

## SOME RESULTS ON NEAR-RINGS WITH GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $N$  be a prime right near-ring with multiplicative center  $Z$ ,  $f : R \rightarrow R$  a generalized derivation associated with derivation  $d$ . The following results are proved: (i) If  $f^2(N) = 0$  then  $f = 0$ . (ii) If  $f(N) \subset Z$  then  $N$  is commutative ring. (iii)  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  or  $f(xy) = f(y)f(x)$  for all  $x, y \in N$  then  $d = 0$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $N$  stands for a right near-ring with multiplicative center  $Z$ . An additive map  $d : N \rightarrow N$  is a derivation if  $d(xy) = xd(y) + d(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in N$ -or equivalently(cf.[7]) that  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in N$ . The study of derivations of near-rings was initiated by H. E. Bell and G. Mason in [2]. The notion of generalized derivation of a prime ring was introduced by M. Bresar and B. Hvala in [4] and [6]. Some recent results concerning commutativity in prime near-rings with derivation have been generalized in several ways. Many authors have investigated these theorems for generalized derivation. It is my purpose to extend some comparable results on near-rings with generalized derivation.

According to [2], a near ring  $N$  is said to be prime if  $xNy = \{0\}$  for  $x, y \in N$  implies  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . For  $x, y \in N$  the symbol  $(x, y)$  will denote the additive-group commutator  $x+y-x-y$ , while the symbol  $[x, y]$  will denote the commutator  $xy-yx$ . Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $N$  and  $d$  be a derivation of  $N$ . If  $d(xy) = d(x)d(y)$  or  $d(xy) = d(y)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in S$ , then  $d$  is said to act as a homomorphism or anti-homomorphism on  $S$ , respectively.

In [3], Bell and Kappe proved that if  $d$  is a derivation of a semi-prime ring  $R$  which is either an endomorphism or anti-endomorphism, then  $d = 0$ . Argaç extended that above conclusion holds for near-rings in [1].

Two results are obtained in this paper: The first result states that if  $f$  is a generalized derivation of  $N$  such that  $f^2 = 0$  then  $f = 0$ . The second result proves that  $f$  is generalized derivation of a prime near-ring  $N$  which is either a homomorphism or an anti-homomorphism on  $N$ , then  $d = 0$ . As for terminologies used here without mention, we refer to G. Pilz [8].

We shall give a description of generalized derivation associated with  $d$  by motivated [5, Definition 1].

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $N$  be a near-ring,  $d$  a derivation of  $N$ . An additive mapping  $f : N \rightarrow N$  is said to be right generalized derivation associated with  $d$  if

$$f(xy) = f(x)y + xd(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \quad (1.1)$$

and  $f$  is said to be left generalized derivation associated with  $d$  if

$$f(xy) = d(x)y + xf(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \quad (1.2)$$

$f$  is said to be a generalized derivation associated with  $d$  if it is both a left and right generalized derivation associated with  $d$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** [1, Lemma 1] Let  $N$  be a near-ring and  $d$  a derivation of  $N$ , then  $a(yd(x) + d(y)x) = ayd(x) + ad(y)x$  for all  $a, x, y \in N$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring,  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $N$  and  $a \in N$ . If  $ad(N) = 0$  ( $d(N)a = 0$ ), then  $a = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $ad(N) = 0$ . For arbitrary  $x, y \in N$ , we have

$$0 = ad(xy) = ad(x)y + axd(y).$$

By the hypothesis,

$$axd(y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Since  $N$  is prime near-ring and  $d \neq 0$ , we get  $a = 0$ .

Similarly argument works if  $d(N)a = 0$ . □

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $N$  be a 2- torsion free prime near-ring and  $d$  a derivation of  $N$ . If  $d^2 = 0$ , then  $d = 0$ .

*Proof.* For arbitrary  $x, y \in N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^2(xy) = d(d(xy)) = d(xd(y) + d(x)y) \\ &= xd^2(y) + 2d(x)d(y) + d^2(x)y. \end{aligned}$$

By the hypothesis,

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

Since  $N$  is 2- torsion free near- ring, we get

$$d(x)d(N) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in N.$$

Using Lemma 2, we get  $d = 0$ . □

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring and  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $N$ . If  $d(N) \subset Z$ , then  $(N, +)$  is Abelian. Moreover, if  $N$  is 2-torsion free, then  $N$  is commutative ring.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a \in N$  such that  $d(a) \neq 0$ . So,  $d(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $d(a) + d(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ . For all  $x, y \in N$ , we have

$$(d(a) + d(a))(x + y) = (x + y)(d(a) + d(a))$$

that is,

$$d(a)x + d(a)x + d(a)y + d(a)y = xd(a) + yd(a) + xd(a) + yd(a).$$

Since  $d(a) \in Z$ , we get

$$xd(a) + yd(a) = yd(a) + xd(a)$$

and so,

$$(x, y)d(a) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Since  $d(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $N$  is a prime near-ring, we get  $(x, y) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in N$ . Thus  $(N, +)$  is Abelian.

Now, using the hypothesis, for any  $a, b, c \in N$ ,

$$cd(ab) = d(ab)c.$$

By Lemma 1, one can obtain

$$cad(b) + cd(a)b = ad(b)c + d(a)bc.$$

Using  $d(N) \subset Z$  and  $(N, +)$  is Abelian, we obtain that

$$cad(b) + cbd(a) = acd(b) + bcd(a)$$

which yields

$$([c, a]d(b) = [b, c]d(a), \text{ for all } a, b, c \in N.$$

Suppose now that  $N$  is not commutative. Choosing  $b, c \in N$  such that  $[b, c] \neq 0$  and replacing  $a$  by  $d(a) \in Z$ , we get

$$[b, c]d^2(a) = 0, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in N.$$

Since  $d^2(a) \in Z$ , we conclude that  $d^2(a) = 0$ , for all  $a \in N$ , and so  $d = 0$  by Lemma 3. But it contradicts  $d \neq 0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.6.** (i) Let  $f$  be right generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with  $d$ . Then  $f(xy) = xd(y) + f(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in N$ .

(ii) Let  $f$  be left generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with  $d$ . Then  $f(xy) = xf(y) + d(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in N$ .

*Proof.* (i) For any  $x, y \in N$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} f((x+x)y) &= f(x+x)y + (x+x)d(y) \\ &= f(x)y + f(x)y + xd(y) + xd(y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f(xy + xy) = f(x)y + xd(y) + f(x)y + xd(y).$$

Comparing these equations, one can obtain

$$f(x)y + xd(y) = xd(y) + f(x)y, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

That is  $f(xy) = xd(y) + f(x)y$ .

(ii) Similarly.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $f$  be generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with  $d$ . Then  $a(xd(y) + f(x)y) = axd(y) + af(x)y$  for all  $a, x, y \in N$ .

*Proof.* The proof can be given using a similar approach as in the proof of [2, Lemma 1]. For any  $a, x, y \in N$ , we get

$$f(a(xy)) = af(xy) + d(a)xy = a(xd(y) + f(x)y) + d(a)xy.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} f((ax)y) &= axd(y) + f(ax)y \\ &= axd(y) + (af(x) + d(a)x)y = axd(y) + af(x)y + d(a)xy. \end{aligned}$$

For two expressions of  $f(axy)$ , we obtain that

$$a(xd(y) + f(x)y) = axd(y) + af(x)y, \text{ for all } a, x, y \in N.$$

$\square$

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring,  $f$  a nonzero generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with nonzero derivation  $d$  and  $a \in N$ .

(i) If  $af(N) = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .

(ii) If  $f(N)a = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .

*Proof.* (i) For all  $x, y \in N$ , we get

$$0 = af(xy) = axd(y) + af(x)y$$

and so,

$$aNd(N) = 0.$$

Since  $N$  is prime near-ring and  $d \neq 0$ , we obtain  $a = 0$ .

ii) A similar argument works if  $f(N)a = 0$ . □

**Theorem 1.9.** *Let  $f$  be a generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with nonzero derivation  $d$ . If  $N$  is a 2-torsion free prime near-ring and  $f^2 = 0$ , then  $f = 0$ .*

*Proof.* For arbitrary  $x, y \in N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f^2(xy) = f(f(xy)) = f(f(x)y + xd(y)) \\ &= f^2(x)y + 2f(x)d(y) + xd^2(y). \end{aligned}$$

By the hypothesis,

$$2f(x)d(y) + xd^2(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \quad (1.3)$$

Writing  $f(x)$  by  $x$  in (1.3), we get

$$f(x)d^2(y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

By Lemma 7 (ii), we obtain that  $d^2(N) = 0$  or  $f = 0$ . If  $d^2(N) = 0$  then  $d = 0$  from Lemma 3, a contradiction. So, we find  $f = 0$ . □

**Theorem 1.10.** *Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring with a nonzero generalized derivation  $f$  associated with nonzero derivation  $d$ . If  $f(N) \subset Z$ , then  $(N, +)$  is Abelian. Moreover, if  $N$  is 2-torsion free, then  $N$  is a commutative ring.*

*Proof.* The same argument used in the proof of Lemma 4 shows that both  $f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $f(a) + f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ , then we have.

$$f(a)(x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Since  $f(a) \in Z \setminus \{0\}$  and  $N$  is a prime near-ring, it follows that  $(x, y) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in N$ . Thus  $(N, +)$  is abelian.

Using the hypothesis, for any  $x, y, z \in N$ ,

$$zf(xy) = f(xy)z.$$

By Lemma 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} z(xd(y) + f(x)y) &= (f(x)y + xd(y))z \\ zxd(y) + zf(x)y &= f(x)yz + xd(y)z. \end{aligned}$$

Using  $f(N) \subset Z$  and  $(N, +)$  is Abelian, we obtain that

$$zxd(y) - xd(y)z = f(x)yz - zf(x)y$$

and so,

$$zxd(y) - xd(y)z = f(x)[y, z], \text{ for all } x, y, z \in N. \quad (1.4)$$

Substituting  $f(y)$  for  $y$  in (1.4) and using  $f(N) \subset Z$ , we get

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

Since  $f(y) \in Z$  and so  $d(f(y)) \in Z$ , we have

$$d(f(y)) = 0, \text{ for all } y \in N \text{ or } N \text{ is commutative ring.}$$

Let assume that  $d(f(y)) = 0$ , for all  $y \in N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(f(xy)) = d(d(x)y + xf(y)) \\ &= d^2(x)y + d(x)d(y) + d(x)f(y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in this equation and using this, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^2(x)yz + d(x)d(yz) + d(x)f(yz) \\ &= d^2(x)yz + d(x)d(y)z + d(x)yd(z) + d(x)f(y)z + d(x)yd(z) \\ &= \{d^2(x)y + d(x)d(y) + d(x)f(y)\}z + 2d(x)yd(z) = 2d(x)yd(z). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $N$  is a 2-torsion free near-ring, we get

$$d(N)Nd(N) = 0.$$

Thus, we obtain that  $d = 0$ . It contradicts  $d \neq 0$ . So we must have  $N$  is commutative ring.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.11.** *Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring and  $f$  be a generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with  $d$ . If  $f$  acts as a homomorphism on  $N$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  acts as a homomorphism on  $N$ . Then

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y) = xd(y) + f(x)yx, \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \quad (1.5)$$

Taking  $yx$  by  $y$  in (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} xd(yx) + f(x)yx &= f(x)f(yx) = f(x)(yd(x) + f(y)x) = f(x)yd(x) + f(x)f(y)x \\ &= f(x)yd(x) + f(xy)x = f(x)yd(x) + xd(y)x + f(x)yx \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$xd(yx) = f(x)yd(x) + xd(y)x, \text{ for all } x, y \in N.$$

Using Lemma 1, we obtain that

$$xyd(x) = f(x)yd(x), \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \quad (1.6)$$

Replacing  $f(y)$  by  $y$  in (1.6), then

$$xf(y)d(x) = f(x)f(y)d(x) = f(xy)d(x) = d(x)yd(x) + xf(y)d(x)$$

and so,

$$d(x)Nd(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in N.$$

Since  $N$  is a prime near-ring, we have  $d = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.12.** *Let  $N$  be a prime near-ring and  $f$  be a generalized derivation of  $N$  associated with  $d$ . If  $f$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $N$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By the hypothesis, we get

$$f(y)f(x) = xd(y) + f(x)y, \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \quad (1.7)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in (1.7), then

$$\begin{aligned} xyd(y) + f(xy)y &= f(y)f(xy) = f(y)(xd(y) + f(x)y) = f(y)xd(y) + f(y)f(x)y \\ &= f(y)xd(y) + f(xy)y \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$xyd(y) = f(y)xd(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in N. \quad (1.8)$$

If we take  $rx$  instead of  $x$  in (1.8), we have

$$f(y)rx d(y) = rxyd(y) = rf(y)xd(y)$$

and so

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

Since  $N$  is a prime near-ring, we arrive at  $f(y) \in Z$  or  $d(y) = 0$ , for all  $y \in N$ . Let's define  $A = \{x \in N \mid d(x) = 0\}$  and  $B = \{x \in N \mid f(x) \in Z\}$ . Clearly each of  $A$  and  $B$  is additive subgroup of  $N$  such that  $N = A \cup B$ . But, a group can not be the set-theoretic union of two proper subgroups. Hence  $N = A$  or  $N = B$ . In the latter case,  $f(N) \subset Z$ , which forces  $f$  acts as homomorphism on  $N$ , and so  $d = 0$  by Theorem 3. If  $N = A$  then  $d = 0$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

**ÖZET:**  $N$  merkezi  $Z$  olan bir sağ asal near-halka,  $f : N \rightarrow N$  tanımlı  $d$  ile ilgili bir genelleştirilmiş türev olsun. Bu durumda: (i) Eğer  $f^2(N) = 0$  ise  $f = 0$  dir. (ii) Eğer  $f(N) \subset Z$  ise  $N$  değişmeli bir halkadır. (iii) Eğer her  $x, y \in N$  için  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  veya  $f(xy) = f(y)f(x)$  ise  $d = 0$  dir.

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