

## Jordan Left Derivations of Two Torsion Free $\Gamma$ M – Modules

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $X$  be a 2-torsionfree left  $\Gamma$ M-module. The purpose of this paper is to investigate Jordan left derivations on  $M$  considering  $a\alpha b\beta c = a\beta b\alpha c$ , for every  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . We show that the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation of  $M$  into  $X$  implies  $M$  is commutative. We also show that if  $X = M$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring, then the derivation is a mapping from  $M$  into its centre. Finally we show that if  $M$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring, then every Jordan left derivation  $d: M \rightarrow M$  is a left derivation.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups.  $M$  is said to be a  $\Gamma$ -ring if there exists a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$  (sending  $(x, \alpha, y)$  into  $x\alpha y$ ) such that

$$(a) (x + y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z,$$

$$x(\alpha + \beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y,$$

$$x\alpha(y + z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z,$$

$$(b) (x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z),$$

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

A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is commutative if  $a\alpha b = b\alpha a$  for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . A subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$  if  $A$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$  and  $M\Gamma A = \{m\alpha a: m \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma, a \in A\}$  ( $A\Gamma M$ ) is contained in  $A$ . The centre of  $M$ , written as  $Z(M)$ , is the set of those elements in  $M$  that commute with every element in  $M$  i.e.,  $Z(M) = \{m \in M: m\alpha x = x\alpha m, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma\}$ .  $M$  is prime if  $a\Gamma M\Gamma b = 0$  with  $a, b \in M$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .  $M$  is semiprime if  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a = 0$  with  $a \in M$ , then  $a = 0$ .

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $X$  be an additive abelian group.  $X$  is a left  $\Gamma M$ -module if there exists a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times X \rightarrow X$  (sending  $(m, \alpha, x)$  into  $m\alpha x$ ) such that

$$(a) (m_1 + m_2) \alpha x = m_1 \alpha x + m_2 \alpha x,$$

$$(b) m \alpha (x_1 + x_2) = m \alpha x_1 + m \alpha x_2,$$

$$(c) (m_1 \alpha m_2) \beta x = m_1 \alpha (m_2 \beta x),$$

for all  $m, m_1, m_2 \in M$ ,  $x, x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

$X$  is  $n$ -torsionfree if  $nx = 0$ , for  $x \in M$  implies  $x = 0$ , where  $n$  is an integer. An additive mapping  $d: M \rightarrow X$  is a derivation if  $d(a\alpha b) = a\alpha d(b) + d(a) \alpha b$ , a left derivation if  $d(a\alpha b) = a\alpha d(b) + b\alpha d(a)$ , a Jordan derivation if  $d(a\alpha a) = a\alpha d(a) + d(a) \alpha a$  and a Jordan left derivation if  $d(a\alpha a) = 2a\alpha d(a)$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Y. Ceven [4] studied on Jordan left derivations on completely prime  $\Gamma$ -rings. He obtained that the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring makes  $\Gamma$ -ring commutative with an assumption. He also showed that a Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a left derivation with the same assumption. In this paper, an example of a Jordan left derivation is given for  $\Gamma$ -rings. Mustafa Ascı and Sahin Ceran [6] investigated a nonzero left derivation  $d$  on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  for which  $M$  is commutative with the conditions  $d(U) \subseteq U$  and  $d^2(U) \subseteq Z$ , where  $U$  is an ideal of  $M$  and  $Z$  is the centre of  $M$ . They also showed that  $M$  is commutative if  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are nonzero left and right derivations on  $M$  and  $d_2(U) \subseteq U$  and  $d_1 d_2(U) \subseteq Z$ .

In [8], Sapanci and Nakajima defined a derivation and a Jordan derivation on  $\Gamma$ -rings and showed that a Jordan derivation on a certain type of completely prime  $\Gamma$ -rings is a derivation. They also gave examples of a derivation and a Jordan derivation of  $\Gamma$ -rings.

Bresar and Vukman [2] proved that every Jordan derivation on a prime ring is a derivation. Furthermore, in [3], Bresar and Vukman investigated the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation of  $R$  into  $X$  which makes  $R$  commutative, where  $R$  is a ring and  $X$  is a 2-torsionfree and 3-torsionfree left  $R$ -module.

In [5], Jun and Kim proved their results without the property 3-torsionfree. In this paper, we modify the results of Jun and Kim [5] and a part of M. Bresar and J. Vukman [3] in  $\Gamma$ -rings with Jordan left derivations. We prove that the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation of  $M$  into  $X$  implies  $M$  is commutative. We also show that the semiprimeness of the  $\Gamma$ -ring  $X = M$  makes the mapping  $d: M \rightarrow Z(M)$  a derivation and  $d: M \rightarrow M$  is a left derivation if  $X = M$  is prime and  $d$  is a Jordan left derivation.

Throughout this paper, the condition  $a\alpha b\beta c = a\beta b\alpha c$ , for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  will represent by (\*).

## 2. Jordan Left Derivations

For proving our main results, we have needed some important results which we have proved here as lemmas. So we start as follows.

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*) and  $X$  a 2-torsionfree left  $\Gamma M$ -module. Let  $d: M \rightarrow X$  be a Jordan left derivation. Then

$$(a) d(a\alpha b + b\alpha a) = 2a\alpha d(b) + 2b\alpha d(a),$$

- (b)  $d(a\alpha b\beta a) = a\beta a\alpha d(b) + 3a\alpha b\beta d(a) - b\alpha a\beta d(a)$ ,  
(c)  $d(a\alpha b\beta c + c\alpha b\beta a) = (a\beta c + c\beta a) \alpha d(b) + 3a\alpha b\beta d(c) + 3c\alpha b\beta d(a) - b\alpha c\beta d(a) - b\alpha a\beta d(c)$ ,  
(d)  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta a\alpha d(a) = a\alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta d(a)$ ,  
(e)  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta(d(a\alpha b) - a\alpha d(b) - b\alpha d(a)) = 0$ ,  
for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

The proof of this lemma is given in Y.Ceven [4].

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*) and let  $X$  be a 2-torsionfree  $\Gamma$ M-module. Then there exists a Jordan left derivation  $d: M \rightarrow X$  such that

- (a)  $d(a\alpha a\beta b) = a\alpha a\beta d(b) + (a\beta b + b\beta a) \alpha d(a) + a\alpha d(a\beta b - b\beta a)$ ,  
(b)  $d(b\alpha a\beta a) = a\alpha a\beta d(b) + (3b\beta a - a\beta b) \alpha d(a) - a\alpha d(a\beta b - b\beta a)$ ,  
(c)  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$ ,  
(d)  $(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(b) = 0$ ,

for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Substituting  $b\beta a$  and  $a\beta b$  for  $b$  in Lemma 2.1(a), we get

- (1)  $d(a\alpha b\beta a + b\beta a\alpha a) = 2a\alpha d(b\beta a) + 2b\beta a\alpha d(a)$  and  
(2)  $d(a\alpha a\beta b + a\beta b\alpha a) = 2a\alpha d(a\beta b) + 2a\beta b\alpha d(a)$ .

Taking (2) minus (1) and then using (\*), we get

- (3)  $d(a\alpha a\beta b - b\alpha a\beta a) = 2a\alpha d(a\beta b - b\beta a) + 2(a\beta b - b\beta a) \alpha d(a)$ .

Replacing  $a$  by  $a\alpha a$  in Lemma 2.1(a) and then by (\*), we get

- (4)  $d(a\alpha a\beta b + b\alpha a\beta a) = 2a\alpha a\beta d(b) + 4b\beta a\alpha d(a)$ .

By (3) and (4) with the condition that  $X$  is 2-torsionfree, we have (a).

Subtracting (3) from (4) and then applying the same condition, we obtain (b).

By Lemma 2.1(e), we have

- (5)  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta(d(a\alpha b) - b\alpha d(a) - a\alpha d(b)) = 0$ .

Using Lemma 2.1(a) in (5), we get

- (6)  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta(d(b\alpha a) - a\alpha d(b) - b\alpha d(a)) = 0$ .

Taking (5) minus (6), we obtain (c).

By Lemma 2.1(a), Lemma 2.1(b) and (\*), we have

$$d((a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) \\ = -3(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(b) - (b\alpha b\beta a - 2b\alpha a\beta b + a\alpha b\beta b) \alpha d(a).$$

On the other hand, using (c), we have  $d((a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) = 0$ .

Thus we have

- (7)  $3(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(b) + (b\alpha b\beta a - 2b\alpha a\beta b + a\alpha b\beta b) \alpha d(a) = 0$ .

From Lemma 2.1(d),

- (8)  $(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(a) = 0$ .

Replacing  $a$  by  $a + b$  in (8), we obtain

- (9)  $(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(b) - (b\alpha b\beta a - 2b\alpha a\beta b + a\alpha b\beta b) \alpha d(a) = 0$ .

Adding (7) and (9), and then using the condition that  $X$  is 2-torsionfree, we get

- (10)  $(a\alpha a\beta b - 2a\alpha b\beta a + b\alpha a\beta a) \alpha d(b) = 0$ .

Hence from (9) and (10), we obtain (d).

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*) and let  $X$  be a 2-torsionfree  $\Gamma M$ -module. Suppose that  $a\alpha M\beta x = 0$  with  $a \in M$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  implies that either  $a = 0$  or  $x = 0$ . If there exists a nonzero Jordan left derivation  $d: M \rightarrow X$  then  $M$  is commutative.

Proof. By Lemma 2.1(d), we have  $(x\alpha x\beta y - 2x\alpha y\beta x + y\alpha x\beta x) \alpha d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $a\alpha b - b\alpha a$  for  $x$  and then using Lemma 2.2(c), we get  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$ , for all  $a, b, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . By assumption, either  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$  or  $d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$ . Suppose that  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Applying Lemma 2.1(a), Lemma 2.1(b),  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$  and (\*), we have

$$(11) \quad E = d(((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x)\beta((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) + ((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a))\beta((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x)) \\ = 6(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) + (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta\{2(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\}.$$

On the other hand, by (\*),  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$  and Lemma 2.2(c), we have

$$(12) \quad E = d(((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x)\beta((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) + ((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a))\beta((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x)) \\ = 3(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a).$$

Comparing (11) and (12), we get

$$(13) \quad 3(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) + (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha y\beta\{2(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\} = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

And, by (\*) and Lemma 2.2(c), we have

$$(14) \quad F = d((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) + x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) \\ = 3(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a).$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$(15) \quad F = d((a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) + x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) \\ = 2(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha d(x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)).$$

Comparing (14) and (15), we get

$$(16) \quad 3(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \\ = 2(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha d(x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Using  $(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) = 0$ , we have

$$(17) \quad (a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha d(x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) + (a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta x) \\ = 2(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha x\beta d(a\alpha b - b\alpha a), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (16) and (17), we have

$$(18) \quad 3(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha \{d(x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)) + d((a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta x)\} \\ = 4(a\alpha b - b\alpha a) \alpha d(x\beta(a\alpha b - b\alpha a)), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Thus

$$(19) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d(x\beta(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)) \\ = 3(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d((\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta x), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (19), we get

$$(20) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d(x\beta(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) + (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta x) \\ = 4(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d((\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta x), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

On the other hand, using  $(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0$ , we have

$$(21) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d(x\beta(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) + (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta x) \\ = 2(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (20) and (21) and since  $X$  is 2-torsionfree, we get

$$(22) \quad 2(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha d((\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta x) \\ = (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha), \text{ for all } a, b, x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (13) and (22), we obtain

$$(23) \quad 3(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) + (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Using (\*) in (22), and then replacing  $y\alpha (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta y$  for  $x$ , we get

$$4(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta y \alpha d((\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta y) = (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta y \alpha (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta y \alpha d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha), \text{ for all } a, b, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \text{ Using (*) and } (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0 \text{ in the above relation, we get}$$

$$(24) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \\ = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Replacing  $x + y$  for  $y$  in (24), we get

$$(25) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) + (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (23) and (25), and then using that  $X$  is 2-torsionfree, we have

$$(26) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha y \beta d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \\ = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

From (26), it follows that for each  $a \in M$  either  $a \in Z(M)$  or  $d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We consider the case  $d(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Then by Lemma 2.1(b), Lemma 2.2(b) and (\*), we get  $2d(b\alpha a\beta a) = 2\{\alpha\alpha\beta d(b) + \alpha\alpha\beta d(a) + b\alpha\alpha\beta d(a)\}$ .

Using the condition that  $X$  is 2-torsionfree, Lemma 2.2(b) and (\*) in this relation, we obtain

$$(27) \quad (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)\beta d(a) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Replacing  $b(x$  for  $b$  in (27), we have  $(\alpha\beta a x - \beta\alpha x \alpha)\beta d(a) = 0$ . This gives  $(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) \alpha x \beta d(a) + \beta\alpha (\alpha\beta a x - \beta\alpha x \alpha)\beta d(a) = 0$ . This implies that  $(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)$

$\alpha\beta d(a) = 0$ , for all  $a, b, x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Therefore, it follows that for each  $a \in M$  either  $a \in Z(M)$  or  $d(a) = 0$ . Since  $d$  is nonzero,  $a \in Z(M)$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.4** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*). Let  $X = M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. If  $d: M \rightarrow M$  is a Jordan left derivation, then  $d$  is a left derivation.

*Proof.* Given that  $X = M$  be a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. By Theorem 2.3,  $M$  is commutative. Then  $a\alpha b = b\alpha a$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.1(a), we have  $d(a\alpha b) = a\alpha d(b) + b\alpha d(a)$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*) and let  $X$  be a left  $\Gamma M$ -module. Let  $d: M \rightarrow X$  be a left derivation.

(a) Suppose that  $a\alpha M\beta x = 0$  with  $a \in M$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $x = 0$ . If  $d \neq 0$  then  $M$  is commutative.

(b) Suppose that  $X = M$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then  $d: M \rightarrow Z(M)$  is a derivation.

*Proof.* Since  $d: M \rightarrow X$  is a left derivation,

$$(28) \quad d(a\alpha b) = a\alpha d(b) + b\alpha d(a), \text{ for all } a, b \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Replacing  $b$  by  $b\beta a$  in (28), we have

$$(29) \quad d(a\alpha b\beta a) = d(a\alpha (b\beta a)) = a\alpha b\beta d(a) + a\alpha a\beta d(b) + b\beta a\alpha d(a) \text{ and}$$

$$(30) \quad d(a\alpha b\beta a) = d((a\alpha b)\beta a) = a\alpha b\beta d(a) + a\beta a\alpha d(b) + a\beta b\alpha d(a).$$

From (29) and (30), we get

$$(31) \quad (a\alpha b - b\alpha a)\beta d(a) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Writing  $c\gamma b$  for  $b$  in (31), and then by (\*), we get

$$(32) \quad (a\alpha c - c\alpha a)\beta b\alpha d(a) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

By assumption, for each  $a \in M$  either  $a \in Z(M)$  or  $d(a) = 0$ . But then  $Z(M)$  and  $\text{Ker } d = \{m \in M : d(m) = 0\}$  are additive subgroups of  $M$  and  $M = Z(M) + \text{Ker } d$ . Since  $Z(M)$  and  $\text{Ker } d$  are proper subgroups of  $M$ , by Brauer's trick, either  $M = Z(M)$  or  $M = \text{Ker } d$ . But  $d \neq 0$ , then  $M = Z(M)$ . This gives (a).

Let  $X = M$  be a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring. Replacing  $a$  by  $a + m$  in (32), we get

$$(33) \quad (a(c - c(a))\beta b(d(m)) + (m(c - c(m))\beta b(d(a))) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, c, m \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

For all  $a, b, c, x, m \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a(c - c(a))\beta b(d(m))) - (m(c - c(m))\beta b(d(a)))) - ((a(c - c(a))\beta b(d(m))) - (m(c - c(m))\beta b(d(a)))) \\ & = -((a(c - c(a))\beta b(d(m))) - (m(c - c(m))\beta b(d(a)))) = 0, \text{ by (33).} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  is semiprime, we get from the above relation  $(a\alpha c - c\alpha a)\beta b\gamma d(m) = 0$ .

In particular,  $(a\alpha d(m) - d(m)\alpha a)\beta b\gamma (a\alpha d(m) - d(m)\alpha a) = 0$ . This implies that  $a\alpha d(m) = d(m)\alpha a$ . This shows that  $d(m) \in Z(M)$ , for every  $m \in M$  and we obtain (b).

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