

## ON GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS OF PRIME RINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we extend the notion of a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with derivation  $d$  to two generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$ , as a new idea, to obtain the commutativity of prime rings under certain conditions.

### 1. Introduction

Over the last few decades, several authors have investigated the relationship between the commutativity of the ring  $R$  and certain specific types of derivations of  $R$ . The first result in this direction is due to E. C. Posner [9] who proved that if a ring  $R$  admits a nonzero derivation  $d$  such that  $[d(x), x] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. This result was subsequently, refined and extended by a number of authors. In [6], Bresar and Vuckman showed that a prime ring must be commutative if it admits a nonzero left derivation. Recently, many authors have obtained commutativity theorems for prime and semiprime rings admitting derivation, generalized derivation. Furthermore, Bresar and Vukman [5] studied the notions of a  $*$ -derivation and a Jordan  $*$ -derivation of  $R$ . In this paper, we extend the notion of a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with derivation  $d$  to two generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$ , as a new idea, to obtain the commutativity of prime rings under certain conditions.

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## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout  $R$  will represent an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . For all  $x, y \in R$ , as usual the commutator, we shall write  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ , and  $x \circ y = xy + yx$ .

Also, we make use of the following two basic identities without any specific mention:

$$\begin{aligned}x \circ (yz) &= (x \circ y)z - y[x, z] = y(x \circ z) + [x, y]z \\(xy) \circ z &= x(y \circ z) - [x, z]y = (x \circ z)y + x[y, z].\end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $R$  is *prime* if  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . An additive mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is called a *derivation* if  $f(xy) = f(x)y + xf(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a *generalized derivation* if there exists a derivation  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

## 3. Generalized derivations associated with same derivation on prime rings

Throughout the paper,  $F$  denotes an onto map on a prime ring  $R$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), y] = [x, G(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $d(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.1) \quad [F(x), y] = [x, G(y)], \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yx$  in the relation (1), we obtain

$$[F(x), yx] = [x, G(yx)], \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

This implies that

$$y[F(x), x] + [F(x), y]x = [x, G(y)x + yd(x)]$$

for every  $x, y \in R$ , and hence

$$(3.2) \quad y[F(x), x] = [x, y]d(x) + y[x, d(x)], \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Again, replacing  $y$  by  $zy$  in the relation (2) and using (2), we get  $[x, z]yd(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $z$  by  $d(x)z$ , we have  $[x, d(x)]zR[x, d(x)]z = (0)$ , for all  $x, z \in R$ , and hence, by semiprimeness, we get  $[x, d(x)]z = 0$  for all  $x, z \in R$ . This can be written as

$[x, d(x)]R[x, d(x)] = (0)$  for all  $x \in R$ , and hence by semiprimeness,  $[x, d(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Thus  $d(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x)x = xG(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $d(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.3) \quad F(x)x = xG(x)$$

for all  $x \in R$ . On linearizing the above relation (3), we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad F(x)y + F(y)x = xG(y) + yG(x), \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Again, replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in the relation (4) and using (4), we get

$$F(x)yy + xd(y)y + F(y)xy = xyG(y) + yG(x)y + yxd(y) \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying by  $y$  on the right side of the relation (4), we get

$$(3.5) \quad F(x)y^2 + F(y)xy = xG(y)y + yG(x)y \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Combining (6) with (5), we have

$$(3.6) \quad xd(y)y = yxd(y) + x[y, G(y)] \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Now, replacing  $x$  by  $rx$  in (7), we have

$$(3.7) \quad rxd(y)y = yrx d(y) + rx[y, G(y)] \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying the left side of the relation (7) by  $r$ , we get

$$(3.8) \quad rxd(y)y = ryx d(y) + rx[y, G(y)] \quad \forall r, x, y \in R.$$

From (7) and (8), we get  $[y, r]xd(y) = 0$  for all  $r, x, y \in R$ , and hence  $[y, d(y)]xd(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . That is,  $[y, d(y)]R[y, d(y)] = (0)$  for all  $y \in R$ . Then by the semiprimeness of  $R$ , we get  $[y, d(y)] = 0$  for all  $y \in R$ . This implies that  $d(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x) \circ G(y) = \pm x \circ y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.9) \quad F(x) \circ G(y) = x \circ y, \quad \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in (9), we have  $F(x) \circ G(yz) = x \circ yz$  for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . This means that

$$F(x) \circ (G(y)z + yd(z)) = (x \circ y)z - y[x, z], \quad \forall x, y, z \in R,$$

and hence

$$(3.10) \quad (F(x) \circ G(y)z - G(y)[F(x), z] + (F(x) \circ y)d(z) - y[F(x), d(z)]) = (x \circ y)z - y[x, z]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Combining (9) and (10), we get

$$(3.11) \quad -G(y)[F(x), z] + (F(x) \circ y)d(z) - y[F(x), d(z)] + y[x, z] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $F(x)$  in (11), we get

$$(3.12) \quad (F(x) \circ y)d(F(x)) - y[F(x), d(F(x))] + y[x, F(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Again, replacing  $y$  by  $ry$  in (12), we obtain

$$(3.13) \quad (r(F(x) \circ y) + [F(x), r]y)d(F(x)) - ry[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[x, F(x)] = 0, \forall x, y, r \in R.$$

Multiplying by  $r$  on left side of (13), we get

$$(3.14) \quad r(F(x) \circ y)d(F(x)) - ry[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[x, F(x)] = 0, \forall x, y, r \in R.$$

From (13) and (14), we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad [F(x), r]yd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(x)) = 0$  for every  $x \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ . □

Using the similar techniques, when  $F(x) \circ G(y) = -x \circ y$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , the following Corollary 3.4 can be proved.

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x) \circ G(y) = \pm x \circ y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . If  $d \neq 0$ , then  $R$  is commutative.*

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $(F(x)y + F(y)x) \pm (xG(y) + yG(x)) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.16) \quad F(x)y + F(y)x = xG(y) + yG(x), \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in the relation (16), we get

$$F(xy)y + F(y)xy = xyG(y) + yG(xy), \forall x, y \in R.$$

This implies that

$$(3.17) \quad (F(x)y + xd(y))y + F(y)xy = xyG(y) + y(G(x)y + yxd(y)), \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying (16) with  $y$  from the right side, we get

$$(3.18) \quad F(x)y^2 + F(y)xy = xG(y)y + yG(x)y, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Combining (17) and (18), we get

$$(3.19) \quad xd(y)y = yxd(y) + x[y, G(y)], \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $rx$ , where  $r \in R$ , in (19) and combining with the expression obtained by multiplying (19) with  $r$  from the left side, we get

$$(3.20) \quad [y, r]xd(y) = 0, \forall x, y, r \in R.$$

Now, replacing  $y$  by  $F(y)$  in (20), we obtain

$$(3.21) \quad [F(y), r]xd(F(y)) = 0, \forall x, y, r \in R,$$

and thus  $[F(y), r]Rd(F(y)) = (0)$  for every  $y, r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(y)) = 0$  for every  $y \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ . □

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), G(y)] = \pm xy$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.22) \quad [F(x), G(y)] = \pm xy, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , in the relation (22), we get  $[F(x), G(yz)] = \pm xyz$  for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . This implies that

$$[F(x), G(y)z + yd(z)] = \pm xyz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and hence

$$[F(x), G(y)z] + [F(x), yd(z)] = \pm xyz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and so we get, by hypothesis,

$$(3.23) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + [F(x), G(y)]z + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) = \pm xyz, \forall x, y, z \in R.$$

This implies that

$$(3.24) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) = 0, \forall x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $F(x)$  in (24), we obtain

$$(3.25) \quad y[F(x), d(F(x))] + [F(x), y]d(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Now, replacing  $y$  by  $ty$ , where  $t \in R$ , in the equation (25), we get  
 (3.26)  $ty[F(x), d(F(x))] + t[F(x), y]d(F(x)) + [F(x), t]yd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$

Multiplying the equation (25) by  $t$  on left side, we get

$$(3.27) \quad ty[F(x), d(F(x))] + t[F(x), y]d(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$$

Combining (26) with (27), we obtain

$$(3.28) \quad [F(x), t]yd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$$

That is,  $[F(x), t]Rd(F(x)) = (0)$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(y)) = 0$  for every  $y \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), G(y)] = \pm d(x) \circ y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.29) \quad [F(x), G(y)] = d(x) \circ y, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , in the relation (29), we get  $[F(x), G(yz)] = d(x) \circ yz$  for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . This implies that

$$[F(x), G(y)z + yd(z)] = d(x) \circ yz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and hence

$$[F(x), G(y)z] + [F(x), yd(z)] = d(x) \circ yz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and so we get

$$(3.30) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + [F(x), G(y)]z + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) = (d(x) \circ y)z - y[d(x), z]$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Combining (29) with (30), we get

$$(3.31) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) + y[d(x), z] = 0, \forall x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zF(x)$  in the equation (31), we get

$$(3.32) \quad G(y)[F(x), z]F(x) + [F(x), y]d(z)F(x) + [F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + y[F(x), d(z)]F(x) \\ + yz[F(x), d(F(x))] + y[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + yz[d(x), F(x)] + y[d(x), z]F(x) = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Multiplying the equation (31) by  $F(x)$  on right side, we get

$$(3.33) \quad G(y)[F(x), z]F(x) + [F(x), y]d(z)F(x) + y[F(x), d(z)]F(x) + y[d(x), z]F(x) = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . From (32) and (33), we obtain

$$(3.34) \quad [F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + yz[F(x), d(F(x))] + y[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + yz[d(x), F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Now, replacing  $y$  by  $ry$ , where  $r \in R$ , in (34), we get

$$(3.35) \quad r[F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + [F(x), r]yzd(F(x)) + ryz[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + ryz[d(x), F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Multiplying the equation (34) by  $r$  on left side, we get

$$(3.36) \quad r[F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + ryz[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + ryz[d(x), F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . From (35) and (36), we obtain

$$(3.37) \quad [F(x), r]yzd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, z, r \in R.$$

This implies that  $[F(x), r]Rd(F(x)) = (0)$ , for every  $x, r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(x)) = 0$  for every  $x \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ . By the same way, if  $[F(x), G(y)] = -x \circ y$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , then also the result holds. □

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), G(y)] = \pm x \circ y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.38) \quad [F(x), G(y)] = x \circ y, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , in the relation (38), we get  $[F(x), G(yz)] = x \circ yz$  for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . This implies that

$$[F(x), G(y)z + yd(z)] = x \circ yz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and hence

$$[F(x), G(y)z] + [F(x), yd(z)] = x \circ yz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and so we get

$$(3.39) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + [F(x), G(y)]z + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) = (x \circ y)z - y[x, z]$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Combining (38) with (39), we get

$$(3.40) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] + y[F(x), d(z)] + [F(x), y]d(z) + y[x, z] = 0, \forall x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zF(x)$  in the equation (40), we get

$$(3.41) \quad G(y)[F(x), z]F(x) + [F(x), y]d(z)F(x) + [F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + y[F(x), d(z)]F(x) \\ + yz[F(x), d(F(x))] + y[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + yz[x, F(x)] + y[x, z]F(x) = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Multiplying the equation (40) by  $F(x)$  on right side, we get

$$(3.42) \quad G(y)[F(x), z]F(x) + [F(x), y]d(z)F(x) + y[F(x), d(z)]F(x) + y[x, z]F(x) = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . From (41) and (42), we obtain

$$(3.43) \quad [F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + yz[F(x), d(F(x))] + y[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + yz[x, F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Now, replacing  $y$  by  $ry$ , where  $r \in R$ , in (43), we get

$$(3.44) \quad r[F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + [F(x), r]yzd(F(x)) + ryz[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[F(x), z]d(F(x)) \\ + ryz[x, F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . Multiplying the equation (43) by  $r$  on left side, we get

$$(3.45) \quad r[F(x), y]zd(F(x)) + ryz[F(x), d(F(x))] + ry[F(x), z]d(F(x)) + ryz[x, F(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . From (44) and (45), we obtain

$$(3.46) \quad [F(x), r]yzd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, z, r \in R.$$

This implies that  $[F(x), r]Rd(F(x)) = (0)$ , for every  $x, r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(x)) = 0$  for every  $x \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ . In the same way, if  $[F(x), G(y)] = -x \circ y$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , then also the result holds.

□



**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $[F(x), y] \pm x \circ G(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, by hypothesis, we have

$$(3.47) \quad [F(x), y] - x \circ G(y) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yx$ , where  $x \in r$ , in the relation (47) and using (47), we get

$$(3.48) \quad y[F(x), x] - (x \circ yd(x)) = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

and hence

$$(3.49) \quad y[F(x), x] - (x \circ y)d(x) + y[x, d(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $F(x)y$  in (49), we get

$$F(x)y[F(x), x] - (x \circ F(x)y)d(x) + F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

and so we obtain

$$(3.50) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] - F(x)(x \circ y)d(x) - [x, F(x)]yd(x) + F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying the equation (49) by  $F(x)$  on left side, we get

$$(3.51) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] - F(x)(x \circ y)d(x) + F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

From (50) and (51), we get

$$(3.52) \quad [x, F(x)]yd(x) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

This means that  $[x, F(x)]Rd(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we have  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d = 0$ . By the same way, if  $[F(x), y] + x \circ G(y) = 0$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , then also the result holds. □

**THEOREM 3.10.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x) \circ y \pm x \circ G(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, by hypothesis, we have

$$(3.53) \quad F(x) \circ y - x \circ G(y) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yx$ , where  $x \in R$ , in the relation (53) and using (53), we get

$$(3.54) \quad y[F(x), x] - x \circ yd(x) = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

and hence

$$(3.55) \quad y[F(x), x] + (x \circ y)d(x) - y[x, d(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $F(x)y$  in (55), we get

$$F(x)y[F(x), x] + (x \circ F(x)y)d(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

and so we obtain

$$(3.56) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] + F(x)(x \circ y)d(x) - [x, F(x)]yd(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying the equation (55) by  $F(x)$  on left side, we get

$$(3.57) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] + F(x)(x \circ y)d(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

From (56) and (57), we get

$$(3.58) \quad [x, F(x)]yd(x) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

This means that  $[x, F(x)]Rd(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we have  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d = 0$ . By the same way, if  $F(x) \circ y + x \circ G(y) = 0$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , then also the result holds.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.11.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x) \circ y \pm [x, G(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, by hypothesis, we have

$$(3.59) \quad F(x) \circ y + [x, G(y)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yx$ , where  $x \in R$ , in the relation (59) and using (59), we get

$$(3.60) \quad y[F(x), x] - [x, y]d(x) - y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $F(x)y$  in (60), we get

$$F(x)y[F(x), x] - [x, F(x)y]d(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R,$$

and so we obtain

$$(3.61) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] + F(x)[x, y]d(x) - [x, F(x)]yd(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Multiplying the equation (60) by  $F(x)$  on left side, we get

$$(3.62) \quad F(x)y[F(x), x] - F(x)[x, y]d(x) - F(x)y[x, d(x)] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

From (61) and (62), we get

$$(3.63) \quad [x, F(x)]yd(x) = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

This means that  $[x, F(x)]Rd(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we have  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d = 0$ . By the same way, if  $F(x) \circ y - [x, G(y)] = 0$ , for every  $x, y \in R$ , then also the result holds.

□

**THEOREM 3.12.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  admits nonzero generalized derivations  $F$  and  $G$  associated with the same derivation  $d$  such that  $F(x) \circ G(y) = \pm xy$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then either  $d = 0$  or  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, we have

$$(3.64) \quad F(x) \circ G(y) = xy, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in the relation (64), we get  $F(x) \circ G(yz) = xyz$  for every  $x, y, z \in R$ . This implies that

$$F(x) \circ (G(y)z + F(x) \circ yd(z)) = xyz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and hence

$$F(x) \circ G(y)z + F(x) \circ yd(z) = xyz$$

for every  $x, y, z \in R$ , and so we get

$$(3.65) \quad G(y)[F(x), z] - (F(x) \circ y)d(z) + y[F(x), d(z)] = 0, \forall x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $F(x)$  in (65), we obtain

$$(3.66) \quad (F(x) \circ y)d(F(x)) + y[F(x), d(F(x))] = 0, \forall x, y \in R.$$

Now, replacing  $y$  by  $ty$  in the equation (66), we get

$$(3.67) \quad t(F(x) \circ y)d(F(x)) + [F(x), t]yd(F(x)) + ty[F(x), d(F(x))] = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$$

Multiplying the equation (66) by  $t$  on left side, we get

$$(3.68) \quad t(F(x) \circ y)d(F(x)) + ty[F(x), d(F(x))] = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$$

Combining (67) with (68), we obtain

$$(3.69) \quad [F(x), t]yd(F(x)) = 0, \forall x, y, t \in R.$$

That is,  $[F(x), t]Rd(F(x)) = (0)$ . Since  $R$  is prime, we get either  $F(R) \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $d(F(y)) = 0$  for every  $y \in R$ . Since  $F$  is onto, we get  $d = 0$ .

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