

## ON GENERALIZED SEMIDERIVATIONS OF $\Gamma$ -RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce the notion of a generalized semiderivation on  $\Gamma$ -ring, and we try to generalize some known results of derivations, semiderivations and generalized derivations to generalized semiderivations on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. We also prove that there exist no nontrivial generalized semiderivations which act as a homomorphism or as an antihomomorphism on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

J. C. Chang [6] studied on semiderivations of prime rings. He obtained some results of derivations of prime rings into semiderivations. H. E. Bell and W. S. Martindale III [1] investigated the commutativity property of a prime ring by means of semiderivations. C. L. Chuang [7] studied on the structure of semiderivations in prime rings. He obtained some remarkable results in connection with semiderivations. J. Bergen and P. Grzeszczuk [3] obtained the commutativity properties of semiprime rings with the help of skew(semi)-derivations. A. Firat [8] generalized some results of prime rings with derivations to the prime rings with semiderivations. In this paper, we introduce the notion of a generalized semiderivation on  $\Gamma$ -ring, and we try to extend some known results of derivations, semiderivations and generalized derivations to generalized semiderivations on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. We also prove that there exist no nontrivial generalized semiderivations which act as a homomorphism or as an antihomomorphism on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups. Then  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (M1)  $x\beta y \in M$ ,
- (M2)  $(x + y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$ ,  $x(\alpha + \beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y$ ,  $x\alpha(y + z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$ ,
- (M3)  $(x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

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Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring with center  $Z(M)$ . For any  $x, y \in M$ , the notation  $[x, y]_\alpha$  denotes the commutator  $x\alpha y - y\alpha x$  while the symbol  $(x, y)$  denotes  $x + y - x - y$ , respectively. We know that  $[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = x\beta[y, z]_\alpha + [x, z]_\alpha\beta y + x[\beta, \alpha]_z y$  and  $[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta[x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha\beta z + y[\beta, \alpha]_x z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . We take an assumption (\*)  $x\alpha y\beta z = x\beta y\alpha z$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Using the assumption (\*), identities  $[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = x\beta[y, z]_\alpha + [x, z]_\alpha\beta y$  and  $[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta[x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha\beta z$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  are used extensively in our results.

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. A *right* (resp. *left*) *ideal* of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is an additive subgroup  $I$  of  $M$  such that  $I\Gamma M \subset I$  (resp.  $M\Gamma I \subset I$ ). If  $I$  is both a right and a left ideal, we say that  $I$  is an *ideal* of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then

- (1)  $M$  is said to be *prime* if  $x\Gamma M\Gamma y = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , or  $y = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in M$ .
- (2)  $M$  is said to be *semiprime* if  $x\Gamma M\Gamma x = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ .
- (3)  $M$  is said to be *2-torsion free* if  $2x = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. An additive mapping  $d : M \rightarrow M$  is called a *derivation* if

$$d(x\alpha y) = d(x)\alpha y + x\alpha d(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. An additive mapping  $d : M \rightarrow M$  is called a *semiderivation* associated with a map  $g : M \rightarrow M$  if, for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,

- (1)  $d(x\alpha y) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha d(y) = d(x)\alpha y + g(x)\alpha d(y)$ ,
- (2)  $d(g(x)) = g(d(x))$ .

**Example 2.4.** Let  $M_1$  be a  $\Gamma_1$ -ring and  $M_2$  be a  $\Gamma_2$ -ring. Consider  $M = M_1 \times M_2$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ . Define addition and multiplication on  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  by

$$(m_1, m_2) + (m_3, m_4) = (m_1 + m_3, m_2 + m_4)$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) + (\alpha_3, \alpha_4) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3, \alpha_2 + \alpha_4)$$

$$(m_1, m_2)(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)(m_3, m_4) = (m_1\alpha_1m_3, m_2\alpha_2m_4),$$

for every  $(m_1, m_2), (m_3, m_4) \in M$  and  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2), (\alpha_3, \alpha_4) \in \Gamma$ . Under these addition and multiplication,  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Let  $\delta : M_1 \rightarrow M_1$  be an additive map and  $\tau : M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  be a left and right  $M_2^\Gamma$ -module which is not a derivation. Define  $d : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $d((m_1, m_2)) = (0, \tau(m_2))$  and  $g : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $g((m_1, m_2)) = (\delta(m_1), 0)$ ,  $m_1 \in M_1, m_2 \in M_2$ . Then it is clear that  $d$  is a semiderivation of  $M$  associated with  $g$ , which is not a derivation on  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [9] *Let  $M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $M$  such that  $I \subseteq Z(M)$ . Then  $I$  is commutative.*

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $F$  be a semiderivation of  $M$ . If  $F(x\alpha y) = F(x)\alpha F(y)$  and  $F(x\alpha y) = F(y)\alpha F(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $F$  is said to act as a homomorphism or antihomomorphism on  $M$ , respectively.

3. GENERALIZED SEMIDERIVATIONS OF  $\Gamma$ -RINGS

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. An additive mapping  $F : M \rightarrow M$  is called a *generalized semiderivation* of  $M$  if there exists a semiderivation  $d : M \rightarrow M$  associated with a map  $g : M \rightarrow M$  if

- (1)  $F(x\alpha y) = F(x)\alpha y + g(x)\alpha d(y) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y)$ ,
- (2)  $F(g(x)) = g(F(x))$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

If  $g = I$ , i.e., an identity mapping of  $M$ , then all semiderivations associated with  $g$  are merely ordinary derivations. If  $g$  is any endomorphism, then semiderivations are of the form  $f(x) = x - g(x)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : b \in Z_2 \right\}$  and  $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in R \right\}$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Define a map  $F : M \rightarrow M$  by  $F\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  and  $g : M \rightarrow M$  by  $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & -c \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $F$  is a generalized semiderivation associated with nonzero semiderivation  $d : M \rightarrow M$  defined by  $d\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not a generalized derivation on  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. If  $d$  is a non-zero semiderivation of  $M$  associated with an onto map  $g$  which is onto, then  $d^2 \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $d^2(M) = 0$ . Then, for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^2(x\alpha y) \\ &= d(d(x\alpha y)) \\ &= d(d(x)\alpha y + g(x)\alpha d(y)) \\ &= d^2(x)\alpha y + d(x)\alpha d(y) + d(g(x))\alpha d(y) + g(x)\alpha d^2(y) \\ &= d(x)\alpha d(y) + d(g(x))\alpha d(y). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $g(d(x)) = d(g(x))$  and  $g$  is onto, we get

$$2d(x)\alpha d(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Since  $M$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$$d(x)\alpha d(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $r\beta y$  in the above relation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(x)\alpha d(r\beta y) \\ &= d(x)\alpha(d(r)\beta y + g(r)\beta d(y)) \\ &= d(x)\alpha d(r)\beta y + d(x)\alpha g(r)\beta d(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, r \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d(x)\alpha g(r)\beta d(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, r \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Since  $g$  is onto, we have

$$d(x)\alpha r\beta d(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, r \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Hence

$$d(M)\Gamma M\Gamma d(M) = \{0\}.$$

Thus we obtain  $d = 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring and let  $d$  be a nonzero semiderivation associated with an onto map  $g : M \rightarrow M$ . If  $d(M) \subseteq Z(M)$ , then  $M$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have  $d(x\alpha y) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ . That is,  $d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha d(y) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Commuting this term with  $x$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha d(y), x]_\gamma \\ &= [d(x)\alpha g(y), x]_\gamma + [x\alpha d(y), x]_\gamma \\ &= d(x)\alpha [g(y), x]_\gamma + [d(x), x]_\gamma \alpha g(y) + x\alpha [d(y), x]_\gamma + [x, x]_\gamma \alpha d(y) \\ &= d(x)\alpha [g(y), x]_\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d(x) \in Z(N)$ , and  $g$  is surjective function of  $M$ , we have  $d(x)\alpha s\beta [y, x]_\gamma = 0$  for all  $x, y, s \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is prime and  $d(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in M$ , we have  $[y, x]_\gamma = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$ . That is,  $M$  is commutative.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*) and admitting a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  associated with an onto map  $g : M \rightarrow M$ . If  $[d(x), d(y)]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$ , then  $M$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$d(x)\alpha d(y) = d(y)\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (1)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta z$  in (1), we obtain

$$d(x)\alpha d(y\beta z) = d(y\beta z)\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (2)$$

$$d(x)\alpha(d(y)\beta z + g(y)\beta d(z)) = (d(y)\beta z + g(y)\beta d(z))\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &d(x)\alpha d(y)\beta z + d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta d(z) \\ &= d(y)\beta z\alpha d(x) + g(y)\beta d(z)\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substituting  $d(y)$  for  $y$  in (4) and using (1), we get

$$d(x)\alpha d^2(y)\beta z = d^2(y)\beta z\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (5)$$

Taking  $z\delta t$  instead of  $z$  in (5), we obtain

$$d(x)\alpha d^2(y)\beta z\delta t = d^2(y)\beta z\delta t\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma. \quad (6)$$

Using (5) in (6), we get

$$d^2(y)\beta z\alpha d(x)\delta t = d^2(y)\beta z\delta t\alpha d(x), \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma. \quad (7)$$

Hence we get

$$d^2(y)\beta z\alpha [d(x), t]_\delta = 0, \quad \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma. \quad (8)$$

This implies

$$d^2(y)\Gamma M\Gamma[d(x), t]_\delta = 0, \forall x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma. \quad (9)$$

Since  $M$  is prime, we have  $d^2 = 0$  or  $d(M) \subseteq Z(M)$ . But  $d^2 \neq 0$  by Lemma 3.3, and so  $d(M)$  is contained in  $Z(M)$ , which implies  $M$  is commutative by Lemma 3.4.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*) with a generalized semiderivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and onto map  $g$  associated with  $d$ . If  $F(M) \subseteq Z(M)$ , then  $M$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* Assume that

$$F(x) \in Z(M), \quad \forall x \in M. \quad (10)$$

For all  $x, n \in M, z \in Z(M)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x\alpha z)\beta n &= F(x)\alpha z\beta n + g(x)\alpha d(z)\beta n, \\ n\beta F(x\alpha z) &= n\beta F(x)\alpha z + n\beta g(x)\alpha d(z) \\ &= F(x)\alpha z\beta n + n\beta g(x)\alpha d(z). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Since  $F(x\alpha z)\beta n = n\beta F(x\alpha z)$ , we have  $g(x)\alpha d(z)\beta n = n\beta g(x)\alpha d(z)$  for all  $x, n \in M, z \in Z(M) \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus  $g(x)\alpha d(z) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Let  $d(Z) \neq \{0\}$ . Choosing  $z$  such that  $d(z) \neq 0$  and noting that  $d(z) \in Z(M)$ , we have  $g(x) \in Z(M)$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we have  $M \in Z(M)$ . Hence  $M$  is commutative by Lemma 2.5. On the other hand, if  $d(z) = 0$ , then for all  $x, y \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(F(x\alpha y)) \\ &= d(F(x)\alpha y + g(x)\alpha d(y)) \\ &= F(x)\alpha d(y) + g(x)\alpha d^2(y) + d(g(x))g(d(y)), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Hence  $F(x\alpha d(y)) = -d(g(x))\alpha g(d(y)) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we have  $d(x)\alpha d(y) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d(x)\alpha(d(x)\beta d(y) - d(y)\beta d(x)) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Multiplying by  $d(y)$  on left side of the above relation, we obtain

$$d(y)\gamma d(x)\alpha M\delta((d(x)\beta d(y) - d(y)\beta d(x))) = \{0\},$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is prime, we have

$$[d(x), d(y)]_\beta = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$ . We conclude that  $M$  is commutative by Lemma 3.5.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*) and admitting a generalized semiderivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and an onto map  $g$  associated with  $d$  such that  $g(x\alpha y) = g(x)\alpha g(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . If  $[F(M), F(M)]_\alpha = 0$ , then  $M$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* By the hypothesis, we have

$$F(x)\alpha F(y) = F(y)\alpha F(x) \quad (12)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $F(z)\beta y$  in the above relation, we get

$$F(x)\alpha F(F(z)\beta y) = F(F(z)\beta y)\alpha F(x) \quad (13)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in N$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x)\alpha(d(F(z))\beta g(y) + F(z)F(y)) \\ = (d(F(z))\beta g(y) + F(z)\beta F(y)) = \alpha F(x) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Hence we get

$$F(x)\alpha d(F(z))\beta g(y) = d(F(z))\beta g(y)\alpha F(x), \quad (15)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Taking  $y\gamma w$  instead of  $y$  in (14) and using (14), we obtain

$$d(F(z))\beta g(y)\alpha F(x)\gamma g(w) = d(F(z))\beta g(y)\gamma g(w)\alpha F(x),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we get

$$d(F(z))\beta y\alpha F(x)\gamma w = d(F(z))\beta y\gamma w\alpha F(x),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d(F(z))\Gamma M\Gamma(F(x)\gamma w - w\gamma F(x)) = \{0\},$$

for all  $x, z, w \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is prime, we have  $d(F(M)) = \{0\}$  or  $F(M) \subseteq Z(M)$ . If  $F(M)$  is contained in  $Z(M)$ , then  $M$  is commutative by Theorem 3.6. On the other hand, if  $d(F(M)) = 0$ , then

$$d(F(x\alpha y)) = d((d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y)) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Thus

$$d^2(x)\alpha g(y) + d(x)\alpha d(g(y)) + d(x)\alpha F(y) + x\alpha d(F(y)) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d^2(x)\alpha g(y) + d(x)\alpha d(g(y)) + d(x)\alpha F(y) = 0 \quad (16)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta z$  and  $g$  is onto, we have

$$d^2(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + d(x)\alpha d(g(y\beta z)) + d(x)\alpha F(y\beta z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , which implies that

$$d^2(x)\alpha y\beta z + d(x)\alpha d(y\beta z) + d(x)\alpha F(y\beta z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Hence

$$d^2(x)\alpha y\beta z + d(x)\alpha(y\beta d(z) + d(y)\beta g(z)) + d(x)\alpha(F(y)\beta z + g(y)\beta d(z)) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

$$d^2(x)\alpha y\beta z + d(x)\alpha y\beta d(z) + d(x)\alpha d(y)\beta g(z) + d(x)\alpha F(y)\beta z + d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta d(z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we have

$$d^2(x)\alpha y\beta z + d(x)\alpha y\beta d(z) + d(x)\alpha d(y)\beta z + d(x)\alpha F(y)\beta z + d(x)\alpha y\beta d(z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Thus

$$\{d^2(x)\alpha y + d(x)\alpha d(y) + d(x)\alpha F(y)\}\beta z + 2d(x)\alpha y\beta d(z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is a 2-torsion free and using (16), we get  $d(x)\alpha y\beta d(z) = 0$  for all  $y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . That is,  $d(M)\Gamma M\Gamma d(M) = \{0\}$ . Thus we get  $d = 0$ , which is a contradiction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. If  $M$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), F(y)]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $M$  is commutative.*

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*). If  $F$  is a generalized semiderivation of  $M$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and an automorphism  $g$  associated with  $d$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $F([x, y]_\alpha) = [F(x), y]_\alpha$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,
- (2)  $F([x, y]_\alpha) = -[F(x), y]_\alpha$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,
- (3)  $M$  is commutative.

*Proof.* It is obvious that (3) implies both (1) and (2).

Now we prove that (1) implies (3). By hypothesis,

$$F([x, y]_\alpha) = [F(x), y]_\alpha \quad (17)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Taking  $x\beta y$  instead of  $y$  in (17) and noting that  $[x, x\beta y]_\alpha = x\beta[x, y]_\alpha$ , we get

$$F([x, x\beta y]_\alpha) = [F(x), x\beta y]_\alpha,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Hence we get

$$F(x\beta[x, y]_\alpha) = [F(x), x\beta y]_\alpha,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$x\beta F([x, y]_\alpha) + d(x)\beta g([x, y]_\alpha) = F(x)\alpha x\beta y - x\beta y\alpha F(x),$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Using (17) and noting that  $F(x)\alpha x = x\alpha F(x)$  by (17), the last equation yields

$$d(x)\alpha g([x, y]_\alpha) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is automorphism, we get

$$d(x)\alpha g(x)\alpha g(y) = d(x)\alpha g(y)\alpha g(x)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta t$ , in the last equation, we get

$$d(x)\alpha y\alpha[x, t]_\beta = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, t \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d(x)\Gamma M \Gamma[x, t]_\beta = 0$$

for all  $x, t \in M$  and  $\beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is prime, we have  $M \subseteq Z(M)$  or  $d(M) = \{0\}$ . In both cases,  $M$  is commutative Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 3.4. By the similar fashion, we can show that (2) implies (3).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*). If  $F$  is a generalized semiderivation of  $M$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and an automorphism  $g$  associated with  $d$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $F([x, y]_\alpha) = [x, F(y)]_\alpha$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,
- (2)  $F([x, y]_\alpha) = -[x, F(y)]_\alpha$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,
- (3)  $M$  is commutative.

*Proof.* It is obvious that (3) implies both (1) and (2). Now we prove that (1) implies (3). By hypothesis,

$$F([x, y]_\alpha) = [x, F(y)]_\alpha \quad (18)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Taking  $y\beta x$  instead of  $x$  in (18) and noting that  $[x, x\beta y]_\alpha = x\beta[x, y]_\alpha$ , we get

$$y\beta F([x, y]_\alpha) + d(y)\beta g([x, y]_\alpha) = y\beta x\alpha F(y) - F(y)\alpha x\beta y,$$

for all  $x, y$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Using (18) and noting that  $y\beta F(y) = F(y)\beta y$  by (1), we have

$$d(y)\alpha g([x, y]) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Arguing in the similar manner as in the Theorem 3.9, we get the results. Similarly, we can prove that (2) implies (3).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*). Suppose that  $F$  is a generalized semiderivation of  $M$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and an onto map  $g$  associated with  $d$  such that  $g(x\alpha y) = g(x)\alpha g(y)$ . If  $F$  acts as a homomorphism on  $M$ , then either  $F$  is an identity map or  $F = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By the hypothesis, we have

$$F(x\alpha y) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y) = F(x)\alpha F(y), \quad (19)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta z$  in the above relation, we get

$$F(x\alpha y\beta z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha F(y\beta z)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Thus

$$F(x\alpha y)\beta F(z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha F(y\beta z)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . By (1), we get

$$(d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y))\beta F(z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha(d(y)\beta g(z) + y\beta F(z)),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Hence we have

$$d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta F(z) + x\alpha F(y)\beta F(z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha d(y)\beta g(z) + x\alpha y\beta F(z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and

$$d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta F(z) + x\alpha F(y\beta z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha d(y)\beta g(z) + x\alpha y\beta F(z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and

$$d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta F(z) + x\alpha d(y)\beta g(z) + x\alpha y\beta F(z) = d(x)\alpha g(y\beta z) + x\alpha d(y)\beta g(z) + x\alpha y\beta F(z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta F(z) = d(x)\alpha g(y)\beta g(z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we obtain

$$d(x)\alpha y\beta(F(z) - z) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Thus,

$$d(x)\Gamma M\Gamma(F(z) - z) = \{0\},$$

for all  $x, z \in M$ . Therefore,  $d(M) = 0$  or  $F(z) = z$  for all  $z \in M$ . In the later case,  $F$  is an identity map. On the other hand, assume that  $d(M) = 0$ . Then  $F(x\alpha y) = F(x)\alpha y = F(x)\alpha F(y)$ , that is,  $F(x)\alpha(y - F(y)) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $z\beta y$ ,  $z \in M$ , and noting that  $F(z\beta y) = z\beta F(y)$ , we have  $F(x)\alpha z\beta(y - F(y)) = 0$ , for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . That is,  $F(x)\Gamma M\Gamma(y - F(y)) = \{0\}$ , for all  $x, y \in M$ . Therefore  $F(M) = \{0\}$  or  $F$  is an identity map.  $\square$



**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*). Suppose that  $F$  is a generalized semiderivation of  $M$  associated with a nonzero semiderivation  $d$  and an onto map  $g$  associated with  $d$  such that  $g(x\alpha y) = g(x)\alpha g(y)$ . If  $F$  acts as an antihomomorphism on  $M$ , then either  $F$  is an identity map or  $F = 0$  and  $M$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* By the hypothesis, we have

$$F(x\alpha y) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y) = F(y)\alpha F(x), \quad (20)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Thus

$$F(y)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha F(y) = F(y)\alpha F(x),$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x\beta y$  in the above relation, we get

$$F(x\beta y)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x\beta y) + x\alpha F(x\beta y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . That is,

$$(d(x)\beta g(y) + x\beta F(y))\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x\beta y) + x\alpha F(x\beta y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that  $d(x)\beta g(y)\alpha F(x) + x\beta F(y)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x\beta y) + x\alpha F(x\beta y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Hence we get

$$d(x)\beta g(y)\alpha F(x) + x\beta F(y)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x\beta y) + x\alpha F(y)\beta F(x),$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , which implies that

$$d(x)\beta g(y)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x)\beta g(y) \quad (21)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y\gamma t$  in the above relation, we get

$$d(x)\beta g(y\gamma t)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x)\beta g(y\gamma t)$$

for all  $x, y, t \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and so

$$d(x)\beta g(y)\gamma g(t)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\alpha g(x)\beta g(y)\gamma g(t),$$

for all  $x, y, t \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Using (21) in the above relation, we get

$$d(x)\beta g(y)\gamma g(t)\alpha F(x) = d(x)\beta g(y)\alpha F(x)\gamma g(t),$$

for all  $x, y, t \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since  $g$  is onto, we have

$$d(x)\Gamma M \Gamma [F(x), t]_{\alpha} = \{0\}$$

for all  $x, t \in M$ . Therefore either  $d(M) = \{0\}$  or  $F(M) \subseteq Z(M)$ . Hence in either case,  $F$  acts as a homomorphism on  $M$ . Thus this completes the proof by Theorem 3.11 and Lemma 3.4.  $\square$

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