

SOME RESULTS ON SEMIGROUP IDEALS  
IN PRIME RING WITH DERIVATIONS

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ ,  $d, g, h$  be derivations of  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$ . It is proved that if  $d(x) = ag(x) + h(x)b$  for all  $x \in I$  and  $a, b$  are not in  $Z(R)$  then there exists for some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$ ,  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$  and  $d(x) = \lambda[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ .

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1. Introduction

$R$  denotes an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . A ring  $R$  is called prime if  $xRy = 0$  either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . A nonempty subset  $I$  of  $R$  is called right semigroup ideal (resp. left semigroup ideal) if  $IR \subseteq I$  (resp.  $RI \subseteq I$ ); and if  $I$  is both right and left semigroup ideal then  $I$  said to be a semigroup ideal. An additive map  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . For any  $x, y \in R$ ,  $xy - yx$  is denoted by  $[x, y]$ . For fixed  $a \in R$ , the mapping  $I_a : R \rightarrow R$  given by  $I_a(x) = [a, x]$  is a derivation called inner derivation determined by  $a$ . In [3], I. N. Herstein proved that if  $R$  is a prime ring with characteristic 2,  $d$  is a nonzero derivation of  $R$  and  $a \in R$  such that  $ad(x) - d(x)a = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $a^2 \in Z(R)$ . Moreover, if  $a \notin Z(R)$  then there exists  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $d(x) = \lambda[a, x]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Later in [1], Bresar

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showed that if  $g$  and  $h$  are derivations of a prime ring  $R$  and  $a, b$  in  $R$  but not in  $Z(R)$  such that  $ag(x) + h(x)b = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , then there exists  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$  and  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Moreover,  $g \neq 0$  then  $ab \in Z(R)$ . It is clear that Bresar generalized Herstein's result. In this paper, our aim is to generalize Bresar's result for a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ .

In all present paper  $R$  is a prime ring,  $Q_r(R)$  is the Martindale Quotient Ring of  $R$ . The center of  $Q_r(R)$  is denoted by  $C$  and called the extended centroid of  $R$ .

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## 2. Results

**Lemma 1.** [2, Lemma 1.3.2] *If  $a, b \in R$  are such that  $axb = bxa$  for all  $x \in R$ , and if  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = \lambda a$  for some  $\lambda$  in the extended centroid of  $R$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero right (left) semigroup ideal of  $R$  and  $d$  be a derivation of  $R$ . If  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  then  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Taking  $xr$  with  $r \in R$  instead of  $x$  in the hypothesis, it holds that for all  $x \in I, r \in R$

$$xd(r) = 0.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xs$  with  $s \in R$  in the last equation, it implies that  $xsd(r) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ . Thus,

$$xRd(r) = (0), \quad \forall x \in I, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring and  $I$  is a nonzero right semigroup ideal of  $R$ , it implies that  $d$  is zero.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ ,  $d$  be a derivation of  $R$  and  $a \in R$ . If  $ad(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  then  $a = 0$  or  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $xr$  with  $r \in R$  in the hypothesis, it holds that  $axd(r) = 0$  for all  $x \in I, r \in R$ . Taking  $sx$  with  $s \in R$  instead of  $x$  in the last equation, it holds that  $axsd(r) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  and  $s, r \in R$ . Thus,

$$axRd(r) = (0), \quad \forall x \in I, r \in R.$$

By the primeness of  $R$ , it follows that  $ax = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  or  $d(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . Hence,

$$aI = (0) \text{ or } d = 0.$$

Assume that  $d \neq 0$ . It yields that  $ax = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $rx$  with  $r \in R$  in the last equation, we have that  $arx = 0$  for all  $x \in I, r \in R$ . Thus,

$$aRx = (0), \forall x \in I.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring and  $I$  is a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ ,  $a$  is zero.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b$  be elements of  $R$ . If  $aIb = 0$  then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .*

*Proof.* The hypothesis yields  $axb = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xr$  with  $r \in R$  in the last equation, it implies that  $axrb = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . Thus,

$$axRb = (0), \forall x \in I.$$

Thus, the primeness of  $R$  forces that  $ax = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  or  $b = 0$ . Suppose that  $b \neq 0$ . It means that  $ax = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Taking  $rx$  with  $r \in R$  instead of  $x$  in the last equation, it holds that  $arx = 0$  for  $x \in I, r \in R$ . Thus,

$$aRx = (0), \forall x \in I.$$

Since  $R$  is prime ring and  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of  $R$ , we get  $a = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ ,  $d, g$  be derivations of  $R$  and*

$$d(x)g(y) = g(x)d(y), \forall x, y \in I.$$

*If  $d$  is nonzero then there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing  $y$  by  $zy$  with  $z \in I$  in the hypothesis, it implies that  $d(x)g(z)y + d(x)zg(y) = g(x)d(z)y + g(x)zd(y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in I$ . By using the hypothesis, this equation reduces to

$$d(x)zg(y) = g(x)zd(y), \forall x, y, z \in I. \quad (1)$$

Taking  $zr$  with  $r \in R$  instead of  $z$  in (1), it forces that

$$d(x)zrg(y) = g(x)zrd(y), \forall x, y, z \in I, r \in R. \quad (2)$$

Since  $d$  is a nonzero derivation of  $R$ , there exists  $a \in I$  such that  $d(a) \neq 0$  from Lemma 2. Assume that  $d(a)z = 0$  for all  $z \in I$ . According to Lemma 4, it yields  $d(a) = 0$  which is contradiction. Thus, there exists  $t \in I$  such that  $d(a)t \neq 0$ . Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $a$  in (2), it holds that  $d(a)zrg(a) = g(a)zrd(a)$

for all  $z \in I, r \in R$ . Taking  $t$  instead of  $z$  in the last equation, it follows that  $d(a)trg(a) = g(a)trd(a)$  for all  $r \in R$ . Right multiplying the last equation by  $t$

$$d(a)trg(a)t = g(a)trd(a)t, \forall r \in R. \tag{3}$$

is obtained. Because of  $d(a)t \neq 0$ , from Lemma 1, there exists  $\lambda_{a,t} \in C$  such that

$$g(a)t = \lambda_{a,t}d(a)t. \tag{4}$$

Suppose that  $d(a)k \neq 0$  for some  $k \in I$ . From (4), there exists  $\lambda_{a,k} \in C$  such that

$$g(a)k = \lambda_{a,k}d(a)t. \tag{5}$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $t$  and multiplying from right by  $k$  in (2), it holds that

$$d(x)trg(y)k = g(x)trd(y)k,$$

for all  $x, y \in I, r \in R$ . Taking  $a$  instead of  $x$  and  $y$  in the last equation, it follows that

$$d(a)trg(a)k = g(a)trd(a)k, \forall r \in R.$$

By using (4) and (5),

$$d(a)tr\lambda_{a,k}d(a)k = \lambda_{a,t}d(a)trd(a)k, \forall r \in R$$

is obtained. That is,

$$(\lambda_{a,k} - \lambda_{a,t})d(a)trd(a)k = 0, \forall r \in R.$$

The last equation multiplies from left by  $q \in Q_r(R)$ , it follows that  $(\lambda_{a,k} - \lambda_{a,t})qd(a)trd(a)k = 0$  for all  $r \in R, q \in Q_r(R)$ . Thus,

$$(\lambda_{a,k} - \lambda_{a,t})Q_r(R)d(a)trd(a)k = (0), \forall r \in R.$$

From the primeness of  $Q_r(R)$ , it implies that  $\lambda_{a,k} = \lambda_{a,t}$  or  $d(a)trd(a)k = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . If  $\lambda_{a,k} \neq \lambda_{a,t}$ , it holds that  $d(a)trd(a)k = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is a prime ring, it yields that  $d(a)t = 0$  or  $d(a)k = 0$ . This is a contradiction because of  $d(a)t \neq 0$  and  $d(a)k \neq 0$ . That is,

$$\lambda_{a,k} = \lambda_{a,t} = \lambda_a$$

Hence, for all  $t \in I$  satisfying  $d(a)t \neq 0$

$$g(a)t = \lambda_a d(a)t. \tag{6}$$

Suppose that  $d(a)t = 0$  for some  $t \in I$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $a$  and  $z$  by  $t$  in (2), it holds that  $d(a)trg(y) = g(a)trd(y)$  for all  $y \in I, r \in R$ . Because of  $d(a)t = 0$ , it follows that

$$g(a)trd(y) = 0, \forall y \in I, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is a prime ring and  $d$  is a nonzero derivation of  $R$ , it implies that  $g(a)t = 0$ . That is, for all  $t \in I$  satisfying  $d(a)t = 0$

$$g(a)t = \lambda_a d(a)t \tag{7}$$

From (6) and (7), for all  $t \in I$  and for all  $a \in I$  satisfying  $d(a) \neq 0$

$$g(a)t = \lambda_a d(a)t$$

is obtained. This means that  $(g(a) - \lambda_a d(a))t = 0$  for all  $t \in I$ . From Lemma 4, it forces for all  $a \in I$  satisfying  $d(a) \neq 0$

$$g(a) = \lambda_a d(a). \tag{8}$$

Suppose that  $d(b) \neq 0$  for some  $b \in I$ . In this case, there exists  $\lambda_b$  such that

$$g(b) = \lambda_b d(b) \tag{9}$$

Taking  $a, b$  instead of  $x, y$  in (1) respectively, it follows that

$$d(a)zg(b) = g(a)zd(b), \forall z \in I.$$

By using (8) and (9),

$$d(a)z\lambda_b d(b) = \lambda_a d(a)zd(b), \forall z \in I$$

is obtained. That is,

$$(\lambda_b - \lambda_a)d(a)zd(b) = 0, \forall z \in I.$$

It follows that

$$(\lambda_b - \lambda_a)Q_r(R)d(a)zd(b) = (0), \forall z \in I.$$

Since  $Q_r(R)$  is a prime ring and  $d(a), d(b)$  are nonzero, it implies that

$$\lambda_a = \lambda_b = \lambda$$

Thus, for all  $a \in I$  satisfying  $d(a) \neq 0$

$$g(a) = \lambda d(a). \tag{10}$$

Assume that  $d(a) = 0$  for some  $a \in I$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $a$  in (1) and by using  $d(a) = 0$ ,

$$g(a)zd(y) = 0, \forall y, z \in I$$

is obtained. From Lemma 4, it yields that either  $g(a) = 0$  or  $d(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in I$ . Since  $d$  is a nonzero derivation, it yields  $g(a) = 0$ . So if  $d(a) = 0$  for some  $a \in I$  then  $g(a) = 0$ . Thus, for all  $a \in I$  satisfying  $d(a) = 0$

$$g(a) = \lambda d(a) \tag{11}$$

From (10) and (11), there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that

$$g(x) = \lambda d(x), \forall x \in I.$$

□

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $I$  be nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$ ,  $d, g, h, f$  be derivations of  $R$  and*

$$d(x)g(y) = h(x)f(y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in I.$$

*If  $d$  and  $f$  are nonzero then there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda f(x)$  and  $h(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  with  $z \in I$  in the hypothesis, it holds that

$$d(x)zg(y) + xd(z)g(y) = h(x)zf(y) + xh(z)f(y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in I. \tag{12}$$

Taking  $z$  instead of  $x$  in the hypothesis, it follows that  $d(z)g(y) = h(z)f(y)$  for all  $z, y \in I$ . This equation multiplies from left by  $x$ , it follows that  $xd(z)g(y) = xh(z)f(y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in I$ . Hence, (12) reduces to

$$d(x)zg(y) = h(x)zf(y), \quad \forall x, y, z \in I. \tag{13}$$

Taking  $z$  by  $zf(w)$  with  $w \in I$  in (13), it holds that

$$d(x)z(f(w)g(y) - g(w)f(y)) = 0, \quad \forall x, y, z, w \in I.$$

From Lemma 4, it follows that either  $f(w)g(y) = g(w)f(y)$  for all  $w, y \in I$  or  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Since  $d$  is a nonzero derivation of  $R$  from Lemma 2, it hold that  $f(w)g(y) = g(w)f(y)$  for all  $w, y \in I$ . So, by Lemma 5, there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ . Replacing  $g(y)$  by  $\lambda f(y)$  in (13), it holds that  $(\lambda d(x) - h(x))zf(y) = 0$  for all  $x, z, y \in I$ . According to Lemma 4, it implies that either  $h(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in I$  or  $f(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in I$ . Because  $f$  is a nonzero derivation of  $R$  from Lemma 2, it follows that  $h(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ . □

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideal of  $R$  and  $d, g, h$  be derivations of  $R$ . Suppose that  $a, b \in R$  such that*

$$d(x) = ag(x) + h(x)b, \quad \forall x \in I.$$

*If  $a, b \notin Z(R)$  then there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$ ,  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$  and  $d(x) = \lambda[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  with  $y \in I$  in the hypothesis, it follows that

$$h(x)(by - yb) = (ax - xa)g(y), \quad \forall x, y \in I.$$

Let  $I_a, I_b$  be inner derivation determined by  $a, b$  respectively. Hence, the last equation yields

$$I_a(x)g(y) = h(x)I_b(y) \quad \forall x, y \in I.$$

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are not elements of  $Z(R)$ ,  $I_a$  and  $I_b$  are nonzero inner derivations of  $R$ . Thus, from Lemma 6, there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$ ,  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$ . Hence, it follows that  $d(x) = \lambda[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 8.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero semigroup ideals of  $R$ ,  $g, h$  be derivations of  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$  such that*

$$ag(x) + h(x)b = 0, \quad \forall x \in I.$$

*If  $a, b \notin Z(R)$  then there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$  and  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ . Moreover, if  $g \neq 0$  then  $ab \in Z(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $0$  is a derivation of  $R$ , there exists some  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda[b, x]$ ,  $h(x) = \lambda[a, x]$  and  $0(x) = \lambda[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$  from Theorem 7. Assume that  $g \neq 0$ . In this case,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . By using  $0 = \lambda[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ , it follows that  $0 = \lambda q[ab, x]$  for all  $x \in I$ ,  $q \in Q_r(R)$ . Thus,

$$\lambda Q_r(R)[ab, x] = (0), \quad \forall x \in I.$$

By the primeness of  $Q_r(R)$ , either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $[ab, x] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Because of  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,

$$[ab, x] = 0, \quad \forall x \in I$$

is obtained. Taking  $rx$  with  $r \in R$  instead of  $x$  in this equation, it holds that  $[ab, r]x = 0$  for all  $x \in I, r \in R$ . From Lemma 4, it implies that  $[ab, r] = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . Thus,  $ab \in Z(R)$ .  $\square$

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