

# Remarks on Derivable Maps of Semi-prime Rings

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$  and a non-zero ideal  $I$ . Let  $G$  and  $F$  are multiplicative (generalized)-derivations of  $R$  together with mappings  $g$  and  $f$  respectively. In this note, we prove that  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal if any one of the following holds for all  $x, y$  in  $I$ :

1.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$
2.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R)$
3.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$
4.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$

Moreover, we investigate the identities  $F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  and  $F(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  over a non-zero left ideal of  $R$  and improve some known results.

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## 1. Introduction

This paper deals with multiplicative derivations of semi-prime and prime rings in the context of central-values. Recall, a ring  $R$  is called prime if  $(0)$  is the only prime ideal of  $R$  and is called semi-prime if it has no non-zero nilpotent ideal. The symbols  $[x, y]$  and  $xoy$  denotes the commutator  $xy - yx$  and anti-commutator  $xy + yx$  respectively. The well-known commutator and anti-commutator identities are:  $[x, yz] = y[x, z] + [x, y]z$ ,  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$  and  $(xoyz) = (xoy)z - y[x, z] = y(xoz) + [x, y]z$ ,  $(xyoz) = x(yoz) - [x, z]y = (xoz)y + x[y, z]$ . An annihilator of a non-empty subset  $S$  of  $R$  is a set  $A_R(S) = \{a \in R \mid as = 0 = sa \text{ for all } s \in S\}$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is called centralizing (or commuting) on  $R$  if  $[f(x), x] \in Z(R)$  (or  $[f(x), x] = 0$ ) for all  $x \in R$ . There has been a significant interest in centralizing and commuting mappings in prime and semi-prime rings (for instance, see [1-3]).

A mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a derivation of  $R$  if  $d(x+y) = d(x) + d(y)$  and  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y$  in  $R$ . The notion of derivations has been generalized in many ways. In 1991, Daif [4] introduced multiplicative derivations by dropping the condition of additivity in derivation. In [5] Goldmann and Šemrl gave a complete study of multiplicative derivations. Recently, Dhara and Ali [6] initiated the study of a mapping  $F: R \rightarrow R$  associated with another map  $d: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , which is called a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation of  $R$ . In particular, if  $d = 0$  then  $F$  is called a multiplicative left multiplier of  $R$ . Of course, in this definition both  $F$  and  $d$  are not necessarily additive. If  $d$  is additive then it is called a multiplicative generalized derivation which introduced by Daif and Tammam-El-Sayiad in [7]. It is easy to see that multiplicative (generalized)-derivation looks more

appropriate as it covers multiplicative derivation and multiplicative left multiplier of  $R$ . Throughout this paper a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation is denoted by an order pair  $(F, f)$ .

During the last seven decades there has been a large amount of results concerning the conditions that force a ring to be commutative (for example see [1,3,8-10] where further references can be found). In [3] Posner proved a classical result: *If  $R$  is a prime ring with a nonzero derivation  $d$  on  $R$  such that  $d$  is centralizing on  $R$ , then  $R$  is commutative.* This theorem has been generalized in many ways. Towards the commutativity of prime rings with derivations Ashraf *et al.* [9] proved: *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $d$  be a nonzero derivation of  $R$ . If  $d(xy) \pm xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  is commutative.* In [2], Ashraf *et al.* extend these results for generalized derivations and obtained the following theorem: *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $F$  is a generalized derivation associated with a derivation  $d$  on  $R$ . If one of the following: (i)  $F(xy) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ , (ii)  $F(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R)$ , (iii)  $F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in I$  then  $R$  is commutative.* After that, Atteya [11] studied these situations on semi-prime rings and obtained the following results: *Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring and  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a derivation  $d$  such that any one of the following: (i)  $F(xy) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ , (ii)  $F(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R)$ , (iii)  $F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a nonzero central ideal.*

Apparently, a generalized derivation is a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation but the converse is not necessarily true. Thus, it would be a fact of interest to prove the results of generalized derivation for multiplicative (generalized)-derivations. In this direction many results has been obtained during last five years (see [6, 12-14]). Recently, Tiwari *et al.* [12] studied the following identities involving generalized derivations on some appropriate subsets of prime rings: (i)  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ , (ii)  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$ , (iii)  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$ . In this paper we investigate these identities for multiplicative (generalized)-derivations on semi-prime rings.

## 2. Main Results

The following facts are of great importance to prove our objectives:

**Fact 2.1.** [[10] Lemma 2.] If  $R$  is a prime ring with a non-zero central ideal, then  $R$  is commutative.

**Fact 2.2.** [[15] Corollary 2.] If  $R$  is a semi-prime ring and  $I$

is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $I \cap A_R(I) = (0)$ .

**Fact 2.3.** [[15] *Corollary pg no. 7*] Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring and let  $I \neq 0$  be a right ideal of  $R$ . If  $I$  is commutative as a ring, then  $I \subseteq Z(R)$ .

**Fact 2.4.** Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring,  $I$  a non-zero left ideal of  $R$ . If  $[I[x, z]_2, z] = 0 \forall x, z \in I$  then  $I[I, I] = (0)$ .

**Proof:** By our hypothesis

$$[y[[z, x], z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (I)$$

On substituting  $xy$  for  $y$  in (I), we get  $x[y[[z, x], z], z] + [x, z]y[[z, x], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Equation (I) implies that  $[x, z]y[[x, z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Substituting  $y = ry$  in last relation, we obtain  $[x, z]ry[[x, z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . Therefore,  $y[[x, z], z]Ry[[x, z], z] = (0)$  where  $x, y, z \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . Semi-primeness of  $R$  yields that

$$y[[x, z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (II)$$

Linearizing w.r.t.  $z$  to obtain

$$y[[x, z], t] + y[[x, t], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z, t \in I \quad (III)$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zt$  in (III) we have  $y[[x, z], t]t + y[z[x, t], t] + yz[[x, t], t] + y[[x, t], z]t = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Using (II) and (III) and we get

$$y[z[x, t], t] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z, t \in I \quad (IV)$$

Putting  $z = xz$  in (IV) to obtain  $yx[z[x, t], t] + y[x, t]z[x, t] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Relation (IV) yields that  $y[x, t]z[x, t] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . On substituting  $z = ry$  in last relation to obtain  $y[x, t]Ry[x, t] = (0)$  where  $x, y, t \in I$ . Since  $R$  is semi-prime ring we get  $I[I, I] = (0)$ .  $\square$

## 2.1 On Two Sided Ideals

**Theorem 2.1.1.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized)-derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) - [x, y] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Let us assume that

$$G(xy) + F(x)F(y) - [x, y] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I \quad (1)$$

Substituting  $yz$  for  $y$  in (1) to obtain  $(G(xy) + F(x)F(y) - [x, y])z + xyg(z) + F(x)yf(z) - y[x, z] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y, z \in I$ . On commuting with  $z$ , we have

$$[xyg(z), z] + [F(x)yf(z), z] - [y[x, z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (2)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $xz$  in (2) to get

$$[xzyg(z), z] + [F(x)zyf(z), z] + [xf(z)yf(z), z] - [y[x, z]z, z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (3)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $zy$  in (2) and we get

$$[xzyg(z), z] + [F(x)zyf(z), z] - [zy[x, z], z] = 0 \quad (4)$$

Subtract (4) from (3) to obtain

$$[xf(z)yf(z), z] - [[y[x, z], z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (5)$$

On replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  in (5) we have

$$[xzf(z)yf(z), z] - [[y[x, z], z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (6)$$

Multiply (5) from right side with  $z$  and subtract it from (6) to get

$$[x[f(z)yf(z), z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (7)$$

Substituting  $f(z)yf(z)x$  for  $x$  in (7) and expand it, by using (7) it reduces to

$$[f(z)yf(z), z]x[f(z)yf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (8)$$

Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , we have  $x[f(z)yf(z), z]Rx[f(z)yf(z), z] = (0)$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Semi-primeness of  $R$  forces that  $x[f(z)yf(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in I$ .

$$xf(z)yf(z)z = xzf(z)yf(z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (9)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yf(z)t$  in (9) to get

$$xf(z)yf(z)tf(z)z = xzf(z)yf(z)tf(z) \quad \forall x, y, z, t \in I \quad (10)$$

Using (9) in (10) we have  $xf(z)yzf(z)tf(z) = xf(z)yf(z)ztf(z)$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . That is,  $xf(z)y[z, f(z)]tf(z) = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . It implies that  $x[f(z), z]y[f(z), z]t[f(z), z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . In particular, we have  $(I[f(z), z])^3 = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Since  $R$  is a semi-prime ring, we must have  $I[f(z), z] = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Thus,  $I[f(z), z] \in A_R(I) \cap I$ , hence by Fact 2.2  $[f(z), z] = 0$  where  $z \in I$ . In this way, Fact 2.2 implicitly states that every non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring is a semi-prime ring itself.

On replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in (2) we have

$$[xyzg(z), z] + [F(x)yzf(z), z] - [yz[x, z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (11)$$

Right multiply (2) by  $z$ , we obtain

$$[xyg(z), z]z + [F(x)yf(z), z]z - [y[x, z], z]z = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (12)$$

Subtract (11) from (12) and using the fact that  $[f(z), z] = 0$  to get

$$[xy[g(z), z], z] - [y[[x, z], z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (13)$$

Substitute  $zy$  for  $y$  in (13), we have

$$[xzy[g(z), z], z] - z[y[[x, z], z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (14)$$

Multiply (13) from left side by  $z$  and subtract it from (14) to obtain

$$[[x, z]y[g(z), z], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (15)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $xt$  in (15) and expand to get  $[[x, z]ty[g(z), z], z] + [x[t, z]y[g(z), z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Relation (15) reduces it to  $[x[t, z]y[g(z), z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . On expanding it, we obtain  $x[[t, z]y[g(z), z], z] + [x, z][t, z]y[g(z), z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Again using (15) to get

$$[x, z][t, z]y[g(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z, t \in I \quad (16)$$

On substituting  $g(z)x$  for  $x$  in (16) we have  $g(z)[x, z][t, z]y[g(z), z] + [g(z), z]x[t, z]y[g(z), z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Using (16) we obtain  $[g(z), z]x[t, z]y[g(z), z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z, t \in I$ . Semi-primeness of  $I$  yields that

$$[t, z]y[g(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall y, z, t \in I \quad (17)$$

Replace  $t$  by  $tg(z)$  in (17) and expand we have  $t[g(z), z]y[g(z), z] + [t, z]g(z)y[g(z), z] = 0$  where  $y, z, t \in I$ . Using (17) to obtain  $(I[g(z), z])^2 = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Since  $R$  is a semi-prime ring, we have  $I[g(z), z] = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Therefore,  $[g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $z \in I$ .

Expression (13) implies that  $[y[[x, z], z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Now by Fact 2.4, it follows that  $I[I, I] = (0)$ . Since  $I$  be an ideal of semi-prime ring  $R$ , we have  $[I, I] = (0)$ . By Fact 2.3,  $I \subseteq Z(R)$ .

Similarly, we can prove the same conclusions for  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) + [x, y] \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y \in I$  with some necessary variations.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.2.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** It is easy to see that if  $(G, g)$  is a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation of  $R$  then  $(-G, -g)$  is so. On replacing  $(G, g)$  by  $(-G, -g)$  in Theorem 2.1.1, we will obtain the same conclusions for  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.3.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** The mapping  $(G \mp I_d, g)$  is a multiplicative (generalized) derivation of  $R$  provided  $(G, g)$  is so. Replace  $(G, g)$  by  $(G \mp I_d, g)$  in Theorem 2.1.1 and Theorem 2.1.2 where  $I_d$  is the identity map of  $R$ , to obtain the same conclusions for  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  and  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  respectively  $\forall x, y \in I$ .  $\square$

**Remark:** Note that in our Theorem 2.1.3, if we fix  $F = 0$  and  $R$  a prime ring, in the light of Fact 2.1, it proves Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 of [9] for multiplicative (generalized)-derivations. Moreover, if we take  $G = 0$  and  $R$  a prime ring then it proves Theorem 2.6 of [9] for multiplicative (generalized)-derivations.

**Theorem 2.1.4.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** We consider  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) + (xoy) \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ . Putting  $y = yz$  in this identity to get  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) + (xoy)z + xyg(z) + F(x)yf(z) - y[x, z] \in Z(R)$ . On commuting with  $z$  and using our hypothesis, we have  $[xyg(z), z] + [F(x)yf(z), z] - [y[x, z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . This expression coincides with (2), the proof follows from Theorem 2.1.1.  $\square$

By substituting  $(-G, -g)$  for  $(G, g)$  in Theorem 2.1.4 we get the following:

**Theorem 2.1.5.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Corollary 2.1.1** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a prime ring  $R$ . Suppose that  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) -derivations of  $R$  satisfying any one of the following:

1.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$
  2.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R)$
  3.  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$
- then,  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 2.1.6.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are commuting maps on  $I$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume that

$$G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I \quad (18)$$

Putting  $y = yz$  in (18) to get  $(G(xy) + F(x)F(y) \pm xy)z + xyg(z) + F(x)yf(z) \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . On commuting with  $z$ , our hypothesis yields that

$$[xyg(z), z] + [F(x)yf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (19)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  in (19) and expanding to obtain

$$[xzyg(z), z] + [F(x)zyf(z), z] + [xf(z)yf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (20)$$

On substituting  $y = zy$  in (19) we have

$$[xzyg(z), z] + [F(x)zyf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (21)$$

Combining (20) and (21) we obtain

$$[xf(z)yf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (22)$$

On replacing  $x$  by  $f(z)yf(z)x$  in (22) and expanding to get  $f(z)yf(z)[xf(z)yf(z), z] + [f(z)yf(z), z]xf(z)yf(z) = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Relation (22) reduces it to  $[f(z)yf(z), z]xf(z)yf(z) = 0$

where  $x, y, z \in I$ . It implies that  $[f(z)yf(z), z]x[f(z)yf(z), z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ , which is same as (8). Hence, theorem 2.1.1 ensures that  $[f(z), z] = 0$  for all  $z \in I$ .

Next, replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in (19) to obtain

$$[xyzg(z), z] + [F(x)yzf(z), z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (23)$$

On multiplying (19) from right side with  $z$ , we have

$$[xyg(z)z, z] + [F(x)yf(z)z, z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (24)$$

Subtract (23) from (24) to obtain  $[xy[g(z), z], z] + [F(x)y[f(z), z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . The fact  $[f(z), z] = 0$  forces that  $[xy[g(z), z], z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in I$ . From this expression, we can easily obtain (15) and by repeating the same argument we get  $[g(z), z] = 0$  where  $z \in I$ , as desired.  $\square$

By substituting  $(-G, -g)$  for  $(G, g)$  in Theorem 2.1.6 we get the following:

**Theorem 2.1.7.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  are multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $G(xy) - F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are commuting maps on  $I$ .

In the view of Posner's [3] theorem, our hypothesis proves the following result:

**Corollary 2.1.2.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $(F, f), (G, g)$  are multiplicative generalized derivations of  $R$  satisfying  $G(xy) \pm F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$  then one of the following is true:

- (i)  $f = 0$  and  $g = 0$  on  $R$ .
- (ii)  $R$  is commutative.

## 2.2 On One Sided Ideals

In [6] Dhara and Ali proved "Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring,  $L$  be a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation associated with the map  $g$  of  $R$ . If  $F(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ , then  $x[x, L]$  is central for all  $x \in L$  and  $L[g(x), x] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ . Moreover, if  $R$  is 3-torsion free, then  $L[L, L] = (0)$ " and "Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring,  $L$  be a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation associated with the map  $g : R \rightarrow R$ . If  $F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ , then  $L[g(x), x] = (0)$  for all  $x \in L$ ." In this section, we sharp these outcomes.

**Theorem 2.2.1.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero left ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  be a multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $F(x)F(y) \pm yx \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $I[I, I] = (0)$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume that  $F(x)F(y) + yx \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  to obtain  $(F(y)F(x) + yx)z + F(x)yf(z) + y[z, x] \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . On commuting with  $z$  and using our hypothesis, we have

$$[F(x)yf(z), z] + [y[z, x], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (25)$$

By [[6] Theorem 2.15] we obtain  $I[f(z), z] = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Putting  $y = yz$  in (25) to get

$$[F(x)yzf(z), z] + [yz[z, x], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (26)$$

Right multiply (25) by  $z$ , we have

$$[F(x)yf(z)z, z] + [y[z, x]z, z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (27)$$

Subtracting (26) from (27) and using the fact that  $I[f(z), z] = (0)$  to obtain  $[y[[z, x], z], z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in I$ . Hence by Fact 2.4, the result follows.  $\square$

Similarly, with certain changes we can prove the same conclusions for  $F(x)F(y) - yx \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ .

**Theorem 2.2.2.** Let  $I$  be a non-zero left ideal of a semi-prime ring  $R$ . If  $(F, f)$  be a multiplicative (generalized) derivations of  $R$  s.t.  $F(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R) \quad \forall x, y \in I$ , then  $I[I, I] = (0)$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume that  $F(xy) + yx \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y \in I$ . Replace  $y$  by  $yz$  and we obtain  $(F(xy) + yx)z + xyf(z) + y[z, x] \in Z(R)$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . On commuting with  $z$ , our hypothesis forces that

$$[xyf(z), z] + [y[z, x], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (28)$$

By [[6], Theorem 2.11],  $I[f(z), z] = (0)$  where  $z \in I$ . Replace

$y$  by  $yz$  in (28) to get

$$[xyzf(z), z] + [yz[z, x], z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (29)$$

Right multiply (28) by  $z$ , we have

$$[xyf(z)z, z] + [y[z, x]z, z] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in I \quad (30)$$

Subtracting (29) from (30) and using the fact that  $I[f(z), z] = (0)$ , we get  $[y[[z, x], z], z] = 0$  where  $x, y, z \in I$ . Now by Fact 2.4, the conclusion is proved.  $\square$

The following example is showing that the restriction imposed on the ring in our Theorems 2.1.1- 2.1.7 are not redundant.

**Example.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in S \right\}$ , where  $S$  denotes

the ring of integers. Note that  $R$  is a subring of  $M_3[S]$ .

Clearly,  $R$  is not semi-prime and  $I = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : b, c \in S \right\}$  be

a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . Let us define mappings  $G, g : R \rightarrow R$

and  $F, f: R \rightarrow R$  respectively by  $G \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & bc \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$\begin{matrix} g \\ f \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ab \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{matrix} f \\ f \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c & ba \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ It is easy to check that } (G, g) \text{ and}$$

$(F, f)$  are multiplicative (generalized)-derivations which are satisfying the identities assumed in Theorem 2.1.1 to Theorem 2.1.7, but  $I$  is not a central ideal. Hence, we can't drop the condition of semi-primeness in our outcomes.

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