

## SOME RESULTS ON ENDOMORPHISMS OF PRIME RING WHICH ARE $(\sigma, \tau)$ -DERIVATION

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $U$  is a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which contains no nonzero nilpotent right ideal as a ring. For a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation  $d: R \rightarrow R$ , we prove the following results. (1) If  $d$  is an endomorphism on  $R$  then  $d = 0$ . (2) If  $d$  is an anti-endomorphism on  $R$  then  $d = 0$ . (3) If  $d(xy) = d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$  then  $R$  is commutative. (4) If  $d$  is an homomorphism or anti-homomorphism on  $U$  then  $d = 0$ .

### 1. Introduction

The primary purpose of this paper is to investigate about a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation  $d$  which is a ring endomorphism or anti-endomorphism on  $R$ . Bell and Kappe ([2]) proved that if  $d$  is a derivation of  $R$  which is either an endomorphism or anti-endomorphism in semi-prime ring  $R$ , then  $d = 0$ , and if  $d$  acts as a homomorphism or anti-homomorphism is a nonzero right ideal  $U$  of prime ring  $R$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ . It is our aim in this paper to extend the above mentioned results to a more general situation.

In this paper,  $R$  will represent an associative ring. Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma, \tau$  be two automorphisms of  $R$ . We write  $[x, y]$ ,  $[x, y]_{\sigma, \tau}$ ,

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for  $xy - yx$  and  $x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$  respectively and make extensive use of basic commutator identities:  $[xy, z]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, z]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, \tau(z)]y = x[y, \sigma(z)] + [x, z]_{\sigma, \tau}y$ . We set  $Z = \{c \in R | cx = xc, \text{ for all } x \in R\}$  and call the *center of R*.

An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a *derivation* if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A derivation  $d$  is *inner* if there exists an  $a \in R$  such that  $d(x) = [a, x]$  holds for all  $x \in R$  and  $d$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -*derivation* if  $d(xy) = d(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . On the other hand we said that  $d$  is an endomorphism or anti-endomorphism respectively  $d(xy) = d(x)d(y)$  or  $d(xy) = d(y)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

## 2. Results

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of  $R$  which is an endomorphism on  $R$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $R$ , we have

$$(2.1) \quad d(xy) = d(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y) = d(x)d(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R.$$

Substituting  $xr$  for  $x, r \in R$  in (2.1), we get

$$d(xr)\sigma(y) + \tau(xr)d(y) = d(xr)d(y).$$

Since  $d$  is an homomorphism on  $R$  and  $\tau$  is an automorphism of  $R$ , we have

$$d(x)d(r)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)\tau(r)d(y) = d(x)d(r)d(y).$$

Expanding the last equation one obtains,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x)d(r)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)\tau(r)d(y) &= d(x)d(ry) \\ &= d(x)d(r)\sigma(y) + d(x)\tau(r)d(y) \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(x)\tau(r)d(y) - \tau(x)\tau(r)d(y) \\ &= (d(x) - \tau(x))\tau(r)d(y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tau$  is an automorphism of  $R$ , we get

$$(d(x) - \tau(x))Rd(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring, we conclude that

$$(2.2) \quad d(x) = \tau(x) \text{ for all } x \in R \text{ or } d = 0.$$

Assume  $d(x) = \tau(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xy, y \in R$  in this equation we have

$$d(xy) = \tau(xy) = \tau(x)\tau(y).$$

On the other hand, recalling  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$  - *derivation* and (2.2), it follows

$$d(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y) = \tau(x)d(y)$$

and so,

$$d(x)\sigma(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring, we see that  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$  - *derivation* of  $R$  which is an anti-*endomorphism* on  $R$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $d$  acts as a anti-homomorphism on  $R$ , we get

$$(2.3) \quad d(xy) = d(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y) = d(y)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $xy$  in (2.3), we have

$$d(x)\sigma(xy) + \tau(x)d(xy) = d(xy)d(x).$$

Recall that  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -*derivation* of  $R$  which is an anti-*endomorphism* on  $R$ , we have

$$d(x)\sigma(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y)d(x) = d(x)\sigma(y)d(x) + \tau(x)d(y)d(x)$$

Since the second terms on the both sides are equal, we conclude that

$$(2.4) \quad d(x)\sigma(y)d(x) - d(x)\sigma(x)\sigma(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Substituting  $yr, r \in R$  for  $y$  in this equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(x)\sigma(yr)d(x) - d(x)\sigma(x)\sigma(yr) \\ &= d(x)\sigma(y)\sigma(r)d(x) - d(x)\sigma(x)\sigma(y)\sigma(r). \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.4), it gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(x)\sigma(y)\sigma(r)d(x) - d(x)\sigma(y)d(x)\sigma(r) \\ &= d(x)\sigma(y)[\sigma(r), d(x)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma, \tau$  are automorphisms of  $R$ , we obtain

$$d(x)R[\sigma(r), d(x)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring,

$$d(x) = 0 \text{ or } d(x) \in Z \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

If  $d(x) = 0$  then  $d(x) \in Z$ . So, we can take  $d(R) \subset Z$  which forces  $d$  to be an endomorphism of  $R$ . It follows  $d = 0$  from Theorem 1. This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not two. If  $d$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of  $R$  and  $d(xy) = d(yx)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $R$  is a commutative ring.*

PROOF

For any element  $c \in R$  such that  $d(c) = 0$ , for example  $c = [x, y]$ , we have

$$d(z)\sigma(c) = d(zc) = d(cz) = \tau(c)d(z)$$

for all  $z \in R$ .

Thus

$$(2.5) \quad [d(z), c]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \quad \text{for all } z \in R.$$

This reduces  $c \in Z$  for all  $c \in R$  such that  $d(c) = 0$  by [4, Theorem 1]. In view of (2.5), we obtain  $[x, y] \in Z$  for all  $x, y \in R$  because of  $d([x, y]) = 0$ . Thus  $R$  is commutative by [3, Lemma 1.5].

LEMMA 1. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring. If  $Ua = 0$  ( $aU = 0$ ) for  $a \in R$  then  $a = 0$ .*

PROOF. Since  $R$  is a prime ring and  $U$  is a nonzero left ideal of  $R$ , if  $aU = 0$  then  $a = 0$ . Now, let us show that  $Ua = 0$  then  $a = 0$ . Assume that  $a \neq 0$ . Define  $L$  by

$$L = \{x \in R \mid Ux = 0\}.$$

Since  $0 \neq a \in L$  it is clearly that  $L$  is a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  such that  $UL = (0)$ . On the other hand,  $L \cap U$  is a right ideal of  $U$  and

$$(L \cap U)(L \cap U) \subset UL = (0),$$

that is,

$$(L \cap U)^2 = (0).$$

Since  $U$  is semiprime, we have  $L \cap U = 0$ . In this case, we have

$$LU \subset L \cap U = (0)$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring and  $U$  is a nonzero left ideal of  $R$ , one obtains  $L = (0)$ . Thus we get  $a = 0$ .

LEMMA 2. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring. If  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $d(U) = 0$  then  $d = 0$ .*

PROOF. By hypothesis for all  $x \in R, m \in U$ , we get

$$0 = d(xm) = d(x)\sigma(m) + \tau(x)d(m) = d(x)\sigma(m).$$

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of  $R$ , it follows from Lemma 1 that  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

THEOREM 4. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring. If  $d$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $d(U)a = 0$  ( $ad(U) = 0$ ), then  $a = 0$ .*

PROOF. For all  $u \in U$ ,  $x \in R$  we have

$$0 = d(xu)a = d(x)\sigma(u)a + \tau(x)d(u)a.$$

From the hypothesis, we take

$$d(x)\sigma(u)a = 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in U, x \in R.$$

That is  $U\sigma^{-1}(a) = 0$  by [1, Lemma 1]. And so,  $a = 0$  by Lemma 1. If  $ad(U) = 0$ , then for all  $u, v \in U$ ,

$$0 = ad(uv) = ad(u)\sigma(v) + a\tau(u)d(v).$$

That is,

$$a\tau(u)d(v) = 0 \quad \text{for all } u, v \in U.$$

We can take  $\tau^{-1}(a)U\tau^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in U$  since  $\tau$  is an automorphism of  $R$ .  $U\tau^{-1}(d(v))$  is a left ideal of  $R$ , we obtain  $a = 0$  or  $U\tau^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$  from Lemma 1. If  $U\tau^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$  for all  $v \in U$  then by Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 we get  $d = 0$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  is a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring and  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of  $R$ . If  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $U$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

PROOF. Since  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $U$ , we have

$$d(vu) = d(v)d(u) = d(v)\sigma(u) + \tau(v)d(u) \quad \text{for all } u, v \in U.$$

Substituting  $ut, t \in U$  for  $u$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(v)\sigma(u)d(t) + \tau(v)d(u)d(t) &= d(vu)d(t) = d(v)d(u)d(t) \\ &= d(v)d(ut) = d(v\sigma(t)) \\ &= d(v)\sigma(u)\sigma(t) + \tau(v)d(ut) \\ &= d(v)\sigma(u)\sigma(t) + \tau(v)d(u)d(t) \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$d(U)\sigma(u)(d(t) - \sigma(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } u, t \in U.$$

Using Theorem 4, we get  $d = 0$  by Lemma 2 or

$$U\sigma^{-1}(d(t) - \sigma(t)) = 0 \text{ for all } t \in U.$$

If  $U\sigma^{-1}(d(t) - \sigma(t)) = 0$ , then by Lemma 1, one obtains,

$$(2.6) \quad d(t) = \sigma(t) \text{ for all } t \in U.$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $tu, t, u \in U$  in (2.6)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t)\sigma(u) &= \sigma(tu) = d(tu) \\ &= d(t)\sigma(u) + \tau(t)d(u) \\ &= \sigma(t)\sigma(u) + \tau(t)d(u) \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\tau(t)d(u) = 0, \text{ for all } t, u \in U.$$

By Theorem 4, we get  $d = 0$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  is a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring and  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$  - derivation of  $R$ . If  $d$  acts an anti-homomorphism on  $U$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $d$  acts as a anti-homomorphism on  $U$ , we have

$$(2.7) \quad d(uv) = d(v)d(u) = d(u)\sigma(v) + \tau(u)d(v) \text{ for all } u, v \in U.$$

Substituting  $uv$  for  $v$  in (2.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(u)\sigma(u)\sigma(v) + \tau(u)d(v)d(u) &= d(u)\sigma(uv) + \tau(u)d(uv) = d(uv)d(u) \\ &= d(u)\sigma(v)d(u) + \tau(u)d(v)d(u) \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$(2.8) \quad d(u)\sigma(v)d(u) = d(u)\sigma(u)\sigma(v) \text{ for all } u, v \in U.$$

Replacing  $v$  by  $vt, t \in U$  in (2.8) and using (2.8), we have,

$$d(u)\sigma(v)\sigma(t)d(u) = d(u)\sigma(u)\sigma(v)\sigma(t) = d(u)\sigma(v)d(u)\sigma(t)$$

and so,

$$d(u)\sigma(v)[\sigma(t), d(u)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } u, v, t \in U.$$

That is,

$$\sigma^{-1}(d(u))U[t, \sigma^{-1}(d(u))] = 0, \quad \text{for all } u, t \in U$$

Since  $U[t, \sigma^{-1}(d(u))]$  is a left ideal and  $R$  is a prime ring it gives

$$d(u) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad [\sigma(t), d(u)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } u, t \in U.$$

Define for fixed  $t \in R$ ,  $K = \{u \in U | d(u) = 0\}$  and  $L = \{u \in U | [\sigma(t), d(u)] = 0\}$ . A group can not be the set theoretic union of two proper subgroups, hence  $U = K$  or  $U = L$ . In the former case,  $d(U) = (0)$ . It gives that  $d = 0$  by Lemma 2. So we have  $[\sigma(t), d(u)] = 0$ , for all  $u, t \in U$ . Replacing  $t$  by  $rt$ ,  $r \in R$  we have

$$[\sigma(r), d(u)]\sigma(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } u, t \in U, r \in R$$

and so,

$$[R, \sigma^{-1}(d(u))]U = 0.$$

Since  $U$  is a left ideal of  $R$  and  $R$  is a prime ring, we get  $d(U) \subset Z$  which forces  $d$  to be an endomorphism of  $R$ . It follows  $d = 0$  from Theorem 5. This completes the proof of the Theorem 6.

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