

A PAIR OF GENERALIZED  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$  – DERIVATIONS IN PRIME NEAR RINGS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to study generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$  – derivations satisfying certain identities on semigroup ideals of a prime near ring. Some well known results characterizing commutativity of 3-prime near rings by  $n$  – derivations have been generalized using semigroup ideals.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper,  $N$  denotes a zero-symmetric left near ring with multiplicative centre  $Z$ ; and for any pair of elements  $x, y \in N$ ,  $[x, y] = xy - yx$  and  $(x, y) = x + y - x - y$  stand for the commutator and additive commutator respectively. Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be mappings on  $N$ . For any  $x, y \in N$ , set the symbol  $[x, y]_{\sigma, \tau}$  will denote  $x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$ , while the symbol  $(x \circ y)_{\sigma, \tau}$  will denote  $x\sigma(y) + \tau(y)x$ . A near ring  $N$  is called zero-symmetric if  $0x = 0$ , for all  $x \in N$  (recall that left distributivity yields that  $x0 = 0$ ). The near ring  $N$  is said to be 3-prime if  $xNy = \{0\}$  for  $x, y \in N$  implies that  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . A near ring  $N$  is called 2-torsion free if  $(N, +)$  has no element of order 2. A nonempty subset  $U$  of  $N$  is called a semigroup right (resp. semigroup left) ideal if  $UN \subseteq U$  (resp.  $NU \subseteq U$ ); and if  $U$  is both a semigroup right ideal and a semigroup left ideal, it is called a semigroup ideal. Let  $n \geq 2$  be a fixed positive integer and  $N^n = N \times N \times \dots \times N_{\{n\text{-times}\}}$ . A map  $\Delta: N^n \rightarrow N$  is said to be permuting on a near ring  $N$  if the relation  $\Delta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \Delta(x_{\pi(1)}, x_{\pi(2)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)})$  holds for all  $x_i \in N$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and for every permutation  $\pi \in S_n$ , where  $S_n$  is the permutation group on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . An additive mapping  $f: N \rightarrow N$  is said to be a right (resp. left) generalized derivation with associated derivation  $d$  if  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  (resp.  $F(xy) = d(x)y + xF(y)$ ), for all  $x, y \in N$  and  $F$  is said to be a generalized derivation with associated derivation  $d$  on  $N$  if it is both a right generalized derivation and a left generalized derivation on  $N$  with associated derivation  $d$ .

Ozturk et al. [6] and Park et al. [8] studied bi-derivations and tri-derivations in near rings. A mapping  $d: N \times N \rightarrow N$  is said to be symmetric (permuting) on a near ring  $N$  if  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in N$ . A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $d: N \times N \rightarrow N$  (additive in each argument) is said to be a symmetric bi-derivation on  $N$  if  $d(xy, z) = d(x, z)y + xd(y, z)$  holds for all  $x, y, z \in N$ . A permuting tri-additive map  $\Delta: N \times N \times N \rightarrow N$  is said to be a permuting tri-derivation on  $N$  if

$$\Delta(xw, y, z) = \Delta(x, y, z)w + x\Delta(w, y, z)$$

is fulfilled for all  $w, x, y, z \in N$ .

Very recently Park [7] defined  $n$ -derivation in rings. Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be endomorphisms on  $N$ . An additive mapping  $d: N \rightarrow N$  is said to be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$  derivation if  $d(xy) = \sigma(x)d(y) + d(x)\tau(y)$ , (or equivalently  $d(xy) = d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y)$ ) for all  $x, y \in N$ . The notions of symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$  derivation and tri- $(\sigma, \tau)$  derivation have already been introduced and studied in near-rings by Ceven [3] and Ozturk [5], respectively. Motivated by the concept of tri-derivation in rings, Park [7] introduced the notion of  $n$ -derivation in rings. An  $n$ -additive (i.e. additive in each argument) mapping  $d: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ - $n$ -derivation of  $N$  if there exist automorphisms  $\sigma, \tau: N \rightarrow N$  such that the equations

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$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_1) + \tau(x_1)d(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ d(x_1, x_2x'_2, \dots, x_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_2) + \tau(x_2)d(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &\vdots \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_nx'_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_n) + \tau(x_n)d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n) \end{aligned}$$

hold for all  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in N$ .

Majeed and Adhab [4] defined Generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation in near rings. An  $n$ -additive mapping  $F: N \times N \dots \times N \rightarrow N$  is called a right generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$  if the relations

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_1) + \tau(x_1)d(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ F(x_1, x_2x'_2, \dots, x_n) &= F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_2) + \tau(x_2)d(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &\vdots \\ F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_nx'_n) &= F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_n) + \tau(x_n)d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n) \end{aligned}$$

hold for all  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in N$ .

An  $n$ -additive mapping  $F: N \times N \dots \times N \rightarrow N$  is called a left generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$  if the relations

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_1) + \tau(x_1)F(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ F(x_1, x_2x'_2, \dots, x_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_2) + \tau(x_2)F(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &\vdots \\ F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_nx'_n) &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_n) + \tau(x_n)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n) \end{aligned}$$

hold for all  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in N$ .

A mapping  $F: N^n \rightarrow N$  is called a generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation on  $N$  if  $F$  is both a right generalized and a left generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation with associated  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

We begin with several Lemmas, most of which have been proved elsewhere.

**Lemma 2.1:** [1, Lemmas 1.2] Let  $N$  be 3-prime near ring.

- (i) If  $z \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $z$  is not a zero divisor.
- (ii) If  $Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x$  is an element of  $N$  for which  $xz \in Z$ , then  $x \in Z$ .

**Lemma 2.2:** [1, Lemmas 1.3 and Lemma 1.4] Let  $N$  be 3-prime near ring and  $U$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $N$ .

- (i) If  $x, y \in N$  and  $xUy = \{0\}$ , then  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .
- (ii) If  $x \in N$  and  $xU = \{0\}$  or  $Ux = \{0\}$ , then  $x = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3:** [1, Lemma 1.5] If  $N$  is a 3-prime near ring and  $Z$  contains a nonzero semigroup left ideal or a nonzero semigroup right ideal, then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Lemma 2.4:** [4, Lemma 2.9] If  $N$  is a 3-prime near ring admitting a generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $F$  associated with a  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_1) + \tau(x_1)F(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))y &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_1)y + \tau(x_1)F(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y, \\ (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_2) + \tau(x_2)F(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n))y &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_2)y + \tau(x_2)F(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n)y; \\ &\vdots \\ (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_n) + \tau(x_n)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n))y &= d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_n)y + \tau(x_n)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n)y \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, \dots, x_n, x'_n, y \in N$ .

**Lemma 2.5:** [2, Lemma 4] Let  $N$  be an arbitrary near ring. Let  $S$  and  $T$  be non-empty subsets of  $N$  such that  $st = -ts$  for all  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$ . If  $a, b \in S$  and  $c$  is an element of  $T$  for which  $-c \in T$ , then  $(ab)c = c(ab)$ .

**Lemma 2.6:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $d$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation on  $N$ , then  $d(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \neq \{0\}$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{2.1}$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $u_1r_1$ , where  $r_1 \in N$  in (2.1), we get

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(r_1) + \tau(u_1)d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$$

and using (2.1), we get  $\tau(u_1)d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ . Since  $\tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$U_1d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0.$$

Using Lemma 2.2(ii), we obtain

$$d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0. \tag{2.2}$$

Replacing  $u_2$  by  $u_2 r_2$ , where  $r_2 \in N$  in (2.2), we find

$$d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(r_2) + \tau(u_2)d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$$

and using (2.2), we get  $\tau(u_2)d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  i.e.  $U_2 d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ .

Another application of by Lemma 2.2(ii) yields that  $d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ . Proceeding as above inductively, we conclude that  $d(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = 0$  for all  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in N$ , a contradiction which completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.7:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_1) = U_1, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $d$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation on  $N$  such that  $d(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)a = \{0\}$  or  $ad(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ , then  $a = 0$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $d(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)a = \{0\}$ . Then

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)a = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{2.3}$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $u_1 u'_1$  for  $u'_1 \in U_1$  in (2.3), we get

$$(d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1) + \tau(u_1)d(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n))a = 0.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 and (2.3), we find

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)a = 0.$$

Since  $\sigma(U_1) = U_1$ , we have

$$d(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1 a = 0.$$

Using Lemma 2.2 (i) and Lemma 2.6, we obtain  $a=0$ .

**Lemma 2.8:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_1) = U_1; \tau(U_1) = U_1$  and  $U_1 \cap Z \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $d$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation on  $N$ , then  $d(Z, N, N, \dots, N) \subseteq Z$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $z \in U_1 \cap Z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(zx_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= d(x_1z, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in N, \\ d(z, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x_1) + \tau(z)d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \tau(x_1)d(z, x_2, \dots, x_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(z) \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis

$$d(z, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1 = x_1d(z, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in N \text{ and } z \in Z.$$

Hence  $d(Z, N, N, \dots, N) \subseteq Z$ .

**Lemma 2.9:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F$  is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with a  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$ , then  $F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \neq \{0\}$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{2.4}$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $u_1 r_1$ , where  $r_1 \in N$  in (2.4) and using it, we get

$$\tau(u_1)d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n \text{ and } r_1 \in N. \tag{2.5}$$

Since  $\tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we get

$$U_1 d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n \text{ and } r_1 \in N.$$

Applying Lemma 2.2(ii), we find

$$d(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n \text{ and } r_1 \in N. \tag{2.6}$$

Now replacing  $u_2$  by  $u_2 r_2$  in (2.6) for  $r_2 \in N$ , we get  $\tau(u_2)d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  and by hypothesis  $U_2 d(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = \{0\}$ . Again application of Lemma 2.2(ii) yields that  $d(r_1, r_2, u_3, \dots, u_n) = 0$  for all  $u_3 \in U_3, \dots, u_n \in U_n$  and  $r_1, r_2 \in N$ . Proceeding inductively, we get  $d(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = 0$  for all  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in N$ . i.e.,  $d=0$ . Hence

$$F(r_1 u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = F(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u_1) = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n \text{ and } r_1 \in N$$

which implies that  $F(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1 = 0$ . By Lemma 2.2 (ii), we find  

$$F(r_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n \text{ and } r_1 \in N. \tag{2.7}$$

Replacing  $u_2$  by  $r_2 u_2$  in (2.7), we get  $F(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n)U_2 = \{0\}$  and Lemma 2.2 (ii) gives  

$$F(r_1, r_2, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } r_1, r_2 \in N.$$

Proceeding inductively, we obtain  $F = 0$  on  $N$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.10:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F$  is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with a  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$  such that  $F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)a = \{0\}$  or  $aF(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ , then  $a = 0$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)a = \{0\}$ . Then  

$$F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)a = 0 \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{2.8}$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $u_1 u'_1$  where  $u'_1 \in U_1$  in (2.8) and using Lemma 2.4, we obtain  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)a = 0 \text{ for all } u_1, u'_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n.$$

Since  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1 a = \{0\} \text{ for all } u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n.$$

By Lemma 2.2 (i), either  $a = 0$  or  $d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ . If  $d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = \{0\}$ , then  

$$F(u_1 u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)a = F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)a + \tau(u_1)d(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)a = 0$$
yields that  $F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1 a = 0$ . Again using Lemma 2.2(i), we find either  $a = 0$  or  $F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ . Later yields contradiction by Lemma 2.9, hence we get the result.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F$  is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated with a  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$  such that  $F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \subseteq Z$ , then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Proof:** If  $d \neq 0$  for all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ , we get  

$$F(u_1 u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1) + \tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in Z. \tag{3.1}$$

Now commuting (3.1) with the element  $\tau(u_1)$ , we have  

$$\begin{aligned} (d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1) + \tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n))\tau(u_1) \\ = \tau(u_1)(d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1) + \tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)). \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.4, we obtain  

$$\begin{aligned} d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)\tau(u_1) + \tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\tau(u_1) \\ = \tau(u_1)d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1) + \tau(u_1)\tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that,  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)\tau(u_1) = \tau(u_1)d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1). \tag{3.2}$$

Replacing  $u'_1$  by  $u'_1 x$  for  $x \in N$  in (3.2) and using  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we find  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)u'_1 x \tau(u_1) = \tau(u_1)d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)u'_1 x.$$

Now replacing  $u'_1$  by  $\sigma(u'_1)$ , we get  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)x\tau(u_1) = \tau(u_1)d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)x.$$

Using (3.2), we obtain  $d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)x\tau(u_1) = d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)\tau(u_1)x$ ,  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u'_1)[x, \tau(u_1)] = 0.$$

This implies that  

$$d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1[x, u_1] = 0.$$

Using Lemma 2.2 (i), we get  $d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  or  $[x, u_1] = 0$ . Later gives  $U_1 \subseteq Z$ . Now if  $d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  for all  $u_i \in U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  

$$F(u_1 u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = u_1 F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in Z.$$

An appeal to Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.9 gives  $U_1 \subseteq Z$ . Hence by Lemma 2.3,  $N$  is a commutative ring. Assume that  $d = 0$ . From (3.1), we have  $F(u_1 u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = \tau(u_1)F(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in Z$  and invoking Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.9, we get  $U_1 \subseteq Z$  and  $N$  is a commutative ring by Lemma 2.3.

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F_1, F_2$  are generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations associated with nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations  $d_1, d_2$  respectively such that  $[F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n), F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] = \{0\}$ , then  $(N, +)$  is abelian.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $x \in N$  is such that

$$[x, F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] = [x + x, F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] = 0.$$

For all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1$ ,

$$[x + x, F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)] = 0.$$

This implies that

$$(x + x)F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)(x + x),$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x + x)F_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (x + x)F_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ = F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x + F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)(x + x) + F_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)(x + x) \\ = xF_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x + F_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x + F_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x + F_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x \\ = xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$xF_2((u_1, u'_1), u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0,$$

where  $(u_1, u'_1)$  is the additive commutator  $(u_1 + u'_1 - u_1 - u'_1)$ ,  $u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

If  $r, s \in U_1$ , we have  $rs \in U_1$  and  $rs + rs = r(s + s) \in U_1$  and since  $[F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n), F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] = \{0\}$ , taking  $x = F_1(rs, u'_2, \dots, u'_n)$  where  $r, s \in U_1, u'_2 \in U_2, \dots, u'_n \in U_n$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} [F_1(rs, u'_2, \dots, u'_n), F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] &= \{0\} \\ &= [F_1(rs, u'_2, \dots, u'_n) + F_1(rs, u'_2, \dots, u'_n), F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)]. \end{aligned}$$

Arguing in the similar manner as above, we get

$$F_1(U_1^2, U_2, \dots, U_n)F_2(u_1 + u'_1 - u_1 - u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = \{0\}.$$

Since  $U_1^2$  is a semigroup ideal, Lemma 2.10 gives

$$F_2(u_1 + u'_1 - u_1 - u'_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n) = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1$ . Now take  $u_1 = rx'$  and  $u'_1 = ry'$  for  $r \in U_1$  and  $x', y' \in N$ , so that  $u_1, u'_1$  and  $u_1 + u'_1 = rx' + ry' = r(x' + y') \in U_1$ . It follows from relation (3.3) that

$$F_2(rx' + ry' - rx' - ry', u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } r \in U_1 \text{ and } x', y' \in N.$$

Replacing  $r$  by  $rw$  for  $w \in U_1$  in above expression, we get

$$d_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)w(x' + y' - x' - y') = \{0\}$$

for all  $w \in U_1$  and  $x', y' \in N$  i.e.,  $d_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)U_1(x' + y' - x' - y') = \{0\}$  for all  $x', y' \in N$  and by Lemma 2.2 (i) and Lemma 2.6, we get  $x' + y' - x' - y' = 0$  for all  $x', y' \in N$  and hence  $(N, +)$  is abelian.

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F_1, F_2$  are generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations associated with nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations  $d_1, d_2$  respectively such that  $F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \circ F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ , then  $(N, +)$  is abelian.

**Proof:** Assume that  $x \in N$  is such that

$$x \circ F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = (x + x) \circ F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = 0.$$

For all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1$ ,

$$(x + x) \circ F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0,$$

$$(x + x)F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)(x + x) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x+x)F_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (x+x)F_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= -F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x - F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x, \\ &xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= -F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x - F_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)x, \\ &xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= xF_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1 + u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \\ &zF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + xF_2(u'_1, u_2, \dots, u_n). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $xF_2((u_1, u'_1), u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ , where  $(u_1, u'_1)$  is the additive commutator  $(u_1 + u'_1 - u_1 - u'_1)$ ,  $u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ . Arguing in the similar manner as in Theorem 3.2, we get the required result.

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $N$  be a 2-torsion free 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i, \tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F_1, F_2$  are generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations  $d_1, d_2$  respectively with at least one of  $d_1, d_2$  not zero such that

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1; x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots; x_n, y_n \in U_n$ , then  $F_1 = 0$  or  $F_2 = 0$ .

**Proof:** By hypothesis for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1; x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, x_n, y_n \in U_n$

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Replacing  $x_1$  by  $u_1v_1$  for  $u_1, v_1 \in U_1$  in (3.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\{d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1) + \tau(u_1)F_1(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\}d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ &+ \{\tau(u_1)F_2(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)\}d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0, \\ &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(u_1)F_1(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ &+ \tau(u_1)F_2(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0, \\ &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(u_1)\{F_1(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ &+ F_2(v_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\} + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.4) middle summand is 0, we conclude that

$$d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(v_1)d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0.$$

Since  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we get

$$d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

Replacing  $y_1$  by  $y_1t$  for  $t \in U_1$  in (3.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1\{d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(t) + \tau(y_1)d_2(t, y_2, \dots, y_n)\} \\ &+ d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1\{\tau(y_1)d_1(t, y_2, \dots, y_n) + d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(t)\} = 0, \\ &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(t) + d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1\tau(y_1)d_2(t, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ &+ d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1\tau(y_1)d_1(t, y_2, \dots, y_n) + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.5), we get

$$d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)t + d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)t = 0. \tag{3.6}$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $td_1(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  for all  $w_1 \in U_1, w_2 \in U_2, \dots, w_n \in U_n$  in (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_1(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \\ &+ d_2(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_1(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.5) in the above relation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1\{-d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_2(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)\} \\ &- d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_2(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$2d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_2(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = 0,$$

2-torsion freeness implies that

$$d_1(u_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)v_1d_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)td_2(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = 0.$$

Then by Lemma 2.2 (i) and Lemma 2.6, one of  $d_1, d_2$  must be zero. Assuming without loss  $d_1 = 0$  in which case  $d_2 \neq 0$ , then (3.4) gives  $F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$ . By using Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.9, we get  $F_1 = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring;  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$  and  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_1) = U_1, \tau(U_1) = U_1$ . Let  $F_1, F_2$  be generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations  $d_1, d_2$  respectively such that  $F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \circ F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ . If  $d_1(Z, N, \dots, N) \neq \{0\}; d_2(Z, N, \dots, N) \neq \{0\}$  and  $U_1 \cap Z \neq \{0\}$ , then  $N$  is a commutative ring. Moreover  $F_1 = 0$  or  $F_2 = 0$ .

**Proof:** By hypothesis

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1; x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, x_n, y_n \in U_n$ . Suppose that  $z_1 \in U_1 \cap Z$  such that  $d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \neq 0$  for all  $x_2 \in U_2, \dots, x_n \in U_n$ .

Replacing  $z_1$  by  $z_1 x_1$  in (3.7), we get

$$d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x_1)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(z_1)F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(z_1) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\tau(x_1)d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

Since  $z_1 \in U_1 \cap Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\sigma(U_1) = U_1, \tau(U_1) = U_1$ , we have

$$d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + z_1\{F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\} + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)x_1d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

Using (3.7) the middle summand is 0, we conclude that

$$d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)x_1d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

Since  $d_1(z_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ , we have

$$x_1F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)x_1 = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

Choosing  $z_2 \in Z$  such that  $d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$  and replacing  $y_1$  by  $z_2 y_1$  in (3.8), we have

$$x_1\{d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(y_1) + \tau(z_2)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\} + \{F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(z_2) + \tau(y_1)d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)\}x_1 = 0, \\ x_1d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)y_1 + xz_2F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)z_2x_1 + y_1d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)x_1 = 0.$$

Using (3.8), we obtain  $x_1d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)y_1 + y_1d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n)x_1 = 0$  and since  $d_2(z_2, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ , we have

$$x_1y_1 + y_1x_1 = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, y_1 \in U_1. \quad (3.9)$$

Applying Lemma 2.5 with  $S = U_1$  and  $T = U_1^2$  shows  $U_1^2$  centralizes  $U_1^2$  so that  $U_1^2 \subseteq Z$  by Lemma 2.6 and hence  $N$  is a commutative ring by Lemma 2.3. Further, it follows that

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ = -F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Hence,  $F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ . Therefore  $F_1 = 0$  or  $F_2 = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F$  is a generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation associated  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivation  $d$  on  $N$  and  $a \in N$  such that  $[F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n), a]_{\sigma, \tau} = \{0\}$ , then either  $\sigma(a) \in Z$  or  $d(a, a, \dots, a) = 0$ .

**Proof:** For all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$  and  $a \in N$ , we have

$$F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(a) = \tau(a)F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n). \quad (3.10)$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $au_1$  in (3.10), we get

$$\{d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(au_1) + \tau(a)F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\}\sigma(a) \\ = \tau(a)\{d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(au_1) + \tau(a)F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\}.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 and (3.10), we get

$$d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(au_1)\sigma(a) + \tau(a)F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(a) \\ = \tau(a)d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(au_1) + \tau(a)F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\sigma(a),$$

$$d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)u_1\sigma(a) = \tau(a)d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)u_1. \quad (3.11)$$

Replacing  $u_1$  by  $u_1 v_1$  for  $v_1 \in U_1$  in (3.11) and using (3.11), we obtain

$$d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1[v_1, \sigma(a)] = 0 \text{ for all } v_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n.$$

By Lemma 2.2 (i), we get  $d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  or  $[v_1, \sigma(a)] = 0$ . If  $[v_1, \sigma(a)] = 0$ , then

$$v_1\sigma(a) = \sigma(a)v_1 \text{ for all } v_1 \in U_1. \quad (3.12)$$

Replacing  $v_1$  by  $v_1 r$  for  $r \in N$  in (3.12) and using (3.12), we obtain  $U_1[r, \sigma(a)] = 0$ . Hence  $\sigma(a) \in Z$ . If  $d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$ , then replacing  $u_2$  by  $au_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(a, a, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u_2) + \tau(a)d(a, u_2, \dots, u_n) &= 0 \\ d(a, a, u_3, \dots, u_n)\sigma(u_2) &= 0 \\ d(a, a, u_3, \dots, u_n)U_2 &= \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.2(ii), we get  $d(a, a, u_3, \dots, u_n) = 0$ . Proceeding inductively, we conclude that  $d(a, a, a, \dots, a) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** Let  $N$  be a 3-prime near ring and  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be mappings on  $N$  such that  $\sigma$  is additive,  $\sigma(U_i) = U_i$ ,  $\tau(U_i) = U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $F_1, F_2$  are nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ -derivations  $d_1, d_2$  on  $N$  respectively such that

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1$ ;  $x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, x_n, y_n \in U_n$ , then  $(N, +)$  is abelian.

**Proof:** By hypothesis, we have

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1$ ,  $x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, x_n, y_n \in U_n$ .

If we choose  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1$ , then replacing  $y_1$  by  $u_1 + u'_1$  in (3.13), we get

$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u_1 + u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(u_1 + u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma\{F_2(u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + F_2(u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\} + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \\ F_1(u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) \\ + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) \\ F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(-u_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(-u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = 0. \\ F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(u_1 + u'_1 - u_1 - u'_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = 0, \\ F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)\sigma(F_2((u_1, u'_1), y_2, \dots, y_n)) = \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, y_n \in U_n$ . Using Lemma 2.10, we get  $\sigma(F_2((u_1, u'_1), y_2, \dots, y_n)) = 0$ . By hypothesis, we conclude that  $F_2((u_1, u'_1), y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$  for all  $u_1, u'_1 \in U_1$  such that  $u_1 + u'_1 \in U_1, y_2 \in U_2, \dots, y_n \in U_n$ . Arguing in the similar manner as in Theorem 3.2, we get the result.

The following examples show that the 3-primeness hypothesis in Theorems 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6 and 3.7 cannot be omitted.

**Example 3.8:** Let  $S$  be a left near ring. Let us consider

$$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| x, y, z \in S \right\}$$

Then  $N$  is a zero-symmetric left near ring with regard to matrix addition and matrix multiplication but not a 3-prime

near ring. If we set  $U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| y \in S \right\}$ , then clearly  $U$  is a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $N$ . Define mappings

$F_1, F_2, d_1, d_2: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$  by

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & z_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & z_1 z_2 \dots z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ d_1 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & z_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ F_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & z_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ d_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & z_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & z_1 z_2 \dots z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$



Define  $\sigma, \tau: N \rightarrow N$  by  $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & z \\ 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

If we choose  $U_1 = U_2 = \dots = U_n = U$ , then it is easy to see that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ - derivations associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ - derivations  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  on  $N$  respectively such that the following situations hold:

- (i)  $[F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n), F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)] = \{0\}$ ,
- (ii)  $F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \circ F_2(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) = \{0\}$ ,
- (iii)  $F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(F_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \tau(F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$
- (iv)  $[F_1(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n), a]_{\sigma, \tau} = \{0\}$  for all  $x_1, y_1 \in U_1; x_2, y_2 \in U_2, \dots; x_n, y_n \in U_n; \sigma(U_i) \neq U_i, \tau(U_i) \neq U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \sigma(a) \notin Z; d_1(a, a, \dots, a) \neq 0$  and  $(N, +)$  is not abelian.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $S$  be a left near ring. Let us consider

$$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in S \right\}$$

Then  $N$  is a zero-symmetric left near ring with regard to matrix addition and matrix multiplication but not a 3-prime near ring. If we set  $U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in S \right\}$ , then clearly  $U$  is a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $N$ . Define mappings

$F, d: N \times N \dots \times N \rightarrow N$  by

$$F \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_1 y_2 \dots y_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_1 z_2 \dots z_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define  $\sigma, \tau: N \rightarrow N$  by  $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

If we choose  $U_1 = U_2 = \dots = U_n = U$ , then it is easy to see that  $F$  is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ - derivation associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$   $n$ - derivation  $d$  on  $N$  satisfying  $F(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \subseteq Z; \sigma(U_i) \neq U_i, \tau(U_i) \neq U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $N$  is not a commutative ring.

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