

# Multiplicative (Generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -Derivations in Prime and Semiprime Rings

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be an associative ring and  $\alpha, \beta$  be the automorphisms on  $R$ . A map  $F: R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is said to be multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation if it satisfies  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is any map on  $R$ . Suppose that  $G$  and  $F$  are multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivations associated with the maps  $g$  and  $d$  on  $R$  respectively. The main aim in this article is to study the following situations: (i)  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) = 0$ ; (ii)  $F(xy) + \alpha(xy) = 0$ ; (iii)  $F(x)F(y) + \alpha(xy) = 0$  for all  $x, y$  in some appropriate subsets of prime or semiprime ring  $R$ .

**Key words:** Left ideal, lie ideal, multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation, prime ring.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout the present paper,  $R$  will denote an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . For given  $x, y \in R$ , the symbols  $[x, y]$  and  $xoy$  denote the commutator  $xy - yx$  and anti-commutator  $xy + yx$  respectively. For any  $x \in R$ , if  $2x = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$ , then  $R$  is said to be 2-torsion free ring. Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be prime, whenever  $aRb = (0)$  with  $a, b \in R$  implies either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and is semiprime if for any  $a \in R$ ,  $aRa = (0)$  implies  $a = 0$ . An additive subgroup  $U$  of  $R$  is called Lie ideal of ring  $R$ , if  $[u, r] \in U$  for all  $u \in U, r \in R$  and is called square closed if square of every element of  $U$  is in  $U$ . Moreover if  $U$  is square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ , then  $2xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  is called derivation. Bresar [1] first introduced the concept of generalized derivation. An additive map  $F: R \rightarrow R$  associated with a derivation  $d$  on  $R$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , is said to be generalized derivation. Let  $a, b \in R$ , an additive mapping  $F: R \rightarrow R$  defined as  $F(x) = ax + xb$  for all  $x \in R$  is an example of generalized derivation.

A mapping  $F: R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is called a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation if it satisfies  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is any map on  $R$ . Obviously, every generalized derivation is a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation on  $R$ . A map  $F: R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is said to be multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation if it satisfies  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(x)d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is any map on  $R$ .

Recently, Dhara and Ali [2]; Ali *et al.* [3]; Dhara *et al.* [4]; Khan [5] investigated the multiplicative

(generalized)-derivations satisfying certain identities on some suitable subsets in the prime and semiprime rings. In the present paper, our aim is to investigate some algebraic identities involving multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivations on some suitable subsets in prime and semiprime rings.

## 2. Preliminary Results

The following lemma will be used in the main results.

**Lemma 2.1** If  $U$  not contained in  $R$ , 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  $b = 0$ .

**Proof:** It is proved in [[6], Lemma 4].

## 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $L$  be a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha$  be any epimorphism on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  and  $G$  are two multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \alpha)$ -derivations on  $R$  associated with the maps  $d$  and  $g$  on  $R$ . If  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in L$ , then  $\alpha(L)d(L) = (0)$ ,  $\alpha(L)g(L) = (0)$ ,  $\alpha(L)[F(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$  and  $\alpha(L)[G(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

**Proof:** We have the identity

$$G(xy) - F(x)F(y) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for all  $x, y \in L$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in (1), we obtain

$$G(xy)\alpha(z) + \alpha(xy)g(z) - F(x)F(y)\alpha(z) - F(x)\alpha(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{2}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Using (1) in (2), we get

$$\alpha(x)\alpha(y)g(z) - F(x)\alpha(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{3}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xw$  in (3), we have

$$\alpha(x)\alpha(w)\alpha(y)d(z) - F(x)\alpha(w)\alpha(y)d(z) - \alpha(x)d(w)\alpha(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{4}$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ . Again, substituting  $y$  by  $wy$  in (3), we obtain

$$\alpha(x)\alpha(w)\alpha(y)d(z) - F(x)\alpha(w)\alpha(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{5}$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ . Subtracting (4) from (5), we find

$$\alpha(x)d(w)\alpha(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{6}$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ . Since  $L$  is a left ideal and  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism, so from (6), we get  $\alpha(x)d(w)R\alpha(y)d(z) = (0)$ . In particular,  $\alpha(x)d(y)R\alpha(x)d(y) = (0)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . By semiprimeness of  $R$ , we have  $\alpha(L)d(L) = (0)$ . Using  $\alpha(L)d(L) = (0)$  in (3), we obtain

$$\alpha(x)\alpha(y)g(z) = 0 \tag{7}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Again,  $L$  is a left ideal and  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism, so from (7), we find  $\alpha(x)R\alpha(y)g(z) = (0)$ , that is  $\alpha(x)r\alpha(y)g(z) = 0$ , where  $r \in R$ . Replacing  $r$  by  $g(w)r$  in the last expression, we get  $\alpha(x)g(w)r\alpha(y)g(z) = 0$ . In particular,  $\alpha(x)g(y)R\alpha(x)g(y) = (0)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . By semiprimeness of  $R$ , we have  $\alpha(L)g(L) = (0)$ . Thus we obtain  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y)$  and  $G(xy) = G(x)\alpha(y)$ . Now, from equation (1),

$$G(xyz) = F(xy)F(z) = F(x)F(yz) \tag{8}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . From (8), we write  $F(x)\alpha(y)F(z) = F(x)F(y)\alpha(z)$ . In particular,  $F(x)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$ . Substituting  $x$  by  $xw$  in the last expression, we have  $F(x)\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$ . Since  $L$  is a left ideal or  $R$ , it follows that  $[F(x), \alpha(x)]\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  which yields  $[F(x), \alpha(x)]R\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = (0)$ , so  $\alpha(w)[F(x), \alpha(x)]R\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = (0)$ .

In particular,  $\alpha(L)[F(y), \alpha(y)]R\alpha(L)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = (0)$  holds for all  $y \in L$ . Semiprimeness of  $R$  forces to write  $\alpha(L)[F(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ . Using equation (1) and  $\alpha(L)[F(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(z)G(x)\alpha(xy) &= \alpha(z)G(x^2y) = \alpha(z)F(x^2)F(y) = \alpha(z)F(x)\alpha(x)F(y) \\ &= \alpha(z)\alpha(x)F(x)F(y) = \alpha(z)\alpha(x)G(xy) = \alpha(z)\alpha(x)G(x)\alpha(y) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Equation (9) gives  $\alpha(z)[G(x), \alpha(x)]\alpha(y) = 0$ . Since  $L$  is a left ideal, it follows that  $\alpha(z)[G(x), \alpha(x)]R\alpha(y) = (0)$ . Thus  $\alpha(L)[G(x), \alpha(x)]R\alpha(L)[G(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$ . By the semiprimeness of  $R$ , we have  $\alpha(L)[G(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ . Thereby the proof of the theorem is completed.

**Corollary 3.2** ([4], Theorem 3.1). Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $L$  be a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha$  be any epimorphism on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \alpha)$ -derivation on  $R$  associated with the map  $d$  on  $R$ . If  $F(xy) - F(x)F(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in L$ , then  $\alpha(L)d(L) = (0)$  and  $\alpha(L)[F(x), \alpha(x)] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

**Proof:** Replacing  $G$  by  $F$  and  $g$  by  $d$  in theorem 3.1, we get the required result.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring,  $U$  be a nonzero square closed Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  be the automorphisms on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on  $R$  associated with the map  $d$  on  $R$ . If  $F(xy) + \alpha(xy) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $F(x) = -\alpha(x)$  for all  $x \in U$  and  $d(U) = (0)$ .

**Proof:** We have the identity

$$F(xy) + \alpha(xy) = 0 \tag{10}$$

for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yz$  in (10) and using 2-torsion freeness of  $R$ , we get

$$F(xy)\alpha(z) + \beta(xy)d(z) + \alpha(xy)\alpha(z) = 0 \tag{11}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Using (10) in (11), we have

$$\beta(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{12}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $[r, x]$  in (12), where  $r \in R$ , we obtain  $\beta(x)\beta(r)\beta(y)d(z) = 0$ . Since  $U$

is nonzero Lie ideal, so by primeness of  $R$ , we find  $\beta(y)d(z) = 0$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $[y, r]$  in the last expression, where  $r \in R$ , we find  $\beta(y)\beta(r)d(z) = 0$ . Thus, we get  $d(U) = (0)$ . Now, from (10),  $F(x)\alpha(y) + \alpha(xy) = 0$ , that is  $\{F(x) + \alpha(x)\}\alpha(y) = 0$ . Substituting  $y$  by  $[r, y]$  in last expression, where  $r \in R$ , we have  $\{F(x) + \alpha(x)\}\alpha(r)\alpha(y) = 0$ . By primeness of  $R$ , we conclude that  $F(x) = -\alpha(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . Hence, the proof of the theorem is completed.

**Corollary 3.4** ([3], Theorem 3.4). Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring,  $U$  be a nonzero square closed Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  be the automorphisms on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation on  $R$  associated with the map  $d$  on  $R$ . If  $F(xy) + xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $F(x) = -x$  for all  $x \in U$  and  $d(U) = (0)$ .

**Proof:** Replacing  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by  $1$  in theorem 3.3, where  $1$  is the identity map on  $R$ , we get the required result.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring,  $U$  be a nonzero square closed Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  be the automorphisms on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on  $R$  associated with the map  $d$  on  $R$ . If  $F(x)F(y) + \alpha(xy) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $[F(x), \alpha(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$  and  $d(U) = (0)$ .

**Proof:** We have the identity

$$F(x)F(y) + \alpha(xy) = 0 \tag{13}$$

for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yz$  in (13) and using 2-torsion freeness of  $R$ , we get

$$F(x)F(y)\alpha(z) + F(x)\beta(y)d(z) + \alpha(xy)\alpha(z) = 0 \tag{14}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Using (13) in (14), we have

$$F(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0 \tag{15}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Left multiply by  $F(w)$  to (15), we obtain  $F(w)F(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in U$ . Equation (13) yields that  $\alpha(w)\alpha(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0$ . Replacing  $w$  by  $[w, r]$ , where  $r \in R$ , we find  $\alpha(w)\alpha(r)\alpha(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0$ . Since  $U$  is nonzero Lie ideal of  $R$ , so primeness of  $R$  forces to write  $\alpha(x)\beta(y)d(z) = 0$ . Repeating the same technique twice, we get  $d(U) = (0)$ . Now, substituting  $y$  by  $y^2$  in (13) and using  $d(U) = (0)$ , we have

$$F(x)F(y)\alpha(y) + \alpha(xy^2) = 0 \tag{16}$$

for all  $x, y \in U$ . Again, replacing  $x$  by  $2xy$  in (13) and using 2-torsion freeness of  $R$ , we obtain

$$F(x)\alpha(y)F(y) + \alpha(xy^2) = 0 \tag{17}$$

for all  $x, y \in U$ . Subtracting (16) from (17), we find  $F(x)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2xw$  in the last expression and using 2-torsion freeness of  $R$ , we get  $F(x)\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y, w \in U$ .

It follows that  $[F(x), \alpha(x)]\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y, w \in U$ . In particular,  $[F(y), \alpha(y)]\alpha(w)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$ . If  $U$  is not contained in  $R$ , then lemma 2.1 forces to write

that  $[F(x), \alpha(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$  and if  $U \subseteq R$ , then  $[F(x), \alpha(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$  holds trivially. This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.6** ([3], Theorem 3.6). Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring,  $U$  be a nonzero square closed Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  be the automorphisms on  $R$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation on  $R$  associated with the map  $d$  on  $R$ . If  $F(x)F(y) + xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $[F(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$  and  $d(U) = (0)$ .

**Proof:** Replacing  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by 1 in theorem 3.5, where 1 is the identity map on  $R$ , we get the required result.

Now, we conclude this paper with an example which shows that the semiprimeness of the ring in our results is essential.

**Example** Consider The ring  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in X \right\}$ , where  $X$  is the set of integers. Let  $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in X \right\}$  be a left ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  be the automorphism. Define mapping  $d$  and  $F$  on  $R$  such that  $d \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $F \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively. Again define mapping  $g$  and  $G$  on  $R$  such that  $g \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $G \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b/2 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  respectively. We notice that  $F$  and  $G$  both are multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \alpha)$ -derivations on  $R$  associated with the maps  $d$  and  $g$  on  $R$  respectively. It is straightforward to verify that  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . We see that  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (0)$ , but  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is nonzero element of  $R$ . It implies that  $R$  is not semiprime ring. In this example, we note that  $\alpha(L)d(L) \neq (0)$ ,  $\alpha(L)g(L) \neq (0)$ ,  $\alpha(L)[F(x), \alpha(x)] \neq (0)$  and  $\alpha(L)[G(x), \alpha(x)] \neq (0)$  for some  $x \in L$ .

#### 4. Conclusion

We know that derivations on rings are closely connected with the behavior of rings. Many authors investigated the commutativity in prime and semiprime rings admitting derivations, generalized derivations, generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivations and multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation which satisfy appropriate algebraic conditions on appropriate subsets of the rings. In this article, we also have studied some algebraic identities with multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on subsets of rings and we have found conditions on the maps.

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