

# ON AUTOMORPHISMS AND $\alpha$ -BI-SEMIDERIVATIONS OF PRIME RINGS

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**Abstract** In this research paper, our intension is to prove the commutative structure of a prime ring using identities involving with automorphisms and  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivations. Moreover, we introduced the concept of  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivations on rings for an automorphism  $\alpha$ .

## 1 Introduction

The well-known Posner's result, which stipulates that the presence of a nonzero centralizing derivation on a prime ring compels the ring to be commutative, is the basis of our investigation. Mayne extends this result for automorphism. He proved that there exists a nontrivial centralizing automorphism on a prime ring forces the ring to be commutative. Number of mathematicians established a relationship between the structure of prime (semiprime) rings and their subsets including the behavior of mappings namely derivations,  $\alpha$ -derivations, automorphisms, endomorphisms etc. satisfying algebraic identities involving such mappings. For further information and study in the related subject, one can turned to [1], [9], [10]. In the sequel, we obtained some commutativity results using identities on  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on prime ring. Let us describe the basic terminology used in our study.

$\mathcal{R}$  will be called as associative ring, together with the center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{R})$  throughout the paper. The expression  $[b, d]$  defined as  $[b, d] = bd - db$  and denoted the commutator of  $b, d \in \mathcal{R}$ . Remember that if  $cRb = 0$  shows that either  $c = 0$  or  $b = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  is said to be prime. A mapping  $\zeta$  from  $\mathcal{R}$  to  $\mathcal{R}$  is recognized as a derivation on  $\mathcal{R}$ , if it satisfies  $\zeta(ee) = \zeta(e)e + e\zeta(e)$ , for every  $e, e \in \mathcal{R}$ .

A mapping  $\mathcal{D} : R \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is considered to be symmetric, according to Maksa [3], if  $\mathcal{D}(p, q) = \mathcal{D}(q, p)$  for every  $p, q$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ . If a mapping  $\mathcal{D} : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is additive in both slots, it is said to be bi-additive. The idea of symmetric bi-derivations is now introduced as follows: When the map  $q \mapsto \mathcal{D}(p, q)$  and the map  $p \mapsto \mathcal{D}(p, q)$  are both derivations of  $\mathcal{R}$ , the bi-additive mapping  $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is said to be bi-derivation. For ideational reading in the related matter one can turned to [3]. For a symmetric mapping  $\mathcal{D}$ , a map  $h : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  defined as  $h(p) = \mathcal{D}(p, p)$  is called the trace of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

J. Bergen introduces the idea of semiderivations of a ring  $R$  in [4]. A mapping  $f$  that is additive from  $R$  to  $R$  is known as a semiderivation if there exists a function  $g$  on  $\mathcal{R}$  such that  $f(ab) = f(a)g(b) + af(b) = f(a)b + g(a)f(b)$  and  $f(g(a)) = g(f(a))$  for each  $a, b$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ . All semiderivations associated with  $g$  are just normal derivations if  $g$  is an identity map of  $\mathcal{R}$ . However, if  $g$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  such that  $g \neq I_{identity}$ , then  $f = g - I$  is a semiderivation rather than a derivation. Some remarkable results related to semiderivations found in [5].

A bi-additive and symmetric mapping  $\mathcal{D}$  from  $\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R}$  to  $\mathcal{R}$  is recognised as a symmetric bi-semiderivation associated with a mapping  $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ , if

$$\mathcal{D}(pq, r) = \mathcal{D}(p, r)f(q) + p\mathcal{D}(q, r) = \mathcal{D}(p, r)q + f(p)\mathcal{D}(q, r)$$

and  $h(f) = f(h)$  for each  $p, q, r$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

If  $\alpha$  is an automorphism on  $R$ . An additive mapping  $d : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -semiderivation with an epimorphism  $\varphi : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  if its fulfill the following conditions:

- (i)  $d(pq) = d(p)\varphi(q) + \alpha(p)d(q) = d(p)\alpha(q) + \varphi(p)d(q)$ .
- (ii)  $d(\varphi(p)) = \varphi(d(p))$ .

Motivated by the definition of bi-semiderivation and  $\alpha$ -semiderivation, we intend to define the concept of  $\alpha$ -bi-semiderivation on ring as follows:

Let  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on ring and  $\mathcal{K}$  be a bi-additive mapping on  $\mathcal{R}$ . We say  $\mathcal{K} : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ , an  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $R$  with associated function  $\hbar$  if it fulfills the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mathcal{K}(pq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\hbar(q) + \alpha(p)\mathcal{K}(q, r)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{K}(pq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\alpha(q) + \hbar(p)\mathcal{K}(q, r)$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{K}(\hbar) = \hbar(\mathcal{K})$ .

The definition above will be reduces to  $\alpha$ -semiderivation if we take for some fixed  $a$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(p, a) = d(p)$  for every  $p \in \mathcal{R}$ . For more literature and examples about bi-semiderivations, one can look into [2] and the references therein.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \mid p, q \in 2\mathbb{Z}_4 \right\}$  is a ring under matrix addition and matrix multiplication. Define mapping  $\alpha, h$  from  $R$  to itself by

$$\alpha \left[ \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix},$$

$$h \left[ \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathcal{K} : R \times R \rightarrow R$  by  $\mathcal{K} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} pr & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for every  $p, q, r, t \in 2\mathbb{Z}_4$ .

Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  and automorphism  $\alpha$ .

## 2 Prerequisite

The purpose of the current work is to examine the identities related to  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivations with associated surjective map  $\hbar$  on a prime ring  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\alpha$  represents an automorphism on  $\mathcal{R}$ . We begin our discussion with the following lemmas:

**Lemma 2.1.** [7] *Let  $\alpha$  be a nontrivial automorphism on a prime ring  $\mathcal{R}$ . If  $[\alpha(t), t] = 0$ , for every  $t \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is a commutative ring.*

*In [6], author obtained that if  $pq = 0$  and  $p \neq 0$  is a nonzero element in  $\mathcal{R}$ , then  $q = 0$ . Our next lemma is an analogous form of this result.*

**Lemma 2.2.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a nonzero  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $b\mathcal{K}(p, p) = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{R}$  and some fixed  $b \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $b = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Given that for all  $p \in \mathcal{R}$  and a fixed  $b \in \mathcal{R}$

$$b\mathcal{K}(p, p) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

Put  $p + q$  for  $p$  in (2.1) to find

$$b\mathcal{K}(p, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{2.2}$$

Substitute  $qw$  for  $q$  in above equation to get

$$b\{\mathcal{K}(p, q)\hbar(w) + \alpha(q)\mathcal{K}(p, w)\} = 0 \text{ for all } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{2.3}$$

Analysing equations (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$b\alpha(q)\mathcal{K}(p, w) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{2.4}$$

As  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we can put  $\alpha^{-1}(q)$  for  $q$  in above equation to get  $bq\mathcal{K}(p, w) = 0$  for every  $p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}$ . Therefore, we have  $b\mathcal{R}\mathcal{K}(p, w) = 0$  for every  $p, w \in \mathcal{R}$ . Making use of primeness of  $\mathcal{R}$  and the fact that  $\mathcal{K} \neq 0$  to see  $b = 0$ .  $\square$

### 3 Main Results

We begin investigation with the following :

**Theorem 3.1.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $\mathcal{R}$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $\mathcal{K}(p, p)\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We are given that for each  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$

$$\mathcal{K}(p, p)\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

Replace  $q + w$  for  $q$  in (3.1) and use characteristic condition to find

$$\mathcal{K}(p, p)\mathcal{K}(q, w) = 0, \text{ for all } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.2}$$

We obtain by substituting  $qy$  for  $q$  in (3.2)

$$\mathcal{K}(p, p)\{\mathcal{K}(q, w)\hbar(y) + \alpha(q)\mathcal{K}(y, w)\} = 0 \text{ for every } p, q, w, y \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.3}$$

In light of (3.2), (3.3) assumes the form

$$\mathcal{K}(p, p)\alpha(q)\mathcal{K}(y, w) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, w, y \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.4}$$

Reword the above equation after substituting  $\alpha^{-1}(q)$  for  $q$  to have  $\mathcal{K}(p, p)q\mathcal{K}(y, w) = 0$  for every  $p, q, w, y \in \mathcal{R}$ . Hence we observe the primeness in the equation  $\mathcal{K}(p, p)\mathcal{R}\mathcal{K}(y, w) = 0$  for every  $p, w, y \in \mathcal{R}$ . We get  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .  $\square$

*As a consequences of above theorem, we listed the following corollaries:*

**Corollary 3.2.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $\mathcal{R}$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  and  $d$  is a  $\alpha$ -semiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{K}(p, p)d(q) = 0$  for every  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{K} = 0$  or  $d = 0$ .*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $\mathcal{R}$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  and  $d$  is a  $\alpha$ -semiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  such that  $d(p)\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0$  for every  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{K} = 0$  or  $d = 0$ .*

**Corollary 3.4.** Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $d$  is a  $\alpha$ -semiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  such that  $d(p)d(q) = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $d = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $[\mathcal{K}(p, p), \hbar(q)] = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .

*Proof.* We have given that for each  $p, q \in R$ ,

$$[\mathcal{K}(p, p), \hbar(q)] = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

Replace  $p + w$  for  $p$  in (3.5) and use characteristic condition to obtain

$$[\mathcal{K}(p, w), \hbar(q)] = 0 \text{ for every } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.6}$$

Simplify the equation (3.6) after putting  $wq$  for  $w$  to obtain

$$[\alpha(w), \hbar(q)]\mathcal{K}(p, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.7}$$

Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, we can put  $\alpha^{-1}(w)$  for  $w$  in above equation to have

$$[w, \hbar(q)]\mathcal{K}(p, q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.8}$$

Again replace  $p$  by  $pt$  in(3.8) and making use of (3.8) to acquire

$$[w, \hbar(q)]\alpha(p)\mathcal{K}(t, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q, t, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.9}$$

Suitable substitution for  $p$  in (3.9) implies that

$$[w, \hbar(q)]p\mathcal{K}(t, q) = 0 \text{ for every } p, q, t, w \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.10}$$

In view of above equation, we now designed the two subsets as  $\mathbf{A} = \{t, w \in \mathcal{R} \mid \mathcal{K}(t, w) = 0\}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{q \in \mathcal{R} \mid [w, \hbar(q)] = 0, w \in \mathcal{R}\}$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are two additive subgroups of  $\mathcal{R}$  that we have seen, and  $\mathcal{R}$  is the union of these subgroups. Because  $(\mathcal{R}, +)$  cannot be the union of two of its proper subgroups, this leads to a contradiction. Hence we arrive at the conclusion that either  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbf{A}$  or  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbf{B}$ . From the first case  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ . Another case gives the commutativity of  $R$  after elementary calculation and using surjectiveness of  $\hbar$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $[\mathcal{K}(p, p), p] = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .

*Proof.* We have given that for each  $p \in R$ ,

$$[\mathcal{K}(p, p), p] = 0. \tag{3.11}$$

Replace  $p + q$  for  $p$  in (3.11) and use (3.11) to obtain

$$[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), p] + [\mathcal{K}(p, p), q] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q] = 0 \text{ for each } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.12}$$

Rewrite the above equation by swapping  $-q$  for  $q$ , we have

$$[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p] - 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), p] - [\mathcal{K}(p, p), q] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q] = 0 \text{ for all } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.13}$$

Adding (3.12) and (3.13) to find

$$[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q] = 0 \text{ for every } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.14}$$

Putting  $pt$  for  $p$  in (3.14) to get

$$\begin{aligned} &[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p]t + p[\mathcal{K}(q, q), t] + 2\mathcal{K}(p, q)[\hbar(t), q] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q]\hbar(t) \\ &+ 2\alpha(p)[\mathcal{K}(t, q), q] + 2[\alpha(p), q]\mathcal{K}(t, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q, t \in \mathcal{R}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Particularly reword (3.15) for  $t = q$ , we have

$$[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p]q + 2\mathcal{K}(p, q)[\hbar(q), q] + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q]\hbar(q) + 2[\alpha(p), q]\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.16}$$

Using surjectivity of  $\hbar$  for suitable substitution in the last expression to find

$$[\mathcal{K}(q, q), p]q + 2[\mathcal{K}(p, q), q]q + 2[\alpha(p), q]\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.17}$$

From (3.14) and (3.17), we have

$$[\alpha(p), q]\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.18}$$

This yields that  $[\alpha(p), q]\mathcal{R}\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0$  for every  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ . Primeness of  $\mathcal{R}$  gives us either  $\mathcal{K}(q, q) = 0$  or  $[\alpha(p), q] = 0$  for every  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ . the last case gives the desired result by applying Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $[\mathcal{K}(p, p), q] = 0$  for all  $q, p \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

**Corollary 3.8.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $[\mathcal{K}(p, p), \alpha(q)] = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

**Theorem 3.9.** *Consider  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a prime ring with characteristic not two and  $\alpha$  be an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $\hbar$  such that  $\mathcal{K}(p, p) \circ \alpha(q) = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Given that

$$\mathcal{K}(p, p) \circ \alpha(q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.19}$$

If we substitute  $p + r$  for  $p$  in above equation, then we find

$$\mathcal{K}(p, r) \circ \alpha(q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.20}$$

Next, put  $pq$  for  $p$  in (3.20) to obtain

$$\{\mathcal{K}(p, r)\hbar(q) + \alpha(p)\mathcal{K}(q, r)\} \circ \alpha(q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.21}$$

This implicit that

$$(\mathcal{K}(p, r)\hbar(q)) \circ \alpha(q) + (\alpha(p)\mathcal{K}(q, r)) \circ \alpha(q) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.22}$$

We use the operation ' $\circ$ ' and simplify (3.22) to get

$$(\mathcal{K}(p, r) \circ \alpha(q))\hbar(q) + \mathcal{K}(p, r)[\hbar(q), \alpha(q)] + \alpha(p)(\mathcal{K}(q, r)) \circ \alpha(q) - [\alpha(p), \alpha(q)]\mathcal{K}(q, r) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.23}$$

Making use of (3.20) in the last equation, we arrive at

$$\mathcal{K}(p, r)[\hbar(q), \alpha(q)] = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.24}$$

Since  $\hbar$  is surjective, we have

$$\mathcal{K}(p, r)[q, \alpha(q)] = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.25}$$

Last equation yields that  $\mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{R}[q, \alpha(q)] = 0$  for every  $p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}$ . We may designed the two subsets as  $\mathbf{A} = \{r, p \in \mathcal{R} \mid \mathcal{K}(p, r) = 0\}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{q \in \mathcal{R} \mid [q, \alpha(q)] = 0\}$ . We observe that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are two additive subgroups of  $\mathcal{R}$  and union of such subgroups comprises  $\mathcal{R}$ . Which yields a contradiction to the fact that  $(\mathcal{R}, +)$  can not be the union of two it's proper subgroups. Hence we can conclude that either  $\mathcal{K}(p, r) = 0$  or  $[q, \alpha(q)] = 0$  for all  $p, r, q \in \mathcal{R}$ . Second case gives us the commutativity of  $\mathcal{R}$  by Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a prime ring and  $\alpha$  is an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $d$  is a  $\alpha$ -semiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $h$  such that  $d(p)\alpha(q) = 0$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then either  $\mathcal{R}$  is commutative or  $d = 0$ .*

*Proof.* The step wise proof is found in [8]. □

**Theorem 3.11.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a prime ring and  $\alpha$  is an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\alpha$ -bisemiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $h$  such that  $\mathcal{K}(pq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{K}(q, r)$  for all  $p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* This is given that

$$\mathcal{K}(pq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{K}(q, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.26}$$

Simplify the left side in above equation, we find

$$\mathcal{K}(pq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)h(q) + \alpha(p)\mathcal{K}(q, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.27}$$

Put  $pt$  for  $p$  in (3.27) to obtain

$$\mathcal{K}(ptq, r) = \mathcal{K}(pt, r)h(q) + \alpha(pt)\mathcal{K}(q, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.28}$$

Rewrite the right side of (3.28) by using definition of  $\mathcal{K}$ , we observe

$$\mathcal{K}(ptq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{K}(t, r)h(q) + \alpha(p)\alpha(t)\mathcal{K}(q, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.29}$$

Reword the left side of (3.28) as

$$\mathcal{K}(ptq, r) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{K}(tq, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.30}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(ptq, r) &= \mathcal{K}(p, r)\{\mathcal{K}(t, r)h(q) + \alpha(t)\mathcal{K}(q, r)\} \\ &= \mathcal{K}(p, r)\mathcal{K}(t, r)h(q) + \mathcal{K}(p, r)\alpha(t)\mathcal{K}(q, r) \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

Compare (3.29) and (3.31) to find

$$(\alpha(p) - \mathcal{K}(p, r))\alpha(t)\mathcal{K}(q, r) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.32}$$

Substitute  $\alpha^{-1}(t)$  for  $t$  in above last equation to get

$$(\alpha(p) - \mathcal{K}(p, r))t\mathcal{K}(q, r) = 0 \text{ for each } p, q, r, t \in \mathcal{R}. \tag{3.33}$$

Primeness of  $R$  facilitate us to split the last expression in two cases: (i) either  $\alpha(p) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)$  or (ii)  $\mathcal{K}(q, r) = 0$  for every  $q, p, r \in R$ . Now consider the first case if  $\alpha(p) = \mathcal{K}(p, r)$  for every  $p, r \in R$ . Put  $ps$  for  $p$  and simplify to obtain  $\mathcal{K}(p, r)h(s) = 0$  for each  $p, r, s \in R$ . Since  $h$  is surjective, we have  $\mathcal{K}(p, r)s = 0$  for each  $p, r, s \in R$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{K}(p, r) = 0$  for each  $p, r \in R$ . Hence in both case we get  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.12.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a prime ring and  $\alpha$  is an automorphism on  $R$ . If  $d$  is a  $\alpha$ -semiderivation on  $\mathcal{R}$  with associated function  $h$  such that  $d(pq) = d(p)d(q)$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $d = 0$ .*

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