

HOMOMORPHISM  
OR ANTI- HOMOMORPHISM OF LEFT  $(\alpha, 1)$  - DERIVATIONS IN PRIME RINGS

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ABSTRACT

Let  $R$  be a 2- torsion free ring and let  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $\alpha, 1$  are automorphisms of  $R$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation) of  $R$  if  $d(xy) = \alpha(x)d(y) + yd(x)$  (resp.  $d(x^2) = \alpha(x)d(x) + xd(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . In this paper it is established that if  $R$  admits a nonzero left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation which acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$  of  $R$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ . Also we prove that if  $G: R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping satisfying  $G(xy) = \alpha(x)G(y) + yd(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and a left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation  $d$  of  $R$  such that  $G$  also acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then either  $R$  is commutative or  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

**Keywords:** Prime ring, Lie ideal,  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Jordan  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Generalized left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Generalized Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation, Homomorphism, Anti-homomorphism.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The study of left derivation was initiated by Bresar and Vukman in [6] and it was shown that if a prime ring  $R$  of characteristic different from 2 and 3 admits a nonzero Jordan left derivation then  $R$  must be commutative. Ashraf and Ali [9] introduced the concepts of generalized left derivation and generalized Jordan left derivation. Bell and Kappe [5] proved that if  $K$  is a non-zero right ideal of a prime ring  $R$  and  $d: R \rightarrow R$  a derivation of  $R$  such that  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $K$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ . Ashraf *et al.* [7, 8] and Jaya Subba Reddy *et al.* [10] studied Lie ideals, generalized left derivation, left  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation and generalized left  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on prime rings  $R$  which acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ . Several authors have proved commutativity theorems and some results of lie ideals with left derivation in prime rings (See. [1, 2, 3, 4]). In general every left derivation is a Jordan left derivation but the converse need not be true. Ashraf [8] proved that the converse is true in the case when the underlying ring is 2-torsion free prime ring. The purpose of this paper to study some commutative properties of left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation in prime rings. Also we prove that if  $d$  or  $G$  acts as a homomorphism and as an anti-homomorphism on  $R$ , then either commutative or  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the present paper,  $R$  will denote an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . Recall that  $R$  is prime if  $xRy = \{0\}$  implies that either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . For any  $x, y \in R$ , the symbol  $[x, y]$  stands for the commutator  $xy - yx$ . Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $R$  and  $d: R \rightarrow R$  a derivation of  $R$ . If  $d(xy) = d(x)d(y)$  (resp.  $d(xy) = d(y)d(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in S$ , then  $d$  is said to act as a homomorphism (resp. anti-homomorphism) on  $S$ . An additive subgroup  $U$  of  $R$  is said to be a Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $[u, r] \in U$  for all  $u \in U, r \in R$ . Suppose that  $\alpha, 1$  are endomorphisms of  $R$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is called a  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Jordan  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation) if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + \alpha(x)d(y)$  (resp.  $d(x^2) = d(x)x + \alpha(x)d(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is called a left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation)

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if  $d(xy) = \alpha(x)d(y) + yd(x)$  (resp.  $d(x^2) = \alpha(x)d(x) + xd(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $G: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a generalized left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. generalized Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation) if there exists a Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation  $d: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $G(xy) = \alpha(x)G(y) + yd(x)$  (resp.  $G(x^2) = \alpha(x)G(x) + xd(x)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . The definition of generalized right  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. generalized Jordan right  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation) is self-explanatory. We shall make use of the following results, all but one of which is known.

**Lemma 1** ([3, Lemma 2]): If  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  is a Lie ideal of a 2-torsion free prime ring  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$  such that  $aUb = \{0\}$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

**Lemma 2** ([6, Lemma 4]): Let  $G$  and  $H$  are additive groups and let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free ring. Let  $f: G \times G \rightarrow H$  and  $g: G \times G \rightarrow R$  be biadditive mappings. Suppose that for each pair  $a, b \in G$  either  $f(a, b) = 0$  or  $g(a, b)^2 = 0$ . In this case either  $f = 0$  or  $g(a, b)^2 = 0$  for all  $a, b \in G$  respectively.

**Lemma 3** ([4, Theorem 4]): Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring and  $U$  a Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $d(u)^n = 0$  for all  $u \in U$ , where  $n \geq 1$  is a fixed integer, then  $d(u) = 0$  for all  $u \in U$ .

**Lemma 4** ([2, Lemma 1.3]): Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring. If  $U$  is a commutative Lie ideal of  $R$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $R$ , and let  $\alpha, 1$  be automorphisms of  $R$ . Suppose  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is a  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation of  $R$ .

- (i) If  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .
- (ii) If  $d$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have

$$d(vu) = d(v)u + \alpha(v)d(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \tag{1}$$

Replacing  $v$  by  $vr$ , for any  $r \in R$  in the equation (1), we get

$$d(v)\alpha(r)d(u) = \alpha(v)\alpha(r)d(u),$$

and so,  $(d(v) - \alpha(v))\alpha(r)d(u) = 0$ , for all  $v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . (2)

Hence,  $\alpha^{-1}(d(v) - \alpha(v))R\alpha^{-1}(d(u)) = \{0\}$ , for all  $v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ .

By the primeness of  $R$ , we conclude that either  $\alpha^{-1}(d(v) - \alpha(v)) = 0$  or  $\alpha^{-1}(d(u)) = 0$ . Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we find that  $d(v) - \alpha(v) = 0$  or  $d(v) = 0$ , for all  $v \in I$ .

For this yields that  $d(v) = \alpha(v)$ , for all  $v \in I$ . (3)

Replacing  $v$  by  $sv$ , for any  $s \in R$  in the equation (3), we get

$$d(s)v + \alpha(s)d(v) = \alpha(s)\alpha(v), \text{ for all } v \in I \text{ and } s \in R.$$

Using equation (3) in the above relation, we get  $d(s)v = 0$ , for all  $v \in I$  and  $s \in R$ . (4)

Hence,  $d(s)I = \{0\}$ , for all  $s \in R$ . Since the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $d(s) = 0$  or  $I = 0$ .

But  $I \neq \{0\}$ , this implies that  $I$  is central and hence  $R$  is commutative.

The last relation yields that  $d(s) = 0$ , i.e.,  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

(ii) Let  $d$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have

$$d(uv) = d(u)v + \alpha(u)d(v), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \tag{5}$$

Replacing  $u$  by  $uv$  in the equation (5), we get  $d(uv) = d(v)d(uv) = d(uv)v + \alpha(uv)d(v)$

$$d(v)\alpha(u)d(v) = \alpha(u)\alpha(v)d(v), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \tag{6}$$

Replacing  $u$  by  $uw$  in the equation (6) and using (6), we obtain

$$[\alpha(w), d(v)]\alpha(u)d(v) = 0, \text{ for all } u, v, w \in I.$$

Hence,  $\alpha^{-1}([\alpha(w), d(v)]U\alpha^{-1}(d(v))) = \{0\}$ , for all  $v, w \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of prime ring  $R$ , we obtain either  $[w, \alpha^{-1}(d(v))] = 0$  or  $\alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$ , for all  $v, w \in I$ .

Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we find that either  $[\alpha(w), d(v)] = 0$  or  $d(v) = 0$ , for all  $v, w \in I$ .

Define for fixed  $w \in R$ ,  $I_1 = \{v \in I / d(v) = 0\}$  and  $I_2 = \{v \in I / [\alpha(w), d(v)] = 0\}$ . It is clearly shows that  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are subgroups of  $I$  whose union is  $I$ . Hence either  $I_1 = I$  or  $I_2 = I$ .

If  $I_1 = I$ . From the case (i), we have  $d(v) = 0$ . It shows  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

If  $I_2 = I$ , so we have  $[\alpha(w), d(v)] = 0$ , for all  $v, w \in I$ . (7)

Replacing  $w$  by  $rw$ , for any  $r \in R$  in the equation (7), we get  $[\alpha(r), d(v)]\alpha(w) = 0$ , for all  $v, w \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . So, we have  $[R, \alpha^{-1}(d(v))]I = 0$ , for all  $v \in I$ .

Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of prime ring  $R$ , we get  $d(v) \subset Z(R)$  and it follows  $d = 0$  from (i).

Hence the theorem proof is completed.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $R$ , and let  $\alpha, 1$  be automorphisms of  $R$ . Suppose  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is a left  $(\alpha, 1)$ - derivation of  $R$ .

- (i) If  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .
- (ii) If  $d$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $d$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have  $d(u)d(v) = d(uv) = \alpha(u)d(v) + vd(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (8)

Replacing  $u$  by  $uv$  in the equation (8), we get  $d(uv)d(v) = \alpha(u)\alpha(v)d(v) + vd(uv)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ .

The application of (8) yields that  $\alpha(u)d(v)d(v) = \alpha(u)\alpha(v)d(v)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ .

This implies that  $\alpha(u)(d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (9)

Replacing  $u$  by  $ur$ , for any  $r \in R$  in the equation (9), we get  $\alpha(u)\alpha(r)(d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ , and hence,  $uR\alpha^{-1}((d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v)) = \{0\}$  for all  $u, v \in I$ .

Since by the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $u = 0$  or  $\alpha^{-1}((d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v)) = 0$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of  $R$ , we have  $\alpha^{-1}((d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v)) = 0$ , this yields that  $(d(v) - \alpha(v))d(v) = 0$ .

That is  $d(v)^2 = \alpha(v)d(v)$ . Since  $d$  is a left  $(\alpha, 1)$ - derivation, we find that  $\alpha(v)d(v) = 0$ .

Linearizing the latter relation, we have  $vd(u) + ud(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ .

Replacing  $u$  by  $vu$  in the above relation, we get  $vud(v) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in I$ . (10)

Replacing  $u$  by  $su$  in the equation (10), we get  $vsud(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $s \in R$ , and hence  $vRud(v) = \{0\}$ . Since by the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $v = 0$  or  $ud(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of  $R$ , we have  $ud(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (11)

Replacing  $u$  by  $ut$  in the equation (11), we get  $utd(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $t \in R$ , and hence  $IRd(v) = \{0\}$ . By the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $I = 0$  or  $d(v) = 0$ , for all  $u \in I$ . But  $I \neq \{0\}$ , so we have  $d(v) = 0$ . From in the case of theorem 1(i), we conclude that  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

(ii) Let  $d$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have  $d(uv) = \alpha(u)d(v) + vd(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (12)

Replacing  $v$  by  $uv$  in the equation (12), we get  $d(uv)d(u) = d(u(uv)) = \alpha(u)d(uv) + uvd(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (13)

Now right multiplying (12) by  $d(u)$  and using the fact that  $d$  is an anti- homomorphism on  $I$ , we get  $d(uv)d(u) = \alpha(u)d(uv) + vd(u)d(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (14)

Comparing (13) and (14), we get  $uvd(u) = vd(u)d(u)$ . (15)

Replacing  $v$  by  $rv$  in the equation (15), we get

$$urvd(u) = rvd(u)d(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I \text{ and } r \in R. \quad (16)$$

Left multiplying (15) by  $r$  and comparing with (16), we obtain

$$[r, u]vd(u) = 0, \text{ for all } u, v \in I \text{ and } r \in R. \quad (17)$$

Replacing  $v$  by  $sv$  in the equation (17), we get  $[r, u]svd(u) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ . Hence,  $[r, u]Rvd(u) = \{0\}$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ .

Let  $I_a = \{u \in I / vd(u) = 0, \text{ for all } v \in I\}$  and  $I_b = \{u \in I / [r, u] = 0, \text{ for all } r \in R\}$ . It is clearly shows that  $I_a$  and  $I_b$  are subgroups of  $I$  whose union is  $I$ . Since by the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $vd(u) = 0$  or  $[r, u] = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ .

If  $[r, u] = 0$ , replacing  $u$  by  $su$ , we get  $[r, s]u = 0$ , for all  $u \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ .

This implies that  $[r, s]I = \{0\}$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of prime ring  $R$ , we have either  $u = 0$  or  $[r, s] = 0$ . But  $I \neq \{0\}$ , so we have  $[r, s] = 0$ , for all  $r, s \in R$ . i.e.,  $R$  is commutative. i.e.,  $d$  is a  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation which acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ .

Hence by Theorem 1(ii), we have  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

If  $vd(u) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (18)

In the above case we get the result (i) from (11). In the same technique by using we get the required result from (18).

Hence the theorem proof is completed.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $\alpha, 1$  are automorphisms of  $R$  and  $G: R \rightarrow R$  is a generalized left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation of  $R$  with associated left  $(\alpha, 1)$ - derivation  $d$ .

(i) If  $G$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ , then either  $R$  is commutative or  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

(ii) If  $G$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ , then either  $R$  is commutative or  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $G$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have

$$G(uv) = G(u)G(v) = \alpha(u)G(v) + vd(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \quad (19)$$

Replacing  $v$  by  $vw$  in the equation (19), we get

$$G(uvw) = G(u(vw)) = \alpha(u)G(vw) + vwd(u), \text{ for all } u, v, w \in I. \quad (20)$$

On the other hand, we have  $G(uvw) = G((uv)w) = G(uv)G(w)$

$$= \alpha(u)G(v)G(w) + vd(u)G(w). \quad (21)$$

Comparing (21) and (20) and using (19), we get

$$vwd(u) = vd(u)G(w), \text{ for all } u, v, w \in I. \quad (22)$$

This implies that  $v\{wd(u) - d(u)G(w)\} = 0$ , for all  $u, v, w \in I$ .

Replacing  $v$  by  $vr$ , for any  $r \in R$ , we find that  $vr\{wd(u) - d(u)G(w)\} = \{0\}$ , for all  $u, v, w \in I$ .

Hence  $IR\{wd(u) - d(u)G(w)\} = \{0\}$  for all  $u, v, w \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of prime ring  $R$ , this yields that

$$wd(u) = d(u)G(w), \text{ for all } u, w \in I. \quad (23)$$

Replacing  $u$  by  $uv$  in the equation (23), we get

$$w\alpha(u)d(v) + wvd(u) = \alpha(u)d(v)G(w) + vd(u)G(w), \text{ for all } u, v, w \in I. \quad (24)$$

Using (23) in (24), we have  $[w, v]d(u) + [w, \alpha(u)]d(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v, w \in I$ . (25)

Hence in particular, we find that  $[v, \alpha(u)]d(v) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (26)

Replacing  $u$  by  $ru$  in the equation (26), for any  $r \in R$  and using (26), we get

$$[v, \alpha(r)]\alpha(u)d(v) = 0, \text{ for all } u, v \in I.$$

The above relation implies that  $\alpha^{-1}([v, \alpha(r)])u\alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ .

This can be rewritten as  $\alpha^{-1}([v, \alpha(r)])R\alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = \{0\}$ , for all  $v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . Since by the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $\alpha^{-1}([v, \alpha(r)])I = \{0\}$  or  $\alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$ .

Now define  $I_\alpha = \{v \in I / \alpha^{-1}([v, \alpha(r)])I = \{0\}, \text{ for all } r \in R\}$  and  $I_\beta = \{v \in I / \alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = 0\}$ . It is clearly shows that  $I_\alpha$  and  $I_\beta$  are subgroups of  $I$  whose union is  $I$ . Since by the primeness of  $R$ , we have either  $I_\alpha = I$  or  $I_\beta = I$ .

If  $I_\alpha = I$ , then we have  $\alpha^{-1}([v, r'])I = \{0\}$ , for all  $v \in I$  and  $\alpha(r) = r' \in R$ . Since  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of prime ring  $R$  and  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, this yields that  $[v, r'] = 0$ . This implies that  $I$  is central and hence  $R$  is commutative.

If  $I_\beta = I$ , then  $\alpha^{-1}(d(v)) = 0$ , for all  $v \in I$ . Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism and from the case of theorem 1(i), it follows that  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

(ii) Let  $G$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$ . By our hypothesis, we have

$$G(uv) = G(v)G(u) = \alpha(u)G(v) + vd(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \quad (27)$$

Replacing  $v$  by  $uv$  in the equation (27), we get

$$G(u^2v) = G(uv)G(u) = \alpha(u)G(uv) + uvd(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \quad (28)$$

Now using (27) in (28), we get

$$\alpha(u)G(v)G(u) + vd(u)G(u) = \alpha(u)G(uv) + uvd(u). \quad (29)$$

Again using (27) in (29), we get  $uvd(u) = vd(u)G(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in I$ . (30)

Replacing  $v$  by  $rv$ , for any  $r \in R$  in the equation (30), we get

$$urvd(u) = rvd(u)G(u), \text{ for all } u, v \in I. \quad (31)$$

Left multiplying (30) by  $r$ , we get  $ruvd(u) = rvd(u)G(u)$ . (32)

Comparing (31) and (32), we get  $[u, r]vd(u) = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in I$  and  $r \in R$ .

This relation can be written as  $[u, r]I(d(u)) = \{0\}$ . i.e.,  $[u, r]IRd(u) = \{0\}$ , for all  $u \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . This implies that for each fixed  $u \in I$  either  $[u, r]I = \{0\}$  or  $d(u) = 0$ .

Now using similar techniques as above, we get the required result.

Hence the theorem proof is completed.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this study, we have introduced the  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Jordan  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation), Left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation), Generalized left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation (resp. Generalized Jordan left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation) and also established that if  $R$  admits a nonzero left  $(\alpha, 1)$ -derivation acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then either  $R$  is commutative or  $d = 0$  on  $R$ .

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