

ON COMMUTATIVITY OF SEMIPRIME RINGS WITH (A, B) DERIVATIONS

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Abstract: If D is an (α, β) derivation of a 2-torsion free semiprime ring, U a nonzero ideal of R and $[D(x), D(y)] + xy = 0$ for all x, y in U , then R contains a nonzero central ideal. Also if R admits a nonzero (α, β) Derivation D such that $D(x)D(y) + D(xy) = D(y)D(x) + D(yx)$ for all x, y in U , where U is a nonzero left ideal, then $D(U)$ centralizes $[U, U]$. These results are extensions of the results shown by Herstein and Daif in terms of (α, β) derivations.

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Introduction: In his note on derivations, Herstein[9] showed that if a 2-torsion free prime ring R admits a nonzero derivation D such that $[D(x), D(y)] = 0$ for all x, y in R , then R is commutative and Daif [9 and 7] extended this theorem in the situation when the ring is semiprime and the condition $[D(x), D(y)] = 0$ is merely satisfied on the ideal of the ring. Aydin[1] generalized the theorems of Herstein and Daif for an ideal U and (α, β) derivation of R . He also generalized the results of Bresar and Vukman[6] by taking an ideal of R instead of R and extended to more general mappings.

In this paper we extend the results of Herstein and Daif in terms of (α, β) derivations and prove that if D is a nonzero (α, β) derivation on a semiprime ring R with a nonzero ideal. A ring R is said to be prime if $xay = 0$ implies $x = 0, y = 0$, for all $x, a, y \in R$ and R is semiprime if $xax = 0$ implies $x = 0$, for all $x, a \in R$. An additive mapping D from a ring R to R is a (α, β) derivation if $D(xy) = D(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)D(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. The center Z of R is defined as $Z = \{z \in R \mid [z, R] = 0\}$.

A commutator $[x, y]$ is defined as $xy - yx$ and an anticommutator (xoy) is defined as $xy + yx$.

We will make an extensive use of the commutator identities $[x, yz] = y[x, z] + [x, y]z$ and $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$.

Preliminaries: We start with few technical Lemmas. The proof of these may be found in [8].

Lemma 1 : Let R be a semiprime ring and U a non zero left ideal. If D is an (α, β) derivation of R , which is centralizing on U , then D is commuting on U . ♦

Lemma 2 : Let R be a semiprime ring and U a nonzero left ideal. If R admits an (α, β)

Derivation D which is non-zero and centralizing on U , then R contains a nonzero central ideal. ♦

Lemma 3: Let R be a semiprime ring and U a nonzero two sided ideal of R . If $x \in R$ and x centralizes $[U, U]$, then x centralizes U . ♦

Lemma 4: Let R be a semiprime ring and U a nonzero ideal of R . Let $[U, U] = \{[x, y] \mid x, y \in U\}$. If $Z \in R$ and Z centralizes $[U, U]$ then Z centralizes U . ♦

Lemma 5: If R is a prime ring, the centralizer of any one-sided ideal is equal to the center of R . ♦

Main Section:

Theorem 1: Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and U a nonzero two sided ideal of R . If R admits (α, β) derivation D which is nonzero on U and $[D(x), D(y)] + xy = 0$ for all $x, y \in U$, then R contains a nonzero central ideal.

Proof : Given $0 = [D(x), D(y)] + xy$, (1)

for all $x, y \in U$. Replacing y by yz , we obtain

$$0 = D(y)[D(x), \alpha(z)] + [D(x), D(y)] \alpha(z) + \beta(y)[D(x), D(z)] + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z) + xyz.$$

Now replacing $\alpha(z)$ by z we obtain

$$0 = D(y)[D(x), z] + \beta(y)[D(x), D(z)] + \{[D(x), D(y)] + xy\}z + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z)$$

By using (1)

$$0 = D(y)[D(x), z] + \beta(y)(-xz) + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z).$$

Therefore

$$0 = D(y)[D(x), z] - xz\beta(y) + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z) \quad (2)$$

By putting $z = zr$ where $r \in R$ we obtain

$$0 = D(y)z[D(x), r] + D(y)r[D(x), z] - \beta(y)xzr + [D(x), \beta(y)]\beta(z)D(r) + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z)\alpha(r),$$

Replacing $\alpha(r)$ by r we obtain

$$0 = D(y)z[D(x), r] + r(D(y)[D(x), z] - xz\beta(y)) + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(z)r + [D(x), \beta(y)]\beta(z)D(r)$$

Using (2) it reduces to

$$0 = D(y)z[D(x), r] + [D(x), \beta(y)]\beta(z)D(r). \quad (3)$$

Now substituting $r = D(x)$, $x \in U$ in (3) to get

$$0 = [D(x), \beta(y)]\beta(z)D^2(x). \quad (4)$$

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

Now from (3.4), for all $[D(x), \beta(y)]\beta(z)RD^2(x) = \{0\}$, for all $x, y, z \in U$.

Hence for each P_ω , we either we have

$$(a) \quad [D(x), \beta(y)]U \subseteq P_\omega \text{ for all } x, y \in U \text{ or}$$

$$(b) \quad D^2(U) \subseteq P_\omega.$$

We note that $[D(x), \beta(y)]RU \subseteq P_\alpha$ for each (a) prime P_ω so either $[D(x), \beta(y)] \in P_\alpha$ for all $x, y \in U$ or $U \subseteq P_\alpha$.

$$\text{In either case } [D(x), \beta(y)] \in P_\omega \quad (5)$$

for all $x, y \in U$ and all prime P_α .

Now we consider P_α as prime ideals. Taking $x, y \in U$, we have $D^2(xy) = D^2(x)\alpha^2(y) + \beta^2(x)D^2(y) + 2\alpha\beta D(x)D(y) \in P_\alpha$. So $2\alpha\beta D(x)D(y) \in P_\alpha$, for all $x, y \in U$. Replacing y by zy for all $x, y, z \in U$, $2\alpha\beta D(x)D(zy) \in P_\omega$, $2\alpha\beta D(x)[D(y)\alpha(y) + \beta(z)D(y)] \in P_\omega$.

$$\text{So } 2\alpha\beta D(x)D(z)D(y) \in P_\alpha. \quad (6)$$

Hence $2\alpha\beta D(x)D(z)RD(y) \in P_\alpha$ and

$$2\alpha\beta D(x)D(z)RD(y) \in P_\alpha. \quad (7)$$

It follows that either $D(U) \subseteq P_\alpha$ or $2\alpha\beta D(x)\alpha(y)$ and $2\beta(y)D(x) \in P_\alpha$.

In either case, $2[D(x), \beta(y)] \in P_\alpha$. (8)

for all $x, y \in U$ and (b) prime P_α . Thus for all $x, y \in U$ we have that $2[D(x), \beta(y)] \in \cap_\alpha P_\alpha \{0\}$ by (5) and (8). Since R is 2-torsion free, $[D(x), \beta(y)] = 0$. In particular $[D(x), x] = 0$ for all $x \in U$. So the Theorem follows by the Lemma 3. ♦

Theorem 2: Let R be a semiprime ring and U be a nonzero left ideal of R . If R admits a nonzero (α, β) derivation D such that $D(x)D(y) + D(xy) = D(y)D(x) + D(yx)$ for all $x, y \in U$, then $D(U)$ centralizes $[U, U]$.

Proof: We have $D(x)D(y) + D(xy) = D(y)D(x) + D(yx)$ for all $x, y \in U$.

This implies,

$$[D(x), D(y)] = [D(y), x] + [y, D(x)]. \tag{9}$$

for all $x, y \in U$. Substituting yx for y , we get $[D(x), D(yx)] = [D(yx), x] + [yx, D(x)]$.

$$\text{Hence } D(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + [D(x), \beta(y)]D(x) = [\beta(y), x]D(x). \tag{10}$$

for all $x, y \in U$.

Now replacing by xy we get

$$D(xy)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + [D(x), \beta(xy)]D(x) = [\beta(yx), x]D(x). \text{ i.e., } D(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + \beta(y)[D(x), \beta(x)] + \beta(x)[D(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + D(x)[D(x), \beta(y)] = [\beta(y), x]\beta(x)D(x).$$

Using equation (10) it reduces to

$$D(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + [D(x), \beta(x)]\beta(y)D(x) = 0, \tag{11}$$

For all $x, y \in U$.

By replacing y by $D(x)y$ in (10)

$$D(D(x)y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + [D(x), \beta(D(x)y)]D(x) = [\beta(D(x)y), x]D(x),$$

i.e., $D^2(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + \beta(D(x))[D(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + D(x)[D(x), \beta(y)]] = \beta D(x)D(x)[\beta(y), x] + [\beta D(x), x]\beta(y)D(x)$. Using equation (10) we get $D^2(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] = [\beta D(x), x]\beta(y)D(x)$. If we assume that $\beta D(x) = D(x)\beta$ then in the above relation we get $D^2(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] = [D(x), \beta(x)]\beta(y)D(x)$.

Hence

$$D^2(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] - [D(x), \beta(x)]\beta(y)D(x) = 0. \tag{12}$$

From the relations equations (11) and (12) we obtain

$$D^2(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] + D(x)\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] = 0. [D^2(x) + D(x)]\alpha(y)[D(x), \alpha(x)] = 0, \tag{13}$$

for all $x, y \in U$. Thus the relation (13) yields

$$[D^2(x) + D(x)]RU[D(x), \alpha(x)] = \{0\}, \tag{14}$$

for all $x, y \in U$. Since R is semiprime, it has a family $P = \{P_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ of prime ideals such that $\cap_\alpha P_\alpha = \{0\}$.

Let P be a typical one of these by the relation equation (14) we have that for each $x \in U$, either $U[D(x), \alpha(x)] \subseteq P$ or $D(x) + D^2(x) \in P$ for all $x, y \in U$. Now we use the kind of argument employed in the Theorem(1) in effect performing calculation of modulo P in [2]. Then we get the conclusion that either

$$UD(U) \subseteq P \text{ or } [x + D(x), R] \subseteq P. \tag{15}$$

In the first case, again employing the argument of [2] modulo P , we obtain that either

$$U \subseteq P \text{ or } [D(x), D(t)] \in P, \tag{16}$$

for all $x, t \in U$.

Now we assume that $[x + D(x), R] \subseteq P$, then we $[x, D(t)] + [D(x), D(t)] \subseteq P$, for all $x, t \in U$.

But from the relation (9) we have $[D(x), D(t)] + [x, D(t)] = [t, D(x)]$.

$$\text{Hence we have } [t, D(x)] \in P, \tag{17}$$

for all $x, t \in U$. Putting $t = D(y)$ we get, $[D(y)t, D(x)] \in P$,

for all $x, y, t \in U$. By using the relation (17) we get $D(y)[t, D(x)] + [D(y), D(x)]t \in P$, for all $x, y, t \in U$.

$$[D(y), D(x)]t \in P, \tag{18}$$

For all $x, y, t \in U$. By the relation (18), we have $[D(y), D(x)]RU \subseteq P$, for all $x, y \in U$. Consequently either

$U \subseteq P$ or $[D(x), D(t)] \in P$, for all $x, t \in U$. Thus in any

event, for each $x, t \in U$ we have either $U \subseteq P$ or $[D(x), D(t)] \in P$ which are the same alternatives as in

the relation (16). If we consider the case $U \subseteq P$, then from the relation (9) we get $[D(x), D(t)] \in P$, for all $x, t \in U$.

Since $\cap_\alpha P_\alpha = \{0\}$, we conclude that $[D(x), D(t)] = 0$ for all $x, t \in U$. From the relation (9), we get $[D(t), x] + [t, D(x)] = 0$.

That is, $D(t)\alpha(x) + \beta(t)D(x) = D(x)\alpha(t) + \beta(x)D(t)$, which is

nothing but $D(tx) = D(xt)$, for all $x, t \in U$. This implies that $D[x, t] = 0$ for all $x, t \in U$. But $D([x, t]z) = D(z[x, t])$.

Hence $[x, t]D(z) = D(z)[x, t]$ for all $x, z, t \in U$. Thus $D(U)$ centralizes $[U, U]$ as required. ♦

Theorem 3: Let R be a prime ring and U a nonzero two sided ideal. If R admits a nonzero (α, β) derivation such that $D(xy) = D(yx)$ for all $x, y \in U$, then R is commutative.

Proof: Let $c \in U$ be a constant that is an element such that $D(c) = 0$. Let z be an arbitrary element of U . Then by the condition we get $D(cz) = D(zc)$ that is $D(c)\alpha(z) + \beta(c)D(z) = D(z)\alpha(c) + \beta(z)D(c)$. Since $D(c) = 0$, this implies, $\beta(c)D(z) = D(z)\alpha(c)$. Now for each $x, y \in U, [x, y]$ is constant.

$$\text{Hence } D[x, y] = [x, y]D(z), \tag{19}$$

For all $x, y, z \in U$. By using Lemmas (4) and (5) we obtain $D(z)$ is central for all $z \in U$. ♦

Theorem 4: Let R be a 2-torsion prime ring and let U be a nonzero left ideal. If D is a nonzero (α, β) derivation such that $D(xy) = D(yx)$ for all $x, y \in U$ then either R is a commutative or $D^2(U) = \{0\} = D(U)D(U)$.

Proof: We have $D(xy) = D(yx)$. That is $[x, D(y)] = [y, D(x)]$. Replacing y by y^2 , we get $[x, D(y^2)] = [y^2, D(x)]$, i.e.,

$$D(y)[x, \alpha(y)] + [x, D(y)]\alpha(y) + \beta(y)[x, D(y)] + [x, \beta(y)]D(y) = y[y, D(x)] + [y, D(x)]y.$$

Now we replacing $\alpha(y) = y, \beta(y) = y$ in above equation we obtain $D(y)[x, y] + [x, D(y)]y + y[x, D(y)] + [x, y]D(y) = y[y, D(x)] + [y, D(x)]y$.

i.e., $D(y)[x, y] + [x, y]D(y) + ([x, D(y)] - [y, D(x)])y + y([x, D(y)] - [y, D(x)]) = 0$.

By the hypothesis introduces to

$$D(y)[x,y] + [x,y]D(y) = 0. \tag{20}$$

Recalling the relation (19) and using the fact that R is 2-torsion free, we obtain

$$D(y)[x,y]=0 \text{ and } [x,y]D(y)=0, \tag{21}$$

For all $x,y \in U$.

In all second of equalities replacing x by xw , where $w \in U$, we obtain $[x,y]wD(y)+w[x,y]D(y)=0$. This implies $[x,y]wD(y)=0$. Hence $[x,y]UD(y)=\{0\}=[x,y]RUD(y)$, for all $x,y \in U$. Since $D \neq 0$ we can conclude that $[x,y]=0$ or $UD(y)=\{0\}$. That is either x is central or $UD(y)=\{0\}$. On the other hand, the first equality of the relation (21) yields $D(y)U[x,y]=0 = D(y)RU[x,y]$, for all $x,y \in U$.

$$\text{Since } D \neq 0 \text{ we get } U[x,y]=\{0\}, \tag{22}$$

for all $x,y \in U$. We assume that R is not commutative and hence U is not central. By the relations (21) and (22) we have $UD(U) = \{0\}$ and $U[x,y]=\{0\}$, for all $x,y \in U$. Now $D(xy)=D(yx)$ implies that $D(x)\alpha(y)+\beta(x)D(y)=D(y)\alpha(x)+\beta(y)D(x)$. Using the above conditions, it reduces to

$$D(x)\alpha(y)=\beta(y)D(x), \tag{23}$$

for all $x,y \in U$. Replacing y by ry for arbitrary $r \in R$ we get $D(x)\alpha(ry)=D(ry)\beta(x)$. Thus $D(x)\alpha(ry)=[D(x)\alpha(y)+\beta(r)D(y)]\beta(x)$. Hence $D(x)\alpha(r)\alpha(y)=D(x)\alpha(y)\beta(x)+\beta(r)D(y)\beta(x)$.

Using the relation (23) we get $D(x)\alpha(r)\alpha(y)=D(r)\alpha(y)\beta(x)+\beta(r)D(x)\alpha(y)$.

$$\text{Thus } D(r)\alpha(y)\beta(x)=[D(x)\alpha(r)-\beta(r)D(x)]\alpha(y).$$

Substituting $\alpha(r)$ by r and $\beta(r)$ by r in the above equation we get

$$D(r)\alpha(y)\beta(x)=[D(x)r-rD(x)]\alpha(y).$$

$$\text{Thus } D(r)\alpha(y)\beta(x)=[D(x),r]\alpha(y), \tag{24}$$

for all $x,y,r \in U$.

We now replace r by $D(z), z \in U$. Then we find that

$$D^2(z)\alpha(y)\beta(x)=[D(x),D(z)]\alpha(y), \tag{25}$$

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

Now substituting $\alpha(y)=y, \beta(x)=x$, we obtain $D^2(z)yx=[D(x),D(z)]y$ and applying D to the condition $D(x)z=D(z)x$. That is $D^2(x)\alpha(z) + \beta D(xz)=D^2(z)\alpha(x)+\beta D(zx)$.

Substituting xz by $\beta^{-1}xz$ and zx by β^1xz , in the above equation we obtain $D^2(x)\alpha(z) + \beta D(\beta^{-1}xz)=D^2(z)\alpha(x) + \beta D\beta^1(zx)$, i.e., $D^2(x)\alpha(z)+[D(x),D(z)] = D^2(z)\alpha(x)$.

Now multiplying with y on right $D^2(x)\alpha(z)y+[D(x),D(z)]y= D^2(z)\alpha(x)y$.

$$\text{Thus } [D(x),D(z)]y= D^2(z)\alpha(x)y-D^2(x)\alpha(z)y.$$

We replace $\alpha(x)$ by x and $\alpha(z)$ by z to get

$$[D(x),D(z)]y= D^2(z)xy-D^2(x)zy. \tag{26}$$

Substituting in the relation (25), yields, $D^2(z)yx=[D(x),D(z)]y$ which implies $D^2(z)yx= D^2(z)xy-D^2(x)zy$, i.e., $D^2(x)zy= D^2(z)[x,y]$,

$$\text{for all } x,y,z \in U. \text{ Since } [x,y] \text{ is constant, applying } D \text{ to the (22), we have that } D(U)[x,y] = \{0\} = D^2(U)[x,y], \text{ for all } x,y \in U \text{ and the relation (27) yields } D^2(U)U^2 = \{0\}. \text{ Since } U^2 \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R \text{ is prime we can conclude that } D^2(U) = \{0\}. \text{ Finally, since } R \text{ is 2-torsion free, using the fact that } D^2(xy)=0, \text{ for all } x,y \in U \text{ gives } D(U)D(U) = \{0\}. \text{ Hence the Theorem is proved. } \blacklozenge$$

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