

# Right Ideals of Prime Rings with Left Generalized Derivations

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**Abstract:** In this paper we present some results concerning derivations of a prime ring  $R$  to the left generalized derivations associated with a derivation  $d$  of  $R$  and a nonzero right ideal  $U$  of  $R$  which is semi prime as a ring. We proved that  $f$  is a left generalized derivation of a prime ring  $R$ ,  $U$  is a non-commutative right ideal of  $R$  and  $f([x, y]) = 0$  or  $f([x, y]) = \pm[x, y]$ ,  $f$  acts as a homomorphism or anti-homomorphism or  $[x, f(x)] = 0$  or  $[f(x), f(y)] = [x, y]$  or  $f(U) \subseteq Z$ , then there exists a Martindale ring of quotients i.e.  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ . And also proved  $d(z) \neq 0$  and  $[a, f(x)] \in Z$ , for all  $x \in U$ , then  $a \in Z$ .

**Key words:** Prime ring, Semi prime ring, Derivation, Generalized derivation, Left generalized derivation.

**Introduction:** The study of the commutativity of prime rings with derivations was initiated by E.C.Posner [11]. Recently, M.Bresar[4] defined generalized derivation of rings. Hvala[9] studied the properties of generalized derivations in prime rings. Golbasi[7] extended some well known results concerning derivations of prime rings to the generalized derivations and a nonzero left ideal of a prime ring which is semi-prime as a ring. In this paper we extend some results concerning derivations of prime ring  $R$  to the left generalized derivations associated with a derivation  $d$  of  $R$  and a non zero right ideal  $U$  of  $R$  which is semi prime as a ring.

Throughout out this paper,  $R$  will be prime ring with characteristic different from two and  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring,  $Z$  the multiplicative center of  $R$ ,  $Q_r^{(R)}$  the right Martindale ring of quotients  $C$  the extended centroid and  $R_C = RC$  the central closure. For any  $x, y \in R$ , the symbol  $[x, y]$  will represent the commutator  $xy - yx$ . Recall that prime if  $aRb = (0)$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and semi prime if  $aRa = (0)$  implies that  $a = 0$ . An additive map  $d$  from  $R$  to  $R$  is called a derivation of  $R$  if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is a right generalized derivation if there exists a derivation  $d$  of  $R$  such that  $f(xy) = f(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . If  $f$  is a left generalized derivation if there exists a derivation  $d$  of  $R$  such that  $f(xy) = d(x)y + xf(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . If  $f$  is a generalized derivation of  $R$  associated with  $d$  if it is both left and right generalized derivation of  $R$ .

To prove the main results we require the following lemmas

**Lemma 1:** [6, lemma 1] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring. If  $aU = 0$  ( $Ua = 0$ ) for  $a \in R$ , then  $a = 0$ .

**Lemma 2:** [9, Lemma 2] Let  $f: R \rightarrow R_C$  be an additive map satisfying  $f(xy) = xf(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Lemma 3:** [11, lemma 2.3] Let  $R$  be prime ring and  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring. If  $d$  is a derivation of  $R$  such that  $d(U) = 0$ , then  $d = 0$ .

**Theorem 1:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is non commutative and  $f([x, y]) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f([x, y]) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (1)

Substitute  $yx$  for  $x$  in  $f([x, y]) = 0$ , we get

$$f([yx, y]) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(y[x, y]) = 0,$$

$$d(y)[x, y] + yf([x, y]) = 0.$$

From (1), we get

$$d(y)[x, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U. (2)$$

Substitute  $xr$  for  $x$  in equation (2), we get

$$d(y)[xr, y] = 0,$$

$$d(y)[x, y]r + d(y)x[r, y] = 0,$$

From (2) the first summand is zero, it is clear that

$$d(y)x[r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U, r \in R.$$

Writing  $xs$ ,  $s \in R$ , in place of  $x$  in this equation, we get

$$d(y)xs[r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is prime ring, we have

$$d(y)U = 0 \text{ or } [r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } y \in U, r \in R.$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x)U = 0 [r, x] = 0 \text{ or, for all } x \in U, r \in R.$$

By lemma 1, we get either  $x \in Z$  or  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ .

Let  $A = \{x \in U \mid x \in Z\}$  and  $B = \{x \in U \mid d(x) = 0\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are two additive subgroups of  $(U, +)$  such that  $U = A \cup B$ . However, a group cannot be the union of proper sub groups. Hence either  $U = A$  or  $U = B$ .

If  $U = A$  then  $U \subset Z$ , and so  $U$  is commutative, which contradicts the hypothesis.

So we must have  $d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ . By lemma3, we get  $d = 0$ .

Hence, there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ , by lemma2.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is non commutative and  $f([x, y]) = \pm[x, y]$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $f([x, y]) = \pm[x, y]$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ . (3)

Replacing  $x$  by  $yx$  in above equation, we get

$$f([yx, y]) = \pm[yx, y],$$

$$f(y[x, y]) = \pm y[x, y],$$

$$d(y)[x, y] + yf([x, y]) = \pm y[x, y],$$

From equation (3), we get

$$d(y)[x, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4)$$

Substitute  $xr$  for  $x$  in equation (4), we get

$$d(y)[xr, y] = 0,$$

$$d(y)[x, y]r + d(y)x[r, y] = 0,$$

From (4) the first summand is zero, it is clear that

$$d(y)x[r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U, r \in R.$$

Writing  $xs, s \in R$ , in place of  $x$  in this equation, we get

$$d(y)xs[r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is prime ring, we have

$$d(y)U = 0 \text{ or } [r, y] = 0, \text{ for all } y \in U, r \in R.$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x)U = 0 \text{ or } [r, x] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in U, r \in R.$$

By lemma 1, we get either  $x \in Z$  or  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ .

Let  $A = \{x \in U \mid x \in Z\}$  and  $B = \{x \in U \mid d(x) = 0\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are two additive subgroups of  $(U, +)$  such that  $U = A \cup B$ . However, a group cannot be the union of proper sub groups. Hence either  $U = A$  or  $U = B$ .

If  $U = A$  then  $U \subset Z$ , and so  $U$  is commutative, which contradicts the hypothesis.

So we must have  $d(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ . By lemma 3, we get  $d = 0$ .

Hence, there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ , by lemma 2.

**Corollary 1:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  a non zero right ideal of  $R$  which is semi prime as a ring and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is non commutative and  $f(xy) = \pm xy$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Theorem 3:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semi prime as a ring and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $f$  acts as a homomorphism or anti homomorphism on  $U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $f$  acts as a homomorphism on  $U$ .

$$\text{Then, } f(xy) = f(x)f(y) = d(x)y + xf(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (5)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $zy, z \in U$ , in the second equality in (5), we have

$$f(x)f(zy) = d(x)zy + xf(zy) = d(x)zy + xf(z)f(y). \quad (6)$$

Since  $f$  is a homomorphism. On the other hand, we have

$$f(x)f(zy) = f(x)f(z)f(y) = f(xz)f(y) = (d(x)z + xf(z))f(y). \quad (7)$$

From (6) & (7), we have

$$d(x)z(y - f(y)) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zr$ ,  $r \in R$ , in the above equation, we arrive at

$$d(x)zr(y - f(y)) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is prime ring, we have either  $f$  is the identity map on  $U$  or  $d(U)U = 0$ .

Suppose that  $f(x) = x$ , for all  $x \in U$ .

Then  $f(xy) = xy$ ,

$$d(x)y + xf(y) = xy,$$

$$d(x)y + xy = xy,$$

And so,  $d(x)y = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ .

Hence we conclude that  $d = 0$  by lemma 1. Thus, there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ , by lemma 2.

Now assume that  $f$  acts as an anti homomorphism on  $U$ .

$$\text{Then } f(xy) = f(y)f(x) = d(x)y + xf(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{8}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $xy$  in the first equation (8), we get

$$f(x(xy)) = d(x)xy + xf(xy) = d(x)xy + xf(y)f(x). \tag{9}$$

The second equation (8), we get

$$f(xy)f(x) = (d(x)y + xf(y))f(x) = d(x)yf(x) + xf(y)f(x). \tag{10}$$

From equation (9) & (10), we get

$$d(x)yf(x) = d(x)xy, \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{11}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yr$ ,  $r \in R$ , in (11), to get

$$d(x)yrf(x) = d(x)xyr = d(x)yf(x)r.$$

That is,

$$d(x)y[f(x), r] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U, r \in R. \tag{12}$$

Again writing  $y$  by  $ys$ ,  $s \in R$ , we have either  $d(x)U = 0$  or  $[f(x), r] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U, r \in R$ .

According to Brauer's Trick and lemma 1, we conclude that  $f(U) \subset Z$  or  $d(U) = 0$ .

In the second case, the proof is complete. The first case gives that  $f$  acts as a homomorphism on  $U$ . Thus, there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_C)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Theorem 4:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic different from two,  $U$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring, and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is noncommutative and  $[x, f(x)] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_c)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $[x, f(x)] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ . (13)

Linearization of (13) gives that

$$[x + y, f(x + y)] = [x, f(x)] + [x, f(y)] + [y, f(x)] + [y, f(y)] = 0$$

Using (13) gives that

$$[x, f(y)] + [y, f(x)] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{14}$$

Writing  $yx$  instead of  $x$  in equation (14), we get

$$[yx, f(y)] + [y, f(yx)] = 0,$$

$$y[x, f(y)] + [y, d(y)x + yf(x)] = 0,$$

$$y[x, f(y)] + [y, d(y)]x + d(y)[y, x] + y[y, f(x)] = 0,$$

From (14), we get

$$[y, d(y)]x + d(y)[y, x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{15}$$

Writing  $zx$  instead of  $x$  in equation (15), and using this equation, we obtain that

$$[y, d(y)]zx + d(y)[y, zx] = 0,$$

$$[y, d(y)]zx + d(y)[y, z]x + d(y)z[y, x] = 0,$$

$$([y, d(y)]z + d(y)[y, z])x + d(y)z[y, x] = 0,$$

$$d(y)z[y, x] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U \tag{16}$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zr, r \in R$ , in (16), we get

$$d(y)zr[y, x] = 0$$

Since  $R$  is prime, we get

$$d(y)U = 0 \text{ or } [y, x] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U.$$

By lemma 2.1, we have either  $d(y) = 0$  or  $[x, y] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ .

By a standard argument one of these must be held for all  $x \in U$ . The second result cannot hold since  $U$  is non commutative, so the first possibility gives  $d(U) = 0$ , and hence  $d = 0$ .

The proof may be completed by using lemma 2.

**Theorem 5:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic different from two,  $U$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring, and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is noncommutative,  $d(Z) \neq 0$  and  $[f(x), f(y)] = [x, y]$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_c)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $[f(x), f(y)] = [x, y]$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ . (17)

Taking  $yx$  instead of  $x$  in the equation (17), we get

$$[f(yx), f(y)] = [yx, y],$$

$$[d(y)x + yf(x), f(y)] = y[x, y],$$

$$[d(y), f(y)]x + d(y)[x, f(y)] + [y, f(y)]f(x) + y[f(x), f(y)] = y[x, y]$$

From (17), we get

$$[d(y), f(y)]x + d(y)[x, f(y)] + [y, f(y)]f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (18)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $cx = xc$ , where  $c \in Z$ , and using (18), we arrive at

$$[d(y), f(y)]xc + d(y)[xc, f(y)] + [y, f(y)]f(xc) = 0,$$

$$[d(y), f(y)]xc + d(y)[x, f(y)]c + [y, f(y)]d(c)x + [y, f(y)]cf(x) = 0$$

Since  $cf(x) = f(x)c$  so

$$([d(y), f(y)]x + d(y)[x, f(y)] + [y, f(y)]f(x))c + [y, f(y)]d(c)x = 0$$

$$[y, f(y)]d(c)x = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U.$$

Since  $0 \neq d(c) \in Z$  and  $U$  is a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ , we have

$$[y, f(y)] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in U.$$

The proof is now completed using theorem 4

**Theorem 6:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic different from two,  $U$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring, and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is noncommutative and  $f(U) \subseteq Z$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_c)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f(U) \subseteq Z$ , then

$$[f(x), y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in U.$$

Taking  $yx$  instead of  $x$  in the above equation, we have

$$0 = [f(yx), y] = [d(y)x + yf(x), y],$$

$$[d(y)x, y] + [yf(x), y] = 0,$$

$$[d(y), y]x + d(y)[x, y] + y[f(x), y] = 0.$$

Since  $f(U) \subseteq Z$ , then

$$[d(y), y]x + d(y)[x, y] = 0.$$

Expanding this equation we conclude that

$$d(y)yx - yd(y)x + d(y)xy - d(y)yx = 0,$$

$$d(y)xy = yd(y)x \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{19}$$

Writing  $zx$  instead of  $x$  in equation (19), and using (19) we get

$$d(y)zxy = yd(y)zx = d(y)zyx,$$

$$d(y)z[x, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U$$

Taking  $zr, r \in R$  in the place of  $z$  in the above equation and using the fact  $R$  is prime, we conclude that  $d(y) = 0$ , or  $[x, y] = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ . By the standard argument, we have either that  $U$  is commutative or  $d = 0$ .

Since  $U$  is not commutative, the proof is complete.

**Theorem 7:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic different from two,  $U$  a non zero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring, and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$  and  $a \in R$ . If  $U$  is non commutative,  $d(z) \neq 0$  and  $[a, f(x)] \in Z$  for all  $x \in U$ , then  $a \in Z$ .

**Proof:** Since  $d(z) \neq 0$ , there exists  $c \in Z$  such that  $d(c) \neq 0$ .

Furthermore, since  $d$  is derivation, it is clear that  $d(c) \in Z$ .

Replacing  $x$  by  $xc = cx$  in the hypothesis, we have

$$Z \ni [a, f(cx)] = [a, d(c)x + cf(x)],$$

$$d(c)[a, x] + c[a, f(x)] \in Z.$$

The second term lies in  $Z$ , we get

$$d(c)[a, x] \in Z, \text{ for all } x \in U.$$

Thus we obtain that  $[a, x] \in Z$ , for all  $x \in U$ , and so

$$[[a, x], r] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in U, r \in R. \tag{20}$$

Taking  $x^2$  instead of  $x$  and using (20), we get

$$0 = [[a, x]x + x[a, x], r] = 2[[a, x]x, r], \text{ for all } x \in U, r \in R. \text{ since char } R \neq 2 \text{ and } [a, x][x, r] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in U, r \in R, \text{ and so}$$

$$[a, x] = 0 \text{ or } [x, r] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in U, r \in R.$$

Let  $A = \{x \in U \mid [a, x] = 0\}$  and  $B = \{x \in U \mid x \in Z\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are additive sub groups of  $(U, +)$  such that  $U = A \cup B$ . By Brauer's trick, either  $U = A$  or  $U = B$ .

Since  $U$  is noncommutative, we have  $U = A$ . Hence  $[a, U] = 0$ , and so  $a \in Z$ .

**Corollary 2:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic different from two,  $U$  a non zero right ideal of  $R$  which is semiprime as a ring, and  $f$  a left generalized derivation of  $R$ . If  $U$  is non commutative,  $d(z) \neq 0$  and  $[f(U), f(U)] \subseteq Z$ , then there exists  $q \in Q_r(R_c)$  such that,  $f(x) = qx$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

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