

# Generalized derivations of Rings in the center

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**Abstract**— Ashraf, Rehman, Bell, Martindale and Daif have obtained commutativity of prime and semiprime rings with derivations satisfying certain polynomial constants. Ashraf and Nadeem established that a prime ring  $R$  with nonzero ideal  $A$  must be commutative if it admits a derivation  $d$  satisfying either of the properties  $d(xy) + xy \in U$  or  $d(xy) - xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Hvala initiated the algebraic study of generalized derivation and extended some results concerning derivation to generalized derivation. In 2007 Ashraf, Asma Ali and Shakir Ali studied commutativity of a prime associative ring in which the generalized derivation  $F$  satisfies certain properties. In this paper we prove the commutativity of a prime nonassociative ring  $R$  satisfying any one of the following properties :

(i)  $F(xy) - xy \in U$ , (ii)  $F(xy) + xy \in U$ , (iii)  $F(x)F(y) - xy \in U$  and (iv)  $F(x)F(y) + xy \in U$  for all  $x, y$  in  $R$ , where  $F$  is a generalized derivation on  $R$  and  $U$  is the center of  $R$ .

**Index Terms**— Center, Prime ring, derivation, Generalized derivation.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes a prime nonassociative ring satisfying  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = (0)$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . 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  $R$ . An additive mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a generalized derivation on  $R$  if there exists a derivation  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y$  in  $R$ .

## 2 RESULTS

**Theorem 1 :** Let  $R$  be a prime nonassociative ring satisfying  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $R$  and  $A$  be an associative nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $F(xy) - xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof :** If  $F = 0$ , then  $xy \in U$  for all  $x, y$  in  $A$ . In particular  $[xy, x] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in A$  and hence  $x[y, x] = 0$ . By replacing  $y$  with  $yz$ , we get  $xy[z, x] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

Hence it follows that  $xRA[z, x] = (0)$  for all  $x, z \in A$ .

Thus the primeness of  $R$  forces for each  $x \in A$ , either  $x = 0$  or  $A[x, z] = (0)$ .

But  $x = 0$  also implies that  $A[x, z] = (0)$ .

Hence in both cases we find that  $A[x, z] = (0)$  for all  $z \in A$ , that is,  $AR[x, z] = (0)$ .

Since  $A \neq (0)$  and  $R$  is prime, the above expression yields that  $[x, z] = 0$  for all  $x, z \in A$ . Now by replacing  $x$  with  $xr$ , we get  $x[r, z] = 0$ . Again by replacing  $x$  with  $xs$ , we get  $xs[r, z] = 0$  for all  $x,$

$z \in A$  and  $r, s \in R$ . That is,  $xR[r, z] = (0)$ .

The primeness of  $R$  forces that either  $x = 0$  or  $[r, z] = 0$ , but  $A \neq (0)$ , we have  $[r, z] = 0$ .

Now by replacing  $z$  with  $zs$  to get  $z[r, s] = 0$  for all  $z \in A$  and  $r, s \in R$ , this implies that  $zR[r, s] = (0)$ .

The primeness of  $R$  forces that either  $z = 0$  or  $[r, s] = 0$ , but  $A \neq (0)$ , we have  $[r, s] = 0$  for all  $r, s \in R$ . Hence  $R$  is commutative.

Now we assume that  $F \neq 0$ . For any  $x, y \in A$ , we have  $F(xy) - xy \in U$ . This can be rewritten as  $F(x)y + xd(y) - xy \in U$ .

Now by replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , we obtain

$F(x)yz + xd(y)z + xyd(z) - xyz \in U$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

Thus, in particular

$$[(F(x)y + xd(y) - xy)z + xyd(z), z] = 0, \quad (1)$$

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

This gives that  $[xyd(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$  and hence

$$xy[d(z), z] + x[y, z]d(z) + [x, z]yd(z) = 0, \quad (2)$$

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

For any  $y_1 \in A$ , by replacing  $x$  by  $y_1x$  in 2 and using 2, we get  $[y_1, z]xyd(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$  and hence  $[y_1, z]xRA d(z) = (0)$ .

Thus, the primeness of  $R$  implies that for each  $z \in A$ , either  $Ad(z) = (0)$  or  $[y_1, z]x = 0$ . The set  $z \in A$  for which these two properties hold are additive subgroups of  $A$  whose union is  $A$ . Therefore either  $Ad(z) = (0)$  for all  $z \in A$  or  $[y_1, z]x = 0$  for all  $x, y_1, z \in A$ .

If  $Ad(z) = (0)$  for all  $z \in A$ , then  $ARd(z) = (0)$  for all  $z \in A$ . Since  $A \neq (0)$  and  $R$  is prime, the above expression gives that  $d(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in A$ . This implies that  $d(zr) = 0$  for all  $z \in A$  and  $r \in R$ . Hence it follows that  $zd(r) = 0$  that is  $ARd(r) = (0)$ .

Since  $A \neq (0)$ , the primeness of  $R$  yields that  $d(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ , a contradiction. On the other hand if  $[y_1, z]x = 0$  for all  $x, y_1, z \in A$ , then  $[y_1, z]RA = (0)$  for all  $y_1, z \in A$ . The primeness of  $R$  implies that  $[y_1, z] = 0$  for all  $y_1, z \in A$  and hence  $R$  is commutative.

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**Theorem 2 :** Let  $R$  be a prime nonassociative ring satisfying  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $R$  and  $A$  be an associative nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $F(xy) + xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof :** If  $F$  is a generalized derivation satisfying the property  $F(xy) + xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ , then the generalized derivation  $(-F)$  satisfies the condition  $(-F)(xy) - xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Using the same arguments as used in Theorem 1, we conclude that  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 3 :** Let  $R$  be a prime nonassociative ring satisfying  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $R$  and  $A$  be an associative nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x)F(y) - xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof :** By hypothesis  $F(x)F(y) - xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . If  $F = 0$ , then  $xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Using the same arguments as we used in Theorem 1, we conclude that  $R$  is commutative. Now we assume that  $F \neq 0$ . For any  $x, y \in A$ , we have  $F(x)F(y) - xy \in U$ . By replacing  $y$  with  $yr$ , we get

$$F(x)(F(y)r + yd(r)) - xy \in U. \text{ That is,}$$

$$(F(x)F(y) - xy)r + F(x)y d(r) \in U, \quad (3)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $r \in R$ .

This implies that for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $r \in R$ .

This implies that

$$[F(x)y d(r), r] = 0, \quad (4)$$

This can be rewritten as

$$F(x)[y d(r), r] + [F(x), r]y d(r) = 0, \quad (5)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $r \in R$ .

Substituting  $F(x)y$  for  $y$  in 5 and using 5, we get

$$[F(x), r]F(x)y d(r) = 0, \quad (6)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $r \in R$ . That is,

$$[F(x), r]F(x)RAd(r) = 0.$$

Thus for each  $r \in R$ , primeness of  $R$  forces that either  $[F(x), r]F(x) = 0$  or  $Ad(r) = (0)$ . The set of  $r \in R$  for which these two properties hold form additive subgroups of  $R$  whose union is  $R$ . Hence either  $[F(x), r]F(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A, r \in R$  or  $Ad(r) = (0)$

for all  $r \in R$ . If  $Ad(r) = (0)$  for all  $r \in R$ , then  $ARd(r) = (0)$  for all  $r \in R$ . Since  $A \neq (0)$  and  $R$  is prime, the above relation yields that  $d = 0$  which is a contradiction. Therefore, we assume the remaining possibility that  $[F(x), r]F(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A, r \in R$ . For any  $S \in R$ , we replace  $r$  by  $rs$ . Then  $[F(x), r]RF(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in A, r \in R$ .

The primeness of  $R$  implies that either  $F(x) = 0$  or  $[F(x), r] = 0$ .

Thus in both cases we have,  $[F(x), r] = 0$ , for all  $x \in A, r \in R$ .

The above relation gives that  $F(x) \in U$  for all  $x \in A$  and hence  $F(x)F(y) \in U$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Thus our hypothesis yield that  $xy \in U$ . Now by using the same arguments as we used in Theorem 1, we can conclude that  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 4 :** Let  $R$  be a prime nonassociative ring satisfying  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $R$  and  $A$  be an associative nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x)F(y) + xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in A$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof :** We can prove this theorem by using the same arguments as in Theorem 3. Hence we conclude that  $R$  is commutative.

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