

# Generalized Derivations on a Prime Rings

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**Abstract:** In this research, firstly, we have extended Ashraf's results in [4,5] for  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivation that acting as a homomorphism (resp. an anti-homomorphism) on a Jordan ideal and a subring of a prime ring  $R$  with characteristic non equal two. Secondly, we have expanded Zaidi's results in [12] for a generalized  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivations. Lastly, we have found the relationship between the commutativity of a prime ring and the existence of certain specific types of generalized derivations on  $R$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity,  $Z(R)$  is the center of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is prime if  $sRt = 0$ , then either  $s = 0$  or  $t = 0$  and  $R$  is semiprime if the identity  $sRs = 0$  gives  $s = 0$ . The  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  of a ring  $R$  if whenever  $2s = 0$ ,  $s \in R$ , then  $s = 0$ . The derivation is an additive map  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  satisfies

$$\delta(st) = \delta(s)t + s\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in R.$$

The additive map  $\delta$  is said to be  $(\theta, \varphi)$ -derivation if

$$\delta(st) = \delta(s)\theta(t) + \varphi(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in R,$$

where,  $\theta, \varphi : R \rightarrow R$  are maps on  $R$ .

An additive map  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a generalized derivation associated with  $\delta$  if there exists a derivation  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$F(st) = F(s)t + s\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in R.$$

An additive map  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a generalized  $(\theta, \varphi)$ -derivation associated with  $\delta$  where  $\theta, \varphi$  are maps on  $R$ , if there exists a  $(\theta, \varphi)$ -derivation  $\delta$  satisfies

$$F(st) = F(s)\theta(t) + \varphi(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in R.$$

All other definitions are standard and they can be found in [1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10] and [11].

## 2 Preliminaries

We will state some lemmas, which helps us to prove the main results,

**Lemma 1.**[12, Lemma 2-5] Let  $V \neq \{0\}$  be a Jordan ideal of a prime ring  $R$ . If

$$rV = \{0\} \text{ or } Vr = \{0\}, r \in R, \text{ then } r = 0.$$

**Lemma 2.**[12, Lemma 2-6] Let  $V \neq \{0\}$  be a Jordan ideal of a prime ring  $R$  of  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ . If  $sVt = \{0\}$ , then  $s = 0$  or  $t = 0$ .

**Lemma 3.**[12, Lemma 2-7] Let  $V \neq \{0\}$  be a Jordan ideal of a prime ring  $R$  of  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ . Then the commutativity of  $V$  gives that  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ .

### 3 Generalized $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivation

Now we will generalize Zaidi's theorem [12] to left  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivations that acting as a homomorphism (resp. an anti-homomorphism) on a Jordan ideal  $V \neq \{0\}$  and subring of a prime ring  $R$  of  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ .

**Theorem 1.** If  $V \neq \{0\}$  is a Jordan ideal and subring of a prime ring  $R$  of a  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $\theta$  an automorphisms on  $R$  and  $\delta$  is a left  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivation of  $R$  which is acting as a homomorphism (resp. an anti-homomorphism) on  $V$ . Then  $\delta = 0$  or  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\delta$  acting as a homomorphism on  $V$ , where  $V$  is not contained in the center of  $R$ . Thus

$$\delta(st) = \delta(s)\delta(t) = \delta(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in V. \quad (1)$$

Now substituting in the identity (1)  $t$  by  $tr, r \in V$ , then

$$\delta(str) = \delta(s)\theta(t)\theta(r) + \theta(s)(\delta(t)\theta(r) + \theta(t)\delta(r)) = \delta(s)(\delta(t)\theta(r) + \theta(t)\delta(r)).$$

From (1) we get  $(\delta(s) - \theta(s))\theta(t)\delta(r) = 0$ . Thus  $\theta^{-1}(\delta(s) - \theta(s))t\theta^{-1}\delta(r) = 0$ . Hence  $\theta^{-1}(\delta(s) - \theta(s))V\theta^{-1}\delta(r) = \{0\}$ . From lemma (2-2), we have  $\delta(s) - \theta(s)$  or  $\delta(r) = 0$ . Let  $\delta(r) = 0$  and using lemma (2-3), we conclude that  $\delta = 0$ . Now let  $\delta(s) - \theta(s) = 0$ , then from the identity (1)

$$\theta(s)\delta(t) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Substituting  $s$  in the identity (2) by  $sr$ , we get  $\theta(s)\theta(r)\delta(t) = 0$ . Hence  $sr\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0$ , then  $sV\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = \{0\}$ . Using lemma (2) we have  $s = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ , since  $V \neq \{0\}$ , then  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Thus by lemma (3)  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ . Assume that  $\delta$  is acting as an anti-homomorphism on a Jordan ideal  $V \neq \{0\}$  of  $R$  where  $V$  is not contained in the center of  $R$ . Hence

$$\delta(st) = \delta(ts) = \delta(t)\delta(s) = \delta(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in V. \quad (3)$$

Substituting  $s$  by  $st$  in (3), then

$$(\delta(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t))\theta(t) + \theta(st)\delta(t) = \delta(st)(\delta(s)\theta(t) + \theta(st)\delta(t)).$$

Then from (3) we get

$$\theta(s)\theta(t)\delta(s) = \delta(t)\theta(s)\delta(t). \quad (4)$$

Now, replace  $s$  by  $cs$  in identity (4), then

$$\theta(c)\theta(s)\theta(t)\delta(s) = \delta(t)\theta(c)\theta(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall c, s, t \in V. \quad (5)$$

Concerning (4), then (5) gives that  $[\delta(t), \theta(c)]\theta(s)\delta(t) = 0$ . Thus

$$\theta^{-1}[\delta(t), \theta(c)]s\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0.$$

Equivalently,  $\theta^{-1}[\delta(t), \theta(c)]V\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0$ . From lemma(2) conclude that  $[\delta(t), \theta(c)] = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Let  $\delta(t) = 0$  and using lemma (3), we conclude that  $\delta = 0$ . Now let

$$[\delta(t), \theta(c)] = 0, \tag{6}$$

then replace  $t$  by  $tc$  in identity (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [\delta(tc), \theta(c)] = [\delta(t)\theta(c) + \theta(t)\delta(c), \theta(c)] \\ &= [\delta(t)\theta(c), \theta(c)] + [\theta(t)\delta(c), \theta(c)] \\ &= \theta(t)[\delta(c)\theta(c)] + [\theta(t), \theta(c)]\delta(c). \end{aligned}$$

This means

$$\theta(t)[\delta(c)\theta(c)] + [\theta(t), \theta(c)]\delta(c) = 0. \tag{7}$$

then replace  $t$  by  $rt$  in identity (6) we have

$$[\theta(r), \theta(c)]\theta(t)\delta(c) = 0,$$

Thus  $[r,c]t\theta^{-1}(\delta(c)) = 0$ , equivalently,  $[r,c]V\theta^{-1}(\delta(c)) = \{0\}$ . From Lemma(2) conclude that  $[r,c] = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Assume that

$$U = \{c \in V : [r,c] = 0 \forall r \in V\} \text{ and } W = \{c \in V : \delta(c) = 0\}.$$

Then  $U \subset V$  and  $W \subset V$  as a proper subgroups and  $V = U \cup W$ , hence  $V = U$  or  $V = W$ . Now, if  $V = U$ , then  $[r,c] = 0$ , implies  $V$  is commutative, then by Lemma (3)  $V$  is contained in the center of  $R$ , which is contradict with assumption. Hence  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ . Now we will extend theorem (1) to generalized  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivation on  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $V \neq \{0\}$  be a Jordan ideal and subring of a prime ring  $R$  of a char  $R \neq 2$ . Now if  $\theta$  is an automorphisms on  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is a generalized  $(\theta, \theta)$ -derivation on  $R$  which is acting as a homomorphism (resp. an anti-homomorphism) on  $V$  and associated with  $\delta$ . Then  $\delta = 0$  or  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\delta$  acting as a homomorphism on  $V$  and  $V \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Thus

$$F(st) = F(s)F(t) = F(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall s, t \in V. \tag{8}$$

Now substituting in the identity (8)  $t$  by  $tr, r \in V$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(str) &= F(s)\theta(t)\theta(r) + \theta(s)(\delta(t)\theta(r) + \theta(t)\delta(r)) = \\ &= F(s)(F(t)\theta(r) + \theta(t)\delta(r)). \end{aligned}$$

From (1) we get  $(F(s) - \theta(s))\theta(t)\delta(r) = 0$ . Thus  $\theta^{-1}(F(s) - \theta(s))t\theta^{-1}\delta(r) = 0$ . Hence  $\theta^{-1}(F(s) - \theta(s))V\theta^{-1}\delta(r) = \{0\}$ . From lemma (2), we have  $F(s) - \theta(s)$  or  $\delta(r) = 0$ . Let  $\delta(r) = 0$  and using lemma (3), we conclude that  $\delta = 0$ . Now let  $F(s) - \theta(s) = 0$ , then

$$\theta(s)\delta(t) = 0. \tag{9}$$

substituting  $s$  in the identity (2) by  $sr$ , we get  $\theta(s)\theta(r)\delta(t) = 0$ . Hence  $sr\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0$ , then  $sV\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = \{0\}$ . Using lemma (2-2) we have  $s = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ , since  $V \neq \{0\}$ , then  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Thus by lemma (2-3)  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ . Now assume that  $\delta$

is acting as an anti-homomorphism on a Jordan ideal  $V \neq \{0\}$  of  $R$  such that  $V$  is not contained in the center of  $R$ . Hence

$$F(st) = F(ts) = F(t)F(s) = F(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t). \quad (10)$$

Substituting  $s$  by  $st$  in (10), then

$$(F(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t))\theta(t) + \theta(s)\theta(t)\delta(t) = F(t)(F(s)\theta(t) + \theta(s)\delta(t)).$$

Then from (10) we get

$$\theta(s)\theta(t)\delta(t)F(t)\theta(s)\delta(t). \quad (11)$$

Now, replace  $s$  by  $cs$  in identity (11), then

$$\theta(c)\theta(s)\theta(t)\delta(s) = F(t)\theta(c)\theta(s)\delta(t) \quad \forall c, s, t \in V. \quad (12)$$

Concerning (11), then (12) gives that

$$[F(t), \theta(c)]\theta(s)\delta(t) = 0.$$

Thus  $\theta^{-1}[F(t), \theta(c)]s\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0$ . Equivalently,  $\theta^{-1}[F(t), \theta(c)]V\theta^{-1}(\delta(t)) = 0$ . From lemma (2-2) conclude that  $[F(t), \theta(c)] = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Let  $\delta(t) = 0$  and using lemma (2-3), we conclude that  $\delta = 0$ . Now let

$$[F(t), \theta(c)] = 0, \quad (13)$$

then replace  $t$  by  $tc$  in identity (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [F(tc), \theta(c)] = [F(t)\theta(c) + \theta(t)\delta(c), \theta(c)] \\ &= [F(t)\theta(c), \theta(c)] + [\theta(t)\delta(c), \theta(c)] \\ &= \theta(t)[\delta(c)\theta(c)] + [\theta(t), \theta(c)]\delta(c). \end{aligned}$$

This means

$$\theta(t)[\delta(c)\theta(c)] + [\theta(t), \theta(c)]\delta(c) = 0. \quad (14)$$

then replace  $t$  by  $rt$  in identity (14) we have  $[\theta(r), \theta(c)]\theta(t)\delta(c) = 0$ , Thus  $[r, c]t\theta^{-1}(\delta(c)) = 0$ , equivalently,  $[r, c]V\theta^{-1}(\delta(c)) = \{0\}$ , From Lemma(2) conclude that  $[r, c] = 0$  or  $\delta(t) = 0$ . Assume that

$$U = \{c \in V : [r, c] = 0 \quad \forall r \in V\} \text{ and } W = \{c \in V : \delta(c) = 0\}.$$

Then  $U \subset V$  and  $W \subset V$  as a proper subgroups and  $V = U \cup W$ , hence  $V = U$  or  $V = W$ . Now, if  $V = U$ , then  $[r, c] = 0$ , implies  $V$  is commutative, then by Lemma (3)  $V$  is contained in the center of  $R$ , which is contradict with assumption. Hence  $V \subseteq Z(R)$ .

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The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

## Authors' contributions

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