

## Commutativity Results for Prime and Semi-prime Rings with Derivations

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### ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this paper is to introduce new results concerning prime and semi-prime rings which satisfy some additional conditions; so that we obtain a prime ring that is commutative and a semi-prime ring that contains a non-zero central ideal.

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### 1- INTRODUCTION

Many studies were done on derivations and commutativity in prime and semi-prime rings, (Herstein, 1978) proved that if  $R$  is a prime ring of characteristic (not 2) which admits a non-zero derivation, such that;  $d(x)d(y) = d(y)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. (H.E. Bell and W.S.Martindale, 1987) proved that if  $R$  is a prime ring and  $U$  is a non-zero right ideal, and if  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $[x, d(x)]$  is central for all  $x \in U$ , then  $R$  is commutative. M.N.Daif and H.E. Bell (1992) proved that a semi-prime ring  $R$  must be commutative if it admits a derivation  $d$  such that (i)  $d([x, y]) = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , or (ii)  $d([x, y]) + [x, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . H.E. Bell and M.N. Daif (1995) proved that; if  $R$  is a prime ring and  $U$  is a non-zero right ideal, and if  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^*$ -derivation  $d$ , then either  $R$  is commutative or  $d^2(U) = d(U)d(U) = \{0\}$ . Where  $d$  is a  $U^*$ -derivation. If  $d(x)d(y) + d(xy) = d(y)d(x) + d(yx)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Hongan (1997) proved that if  $R$  is a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring,  $Z(R)$  the center of  $R$  and  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is a derivation. If  $d([x, y]) + [x, y] \in Z(R)$  or  $d([x, y]) - [x, y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U, U$

a non-zero ideal of  $R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. M.N. Daif (1998) proved that; if  $R$  is a semi-prime ring and  $U$  is a non zero two – sided ideal of  $R$ , and  $R$  admits a  $U^{***}$ -derivation  $d$  which is non-zero on  $U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal, where  $d$  is a  $U^{***}$ -derivation if  $d(xy) = d(yx)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . In this paper we will prove new results on prime and semi-prime rings with derivations.

### 2- PRELIMINARIES:

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes a ring, and it is called a semi-prime ring if  $aR = (0)$ , with  $a \in R$  implies  $a = 0$ , also  $R$  is called a prime ring if  $aRb = (0)$ ,  $a, b \in R$ , implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . The ring  $R$  is said to be  $n$ -torsion free, where  $n \neq 0$  is an integer, if whenever  $nx = 0$ , with  $x \in R$ , then  $x = 0$ .

If  $U$  is a non-empty subset of  $R$ , then the centralizer of  $U$  in  $R$ , denoted by  $C_R(U)$ , is defined by:  $C_R(U) = \{a \in R / ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in U\}$ . If  $a \in C_R(U)$  we say that  $a$  centralizes  $U$ . An additive map  $d$  from  $R$  to  $R$  is called a derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + x d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . We write  $[x, y] = xy - yx$  and  $xoy = xy + yx$ . Note the important identities  $[x, yz] = y[x, y] + [x, y]z$  and  $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$ . A map  $d$  is called an inner derivation if there exists  $a \in R$  such that  $d(x) = [a, x]$  for all  $x \in R$  and it is called the derivation induced by  $a$ . Let  $U$  be a subset of  $R$ , a map  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be centralizing on  $U$  if  $[x, d(x)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in U$ , and is said to be skew – centralizing

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on  $U$  if  $d(x)x + x d(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in U$ , it is also said to be  $n$ -centralizing on  $S$  (resp.  $n$ -skew-centralizing on  $S$ ) if  $[d(x), x^n] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in S$  (resp.  $d(x)x^n + x^n d(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in S$ ).

Now, check the following definitions:

**Definition 1:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $d$  is a non-zero derivation on  $R$  such that  $[d(x), y] = d([x, y])$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . We say that  $d$  is a  $U^{d1}$ -derivation.

**Definition 2:**

Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $d$  is a non-zero derivation on  $R$  such that  $[d(x), d(y)] = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . We say that  $d$  is a  $U^{d2}$ -derivation.

**Definition 3:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $d$  is a non-zero derivation on  $R$  such that  $d(y) \neq d(x) = [d(x), y] = [x, d(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . We say that  $d$  is a  $U^{d3}$ -derivation.

**Definition 4:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $d$  is a non-zero derivation on  $R$  such that  $d(y) - [d(y), x] = [d(x), y] - d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . We say that  $d$  is a  $U^{d4}$ -derivation.

We need to state the following results.

**Lemma 1 [Bresser, 1993]:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  is a non-zero left ideal. If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  with  $d(U) \neq \{0\}$ , satisfying one of the following conditions:

- (i)  $d$  is centralizing on  $U$ .
- (ii)  $d$  is skew-centralizing on  $U$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Lemma 2 [Bell and Daif, 1995, Theorem 4]**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero right ideal. If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $[x, d(x)]$  is central for all  $x \in U$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Lemma 3 [Deng and Bell, 1995, Theorem 2]**

Let  $n$  be a fixed integer, let  $R$  be  $n!$ -torsion free semi-

prime ring and  $U$  be a non-zero left ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$ , which is non-zero on  $U$  and  $n$ -centralizing on  $U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Lemma 4 [Herstein, 1978]:**

If  $R$  is a prime ring of characteristic not 2, which admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $d(x)d(y) = d(y)d(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Lemma 5 [Bell and Martindale, 1987, Theorem 3]:**

Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring and  $U$  be a non-zero left ideal. If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$ , which is non-zero on  $U$  and centralizing on  $U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Lemma 6 [Hongan, 1997, Lemma 1(1)]:**

Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring and  $U$  be a non-zero ideal of  $R$ , and let  $b \in U$ , if  $[b, x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ , Then  $b \in Z(R)$ , therefore, if  $U$  is commutative then  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ .

**Lemma 7 [Hongan, 1997, Lemma 1(2)]:**

Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring,  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ ,  $a \in R$ . If  $[a, x] \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x \in U$ , then  $a \in C_R(U)$ .

**Lemma 8 [Lanski, 1997, Main Theorem]:**

Let  $R$  be a semi-prime ring,  $d$  a non-zero derivation of  $R$ , and  $U$  a non-zero left ideal of  $R$ . If for some positive integers  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n$  and all  $x \in U$ , the identity

$$\left[ \dots \left[ [d(x^{t_0}), x^{t_1}], x^{t_2} \right], \dots \right] x^{t_n} = 0$$

holds, then either  $d(U) = 0$  or else  $d(U)$  and  $d(R)U$  are contained in a non-zero central ideal of  $R$ . In particular when  $R$  is a prime ring,  $R$  is commutative.

### 3- THE MAIN RESULTS ON PRIME RINGS

**Theorem 3.1:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d1}$ -derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** Since  $d$  is a  $U^{d1}$ - derivation, we have  $[d(x), y] = d([x, y])$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus, by replacing  $x$  for  $y$ , we obtain  $[d(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Hence, by Lemma 1,  $R$  is commutative.

Now, we can generalize the above theorem as follows:

**Theorem 3.2:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $[d(x), y] - d([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** Since we have  $[d(x), y] - d([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $[d(y), y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in U$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2,  $R$  is commutative.

**4. THE MAIN RESULTS ON SEMI-PRIME RINGS**

The following theorem is considered as an extension of Lemma 4.

**Theorem 4.1:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d2}$ - derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Since we have  $d$  a  $U^{d2}$ - derivation, we get  $[d(x), d(y)] = [x, y]$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ . (1)

Then

$$[d(x), d(y)] - [x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , we obtain  $[d(x), d(yz)] - [x, yz] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ .

Then

$$[d(x), d(yz)] + [d(x), yd(z)] - y[x, z] - [x, y]z = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U.$$

$$d(y)[d(x), z] + [d(x), d(y)]z + y[d(x), d(z)] + [d(x), y]d(z) - y[x, z] - [x, y]z = 0$$

$$\text{for all } x, y, z \in U. \text{ Then according to (1), we obtain } d(y)[d(x), z] + [d(x), y]d(z) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U. \quad (2)$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zd(x)$ , we obtain

$$d(y)[d(x), zd(x)] + [d(x), y]d(zd(x)) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U.$$

Then

$$d(y)[d(x), z]d(x) + [d(x), y]d(z)d(x) + [d(x), y]zd^2(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U.$$

$$(d(y)[d(x), z] + [d(x), y]d(z))d(x) + [d(x), y]zd^2(x) = 0$$

for all  $x, y, z \in U$ .

Now according to (2), we get  $[d(x), y]zd(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in U$ . Since  $U$  is an ideal, so we have

$$[d(x), y]zd^2(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U. \quad (3)$$

Let  $\{P_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of prime ideals of  $R$ , such that  $\bigcap_{\alpha} P_\alpha = \{0\}$ . Now (3) yields

$$[d(x), y]zRd^2(x) = \{0\} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in U.$$

Hence, for each  $P_\alpha$ , we either have:

$$(a) [d(x), y]U \subseteq P_\alpha \text{ for all } x, y \in U \text{ or } (b) d(U) \subseteq P_\alpha.$$

Call  $P_\alpha$  an (a)- prime ideal or (b)- prime ideal, according to which one of these conditions is satisfied, note that  $[d(x), y]RU \subseteq P_\alpha$ ; for each (a)- prime  $P_\alpha$ , so either  $[d(x), y] \in P_\alpha$ , for all  $x, y \in U$  or  $U \subseteq P_\alpha$ .

In either event

$$[d(x), y] \in P_\alpha \text{ for all } x, y \in U, \text{ and all (a)- prime.} \quad (4)$$

Now consider (b)- prime ideals, taking  $x, y \in U$ , we have:

$$d^2(xy) = d^2(x)y + x d^2(y) + 2d(x) d(y) \in \bigcap_{\alpha} P_\alpha. \text{ So,}$$

$2d(x) d(y) \in P_\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $ty$  shows that  $2d(x)d(ty) \in P_\alpha$  for all  $x, y, t \in U$ , then  $2d(x) d(t)y + 2d(x) td(y) \in P_\alpha$ .

$$2d(x) td(y) \in P_\alpha \text{ for all } x, y, t \in U, \text{ then } 2d(x)td(y) \in P_\alpha, \quad (5)$$

and

$$2d(x) tRd(y) \subseteq P_\alpha \text{ for all } x, y, t \in U. \quad (6)$$

It follows that either  $d(U) \subseteq P_\alpha$  or  $2d(x)y$  and  $2yd(x) \in P_\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . In either case,  $2[d(x), y] \in P_\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in U$  and

$$(b)\text{- prime } P_\alpha \text{ thus for all } x, y \in U. \quad (7)$$

We have ((6) and (7)) that  $2[d(x), y] \in \bigcap_{\alpha} P_\alpha = \{0\}$ .

And since  $R$  is 2-torsion,  $[d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

In particular,  $[d(x), x] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ .

Now by Lemma 5;  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Remark1:**

In Theorem 4.1, if  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $[d(x), d(y)] = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $d$  be a derivation such that  $[d(x), d(y)] = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . If  $d=0$ , then  $[x, y]=0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

Thus,  $U$  is non- zero central ideal.

Now, we suppose that  $d \neq 0$ , by Theorem 4.1,  $R$  contains a non- zero central ideal.

**Remark2:**

We notice that 4.1 is not true when  $U$  is one –sided ideal. The following example explains the above remark.

**Example:**

Let  $F$  be a field and  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ gh & 0 \end{pmatrix} / g, h \in F \right\}$

is a ring with usual multiplication,  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and

$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} / g, h \in F \right\}$  be a one-sided ideal of  $R$ , and

let  $d$  be the inner derivation given by  $d(x)=[a,x]$  for all  $x \in U$ . It is readily verified that  $[d(x),d(y)]=[x,y]$  for all  $x,y \in U$ . But the conclusion of the theorems not true.

Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$d(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -h \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[d(x),d(y)] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -h \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -h \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[x,y] = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} gh-hg & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

since  $g, h \in F$ ,

$$[x,y] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Thus } [x,y]=[d(x),d(y)]. \text{ Let } r = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ gh & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\in R$ , then

$$[r,x] = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ gh & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ gh & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ g^2h & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\notin U$ .

i.e.  $U$  is non-central ideal.

**Theorem 4.2:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non- zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation,  $d$ , such that  $d(xoy) \pm [x,y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non- zero central ideal.

**Proof:**

Let  $d$  be a derivation such that  $d(xoy) + [x,y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x,y \in U$ . If  $d=0$ , then, we have  $[x,y] \in Z(R)$ , thus from Lemmas 5 and 7, we get  $U \subseteq Z(R)$ , so  $U$  is a central ideal.

Now, suppose  $d \neq 0$ , then we have  $d(xoy) + [x,y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x,y \in U$ , thus  $d(xoy) + [x,y]$  commute with any element of  $R$ , let  $w \in R$ , then,  $[w, d(xoy) + [x,y]] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U, w \in R$ . Then

$$[w, d(xoy)] + [w, [x,y]] = 0 \text{ for all } x,y \in U, w \in R.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $2[w, d(y^2)] = 0$  for all  $y \in U, w \in R$ . Since  $R$  is 2- torsion free semi-prime, then  $[w, d(y^2)] = 0$ .

Now, replacing  $w$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $[y, d(y^2)] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ . Then by Lemma8,  $U$  is a non- zero central ideal, i.e.  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

We obtain similar results when  $d(xoy) - [x,y] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

**Theorem 4.3:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$ , such that  $d([x,y]) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x,y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non- zero central ideal.

**Proof:**

We have  $d$  a derivation such that  $d([x,y]) + (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x,y \in U$ . If  $d=0$ , then  $xoy \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $2y^2 \in Z(R)$ , for all  $y \in U$ . Then,  $2y^2$  commute with any element of  $R$ , let  $r \in R$ , we have  $2[r, y^2] = 0$ , for all  $y \in U$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime, we obtain  $[r, y^2] = 0$  for all  $y \in U, r \in R$ .

Now replacing  $r$  by  $d(y)$  we get  $[d(y), y^2] = 0$ , for all  $y \in U$ . Then by Lemma 3,  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

Now, suppose that  $d \neq 0$  then we have  $d([x,y]) + (xoy)$

$\in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $2y^2 \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in U$ , then by the same method in the first part, we get  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

We obtain a similar result when  $d([x, y]) - (xoy) \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ .

**Theorem 4.4:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $d(xoy) \pm d([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Since  $d$  be a non-zero derivation such that,  $d(xoy) + d([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $2d(y^2) \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in U$ .

Now,  $2d(y^2)$  commute with any element of  $R$ , let  $r \in R$ , then  $2[r, d(y^2)] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ ,  $r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and replacing  $r$  by  $y$ , we get  $[y, d(y^2)] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ . Then by Lemma 8,  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal. We obtain similar results when  $d(xoy) - d([x, y]) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

**Theorem 4.5:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $d(xoy) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** We have  $d$  is a derivation such that,  $d(xoy) + (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . If  $d=0$ , then we obtain  $xoy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we have  $2y^2 \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in U$ .

Now,  $2y^2$  commute with any element of  $R$ , let  $r \in R$ , then since  $R$  is 2-torsion free and when replacing  $r$  by  $d(y)$  we obtain  $[d(y), y^2] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ . Then by Lemma 3, we get  $R$  contains a central ideal.

Now, suppose that  $d \neq 0$ . For any  $x, y \in U$ , we have

$d(xoy) + (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , replacing  $y$  by  $x$  we obtain

$$d(2x^2) + 2x^2 \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in U.$$

Now,  $2(d(x^2) + x^2)$  commute with  $r \in R$ , then since  $R$  is 2-torsion free and when replacing  $r$  by  $x$ , we get  $[d(x^2), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Then by Lemma 8, we obtain  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

We get similar results whenever  $d(xoy) - (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

**Theorem 4.6:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $d(x)oy + xod(y) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** We have  $d$  as a non-zero derivation, such that

$d(x)oy + xd(y) \in U$ , then

$d(x)y + xd(y) + d(y)x + yd(x) \in Z(R)$ , thus

$d(xy) + d(yx) \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in U$ , then

$d(xy+yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus,  $d(xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $y$ , we obtain  $2d(y^2) \in Z(R)$  for all  $y \in U$ .

Now,  $2d(y^2)$  commutes with any element of  $R$ , let  $w \in R$ , then  $2[w, d(y^2)] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ ,  $w \in R$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and replacing  $w$  by  $y$ , we get  $[d(y^2), y] = 0$  for all  $y \in U$ . Thus by Lemma 8, we have  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Theorem 4.7:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $d(x)od(y) \pm (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $d$  be a derivation such that  $d(x)od(y) + (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . If  $d=0$ , then we have  $xoy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , replacing  $y$  by  $x$  we obtain  $2x^2 \in Z(R)$ . Now,  $2x^2$  commutes with any element of  $R$ , let  $r \in R$  then  $2[r, x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, then  $[r, x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ ,  $r \in R$ . Replacing  $r$  by  $d(x)$  we get  $[d(x), x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Then, by Lemma 3,  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

Now, suppose  $d \neq 0$ , then we have  $d(x)od(y) + (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus  $d(x)od(y) + (xoy)$  commutes with any element of  $R$ . Let  $w \in R$ , then

$$[w, d(x)od(y) + (xoy)] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U, w \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we obtain

$$2[w, d(x)d(x) + x^2] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in U, w \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$[w, d(x)d(x)] + [w, x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U, w \in R$ .

Replacing  $w$  by  $d(x)$ , we obtain  $[d(x), x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ .

Then, by Lemma 3,  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal. We obtain similar results when  $d(x)od(y) - (xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

**Theorem 4.8:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero left ideal. If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $d(x)oy - d(xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** We have  $d(x)oy - d(xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , this implies  $xd(y) + d(y)x \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $x(xd(y) + d(y)x) = (xd(y) + d(y)x)x$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .  $x^2 d(y) + xd(y)x = xd(y)x + d(y)x^2$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . This implies  $x^2 d(y) = d(y)x^2$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Thus  $[d(y), x^2] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we obtain  $[d(x), x^2] = 0 \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in U$ , so, by Lemma 3,  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Corollary 4.9:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero derivation  $d$  such that  $d(x)oy - d(xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** By assumption,  $d(x)oy - d(xoy) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then  $d(x)y + yd(x) - d(xy + yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , thus we have  $-(xd(y) + d(y)x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Now,  $-(xd(y) + d(y)x)$  commutes with  $x$ , so we get  $x[d(y), x] + [d(y), x]x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , we obtain  $[d(y), x^2] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we get  $[d(x), x^2] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3, we have  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 4.10:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d3}$ -derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Since  $d$  is a  $U^{d3}$ -derivation, then, if we have  $d(y) - d(x) = [d(x), y] - [x, d(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then

replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we obtain  $2[d(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime, then  $[d(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . Hence, by Lemma 5, we get  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

Now, when we have  $d(y) + d(x) = [d(x), y] + [x, d(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , then, in the above equation, replacing  $y$  by  $xy$ , we obtain  $d(x)y + xd(y) + d(x) = x[d(x), y] + [d(x), x]y + d(x)[x, y] + [x, d(x)]y + x[x, d(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $d(x)y + xd(y) + d(x) = x([d(x), y] + [x, d(y)]) + d(x)[x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we obtain  $d(x^2) = -d(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$ , we get  $d(x^2) = d(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . (8)

Multiplying (1) from left by  $y$ , we obtain  $yd(x^2) = yd(x)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (9)

Multiplying (8) from right by  $y$ , we obtain  $d(x^2)y = d(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (10)

By subtracting (10) from (9), it gives  $[d(x^2), y] - [d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (11)

Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$ , we get  $[d(x^2), y] + [d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (12)

From (8) we obtain  $2[d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (13)

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime ring we get  $[d(x), y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$  using Lemma 5, we get  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Theorem 4.11:**

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semi-prime ring and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d4}$ -derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Proof:** Since  $d$  is a  $U^{d4}$ -derivation, we have  $d(y) + d(x) = [d(x), y] - [x, d(y)]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (14)

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we obtain  $2d(x) = 2[d(x), x]$  for all  $x \in U$ .

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free semi-prime, then  $d(x) = [d(x), x]$  for all  $x \in U$ . (15)

Now, linearization (i.e. putting  $x-y$  for  $x$ ) of (8) gives  $d(x) - d(y) = [d(x), x] - [d(y), x]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .

According to (14) the above calculation reduces to  $d(y) = [d(y), x]$  for all  $x, y \in U$ . (16)

Substitution (16) in (14) gives:

$$d(x) = [d(x), y] \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{17}$$

Subtracting (15) from (17) we obtain:

$$[d(x), y-x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in U. \tag{18}$$

Putting in (18)  $2x$  for  $y$ , it gives:

$$[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in U. \tag{19}$$

Then by Lemma 5, we get  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

Similarly, we can prove the following corollaries

**Corollary 4.12:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char. } R \neq 2$  and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d^3}$ -derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

**Corollary 4.13:**

Let  $R$  be a prime ring with  $\text{char. } R \neq 2$  and  $U$  a non-zero one-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  admits a non-zero  $U^{d^4}$ -derivation  $d$ , then  $R$  contains a non-zero central ideal.

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