi(a, b, c) = \bar{f}_{s+1}(a, b, c)$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^k z_i(a_i, b_i, c_i) \in \text{Ker } \partial_2$  and  $\text{Ker } \partial_2 = \text{Im } \partial_3$  (see Section 2) then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i(a_i, b_i, c_i) = \sum_{j=1}^l u_j [(x_j, y_j, w_j) - (x_j, y_j, t_j) + (x_j, w_j, t_j) - (y_j, w_j, t_j)]$$

for some  $u_1, \dots, u_l \in Z$  and  $x_j \rho' y_j \rho' w_j \rho' t_j$ ,  $j=1, 2, \dots, l$ .

Therefore, by Example 8.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k z_i \bar{f}_{s+1}(a_i, b_i, c_i) &= \varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^k z_i(a_i, b_i, c_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^l u_j [\bar{f}_{s+1}(x_j, y_j, w_j) - \bar{f}_{s+1}(x_j, y_j, t_j) \\ &\quad + \bar{f}_{s+1}(x_j, w_j, t_j) - \bar{f}_{s+1}(y_j, w_j, t_j)] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^l u_j 0 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad \text{This completes the proof.}$$

REMARK 8.5. The necessary condition for any  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  to be  $(s+1)$ -integrable given in Proposition 8.3 is not sufficient. For example, let  $\Gamma$  be such as in Example 7.4. Then  $\Gamma$  is one-dimensional triangulation of the projective plane, and therefore  $H_2(\Gamma)=0$  (see [3]). So, by Lemma 8.4,  $\Gamma$  is a 1-graph over  $Z_2$ . But, by Example 7.4, there exists an  $R$ -derivation  $d$  of order 1 of  $P=M_n(R)_\rho$  (where  $R=Z_2$ ) such that  $d$  is not 2-integrable.

THEOREM 8.6. *Let  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ , and let  $\Gamma=\Gamma(\rho)$  and  $s < s' \leq \infty$ . If  $H_2(\Gamma)=0$  and  $H_1(\Gamma)$  is a free abelian group then every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $P$  is  $s'$ -integrable.*

PROOF. It follows from Corollary 6.1 and Lemma 7.1 that it is sufficient to prove that every transitive mapping of order  $s$  from  $\rho'$  to  $R$  is  $(s+1)$ -integrable.

Let  $f \in TM_s(\rho', R)$  and consider a group homomorphism  $\varphi: \text{Im } \partial_2 \rightarrow Z(R)$  defined (for generators) by  $\varphi(\partial_2(a, b, c)) = -\bar{f}_{s+1}(a, b, c)$ . Observe that, by Lemma 8.4,  $\varphi$  is a well defined mapping. Since  $H_1(\Gamma)$  is free then  $\varphi$  we can extend to a group homomorphism  $\varphi': \text{Ker } \partial_1 \rightarrow Z(R)$ . Further, by [7] Lemma 5.5, we can extend  $\varphi'$  to a group homomorphism  $\varphi'': C_1(\Gamma) \rightarrow Z(R)$ . Put  $\bar{f}_{s+1}(a, b) = \varphi''(a, b)$  for all  $a \rho' b$ . We show that, for any  $a \rho' b \rho' c$ , holds

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{s+1}(a, c) &= \sum_{i+j=s+1} f_i(a, b) f_j(b, c) \\
&= f_{s+1}(a, b) + f_{s+1}(b, c) + \sum_{i=1}^s f_i(a, b) f_{s+1-i}(b, c).
\end{aligned}$$

In fact

$$\begin{aligned}
&f_{s+1}(a, b) - f_{s+1}(a, b) - f_{s+1}(b, c) \\
&= \varphi''(a, c) - \varphi''(a, b) - \varphi''(b, c) \\
&= -\varphi''(\partial_2(a, b, c)) \\
&= -\varphi(\partial_2(a, b, c)) \\
&= \tilde{f}_{s+1}(a, b, c) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^s f_i(a, b) f_{s+1-i}(b, c).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(1, f_1, \dots, f_s, f_{s+1})$  is a transitive mapping of order  $(s+1)$  from  $\rho'$  to  $R$ , i.e.  $f$  is  $(s+1)$ -integrable. This completes the proof.

### 9. $s$ -graphs.

In this section, using some additional properties of  $s$ -graphs, we describe (for fixed  $s < s'$ ) a new class of special subrings of  $M_n(R)$  in which every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  is  $s'$ -integrable.

Let  $\Gamma = (\Gamma_n, \rho')$  be the graph of the relation  $\rho$  and let  $W(\Gamma) = Z[X_{(a,b)}; a\rho'b]$  be the ring of polynomials over  $Z$  in commuting indeterminates, one for each pair  $(a, b)$ , where  $a\rho'b$ . Denote by  $T(\Gamma)$  the ring  $W(\Gamma)/I(\Gamma)$ , where  $I(\Gamma)$  is the ideal in  $W(\Gamma)$  generated by all elements of the form

$$X_{(a,c)} - X_{(a,b)} - X_{(b,c)}$$

for  $a\rho'bp'c$ .

Moreover, denote by  $\langle a, b \rangle$  the coset of the element  $X_{(a,b)}$  in  $T(\Gamma)$ .

The following lemma plays a basic role in our further considerations.

**LEMMA 9.1.** *Let  $n$  be a power of a prime number  $p$ . If in the group  $C_1(\Gamma)$  holds the equality of the form  $(*)$ , then in the ring  $T(\Gamma)$  the following equality holds*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (1/p) \binom{n}{j} \langle a_i, b_i \rangle^j \langle b_i, c_i \rangle^{n-j} = 0.$$

**PROOF.** Observe that the equality  $(*)$  is equivalent to an equality of the form

$$(**) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (a'_i, c'_i) + \sum_{j=1}^n ((a''_j, b''_j) + (b''_j, c''_j))$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^v (a_j'', c_j'') + \sum_{i=1}^u ((a_i', b_i') + (b_i', c_i')),$$

where  $a_i' \rho' b_i' \rho' c_i'$ ,  $a_j'' \rho' b_j'' \rho' c_j''$  for some integers  $u, v$  and  $i=1, \dots, u, j=1, \dots, v$ .

Hence it suffices to prove that, in the ring  $T(\Gamma)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (***) \quad & \sum_{i=1}^u \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (1/p) \binom{n}{k} \langle a_i', b_i' \rangle^k \langle b_i', c_i' \rangle^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^v \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (1/p) \binom{n}{k} \langle a_j'', b_j'' \rangle^k \langle b_j'', c_j'' \rangle^{n-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha, \beta: C_1(\Gamma) \rightarrow W(\Gamma)$  be the group homomorphisms defined, for free generators, as follows:

$$\alpha(a, b) = X_{(a, b)}$$

and

$$\beta(a, b) = X_{(a, b)}^n.$$

Further we denote  $X_{(a, b)}$  by  $(a, b)$  (for all  $a \rho' b$ ).

Applying  $\alpha$  to the equality (\*\*) we obtain the equality (\*\*) in the ring  $W(\Gamma)$ .

Applying  $\beta$  to the equality (\*\*) we obtain the following equality in  $W(\Gamma)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \sum_{i=1}^u (a_i', c_i')^n + \sum_{j=1}^v ((a_j'', b_j'')^n + (b_j'', c_j'')^n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^v (a_j'', c_j'')^n + \sum_{i=1}^u ((a_i', b_i')^n + (b_i', c_i')^n). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$A_i = (a_i', c_i'),$$

$$B_i = (a_i', b_i') + (b_i', c_i') \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, u,$$

and

$$C_j = (a_j'', c_j''),$$

$$D_j = (a_j'', b_j'') + (b_j'', c_j'') \quad \text{for } j=1, 2, \dots, v.$$

Rise both sides of the equality (\*\*) in  $W(\Gamma)$  to the  $n$ -th power and apply (1).

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad & \sum_{i=1}^u \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} (a_i', b_i')^k (b_i', c_i')^{n-k} - \sum_{j=1}^v \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} (a_j'', b_j'')^k (b_j'', c_j'')^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_u = n \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq n}} (i_1, \dots, i_u) \{A_1^{i_1} \dots A_u^{i_u} - B_1^{i_1} \dots B_u^{i_u}\} \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{j_1 + \dots + j_v = n \\ j_1, \dots, j_v \neq n}} (j_1, \dots, j_v) [D_1^{j_1} \dots D_v^{j_v} - C_1^{j_1} \dots C_v^{j_v}] \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^u A_i \right)^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^v D_j \right)^{n-k} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^u B_i \right)^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^v C_j \right)^{n-k} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $(i_1, \dots, i_u), (j_1, \dots, j_v)$  are Newton symbols, i.e.

$$(n_1, \dots, n_k) = \frac{(n_1 + \dots + n_k)!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} \quad \text{for integers } n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0.$$

Since  $n$  is a power of a prime number  $p$  then every Newton symbol in the equality (2) is divisible by  $p$ , and therefore, since  $W(I)$  is a ring with no  $Z$ -torsion, we can divide both sides of the equality (2) by  $p$ . We obtain the new equality in  $W(I)$ , we denote it by (3).

Observe, that the right side of the equality (3) is an element of the ideal  $I(I)$ . Therefore, in the ring  $T(I)$ , we have the equality (\*\*). This completes the proof.

As a consequence of Lemma 9.1 we obtain

**THEOREM 9.2.** *Every graph  $\Gamma$  is a 1-graph over an arbitrary ring  $R$ .*

Observe, that this theorem is obvious if  $R$  is a 2-torsion-free ring. In fact. Let  $f_1: \rho' \rightarrow Z(R)$  be an usual transitive mapping and suppose that in  $C_1(I)$  the equality of the form (\*) holds. Consider the group homomorphism  $\varphi: C_1(I) \rightarrow Z(R)$  such that  $\varphi(a, b) = f_1(a, b)^2$ , for all  $a\rho'b$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \sum_{i=1}^k z_i f_1(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i [(f_1(a_i, b_i) + f_1(b_i, c_i))^2 - f_1^2(a_i, b_i) - f_1^2(b_i, c_i)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i [\varphi(a_i, c_i) - \varphi(a_i, b_i) - \varphi(b_i, c_i)] \\ &= \varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^k z_i t(a_i, b_i, c_i)\right) \\ &= \varphi(0) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 9.2.** Let  $f \in TM_1(\rho', R)$  and suppose that in  $C_1(I)$  the equality of the form (\*) holds. Let  $h: W(I) \rightarrow Z(R)$  be the ring homomorphism such that  $h(X_{(a,b)}) = f_1(a, b)$  for all  $a\rho'b$ . Since  $f_1$  is an usual transitive mapping then  $h$  induces a ring homomorphism  $\bar{h}: T(I) \rightarrow Z(R)$  such that  $\bar{h}(\langle a, b \rangle) = f_1(a, b)$ . From Lemma 9.1, for  $n=2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k z_i f_1(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) &= \bar{h}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \langle b_i, c_i \rangle\right) \\ &= \bar{h}(0) = 0. \quad \text{This completes the proof.} \end{aligned}$$



LEMMA 9.3. *If in  $C_1(\Gamma)$  the equality  $(*)$  holds then in the ring  $T(\Gamma)$  we have*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \langle b_i, c_i \rangle \langle a_i, c_i \rangle = 0.$$

PROOF. From Lemma 9.1, for  $n=3$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i (\langle a_i, b_i \rangle^2 \langle b_i, c_i \rangle + \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \langle b_i, c_i \rangle^2) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \langle b_i, c_i \rangle (\langle a_i, b_i \rangle + \langle b_i, c_i \rangle) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \langle b_i, c_i \rangle \langle a_i, c_i \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 9.4. *Every graph  $\Gamma$  is a 2-graph over an arbitrary ring  $R$ .*

PROOF. Let  $f \in TM_2(\rho', R)$  and suppose that in  $C_1(\Gamma)$  holds  $(*)$ . Consider the group homomorphism  $\varphi: C_1(\Gamma) \rightarrow Z(R)$  such that

$$\varphi(a, b) = f_1(a, b) f_2(a, b)$$

for all  $a \rho' b$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \varphi(0) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i (\varphi(a_i, c_i) - \varphi(a_i, b_i) - \varphi(b_i, c_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i [(f_1(a_i, b_i) + f_1(b_i, c_i))(f_2(a_i, b_i) + f_2(b_i, c_i)) \\ &\quad + f_1(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) - f_1(a_i, b_i) f_2(b_i, c_i)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k z_i [f_2(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) + f_1(a_i, b_i) f_2(b_i, c_i)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k z_i f_1(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) f_1(a_i, c_i). \end{aligned}$$

Since, by Lemma 9.3,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i f_1(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) f_1(a_i, c_i) = 0$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i [f_2(a_i, b_i) f_1(b_i, c_i) + f_1(a_i, b_i) f_2(b_i, c_i)] = 0.$$

This completes the proof.

Using a similar method we can prove the following

THEOREM 9.5. *Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph and  $R$  be a ring.*

- a) *If  $R$  is 2-torsion-free then  $\Gamma$  is a 3-graph over  $R$ ,*
- b)  *$\Gamma$  is a 4-graph over  $R$ ,*
- c) *If  $R$  is 6-torsion-free then  $\Gamma$  is a 5-graph over  $R$ ,*
- d)  *$\Gamma$  is a 6-graph.*

Using the above theorems and arguments from the proof of Theorem 8.6 we obtain

THEOREM 9.6. *Let  $P$  be a special subring of  $M_n(R)$  with the relation  $\rho$ . Assume that the homology group  $H(\Gamma(\rho))$  is free abelian. Then*

- (1) *Every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s < 3$  of  $P$  is 3-integrable.*
- (2) *If  $R$  is 2-torsion-free then every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s < 5$  of  $P$  is 5-integrable.*
- (3) *If  $R$  is 3!-torsion-free then every  $R$ -derivation of order  $s < 7$  of  $P$  is 7-integrable.*

We end this paper with the following open problems:

- 1). Let  $\Gamma = (I_n, \rho)$  be a fixed graph (i.e.  $\rho$  is a partial ordering relation on  $I_n$ ) and let  $s < s'$ . Suppose that for every  $R$  any  $R$ -derivation of order  $s$  of  $M_n(R)_\rho$  is  $s'$ -integrable. Is  $H_1(\Gamma)$  a free group?
- 2). Find numbers  $n, s$ , a ring  $R$ , and a partial order  $\rho$  on  $I_n$  such that the graph  $\Gamma = (I_n, \rho)$  is not  $s$ -graph over  $R$ .
- 3). Is every graph a 3-graph over an arbitrary ring?

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