

## COMMUTING SYMMETRIC BI-SEMIDERIVATIONS ON RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** In the present note, we discuss the notion of symmetric bi-semiderivations on rings and prove some commutativity results for commuting bi-semiderivations. Moreover, we obtain the characterization of symmetric bi-semiderivation on prime ring.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The idea of symmetric bi-derivations inaugurated by Maksa [7]. He shown that symmetric bi-derivations are related to general solution of some functional equations. A mapping  $D : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is said to be symmetric if  $D(x, y) = D(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $D : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called bi-additive if it is additive in both slot. Now we introduce the concept of symmetric bi-derivations as follows: A bi-additive mapping  $D : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called a bi-derivation if for every  $x \in R$ , the map  $y \mapsto D(x, y)$  as well as for every  $y \in R$ , the map  $x \mapsto D(x, y)$  is a derivation of  $R$ . That is,  $D(xy, z) = D(x, z)y + xD(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$  and  $D(x, yz) = D(x, y)z + yD(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . A mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $d(x) = D(x, x)$ , where  $D : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric mapping is called the trace of  $D$ .

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Bergen [3] define the concept of semiderivations of a ring  $R$ . An additive mapping  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  is called a semiderivation if there exists a function  $g : R \longrightarrow R$  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 all  $a, b \in R$ . In case  $g$  is an identity map of  $R$ ; then all semiderivations associated with  $g$  are merely ordinary derivations. On the other hand, if  $g$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  such that  $g \neq 1$  (*identity map*); then  $f = g - 1$  is a semiderivation which is not a derivation. In case  $R$  is prime and  $f \neq 0$ ; it has been shown by Chang [5] that  $g$  must necessarily be a ring endomorphism.

Inspired by the definition in [10], a symmetric bi-additive function  $D : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  is called a symmetric bi-semiderivation associated with a function  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  (or simply a symmetric bi-semiderivation of a ring  $R$ ) if

$$D(ab, c) = D(a, c)f(b) + aD(b, c) = D(a, c)b + f(a)D(b, c)$$

and  $d(f(a)) = f(d(a))$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ , where  $d : R \longrightarrow R$  stands for the trace of  $D$ .

**Example 1.** Consider  $R$  is a commutative ring and

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in R \right\}$$

will be a ring under matrix addition and multiplication. Define  $D : S \times S \longrightarrow S$  such that

$$D\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ e & f \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & cf \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $f : S \longrightarrow S$  by

$$f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $D$  represents a bi-semiderivation on  $S$  associated with a function  $f$ .

In [11], author proved the following result: Let  $R$  be a noncommutative prime ring of characteristic different from two and  $D : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  be a symmetric biderivation with trace  $d$ . If  $d$  is commuting on  $R$ , then  $D = 0$ . Further generalization of this idea presented by Ali et.al. [1]. Very recently authors in [2] generalized the notion in rings with involution. Our theorem 2.2 is the extension of a results proved in [12]. Author in [12] established that: Let  $R$  be a prime

ring of characteristic not two and three. If  $D_1, D_2$  are the symmetric biderivations of  $R$  with trace  $d_1, d_2$ , respectively, such that  $d_1(x)d_2(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  in  $R$ , then either  $D_1 = 0$  or  $D_2 = 0$ . For the more related literature reader can look inside [1,2,4,6,7,9] and the references therein. Continuing our investigation, we prove some commutativity results for commuting bi-semiderivations

## 2. SYMMETRIC BI-SEMIDERIVATION

Throughout we consider  $f$  a surjective function on  $R$ . To prove our main theorems, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not two,  $I$  be a nonzero right (left) ideal of  $R$  and  $D$  be a symmetric bi-semiderivation having associated function  $f$  on  $R$ . If  $D(x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in I$ , then either  $D = 0$  on  $R$  or  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* Consider  $D(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Linearization gives that  $D(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Replace  $yr$  for  $y$  to get  $yD(x, r) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $r \in R$ . Again replace  $x$  by  $xs$  to find  $yxD(s, r) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ . By simple manipulation we can have  $[y, x]RD(s, r) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ . Next making two additive sets namely  $K = \{y \in R : [y, x] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in R\}$  and  $L = \{s \in R : D(s, r) = 0, r \in R\}$ . Since a group can not be the union of its two subgroups. Therefore, either  $K = 0$  or  $L = 0$  by Brauer's trick. In the first case if  $[y, x] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . A simple calculation yields that  $[y, t]R[s, x] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $t, s, r \in R$ . Hence argument of primeness is sufficient to complete the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not two,  $I$  be a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  and  $D$  be a symmetric bi-semiderivation having associated function  $f$  on  $R$ . If  $[D(x, x), x] = 0$ , for all  $x \in I$ , then either  $D = 0$  or  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* Given that  $D$  is commuting on  $I$ , that is,

$$(2.1) \quad [D(x, x), x] = 0, \text{ for all } x \in I.$$

Linearization of above equation yields that

$$(2.2) \quad 2[D(x, y), x] + 2[D(x, y), y] + [D(y, y), x] + [D(x, x), y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

Putting  $-y$  in place of  $y$  in equation (2.2) and using (2.2) with characteristic condition, we find

$$(2.3) \quad [D(y, y), x] + 2[D(x, y), y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

Substitute  $xr$  for  $x$  in (2.3) and use (2.3) to get

$$(2.4) \quad [D(y, y), x]r + 2[D(x, y), y]f(r) + 2D(x, y)[f(r), y] + 2[x, y]D(r, y) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in I, r \in R$ . By surjectiveness of  $f$  allow us to write  $f(r) = r \in R$  in (2.4) and simplifying in view of (2.3), we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad D(x, y)[r, y] + [x, y]D(r, y) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in I, r \in R$ .

Again replace  $x$  by  $xs$  in above equation to find

$$(2.6) \quad D(x, y)f(s)[r, y] + [x, y]sD(r, y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I, r, s \in R.$$

In particular, we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad [x, y]sD(y, y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I, s \in R.$$

Now proceed in the same way as in Lemma 2.1. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not two and  $D_1, D_2$  be two symmetric bi-semiderivations having associated function  $f$  on  $R$ . If  $D_1(x, x)D_2(x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ , then one of the following conditions hold.*

- (1)  $R$  is commutative.
- (2)  $D_1 = 0$ .
- (3)  $D_2 = 0$ .

*Proof.* By given hypothesis we can have

$$(2.8) \quad D_1(x, x)D_2(x, x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Linearize the above equation to get

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & D_1(x, x)D_2(x, x) + D_1(x, x)D_2(y, y) + 2D_1(x, x)D_2(x, y) \\ & + D_1(y, y)D_2(x, x) + D_1(y, y)D_2(y, y) + 2D_1(y, y)D_2(x, y) \\ & + 2D_1(x, y)D_2(x, x) + 2D_1(x, y)D_2(y, y) + 4D_1(x, y)D_2(x, y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Putting  $-y$  in place of  $y$  in (2.9) and adding the resulting equation with (2.9), we find

$$(2.10) \quad D_1(x, x)D_2(y, y) + D_1(y, y)D_2(x, x) + 4D_1(x, y)D_2(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Again linearize (2.10) in  $x$  and using (2.10) along with characteristic condition on  $R$  to obtain

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} &D_1(x, z)D_2(y, y) + D_1(y, y)D_2(x, z) + 2D_1(z, y)D_2(x, y) \\ &+ 2D_1(x, y)D_2(z, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zu$  in (2.11), we have

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} &D_1(x, z)f(u)D_2(y, y) + zD_1(x, u)D_2(y, y) + D_1(y, y)D_2(x, z)f(u) \\ &+ D_1(y, y)zD_2(x, u) + 2D_1(z, y)f(u)D_2(x, y) \\ &+ 2zD_1(u, y)D_2(x, y) + 2D_1(x, y)D_2(z, y)f(u) \\ &+ 2D_1(x, y)zD_2(u, y) = 0 \text{ for all } u, x, y, z \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing (2.11) and (2.12) to find

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} &D_1(x, z)[f(u), D_2(y, y)] + 2D_1(z, y)[f(u), D_2(x, y)] + 2[D_1(y, y), z]D_2(x, u) \\ &+ 2[D_1(x, y), z]D_2(u, y) = 0 \text{ for all } u, x, y, z \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Particularly, if we take  $x = y$  and  $f(u) = t \in R$  in (2.13), we obtain

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} &D_1(x, z)[t, D_2(x, x)] + 2D_1(z, x)[t, D_2(x, x)] + 2[D_1(x, x), z]D_2(x, u) \\ &+ 2[D_1(x, x), z]D_2(u, x) = 0 \text{ for all } u, x, t, z \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite (2.14) by changing  $D_2(x, x)$  for  $t$  and evaluate after applying characteristic condition to get

$$(2.15) \quad [D_1(x, x), z]D_2(u, x) = 0 \text{ for all } u, x, z \in R.$$

Putting  $su$  in place of  $u$  in (2.15), we get

$$(2.16) \quad [D_1(x, x), z]sD_2(u, x) = 0 \text{ for all } s, u, x, z \in R.$$

Now making two subgroups of  $R$  namely  $\prod = \{y \in R, [D_1(y, y), z] = 0; \text{ for all } z \in R\}$  and  $\coprod = \{y \in R, D_2(y, u) = 0; \text{ for all } u \in R\}$ . Since  $\prod$  and  $\coprod$  are two additive subgroups of  $R$ . By group theory arguments that a group can not be the union of its two subgroups. Hence either  $\prod = 0$  or  $\coprod = 0$ . This implies that

either  $D_2 = 0$  or  $[D_1(y, y), z] = 0$  for all  $y, z \in R$ . In later case Theorem 2.1 gives the assertion of theorem.  $\square$

**Example 2.** Let

$$R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in S \right\}$$

where  $S$  is any commutative ring. Consider  $D : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  is defined as

$$D \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By definition  $D$  is a symmetric bi-semiderivation on  $R$ . We can see that  $DD = 0$  but  $D \neq 0$ . This implies that primeness will be the essential condition in Theorem 2.2.

### 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF BI-SEMIDERIVATIONS

In this section, we discuss the characterization of symmetric bi-semiderivation of a prime ring. A prominent result of Martindale states that if  $R$  is a prime ring and  $a, b \in R$  satisfy  $axb = bxa$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are linearly dependent over  $C$ , the extended centroid of  $R$ . This result has proved to be a valuable tool in our learning and investigation. For detailed study about  $C$  and concerned topic one advised to look in [8]. To prove our main theorem, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** [4] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $S$  be any subset of  $R$ . If functions  $f, g, h : S \longrightarrow R$  satisfy  $f(x)yg(z) = h(x)yf(z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in S$  and  $f \neq 0$ , then  $g(x) = h(x) = \lambda f(x)$  for some  $\lambda$  in the extended centroid  $C$  of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not two and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If  $D_1, D_2$  be two nonzero symmetric bi-semiderivations on  $R$  such that  $D_1(x, x)D_2(y, y) = D_2(x, x)D_1(y, y)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , then there exists  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $D_2(x, x) = \lambda D_1(x, x)$ , for all  $x \in I$ .

*Proof.* By the hypothesis of our theorem, it is given that

$$(3.1) \quad D_1(x, x)D_2(y, y) = D_2(x, x)D_1(y, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

Linearization of (3.1) in  $y$  yields that for all  $x, y, z \in I$

$$(3.2) \quad D_1(x, x)D_2(y, z) = D_2(x, x)D_1(y, z)$$

Substitute  $rz$  in place of  $z$  in (3.2) and compare the resulting equation with (3.2) to get

$$(3.3) \quad D_1(x, x)rD_2(y, z) = D_2(x, x)rD_1(y, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in I, r \in R.$$

In particular, reword the above equation as

$$(3.4) \quad D_1(x, x)rD_2(y, y) = D_2(x, x)rD_1(y, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in I, r \in R.$$

In light of Lemma 3.1, we find  $D_2(x, x) = \lambda(x)D_1(x, x)$  for all  $x \in I$  and  $\lambda(x) \in C$ . With this form of  $D_2$ , rewrite the equation (3.1) like

$$(3.5) \quad D_1(x, x)\lambda(y)D_1(y, y) - \lambda(x)D_1(x, x)D_1(y, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

A simple calculation gives that

$$(3.6) \quad (\lambda(y) - \lambda(x))rD_1(x, x)D_1(y, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I, r \in R.$$

Since  $D_1 \neq 0$ , hence we get  $\lambda(x) = \lambda(y)$ . This implies that  $D_2(x, x) = \lambda D_1(x, x)$ , for all  $x \in I$ .

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