

PRIME SEMIRINGS ADMITTING GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Let S be a prime semiring. Motivated by some results on derivations in rings, in [2], we defined the notion of derivations and generalized derivations on semirings and investigated some simple and interesting results on the derivations in semirings. In this paper, we discuss the commutativity of S with generalized derivation F associated with the derivation D .

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INTRODUCTION

There has been ongoing interest concerning the relationship between the commutativity of a ring R and the existence of certain specific types of derivations on R . In [1] some results on commutativity of rings with derivations and generalized derivations are discussed. In [2], we have introduced the notion of derivations on semirings and proved some simple but interesting results.

In this concern, in our paper [3], we have established the following theorem:

“Let S be a prime semiring and D , a non-zero derivation on S . If $\text{Char}(S) \neq 2$ and $[D(x), D(y)] = 0$, for all $x, y \in S$, then S is commutative.”

It is natural to ask what can we say about the commutativity of S , if the derivation D is replaced by generalized derivation F . In this paper, we discuss this question and find some interesting results.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let S be a semiring. For each $x, y \in S$, denote the **commutator** $xy - yx$ by $[x, y]$ and the **anti-commutator** $xy + yx$ by $x \circ y$.

We call a semiring S , a **prime semiring** if for $x, y \in S$, $xSy = \{0\}$ implies $x = 0$ or $y = 0$.

An additive mapping $D: S \rightarrow S$ is called a **derivation** if $D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y)$, for all $x, y \in S$.

An additive mapping $F: S \rightarrow S$ is called **generalized derivation** with associated derivation D if

$$F(xy) = F(x)y + xD(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in S.$$

We recall the following results.

Lemma 2.1: (Lemma 4.3, [3])

1. Sum of two generalized derivations on a semiring S is a generalized derivation.
2. If F is a generalized derivation on a semiring S with associated derivation D , then it is of the form $F(x) = cx + D(x)$, c is a fixed constant.

Lemma 2.2: (Lemma 3.4, [4]) Let S be a prime semiring and I , a non-zero right ideal of S . If D is a non-zero derivation on S , then D is non-zero on I .

Lemma 2.3: (Lemma 3.5, [4]) If a prime semiring S contains a non-zero commutative right ideal I , then S is commutative.

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Lemma 2.4: (Theorem 4.5, [3]) Let S be a prime semiring. F , a generalized derivation with associated derivation $D \neq 0$ such that $D(F(x)) = 0$, for all $x \in S$. Let $c = F(1)$. Then $cD(x) = D(x)c = 0$, for all $x \in S$. Moreover, if $\text{Char}(S) \neq 2$, $c^2 \in Z$ and if $c \in Z$ then $c = 0$ and $F = D$.

Lemma 2.5: (Theorem 4.6, [3]) Let S be a prime semiring. If S admits a non-zero generalized derivation F with associated derivation $D \neq 0$ such that $[F(x), x] = 0$, for all $x \in S$, then S is commutative. We shall make use of the following commutator identities extensively:

$$\begin{aligned} [xy, z] &= x[y, z] + [x, z]y \\ [x, yz] &= [x, y]z + y[x, z] \\ x \circ (yz) &= (x \circ y)z - y[x, z] = y(x \circ z) + [x, y]z \\ (xy) \circ z &= x(y \circ z) - [x, z]y = (x \circ z)y + x[y, z] \end{aligned}$$

3. COMMUTATIVITY OF PRIME SEMIRINGS

Theorem 3.1: Let S be a prime semiring and I , a non-zero ideal of S . If S admits a generalized derivation F associated with a non-zero derivation D such that

$$F(x \circ y) = x \circ y, \text{ for all } x, y \in I, \tag{1}$$

then S is commutative.

Proof: If $F = 0$, then $x \circ y = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$.

Replacing y by yz , ($z \in I$), we get $x \circ (yz) = 0$.

$(x \circ y)z + [x, y]z = 0 \implies [x, y]z = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$ since $x \circ y = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$.

$[x, y]I = 0$, for all $x, y \in I \implies [x, y]SI = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$

$\implies [x, y] = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$ due to the primeness of S and $I \neq 0$.

$\implies I$ is commutative.

Hence by Lemma (3), S is commutative.

Suppose $F \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \implies F(xy + yx) &= xy + yx \\ \implies F(x)y + xD(y) + F(y)x + yD(x) &= xy + yx \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Replacing y by yx and simplifying using (2),

$$(xy + yx)x + xyD(x) + yxD(x) = xyx + yx^2$$

implies $(x \circ y)D(x) = 0$, for all $x, y \in I$. (3)

Replacing y by zy in above equation and simplifying we arrive at

$$[x, z]I = 0, \text{ for all } x, z \in I \text{ or } D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in I.$$

By primeness of S , If $D(x) = 0$, for all $x \in I$, $D = 0$, by lemma (2) which is not possible.

Hence $[x, z]I = 0$, for all $x, z \in I$ which $[x, z] = 0$, for all $x, z \in I$ since $I \neq 0$.

Hereby we get that I is commutative implying S is commutative from Lemma (3).

Following the same lines as above with necessary variations, we can prove the following:

Theorem 3.2: Let S be a prime semiring and I , a non-zero ideal of S . If S admits a generalized derivation F associated with a non-zero derivation D such that

$$F(x \circ y) + x \circ y = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I,$$

then S is commutative.

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