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# Reverse Derivations on $\delta$ -prime rings

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we generalized Posner's theorem, then, Mayne's theorem has been extended to get a main result, and presented by the following theorem, if  $\delta$  is a nonzero centralizing reverse derivations on a nonzero  $\delta$ -ideal U of  $\delta$ -prime ring R, then R is commutative.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, R assumed to be an associative ring with unity and the center Z(R), the commutator is defined as [u,v]=uv-vu, is also called a Lie commutator for elements  $u,v\in R$ , the symbol C(R) stand for the set of all commutator ideals generated by [u,v], the set  $annU=\{r\in R: rU=0\}$  is the annihilator of U of R. The smallest positive integer n such that  $n\cdot u=0$  for all  $u\in R$  is the characteristic of the ring R.

We will employ some commutator properties like [uv, w] = u[v, w] + [u, w]v and  $[u, vw] = v[u, w] + [u, v]w \ \forall u, v, w \in R$ . Furthermore, we recall that R is called a prime ring if  $uRv = \{0\}$ , then either u = 0 or v = 0, and by analogy, R is called a semiprime ring, for  $u \in R$ , if  $uRu = \{0\}$ , then u = 0.

A map F from R to R is said to be a centralizing on U if  $[u, F(u)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $u \in U$ . An additive map  $\delta : R \to R$  is called a derivation on R, if the condition  $\delta(uv) = \delta(u)v + u\delta(v)$ ,  $\forall u, v \in R$  holds, while an additive map  $\delta : R \to R$  is said to be a reverse derivation on R if satisfies the rule  $\delta(uv) = \delta(v)u + v\delta(u)$ ,  $\forall u, v \in R$ .

Furthermore, for a fixed element  $u \in R$  the additive map  $\partial_u : R \to R$  defined by,  $\partial_u(v) = uv - vu$ , where  $v \in R$  is called a partial derivation generated by  $u \in R$  ( $\partial_u(U) = [u, U] = \{[u, t] : t \in U\}$ ).

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Let  $\Delta$  be a subset of the set of all derivations  $\mathfrak{D}$  on R. An ideal U of R such that  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$  is used to be called a  $\delta$ - ideal of R. A ring R is called  $\delta$ -prime if, for any two  $\delta$ - ideals U, V of R, the condition UV = 0 infers that either U = 0 or V = 0, equivalently, we call a ring R that  $\delta$ - semiprime, for  $U \subseteq \mathfrak{D}$ , if  $[U, U] \neq 0$ , implies  $U \neq 0$ .

Moreover, other terminologies are standard and they were considered as in [10],[11] and [12].

Posner's First Theorem demonstrated that the composition of two nonzero derivations on a prime ring R, with  $charR \neq 2$ , is not a derivation. The Second Theorem of Posner proved that if the nonzero derivation d on a prime ring R is a centralizing on R, then R is commutative [26].

Mayne generalized Posner's theorem when a ring R has an automorphism or a nonzero centralizing derivation on some ideal  $U \neq 0$ , concluding that R is commutative [22].

Likewise, some generalizations of these results with different ways for a prime and semiprime rings are condidered in [6, 7, 13, 14, 21-24, 26, 28, 29]. In general, they have showed commutativity of prime and semiprime rings admit centralizing derivations on specific subsets of R.

Overall, Brešar and Vukman who started the researching on reverse derivation concept (see [8]), recently, Samman and Alyamani [27] came, with many properties of reverse derivations in prime (resp. semiprime) rings.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Many researchers studied the properties of Lie rings with derivations  $\mathfrak{D}$  of differentially simple, prime and semiprime rings (see for example [1–4], [14, 15], [16, 17] and [18, 28], where further references can be found for the widening in this field.

Passman in [25], has investigated the commutative rings with semiprime Lie ring  $\mathfrak{D}$ . There are many papers in this line, as [9, 19, 20].

The following main lemmas that will be used to prove our new results, to which we shall refer, stated as in the following:

**Lemma 1.** [26, Lemma 3] Let R be a prime ring, and d a derivation of R such that ad(a) - d(a)a = 0 for all  $a \in R$ . Then R is commutative.

**Lemma 2.** [21, Theorem] Let R be a prime ring with a nontrivial centralizing automorphism. Then, R is a commutative integral domain.

#### **Lemma 3.** [22, Theorem]

Let R be a prime ring and  $A \neq \{0\}$  be an ideal of R. If R has a nontrivial automorphism or derivation T such that  $uu^T - u^T u$  is in the center of R and  $u^T$  is in U for every u in U, then R is commutative.

**Lemma 4.** [4, Lemma 13] Let  $A \neq 0$  be a Lie  $\delta$ -ideal of a  $\delta$ -semiprime and subring of a ring R of char $R \neq 2$ . Then  $A \subseteq Z(R)$  or A contains a non-central  $\delta$ -ideal of R.

Therefore the purpose of our research is to study the structure of reverse derivation on  $\delta$ – prime ring and some properties of centralizing reverse derivations on nonzero  $\delta$ – ideal of  $\delta$ – prime ring.

# 3. Some properties and examples of Reverse Derivation

In fact, it is not necessary that every derivation is a reverse derivation on a ring R or vice versa. Taking into consideration when the ring R is commutative, then the derivation and the reverse derivation are coincides. Therefore it is possible to define an example about this case.

**Example 1.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : u, v \in T \right\}$ , such that T is a ring with  $T^2 \neq \{0\}$ . Let  $\delta : R \to R$  be an additive mapping defined as

$$\delta\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} u & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] : \ \forall u, v \in \ T.$$

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$$\grave{\delta}\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} u & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & u \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]: \ \forall u,v \in \ T.$$

It is easy to see that  $\delta$  is a derivation, but not a reverse derivation, while  $\dot{\delta}$  is both a derivation and a reverse derivation.

Now, if the ring R is commutative, then

$$\delta(uv) = \delta(vu).$$

if  $\delta$  is a derivation on a ring R, so

$$\delta(uv) = \delta(u)v + u\delta(v)$$

and

$$\delta(vu) = \delta(v)u + v\delta(u).$$

This means

$$\delta(u)v + u\delta(v) = \delta(v)u + v\delta(u).$$

Thus,  $\delta$  is a reverse derivation too.

**Lemma 5.** Let R be a  $\delta$ -prime ring,  $U \neq \{0\}$  a  $\delta$ -ideal of R, which  $\delta \neq 0$  a reverse derivation on a R. If  $\delta(U) = 0$ , then  $\delta(R) = 0$ .

**proof.** Since U is  $\delta$ -ideal of R, then

$$RU \subseteq U$$
 and  $UR \subseteq U$ .

So

$$\delta(RU) \subseteq \delta(U) = 0$$
 and  $\delta(UR) \subseteq \delta(U) = 0$ ,

then

$$\delta(RU) = \delta(UR) = 0.$$

Since  $\delta$  is a reverse derivation then,

$$\delta(RU) = \delta(U)R + U\delta(R) = 0$$
 and  $\delta(UR) = \delta(R)U + R\delta(U) = 0$ ,

this means

$$U\delta(R) = \delta(R)U = 0.$$

Thus, we deduce that  $\delta(R) \subseteq annU$ , but U is a  $\delta$ -ideal, hence  $\delta(R) = 0$ .

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\delta \neq 0$  be a reverse derivation on a  $\delta$ -ring R and let  $U \neq \{0\}$  be  $\delta$ -ideal of R. If

$$[\delta(u), u] = 0 \ \forall u \in U, \tag{1}$$

then R is commutative.

**proof.** Now, let linearize the identity (1) on U, then we have for all  $u, v \in U$ 

$$0 = [\delta(u + v), u + v] = [\delta(u), u] + [\delta(u), v] +$$

$$[\delta(v), u] + [\delta(v), v] = [\delta(u), v] + [\delta(v), u].$$

$$[\delta(u), v] = [u, \delta(v)]. \tag{2}$$

Write  $v\delta(u)$  instead of  $\delta(u)$  in (2), then we get

$$[u, \delta(v)] = [v\delta(u), v] =$$

$$v[\delta(u), v] + [v, v]\delta(u) =$$

$$v[\delta(u), v] = v[u, \delta(v)] =$$

$$vu\delta(v) - v\delta(v)u = vu\delta(v) - \delta(v)vu = [vu, \delta(v)] =$$

$$[\delta(vu), v] = [\delta(u)v + u\delta(v), v] =$$

$$[\delta(u)v, v] + [u\delta(v), v] = [\delta(u), v]v + [u, v]\delta(v)$$

$$[v, u]\delta(v) = 0. (3)$$

Now, replace u by uv in (3), then,

$$[v, uv]\delta(v) = 0,$$

$$[v, u]v\delta(v) = 0,$$

thus

$$[v, u]U\delta(v) = 0.$$

Hence, since R is a  $\delta$ -prime ring, either  $\delta(u)=0$ , then u=0 and this contradicts the assumption, or [v,u]=0 for all  $u,v\in U$ , therefore U is commutative. So we get UC(R)=0, then C(R)=0, hence R is commutative.

# 4. Reverse Derivation on $\delta$ - Ideal

Through this section, we will prove several lemmas arriving to the extension of lemma (1), presented by the main theorem.

**Lemma 7.** Let R be a  $\delta$ -prime ring and let  $\delta \neq 0$  be a reverse derivation on R. If  $u[\delta^n(u), R] = 0, \forall u \in R$  or  $[\delta^n(v), R]u = 0, \forall u, v \in R, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then either u = 0 or  $v \in Z(R)$ .

**proof.** Assume  $u, v \in R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then from the assumption

$$u[\delta^n(u), R] = 0,$$

this equivalents to

$$u\partial_{\delta^n(v)}(R) = 0, (4)$$

then

$$0 = u\partial_{\delta^n(v)}(ab) = u\partial_{\delta^n(v)}(b)a + ub\partial_{\delta^n(v)}(a), \ \forall a, b \in R$$

Now from (4)

$$ub\partial_{\delta^n(v)}(a) = 0,$$

This means

$$uR[\delta^n(v), a] = 0.$$

Consequently,

$$uR\delta^k([\delta^n(v), a]) = 0.$$

What forces that u = 0 or  $[\delta^n(v), a] = 0$ . Hence  $v \in Z(R)$ .

**Lemma 8.** Let R be a  $\delta$ -prime ring and let  $U \neq \{0\}$  be a right  $\delta$ -ideal, which  $\delta$  is a reverse derivation on R. If U is commutative, then R is commutative.

**proof.** Assume that  $u \in U$ . Since U is commutative, then  $\partial_u(U) = [u, U] = 0$ . Now by lemma (5),  $\partial_u(R) = 0$ , then  $u \in Z(R), \forall u \in U$ , hence  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ . Thus C(R) = 0, this means R is commutative.

**Lemma 9.** Let R be a  $\delta$ -prime ring and  $\delta \neq 0$  a reverse derivation on R. If  $[v, \delta^n(u)v] \in Z(R), \forall u, v \neq 0 \in R, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u \in Z(R)$ .

**proof.** Assume  $a \in R$ , then we get

$$0 = [\delta^{n}(u)v, a] = \delta^{n}(u)[v, a] + [\delta^{n}(u), a]v = [\delta^{n}(u), a]v.$$

Then, by lemma (7),  $u \in Z(R)$ .

**Lemma 10.** Let R be a  $\delta$ -prime ring of charR  $\neq 2$  and let U be a  $\delta$ -ideal of R, which  $\delta \neq 0$  is. If

$$[a, \delta(a)] \in Z(R) \ \forall a \in U, \tag{5}$$

then  $[a, \delta(a)] = 0$ .

**proof.** Assume that  $a, b \in U$ . Now by linearlizing the identity (5), we see

$$[a + b, \delta(a + b)] = [a, \delta(a)] + [a, \delta(b)] + [b, \delta(a)] + [b, \delta(b)],$$

$$= [a, \delta(b)] + [b, \delta(a)],$$

then, from (5)

$$[a, \delta(b)] + [b, \delta(a)] \in Z(R). \tag{6}$$

Now replace b by  $a^2$  in (6), we have

$$[a, \delta(a^2)] + [a^2, \delta(a)] = [a, \delta(a)a + a\delta(a)] + [a^2, \delta(a)].$$

Then,

$$[a, \delta(a^2)] + [a^2, \delta(a)] = 4a[a, \delta(a)] \in Z(R).$$

Hence,

$$a[a, \delta(a)] \in Z(R). \tag{7}$$

Therefore,

$$[a[a,\delta(a)],\delta(a)]=0$$

$$a[a, \delta(a)]\delta(a) - \delta(a)a[a, \delta(a)] = 0$$

$$[a, \delta(a)](a\delta(a) - \delta(a)a) = 0$$

$$[a, \delta(a)]^2 = 0.$$

From (5),

$$\delta([a,\delta(a)]) \in Z(R)$$

and

$$\delta([a, \delta(a)]) = [\delta(a), \delta(a)] + [a, \delta^2(a)] = [a, \delta^2(a)].$$

We obtain,

$$\delta([a, \delta^2(a)]) \in Z(R).$$

Now

$$\delta([a,\delta^2(a)])=[\delta(a),\delta^2(a)]+[a,\delta^3(a)]=[a,\delta^3(a)].$$

Then,

$$[a, \delta^3(a)] \in Z(R). \tag{8}$$

Now, using the induction on a number n, so we have

$$[a, \delta^n(a)] \in Z(R). \tag{9}$$

replacing b in (6) by  $a\delta^n(a)$ , we have

$$[a, \delta(a\delta^n(a))] + [a\delta^n(a), \delta(a)] \in Z(R).$$

Then,

$$[a, \delta(a\delta^{n}(a))] + [a\delta^{n}(a), \delta(a)] =$$

$$[a, \delta^{n+1}(a)a + \delta^{n}(a)\delta(a)] + [a\delta^{n}(a), \delta(a)] =$$

$$[a, \delta^{n+1}(a)a] + [a, \delta^{n}(a)\delta(a)] - [\delta(a), a\delta^{n}(a)] =$$

$$[a, \delta^{n+1}(a)]a + \delta^{n}(a)[a, \delta(a)] + [a, \delta^{n}(a)]\delta(a) - a[\delta(a), \delta^{n}(a)] - [\delta(a), a]\delta^{n}(a) = S.$$

Then,

$$0 = [S, \delta^{n}(a)] = [[a, \delta^{n+1}(a)]a, \delta^{n}(a)] + [\delta^{n}(a)[a, \delta(a)], \delta^{n}(a)] + [[a, \delta^{n}(a)]\delta(a), \delta^{n}(a)] - [a[\delta(a), \delta^{n}(a)], \delta^{n}(a)] - [[\delta(a), a]\delta^{n}(a), \delta^{n}(a)].$$
(10)

Now substituting instead b in (6) by  $a^2\delta^n(a)$ , then we get

$$[a,\delta(a^2\delta^n(a))]+[a^2\delta^n(a),\delta(a)]\in Z(R).$$

Then,

$$[a,\delta(a^2\delta^n(a))] + [a^2\delta^n(a),\delta(a)] =$$

$$[a,\delta(a)a\delta^n(a))]+[a,a\delta(a)\delta^n(a)]+[a,a^2\delta^{n+1}(a)]-[\delta(a),a^2\delta^n(a)]=$$

$$4[a, \delta(a)]a\delta^{n}(a) + [a, \delta^{n}(a)]a\delta(a) + [a, \delta^{n}(a)]\delta(a)a + [a, \delta^{n+1}(a)]a^{2} - [\delta(a), \delta^{n}(a)]a^{2} = M.$$

Now, multiply M by  $[a, \delta^n(a)]$  and in view of (10), w have

$$[a,\delta^n(a)]^2a\delta(a)+[a,\delta^n(a)]^2\delta(a)a-[\delta(a),\delta^n(a)][a,\delta^n(a)]a^2.$$

Then, by continue the processes, we obtain

$$[a, \delta^n(a)]^3 \delta(a) = 0,$$

and so

$$[a,\delta^{n+1}(a)]^4\delta(a)=0,$$

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then,

$$[a, \delta^{n+1}(a)]^4 R = 0,$$

This means

$$B = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{a \in U} [a, \delta^n(a)] R$$

is a sum of nilpotent ideals and so U is a nil ideal, then B=0. this means  $[a,\delta(a)]=0$ .

**Lemma 11.** Let R be  $\delta$ - prime ring of char  $R \neq 2$  and let  $\delta$  be a reverse derivation, such that  $[a, \delta(a)] \in Z(R), \forall a \in R$ . Then R is commutative.

**proof.** Recall that U = [R, R] is a Lie ideal of a prime ring R. Moreover,

$$\delta([R,R]) \subseteq [R,R].$$

Since every ideal in  $\delta$ - prime ring is a  $\delta$ - ideal, Now, if U = [R, R] is commutative, then, C(R) is a nil ideal (see [5], Lemma 1.7). Hence C(R) = 0 and R is commutative. Therefore, by using lemma (4), U = [R, R] contains a  $\delta$ - ideal of R. Thus, by (6), this implies  $[a, \delta(a)] \in Z(R)$ ,  $\forall a \in R$ , this gives  $\delta(U) \in Z(R)$ , then for all  $a \in U$ , ( $[a, \delta(a)] = 0$ , and based on lemma (8) R will be commutative.

Now, The proof of the next and main theorem is just a generalization of the lemmas (2) and (3) which is represented as the following:

**Theorem 1.** Let R be  $\delta$ - prime ring of char  $R \neq 2$  and  $U \neq \{0\}$  be a  $\delta$ - ideal, which  $\delta \neq 0$  is a reverse derivation. if  $[u, \delta(u)] \in Z(R), \forall u \in U$ . Then R is commutative.

**proof.** From  $[u, \delta(u)] \in Z(R)$ , then, by lemma (6), we have

$$[u, \delta(u)] = 0.$$

Then using lemma (8) and since R is  $\delta$ - prime ring, which  $[u, \delta(u)] = 0$ . then R is commutative.

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