

# The commutativity of prime rings with homoderivations

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $R$  be a ring with center  $Z(R)$ , and  $I$  be a nonzero left ideal. An additive mapping  $h: R \rightarrow R$  is called a homoderivation on  $R$  if  $h(xy) = h(x)h(y) + h(x)y + xh(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . In this paper, we prove the commutativity of  $R$  if any of the following conditions is satisfied for all  $x, y \in R$ : (i)  $xh(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ . (ii)  $xh(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$ . (iii)  $xh(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$  (iv)  $[x, y] \in Z(R)$  (v)  $[h(x), y] \pm xy \in Z(R)$  and (vi)  $[h(x), y] \pm yx \in Z(R)$ . This result is in the spirit of the well-known theorem of the commutativity of prime and semiprime rings with derivations satisfying certain polynomial constraints. Also, we prove that the commutativity of prime ring on  $R$ , if  $R$  admits a nonzero homoderivation  $h$  such that  $h([x, y]) = \pm[x, y]$  for all  $x, y$  in a nonzero left ideal.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout,  $R$  denotes a ring with a center  $Z(R)$ . We write  $[x, y]$  for  $xy - yx$  and is called the commutator. A ring  $R$  is called prime if  $aRb = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and is called semiprime if  $aRa = 0$  then  $a = 0$ . A derivation on  $R$  is an additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . El Sofy (2000) defined a homoderivation on  $R$  to be an additive mapping  $h$  from  $R$  into itself such that  $h(xy) = h(x)h(y) + h(x)y + xh(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . The only additive map which is both derivation and homoderivation on prime ring is the zero map. If  $S \subseteq R$ , then a mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  preserves  $S$  if  $f(S) \subseteq S$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be zero-power valued on  $S$  if  $f$  preserves  $S$  and if for each  $x \in S$ , there exists a positive integer  $n(x) > 1$  such that  $f^{n(x)} = 0$  (El Sofy, 2000). Ashraf and Rehman (2001) had shown that if  $R$  is a prime ring,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is a derivation of  $R$ , then  $R$  is a commutative ring if and only if  $R$  satisfies any one of the properties

$d(xy) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ .  $d(xy) + xy \in Z(R)$ .  $d(xy) \pm yx \in Z(R)$ .  $d(xy) + yx \in Z(R)$ .  $d(x)d(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$  and  $d(x)d(y) + xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ .

Motivated by these results, we prove a similar result regarding homoderivations. To achieve our aim, we will use the following lemma.

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**Lemma 1.1 (Lemma 4):** Let  $b$  and  $ab$  be in the center of a prime ring  $R$ . If  $b \neq 0$ , then  $a$  is in  $Z(R)$  (Mayne, 1984).

**Remark 1.2 (Remark 3):** Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $R$  contains a nonzero commutative left ideal, then  $R$  is a commutative ring (Bresar, 1993).

**Lemma 1.3 (Lemma 1.1):** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $0 \neq I$  a right ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $a \in I$  such that  $a^n = 0$  for a fixed integer  $n$ . Then  $R$  has a nonzero nilpotent ideal (Herstein, 1969).

**Lemma 1.4 (Corollary 2.5):** Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not 2 and  $I$  a nonzero left ideal. If  $R$  admits a nonzero homoderivation  $h$  which is centralizing on  $I$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

## 2. On the commutative conditions

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not 2, and  $I$  be a nonzero left ideal in  $R$ . If  $h$  is a nonzero homderivation which is zero-power valued on  $I$ . Then, for all  $x, y \in I$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- $xh(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$
- $xh(y) \pm yx \in Z(R)$
- $xh(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$
- $h(y)x \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$
- $[h(x), y] \pm xy \in Z(R)$
- $[h(x), y] \pm yx \in Z(R)$
- $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** If (vii) holds then all other conditions are true. To prove (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (vii). By hypothesis, we have

$xh(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . (1)

Replacing  $x$  by  $yx$  in (1), we get  $y(xh(y) \pm xy) \in Z(R)$ .

By Lemma 1.1,  $y \in Z(R)$  or  $xh(y) \pm xy = 0$ . If  $y \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in I$  hence  $I \subseteq Z(R)$ . Therefore  $I$  is commutative. By Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$xh(y) \pm xy = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (2)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $yx$  in (2), we have  $x(h(y) \pm y)h(x) = 0$ . Since  $h$  is zero-power valued on  $I$ , there exists an integer  $n(y) > 1$  such that  $h^{n(y)}(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by

$$y - h(y) + h^2(y) + \dots + (-1)^{n(y)-1} h^{n(y)-1}(y)$$

in the last relation. We have  $xyh(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Hence,  $xRIh(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . But  $I \neq 0$ . So  $Ih(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Hence the Eq. 2 implies  $x^2 = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By Lemma 1.3,  $R$  has a nonzero nilpotent ideal which contradict that  $R$  is prime ring.

To prove (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (vii). By hypothesis, we have

$$xh(y) \pm yx \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (3)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $yx$  in (3), we have  $y(xh(y) \pm yx) \in Z(R)$ . By Lemma 1.1,  $y \in Z(R)$  or  $xh(y) \pm yx = 0$ . If  $y \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in I$  hence  $I \subseteq Z(R)$ . Therefore  $I$  is commutative. By Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$xh(y) \pm yx = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (4)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $xy$  in (4) we have  $xh(x)(h(y) \pm y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Since  $h$  is zero-power valued on  $I$ , so  $xh(x)y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Hence,  $xh(x)RI = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By primeness of  $R$ , we get  $xh(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . So, by (3) we get  $x^2 = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By Lemma 1.3, this is contradiction. To prove (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (vii). By hypothesis, we have

$$xh(y) \pm [x, y] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (5)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $yx$  in (5),  $y(xh(y) \pm [x, y]) \in Z(R)$  either  $y \in Z(R)$  or  $xh(y) \pm [x, y] = 0$ . If  $y \in Z(R)$  and  $I \subseteq Z(R)$  then  $I$  is commutative ideal. By Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$xh(y) \pm [x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (6)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $yx$  in (6) we get:

$$x(h(y) \pm y)h(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (7)$$

Since  $h$  is zero-power valued on  $I$  so we get  $xyh(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$  which implies  $xRIh(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By primeness of  $R$  either  $x = 0$  or  $Ih(x) = 0$ . But  $I \neq 0$ . So  $Ih(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . From (6) we have  $[x, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then  $I$  is commutative ideal. By Remark 1.2. We have  $R$  is commutative. To prove (iv)  $\rightarrow$  (vii) by hypothesis we get:

$$h(y)x \pm [x, y] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (7)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $xy$  in (7)

$$(h(y)x \pm [x, y])y \in Z(R)$$

Since  $h(y)x \pm [x, y] \in Z(R)$ , we get  $(h(y)x \pm [x, y])y = y(h(y)x \pm [x, y])$ . So  $y(h(y)x \pm [x, y]) \in Z(R)$ . By Lemma 1.1, we have  $y \in Z(R)$  or  $h(y)x \pm [x, y] = 0$ . If  $y \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in I$   $I \subseteq Z(R)$ . Then  $I$  is commutative, by Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$h(y)x \pm [x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (8)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $xy$  in (8),  $h(x)(h(y) \pm y)x = 0$ . Since  $h$  is zero-power valued on  $I$ , so  $h(x)yx = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then we get  $h(x)RIx = 0$ .

By primeness of  $R$  we have  $h(x) = 0$  since  $Ix \neq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ .

If  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ , we have  $[x, y] = 0$  by (8), then  $I$  is commutative. By Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative.

To prove (v)  $\rightarrow$  (vii). By hypothesis, we have

$$[h(x), y] \pm xy \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (9)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $yh(x)$  in (8) for all  $x, y \in I$ , we have,

$$([h(x), y] \pm xy)h(x) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

By Lemma 1.1 either  $h(x) \in Z(R)$  or  $[h(x), y] + xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ .

If  $h(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in I$  then  $[h(x), x] = 0$ . By Lemma 1.4,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$[h(x), y] + xy = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (10)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $xy$  in (10)

$$\begin{aligned} [h(x), xy] + xxy &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \\ x([h(x), y] + xy) + [h(x), x]y &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \\ [h(x), x]y &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \\ [h(x), x]RI &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \end{aligned}$$

By primeness of  $R$  and  $I \neq 0$ , we have  $[h(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By Lemma 1.4,  $R$  is commutative.

To prove (vi)  $\rightarrow$  (vii). By hypothesis, we have

$$[h(x), y] \pm yx \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (11)$$

Replace  $y$  by  $h(x)y$  in (11)

$$h(x)([h(x), y] + yx) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

By Lemma 1.1 either  $h(x) \in Z(R)$  or  $[h(x), y] + yx = 0$ .

If  $h(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in I$  then  $[h(x), x] = 0$ . By Lemma 1.4,  $R$  is commutative. If

$$[h(x), y] + yx = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I \quad (12).$$

Replace  $y$  by  $xy$  in (12)

$$\begin{aligned} x([h(x), y] + yx) + [h(x), x]y &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \\ [h(x), x]y &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $I$  is a nonzero left ideal  $[h(x), x]RI = 0$ . By primeness of  $R$  and  $I \neq 0$ , we have  $[h(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . By Lemma 1.4,  $R$  is commutative.

### 3. On condition $h[x.y] = -[x.y]$

Daif and Bell (1992) proved that a prime ring  $R$  with a nonzero ideal  $I$  must be commutative if it admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $d([x.y]) = -[x.y]$ . Motivated by their results, we investigate the commutativity of rings admitting a homoderivation  $h$  such that  $h([x.y]) = -[x.y]$ . We begin with the following useful lemma.

**Lemma 3.1 (Corollary 3.4.2):** Let  $R$  be a prime ring of  $\text{char}(R) \neq 2$ , and  $I \neq (0)$ , a two sides ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a nonzero homoderivation  $h$  on  $I$  such that  $h([x.y]) = [x.y]$  for all  $x.y \in I$ . Then  $R$  is commutative (El Sofy, 2000).

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $I$  be nonzero left ideal in a prime ring  $R$  that admits a homoderivation  $h$  which is zero-power valued on  $I$  satisfying  $xy + h(xy) = yx + h(yx)$  for all  $x.y \in I$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** By hypothesis,

$$xy + h(xy) = yx + h(yx) \text{ for all } x.y \in I.$$

i.e.,

$$h([x.y]) = -[x.y] \text{ for all } x.y \in I.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} [h(x) + x.h(y)] + [h(x).y] &= -[x.y] \text{ for all } x.y \in I \\ [h(x) + x.h(y)] + [h(x) + x.y] &= 0 \text{ for all } x.y \in I \\ [h(x) + x.h(y) + y] &= 0 \text{ for all } x.y \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h$  is zero-power valued on  $I$ , so there exists an integer  $n(y) > 1$  such that  $h^{n(y)}(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by

$$y - h(y) + h^2(y) + \dots + (-1)^{n(y)-1} h^{n(y)-1}(y)$$

in the last relation. Also, there exists an integer  $n(x) > 1$  such that  $h^{n(x)}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  replacing  $x$  by  $x - h(x) + h^2(x) + \dots + (-1)^{n(x)-1} h^{n(x)-1}(x)$  in the last relation, we get

$$[x.y] = 0 \text{ for all } x.y \in I$$

Then  $I$  is a commutative ideal in prime ring. By Remark 1.2,  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}(R) \neq 2$  and  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $h$  is a nonzero homoderivation which is zero-power valued on  $I$ . If one of the following conditions are satisfied for all  $x.y \in I$ :

- i.  $h(xy) = xy$ .
- ii.  $h(xy) = yx$ .

Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** Suppose (i) is satisfied for all  $x.y \in I$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} h(xy - yx) &= xy - yx \text{ for all } x.y \in I \\ h(xy) - h(yx) &= xy - yx \text{ for all } x.y \in I \\ h([x.y]) &= [x.y] \text{ for all } x.y \in I \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma (3.1),  $R$  is commutative. Suppose (ii) is satisfied for all  $x.y \in I$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} h(xy) - h(yx) &= yx - xy \text{ for all } x.y \in I \\ h([x.y]) &= -[x.y] \text{ for all } x.y \in I. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

By Theorem (3.2), we obtain  $R$  is commutative.

### 4. Conclusion

The goal of this paper is to prove the commutativity of prime rings with homoderivation which satisfying some algebraic conditions. This article is divided into two sections; in the first section, the commutativity of prime rings  $R$  was proved of the homoderivation on  $R$  satisfies following conditions for all

$$\begin{aligned} x.y \in R: & (i) xh(y) \pm xy \in Z(R). (ii) xh(y) \pm yx \in Z(R). (iii) xh(y) \pm [x.y] \in Z(R). (iv) h(y)x \pm [x.y] \in Z(R). (v) [h(x).y] \pm xy \in Z(R) \text{ and } (vi) [h(x).y] \pm yx \in Z(R). \end{aligned}$$

In the second section, we investigate the commutativity of prime ring, if  $R$  admits a nonzero homoderivation  $h$  such that  $h([x.y]) = \pm [x.y]$  for all  $x.y$  in a nonzero left ideal.

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