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## ON NEAR-RING IDEALS WITH $(\sigma, \tau)$ -DERIVATION

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ABSTRACT. Let N be a 3-prime left near-ring with multiplicative center Z, a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation D on N is defined to be an additive endomorphism satisfying the product rule  $D(xy) = \tau(x)D(y) + D(x)\sigma(y)$  for all  $x, y \in N$ , where  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are automorphisms of N. A nonempty subset U of N will be called a semigroup right ideal (resp. semigroup left ideal) if  $UN \subset U$  (resp.  $NU \subset U$ ) and if U is both a semigroup right ideal and a semigroup left ideal, it be called a semigroup ideal. We prove the following results: Let D be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation on N such that  $\sigma D = D\sigma, \tau D = D\tau$ . (i) If U is semigroup right ideal of N and  $D(U) \subset Z$  then N is commutative ring. (ii) If U is a semigroup ideal of N and  $D^2(U) = 0$  then D = 0. (iii) If  $a \in N$  and  $[D(U), a]_{\sigma,\tau} = 0$  then D(a) = 0 or  $a \in Z$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

H. E. Bell and G. Mason have shown several commutativity theorems for nearrings with derivation in [1]. Bell has proved in [2], that if N be a 3-prime zero symmetric left near-ring and D be a nonzero derivation on N, U is nonzero subset of N such that  $UN \subset U$  or  $NU \subset U$  and  $D(U) \subset Z$  then N is commutative ring. The major purpose of this paper to generalize this result replacing the derivation D by  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation.

Throughout this paper, N will denote a zero-symetric left near-ring and usually will be 3-prime, that is, if aNb = 0 then a = 0 or b = 0, with multiplicative center Z. A nonempty subset U of N will be called a semigroup right ideal (resp. semigroup left ideal) if  $UN \subset U$  (resp.  $NU \subset U$ ) and if U is both a semigroup right ideal and a semigroup left ideal, it be called a semigroup ideal. For subsets  $X, Y \subset N$  the symbol [X, Y] will denote the set  $\{xy - yx \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$ . Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be two near-ring automorphisms of N. An additive endomorphism of N with the property that  $D(xy) = \tau(x)D(y) + D(x)\sigma(y)$  for all  $x, y \in N$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N. Given  $x, y \in N$ , we write  $[x, y]_{\sigma,\tau} = x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$ ; in particular  $[x, y]_{1,1} = [x, y]$ , in the usual sense. As for terminologies used here without mention, we refer to G. Pilz [4].

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2. Results

**Lemma 1** ([3, Lemma 2]). Let D be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation on the near-ring N. Then

$$(\tau(x)D(y) + D(x)\sigma(y))\sigma(a) = \tau(x)D(y)\sigma(a) + D(x)\sigma(y)\sigma(a)$$

for all  $x, y, a \in N$ .

Lemma 2 ([2, Lemma 1.2]). Let N be a 3-prime near-ring.

- i) If  $z \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  then z is not a zero divisor.
- ii) If  $Z \setminus \{0\}$  contains an element z for which  $z + z \in Z$ , then (N, +) is abelian.
- iii) If  $z \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  and x is an element of N such that  $xz \in Z$  or  $zx \in Z$ , then  $x \in Z$ .

**Lemma 3** ([3, Lemma 3]). Let D be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation on prime nearring N and  $a \in N$ .

- i) If  $D(N)\sigma(a) = 0$  then a = 0.
- ii) If aD(N) = 0 then a = 0.

**Lemma 4.** Let N be a prime near-ring, D a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and U be nonzero semigroup right ideal (resp. semigroup left ideal). If D(U) = 0 then D = 0.

**Proof.** U be a nonzero semigroup right ideal of N and D(U) = 0. For any  $x \in N$ ,  $u \in U$ , we get

$$0 = D(ux) = \tau(u) D(x) + D(u) \sigma(x)$$

and so,

$$\tau(u) D(x) = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U, x \in N$ .

By Lemma 3(ii), we have D = 0. If U is a nonzero semigroup left ideal of N, then the proof is similar.

**Lemma 5.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and U be nonzero semigroup ideal.

- i) If  $x \in N$  and  $D(U) \sigma(x) = 0$  then x = 0.
- ii) If  $x \in N$  and xD(U) = 0 then x = 0.

**Proof.** i) Suppose U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N and  $D(U)\sigma(x) = 0$ . By Lemma 1 for all  $u, v \in U$ , we get

$$0 = D(uv) \,\sigma(x) = \tau(u) \,D(v) \,\sigma(x) + D(u) \,\sigma(v) \,\sigma(x) \,.$$

Using the hypothesis and  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of N, we have

$$\sigma^{-1}(D(u))Ux = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U$ .

Since D is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N, this relation gives us x = 0 by [2, Lemma 1.4 (i)].

ii) A similar argument works if xD(U) = 0.

**Theorem 1.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and U a nonzero semigroup right ideal. If  $D(U) \subset Z$ , then N is commutative ring.

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**Proof.** For all  $u, v \in U$ , we get

$$D(uv) = \tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v) \in Z$$

and commuting this element with  $\sigma(v)$  gives us

$$(\tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v))\sigma(v) = \sigma(v)(\tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v)).$$

Using Lemma 1 and  $D(u) \in Z$ , we have

$$\tau(u) D(v) \sigma(v) + D(u) \sigma(v) \sigma(v) = \sigma(v) \tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v) \sigma(v)$$

and so,

$$D(v)[\tau(u), \sigma(v)] = 0$$
, for all  $u, v \in U$ .

Since  $D(v) \in Z$ , we obtain

$$D(v) = 0$$
 or  $[\tau(u), \sigma(v)] = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in U$ .

Suppose that D(v) = 0, then  $D(uv) = \tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v) = D(u) \sigma(v) \in Z$ . This gives us  $v \in Z$  from Lemma 2(iii). For any cases we conclude that

(2.1) 
$$[\tau(u), \sigma(v)] = 0, \text{ for all } u, v \in U.$$

Since  $\tau$  is an automorphism of N, the relation (2.1) yields

 $[U, \tau^{-1}(\sigma(v))] = 0$ , for all  $v \in U$ 

and so,  $U \subset Z$  from [2, Lemma 1.3 (iii)]. Thus, we obtain that N is commutative ring by [2, Lemma 1.5].

**Theorem 2.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and U be nonzero semigroup left ideal. If  $D(U) \subset Z$ , then N is commutative ring.

**Proof.** If we use the same argument in the proof of Theorem 1, we conclude that

(2.2)  $D(v) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \left[\tau(u), \sigma(v)\right] = 0, \quad \text{for all} \quad u, v \in U.$ 

Suppose that D(v) = 0, then  $D(uv) = \tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v) = D(u) \sigma(v) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ , so that

$$D(u) \sigma(v) x = x D(u) \sigma(v) = D(u) x \sigma(v)$$
, for all  $u \in U, x \in N$ .

Thus,  $D(u)[\sigma(v), x] = 0$ , for all  $u \in U, x \in N$ . By Lemma 2 (i) and Lemma 4, we have show that

(2.3) If 
$$v \in U$$
 and  $D(v) = 0$ , then  $v \in Z$ .

Thus, the relation (2.2) yields

 $[\tau(u), \sigma(v)] = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in U$ .

By the hypothesis, we get  $D(wu) \in Z$ , for all  $u, w \in U$ . That is,

$$D(wu) = \tau(w) D(u) + D(w) \sigma(u) \in Z.$$

Commuting this element with  $\sigma(v)$ , one can obtain

$$(\tau(w) D(u) + D(w) \sigma(u)) \sigma(v) = \sigma(v) (\tau(w) D(u) + D(w) \sigma(u)).$$

Applying Lemma 1 and using  $\sigma(v) \tau(w) = \tau(w) \sigma(v), \ D(u) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

 $D(u) \tau(w) \sigma(v) + D(w) \sigma(u) \sigma(v) = D(u) \tau(w) \sigma(v) + D(w) \sigma(v) \sigma(u)$ 

and so,

$$D(w)\sigma([u,v]) = 0$$
, for all  $u, v, w \in U$ .

Since  $D(w) \in Z$ , we have

$$D(w) = 0$$
 or  $[u, v] = 0$ , for all  $u, v, w \in U$ .

In the first case, we find that D = 0, a contradiction. So, we must have U is commutative.

Now, we assume that  $U \cap Z \neq \{0\}$ . Then U contains a nonzero central element w, we have

$$(wx)u = (xw)u = u(xw) = u(wx) = (uw)x = (wu)x$$

that is,

$$w[x, u] = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U$ .

Since w is nonzero central element, we have  $U \subset Z$ . Thus N is commutative ring by [2, Lemma 1.5].

If  $U \cap Z = \{0\}$ , in which case (2.3) shows that  $D(u) \neq 0$  for all  $u \in U \setminus \{0\}$ . For each such  $u, D(u^2) = \tau(u) D(u) + D(u) \sigma(u) = D(u) (\tau(u) + \sigma(u)) \in Z$ . Since D(u) is noncentral element of N, we get

 $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ .

Suppose that  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) = 0$ , for all  $u \in U \setminus \{0\}$ . By the hypothesis,  $D(u^3) \in Z$ , we get

$$\begin{split} D(u^3) &= \tau(u) D(u^2) + D(u) \, \sigma(u^2) \\ &= \tau(u) \, \tau(u) \, D(u) + \tau(u) \, D(u) \, \sigma(u) + D(u) \, \sigma(u^2) \in Z \,. \end{split}$$

Using  $\tau(u) = -\sigma(u)$  and  $D(u) \in Z$ , we get

$$\tau(u)\,\tau(u)\,D(u) - \tau(u)\,\tau(u)\,D(u) + D(u)\,\sigma(u^2) \in Z$$

which implies  $u^2 \in Z$ . Hence we get  $u^2 \in U \cap Z = \{0\}$ , and so  $u^2 = 0$ . Now, for any  $x \in N$ ,  $D(xu) = \tau(x) D(u) + D(x) \sigma(u) \in Z$ . Hence

V, for any 
$$x \in N$$
,  $D(xu) = f(x)D(u) + D(x)\delta(u) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence,

$$\sigma(u)\left(\tau(x) D(u) + D(x) \sigma(u)\right) = \left(\tau(x) D(u) + D(x) \sigma(u)\right) \sigma(u)$$

Using Lemma 1 and  $u^2 = 0$ , we have

$$\sigma(u) \left( \tau(x) D(u) + D(x) \sigma(u) \right) = \tau(x) D(u) \sigma(u) \,.$$

Left-multiplying this relation by  $\sigma(u)$  and using  $u^2 = 0$ , we obtain

 $\sigma(u) \tau(x) D(u) \sigma(u) = 0$ , for all  $u \in U, x \in N$ .

The primenessly of the near-ring N, we obtain that  $D(u)\sigma(u) = 0$ . Since  $0 \neq D(u) \in Z$ , we have  $\sigma(u) = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus, we must have  $z = \sigma(u_0) + \tau(u_0) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  for an  $u_0 \in U$ . Since  $D(zu) = \tau(z) D(u) + D(z) \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for any  $u \in U$ , we have

 $\left(\tau(z) D(u) + D(z) \sigma(u)\right) \sigma(y) = \sigma(y) \left(\tau(z) D(u) + D(z) \sigma(u)\right), \text{ for all } y \in N$ and so,

$$\tau(z) D(u) \sigma(y) + D(z) \sigma(u) \sigma(y) = \sigma(y) \tau(z) D(u) + \sigma(y) D(z) \sigma(u).$$

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Using  $z, D(u) \in Z$ , we get

$$D(u) \tau(z) \sigma(y) + D(z) \sigma(u) \sigma(y) = D(u) \tau(z) \sigma(y) + \sigma(y) \sigma(u) D(z).$$

That is,

$$D(z) \sigma([u, y]) = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U$ ,  $y \in N$ .

Since D(z) is a nonzero central element of N, we have  $U \subset Z$ . Thus, we conclude that N is commutative ring from [2, Lemma 1.5].

**Theorem 3.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N such that  $\sigma D = D\sigma, \tau D = D\tau$  and U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N. If  $D^2(U) = 0$  then D = 0.

**Proof.** For arbitrary  $u, v \in U$ , we have  $0 = D^2(uv) = D(D(uv)) = D(\tau(u) D(v) + D(u) \sigma(v)) = \tau^2(u) D^2(v) + D(\tau(u)) \sigma(D(v)) + \tau(D(u)) D(\sigma(v)) + D^2(u) \sigma^2(v)$ . Using the hypothesis and  $\sigma D = D\sigma, \tau D = D\tau$ , we get

$$2D(\tau(u)) D(\sigma(v)) = 0$$
, for all  $u, v \in U$ 

and so,

$$2\sigma^{-1}(\tau(D(u))) D(U) = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U$ .

From Lemma 5(ii), we obtain that

$$2D(u) = 0$$
, for all  $u \in U$ .

Now for any  $y \in N$  and  $u \in U$ ,  $0 = D^2(yu) = D(\tau(y)D(u) + D(y)\sigma(u)) = \tau^2(y)D^2(v) + 2\tau(D(y))\sigma(D(u)) + D^2(y)\sigma^2(u)$ . Hence,

$$D^2(y) \sigma^2(u) = 0$$
, for all  $y \in N$ ,  $u \in U$ .

Using  $\sigma$  is an automorphism on N and [2, Lemma 1.4 (i)], we can take  $D^2(N) = 0$ . That is D = 0 by [3, Lemma 4].

**Theorem 4.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N such that  $\sigma D = D\sigma, \tau D = D\tau$  and U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N. If  $a \in N$  and  $[D(U), a]_{\sigma,\tau} = 0$  then D(a) = 0 or  $a \in Z$ .

**Proof.** For  $u \in U$ , we get  $D(au) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) D(au) \tau(a)$ . Expanding this equation, one can obtain,

$$\tau(a) D(u) \sigma(a) + D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) \tau(a) D(u) + \tau(a) D(a) \sigma(u).$$

By the hypothesis, we get  $D(u) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) D(u)$ . Hence,

$$\tau(a) \tau(a) D(u) + D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) \tau(a) D(u) + \tau(a) D(a) \sigma(u)$$

That is,

(2.4) 
$$D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) D(a) \sigma(u), \text{ for all } u \in U.$$

Replacing  $ux, x \in N$  by u in (2.4) and using (2.4), we have

$$D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(x) \sigma(a) = \tau(a) D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(x) = D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma(a) \sigma(x)$$

and so,

$$D(a) \sigma(u) \sigma([x, a]) = 0$$
, for all  $x \in N, u \in U$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of N, this relation can be written,

$$\sigma^{-1}(D(a)U[x,a]) = 0$$
, for all  $x \in N$ .

Thus we conclude that  $a \in Z$  or D(a) = 0 by [2, Lemma 1.4 (i)].

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