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## LIE IDEALS WITH GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS AND DERIVATIONS OF SEMIPRIME RINGS

ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square-closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\phi$  be a derivation of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . We will demonstrate in this study that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ , and so  $\phi$  is a zero map on  $\mathfrak{L}$  if any one of the following holds for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ : (i)  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0$  ( or  $\mathfrak{r}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ ) (ii)  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}(\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}) = 0$ , (iii) The mapping  $\mathfrak{r} \rightarrow \phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r})$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Moreover, if any one of the following are satisfied for two generalized derivations  $(\mathfrak{F}, \phi)$  and  $(\mathfrak{H}, \xi)$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\phi$  is a commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ : (iv)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs}) \in Z(R)$ , (v)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs})$ , (vi)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{sr})$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

$\mathfrak{R}$  will exhibit an associative ring with centre  $Z(\mathfrak{R})$  throughout this article. The notation  $[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}]$  denotes the commutator  $\mathfrak{rs} - \mathfrak{sr}$  for every  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{R}$ , while the symbol  $\mathfrak{r} \circ \mathfrak{s}$  denotes the anti-commutator  $\mathfrak{rs} + \mathfrak{sr}$ . Remember that a ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  is prime if  $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{s} = \{0\}$  implies  $\mathfrak{r} = 0$  or  $\mathfrak{s} = 0$ , and  $\mathfrak{R}$  is semiprime if  $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{r} = \{0\}$  implies  $\mathfrak{r} = 0$ . An additive subgroup  $\mathfrak{L}$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  is said to be a Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  if  $[\mathfrak{r}, r] \in \mathfrak{L}$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}, r \in \mathfrak{R}$ . An additive mapping  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is called a derivation if  $\phi(\mathfrak{rs}) = \phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s} + \mathfrak{r}\phi(\mathfrak{s})$  holds for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{R}$ .

Posner [13] established the commutativity of prime rings with derivation. The history of commuting and centralizing mappings dates to 1955 when Divinsky [9] established that if a simple Artinian ring has a nontrivial commuting automorphism, it is commutative. Posner has shown in [13] that if a prime ring has a nontrivial derivation that is centralising on the entire ring, it must be commutative. The results of Divinsky, which we just described, was generalized by Luh [12] to arbitrary prime rings. Mayne [11] established that if a prime ring has a nontrivial centralizing automorphism, the ring is commutative. A map  $\mathfrak{F} : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is a generalized

derivation of a ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  associated with a derivation  $\phi$  if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is additive and satisfies  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s} + \mathfrak{r}\phi(\mathfrak{s}), \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Derivations and generalized inner derivations (i.e.,  $\mathfrak{r} \rightarrow a\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$ ) are basic examples. It's worth noting that the concept of generalized derivations encompasses both derivations and left multipliers (i.e.,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{R}$ ). As a result, it should be interesting to relate some of these results to generalized derivations.

Ashraf and Rehman demonstrated in [2] that  $\mathfrak{R}$  is commutative if  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a prime ring with nonzero ideal and  $\phi$  is a derivation such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) \pm \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s} \in Z(\mathfrak{R})$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{J}$ . In [1] and [14], this theorem was considered for generalized derivations. All of these situations related with a square closed Lie ideal  $\mathfrak{L}$  in a prime ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  were studied in [10] Gölbaşı and Koç. These conditions have been generalized and discussed by Dhara et al. in the prime ring in [8].

We will extend the aforementioned conclusions for a nonzero Lie ideal of semiprime rings using derivation and generalized derivation of  $\mathfrak{R}$  in the current article.

## 2. Preliminaries

We mention the following results which are crucial in developing the proof of our main result.

**Lemma 1** ([4] Lemma 4). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$ . If  $\mathfrak{L}$  a noncentral Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $a\mathfrak{L}b = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .*

**Lemma 2** ([4] Lemma 5). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\mathfrak{L}$  a nonzero Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . If  $\phi$  is a nonzero derivation of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Lemma 3** ([4] Lemma 2). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two. If  $\mathfrak{L}$  a noncentral Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then  $C_{\mathfrak{R}}(\mathfrak{L}) = Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Lemma 4** ([3] Theorem 7). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\mathfrak{L}$  a nonzero Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . If  $\phi$  is a nonzero derivation of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $[\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})] \in Z(\mathfrak{R})$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Lemma 5** ([15] Lemma 2.4). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\mathfrak{L} \not\subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$  and  $a \in \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $a\mathfrak{L}a = 0$ , then  $a^2 = 0$  and there exists a nonzero ideal  $K = \mathfrak{R}[\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}]\mathfrak{R}$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  generated by  $[\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}]$  such that  $[K, \mathfrak{R}] \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $Ka = aK = 0$ .*

**Lemma 6** ([16] Corollary 2.1). *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a noncentral Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $a, b \in \mathfrak{L}$ .*

- (i) If  $a\mathfrak{L}a = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .
- (ii) If  $a\mathfrak{L} = 0$  ( or  $\mathfrak{L}a = 0$ ), then  $a = 0$
- (iii) If  $\mathfrak{L}$  is square-closed and  $a\mathfrak{L}b = 0$ , then  $ab = 0$  and  $ba = 0$ .

Firstly, we prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . Suppose that the relation  $arb + brc = 0$  holds some  $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{L}$  and for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . In this case  $(a + c)\mathfrak{r}b = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** By the hypothesis, we get

$$(1) \quad arb + brc = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{r}$  by  $2\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}$ , we get  $2a\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}b + 2b\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}c = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Again replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $2b\mathfrak{s}$  and using the fact that  $\mathfrak{R}$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$$(2) \quad a\mathfrak{r}b\mathfrak{s}b + b\mathfrak{r}b\mathfrak{s}c = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

On the other hand right multiplication by  $\mathfrak{s}b$  of (1) gives

$$(3) \quad a\mathfrak{r}b\mathfrak{s}b + b\mathfrak{r}c\mathfrak{s}b = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (3) from (2) we obtain

$$(4) \quad b\mathfrak{r}(b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The substitution  $2\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r}$  for  $\mathfrak{r}$  in (4) gives that  $2b\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r}(b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b) = 0$ . Now, replacing  $\mathfrak{w}$  by  $2\mathfrak{s}c$  and  $\mathfrak{R}$  is 2-torsion free, we find that

$$(5) \quad b\mathfrak{s}c\mathfrak{r}(b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Left multiplication by  $c\mathfrak{s}$  of (4) gives

$$(6) \quad c\mathfrak{s}b\mathfrak{r}(b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (6) from (5) we obtain

$$(7) \quad (b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b)\mathfrak{r}(b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 6, we see

$$b\mathfrak{s}c - c\mathfrak{s}b = 0,$$

and so  $b\mathfrak{s}c = c\mathfrak{s}b$ . Using this relation (1), we have  $(a + c)\mathfrak{r}b = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . The proof of the lemma is complete. ■

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a generalized derivation of  $\mathfrak{R}$  associated with a nonzero derivation  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}(rs) = 0$  for all  $r, s \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ . Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.**  $0 = \mathfrak{F}(rst) = \mathfrak{F}(rs)t + rs\phi(t) = rs\phi(t)$  for all  $r, s, t \in \mathfrak{L}$ . So, we have  $\phi(t)s\phi(t) = 0$  for all  $s, t \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Thus,  $\phi(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathfrak{L}$  by Lemma 6(i). So, we get  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$  by Lemma 2.

While,  $0 = \mathfrak{F}(rs) = \mathfrak{F}(r)s$  for all  $r, s \in \mathfrak{L}$ . So, we have  $\mathfrak{F}(r)s\mathfrak{F}(r) = 0$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ , we get  $\mathfrak{F}(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in \mathfrak{L}$  by Lemma 6(i). ■

### 3. Derivations on Lie ideals in semiprime rings

Throughout the study, since  $\mathfrak{R}$  is 2-torsion free ring,  $\mathfrak{rs}$  will be written instead of  $2\mathfrak{rs}$  for each  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$  in order to facilitate the equations.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\Theta : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be an additive mapping such that  $\Theta(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\Theta(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0$  (or  $\mathfrak{r}\Theta(\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ ), for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\Theta(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ , and so  $\Theta$  is zero map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that

$$(8) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The linearization of the above relation gives

$$(9) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s} + \Theta(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{s}^2$  in the above relation gives

$$(10) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}^2 + \Theta(\mathfrak{s}^2)\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Right multiplication of (9) by  $\mathfrak{s}$ , we find

$$(11) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}^2 + \Theta(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{rs} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (11) from (10), we obtain

$$(12) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{s}^2)\mathfrak{r} - \Theta(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{rs} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Taking  $\mathfrak{r}$  by  $\mathfrak{r}\Theta(\mathfrak{s})$  in the last equation and using equation (8), we get

$$\Theta(\mathfrak{s}^2)\mathfrak{r}\Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Right multiplication of (12) by  $\Theta(\mathfrak{s})$  and using the above relation, we see that

$$(13) \quad \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{s} \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Left multiplication of the relation (13) by  $\mathfrak{s}$  gives

$$\mathfrak{s} \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{s} \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 6, we obtain

$$\mathfrak{s} \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Right multiplication of the relation (9) by  $\Theta(\mathfrak{s})$  and using the above relation, we have

$$\Theta(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{r} \Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 6, we conclude that  $\Theta(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Hence  $\Theta(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ . That is,  $\Theta$  is zero map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . The proof of the theorem is complete. ■

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a derivation such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0$  (or  $\mathfrak{r}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ ), for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ , and so  $\phi$  is zero map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a derivation and  $\alpha$  an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\alpha(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If the mapping  $\mathfrak{r} \rightarrow \phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r})$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi$  is commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** By the hypothesis, we have

$$(14) \quad [\phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The linearization of the relation, we get

$$(15) \quad [\phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{s}] + [\phi(\mathfrak{s}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Putting  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}$  in the last equation and using equation (14), we obtain

$$0 = [\phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{s}] \mathfrak{r} + [\phi(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{r} + [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) \\ + \mathfrak{s} [\phi(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}].$$

Using (14), replacing  $\mathfrak{s} [\phi(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]$  by  $-\mathfrak{s} [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]$  in this equation, we have

$$0 = [\phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{s}] \mathfrak{r} + [\phi(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{r} + [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) \\ - \mathfrak{s} [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}].$$

Also, using (15), replacing  $[\phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{s}] \mathfrak{r} + [\phi(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{r}$  by  $-[\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{r}$  in the last equation, we get

$$0 = -[\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{s} [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) + [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}].$$

That is,

$$(16) \quad [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

where  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})$  denotes  $\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}$ . Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}$  in the last equation, we obtain

$$(17) \quad 0 = [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \\ + \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + \mathfrak{r} [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}).$$

Multiplying the relation (16) from the left side by  $\mathfrak{r}$ , we get

$$\mathfrak{r} [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + \mathfrak{r} [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0,$$

and so, subtracting (16) from (17), we have

$$0 = [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \\ + \mathfrak{r} [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r} [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] - \mathfrak{r} [\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{r}] \phi(\mathfrak{r}) \\ = [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + (\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \\ = [\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]$$

Using  $[\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] = [\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]$  in the above expression, we find that

$$0 = [\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) [\alpha(\mathfrak{s}), \mathfrak{r}] \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) [\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}].$$

This implies that

$$0 = \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \mathfrak{r} \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \\ - \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \mathfrak{r} \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}).$$

and so,

$$\mathfrak{r} \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) (-\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) \mathfrak{r}) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 7, we get

$$[\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] \alpha(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we get

$$(18) \quad \alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]) \mathfrak{s} \alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r})$  for  $\mathfrak{s}$  in the above relation, we obtain

$$\alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}])\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r})\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Using  $\alpha$  automorphism, we get

$$(19) \quad \alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}])\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Right multiplication of the relation (18) by  $\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r})$  gives,

$$\alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}])\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}))\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we obtain

$$(20) \quad \alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}])\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (19) from (20), we obtain

$$\alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}])\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 6, we get

$$\alpha^{-1}([\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}]) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

We conclude that  $[\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] = 0$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . That is,  $\mathfrak{G}$  is commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Using  $[\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] = 0$ , we get

$$[\alpha(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By the hypothesis, we get  $\phi$  is commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a derivation and  $\alpha$  an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\alpha(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If the mapping  $\mathfrak{r} \rightarrow \phi(\mathfrak{r}) + \alpha(\mathfrak{r})$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Proof.** Using the same methods in the proof of Theorem 2, we have  $\phi$  is commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . By Lemma 2, we get  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a derivation and  $\alpha$  an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\alpha(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}(\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ , and so  $\phi$  is a zero map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$(21) \quad \phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$$

where  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})$  stands for  $\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}$ . The linearization of the last relation gives

$$(22) \quad \phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s} + \phi(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s}) + \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}$  for  $\mathfrak{s}$  in the last equation and using (21), we obtain

$$(23) \quad \phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r} + \phi(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r}^2 + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s})\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Right multiplication of the relation (22) by  $\mathfrak{r}$  gives

$$\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r} + \phi(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r}^2 + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting the above relation from the relation (23), we obtain

$$(24) \quad \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Taking  $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}$  for  $\mathfrak{s}$  in the above relation and using (24) we obtain

$$\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\alpha(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r}^2\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r}^2\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0,$$

and so

$$\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})\alpha(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we have

$$\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}))\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Writing  $\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r})$  for  $\mathfrak{s}$  in the last equation, we obtain

$$\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}))\mathfrak{s}\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r})\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Using  $\alpha$  automorphism and Lemma 6, we get

$$\alpha^{-1}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r})) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

That is,  $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . By Theorem 1, we have  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ . Hence, we get  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0$  by the hypothesis, and so  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$  by Corollary 1. The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\phi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a derivation and  $\alpha$  an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}$   $\alpha(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{r}(\alpha(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{r}) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*



**Proof.** By the same techniques in the proof of Theorem 3, we get  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) = (0)$ . By Lemma 2, we conclude that  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{A})$ . ■

#### 4. Generalized derivations on Lie ideals in semiprime rings

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  generalized derivations associated with the derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  respectively such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) \pm \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs}) \in Z(\mathfrak{A})$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** By the hypothesis, we have

$$(25) \quad \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs}) \in Z(\mathfrak{A}), \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

In the above relation, replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}$  for  $\mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rst}\mathfrak{w}) \in Z(\mathfrak{A}), \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L},$$

which gives

$$(\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs}))\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{rs}\xi(\mathfrak{w}) \in Z(\mathfrak{A}), \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Commuting with  $\mathfrak{w}$ , we have

$$[(\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs}))\mathfrak{w}, \mathfrak{w}] + [\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{rs}\xi(\mathfrak{w}), \mathfrak{w}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Using (25), we obtain

$$(26) \quad [\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{rs}\xi(\mathfrak{w}), \mathfrak{w}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Now replacing  $\mathfrak{r}$  by  $\mathfrak{r}\eta$ ,  $\eta \in \mathfrak{L}$  in (26), we get

$$(27) \quad [(\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\eta + \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta))\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{r}\eta\mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{w}), \mathfrak{w}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Taking  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\eta\mathfrak{s}$  in equation (26), we have

$$(28) \quad [\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\eta\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{r}\eta\mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{w}), \mathfrak{w}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (28) from (27), we arrive at

$$(29) \quad [\mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta)\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}), \mathfrak{w}] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{r}$  by  $\mathfrak{t}\mathfrak{r}$ ,  $\mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}$  and using (29), above relation gives

$$[\mathfrak{t}, \mathfrak{w}]\mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta)\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w}, \eta, \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{w}$  by  $\eta$ , above relation gives

$$[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) \mathfrak{s}\phi(\eta) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \eta, \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{s}[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}$  in the above equation, we get

$$[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) \mathfrak{s}[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \eta, \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a semiprime ring, we have

$$[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \eta, \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{t}$  by  $\phi(\eta)$  in the above equation, we get

$$(30) \quad [\phi(\eta), \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \eta \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Multiplying (30) on the right by  $\eta$ , we get

$$(31) \quad [\phi(\eta), \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) \eta = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \eta \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Taking  $\mathfrak{r}$  by  $\mathfrak{r}\eta$  in equation (30), we have

$$(32) \quad [\phi(\eta), \eta] \mathfrak{r}\eta\phi(\eta) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \eta \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (31) from (32), we have

$$[\phi(\eta), \eta] \mathfrak{r}[\phi(\eta), \eta] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \eta \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a semiprime ring, we have

$$[\phi(\eta), \eta] = 0, \text{ for all } \eta \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

which gives  $\phi$  is commuting map on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . In a similar manner, we can prove that the same conclusion holds for  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) + \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) \in Z(\mathfrak{R})$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  generalized derivations associated with the derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  respectively. If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{s}) \pm \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) \in Z(\mathfrak{R})$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Proof.** Using the same procedures as used in the proof of Theorem 4, we have

$$(33) \quad [\mathfrak{t}, \eta] \mathfrak{r}\phi(\eta) = 0, \text{ for all } \mathfrak{r}, \eta, \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 1, either  $[\mathfrak{t}, \eta] = 0$  or  $\phi(\eta) = 0$ , for each  $\eta \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Now, we set  $\alpha = \{\eta \in \mathfrak{L} \mid [\mathfrak{t}, \eta] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{t} \in \mathfrak{L}\}$ ,  $\beta = \{\eta \in \mathfrak{L} \mid \phi(\eta) = 0\}$ , then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are additive subgroup of  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{L} = \alpha \cup \beta$ . Since a group cannot be the union of its two proper subgroups, either  $\alpha = \mathfrak{L}$  or  $\beta = \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\alpha = \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$  by Lemma 3. On the other hand if  $\beta = \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z$  by Lemma 2.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  be generalized derivations associated with derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  respectively such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\xi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ .*

*If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs})$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\phi \mp \xi \neq 0$ , then  $\phi = \pm\xi$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

*Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \pm\mathfrak{H}$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** We set  $H = \mathfrak{F} \pm \mathfrak{H}$  and  $h = \phi \mp \xi$ . By the hypothesis,  $H(\mathfrak{rs}) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . By Lemma 8, we have  $h = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ . So, we have  $\phi = \pm\xi$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

Moreover, we assume that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ . Then  $H(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  implies that  $H = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$  by Lemma 8, so we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \pm\mathfrak{H}$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . ■

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and let  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  be generalized derivations associated with derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  respectively such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\xi(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ .*

*If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{rs})$  for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\phi \mp \xi \neq 0$ , then  $\phi = \pm\xi$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

*Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{L}) \subseteq \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \pm\mathfrak{H}$  on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  generalized derivations associated with the derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  respectively such that  $\phi(\mathfrak{r}) \in \mathfrak{L}$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{sr})$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\phi$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that

$$(34) \quad \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{sr}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Replacing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}$ ,  $\mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}$  in the above equation, we get

$$\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs})\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{rs}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w})\mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

This implies that

$$(\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{rs}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{sr}))\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{sr})\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{rs}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w})\mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Using (34), we have

$$\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{w} + \mathfrak{rs}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s})\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{w})\mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{st}\mathfrak{w}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0,$$

for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , and so

$$\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s})[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{w}] + \mathfrak{s}[\xi(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{w}] + \mathfrak{rs}\phi(\mathfrak{w}) - \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{w})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Writing  $\mathfrak{w}$  by  $\mathfrak{r}$  in the last equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s})[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{r}] + \mathfrak{s}[\xi(\mathfrak{r}), \mathfrak{r}] + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} \\ &= \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} - \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{s}\xi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) - \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Writing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{w}$  and using this equation, we have

$$\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r}\xi(\mathfrak{r}) = \mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r}), \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L},$$

this implies that

$$[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}]\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Writing  $\mathfrak{s}$  by  $\phi(\mathfrak{r})$ , we have

$$(35) \quad [\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})]\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Multiplying (35) on the right by  $\mathfrak{r}$ , we get

$$(36) \quad [\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})]\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r})\mathfrak{r} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Taking  $\mathfrak{w}$  by  $\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r}$  in equation (35), we have

$$(37) \quad [\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})]\mathfrak{w}\mathfrak{r}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Subtracting (36) from (37), we have

$$[\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})]\mathfrak{w}[\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})] = 0, \forall \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

By Lemma 6,  $[\mathfrak{r}, \phi(\mathfrak{r})] = 0$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Hence,  $\phi$  is commuting on  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

In a similar manner, we can prove that the same conclusion holds for  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) + \mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . The proof of the theorem is complete. ■

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a prime ring with characteristic not two,  $\mathfrak{L}$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{H}$  generalized derivations associated with the derivations  $\phi, \xi$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  respectively. If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{s}) = \pm\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{r})$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ .*

**Proof.** Using the same methods in the proof of Theorem 6, we have  $[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}]\mathfrak{w}\phi(\mathfrak{r}) = 0$ , for all  $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{w} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . This equation is the same as the equation (33). Using the same methods in the proof of Corollary 4, we get  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{R})$ . ■

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