

On Prime Near-rings with Generalized (σ, τ) -derivations

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ABSTRACT. Let N be a prime left near-ring with multiplicative center Z and f be a generalized (σ, τ) -derivation associated with d . We prove commutativity theorems in prime near-rings with generalized (σ, τ) -derivation.

1. Introduction

H. E. Bell and G. Mason have proved some results on commutativity of prime near-rings with derivations in [1] and [2]. Ö. Gölbaşı and N. Aydın have generalized these theorems for a prime near-rings with (σ, τ) -derivation in [5]. On the other hand, the notion of generalized derivation of a prime ring was introduced by M. Bresar [3] and B. Hvala [4]. An additive map f of an associative ring R is called a generalized derivation if there is a derivation d of R such that

$$f(xy) = f(x)y + xd(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Many authors have investigated the properties of prime and semi-prime rings with derivations or generalized derivations. It is our aim in this note to study the commutativity prime near-rings with generalized (σ, τ) -derivations.

Throughout this paper, N will denote a zero-symmetric left near-ring with multiplicative center Z . N is called a prime near-ring if $aNb = \{0\}$ implies that $a = 0$ or $b = 0$. An additive mapping $f : N \rightarrow N$ is generalized derivation of N associated with nonzero (σ, τ) -derivation d such that $\tau d = d\tau$, $\sigma d = d\sigma$. For $x, y \in N$, the symbol $[x, y]$ will denote $xy - yx$ while the symbol (x, y) will denote $x + y - x - y$. As for terminologies used here without mention, we refer to G. Pilz [6].

Definition 1. Let N be a near-ring, d a (σ, τ) -derivation of N . An additive mapping $f : N \rightarrow N$ is said to be left generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of associated with d if

$$(1.1) \quad f(xy) = d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)f(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

and f is said to be right generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of associated with d if

$$(1.2) \quad f(xy) = f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

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f is said to be a generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of associated with d if it is both a left and right generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of associated with d .

Lemma 1.

- (i) Let f be a right generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of near ring N with associated d . Then $f(xy) = \sigma(x)d(y) + f(x)\tau(y)$ for all $x, y \in N$.
- (ii) Let f be a left generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of near ring N with associated d . Then $f(xy) = \sigma(x)f(y) + d(x)\tau(y)$ for all $x, y \in N$.

Proof. (i) For any $x, y \in N$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x(y+y)) &= f(x)\tau(y+y) + \sigma(x)d(y+y) \\ &= f(x)\tau(y) + f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y) + \sigma(x)d(y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f(xy+xy) = f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y) + f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y).$$

Comparing these two expressions, one can obtain

$$f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y) = \sigma(x)d(y) + f(x)\tau(y)$$

and so,

$$f(xy) = \sigma(x)d(y) + f(x)\tau(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

(ii) Similarly. □

Lemma 2.

- (i) Let f be a right generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of near ring N with associated d . Then $(f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y))\tau(z) = f(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)d(y)\tau(z)$, for all $x, y \in N$.
- (ii) Let f be a generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of near ring N with associated d . Then $(d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)f(y))\tau(z) = d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)f(y)\tau(z)$ for all $x, y \in N$.
- (iii) Let f be a left generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of near ring N with associated d . Then $(d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y))\tau(z) = d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)d(y)\tau(z)$ for all $x, y \in N$.

Proof. (i) For all $x, y, z \in N$, we get

$$f((xy)z) = f(xy)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)d(z).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x(yz)) &= f(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)d(yz) \\ &= f(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)d(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)d(z). \end{aligned}$$

For these two expressions of $f(xyz)$, we obtain that, for all $x, y, z \in N$,

$$(f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y))\tau(z) = f(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)d(y)\tau(z).$$

(ii) For all $x, y, z \in N$, we have

$$f((xy)z) = f(xy)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)d(z).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x(yz)) &= d(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)f(yz) \\ &= d(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)f(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)d(z). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing these two expressions of $f(xyz)$, we obtain that, for all $x, y, z \in N$,

$$(d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)f(y))\tau(z) = d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)f(y)\tau(z).$$

(iii) For all $x, y, z \in N$, we get

$$f((xy)z) = d(xy)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)f(z).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x(yz)) &= d(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)f(yz) \\ &= d(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(x)d(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(xy)f(z). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing these two expressions of $f(xyz)$, we obtain that, for all $x, y, z \in N$,

$$(d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)f(y))\tau(z) = d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)f(y)\tau(z).$$

□

Lemma 3. *Let N be a prime near-ring, f a generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of N with associated d and $a \in N$.*

- (i) *If $af(N) = 0$ then $a = 0$.*
- (ii) *If $f(N)\tau(a) = 0$ then $a = 0$.*

Proof. (i) For all $x, y \in N$, we get

$$0 = af(xy) = af(x)\tau(y) + a\sigma(x)d(y).$$

and so,

$$aNd(N) = 0.$$

Since N is a prime near-ring and $d \neq 0$ (σ, τ) -derivation of N , we obtain $a = 0$.

- ii) A similar argument works if $f(N)\tau(a) = 0$. □

Theorem 1. *Let f be a generalized (σ, τ) -derivation of N with associated d such that $f\sigma = \sigma f$. If N is a 2-torsion free near-ring and $f^2 = 0$ then $f = 0$.*

Proof. (i) For arbitrary $x, y \in N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f^2(xy) = f(f(xy)) = f(f(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y)) \\ &= f^2(x)\tau^2(y) + \sigma(f(x))d(\tau(y)) + f(\sigma(x))\tau(d(y)) + \sigma^2(x)d^2(y). \end{aligned}$$

By the hypothesis,

$$(1.3) \quad \sigma(f(x))d(\tau(y)) + f(\sigma(x))\tau(d(y)) + \sigma^2(x)d^2(y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in N.$$

Writing $\sigma^{-1}(f(x))$ by x in (1.3) and using $f\sigma = \sigma f$, we get

$$f(\sigma(x))d^2(y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in N.$$

By Lemma 3(ii), we obtain that $d^2(N) = 0$. That is $d = 0$ from [5, Lemma 4]. Suppose now that $d = 0$. Then for all $x, y \in N$, we have $f(xy) = f(x)\tau(y) = \sigma(x)f(y)$ and so, $0 = f^2(xy) = f(\sigma(x)f(y)) = f(\sigma(x))\tau(f(y)) + \sigma^2(x)d(f(y))$. That is

$$f(\sigma(x))\tau(f(y)) = 0, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in N.$$

It gives $f = 0$ from Lemma 3(ii). \square

Theorem 2. *Let N be a prime near-ring with a nonzero generalized (σ, τ) -derivation f associated with d . If $f(N) \subset Z$ then $(N, +)$ is abelian. Moreover, if N is 2-torsion free, then N is a commutative ring.*

Proof. Suppose that $a \in N$ such that $f(a) \neq 0$. So, $f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ and $f(a) + f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$. For all $x, y \in N$, we have

$$(x+y)(f(a) + f(a)) = (f(a) + f(a))(x+y),$$

that is, $xf(a) + xf(a) + yf(a) + yf(a) = f(a)x + f(a)y + f(a)x + f(a)y$. Since $f(a) \in Z$, we get

$$f(a)x + f(a)y = f(a)y + f(a)x,$$

and so,

$$f(a)(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in N.$$

Since $f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ and N is a prime near-ring, it follows that $(x, y) = 0$, for all $x, y \in N$. Thus $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Using the hypothesis, for any $x, y, z \in N$,

$$\tau(z)f(xy) = f(xy)\tau(z)$$

By Lemma 2(ii), we have

$$\tau(z)d(x)\tau(y) + \tau(z)\sigma(x)f(y) = d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(x)f(y)\tau(z).$$

Using $f(N) \subset Z$ and $(N, +)$ is abelian, we obtain that

$$(1.4) \quad \tau(z)d(x)\tau(y) - d(x)\tau(y)\tau(z) = [\sigma(x), \tau(z)]f(y), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N.$$

Substituting $\tau^{-1}(f(z))$ for z in (1.4), we get

$$f(z)[d(x), \tau(y)] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N.$$

Since $f(z) \in Z$ and f a nonzero (σ, τ) -generalized derivation with associated d , we get $d(N) \subset Z$. So, N is commutative ring by [5, Theorem 2]. \square

Theorem 3. *Let N be a prime near-ring with a nonzero generalized (σ, τ) -derivation f associated with d such that $\tau f = f\tau, \sigma f = f\sigma$. If $[f(N), f(N)] = 0$ then $(N, +)$ is abelian. Moreover, if N is 2-torsion free, then N is a commutative ring.*

Proof. The argument used in the proof of Theorem 2 shows that if both z and $z + z$ commute elementwise with $f(N)$, then we have

$$(1.5) \quad zf(x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Substituting $f(t), t \in N$ for z in (1.5), we get $f(t)f(x, y) = 0$. By Lemma ??(i), we obtain that $f(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in N$. For any $w \in N$, we have $0 = f(wx, wy) = f(w(x, y)) = d(w)\tau(x, y) + \sigma(w)f(x, y)$ and so,

$$d(w)\tau(x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Replacing w by wr and using Lemma 2(iii), we get $0 = d(w)\tau(r)\tau(x, y) + \sigma(w)d(r)\tau(x, y)$ and so,

$$d(w)N\tau(x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, w \in N.$$

Since $d \neq 0$, we obtain that $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Now, assume that N is 2-torsion free. By the assumption $[f(N), f(N)] = 0$, we have

$$f(\tau(z))f(f(x)y) = f(f(x)y)f(\tau(z)) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N.$$

Using $\tau f = f\tau$ and $\sigma f = f\sigma$, we get

$$f(\tau(z))d(f(x)\tau(y) + f(\tau(z))\sigma(f(x))f(y)) = d(f(x)\tau(y)\tau(f(z)) + \sigma(f(x))f(y)\tau(f(z)))$$

$$f(\tau(z))d(f(x)\tau(y) + f(\sigma(x))f(\tau(z))f(y)) = d(f(x)\tau(y)f(\tau(z)) + f(\sigma(x))f(\tau(z))f(y))$$

and so,

$$(1.6) \quad f(\tau(z))d(f(x)\tau(y)) = d(f(x)\tau(y))f(\tau(z)), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N.$$

If we take yw instead of y in (1.6), then

$$f(\tau(z))d(f(x)\tau(y)\tau(w)) = d(f(x)\tau(y)\tau(w))f(\tau(z))$$

and so,

$$d(f(x))\tau(y)f(\tau(z))\tau(w) = d(f(x))\tau(y)\tau(w)f(\tau(z))$$

Hence, we get

$$d(f(x))N[f(\tau(z)), \tau(w)] = 0, \text{ for all } x, z, w \in N.$$

Since N is a prime near-ring, we have

$$d(f(N)) = 0 \text{ or } f(N) \subset Z$$

Let assume that $d(f(N)) = 0$. Then $0 = d(f(xy)) = d(d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)f(y))$ and so,

$$(1.7) \quad d^2(x)\tau^2(y) + \sigma(d(x))d(\tau(y)) + d(\sigma(x))\tau(f(y)) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Replacing y by $\tau^{-1}(y)$ in this equation, we get

$$d^2(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(d(x))d(y) + d(\sigma(x))f(y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Writing yz by y in this equation and using this equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^2(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(d(x))d(yz) + d(\sigma(x))f(yz) \\ &= d^2(x)\tau(yz) + \sigma(d(x))d(y)\tau(z) + \sigma(d(x))\sigma(y)d(z) + d(\sigma(x))f(y)\tau(z) \\ &\quad + d(\sigma(x))\sigma(y)d(z) \\ &= \left\{ d^2(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(d(x))d(y) + d(\sigma(x))f(y) \right\} \tau(z) + \sigma(d(x))\sigma(y)d(z) \\ &\quad + d(\sigma(x))\sigma(y)d(z). \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$2\sigma(d(x))\sigma(y)d(z) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N$$

Since N is a 2-torsion free near-ring, we get

$$d(N)Nd(N) = 0.$$

Thus, we obtain that $d = 0$ from primeness of N . It contradicts by $d \neq 0$. \square

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