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# JORDAN DERIVATIONS ON PRIME RINGS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN BANACH ALGEBRAS, I

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to prove that the noncommutative version of the Singer-Wermer Conjecture is affirmative under certain conditions. Let A be a noncommutative Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \to A$  such that  $D(x)^3[D(x), x] \in \operatorname{rad}(A)$  for all  $x \in A$ . In this case, we show that  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ .

### 1. Introduction

Throughout, R represents an associative ring and A will be a complex Banach algebra. We write [x, y] for the commutator xy - yx for x, y in a ring. Let rad(R) denote the (*Jacobson*) radical of a ring R. And a ring R is said to be (*Jacobson*) semisimple if its Jacobson radical rad(R) is zero.

A ring R is called *n*-torsion free if nx = 0 implies x = 0. Recall that R is prime if aRb = (0) implies that either a = 0 or b = 0, and is semiprime if aRa = (0) implies a = 0. On the other hand, let X be an element of a normed algebra. Then for every  $a \in X$  the spectral radius of a, denoted by r(a), is defined by  $r(a) = \inf\{||a^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . It is well-known that the following theorem holds: if a is an element of a normed algebra, then  $r(a) = \lim_{n \to \infty} ||a^n||^{\frac{1}{n}}$  (see Bonsall and Duncan [1]).

An additive mapping D from R to R is called a *derivation* if D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . And an additive mapping D from R to R is called a *Jordan derivation* if  $D(x^2) = D(x)x + xD(x)$  holds for all  $x \in R$ .

Johnson and Sinclair [5] have proved that any linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. A result of Singer and Wermer [12] states that every continuous linear derivation on a commutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical. From these two results, we can conclude that there are no nonzero linear derivations on a commutative semisimple Banach algebra. Thomas [13] has proved that any linear derivation on a commutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical.

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A noncommutative version of Singer and Wermer's Conjecture states that every continuous linear derivation on a noncommutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical.

Vukman [15] has proved the following: Let R be a 2-torsion free prime ring. If  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  is a derivation such that [D(x), x]D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ , then D = 0.

Moreover, using the above result, he has proved that the following holds: Let A be a noncommutative semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose that [D(x), x] D(x) = 0 holds for all  $x \in A$ . In this case, D = 0.

Kim [6] has showed that the following result holds: Let R be a 3!-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \to R$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . In this case, we have  $[D(x), x]^5 = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

And, Kim [7] has showed that the following result holds: Let A be a noncommutative Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \to A$  such that  $D(x)[D(x), x]D(x) \in \operatorname{rad}(A)$  for all  $x \in A$ . In this case, we have  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ .

In this paper, our aim is to prove the following results in the ring theory in order to apply it to the Banach algebra theory:

Let R be a 7!-torsion free prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . In this case, we obtain D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

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# 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we review the basic results in prime and semiprime rings. The following lemma is due to Chung and Luh [4].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let R be a n!-torsion free ring. Suppose there exist elements  $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_{n-1}, y_n$  in R such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n t^k y_k = 0$  for all  $t = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Then we have  $y_k = 0$  for every positive integer k with  $1 \le k \le n$ .

The following theorem is due to Brešar [3].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and let  $D : R \longrightarrow R$  be a Jordan derivation. In this case, D is a derivation.

The following theorem is due to Chung and Luh [4].

**Theorem 2.3.** Let R be a semiprime ring with a derivation D. Suppose there exists a positive integer n such that  $(Dx)^n = 0$  for all  $x \in R$  and suppose R is (n-1)!-torsion free. Then D = 0.

## 3. Main results

We need the following notations. After this, by  $S_m$  we denote the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq k \leq m\}$  where *m* is a positive integer. When *R* is a ring, we shall denote the maps  $B : R \times R \longrightarrow R$ ,  $f, g : R \longrightarrow R$  by  $B(x, y) \equiv [D(x), y] + [D(y), x], f(x) \equiv [D(x), x], g(x) \equiv [f(x), x]$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , respectively. And we have the basic properties:

$$\begin{split} B(x,y) &= B(y,x), \ B(x,yz) = B(x,y)z + yB(x,z) + D(y)[z,x] + [y,x]D(z), \\ B(x,x) &= 2f(x), \ B(x,x^2) = 2(f(x)x + xf(x)), \ x,y,z \in R. \end{split}$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let R be a 2-torsion free noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.2, we see that D is a derivation on R. Let

(1)  $f(x) = [D(x), x] = 0, x \in R.$ 

Substituting x + y for x in (1), we have

(2) 
$$f(x+y) \equiv f(x) + B(x,y) + [D(y),y] = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (1) and (2), we obtain

$$B(x,y)=0, \ x,y\in R$$

Replacing yx for y in (3), we have

(3)

(4) 
$$B(x,y)x + 2yf(x) + [y,x]D(x) = 0, \quad x,y \in R.$$

Combining (1), (3) with (4), we get

(5) 
$$[y, x]D(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Substituting zy for y in (5), we have

(6) 
$$[z, x]yD(x) + z[y, x]D(x) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (5) with (6), we obtain

(7) 
$$[z, x]yD(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R$$

Substituting x + u for x in (5),

 $(8) \quad [z,x]yD(x)+[z,u]yD(x)+[z,x]yD(u)+[z,u]yD(u)=0, \ u,x,y,z\in R. \label{eq:2.1}$  From (7) and (8),

(9)  $[z, u]yD(x) + [z, x]yD(u) = 0, \ u, x, y, z \in R.$ 

Writing yD(x)v[z, u]y for y in (9), we have

$$[z,u]yD(x)v[z,u]yD(x) + [z,x]yD(x)v[z,u]yD(u) \\$$

(10) 
$$= 0, u, v, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (7) with (10), we get

(11) 
$$[z, u]yD(x)v[z, u]yD(x) = 0, \quad u, v, x, y, z \in R$$

From (11) and the (semi)primeness of R,

(12) 
$$[z, u]yD(x) = 0, \quad u, x, y, z \in R.$$

By the primeness and noncommutativity of R, (12) gives

$$D(x) = 0, \quad x \in R.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** Let R be a 2-torsion free noncommutative semiprime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$\left[\left[D(x), x\right], x\right] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have [D(x), x] = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.2, we see that D is a derivation on R. Let

(13) 
$$g(x) = [[D(x), x], x] = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Substituting x + ty for x in (13), we have

(14) 
$$g(x+ty) \equiv g(x) + t([f(x), y] + [B(x, y), x]) + t^2 A(x, y) + t^3 g(y) = 0, \ x, y \in R, t \in S_2,$$

where A(x, y) denotes the term satisfying the identity (14). From (13) and (14), we obtain

(15)  $t([f(x), y] + [B(x, y), x]) + t^2 A(x, y) = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}, t \in S_2.$ 

Since R is 2-torsion free, by Lemma 2.1, (15) yields

(16) 
$$[f(x), y] + [B(x, y), x] = 0, \ x, y \in R$$

Replacing yx for y in (16), we have

(17) 
$$\begin{aligned} & [f(x),y]x+yg(x)+[B(x,y),x]x\\ & +3yg(x)+3[y,x]f(x)+[[y,x],x]D(x)=0, \ \ x,y\in R. \end{aligned}$$

Right multiplication of (16) by x leads to

(18) 
$$[f(x), y]x + [B(x, y), x]x = 0, \quad x, y \in R$$

Comparing (13), (17) and (18), we get

(19) 
$$3yg(x) + 3[y,x]f(x) + [[y,x],x]D(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$$
  
From (13) and (19),

(20) 
$$3[y,x]f(x) + [[y,x],x]D(x) = 0, x,y \in \mathbb{R}$$

From (20), we have (21) $3[y, x]g(x) + [[y, x], x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ From (13) with (21), (22) $[[y, x], x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ Writing D(x)y for y in (20), we have 3D(x)[y,x]f(x) + 3f(x)yf(x) + D(x)[[y,x],x]D(x)(23) $+2f(x)[y,x]D(x) + g(x)yD(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ Left multiplication of (20) by D(x), we obtain (24) $3D(x)[y,x]f(x) + D(x)[[y,x],x]D(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ From (13), (23) and (24), we get (25) $3f(x)yf(x) + 2f(x)[y,x]D(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ Replacing yD(x)w for y in (25), we have 3f(x)yD(x)wf(x) + 2f(x)[y,x]D(x)wD(x)(26) $+2f(x)yf(x)wD(x) + 2f(x)yD(x)[w,x]D(x) = 0, w, x, y \in R.$ From (25) and (26), we get 3f(x)yD(x)wf(x) - f(x)yf(x)wD(x)(27) $+2f(x)yD(x)[w,x]D(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y \in R.$ Substituting wx for w in (27), we have 3f(x)yD(x)wxf(x) - f(x)yf(x)wxD(x)(28) $+2f(x)yD(x)[w,x]xD(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y \in R.$ Right multiplication of (27) by x leads to 3f(x)yD(x)wf(x)x - f(x)yf(x)wD(x)x(29) $+2f(x)yD(x)[w,x]D(x)x = 0, \quad w, x, y \in R.$ From (28) and (29), we get 3f(x)yD(x)wg(x) - f(x)yf(x)wf(x)(30) $+2f(x)yD(x)[w,x]f(x) = 0, w, x, y \in R.$ Comparing (13) and (30), we get (31) $f(x)y(f(x)wf(x) - 2yD(x)[w, x]f(x)) = 0, w, x, y \in R.$ From (31), we obtain (f(x)wf(x) - 2D(x)[w, x]f(x))y(f(x)wf(x))(32) $-2D(x)[w,x]f(x) = 0, w, x, y \in R.$ Since R is semiprime, (32) yields

(33)  $f(x)yf(x) - 2D(x)[y,x]f(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ 

Putting xy instead of y in (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x([f(x),y]+[B(x,y),x])+3g(x)y+3f(x)[y,x]+D(x)[[y,x],x]\\ (34) &=0, \ x,y\in R. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing (13), (16) and (34), we get

(35)  $3f(x)[y, x] + D(x)[[y, x], x] = 0, x, y \in R.$ Writing yD(x) for y in (35), we have

$$(36) \qquad \qquad 3f(x)[y,x]D(x) + 3f(x)yf(x) + D(x)[[y,x],x]D(x) \\ + 2D(x)[y,x]f(x) + D(x)yg(x) = 0, \quad x,y \in R.$$

From (35) and (36),

(37) 
$$3f(x)yf(x) + 2D(x)[y, x]f(x) + D(x)yg(x) = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From (13) and (37), we have

(38) 
$$3f(x)yf(x) + 2D(x)[y,x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (33) with (38),

(39)  $4f(x)yf(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ 

Since R is 2-torsionfree, (39) gives

(40)  $f(x)yf(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ 

Since R is semiprime, (40) yields

$$f(x) = [D(x), x] = 0, \ x \in R.$$

**Lemma 3.3.** Let R be a 7!-torsion free noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$D(x)^5 y[[D(x), x], x] = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.2, we see that D is a derivation on R. Let

(41) 
$$D(x)^5 y[[D(x), x], x] = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Substituting x + tz for x in (41), we have

$$\begin{split} D(x+tz)^{5}yg(x+tz) \\ &= D(x+tz)^{5}y[[D(x+tz),x+tz],x+tz] \\ &\equiv D(x)^{5}yg(x) + t\{(D(z)D(x)^{4}+D(x)D(z)D(x)^{3} \\ &+ D(x)^{2}D(z)D(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}D(z)D(x)+D(x)^{4}D(z))yg(x) \\ &+ D(x)^{5}y([[D(z),x],x]+[[D(x),z],x]+[f(x),z])\} \\ &+ t^{2}C_{1}(x,y,z) + t^{3}C_{2}(x,y,z) + t^{4}C_{3}(x,y,z) + t^{5}C_{4}(x,y,z) \\ &+ t^{6}C_{5}(x,y,z) + t^{7}C_{6}(x,y,z) + t^{8}D(z)^{5}yg(z) \end{split}$$

(42)  $= 0, x, y, z \in R, t \in S_7,$ 

where  $C_i(x, y, z)$   $(1 \le i \le 6)$  denotes the term satisfying the identity (42). From (41) and (42), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} t\{(D(z)D(x)^4 + D(x)D(z)D(x)^3 \\ &+ D(x)^2D(z)D(x)^2 + D(x)^3D(z)D(x) + D(x)^4D(z))yg(x) \\ &+ D(x)^5y([[D(z),x],x] + [[D(x),z],x] + [f(x),z])\} \\ &+ t^2C_1(x,y,z) + t^3C_2(x,y,z) + t^4C_3(x,y,z) + t^5C_4(x,y,z) \\ &+ t^6C_5(x,y,z) + t^7C_6(x,y,z) = 0, \ x,y,z \in R, t \in S_7. \end{aligned}$$

Since R is 7!-torsion free, by Lemma 2.1, (43) yields

$$\{D(z)D(x)^4 + D(x)D(z)D(x)^3 + D(x)^2D(z)D(x)^2 + D(x)^3D(z)D(x) + D(x)^4D(z)\}yg(x)$$

(44) 
$$+D(x)^5 y\{[[D(z), x], x] + [[D(x), z], x] + [f(x), z]\} = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Replacing yg(x)u for y in (44),

 $(D(z)D(x)^{4} + D(x)D(z)D(x)^{3} + D(x)^{2}D(z)D(x)^{2}$  $+D(x)^{3}D(z)D(x) + D(x)^{4}D(z))yg(x)ug(x)$ 

(45)  $+D(x)^5 yg(x)u([[D(z), x], x] + [[D(x), z], x] + [f(x), z]) = 0, u, x, y, z \in R.$ Combining (41) with (45), we get

(46) 
$$(D(z)D(x)^4 + D(x)D(z)D(x)^3 + D(x)^2D(z)D(x)^2 + D(x)^3D(z)D(x) + D(x)^4D(z))yg(x)ug(x) = 0, \ u, x, y, z \in R.$$

Putting  $u(D(z)D(x)^4+D(x)D(z)D(x)^3+D(x)^2D(z)D(x)^2+D(x)^3D(z)D(x)+D(x)^4D(z))y$  instead of u in (46), we obtain

$$(D(z)D(x)^{4} + D(x)D(z)D(x)^{3} + D(x)^{2}D(z)D(x)^{2} +D(x)^{3}D(z)D(x) + D(x)^{4}D(z))yg(x)u(D(z)D(x)^{4} +D(x)D(z)D(x)^{3} + D(x)^{2}D(z)D(x)^{2} + D(x)^{3}D(z)D(x) +D(x)^{4}D(z))yg(x) = 0, \ u, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is semiprime, (47) yields

(48)  
$$(D(z)D(x)^4 + D(x)D(z)D(x)^3 + D(x)^2D(z)D(x)^2 + D(x)^3D(z)D(x) + D(x)^4D(z))yg(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By using the same process of relations so obtained from (41) to (48) under the 5!-torsionfreeness repeatedly, we arrive at

(49) 
$$(D(z)D(v)D(w)D(p)D(q) + D(v)D(z)D(w)D(p)D(q) + \cdots + D(q)D(p)D(w)D(v)D(z))yg(x) = 0, \ u, v, w, p, q, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let u = v = w = p = q = z in (49).

(50) 
$$120D(z)^5yg(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since R is 7!-torsionfree, (50) gives

(51)  $D(z)^5 yg(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ Since R is prime, it follows from (51) that (52)  $D(z)^5 = 0, \ z \in R$ 

or

$$(53) g(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

Thus if (52) holds, then by Theorem 2.3,

$$D(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

Thus if (53) holds, then by Lemma 3.2,

(54) 
$$[D(x), x] = 0, x \in R.$$

Hence by Lemma 3.1, (54) gives

$$D(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

Therefore in any case, we have  $D \equiv 0$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let R be a 7!-torsionfree noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x),x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.2, we can see that D is a derivation on R. Suppose

(55) 
$$D(x)^3 f(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

Replacing x + ty for x in (55), we have

$$D(x + ty)^{3}[D(x + ty), x + ty]$$
  

$$\equiv D(x)^{3}f(x) + t\{D(y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{3}B(x,y)\} + t^{2}E_{1}(x,y) + t^{3}E_{2}(x,y) + t^{4}E_{3}(x,y) + t^{5}D(y)^{3}f(y) = 0, \ x, y \in R, t \in S_{3},$$
(56)

where  $E_i(x, y), 1 \le i \le 3$ , denotes the term satisfying the identity (56). From (55) and (56),

(57)  
$$t\{D(y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{3}B(x,y)\} + t^{2}E_{1}(x,y) + t^{3}E_{2}(x,y) + t^{4}E_{3}(x,y) = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}, t \in S_{4}.$$

Since R is 3!-torsionfree, by Lemma 2.1, (57) yields

(58) 
$$D(y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{3}B(x,y) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Let  $y = x^2$  in (58). Then using (55), we get

$$\begin{split} &(D(x)x + xD(x))D(x)^2 f(x) + D(x)(D(x)x + xD(x))D(x)f(x) \\ &+ D(x)^2(D(x)x + xD(x))f(x) + 2D(x)^3(f(x)x + xf(x)) \\ &= f(x)D(x)^2 f(x) + (f(x)D(x) + D(x)f(x))D(x)f(x) \\ &+ f(x)D(x)^2 f(x) + (f(x)D(x)^2 + D(x)f(x)D(x) + D(x)^2 f(x))f(x) \\ &+ (f(x)D(x) + D(x)f(x))D(x)f(x) + 2(f(x)D(x)^2 + D(x)f(x)D(x) \\ &+ D(x)^2 f(x))f(x) \end{split}$$

(59) =  $7f(x)D(x)^2f(x) + 5D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + 3D(x)^2f(x)^2 = 0, x \in R.$ Left multiplication of (59) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to (60)  $7(D(x)^2f(x))^2 + 5D(x)^3f(x)D(x)f(x) + 3D(x)^5f(x)^2 = 0, x \in R.$ 

Comparing 
$$(55)$$
 with  $(60)$ ,

$$7(D(x)^2 f(x))^2 = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since R is 7!-torsionfree, the above relation gives (61)  $(D(x)^2 f(x))^2 = 0, x \in R.$ 

On the other hand, we obtain from (55)

$$0 = [D(x)^{3} f(x), x]$$
  
=  $f(x)D(x)^{2} f(x) + D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}$   
+ $D(x)^{3}g(x), x \in R.$ 

Left multiplication of (62) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to

(63) 
$$(D(x)^2 f(x))^2 + D(x)^3 f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^4 f(x)^2 + D(x)^5 g(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Comparing (55), (61) and (63),

(64) 
$$D(x)^5 g(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

From (59) and (62), we get

(62)

(65)  $4f(x)D(x)^2f(x) + 2D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) - 3D(x)^3g(x) = 0, x \in R.$ Combining (59) with (65),

$$3(2f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - 2D(x)^2f(x)^2 - 5D(x)^3g(x)) = 0, \ x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since R is 3!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(66) 
$$2f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - 2D(x)^2f(x)^2 - 5D(x)^3g(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Writing xy for y in (58), we have

$$\begin{split} & xD(y)D(x)^2f(x) + D(x)yD(x)^2f(x) + D(x)xD(y)D(x)f(x) \\ & + D(x)^2yD(x)f(x) + D(x)^2xD(y)f(x) + D(x)^3yf(x) \end{split}$$

(67) 
$$+D(x)^{3}(2f(x)y + xB(x,y) + D(x)[y,x]) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (58) by x leads to

(68) 
$$xD(y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + xD(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + xD(x)^{2}D(y)f(x) + xD(x)^{3}B(x,y) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

From (67) and (68), we arrive at

$$\begin{split} D(x)yD(x)^2f(x) + f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^2yD(x)f(x) \\ + f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)f(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^3yf(x) \\ + 2D(x)^3f(x)y + D(x)^3xB(x,y) - xD(x)^3B(x,y) \\ + D(x)^4[y,x] = 0, \quad x,y \in R. \end{split}$$

By (55) and (69), it is obvious that

$$D(x)yD(x)^{2}f(x) + f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}yD(x)f(x) + f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)f(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{3}yf(x) + f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y) + D(x)f(x)D(x)B(x,y) + D(x)^{2}f(x)B(x,y) + D(x)^{4}[y,x] = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (70) by  $D(x)^3$  gives

$$D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{4}f(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{6}yf(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y) + D(x)^{4}f(x)D(x)B(x,y) (71) \qquad + D(x)^{5}f(x)B(x,y) + D(x)^{7}[y, x] = 0, \quad x,y \in \mathbb{R}$$

(71) 
$$+D(x)^{3}f(x)B(x,y) + D(x)^{\prime}[y,x] = 0, x,y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Combining (55) with (71),

(72) 
$$D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y f(x) + D(x)^7 [y, x] = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Replacing yx for y in (72),

(73) 
$$D(x)^4 yx D(x)^2 f(x) + D(x)^5 yx D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 yx f(x) + D(x)^7 [y, x] x = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (72) by x leads to

$$D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) x + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) x + D(x)^6 y f(x) x + D(x)^7 [y, x] x = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Combining (73) with (74),

(74)

$$D(x)^4 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2 + D(x)^2g(x))$$

(75) 
$$+D(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) + D(x)^6 yg(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$$

Writing  $yD(x)^4$  for y in (75), we get

$$D(x)^{4}y(D(x)^{4}f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{5}f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{6}g(x))$$
(76) 
$$+D(x)^{5}y(D(x)^{4}f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{5}g(x)) + D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{4}g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

(69)

From (55), (64) and (76),  $D(x)^6 y D(x)^4 g(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (77)Comparing (55), (75) and (77),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^4 g(x) z (D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^4 g(x))$  $+D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{4}g(x)z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}g(x))=0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (78)Left multiplication of (65) by D(x) leads to (79)  $4D(x)f(x)D(x)^2f(x) + 2D(x)^2f(x)D(x)f(x) - 3D(x)^4g(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$ Left multiplication of (66) by D(x) yields  $2D(x)f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - 2D(x)^3f(x)^2 - 5D(x)^4g(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$ (80)From (55) and (80),  $2D(x)f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - 5D(x)^4g(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$ (81)From (79) and (81), we have  $2D(x)^2 f(x)D(x)f(x) + 7D(x)^4 g(x) = 0, \ x \in \mathbb{R}.$ (82)From (78) and (82), we arrive at  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^4 g(x) z (2D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) f(x) + 2D(x)^4 g(x))$  $+2D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{4}g(x)z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}g(x))$  $= D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{4}g(x)z(-7D(x)^{4}g(x) + 2D(x)^{4}g(x))$  $+2D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{4}g(x)z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}g(x))$  $= -5D(x)^4 y D(x)^4 q(x) z D(x)^4 q(x)$  $+2D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{4}g(x)z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}g(x))$  $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ (83)Substituting g(x)y for y in (83), it follows that  $-5D(x)^4q(x)yD(x)^4q(x)zD(x)^4q(x)$  $+2D(x)^{5}q(x)yD(x)^{4}q(x)z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{3}q(x))$ (84) $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ Comparing (64) and (84),  $-5D(x)^4g(x)yD(x)^4g(x)zD(x)^4g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ Since R is 5!-torsion-free, the above relation yields

(85) 
$$D(x)^4 g(x) y D(x)^4 g(x) z D(x)^4 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus by the semiprimeness of R, (85) gives

(86) 
$$D(x)^4 g(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

From (81) and (86),

$$2D(x)f(x)D(x)^2f(x) = 0, \ x \in R.$$

Since R is 5!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(87) 
$$D(x)f(x)D(x)^2f(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

From (82) and (86), we have

 $2D(x)^2f(x)D(x)f(x) = 0, \quad x \in R.$ 

Since R is 2!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(88) 
$$D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) f(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

Substituting  $yD(x)^2$  for y in (75), it follows that

$$\begin{array}{ll} D(x)^4 y (D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^3 f(x)^2 + D(x)^4 g(x)) \\ (89) & + D(x)^5 y (D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^3 g(x)) + D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R. \\ \text{From (55), (86), (88) and (89),} \\ (90) & D(x)^5 y (D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^3 g(x)) + D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R. \\ \text{Writing } y D(x) \text{ for } y \text{ in (90), we get} \\ (91) & D(x)^5 y (D(x)^3 f(x)^2 + D(x)^4 g(x)) + D(x)^6 y D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R. \\ \text{Combining (55), (86) with (91),} \\ (92) & D(x)^6 y D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R. \\ \text{Replacing } y D(x) f(x) \text{ for } y \text{ in (72), it follows that} \end{array}$$

$$D(x)^4 y D(x) f(x) D(x)^2 f(x) + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y D(x) f(x)^2 + D(x)^7 [y, x] D(x) f(x)$$

(93) 
$$+D(x)^{7}y(f(x)^{2}+D(x)g(x))=0, \ x,y \in R.$$

From (87) and (93),

$$D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y D(x) f(x)^2$$

(94)  $+D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}y(f(x)^{2} + D(x)g(x)) = 0, x, y \in R.$ 

Right multiplication of (72) by D(x)f(x) leads to

(95) 
$$D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Combining (88) with (95),

(96) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^7 [y, x] D(x) f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Combining (94) with (96),

$$D(x)^{6}y(D(x)f(x)^{2} - f(x)D(x)f(x)) + D(x)^{7}y(f(x)^{2} + D(x)g(x))$$
(97) = 0,  $x, y \in R$ .

Writing  $yD(x)^2$  for y in (97), we get  $D(x)^{6}y(D(x)^{3}f^{2} - D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)^{7}y(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{3}g(x)) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (98)From (55), (88), (92) and (98),  $D(x)^7 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (99)Writing  $yD(x)^2f(x)^2zD(x)$  for y in (97),  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} - D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)^{7}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{2}g(x))=0, \ x,y,z\in R.$ (100)From (99) and (100), we obtain  $(101)D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} - D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x)) = 0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (59) and (62),  $7(-D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) - D(x)^2f(x)^2 - D(x)^3g(x))$  $+5D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + 3D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}$ (102) =  $-2D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + 4D(x)^2f(x)^2 - 7D(x)^3g(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (92) and (102),  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(-2D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + 4D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Since R is 2!-torsion-free, the above relation gives (103) $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) - 2D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (101) and (103), we get  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}zD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ The above relation yields  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}zD(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (104)Thus by the primeness of R, (104) gives  $D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (105)Writing  $D(x)yD(x)^2f(x)^2zD(x)$  for y in (75),  $D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{3}q(x))$ 

$$+D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2}z(D(x)f(x)^{2}+D(x)^{2}g(x))$$

(106) 
$$+D(x)^7 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x) g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Combining (105) with (106),

$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z (D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^3 g(x))$$
(107) = 0,  $x, y, z \in R$ .

From (62) and (107), we have

(108)  $D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z f(x) D(x)^2 f(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ Right multiplication of (66) by  $D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z$  leads to

$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z (2f(x)D(x)^2 f(x) - 2D(x)^2 f(x)^2 - 5D(x)^3 g(x))$$

 $(109) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ 

From (108) and (109),

(110)  $D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z (2D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + 5D(x)^3 g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ Writing  $y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z$  for y in (90), we get

(111) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z (D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^3 g(x)) + D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^2 g(x)) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Combining (105) with (111),

(112)  $D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z (D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^3 g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ Comparing (110) and (112),

$$3D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is 3!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(113) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$$

From (112) and (113), we obtain

(114) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus by the primeness of R, (114) gives

(115) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

From (90) and (115),

(116) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^3 g(x) + D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 g(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$$

Writing  $yD(x)^3g(x)z$  for y in (116),

$$D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{3}g(x)zD(x)^{3}g(x) + D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{3}g(x)zD(x)^{2}g(x)$$

(117)  $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ 

From (92) and (117), we have

(118) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^3 g(x) z D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

From (118),

(119) 
$$D(x)^5 y D(x)^3 g(x) z D(x)^5 y D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus by the primeness of R, (114) gives

(120)  $D(x)^5 y D(x)^3 g(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ 

From (116) and (120), we get

(121)  $D(x)^6 y D(x)^2 g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ 

Right multiplication of (72) by  $zD(x)^2f(x)^2$  leads to

$$\begin{split} D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 \\ (122) \ + D(x)^6 y f(x) z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 + D(x)^7 [y,x] z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x,y,z \in R. \\ \text{Combining (115) with (122), we arrive at} \end{split}$$

(123)  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ 

Writing fz for z in (123), we get

(124) 
$$D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From (124), we have

(125) 
$$D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus by the primeness of R, (125) gives

(126)  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ 

Right multiplication of (72) by D(x)f(x) leads to

$$D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x)D(x)f(x)$$

(127) 
$$+D(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Comparing (88) and (127),

$$(128) \quad -D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y (D(x) f(x)^2 - f(x) D(x) f(x)) + D(x)^7 y f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$$

Writing yD(x) for y in (128),

(129) 
$$-D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^6 y (D(x)^2 f(x)^2 - D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x)) + D(x)^7 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Combining (88), (126) with (129), we have

(130)  $-D(x)^6 y D(x) f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x)^7 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, x, y \in R.$ From (130),

(131)  $D(x)^6 y(-2D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x)) + 2D(x)^7 yD(x)f(x)^2 = 0, x, y \in R.$ Comparing (102) and (131), (132)

 $D(x)^{6}y(4D(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} + 7D(x)^{3}g(x)) + 2D(x)^{7}yD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ Combining (91), (105) with (132),

$$2D(x)^7 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$$

Since R is 3!-torsion-free, the above relation gives (133)  $D(x)^7 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, x, y \in R.$  Right multiplication of (72) by f(x) gives  $D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 + D(x)^6 y f(x)^2 + D(x)^7 [y, x] f(x) = 0, \ x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (134)Left multiplication of (134) by D(x) leads to  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{7}yf(x)^{2} + D(x)^{8}[y,x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (135)Right multiplication of (135) by  $zD(x)f(x)^2$  yields  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2}zD(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{7}yf(x)^{2}zD(x)f(x)^{2}$  $+D(x)^{8}[y,x]f(x)zD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ (136)Combining (133) with (136),  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2}zD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ (137)It follows from (137) that  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2}zD(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (138)By the primeness of R, we get from (138)  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y \in R.$ (139)Right multiplication of (72) by  $zD(x)f(x)^2$  leads to  $D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{2}f(x)zD(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x)zD(x)f(x)^{2}$ (140)  $+D(x)^{6}yf(x)zD(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{7}[y,x]zD(x)f(x)^{2} = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Combining (133), (139) with (140),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z D(x) f(x)^2 + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) z D(x) f(x)^2$ (141) $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ Replacing f(x)z for z in (141), it follows that  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x)^2 z D(x) f(x)^2 + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 z D(x) f(x)^2$ (142) $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ Comparing (126) and (142),  $D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 z D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ (143)It follows from (143) that (144) $D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 z D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ By the primeness of R, we obtain from (144)  $D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, x, y \in R.$ (145)Combining (141) with (145),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z D(x) f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ (146)Replacing yD(x) for y in (72),  $D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)$  $+D(x)^7 y f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (147)

Left multiplication of (72) by D(x) leads to  $D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)^{6}yD(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}yf(x)$  $+D(x)^{8}[y,x] = 0, x, y \in R.$ (148)Combining (147) with (148), we have (149) $D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x) - D(x)^{8}[y,x] = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ Replacing yx for y in (149),  $D(x)^{7}[y, x]xD(x) - D(x)^{8}[y, x]x = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (150)Right multiplication of (149) by x leads to  $D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)x - D(x)^{8}[y,x]x = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (151)Combining (150) with (151), we get (152) $D(x)^{7}[y, x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ Right multiplication of (72) by f(x) leads to  $D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{2}f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{6}yf(x)^{2}$  $+D(x)^{7}[y,x]f(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (153)From (126), (145), (152) and (153), we conclude that (154) $D(x)^6 y f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ Left multiplication of (75) by D(x) leads to  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x))$  $+D(x)^{6}y(f(x)^{2} + D(x)g(x)) + D(x)^{7}yg(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (155)From (145), (154) and (155), we get  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}g(x)) + D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x)$  $+D(x)^7 y g(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (156)Replacing yD(x) for y in (149), it follows that  $D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)^{2} + D(x)^{7}yf(x)D(x) - D(x)^{8}[y,x]D(x)$  $-D(x)^8 y f(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (157)Right multiplication of (149) by D(x) gives  $D(x)^{7}[y,x]D(x)^{2} - D(x)^{8}[y,x]D(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (158)From (157) and (158), we have  $D(x)^7 y f(x) D(x) - D(x)^8 y f(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (159)Right multiplication of (159) by f(x) leads to  $D(x)^7 y f(x) D(x) f(x) - D(x)^8 y f(x)^2 = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (160)From (154) and (160),  $D(x)^7 y f(x) D(x) f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (161)

Replacing yf(x)D(x)f(x)z for y in (75), it follows that

 $D(x)^4 y f(x) D(x) f(x) z(f(x) D(x) f(x) + D(x) f(x)^2 + D(x)^2 q(x))$  $+D(x)^{5}yf(x)D(x)f(x)z(f(x)^{2}+D(x)g(x))$  $+D(x)^6 y f(x) D(x) f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (162)Left multiplication of (162) by  $D(x)^2$  gives  $D(X)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x)z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x))$  $+D(x)^{7}yf(x)D(x)f(x)z(f(x)^{2}+D(x)g(x))$  $+D(x)^8 y f(x) D(x) f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (163)From (161) and (163),  $D(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x)z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x))$ (164)  $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ From (121), (145) and (164), we obtain (165) $D(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x)zf(x)D(x)f(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (165), (166) $D(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x)zD(x)^{6}yf(x)D(x)f(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Since R is prime, we get from (166)  $D(x)^6 y f(x) D(x) f(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (167)Right multiplication of (156) by zf(x)D(x)f(x) leads to  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}g(x))zf(x)D(x)f(x)$  $+D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x)zf(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{7}yg(x)zf(x)D(x)f(x)$ (168) $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ From (167) and (168), we obtain  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x))zf(x)D(x)f(x)$  $(169) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ On the other hand, right multiplication of (156) by  $zD(x)^2g(x)$  leads to  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}g(x))zD(x)^{2}g(x)$  $+D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x)zD(x)^{2}g(x) + D(x)^{7}yg(x)zD(x)^{2}g(x)$ (170) $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ From (121) and (170), (171) $D(x)^5 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^2 g(x)) z D(x)^2 g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (169) and (171), we have  $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}g(x))z(f(x)D(x)f(x))$ 

(172)  $+D(x)^2g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ 

From (172),

 $D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{2}g(x))zD(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)^2g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ (173)Since R is prime, (173) gives (174) $D(x)^5 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^2 g(x)) = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (156) and (174), we get  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x) + D(x)^{7}yg(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (175)Replacing yD(x) for y in (175),  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)^{2}g(x) + D(x)^{7}yD(x)g(x) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (176)From (121) and (176), (177) $D(x)^7 y D(x) g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ Replacing yD(x)g(x)z for y in (175), (178)  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x)zD(x)g(x) + D(x)^{7}yD(x)g(x)zg(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (177) and (178),  $D(x)^6 y D(x) g(x) z D(x) g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ (179)From (179), we have  $D(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x)zD(x)^{6}yD(x)g(x) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$ (180)Since R is prime, (180) yields  $D(x)^6 y D(x) g(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (181)From (175) and (181),  $D(x)^7 yg(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ Replacing  $y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2 + D(x)^2g(x))z$  for y in (75),  $D(x)^4 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2 + D(x)^2g(x))z(f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x)) + D(x)^{5}y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^{2})$  $+D(x)^{2}g(x))z(f(x)^{2}+D(x)g(x))+D(x)^{6}y(f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x))zg(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ (182)From (145), (174) and (182), we arrive at  $D(x)^4 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2 + D(x)^2g(x))z(f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x)) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ (183)From (183), we get  $D(x)^4 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2$  $+D(x)^2g(x))zD(x)^4y(f(x)D(x)f(x))$  $+D(x)f(x)^{2} + D(x)^{2}g(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (184)

Since R is prime, (184) gives

 $D(x)^4 y(f(x)D(x)f(x) + D(x)f(x)^2 + D(x)^2 g(x)) = 0, \ x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$ (185)From (75) and (185),  $D(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) + D(x)^6 yg(x) = 0, \ x, y \in R.$ (186)Replacing yD(x)g(x)z for y in (186),  $D(x)^5 y D(x) g(x) z(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) + D(x)^6 y D(x) g(x) z g(x)$  $= 0, x, y, z \in R.$ (187)From (181) and (187), we obtain (188) $D(x)^5 y D(x) g(x) z(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Replacing  $yf(x)^2z$  for y in (186), (189)  $D(x)^5 y f(x)^2 z (f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) + D(x)^6 y f(x)^2 z g(x) = 0, \ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (154) and (189),  $D(x)^5 y f(x)^2 z (f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) = 0, \ x, y, z \in R.$ (190)From (188) and (190),  $D(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)q(x))z(f(x)^2 + D(x)q(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (191)From (191), we get (192)  $D(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x))zD(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Since R is prime, (192) gives  $D(x)^5 y(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x)) = 0, x, y \in R.$ (193)From (75), (185) and (193), we arrive at (194) $D(x)^6 yq(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ Left multiplication of (70) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to  $D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{4}yD(x)f(x)$  $+D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{5}yf(x)$  $+D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(x)B(x,y)$  $+D(x)^4 f(x)B(x,y) + D(x)^6 [y,x] = 0, \ x,y \in R.$ (195)From (55) and (195), we have  $D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{2}f(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + D(x)^{4}yD(x)f(x)$ 

$$+D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + D(x)^{5}yf(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y)$$
(196) 
$$+D(x)^{6}[y,x] = 0, \quad x,y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (196) by zg(x) leads to

$$D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{2}f(x)zg(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)zg(x) +D(x)^{4}yD(x)f(x)zg(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)zg(x) +D(x)^{5}yf(x)zg(x) + D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y)zg(x) +D(x)^{6}[y,x]zg(x) = 0, \quad x,y,z \in R.$$
(197)

From (55), (194) and (197),

$$\begin{aligned} D(x)^3 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^2 f(x) D(y) D(x) f(x) z g(x) \\ + D(x)^4 y D(x) f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^2 f(x) D(x) D(y) f(x) z g(x) \end{aligned} \\ (198) \quad + D(x)^5 y f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^2 f(x) D(x)^2 B(x,y) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Left multiplication of (198) by D(x) yields

 $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^3 f(x) D(y) D(x) f(x) z g(x)$  $+D(x)^{5}yD(x)f(x)zg(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)zg(x)$ (199)  $+D(x)^{6}yf(x)zg(x) + D(x)^{3}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y)zg(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (55), (194) and (199),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (200)Replacing yD(x) for y in (200), (201)  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^3 f(x) z g(x) + D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) = 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (55) and (201), we get (202) $D(x)^5 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in R.$ Replacing  $yD(x)^2f(x)w$  for y in (200),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) w D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x)$ (203) $+D(x)^{5}yD(x)^{2}f(x)wD(x)f(x)zg(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (202) and (203),  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) w D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (204)From (204), (205)  $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) w D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ Since R is prime, (205) yields (206) $D(x)^4 y D(x)^2 f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ From (200) and (206), (207) $D(x)^5 y D(x) f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ 

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Left multiplication of (198) by  $D(x)^5 w$  leads to

 $D(x)^5 w D(x)^3 y D(x)^2 f(x) z q(x)$  $+D(x)^5wD(x)^4yD(x)f(x)zg(x)$  $+D(x)^5wD(x)^2f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)zg(x)$  $+D(x)^{5}wD(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)zq(x) + D(x)^{5}wD(x)^{5}yf(x)zq(x)$  $+D(x)^{5}wD(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2}B(x,y)zg(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in R.$ (208)From (207) and (208),  $D(x)^{5}wD(x)^{5}yf(x)zg(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in R.$ (209)From (209), we have  $D(x)^5 y f(x) z g(x) w D(x)^5 y f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad w, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (210)Since R is prime, (210) gives  $D(x)^5 y f(x) z g(x) = 0, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$ (211)A simple calculation shows that (211) yields  $D(x)^5 yg(x) = 0, \quad x, y \in R.$ (212)From (212), by Lemma 3.3 we have  $D(x) = 0, \quad x \in R.$ 

# 4. Applications in Banach algebra theory

The following theorem is proved by the same arguments as in the proof of J. Vukman's theorem [15], but it generalizes his result.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let A be a Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x), x] \in rad(A)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then we have  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

Proof. It suffices to prove the case that A is noncommutative. By the result of B. E. Johnson and A. M. Sinclair [5] any linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. Sinclair [11] has proved that every continuous linear Jordan derivation on a Banach algebra leaves the primitive ideals of Ainvariant. Hence for any primitive ideal  $P \subseteq A$  one can introduce a derivation  $D_P: A/P \longrightarrow A/P$ , where A/P is a prime and factor Banach algebra, by  $D_P(\hat{x}) = D(x) + P$ ,  $\hat{x} = x + P$ . By the assumption that  $D(x)^3[D(x), x] \in$ rad $(A), x \in A$ , we obtain  $(D_P(\hat{x}))^3[D_P(\hat{x}), \hat{x}] = 0, \hat{x} \in A/P$ , since all the assumptions of Theorem 3.4 are fulfilled. Let the factor prime Banach algebra A/P be noncommutative. Then we have  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0, \hat{x} \in A/P$ . Thus we obtain  $D(x) \in P$  for all  $x \in A$  and all primitive ideals of A. Hence  $D(A) \subseteq$ rad(A). And we consider the case that A/P is commutative. Then since A/Pis a commutative Banach semisimple Banach algebra, from the result of B. E.

Johnson and A. M. Sinclair [5], it follows that  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0$ ,  $\hat{x} \in A/P$ . And so,  $D(x) \in P$  for all  $x \in A$  and all primitive ideals of A. Hence  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ . Therefore in any case we obtain  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let A be a semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then we have D = 0.

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the case that *A* is noncommutative. According to the result of B. E. Johnson and A. M. Sinclair [5] every linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. A. M. Sinclair [11] has proved that any continuous linear derivation on a Banach algebra leaves the primitive ideals of *A* invariant. Hence for any primitive ideal  $P \subseteq A$  one can introduce a derivation  $D_P: A/P \longrightarrow A/P$ , where A/P is a prime and factor Banach algebra, by  $D_P(\hat{x}) = D(x) + P$ ,  $\hat{x} = x + P$ . From the given assumptions  $D(x)^3[D(x), x] = 0, x \in A$ , it follows that  $(D_P(\hat{x}))^3[D_P(\hat{x}), \hat{x}] = 0, \hat{x} \in A/P$ , since all the assumptions of Theorem 3.4 are fulfilled. The factor algebra A/P is noncommutative, by Theorem 3.4 we have  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0, \hat{x} \in A/P$ . Hence we get  $D(A) \subseteq P$  for all primitive ideals *P* of *A*. Thus  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ . But since *A* is semisimple, D = 0. □

As a special case of Theorem 4.2 we get the following result which characterizes commutative semisimple Banach algebras.

Corollary 4.3. Let A be a semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose

 $[x, y]^{3}[[x, y], x] = 0$ 

for all  $x, y \in A$ . In this case, A is commutative.

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