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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove commutativity of prime near rings by using the notion of  $\beta$ -derivations. Let  $M$  be a prime near ring. If there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  and two sided nonzero  $\beta$ -derivation  $f$  on  $M$ , where  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  is a homomorphism, satisfying the following conditions:

- i.  $f([s, t]) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$
- ii.  $f([s, t]) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$

## KEYWORDS

 $\beta$ -derivations, commutativity, homomorphism.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper  $M$  is a zero symmetric right near ring. If  $M = \{s \in M : 0s = 0\}$  then  $M$  is called zero symmetric. For all  $s, t \in M$ ,  $sMt = 0$ , this implies that  $s = 0$  or  $t = 0$ , then  $M$  is called prime near ring (Bell and Mason, 1987). A mapping  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is known as two sided  $\beta$ -derivation if there is a function  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  such that  $f(st) = f(s)\beta(t) + \beta(s)f(t)$  and  $f(st) = \beta(s)f(t) + f(s)\beta(t)$  for all  $s, t \in M$ . Let  $M$  be a near ring whose center  $Z(M)$  is defined as:  $Z(M) = \{c \in M : cm = mc, \text{ for all } m \in M\}$ . For any  $s, t \in M$ ,  $sot = st + ts$  and  $[s, t] = st - ts$  is known as Jordan and Lie product, respectively.

In recent years, many authors contributed in the theory of rings, near rings and  $\Gamma$ -rings (Basudeb, 2010; Bell and Mason, 1992; Golbasi and Koc, 2009; Golbasi and Koc, 2011; Khan et al., 2013; Khan et al., 2013; Khan et al., 2016; Raina et al., 2009). Later they have investigated the properties for prime and semi prime near rings involving derivation (Ashraf et al., 2004; Ashraf and Shakir, 2008; Beidar et al., 1996; Daif and Bell, 1992; Kamal, 2001; Quadri et al., 2003; Wang, 1994). In this paper, we investigated results for prime near ring involving two sided  $\beta$ -derivation.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a prime near ring. If there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  and two sided nonzero  $\beta$ -derivation  $f$  on  $M$ , where  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  is a homomorphism, satisfying the following conditions:

- i.  $f([s, t]) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$
- ii.  $f([s, t]) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$

Then  $M$  is a commutative ring.

Proof. i. Since

$$f([s, t]) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (1)$$

Also  $[s, ts] = [s, t]s$ , replacing  $t$  by  $ts$  in equation (1), we obtain

$$f([s, ts]) = f([s, t]s).$$

This gives

$$f([s, t]s) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(ts)]s^q.$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so the last relation implies

$$f([s, t]s) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)\beta(s)]s^q.$$

This gives

$$f([s, t]s) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (2)$$

By using definition of  $\beta$ -derivation, we have

$$f([s, t]s) = f[s, t]\beta(s) + \beta([s, t])f(s)$$

By using equation (1) and equation (2), we obtain

$$s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) = s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) + [\beta(s), \beta(t)]f(s)$$

From this we arrive at

$$[\beta(s), \beta(t)]f(s) = 0$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $ut$ , we get

$$[\beta(s), \beta(ut)]f(s) = 0$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, we have

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)\beta(t)]f(s) = 0$$

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This implies

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(s) = 0 \quad \forall s, t, u \in M$$

The last relation gives

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]Mf(s) = 0 \quad \forall s, u \in M \quad (3)$$

Since M is prime then for each  $s \in M$ , we get  $f(s) = 0$  or  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a nonzero two sided  $\beta$ -derivation, so we have  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$  or  $s \in Z(M)$ , by using Lemma [2, [14]], we have  $f(s) \in Z(M)$ . This along with Lemma [3, [14]], we get

$$f(M) \subset Z(M)$$

Hence M is a commutative ring.

ii. Since

$$f([s, t]) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (4)$$

Also  $[s, ts] = [s, t]s$ , replacing t by ts in equation (1), we obtain

$$f([s, ts]) = f([s, t]s).$$

This gives

$$f([s, t]s) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(ts)]s^q.$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so the last relation implies

$$f([s, t]s) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)\beta(s)]s^q.$$

This gives

$$f([s, t]s) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (5)$$

By using definition of  $\beta$ -derivation, we have

$$f([s, t]s) = f[s, t]\beta(s) + \beta([s, t])f(s)$$

By using equation (4) and equation (5), we obtain

$$-s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) = -s^p[\beta(s), \beta(t)]s^q \beta(s) + [\beta(s), \beta(t)]f(s)$$

From this we arrive at

$$[\beta(s), \beta(t)]f(s) = 0$$

Replacing t by ut, we get

$$[\beta(s), \beta(ut)]f(s) = 0$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, we have

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)\beta(t)]f(s) = 0$$

This implies

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(s) = 0 \quad \forall s, t, u \in M$$

The last relation gives

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]Mf(s) = 0 \quad \forall s, u \in M \quad (6)$$

Since M is prime then for each  $s \in M$ , we get  $f(s) = 0$  or  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a nonzero two sided  $\beta$ -derivation, so we have  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$  or  $s \in Z(M)$ , by using Lemma [2, [14]], we have  $f(s) \in Z(M)$ . This along with Lemma [3, [14]], we get

$$f(M) \subset Z(M)$$

Hence M is a commutative ring.

**Example 1.** Let X be a commutative ring and

$$M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : s, t \in X \right\}. \text{ We define the following mappings on M:}$$

Let  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  is a mapping defined by:

$$\beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is a mapping defined by:

$$f \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Then  $f$  is nonzero  $\beta$ -derivation on M. If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $AMA = 0$

which proves that M is not prime. Moreover,  $f$  satisfies the condition  $f([A, B]) = [A, B] \quad \forall A, B \in M$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let M be a prime near ring. If there exist  $p, q \in M$  and two sided nonzero  $\beta$ -derivation  $f$  on M, where  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  is a homomorphism, satisfying the following conditions:

$$i. f(sot) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$$

$$ii. f(sot) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M$$

Then M is a commutative ring.

Proof. i. Since

$$f(sot) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (7)$$

Also  $so(ts) = (sot)s$ , replacing t by ts in equation (7), we obtain

$$f((sot)s) = f(so(ts))$$

This gives

$$f((sot)s) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(ts))s^q$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so the last relation implies

$$f((sot)s) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t)\beta(s))s^q$$

This gives

$$f((sot)s) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (8)$$

By using definition of  $\beta$ -derivation, we have

$$f((sot)s) = f(sot)\beta(s) + \beta(sot)f(s)$$

By using equation (7) and equation (8), we obtain

$$s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) = s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) + (\beta(s)o\beta(t))f(s)$$

From this we arrive at

$$(\beta(s)o\beta(t))f(s) = 0$$

This implies

$$(\beta(s)\beta(t) + \beta(t)\beta(s))f(s) = 0$$

From this we get

$$\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s) + \beta(t)\beta(s)f(s) = 0$$

This gives

$$\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(t)\beta(s)f(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (9)$$

Replacing t by ut in last equation, we get

$$\beta(s)\beta(ut)f(s) = -\beta(ut)\beta(s)f(s)$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so we have

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(u)\beta(t)\beta(s)f(s)$$

By using equation (9), we obtain

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(u)(-\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s))$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so the last relation implies

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) = \beta(-u)\beta(-s)\beta(t)f(s)$$

This gives

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) - \beta(-u)\beta(-s)\beta(t)f(s) = 0$$

This implies

$$(\beta(s)\beta(u) + \beta(u)\beta(-s))\beta(t)f(s) = 0$$

Replacing s by -s, we get

$$(\beta(-s)\beta(u) + \beta(u)\beta(s))\beta(t)f(-s) = 0$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so we have

$$(-\beta(s)\beta(u) + \beta(u)\beta(s))\beta(t)f(-s) = 0$$

From this we get

$$-(\beta(s)\beta(u) - \beta(u)\beta(s))\beta(t)f(-s) = 0$$

This gives

$$-[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(-s) = 0$$

This implies

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(-s) = 0 \quad \forall s, t, u \in M$$

The last relation gives

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]Mf(-s) = 0 \quad \forall s, u \in M \quad (10)$$

Since M is prime then for each  $s \in M$ , we get  $f(-s) = 0$  or  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a nonzero two sided  $\beta$ -derivation, so we have  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$  or  $s \in Z(M)$ , by using Lemma [2, [14]], we have  $f(s) \in Z(M)$ . This along with Lemma [3, [14]], we get

$$f(M) \subset Z(M)$$

Hence M is a commutative ring.

ii. . Since

$$f(sot) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (11)$$

Also  $so(ts) = (sot)s$ , replacing t by ts in equation (11), we obtain

$$f((sot)s) = f(so(ts))$$

This gives

$$f((sot)s) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(ts))s^q$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so the last relation implies

$$f((sot)s) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t)\beta(s))s^q$$

This gives

$$f((sot)s) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (12)$$

By using definition of  $\beta$ -derivation, we have

$$f((sot)s) = f(sot)\beta(s) + \beta(sot)f(s)$$

By using equation (11) and equation (12), we obtain

$$-s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) = -s^p(\beta(s)o\beta(t))s^q \beta(s) + (\beta(s)o\beta(t))f(s)$$

From this we arrive at

$$(\beta(s)o\beta(t))f(s) = 0$$

This implies

$$(\beta(s)\beta(t) + \beta(t)\beta(s))f(s) = 0$$

From this we get

$$\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s) + \beta(t)\beta(s)f(s) = 0$$

This gives

$$\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(t)\beta(s)f(s) \quad \forall s, t \in M \quad (13)$$

Replacing t by ut in last equation, we get

$$\beta(s)\beta(ut)f(s) = -\beta(ut)\beta(s)f(s)$$

Since  $\beta$  is a homomorphism, so we have

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(u)\beta(t)\beta(s)f(s)$$

By using equation (13), we obtain

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) = -\beta(u)(-\beta(s)\beta(t)f(s))$$

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This gives

$$\beta(s)\beta(u)\beta(t)f(s) - \beta(-u)\beta(-s)\beta(t)f(s) = 0$$

This implies

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This gives

$$-[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(-s) = 0$$

This implies

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]\beta(t)f(-s) = 0 \quad \forall s, t, u \in M$$

The last relation gives

$$[\beta(s), \beta(u)]Mf(-s) = 0 \quad \forall s, u \in M \quad (14)$$

Since M is prime then for each  $s \in M$ , we get  $f(-s) = 0$  or  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$ . Since  $f$  is a nonzero two sided  $\beta$ -derivation, so we have  $[\beta(s), \beta(u)] = 0$  or  $s \in Z(M)$ , by using Lemma [2, [14]], we have  $f(s) \in Z(M)$ . This along with Lemma [3,[14]], we get

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