

## An Equation Related to Centralizers in Semiprime Gamma Rings

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**Abstract.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying a certain assumption and let  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be an additive mapping such that

$$2T(a\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta T(a)$$

holds for all pairs  $a, b \in M$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then we prove that  $T$  is a centralizer.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups. If there exists a mapping  $(x, \alpha, y) \rightarrow x\alpha y$  of  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$ , which satisfies the conditions

- (i)  $x\alpha y \in M$
- (ii)  $(x + y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$ ,  $x(\alpha + \beta)z = x\alpha z + x\beta z$ ,  
 $x\alpha(y + z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$
- (iii)  $(x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,

then  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring.

Every ring  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ring with  $M = \Gamma$ . However a  $\Gamma$ -ring need not be a ring. Gamma rings, more general than rings, were introduced by Nobusawa[13].

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Bernes[1] weakened slightly the conditions in the definition of  $\Gamma$ -ring in the sense of Nobusawa.

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then an additive subgroup  $U$  of  $M$  is called a left (right) ideal of  $M$  if  $M\Gamma U \subset U$  ( $U\Gamma M \subset U$ ). If  $U$  is both a left and a right ideal, then we say  $U$  is an ideal of  $M$ . Suppose again that  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Then  $M$  is said to be a 2-torsion free if  $2x=0$  implies  $x=0$  for all  $x \in M$ . An ideal  $P_1$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is said to be prime if for any ideals  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ ,  $A\Gamma B \subseteq P_1$  implies  $A \subseteq P_1$  or  $B \subseteq P_1$ . An ideal  $P_2$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is said to be semiprime if for any ideal  $U$  of  $M$ ,  $U\Gamma U \subseteq P_2$  implies  $U \subseteq P_2$ . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is said to be prime if  $a\Gamma M\Gamma b=(0)$  with  $a, b \in M$ , implies  $a=0$  or  $b=0$  and semiprime if  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a=(0)$  with  $a \in M$  implies  $a=0$ . Furthermore,  $M$  is said to be commutative  $\Gamma$ -ring if  $x\alpha y = y\alpha x$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Moreover, the set  $Z(M) = \{x \in M : x\alpha y = y\alpha x \text{ for all } \alpha \in \Gamma, y \in M\}$  is called the centre of the  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$ .

If  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ring, then  $[x, y]_\alpha = x\alpha y - y\alpha x$  is known as the commutator of  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $\alpha$ , where  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We make the basic commutator identities:

$$[x\alpha y, z]_\beta = [x, z]_\beta \alpha y + x[\alpha, \beta]_z y + x\alpha[y, z]_\beta$$

$$\text{and } [x, y\alpha z]_\beta = [x, y]_\beta \alpha z + y[\alpha, \beta]_x z + y\alpha[x, z]_\beta,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . We consider the following assumption:

$$x\alpha y\beta z = x\beta y\alpha z, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in M, \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (A)$$

According to the assumption (A), the above two identities reduce to

$$[x\alpha y, z]_\beta = [x, z]_\beta \alpha y + x\alpha[y, z]_\beta$$

$$\text{and } [x, y\alpha z]_\beta = [x, y]_\beta \alpha z + y\alpha[x, z]_\beta, \text{ which we extensively used.}$$

An additive mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is a left(right) centralizer if  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y$  ( $T(x\alpha y) = x\alpha T(y)$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . A centralizer is an additive mapping which is both a left and a right centralizer. For any fixed  $a \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the mapping  $T(x) = a\alpha x$  is a left centralizer and  $T(x) = x\alpha a$  is a right centralizer. We shall restrict our attention on left centralizer, since all results of right centralizers are the same as left centralizers. An additive mapping  $D: M \rightarrow M$  is called a derivation if  $D(x\alpha y) = D(x)\alpha y + x\alpha D(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in M$ , and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and is called a Jordan derivation if  $D(x\alpha x) = D(x)\alpha x + x\alpha D(x)$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

An additive mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is Jordan left(right) centralizer if  $T(x\alpha x) = T(x)\alpha x$  ( $T(x\alpha x) = x\alpha T(x)$ ) for all  $x \in M$ , and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Every left centralizer is a Jordan left centralizer but the converse is not

ingeneral true.

An additive mappings  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is called a Jordan centralizer if  $T(x\alpha y + y\alpha x) = T(x)\alpha y + y\alpha T(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Every centralizer is a Jordan centralizer but Jordan centralizer is not in general a centralizer.

Bernes[1], Luh [6] and Kyuno[5] studied the structure of  $\Gamma$ -rings and obtained various generalizations of corresponding parts in ring theory.

Borut Zalar [12] worked on centralizers of semiprime rings and proved that Jordan centralizers and centralizers of this rings coincide. Joso Vukman[9,10,11] developed some remarkable results using centralizers on prime and semiprime rings.

Vukman and Irena [8] proved that if  $R$  is a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $T: R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $2T(xy) = T(x)y + xyT(x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $T$  is a centralizer.

Y.Ceven [2] worked on Jordan left derivations on completely prime  $\Gamma$ -rings. He investigated the existence of a nonzero Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring that makes the  $\Gamma$ -ring commutative with an assumption. With the same assumption, he showed that every Jordan left derivation on a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a left derivation on it.

In [3], M. F. Hoque and A.C Paul have proved that every Jordan centralizer of a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a centralizer. There they also gave an example of a Jordan centralizer which is not a centralizer.

In [4], M. F. Hoque and A.C Paul have proved that if  $M$  is a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A) and if  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is an additive mapping such that  $T(x\alpha y\beta x) = x\alpha T(y)\beta x$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , then  $T$  is a centralizer. Also, they have proved that  $T$  is a centralizer if  $M$  contains a multiplicative identity 1.

In this paper, we develop some results of [8] in  $\Gamma$ -rings by assuming an assumption (A). Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A) and let  $T: M \rightarrow M$  be an additive mapping such that

$$2T(a\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta T(a) \quad (1)$$

holds for all pairs  $a, b \in M$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $T$  is a centralizer.

## 2. The Centralizers of Semiprime Gamma Rings

For proving our main results, we need the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose  $M$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A). Suppose that the relation  $x\alpha a\beta y + y\alpha a\beta z = 0$  holds for all  $a \in M$ , some  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $(x+z)\alpha a\beta y = 0$  is satisfied for all  $a \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of this lemma can be founded in ([4], Lemma 2.1).

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**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A) and let  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be an additive mapping. Suppose that*

$$2T(a\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta T(a)$$

*holds for all pairs  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $2T(a\gamma a) = T(a)\gamma a + a\gamma T(a)$ .*

**Proof.** Putting  $a + c$  for  $a$  in (1)(linearization), we have

$$2T(a\alpha b\beta c + c\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta c + T(c)\alpha b\beta a + c\alpha b\beta T(a) + a\alpha b\beta T(c) \quad (2)$$

Putting  $c = a\gamma a$  in (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2T(a\alpha b\beta a\gamma a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta a) \\ &= T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a + T(a\gamma a)\alpha b\beta a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a) + a\alpha b\beta T(a\gamma a) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Replacing  $b$  by  $a\gamma b + b\gamma a$  in (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2T(a\alpha a\gamma b\beta a + a\alpha b\gamma a\beta a) \\ &= T(a)\alpha a\gamma b\beta a + T(a)\alpha b\gamma a\beta a + a\alpha a\gamma b\beta T(a) + a\alpha b\gamma a\beta T(a) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Subtracting (4) from (3), using assumption (A), gives

$$(T(a\gamma a) - T(a)\gamma a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta (T(a\gamma a) - a\gamma T(a)) = 0$$

Taking  $x = T(a\gamma a) - T(a)\gamma a$ ,  $y = a$ ,  $c = b$  and  $z = T(a\gamma a) - a\gamma T(a)$ . Then the above relation becomes  $x\alpha c\beta y + y\alpha c\beta z = 0$ . Thus using Lemma 2.1, we get  $(x + z)\alpha c\beta y = 0$ . Hence  $(2T(a\gamma a) - T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma T(a))\alpha b\beta a = 0$ .

If we take  $A(a) = 2T(a\gamma a) - T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma T(a)$ , then the above relation becomes

$$A(a)\alpha b\beta a = 0$$

Using the assumption (A), We obtain

$$A(a)\beta b\alpha a = 0 \quad (5)$$

Replacing  $b$  by  $a\alpha b\gamma A(a)$  in (5), we have  $A(a)\beta a\alpha b\gamma A(a)\alpha a = 0$

Again using the assumption (A), we have  $A(a)\alpha a\beta b\gamma A(a)\alpha a = 0$

By the semiprimeness of  $M$ , we have

$$A(a)\alpha a = 0 \quad (6)$$

Similarly, if we multiplying (5) from the left by  $a\alpha$  and from the right side by  $\gamma A(a)$ , we obtain  $a\alpha A(a)\beta b\alpha a\gamma A(a) = 0$

Using the assumption (A),  $a\alpha A(a)\beta b\gamma a\alpha A(a) = 0$  and by the semiprimeness, we obtain

$$a\alpha A(a) = 0 \quad (7)$$

Replacing  $a$  by  $a + b$  in (6)(linearization), we have

$$A(a)\alpha b + A(b)\alpha a + B(a, b)\alpha a + B(a, b)\alpha b = 0,$$

where  $B(a, b) = 2T(a\gamma b + b\gamma a) - T(a)\gamma b - T(b)\gamma a - a\gamma T(b) - b\gamma T(a)$

Replacing  $a$  by  $-a$  in the above relation and comparing these relation, and by using the 2-torsion freeness of  $M$ , we arrive at

$$A(a)\alpha b + B(a, b)\alpha a = 0 \quad (8)$$

Right multiplication of the above relation by  $\beta A(a)$  along with (7) gives

$$A(a)\alpha b\beta A(a) + B(a,b)\alpha a\beta A(a) = 0$$

Since  $a\beta A(a) = 0$ , for all  $\beta \in \Gamma$ , we have  $B(a,b)\alpha a\beta A(a) = 0$

This implies that  $A(a)\alpha b\beta A(a) = 0$

By semiprimeness, we have  $A(a) = 0$ . Thus we have

$$2T(a\gamma a) = T(a)\gamma a + a\gamma T(a) \quad (9)$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A) and let  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be an additive mapping. Suppose that  $2T(a\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta T(a)$  holds for all pairs  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then*

$$[T(a), a]_\alpha = 0 \quad (10)$$

**Proof.** Replacing  $a$  by  $a + b$  in relation (9)(linearization) gives

$$2T(a\gamma b + b\gamma a) = T(a)\gamma b + T(b)\gamma a + a\gamma T(b) + b\gamma T(a) \quad (11)$$

Replacing  $b$  with  $2a\alpha b\beta a$  in (11) and use (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 4T(a\gamma a\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta a\gamma a) \\ &= 2T(a)\gamma a\alpha b\beta a + 2T(a\alpha b\beta a)\gamma a + 2a\gamma T(a\alpha b\beta a) + 2a\alpha b\beta a\gamma T(a) \\ &= 2T(a)\gamma a\alpha b\beta a + T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a + a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a \\ &\quad + a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a) + 2a\alpha b\beta a\gamma T(a) \\ & 4T(a\gamma a\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta a\gamma a) = 2T(a)\gamma a\alpha b\beta a + T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a \\ &\quad + a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a + a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a) + 2a\alpha b\beta a\gamma T(a) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Comparing (4) and (12), we arrive at

$$T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a) - a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a = 0 \quad (13)$$

Putting  $b\gamma a$  for  $b$  in the above relation, we have

$$T(a)\alpha b\gamma a\beta a\gamma a + a\gamma a\alpha b\gamma a\beta T(a) - a\alpha b\gamma a\beta T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\gamma a\beta a = 0 \quad (14)$$

Right multiplication of (13) by  $\gamma a$  gives

$$T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a\gamma a + a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a - a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a\gamma a - a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a = 0 \quad (15)$$

Subtracting (14) from (15) and using assumption (A), we get

$$a\gamma a\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha - a\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma a = 0 \quad (16)$$

The substitution  $T(a)\alpha b$  for  $b$  in (16), we have

$$a\gamma a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha - a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma a = 0 \quad (17)$$

Left multiplication of (16) by  $T(a)\alpha$  gives

$$T(a)\alpha a\gamma a\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha - T(a)\alpha a\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma a = 0 \quad (18)$$

Subtracting (17) from (18), we arrive at

$$[T(a), a\gamma a]_\alpha\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha - [T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma a = 0$$

In the above relation let  $x = [T(a), a\gamma a]_\alpha$ ,  $y = [T(a), a]_\alpha$ ,  $z = -[T(a), a]_\alpha\gamma a$  and

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$c = b$ . Then we have  $x\gamma c\beta y + y\gamma c\beta z = 0$ . Thus from Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(x + z)\gamma c\beta y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ([T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a - [T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a)\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

This implies that  $([T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a + a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} - [T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a)\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

Putting  $b = b\alpha a$  in the above relation, we have

$$a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\alpha a\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\alpha b\beta a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

using the assumption (A). By the semiprimeness of  $M$ , we obtain

$$a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0 \quad (19)$$

Putting  $a\gamma b$  for  $b$  in the relation (13), we obtain

$$T(a)\alpha a\gamma b\beta a\gamma a + a\gamma a\alpha a\gamma b\beta T(a) - a\alpha a\gamma b\beta T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma T(a)\alpha a\gamma b\beta a = 0 \quad (20)$$

Left multiplication of (13) by  $a\gamma$ , we have

$$a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a\gamma a + a\gamma a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a) - a\gamma a\alpha b\beta T(a)\gamma a - a\gamma a\gamma T(a)\alpha b\beta a = 0 \quad (21)$$

Subtracting (21) from (20), and using assumption (A), we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta a\gamma a - a\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta a = 0$$

Using (19) in the above relation, we obtain

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta a\gamma a = 0 \quad (22)$$

Putting  $b\alpha T(a)$  for  $b$  in (22), we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\alpha T(a)\beta a\gamma a = 0 \quad (23)$$

Right multiplication of (22) by  $\alpha T(a)$  gives

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta a\gamma a\alpha T(a) = 0 \quad (24)$$

Subtracting (24) from (23) and using assumption (A), we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a = 0$$

The above relation can be rewritten and using (19), we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a = 0$$

Putting  $a\alpha b$  for  $b$  in the above relation, we obtain

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a\alpha b\beta[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a = 0$$

By semiprimeness of  $M$ , we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha}\gamma a = 0 \quad (25)$$

Replacing  $a$  by  $a + b$  in (19) and then using (19) gives

$$\begin{aligned} a\gamma[T(a), b]_{\alpha} + a\gamma[T(b), a]_{\alpha} + a\gamma[T(b), b]_{\alpha} \\ + b\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} + b\gamma[T(a), b]_{\alpha} + b\gamma[T(b), a]_{\alpha} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $a$  by  $-a$  in the above relation and comparing the relation so obtained with the above relation, we have

$$a\gamma[T(a), b]_{\alpha} + a\gamma[T(b), a]_{\alpha} + b\gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0 \quad (26)$$

Left multiplication of (26) by  $[T(a), a]_{\alpha} \beta$  and then use (25), we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha} \beta b \gamma[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

By semiprimeness of  $M$ , we have

$$[T(a), a]_{\alpha} = 0$$

Hence the relation (10) follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the assumption (A) and let  $T: M \rightarrow M$  be an additive mapping. Suppose that  $2T(a\alpha b\beta a) = T(a)\alpha b\beta a + a\alpha b\beta T(a)$  holds for all pairs  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $T$  is a centralizer.*

**Proof.** The relation (9) in Lemma 2.2 and the relation (10) in Lemma 2.3 give

$$T(a\alpha a) = T(a)\alpha a \text{ and } T(a\alpha a) = a\alpha T(a)$$

since  $M$  is a 2-torsion free. Hence  $T$  is a left and also a right Jordan centralizers. By Theorem 2.1 in [7], it follows that  $T$  is a left and also a right centralizer which completes the proof of the theorem.

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