

## SOME RESULTS ON GENERALIZED LIE IDEALS WITH DERIVATION

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ABSTRACT Let  $R$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two  $U$  a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $d: R \rightarrow R$  a non-zero derivation. The purpose of this paper is to investigate identities satisfied on prime rings. We prove the following results: (1)  $[d(R), a] = 0 \Leftrightarrow d([R, a]) = 0$ . (2) if  $(R, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$ . (3) if  $(R, a)_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $a \in Z$ . (4) if  $(U, a) \subset Z$  then  $a^2 \in Z$  or  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ . (5) if  $(U, R)_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $U \subset Z$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma, \tau$  be two mappings from  $R$  into itself. We write  $[x, y], (x, y), [x, y]_{\sigma, \tau}, (x, y)_{\sigma, \tau}$  for  $xy - yx, xy + yx, x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$  and  $x\sigma(y) + \tau(y)x$  respectively and make extensive use of basic commutator identities.  $(xy, z) = x[y, z] + (x, z)y = x(y, z) - [x, z]y, [xy, z]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, z]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, \tau(z)]y = x[y, \sigma(z)] + [x, z]_{\sigma, \tau}y$ . We set  $C_{\sigma, \tau} = \{c \in R \mid c\sigma(x) = \tau(x)c, \text{ for all } x \in R\}$  and call  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -center of  $R$ .

An additive mapping  $D: R \rightarrow R$  is called a *derivation* if  $D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A derivation  $D$  is *inner* if there exists an  $a \in R$  such that  $D(x) = [a, x]$  holds for all  $x \in R$ .

For subsets  $A, B \subset R$ , let  $[A, B]$  ( $[A, B]_{\sigma, \tau}$ ) be the additive subgroup generated by all  $[a, b]$  ( $[a, b]_{\sigma, \tau}$ ) for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . We recall that

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a *Lie ideal*,  $L$  is an additive subgroup of  $R$  such that  $[R, L] \subset L$ . We first introduce the generalized Lie ideal in [6] as following. Let  $U$  be an additive subgroup of  $R$ ,  $\sigma, \tau : R \rightarrow R$  two mappings. Then (i)  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $[U, R]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ . (ii)  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ . (iii)  $U$  is both a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal and  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  then  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal of  $R$ . Every Lie ideal of  $R$  is a  $(1, 1)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ , where  $1 : R \rightarrow R$  is the identity map. As an example, let  $I$  be the set of integers,

$$R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y, z, t \in I \right\},$$

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in I \right\} \subset R,$$

and  $\sigma, \tau : R \rightarrow R$  the mappings defined by  $\tau(x) = axa$ ,  $\sigma(x) = bxb^{-1}$ , where  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in R$ . Then  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal but not a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Some algebraic properties of  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideals are considered in [2], [3] and [7], where further references can be found.

Some authors have proved commutativity theorems for prime rings which are centralizing on appropriate subset of  $R$ . One would naturally wonder if some of these theorems are peculiar to Lie commutator. Our main objective is to investigate connections either between Jordan commutator and a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -center or between Jordan commutator and generalized Lie ideals of prime ring.

## 2. Results

LEMMA 1. [5, Lemma 3] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $a, b \in R$ . If  $a, ab \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $a = 0$  or  $b \in Z$ .

LEMMA 2 Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $d : R \rightarrow R$  a derivation and  $a \in R$ .  $[d(R), a] = 0$  if and only if  $d([R, a]) = 0$ .

PROOF. By [4, Theorem]  $a \in Z$ . Hence  $[R, a] = 0$ , and so  $d([R, a]) = 0$ . Conversely, replace  $r$  by  $ar$ ,  $r \in R$ , we get  $0 = d([ar, a]) = d(a[r, a]) =$

$d(a)[r, a] + ad([r, a])$ . By hypothesis,

$$(2.1) \quad d(a)[r, a] = 0, \quad \forall r \in R.$$

In (2.1), replace  $r$  by  $rs$ ,  $s \in R$  and use (2.1), we have  $0 = d(a)[rs, a] = d(a)r[s, a] + d(a)[r, a]s$  and so we have

$$d(a)R[s, a] = 0 \quad \forall s \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring we obtain

$$d(a) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a \in Z.$$

If  $d(a) = 0$  then we have  $0 = d([r, a]) = [d(r), a] + [r, d(a)]$ . It gives us  $[d(R), a] = 0$ . On the other hand if  $a \in Z$  then we also have in the former case,  $[d(R), a] = 0$ .

**COROLLARY 1** *If  $d([R, a]) = 0$  then  $a \in Z$ .*

**PROOF** By Lemma 2,  $[d(R), a] = 0$  and by [4, Theorem],  $a \in Z$ .

**COROLLARY 2** *If  $d([R, R]) = 0$  then  $R$  is commutative.*

**LEMMA 3** *If  $(R, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$ .*

**PROOF** If  $x, y \in R$  then  $0 = (xy, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, \sigma(a)] + (x, a)_{\sigma, \tau}y = x[y, \sigma(a)]$ . Thus we have

$$R[R, \sigma(a)] = 0.$$

Since  $R$  is prime we have  $a \in Z$ .

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $(R, R)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $R$  is commutative.*

**PROOF.** By Lemma 3, it is obvious.

**THEOREM 1** *If  $(R, a)_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $a \in Z$ .*

PROOF By hypothesis, for all  $x \in R$ ,  $(x, a)_{\sigma, \tau} \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Replace  $x$  by  $x\sigma(a)$ , we obtain  $(x\sigma(a), a)_{\sigma, \tau} = x[\sigma(a), \sigma(a)] + (x, a)_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(a) = (x, a)_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(a) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . By Lemma 1, we have

$$(R, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a \in Z$$

by Lemma 3, we have  $a \in Z$ .

COROLLARY 4 *If  $(R, a) \subset Z$  then  $a \in Z$ .*

COROLLARY 5. *If  $(R, R) \subset Z$  then  $R$  is commutative.*

COROLLARY 6 *Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal. If  $(R, U)_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $U \subset Z$ .*

THEOREM 2. *Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal and  $a \in R$ . If  $(U, a) \subset Z$  then  $a^2 \in Z$  or for all  $u \in U$ ,  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$ .*

PROOF. For all  $u \in U$ ,  $(u, a) = ua + au \in Z$ . But for all  $x \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ ,  $[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \in U$ . We have  $a[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}a \in Z$ . Thus  $0 = [a[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}a, a] = a[[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a] + [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]a = ([[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a], a)$ , and so

$$([[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a], a) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in R, u \in U.$$

Now, if we consider the relation

$$([[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a], a) = [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, (a, a)] - ([[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a], a)$$

we have  $2[[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a^2] = 0$ . Since  $\text{char} R \neq 2$  we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a^2] = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in R, u \in U.$$

Taking  $x\sigma(u)$  instead of  $x$  in (2.2) and using (2.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [[x\sigma(u), u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a^2] = [x[\sigma(u), \sigma(u)] + [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(u), a^2] \\ &= [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(u), a^2] = [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(u), a^2] + [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a^2]\sigma(u) \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$(2.3) \quad [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(u), a^2] = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in R, u \in U.$$

In (2.3), replace  $x$  by  $xy$ ,  $y \in R$  and use (2.3) we have

$$0 = [xy, u]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(u), a^2] = x[y, u]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(u), a^2] + [x, \tau(u)]y[\sigma(u), a^2].$$

This implies that  $[R, \tau(u)]R[\sigma(u), a^2] = 0$ . Since  $R$  is a prime ring the last equation gives  $u \in Z$  or  $[\sigma(u), a^2] = 0$  for all  $u \in U$  and so, we have

$$[U, \sigma^{-1}(a^2)] = 0.$$

By [1, Lemma 6], we get  $a^2 \in Z$  or  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$  for all  $u \in U$ .

**THEOREM 3** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $(U, R)_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $U \subset Z$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $R$  is commutative then  $U \subset Z$ . So we assume that  $R$  is not commutative. For any  $u \in U$  and  $r \in R$ ,  $0 = [(u, r)_{\sigma, \tau}, r]_{\sigma, \tau} = [u\sigma(r) + \tau(r)u, r]_{\sigma, \tau} = u[\sigma(r), \sigma(r)] + [u, r]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(r) + \tau(r)[u, r]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(r), \tau(r)]u = [u, r]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(r) + \tau(r)[u, r]_{\sigma, \tau}$ . We obtain

$$(2.4) \quad ([u, r]_{\sigma, \tau}, r)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \quad \text{for all } r \in R, u \in U.$$

Expanding (2.4) one obtains  $0 = ([u, r]_{\sigma, \tau}, r)_{\sigma, \tau} = (u\sigma(r) - \tau(r)u, r)_{\sigma, \tau} = u\sigma(r)\sigma(r) - \tau(r)u\sigma(r) + \tau(r)u\sigma(r) - \tau(r)\tau(r)u = u\sigma(r^2) - \tau(r^2)u$  and so,

$$(2.5) \quad [u, r^2]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \quad \text{for all } r \in R, u \in U.$$

Substituting  $r + s$  for  $r$  in (2.5) and using (2.5) we obtain  $0 = [u, (r + s)^2]_{\sigma, \tau} = [u, r^2 + s^2 + rs + sr]_{\sigma, \tau} = [u, r^2]_{\sigma, \tau} + [u, s^2]_{\sigma, \tau} + [u, rs]_{\sigma, \tau} + [u, sr]_{\sigma, \tau} = u\sigma(r)\sigma(s) - \tau(r)\tau(s)u + u\sigma(s)\sigma(r) - \tau(s)\tau(r)u = u(\sigma(r), \sigma(s)) - (\tau(r), \tau(s))u$ . This implies that

$$(2.6) \quad [u, (r, s)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \quad \text{for all } r, s \in R, u \in U.$$

Now, taking  $rs$  in place of  $r$  in (2.6) and using (2.6) one obtains  $0 = [u, (rs, s)]_{\sigma, \tau} = [u, r[s, s] + (r, s)s]_{\sigma, \tau} = [u, (r, s)s]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau((r, s))[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} + [u, (r, s)]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(s)$  and so, we have

$$(2.7) \quad \tau((r, s))[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \text{ for all } r, s \in R, u \in U.$$

If we take  $rt$ ,  $t \in R$  instead of  $r$  in (2.7), it gives us  $0 = \tau((rt, s))[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(r)\tau((t, s))[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} - \tau([r, s])\tau(t)[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau([s, r])\tau(t)[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Hence

$$\tau([s, R])\tau(R)[u, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0.$$

Since  $\tau$  is an automorphism of  $R$  and  $R$  is a prime ring it implies that

$$s \in Z \text{ or } [U, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0.$$

We set  $K = \{s \in R \mid s \in Z\}$  and  $L = \{s \in R \mid [U, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0\}$ . Clearly each of  $L$  and  $K$  is an additive subgroup of  $R$ . Moreover,  $R$  is the set-theoretic union of  $L$  and  $K$ . But a group can not be the set-theoretic union of two proper subgroups, hence  $K = R$  or  $L = R$ . In the former case,  $R \subset Z$  which forces  $R$  to be commutative, i.e.,  $U \subset Z$ . Therefore

$$(2.8) \quad [U, s]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \text{ for all } s \in R.$$

From (2.8),  $u\sigma(s) - \tau(s)u = 0$ , i.e.

$$u\sigma(s) = \tau(s)u \quad \text{for all } s \in R, u \in U.$$

By hypothesis, for all  $s, r \in R$ ,  $u \in U$ ,  $(u, rs)_{\sigma, \tau} \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Expanding this and using (2.8) one obtain  $(u, rs)_{\sigma, \tau} = u\sigma(rs) - \tau(rs)u = u\sigma(r)\sigma(s) + \tau(r)u\sigma(s) = (u\sigma(r) + \tau(r)u)\sigma(s) = (u, r)_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(u) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Since  $(u, r)_{\sigma, \tau} \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  by Lemma 1 we have

$$(2.9) \quad (U, r)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \text{ for all } r \in R.$$

Considering (2.8) together with (2.9), one obtains

$$2u\sigma(s) = 0, \text{ for all } s \in R, u \in U.$$

Since  $\text{char} R \neq 2$ , we get  $U\sigma(R) = 0$ . By [7, Lemma 1 (iii)] we have  $U \subset Z$ .

**THEOREM 4** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $a \in R$  and  $U$  a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $(U, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ .*

**PROOF.** By hypothesis, for any  $r \in R, u \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= ([ur, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = (\tau(u)[r, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(u), \tau(u)]\sigma(u), a)_{\sigma, \tau} \\ &= (\tau(u)[r, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a)_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(u)([r, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a)_{\sigma, \tau} - [\tau(u), \tau(a)][r, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \\ &= [\tau(a), \tau(u)][r, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \end{aligned}$$

and so, we have

$$(2.10) \quad [\tau(u), \tau(a)][r, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \text{ for all } r \in R, u \in U.$$

Replacing  $r$  by  $rs, s \in R$ , in (2.10) and using (2.10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [\tau(u), \tau(a)][rs, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \\ &= [\tau(u), \tau(a)][r, u]_{\sigma, \tau}s + [\tau(u), \tau(a)]r[s, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \\ &= [\tau(u), \tau(a)]r[s, u]_{\sigma, \tau}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$[\tau(u), \tau(a)]R[R, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$$

Since  $R$  is prime, we get  $[U, a] = 0$ . By [1, Lemma 6] we obtain  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $(R, U)_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $U \subset Z$ .*

**PROOF** For any  $x, y \in R$  and  $u \in U, 0 = (xy, u)_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, \sigma(u)] + (x, u)_{\sigma, \tau}y = x[y, \sigma(u)]$ . Since  $R$  is prime we get  $U \subset Z$ .

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