

On Semiderivations in Prime Gamma Rings

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ABSTRACT

Let M be a prime gamma ring. Let $d : M \rightarrow M$ be a semiderivation associated with a function $g : M \rightarrow M$. We prove that d must be an ordinary derivation or of the form $d(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M$, $\delta \in \Gamma$, where p is an element of the extended centroid of M . We have also seen that g must necessarily be an endomorphism.

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1. Introduction

Let M and Γ be additive abelian groups. M is called a Γ -ring if for all $x, y, z \in M$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $x\beta y \in M$,
- (ii) $(x+y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$, $x(\alpha+\beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y$, $x\alpha(y+z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$,
- (iii) $(x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z)$.

A Γ -ring M is called prime if $x\Gamma M\Gamma y = 0$ implies that $x = 0$ or $y = 0$.

The structure of semi-derivations of prime rings has been studied by C. L. Chuang [5]. He proved a structure theorem with the help of extended centroid of the classical associative rings. The same results have been obtained by M. Brešar [4].

A. Firat [8] obtained some results of prime rings with semi-derivations. J. Bergen and P. Grzesczuk [2] studied the commutativity properties of semiprime rings by means of skew (semi)-derivations. H. E. Bell and W. S. Martindale III [1] worked on

prime rings with semiderivations and investigated the commutativity properties. J. C. Chang [5] generalized some results of prime rings with derivations to the prime rings with semi-derivations.

In this paper, we prove that $d(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M$, $\delta \in \Gamma$, where p is the element of the extended centroid of a Γ -ring M , d is a semiderivation on M associated with a function g on M .

2. Semiderivations in Prime Γ -rings

An additive mapping D from M to M is called a derivation if $D(x\alpha y) = D(x)\alpha y + x\alpha D(y)$ holds for all $x, y \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

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

$$d(x\alpha y) = d(x)\alpha g(y) + x\alpha d(y) = d(x)\alpha y + g(x)\alpha d(y); \text{ (ii) } d(g(x)) = g(d(x)).$$

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

Example 2.1

Let M_1 be a Γ_1 -ring and M_2 be a Γ_2 -ring. Consider $M = M_1 \times M_2$ and $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$.

Define addition and multiplication on M and Γ by

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1, m_2) + (m_3, m_4) &= (m_1 + m_3, m_2 + m_4) \\ (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) + (\alpha_3, \alpha_4) &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3, \alpha_2 + \alpha_4) \\ (m_1, m_2)(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)(m_3, m_4) &= (m_1\alpha_1m_3, m_2\alpha_2m_4), \end{aligned}$$

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 Γ -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 semi-derivation of M (with associated map g) which is not a derivation.

We refer to [8,9] for the definitions of centroid, extended centroid of Γ -rings.

Lemma 2.2 Let M be a prime Γ -ring and Let $I \neq 0$ be an ideal of M . If $d \neq 0$ is a semiderivation on M , then $d \neq 0$ on I .

Proof. Suppose $d(I) = 0$. Then for $r \in I$, $x \in M$, we have

$$0 = d(r\alpha x) = d(r)\alpha g(x) + r\alpha d(x) = r\alpha d(x). \text{ Replace } r \text{ by } r\beta y, \text{ we get } r\beta y\alpha d(x) = 0, \text{ for all } r \in I, x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \text{ By the primeness of } M, r=0 \text{ or } d(x) = 0. \text{ But } I \neq 0, \text{ we get } d(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M.$$

Lemma 2.3. Let M be a prime Γ -ring and Let $I \neq 0$ be an ideal of M . If $d \neq 0$ is a semiderivation on M and $a \in M$ such that $a\beta d(r) = 0$, for all $r \in I$ and $\beta \in \Gamma$, then $a = 0$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.2 we may pick $r \in I$ such that $d(r) \neq 0$. For $s \in I$ we see that $0 = a\beta d(sar) = a\beta(d(s)\alpha g(r) + sad(r)) = a\beta sad(r)$, for $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. By the primeness of M , $a = 0$.

Lemma 2.4. Let M be a prime Γ -ring and Let $I \neq 0$ be an ideal of M . If $d \neq 0$ is a semiderivation on M , then $d(d(I)) \neq 0$.

Proof. Suppose $d(d(I)) = 0$. Then for $r, s \in I$, we exploit the definition of d in different ways to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad 0 &= d(d(ras)) = d(d(r)\alpha s + g(r)\alpha d(s)) = d(d(r))\alpha s + g(d(r))\alpha d(s) + d(g(r)\alpha d(s)) \\ (2) \quad 0 &= d(d(ras)) = d(d(r)\alpha s + g(r)\alpha d(s)) = d(d(r))\alpha g(s) + d(r)\alpha d(s) + d(g(r)\alpha d(s)). \end{aligned}$$

Subtraction of (2) from (1) yields

$$(3) \quad (g(d(r)) - d(r))\alpha d(s) = 0, \quad r, s \in I, \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

An application of Lemma 2.3 to (3) then says that $d(d(r)) = d(r)$ for all $r \in I$.

Again for $r, s \in I, \alpha \in \Gamma$, we may also write

$$0 = d(d(ras)) = d(d(r)\alpha s + g(r)\alpha d(s)) = d(d(r))\alpha g(s) + d(r)\alpha d(s) + d(g(r))\alpha g(d(s))$$

whence we have

$$(4) \quad d(r)\alpha d(s) + d(g(r))\alpha g(d(s)) = 0, \quad \text{for all } r, s \in I, \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Since $d(g(r)) = g(d(r)) = d(r)$ for all $r \in I$ and characteristic $M \neq 2$, we conclude from (4) that $d(r)\alpha d(s) = 0$ for all $r, s \in I, \alpha \in \Gamma$. Another application of Lemma 2.3 asserts that $d(r) = 0$ for all $r \in I$, which then contradicts Lemma 2.2.

Lemma 2.5 Let M be a prime Γ -ring and Let $d : M \rightarrow M$ be a semiderivation with associated function $g : M \rightarrow M$. If there exists a nonzero ideal I of M for which $I \cap g(M) = 0$, then there exists $p \in C$ such that $d(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M, \delta \in \Gamma$, where C is the extended centroid of M .

Proof. Let W be the ideal generated by

$$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i, \text{ for all } r_i, s_i, x_i \in I, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and note that (otherwise } g$$

would be the identity mapping in contradiction to $I \cap g(M) = 0$.

We define a mapping $\phi : W \rightarrow M$ according to the rule:

$$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i \rightarrow \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i \text{ where } r_i, s_i \in I, x_i \in M, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma.$$

Now we have to show that ϕ is well defined. Suppose that

$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i = 0$, for all $r_i, s_i, x_i \in I, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$. We have to prove that
 $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0$, where $r_i, s_i \in I, x_i \in M, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$.

Applying the semiderivation d to $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i = 0$. we see that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d\left(\sum_i (r_i \alpha_i x_i \beta_i s_i - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i s_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_i [r_i \alpha_i d(x_i \beta_i s_i) + d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i \beta_i s_i) - d((r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i)] \\ &= \sum_i [r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i + r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i) + d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i g(s_i) - d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i g(s_i) \\ &\quad - g(r_i) \alpha_i d(g(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i)] \\ &= \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i - \sum_i g(r_i) \alpha_i g(d(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) \\ &= \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i - g\left(\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i = g\left(\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i\right) \in I \cap g(M)$ whence

$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0$ and ϕ is well defined. By the nature of the extended centroid C

it follows that there exists $p \in C$ such that $p\delta w = \phi(w)$ for all $w \in W, \delta \in \Gamma$. Now, regarding M as a subring of the central closure $C(M)$, we have for all $r, s \in I, x \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma, rap\delta(x - g(x))\beta s = p\delta(ra(x - g(x))\beta s) = \phi(ra(x - g(x))\beta s) = rad(x)\beta s$.

This implies that $(p\delta(x - g(x)) - d(x))\alpha r \beta s = 0$.

From the primeness of M we thus see that $d(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Theorem 2.6 Let d be a semiderivation of a prime Γ -ring M associated with the (endomorphism) mapping $g: M \rightarrow M$. Then either one of the following two cases holds:

- (1) There exists an element p in the extended centroid of M such that $d(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M, \delta \in \Gamma$,
- (2) The endomorphism g is an identity mapping and d is an ordinary derivation.

Proof. Set $d_1(x) = x - g(x)$ for $x \in M$. Then d_1 is also a semiderivation of M associated with the ring endomorphism g . Let

$$U = \left\{ \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i : r_i, s_i, x_i \in M, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and } \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0 \right\}.$$

Then U is obviously a two-sided ideal of M . Let $r_i, s_i, x_i \in M, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$ be such that $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i = \sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i = 0$. Applying the semiderivation d to

$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i (x_i - g(x_i)) \beta_i s_i = 0$. and using the defining identities (i), (ii) for the semiderivation d to expand the resulting expression, we compute, as in Lemma 2.5.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d\left(\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i\right) = d\left(\sum_i (r_i \alpha_i x_i \beta_i s_i - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i s_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_i [r_i \alpha_i d(x_i \beta_i s_i) + d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i \beta_i s_i) - d(r_i \alpha_i g(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i)] \\ &= \sum_i [r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i + r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i) + d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i g(s_i) - d(r_i) \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i g(s_i) \\ &\quad - g(r_i) \alpha_i d(g(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) - r_i \alpha_i g(x_i) \beta_i d(s_i)] \\ &= \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i - \sum_i g(r_i) \alpha_i g(d(x_i)) \beta_i g(s_i) = \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i - g\left(\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i = g\left(\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i\right)$ whenever $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0$.

That is, $d_1(u) = u - g(u) = 0$ for all $u \in U$. If the two-sided ideal U is nonzero, then by Lemma 2.3, $d_1 = 0$ on M and hence $g(x) = x$ for all $x \in M$. Thus g is the identity endomorphism of M and d is merely an ordinary derivation of M , as desired. Now, assume that $U = 0$.

That is, for any $r_i, s_i, x_i \in M$, $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$, $\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0$ implies

$$\sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i = 0.$$

Let W be the two-sided ideal $\left\{ \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i : r_i, s_i, x_i \in M, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \right\}$.

Then the mapping ϕ defined on W according to the rule $\phi: \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d_1(x_i) \beta_i s_i \rightarrow \sum_i r_i \alpha_i d(x_i) \beta_i s_i$, where $r_i, s_i, x_i \in M$, $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$, is well defined.

But ϕ is obviously an M_Γ -bimodule map of W into M . By the definition of the extended centroid of M , there exists an element p in the extended centroid of M such that $\phi(w) = p\delta w$ for all $w \in W$, $\delta \in \Gamma$. In particular, for all $r, s, x \in M$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$, $r\alpha d(x)\beta s = \phi(r\alpha d_1(x)\beta s) = p\delta(r\alpha d_1(x)\beta s) = r\alpha(p\delta d_1(x))\beta s$. It follows from the primeness of M that $d(x) = p\delta d_1(x) = p\delta(x - g(x))$ for all $x \in M$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$, as required.

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