

# On Lie ideals with symmetric bi-additive maps in rings

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $U \neq 0$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . A bi-additive symmetric map  $B(.,.) : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called symmetric bi-derivation if, for any  $y \in R$ , the map  $x \mapsto B(x, y)$  is a derivation. A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = B(x, x)$  is called the trace of  $B$ . In the present paper, we shall show that  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  such that  $R$  is a prime and semiprime ring admitting the trace  $f$  satisfying the several conditions of symmetric bi-derivation.

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings will be associative. The center of a ring  $R$  will be denoted by  $Z(R)$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and semiprime in case  $aRa = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$ . For any  $x, y \in R$ , the symbol  $[x, y]$  will represent the commutator  $xy - yx$  and the symbol  $x \circ y$  stands for the anti-commutator (or skew-commutator)  $xy + yx$ . An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A derivation  $d$  is inner if there exists a fixed  $a \in R$  such that  $d(x) = [a, x]$  holds for all  $x \in R$ . A mapping  $A(.,.) : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is said to be symmetric if  $A(x, y) = A(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = A(x, x)$ , where  $A(.,.) : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is symmetric mappings, is called the trace of  $A$ . It is obvious that, in case  $A(.,.) : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric mapping which is also a bi-additive (i.e., additive in both arguments). The trace of  $A$  satisfies the relation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) + 2A(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $B(.,.) : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called a symmetric bi-derivation if  $B(xy, z) = B(x, z)y + xB(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . The concept of symmetric bi-derivation was introduced by G. Maksa [7] (see also [6] where an example can be found).

A study on the theory of centralizing (commuting) maps on prime rings was initiated by the classical result of Posner [9] which stated that the existence of a nonzero centralizing derivation on a prime ring  $R$  implies that  $R$  is commutative. Since then, a great deal of work in this context has been done by the number of authors (see, e.g., [1], [3] and references therein). For example, as a study concerning centralizing (commuting) maps, Vukman [10],[11] investigated symmetric bi-derivations in prime and semiprime rings. In [1] Argec and Yenigul and Muthana [8] obtained the similar type of results on Lie ideals of  $R$ . The objective of this paper is to study the commutativity of prime and semiprime rings satisfying various identities involving the trace  $f$  of the symmetric bi-derivation  $B$ . In fact we obtain rather more general results by considering various conditions on a subset of the ring  $R$  viz. Lie ideal of  $R$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

We shall frequently use the following identities and several well known facts about the semiprime ring without specific mention.

- (1)  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$
- (2)  $[x, yz] = y[x, z] + [x, y]z$
- (3)  $x \circ yz = (x \circ y)z - y[x, z] = y(x \circ z) + [x, y]z$
- (4)  $(xy) \circ z = x(y \circ z) - [x, z]y = (x \circ z)y + x[y, z]$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Notice that  $xy + yx = (x + y)^2 - x^2 - y^2$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Since  $x^2 \in U$  for all  $x \in U$ ,  $xy + yx \in U$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hence we find that

$2xy \in U$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Therefore, for all  $r \in R$ , we get  $2r[x, y] = 2[x, ry] - 2[x, r]y \in U$  and  $2[x, y]r = 2[x, yr] - 2[y, r] \in U$ , so that  $2R[U, U] \subseteq U$  and  $2[U, U]R \subseteq U$ .

This remark will be freely used in the whole paper without specific reference.

**Lemma 2.1** ([5, Corollary 2.1]). Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring,  $U$  a Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$  and  $a, b \in U$ .

(i) If  $aUa = \{0\}$ , then  $a = 0$ .

(ii) If  $aU = \{0\}$  ( $Ua = \{0\}$ ), then  $a = 0$ .

(iii) If  $U$  is a square closed Lie ideal and  $aUb = \{0\}$ , then  $ab = 0$  and  $ba = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([1, Theorem 3]). Let  $R$  be prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a nonzero Lie ideal of  $R$ . Let  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  be the trace of  $B$  such that

(i)  $f(U) = 0$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

(ii)  $f(U) \subseteq Z(R)$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal, then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([4, Lemma 1]). Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $[U, U] \subseteq Z(R)$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([2, Lemma 4]). Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic different from 2 and  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$ , if  $aUb = \{0\}$  then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

### 3 Results on Prime ring

We start this section with the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Since we have given that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2zy$  and using the fact that  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $[f(x), y]z + y[f(x), z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $[[f(x), y]z + y[f(x), z], r] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$  and  $r \in R$  i.e.,  $[f(x), y][z, r] + [y, r][f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Now, in particular Replacing  $r$  by  $z$ , we obtain  $[y, z][f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Again, replacing  $y$  by  $2yt$  and using  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $[y, z]t[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z, t \in U$  i.e.,  $[y, z]U[f(x), z] = \{0\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Thus in view of Lemma 2.4 we find that for each pair of  $x, y, z \in U$  either  $[y, z] = 0$  or  $[f(x), z] = 0$ . For each  $z \in U$ , let  $A' = \{y \in U \mid [y, z] = 0\}$  and  $B' = \{x \in U \mid [f(x), z] = 0\}$ . Hence  $A'$  and  $B'$  are the additive subgroups of  $U$  whose union is  $U$ . By Brauer's trick, we have either  $U = A'$  or  $U = B'$ . If  $A' = U$ , then  $[y, z] = 0$  for all  $y, z \in U$  and have  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  a contradiction. On the other hand if  $U = B'$ , then  $[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, z \in U$  and hence  $f(U) \subseteq C_R(U) = Z(R)$ , then by Lemma 2.2, we get  $f = 0$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$ . If  $[f(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ , then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $[f(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + y$  in the above expressions, we obtain  $[f(x + y), x + y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This implies that  $[f(x), y] + [f(y), x] + 2[B(x, y), x] + 2[B(x, y), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  in the above expression, we get  $[f(x), y] - [f(y), x] + 2[B(x, y), x] - 2[B(x, y), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining above expressions and by  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we find that  $[f(x), y] + 2[B(x, y), x] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yz$  in the above expression,  $2[f(x), y]z + 2y[f(x), z] + 4[B(x, yz), x] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This gives  $2B(x, y)[z, x] + 2[y, x]B(x, z) = 0$ . In particular,  $z = x$  we get  $2[y, x]B(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . By  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $[x, y]B(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yz$  and using the fact that  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $[x, y]zB(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This gives  $[x, y]UB(x, x) = 0$ , by Lemma 2.4, for each  $x \in U$  either  $[x, y] = 0$  or  $B(x, x) = 0$ . In the first case it follows that by Lemma 2.3 that  $x \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in U$ . Thus if  $x \notin Z(R)$ , then  $B(x, x) = 0$ . Let  $x, z \in U$  such that  $x \in Z(R)$  and  $z \notin Z(R)$ . Hence  $x + z \notin Z(R)$  and  $x - z \notin Z(R)$ . Thus  $B(x + z, x + z) = 0$  and  $B(x - z, x - z) = 0$ . Adding the above two relations, we find that  $2B(x, x) = 0$ . Since  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $B(x, x) = 0$ . Thus for all  $x \in U$ ,  $B(x, x) = 0$  and from Lemma 2.2 (i),  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  such that  $f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y + z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f([x, y + z]) - [f(x), y + z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $f([x, y]) + f([x, z]) + 2B([x, y], [x, z]) - [f(x), y] - [f(x), z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $B([x, y], [x, z]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = y$ , we find that  $B([x, y], [x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining the last expression with our hypothesis, we find that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.1, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(x \circ y) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f(x \circ y) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y + z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f(x \circ (y + z)) - [f(x), (y + z)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $f(x \circ y) + f(x \circ z) + 2B(x \circ y, x \circ z) - [f(x), y] - [f(x), z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $B(x \circ y, x \circ z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = y$ , we find that  $B(x \circ y, x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.1, we get  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(x) \circ y - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Given that  $f(x) \circ y - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This implies that  $2yf(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ ,  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  implies that  $yf(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hence  $[yf(x), r] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$  i.e.,

$$y[f(x), r] + [y, r]f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U \text{ and } r \in R. \quad (3.1)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $2ty$  and using  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we obtain  $t\{y[f(x), r] + [y, r]f(x)\} + [t, r]yf(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Using (3.1), we get  $[t, r]yf(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . This implies that  $[t, r]Uf(x) = 0$  for all  $x, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . By Lemma 2.4, we get either  $[t, r] = 0$  or  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . If  $[t, r] = 0$ , then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  a contradiction. Hence if  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ , then by Lemma 2.2 (i), we get  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is any mapping such that  $[f(x), y] - [x, g(y)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Since  $[f(x), y] - [x, g(y)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $[f(x + z), y] - [x + z, g(y)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $[f(x), y] + [f(z), y] + 2[B(x, z), y] - [x, g(y)] - [z, g(y)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $[B(x, z), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $[B(x, x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hence by Lemma 3.1, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(x) \circ f(y) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f(x) \circ f(y) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y + z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f(x) \circ f(y) + f(x) \circ f(z) + 2f(x) \circ B(y, z) - [f(x), y] - [f(x), z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we find that  $f(x) \circ B(y, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = y$ , we get  $f(x) \circ f(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.1, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  be any mapping such that  $f(x)y - xg(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f(x)y - xg(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + z$  in the above expression, we obtain  $f(x + z)y - (x + z)g(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $f(x)y + f(z)y + 2B(x, z)y - xg(y) - zg(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we find that  $B(x, z)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular  $z = x$ , we get  $B(x, x)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f(x)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This implies that  $[f(x)y, r] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$  i.e.,  $f(x)[y, r] + [f(x), r]y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yt$  and using the fact that  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $f(x)y[t, r] + \{f(x)[y, r] + [f(x), r]y\}t = 0$  for all  $x, y, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Therefore we obtain,  $f(x)y[t, r] = 0$  for all  $x, y, t \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Hence using the same arguments as used in the last paragraph of proof of Theorem 3.4, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  is a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(xy) - f(x)y - xf(y) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Given that  $f(xy) - f(x)y - xf(y) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + z$  in the above relation, we obtain  $f(xy) + f(z)y + 2B(xy, zy) - f(x)y - f(z)y - 2B(x, z)y - xf(y) - zf(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Using our hypothesis, we conclude that  $2B(xy, zy) - 2B(x, z)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Since  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , then  $B(xy, zy) - B(x, z)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we get

$$f(xy) - f(x)y \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (3.2)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y + z$  in (3.2), we get  $f(xy) + f(xz) + 2B(xy, xz) - f(x)y - f(x)z \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using relation (3.2), we arrive at  $2B(xy, xz) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Again, since  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $B(xy, xz) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular  $z = y$ , we get  $f(xy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Again using relation (3.2), we have  $f(x)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This means that  $[f(x)y, r] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . This can be re-written as  $f(x)[y, r] + [f(x), r]y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . In particular, putting  $r = f(x)$ , we get  $f(x)[f(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2yz$  and using that  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we conclude that

$$f(x)y[f(x), z] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U. \quad (3.3)$$

Multiplying the above equation left by  $z$ , we get  $zf(x)y[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2zy$  in relation (3.3) and using the fact that  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $f(x)zy[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now combining the last two expressions, we find that  $[f(x), z]y[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$  that is  $[f(x), z]U[f(x), z] = \{0\}$ . Using Lemma 2.1, we get  $[f(x), z] = 0$  for all  $x, z \in U$  and hence by Lemma 3.1, we get  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(xy) - yf(x) - f(y)x \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Given that  $f(xy) - yf(x) - f(y)x \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + z$  in the above relation, we obtain  $f(xy) + f(z)y + 2B(xy, zy) - yf(x) - yf(z) - 2yB(x, z) - f(y)x - f(y)z \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Then using our hypothesis and  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we get  $B(xy, zy) - yB(x, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $f(xy) - yf(x) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining this with our hypothesis, we obtain  $f(y)x \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This gives  $[f(y)x, r] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . This yields that

$$f(y)[x, r] + [f(y), r]x = 0 \text{ holds for all } x, y \in U \text{ and } r \in R. \quad (3.4)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $2xz$  and using  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we find that  $\{f(y)[x, r] + [f(y), r]x\}z + f(y)x[z, r] = 0$  holds for all  $x, y, z \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Using relation (3.4), we get  $f(y)x[z, r] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Using the same technique as we have used in Theorem 3.4, we get the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $f(xy) - xf(y) - yf(x) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Given that  $f(xy) - xf(y) - yf(x) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in the above relation, we get  $f(xy) + f(zx) + 2B(xy, z) - xf(y) - zf(y) - yf(x) - yf(z) - 2yB(x, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Combining this with our hypothesis, we obtain  $2B(xy, z) - 2yB(x, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ .  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  yields that  $B(xy, z) - yB(x, z) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we get  $f(xy) - yf(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Using the last expression with our hypothesis, we find that  $xf(y) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . This gives that  $[xf(y), r] = 0$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $r \in R$ . Now, using the similar argument as used in the last paragraph of the proof of Theorem 3.4, we get required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char}R \neq 2$  and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] - [x, f(y)] \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then either  $U \subseteq Z(R)$  or  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have given that  $f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] - [x, f(y)] \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in the above relation, we find that  $f([x, y]) + f([x, y]) + 2B([x, y], [z, y]) - [f(x), y] - [f(z), y] - 2[B(x, y), y] - [x, f(y)] - [z, f(y)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Combining our hypothesis with above relation, we get  $2B([x, y], [z, y]) - 2[B(x, y), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Since  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we obtain  $B([x, y], [z, y]) - [B(x, y), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that

$$f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (3.5)$$

Again replacing  $y$  by  $y+z$  in the above relation, we arrive at  $f([x, y]) + f([x, z]) + 2B([x, y], [x, z]) - [f(x), y] - [f(x), z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Using the relation (3.5) in the last expression, we get  $2B([x, y], [x, z]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Since  $\text{char}R \neq 2$ , we have  $B([x, y], [x, z]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular putting  $z = y$ , we get  $f([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Now, combining the above relation with (3.5), we find that  $[f(x), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Using Lemma 3.1, we get the required result.  $\square$

## 4 Results on Semiprime ring

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f([x, y]) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $f([x, y]) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f([x, y]) + f([z, y]) + 2A([x, y], [z, y]) - [x, y] - [z, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $A([x, y], [z, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $A([x, y], [x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f([x, y]) \in Z(R)$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $[x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $[U, U] \in Z(R)$ . Then by Lemma 2.3, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f(x \circ y) - (x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f(x \circ y) - x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in above expression, we obtain that,  $f(x \circ y) + f(z \circ y) + 2A(x \circ y, z \circ y) - x \circ y - z \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $A(x \circ y, z \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $A(x \circ y, x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2yx$ , we get  $2y(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This implies that  $[2y(x \circ y), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . On solving and using the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we conclude that  $[y, z](x \circ y) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Again replacing  $x$  by  $2xz$  and using the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $[y, z]x[z, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . By Lemma 2.1, we get  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f([x, y]) - (x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Given that  $f([x, y]) - (x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f([x+z, y]) - (x+z) \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $f([x, y]) + f([z, y]) + 2A([x, y], [z, y]) - [x, y] - [z, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $A([x, y], [z, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $A([x, y], [x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f([x, y]) \in Z(R)$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Now, the same steps as we have used in Theorem 4.2 we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f(x \circ y) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* We have given that  $f(x \circ y) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f((x+z) \circ y) - [x+z, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . This implies that  $f(x \circ y) + f(z \circ y) + 2A(x \circ y, z \circ y) - [x, y] - [z, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our hypothesis and the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $A(x \circ y, z \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = x$ , we find that  $A(x \circ y, x \circ y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $f(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $[x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$  i.e.,  $[U, U] \subseteq Z(R)$ . Then, by Lemma 2.3, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  the trace of  $A$  such that  $2(x \circ y) = f(x) - f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . Since we have  $2(x \circ y) = f(x) - f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+y$  in the above expression, we obtain  $4y^2 = 2A(x, y) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  in above expression, we get  $4y^2 = -2A(x, y) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Now, combining the last two expression, we obtain  $4y^2 = f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Putting  $y = x$  in our hypothesis, we find that  $4y^2 = 0$ . This implies that  $f(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ . Hence  $2(x \circ y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get  $x \circ y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Using the same argument as used in the proof of the Theorem 4.2, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f(x) \circ f(y) - x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $U \not\subseteq Z(R)$ . We have  $f(x) \circ f(y) - x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y+z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f(x) \circ f(y) + f(x) \circ f(z) + 2f(x) \circ A(y, z) - x \circ y - x \circ z \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our assumption and the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we find that  $f(x) \circ A(y, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = y$ , we get  $f(x) \circ f(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining the last step with our hypothesis, we find that  $x \circ y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then using the similar technique as used in Theorem 4.2, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $f(x) \circ f(y) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Given that  $f(x) \circ f(y) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y+z$  in the above expression, we obtain that  $f(x) \circ f(y) + f(x) \circ f(z) + 2f(x) \circ A(y, z) - [x, y] - [x, z] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Now, using our assumption and fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we find that  $f(x) \circ A(y, z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . In particular, putting  $z = y$ , we get  $f(x) \circ f(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining the last step with our assumption, we find that  $[x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.3, we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $A : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $f$  is the trace of  $A$  such that  $xy - f(x) = yx - f(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $xy - f(x) = yx - f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This can be re-written as  $[x, y] = f(x) - f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + y$  in the above relation, we obtained,  $[x, y] = f(x) - 2A(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Now, substituting  $-x$  in place of  $x$  and combining the above relation, we get  $2f(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we find that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Now, combining it with our hypothesis, we arrive at  $[x, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hence, by Lemma 2.3, we get  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  the trace of  $B$  such that  $[x, y] = f(xy) - f(yx)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* Given that  $[x, y] = f(xy) - f(yx)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . This can be re-written as

$$[x, y] = [x^2, f(y)] + [f(x), y^2] + 2xB(x, y)y - 2yB(x, y)x \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4.1)$$

Now, replacing  $x$  by  $x + y$  in (4.1), we obtained

$$\begin{aligned} [x, y] &= [x^2, f(y)] + [xy, f(y)] + [yx, f(y)] + [f(x), y^2] + 2[B(x, y), y^2] \\ &+ 2xB(x, y)y + 2xf(y)y - 2yB(x, y)x - 2yf(y)x \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Thus in view of expression of (4.1) yields that

$$0 = [xy, f(y)] + [yx, f(y)] + 2[B(x, y), y^2] + 2xf(y)y - 2yf(y)x \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4.3)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x + y$  in (4.2) and using (4.2), we obtained

$$2([x^2, f(y)] + [f(x), y^2] + 2xB(x, y)y - 2yB(x, y)x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4.4)$$

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, the last expression implies that  $[x, y] = [x^2, f(y)] + [f(x), y^2] + 2xB(x, y)y - 2yB(x, y)x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This yields that  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $U$  be a square closed Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $B : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric bi-derivation and  $f$  is the trace of  $B$  such that  $[x, y] - f(xy) + f(yx) \in Z(R)$  holds for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $[x, y] - f(xy) + f(yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This can be re-written as

$$[x, y] - [x^2, f(y)] - [f(x), y^2] - 2xB(x, y)y + 2yB(x, y)x \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4.5)$$

Now using the similar argument as we have used from (4.1) to (4.3), we get

$$0 = [xy, f(y)] + [yx, f(x)] + 2[B(x, y), y^2] + 2xf(y)y - 2yf(y)x \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \quad (4.6)$$

Further replacing  $y$  by  $x + y$  in the last expression and using the fact that  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we find that  $f(xy) - f(yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Combining this our hypothesis, we get  $[x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hence using Lemma 2.3, we get the required result.  $\square$

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