

SYMMETRIC BI-DERIVATIONS ON SEMIPRIME RINGS

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ABSTRACT

Let R be a ring. A symmetric biadditive mapping $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ is called a symmetric biderivation, if for any fixed y in R , the mapping $x \mapsto D(x,y)$ is a derivation. The purpose of this paper is to extend an important result of Deng for n -centralizing traces of symmetric biderivations concerning semiprime rings.

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I INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper R will denote a ring and $Z(R)$, the centre of R . A ring is said to be prime if $aRb=0$ implies that either $a = 0$ or $b = 0$. We shall write $[x,y] = xy - yx$ and use the identities $[xy,z] = [x,z]y + x[y,z]$ and $[x,yz]=[x,y]z + y[x,z]$. An additive mapping $d : R \rightarrow R$ is called a derivation if $d(xy)=d(x)y + xd(y)$ for all x,y in R . A symmetric biadditive mapping $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ is called a symmetric biderivation, if for any fixed y in R , the mapping $x \mapsto D(x,y)$ is a derivation. A mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x)= D(x,x)$, where $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ is a symmetric mapping is called a trace of D . It is obvious that in case $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ is a symmetric mapping which is also biadditive, the trace f of D satisfies the relation $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) + 2D(x,y)$ for all x,y in R . Let σ and τ be automorphisms on R . A symmetric biadditive mapping $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ is called a symmetric (σ, τ) biderivation, if $D(xy,z)=D(x,z)\sigma(y)+ \tau(x)D(y,z)$ satisfied for all x, y, z in R .

In 1980, Gy, Maksa [7] introduced the concept of a symmetric biderivation on a ring R (see also [8], where an example can be seen). It was shown in [8] that symmetric biderivations are related to general solution of some functional equations. Some results on a symmetric biderivation in prime and semiprime rings can be found in [13] and [14]. The notion of additive commuting mappings is closely connected

with the notion of biderivations. Every commuting additive mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ gives rise to a biderivation on R . Linearizing $[f(x), x] = 0$, for all x in R , we get $[f(x), y] = [x, f(y)]$, for all x, y in R and hence we note that the mapping $(x, y) \rightarrow [f(x), y]$ is a biderivation on R (moreover, all derivations appearing are inner).

There has been considerable interest for commuting, centralizing and related mappings in prime (semiprime) rings (see [1, [2], [4], [9], [10], [11], [15] etc., where further references can be found). The most fundamental result in the theory of centralizing mappings is a theorem of Posner [12], which states that if a derivation d of a non-commutative ring R satisfies $[d(x), x] \in Z(R)$, for all x in R , then $d = 0$. A number of authors have extended Posner's theorem in several directions.

Motivated by the definition of centralizing and commuting mappings, Deng and Bell [6] defined n -centralizing and n -commuting mappings as: Let n be an arbitrary positive integer and S be a nonempty subset of a ring R . A mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ is said to be n -centralizing (resp. n -commuting) on S if $[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R)$ (resp. $[x^n, f(x)] = 0$) holds for all $x \in S$.

In the same paper they proved that if U is a nonzero left ideal of an $n!$ -torsion free semiprime ring R and $d : R \rightarrow R$ is a derivation which is n -centralizing on U , then d must be n -commuting on U .

Bell and Martindale [1] proved that if a semiprime ring R admits a derivation d which is nonzero on a nonzero left ideal L of R and centralizing on L , then R must contain a nonzero central ideal. Deng and Bell [6] generalized this result for n -centralizing mappings. In the present paper, we establish the same result for symmetric biderivation on semiprime ring.

II MAIN RESULT

Theorem 2.1. Suppose that $n > 1$ is a fixed positive integer. Let R be a 2,3 and $(2^n - 1)$ -torsion free semiprime ring and I be a nonzero ideal of R . Suppose there exists a symmetric biderivation $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ such that the mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ is n -centralizing on I , where f stands for the trace of D . Then f is n -commuting on I .

Proof : By the assumption we have

$$[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R), \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I \quad (2.1)$$

Replacing x by x^2 in (2.1), we have

$$[x^{2n}, f(x^2)] = [x^{2n}, x^2 f(x) + 2xf(x)x + f(x)x^2] \in Z(R)$$

That is

$$x^2[x^n, f(x)]x^n + x^{n+2}[x^n, f(x)] + 2x^{n+1}[x^n, f(x)]x + 2x[x^n, f(x)]x^{n+1} + x^n[x^n, f(x)]x^2 + [x^n \cdot f(x)]x^{n+2} \in Z(R)$$

The above relation reduces to $8x^{n+2}[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R)$ for all x in I using (2.1). Since R is a 2-torsion free, we have

$$[x^{n+2}, f(x)][x^n, f(x)] = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I \quad (2.2)$$

Now linearizing (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [x^n, f(y)] + [x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, f(x)] + [y^n, f(x)] + \\ & [y^{n-1}x + y^{n-2}xy + \dots + xy^{n-1}, f(y)] + [x^n, 2D(x, y)] + [x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, 2D(x, y)] \\ & + [y^n, 2D(x, y)] + [y^{n-1}x + y^{n-2}xy + \dots + yx^{n-1}, 2D(x, y)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all x, y in I . (2.3)

Replacing x by $-x$ in (2.3) and comparing with (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, f(x)] + [y^{n-1}x + y^{n-2}xy + \dots + xy^{n-1}, f(y)] + \\ & 2[x^n, D(x, y)] + 2[y^n, D(x, y)] \in Z(R) \end{aligned}$$

For all x, y in I . (2.4)

Substituting $2x$ in place of x in (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{n+1}[x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, f(x)] + 2[y^{n-1}x + y^{n-2}xy + \dots + xy^{n-1}, f(y)] + \\ & 2^{n+2}[x^n, D(x, y)] + 2^2[y^n, D(x, y)] \in Z(R) \end{aligned}$$

For all x, y in I . (2.5)

Using 2-torsion freeness in (2.5) and comparing with (2.4), we obtain

$$(2^n - 1)[x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, f(x)] + (2^{n+1} - 2)[x^n, D(x, y)] \in Z(R)$$

Since R is a $(2^n - 1)$ -torsion free, the above relation reduces to

$$[x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}yx + \dots + yx^{n-1}, f(x)] + 2[x^n, D(x, y)] \in Z(R), \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } I \quad (2.6)$$

Substituting x^3 in place of y in (2.6), we have

$$n[x^{n+2}, f(x)] + 2x^2[x^n, f(x)] + 2x[x^n, f(x)]x + 2[x^n, f(x)]x^2 \in Z(R), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } I \quad (2.7)$$

Using (2.1), we get

$$n[x^{n+2}, f(x)] + 6x^2[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R), \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I \quad (2.8)$$

Since $[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R)$, it follows that $n[x^{n+2}, f(x)][x^n, f(x)] + 6x^2[x^n, f(x)]^2 \in Z(R)$.

Application of (2.2) gives that $6x^2[x^n, f(x)]^2 \in Z(R)$ for all x in I . Also 2 and 3 torsion freeness gives $x^2[x^n, f(x)]^2 \in Z(R)$ for all x in I . Since $(x[x^n, f(x)])^{2n} = x^{2n}[x^n, f(x)]^{2n} \in Z(R)$, it follows that $[x^{2n}[x^n, f(x)]^{2n}, f(x)] = 0$, for all x in I . By hypothesis $[x^n, f(x)] \in Z(R)$, implies that $[x^{2n}, f(x)][x^n, f(x)]^{2n} = 0$ for all x in I . Thus we have $2x^n[x^n, f(x)]^{2n+1} = 0$, for all x in I and 2-torsion freeness of R yields that $x^n[x^n, f(x)]^{2n+1} = 0$, for all x in I . Hence $[x^n, f(x)][x^n, f(x)]^{2n+1} = [x^n, f(x)]^{2n+2} = 0$, for all x in I . Since centre of semi-prime ring contains no nonzero nilpotent elements, we have $[x^n, f(x)] = 0$, for all x in I , completes the proof.

Conjecture 2.2. Suppose that $n > 1$ is a fixed positive integer. Let R be a 2,3 and $(2^n - 1)$ -torsion free semiprime ring and I be a nonzero ideal of R . Suppose there exists a symmetric (σ, τ) biderivation $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$ such that the mapping $f: R \rightarrow R$ is n -centralizing on I , where f stands for the trace of D and σ, τ are automorphisms. Then f is n -commuting on I .

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