

## Semiprime $\Gamma$ -rings with Jordan Derivations

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $d:M \rightarrow M$  a Jordan left derivation. We find the existence of a positive integer  $n$  with the condition  $(d(x)\alpha)^n d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , which gives  $d = 0$ . With the help of this assertion, we show that the presence of Jordan derivations  $d$  and  $g$  on the 2-torsion free  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  such that  $d^2(x) = g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$  implies  $d = 0$ .

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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

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} (x+y)\alpha z &= x\alpha z + y\alpha z, \\ x(\alpha+\beta)y &= x\alpha y + x\beta y, \\ x\alpha(y+z) &= x\alpha y + x\alpha z, \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad (x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

A subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$  if  $M\Gamma A$  ( $A\Gamma M$ ) is contained in  $A$ . An ideal  $P$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is prime if  $P \neq M$  and for any ideals  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ ,  $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$ , then  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$ .  $M$  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  $a = 0$ .  $M$  is  $n$ -torsion free if  $na = 0$  for  $a \in M$  implies  $a = 0$ , where  $n$  is an integer. We denote the commutator  $a\alpha b - b\alpha a$  by  $[a, b]_\alpha$  for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is commutative if  $a\alpha b = b\alpha a$ , for all  $a \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is non-commutative if it is not commutative. An element  $a$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is nilpotent if  $(a\alpha)^n = 0$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for some positive integer  $n$ . An ideal  $I$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is nilpotent if  $(I\Gamma)^n I = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is nil if every element of  $M$  is nilpotent. An additive mapping  $d:M \rightarrow M$  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  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Ceven [4] worked on Jordan left derivations on completely prime  $\Gamma$ -rings. He investigated the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring that makes the  $\Gamma$ -ring commutative with an assumption. With the same assumption, he showed that every Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a left derivation on it. In this paper, he gave an example of Jordan left derivation for  $\Gamma$ -ring. Mustafa Asci and Sahin Ceran [7] studied on 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 proved the commutativity of  $M$  by the nonzero left derivation  $d_1$  and right derivation  $d_2$  on  $M$  with the conditions  $d_1(U) \subseteq U$  and  $d_1 d_2(U) \subseteq Z$ .

In [9], Sapanci and Nakajima defined a derivation and a Jordan derivation on  $\Gamma$ -rings and investigated a Jordan derivation on a certain type of completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring which is a derivation. They also gave examples of a derivation and a Jordan derivation of  $\Gamma$ -rings.

Bresar and Vukman [2] proved that a Jordan derivation on a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a derivation. Furthermore, in [3], Bresar and Vukman showed that the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation of  $R$  into  $X$  implies  $R$  is commutative, where  $R$  is a ring and  $X$  is a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free left  $R$ -module. In [6], Jun and Kim proved their results without the property 3-torsion free. Qing Deng [5] worked on Jordan left derivation of prime ring  $R$  of characteristic not 2 into a nonzero faithful and prime left  $R$ -module  $X$ . He proved the commutativity of  $R$  with Jordan left derivation  $d$ .

Joso Vukman [10] studied on Jordan left derivations on semiprimerings. He investigated a Jordan left derivation  $d$  on a 2-torsion free semiprime ring  $R$  such that  $d=0$  with the condition  $(d(x))^n=0$ , for all  $x \in M$ . He also showed that  $d=0$  if  $d$  and  $g$  are Jordan derivations on a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free semiprime ring  $R$  with the condition  $d^2(x)=g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ .

In this present study, we motivate the results of Joso Vukman [10] in  $\Gamma$ -rings. We show that the existence of a positive integer  $n$  makes the Jordan left derivation  $d$  on a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  zero with  $(d(x)\alpha)^n d(x)=0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We also investigate the Jordan derivations  $d$  and  $g$  on  $M$  with the condition  $d^2(x)=g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ , which gives  $d=0$ .

Throughout this work, we denote the condition  $a\alpha b\beta c = a\beta b\alpha c$ , for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , by (\*) for convenience.

## 2. Supporting lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*). If  $d: M \rightarrow M$  is a Jordan left derivation then

(a)  $d(x\alpha y + y\alpha x) = 2x\alpha d(y) + 2y\alpha d(x)$ ,

(b)  $d(x\alpha y\beta x) = x\alpha x\beta d(y) + 3x\alpha y\beta d(x) - y\alpha x\beta d(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

The proof is given in Y. Ceven [4].

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*), and  $d: M \rightarrow M$  a Jordan left derivation then. If  $(d[[d(x), x]_\alpha, x]_\beta) = 0$  holds for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  the  $[d(x), x]_\alpha \beta d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,

$$0 = (d[[d(x), x]_\alpha, x]_\beta) = 6 [d(x), x]_\alpha \beta d(x), \text{ by Lemma 2.1 and (*). Since } M \text{ is 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free, } [d(x), x]_\alpha \beta d(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

For our work, we only state the following lemma

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a non-commutative prime  $\Gamma$ -ring of characteristic not 2, and  $d: M \rightarrow M$  a Jordan left derivation. Then  $d=0$ .

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**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $M$  be a semi-prime  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then  $M$  contains no nonzero nilpotent ideals.

**Proof:** Let  $I$  be a nilpotent ideal of  $M$ . Then  $(I\Gamma)^n I = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Let us assume that  $n$  is minimal. Now, suppose that  $n > 1$ . Since  $I \Gamma I \subseteq I$ , we have  $(I\Gamma)^{n-1} I \Gamma M \Gamma (I\Gamma)^{n-1} I \subseteq (I\Gamma)^{n-1} I \Gamma (I\Gamma)^{n-1} I = (I\Gamma)^n I \Gamma (I\Gamma)^{n-2} I = 0$ . Hence by the semi-primeness of  $M$ , we have  $(I\Gamma)^{n-1} I = 0$ , a contradiction to the minimality of  $n$ . Therefore,  $n = 1$ . This implies that  $I\Gamma I = 0$ . Then we get  $I\Gamma M \Gamma I \subseteq I\Gamma I = 0$ . But, since  $M$  is semiprime, it yields  $I = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

(a)  $M$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements.

(b) For every  $a \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,  $(\alpha a)^n a = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \neq 0$ , then  $a$  is a nonzero nilpotent element of  $M$ , which is a contradiction.

Hence (a) implies (b). Let  $(a \neq 0) \in M$  be a nilpotent element. Then  $(\alpha a)^m a = 0$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for some positive integer  $m$ . Suppose that  $m$  is minimal. If  $n < m$ , then  $n$  is the degree of nilpotency, a contradiction. If  $n = m$ , then by hypothesis  $a$  is a zero nilpotent element, which is also a contradiction. If  $n > m$ , say  $n = m + k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Then we have  $(\alpha a)^m ((\alpha a)(\alpha a) \dots (\alpha a))_{k\text{-factors}} a = 0$ . This gives  $(\alpha a)^{m+k} a = 0$ . This implies that  $(\alpha a)^n a = 0$ . By hypothesis,  $a = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $M$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Thus (b) implies (a).

### 3. Main theorems

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*) and  $d: M \rightarrow M$  a Jordan left derivation. If there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that

$(d(x)\alpha)^n d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $d = 0$ .

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is semi-prime,  $\bigcap P = (0)$ , where the intersection runs over all prime ideals  $P$  of  $M$ . We need to show that  $d(P) \subseteq P$ , for every prime ideal  $P$  of  $M$ . Let

$a \in P, x \in M$ . Then by Lemma 2.1(a), We have

$$0 = d(a\alpha x + x\alpha a)\alpha d(a\alpha x + x\alpha a) = 2^2(a\alpha d(x)\alpha a\alpha d(x) + a\alpha d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(a) + x\alpha d(a)\alpha a\alpha d(x) + x\alpha d(a)\alpha x\alpha d(a)).$$

Since  $M$  is 2-torsion free,  $a\alpha d(x) \in P$  and  $x\alpha d(a) \in M$ ,

$(x\alpha d(a)\alpha)(x\alpha d(a)) \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(a\alpha x + x\alpha a)\alpha d(a\alpha x + x\alpha a)\alpha d(a\alpha x + x\alpha a) \\ &= 2^3(a\alpha d(x)\alpha a\alpha d(x)\alpha a\alpha d(x) + x\alpha d(a)\alpha a\alpha d(x)\alpha a\alpha d(x) + a\alpha d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(a)\alpha a\alpha d(x) \\ &\quad + x\alpha d(a)\alpha x\alpha d(a)\alpha a\alpha d(x) + a\alpha d(x)\alpha a\alpha d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(a) + x\alpha d(a)\alpha a\alpha d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(a) + \\ &\quad a\alpha d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(a)\alpha x\alpha d(a) + x\alpha d(a)\alpha x\alpha d(a)\alpha x\alpha d(a)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  is 2-torsion free,  $a\alpha d(x) \in P$  and  $x\alpha d(a) \in M$ ,

$(x\alpha d(a)\alpha)^2(x\alpha d(a)) \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Proceeding in this way, we have

$(x\alpha d(a)\alpha)^n(x\alpha d(a)) \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Thus, in the prime  $\Gamma$ -ring,  $M' = M/P$ , we have  $(x'\alpha d(a')\alpha)^n x'\alpha d(a') = 0$ , for all  $x' \in M'$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . By Lemma 2.5,  $x'\alpha d(a') = 0$ , for all  $x' \in M'$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M'$  is prime,  $d(a) = 0$ . This gives  $d(a) \in P$ , and so  $d(P) \subseteq P$ . Therefore,  $d(P) \subseteq P$ , for all prime ideals  $P$  of  $M$ , and so  $d$  induces a Jordan left derivation  $d'$  on the prime  $\Gamma$ -ring,  $M' = M/P$ . Let us first assume that  $M'$  is commutative. In this case,  $d'$  is a derivation and we also

have  $(d'(x')\alpha)^n d'(x')=0$ , which follows that  $d' = 0$ . In case,  $M'$  is non-commutative, it follows by Lemma 2.3 that  $d' = 0$ . Thus, in any case,  $d'(M') = 0$ , that is,  $d(M) \subseteq P$ , for all prime ideals  $P$  of  $M$ . Since  $\cap P=(0)$ , we obtain  $d(M)=0$ , and hence  $d=0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free semi-prime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying (\*). If  $d:M \rightarrow M$  and  $g:M \rightarrow M$  are Jordan derivations such that  $d^2(x)=g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ , then  $d=0$ .

**Proof:** We have,  $d^2(x)=g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ . (1)

Replacing  $x\alpha x$  for  $x$  in (1), and then using the condition that  $M$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $d(x\alpha d(x))=x\alpha g(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . (2)

Then by Lemma 2.1(a), and using (1) and (2), we have

$$d(d(x)\alpha x)=2d(x)\alpha d(x)+x\alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Taking (3)-(2), we get } d([d(x), x]_\alpha)=2d(x)\alpha d(x), \quad (4)$$

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

Replacing  $x$  by  $x+y$  in (4), we have  $d([d(x), y]_\alpha+[d(y), x]_\alpha)=2d(x)\alpha d(y)+2d(y)\alpha d(x)$ .

Replacing  $x\alpha x$  for  $y$  in the above equation and then using Lemma 2.1(a) and the condition that  $M$  is 2-torsion free, we have

$$d(x\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha)=d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(x)+x\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (5)$$

By Lemma 2.1(a), equation (4) and equation (5), we have

$$d([d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha x)=d(x)\alpha x\alpha d(x)+x\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (6)$$

Taking (6)-(5) and then applying Lemma 2.4, we get

$$[d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha d(x)=0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (7)$$

Using Lemma 2.1(a),(1),(4) and (7), we obtain

$$d(d(x)\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha)=4d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)+2[d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (8)$$

By Lemma 2.1(b),(7) and (1), we have

$$d(x\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x))=d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)+3d(x)\alpha x\alpha g(x)-x\alpha d(x)\alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (9)$$

By using (1),(9) and Lemma 2.1, we have

$$d(d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha x)=d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)+5x\alpha d(x)\alpha g(x)-3d(x)\alpha x\alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (10)$$

Applying (10)-(9), we have

$$d(d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha x - x\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x))=-6[d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (11)$$

On the other hand, by (7), we obtain

$$d(d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha x - x\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x))=d(d(x)\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (12)$$

From (11) and (12), we have

$$d(d(x)\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha)=-6[d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha g(x), \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (13)$$

Combining (8) and (13) and using the condition that  $M$  is 2-torsion free, we have

$$d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)+ 2d(x)\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha g(x)=0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (14)$$

By Lemma 2.1(b),(1) and (4), we have

$$2d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)+ 3d(x)\alpha [d(x), x]_\alpha \alpha g(x)=0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (15)$$

Now, taking (15) $\times 2$ -(14) $\times 3$ , we have

$$d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)\alpha d(x)=0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma. \text{ That is } (d(x)\alpha)^3 d(x)=0, \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

Finally by Theorem 3.1, we have  $d=0$ .

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