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## ON MULTIPLICATIVE (GENERALIZED)-SKEW DERIVATIONS OVER SEMIPRIME RINGS

**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring with center  $Z(R)$  and let  $F$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-skew derivation of  $R$  associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$ . In the present paper, we study the following situations: (i)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(xy) = 0$ , (ii)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(yx) = 0$ , (iii)  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(x)y = 0$ , (iv)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$  and (v)  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y$  in some appropriate subset of  $R$ .

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will represent some associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . For any  $x, y \in R$ , the symbol  $[x, y]$  stands for the commutator  $xy - yx$  while  $x \circ y$  represents the anti-commutator  $xy + yx$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if for any  $a, b \in R$ ,  $aRb = \{0\}$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , and  $R$  is semiprime if  $aRa = \{0\}$  implies  $a = 0$ . An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . In particular, for a fixed  $a \in R$ , the mapping  $I_a : R \rightarrow R$  given by  $I_a(x) = [x, a]$  is a derivation called an inner derivation. A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is called centralizing on a non-empty subset  $S$  of  $R$  if  $[f(x), x] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in S$  and is called commuting on  $S$  if  $[f(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in S$ .

An additive mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a generalized inner derivation if  $F(x) = ax + xb$  for fixed  $a, b \in R$ . For such a mapping  $F$ , it is easy to see that

$$F(xy) = F(x)y + x[y, b] = F(x)y + xI_b(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

This observation leads to the following definition, given in [10]; an additive mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a generalized derivation with associated derivation  $d$  if

$$F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y) \text{ holds for all } x, y \in R.$$

Familiar examples of generalized derivations are derivations and generalized inner derivations and the latter includes left multiplier i.e., an additive map  $F : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) = F(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Since the sum of two generalized derivations is a generalized derivation, every map of the form  $F(x) = cx + d(x)$ , where  $c$  is fixed element of  $R$  and  $d$  a derivation of  $R$ , is a generalized derivation; and if  $R$  has 1, all generalized derivations have this form. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + \alpha(x)d(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . Basic examples of skew derivations are usual derivations and the mapping  $\alpha - id$ , where  $id$  denotes the identical mapping of  $R$ . The notion of skew derivation

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has been extended to generalized skew derivation. An additive mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a (right) generalized skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  if there exists a skew derivation  $D : R \rightarrow R$  associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + \alpha(x)d(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  is called a multiplicative  $\alpha$ -left centralizer of  $R$ .

Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a ring  $R$ . The mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a homomorphism (anti-homomorphism) acting on  $S$  if  $F(xy) = F(x)F(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in S$  (respectively  $F(xy) = F(y)F(x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in S$ ). In [8] Bell and Kappe proved that if a derivation  $d$  of a prime ring  $R$  acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ , then  $d = 0$  on  $R$ . Ali et al. [2] proved similar results in the Lie ideal case. In fact, they proved that if  $R$  is a 2-torsion free prime ring admitting a derivation  $d$  which acts either as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a nonzero square closed Lie ideal  $L$  of  $R$ , then either  $d = 0$  or  $L \subseteq Z(R)$ . Also in [21], Rehman generalized this results as follows;

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring and  $I$  be a non zero ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is a nonzero generalized derivation with associated derivation  $d$ .*

- (i) *If  $F$  acts as a homomorphism on  $I$  and if  $d \neq 0$ , then  $R$  is commutative.,*
- (ii) *If  $F$  acts as an anti-homomorphism on  $I$  and if  $d \neq 0$ , then  $R$  is commutative.*

Recently, Dhara [14], has studied the situations, when a generalized derivation  $F$  of a semi prime ring  $R$  acts as a homomorphism or as an anti-homomorphism on a non zero left ideal of  $R$ . Ashraf et al. [5] proved that the prime ring  $R$  is commutative if  $R$  satisfies any one of the following conditions: (i)  $F(xy) - xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , (ii)  $F(xy) + xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , (iii)  $F(xy) - yx \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , (iv)  $F(xy) + yx \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , (v)  $F(x)F(y) - xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , (vi)  $F(x)F(y) + xy \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in I$ , where  $F$  is a generalized derivation of  $R$  with nonzero derivation  $d$  and  $I$  a nonzero two sided ideal of  $R$ . Motivated by these results, Dhara et al. [17] studied the situations: (i)  $F(xy) - F(x)F(y) \in Z(R)$ , (ii)  $F(xy) + F(x)F(y) \in Z(R)$ , (iii)  $F(xy) - F(y)F(x) \in Z(R)$  and (iv)  $F(xy) + F(y)F(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y$  in some suitable subset of  $R$ . Again Dhara et al. [16] generalized the results of Ashraf et al. [5] with multiplicative (generalized) derivation.

A mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) satisfying  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  is called a multiplicative derivation of  $R$ . A mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is called a multiplicative  $\alpha$ -derivation associated with a map  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $d(xy) = d(x)\alpha(y) + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . This concept was given by Daif [11]. Further, such maps were studied by Goldman and Semrl [18]. This notion was generalized by Daif and Tammam El-Sayiad [13] as follows: A mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is called a multiplicative generalized derivation if there exists a derivation  $d : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Recently, Dhara

and Ali [16], generalized the concept of multiplicative generalized derivation to multiplicative (generalized)-derivation as follows: A mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is called a multiplicative (generalized)- derivation if  $F(xy) = F(x)y + xg(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $g$  is any mapping (not necessarily a derivation nor an additive map) For example of such maps we refer to [16]. In the present paper we generalize the concept of multiplicative (generalized)- derivation to multiplicative (generalized)-skew derivation. A mapping  $F : R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily additive) is called a multiplicative (generalized)- skew derivation if  $F(xy) = F(x)y + \alpha(x)g(y) = F(x)\alpha(y) + xg(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is any mapping (not necessarily a skew derivation nor an additive map) and  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  is an automorphism of  $R$ . The following example shows the existence of such maps.

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in Z \right\}$ . If we define the mappings  $\alpha, F, g : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a+c \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $g \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a-c \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then it can be easily verified that  $F$  is a multiplicative (generalized)-skew derivation. i.e.,  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + xg(y) = F(x)y + \alpha(x)g(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

In the present paper, we study the following conditions: (i)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(xy) = 0$ , (ii)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(yx) = 0$ , (iii)  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(x)y = 0$ , (iv)  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$  and (v)  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y$  in some appropriate subset of  $R$  where  $F : R \rightarrow R$  is a multiplicative (generalized)- skew derivation of  $R$  associated with a map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  (not necessarily an additive map) and an automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$ .

**2. Main Results**

THEOREM 2. Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $I$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  and a map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(xy) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$  and  $F$  is a multiplicative  $\alpha$ -left centralizer on  $I$ .

*Proof.* From the assumption given, let us consider  $F(xy) - \alpha(xy) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in I$ , we get  $F(xyz) - \alpha(xyz) = 0$  which can be expanded as  $F(xy)\alpha(z) + xyg(z) - \alpha(x)\alpha(y)\alpha(z) = 0$ . This yields that  $(F(xy) - \alpha(xy))\alpha(z) + xyg(z) = 0$  and by our hypothesis, this reduces to  $xyg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $g(z)rx$ , where  $r \in R$ , we obtain  $xg(z)rxg(z) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . i.e.,  $xg(z)Rxg(z) = \{0\}$  for all  $x, z \in I$ . The semiprimeness of  $R$  implies that  $xg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, z \in I$  and hence  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$ . Thus for any  $x, y \in I$ , we have  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + xg(y) = F(x)\alpha(y)$  as desired.

In a similar manner, we can prove the same conclusions when  $F(xy) + \alpha(xy) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $I$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- derivation associated with the map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) \pm xy = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is a multiplicative left centralizer on  $I$  and commuting on  $I$ .*

*Proof.* By taking  $\alpha$  the identity map of  $R$ , Theorem 2 implies that  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$  and  $F$  is a multiplicative left centralizer on  $I$ . Using the given hypothesis, we get  $(F(x) \pm x)y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . By Theorem 2.1 of [16], we get  $[F(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ , which implies that  $F$  is commuting on  $I$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $I$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  and a map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(yx) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$  and  $F$  is a multiplicative  $\alpha$ -left centralizer of  $I$ .*

*Proof.* From the assumption given, let us consider  $F(xy) - \alpha(yx) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , we get  $F(xyz) - \alpha(yzx) = 0$  which implies that  $F(xy)\alpha(z) + xyg(z) - \alpha(y)\alpha(z)\alpha(x) = 0$  which can be written as  $(F(xy) - \alpha(y)\alpha(x))\alpha(z) + \alpha(y)\alpha(x)\alpha(z) + xyg(z) - \alpha(y)\alpha(z)\alpha(x) = 0$ . By using the hypothesis, we get  $xyg(z) + \alpha(y)[\alpha(x), \alpha(z)] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . In particular, we get  $xyg(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . Now replacing  $y$  by  $g(x)ry$ , where  $r \in R$  in the last relation, we have  $xg(x)Ryg(x) = \{0\}$  for all  $x \in I$ . The semiprimeness of  $R$  implies that  $xg(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$  and hence  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$ . Thus for any  $x, y \in I$ , we have  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + xg(y) = F(x)\alpha(y)$  as desired.

In a similar manner, we can prove the same conclusions when  $F(xy) + \alpha(yx) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $I$  a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- derivation associated with the map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) \pm yx = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ . Then  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is a multiplicative left centralizer on  $I$  and  $F$  is commuting on  $I$ .*

*Proof.* By taking  $\alpha$  the identity map of  $R$ , Theorem 3 implies that  $Ig(I) = \{0\}$  and  $F$  is a multiplicative left centralizer on  $I$ . Using the given hypothesis, we get  $F(x)y \pm yx = 0$  for all  $x, y \in I$ . By using the same technique used in the proof of Theorem 2.3 of [16], we get  $[F(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ , which implies that  $F$  is commuting on  $I$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  and a map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(xy) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $Rg(R) = \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is a multiplicative  $\alpha$ -left centralizer of  $R$  and  $[F(x), \alpha(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .*

*Proof.* From the assumption given, let us consider

$$F(x)F(y) - \alpha(xy) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$  in (2.1), where  $z \in R$ , we get  $F(x)F(yz) - \alpha(xyz) = 0$  which implies that  $F(x)\{F(y)\alpha(z) + yg(z)\} - \alpha(x)\alpha(y)\alpha(z) = 0$ . Using relation (2.1), this reduces to  $F(x)yg(z) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $wx$  in the last relation and then using it, we get  $wg(x)yg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $ry$ , the latter relation yields that  $xg(x)Ryg(x) = \{0\}$  for all  $x \in R$ . The semiprimeness of  $R$  implies that  $xg(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$  and hence  $Rg(R) = \{0\}$ . Thus for any  $x, y \in R$ , we have  $F(xy) = F(x)\alpha(y) + xg(y) = F(x)\alpha(y)$  as desired.

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in (2.1) and using the fact  $Rg(R) = \{0\}$ , we get

$$F(x)\alpha(y)F(y) - \alpha(x)\alpha(y^2) = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Also right multiplying (2.1) by  $\alpha(y)$ , we get

$$F(x)F(y)\alpha(y) - \alpha(x)\alpha(y^2) = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Subtracting (2.3) from (2.2), we have  $F(x)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  in the last relation and using the fact that  $Rg(R) = \{0\}$ , we have  $F(x)\alpha(z)[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Since  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, replacing  $z$  by  $\alpha^{-1}(z)$ , the latter relation yields that

$$F(x)z[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Again replacing  $z$  by  $\alpha(x)z$  in (2.4), we get

$$F(x)\alpha(x)z[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Left multiplying (2.4) by  $\alpha(x)$ , we have

$$\alpha(x)F(x)z[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Combining (2.5) and (2.6), we find that  $[F(x), \alpha(x)]z[F(y), \alpha(y)] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . In particular, we have  $[F(x), \alpha(x)]R[F(x), \alpha(x)] = \{0\}$  for all  $x \in R$ . Semiprimeness of  $R$  implies that  $[F(x), \alpha(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

In a similar manner, we can prove the same conclusions when  $F(x)F(y) + \alpha(xy) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . □

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation associated with the map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(x)F(y) \pm xy = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $F$  is a multiplicative left centralizer of  $R$  and  $F$  is commuting on  $R$ .*

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  and a map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(xy) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $[g(x), x] = 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ .*

*Proof.* From the assumption given, let us consider

$$F(xy) - \alpha(x)y \in Z(R) \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , we get  $\{F(xy) - \alpha(xy)\}z + \alpha(xy)g(z) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . In view of (2.7), the latter relation reduces to as  $[\alpha(xy)g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $\alpha^{-1}(x)$  and  $y$  by  $\alpha^{-1}(y)$  in the last relation yields that  $[xyg(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $rx$  where  $r \in R$ , we obtain  $0 = [rxyg(z), z] = r[xyg(z), z] + [r, z]xyg(z) = [r, z]xyg(z)$  for all  $x, y, z, r \in R$ . By taking  $x = g(z)x$ , the latter relation gives that  $[r, z]g(z)xyg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . This can be written as  $[r, z]g(z)Rxyg(z) = \{0\}$ , for all  $x, y, z, r \in R$ . Interchanging in  $x$  and  $y$  and then subtracting one from the other, we get  $[r, z]g(z)R[x, y]g(z) = \{0\}$ , for all  $x, y, z, r \in R$ . In particular,  $[x, z]g(z)R[x, z]g(z) = \{0\}$ , for all  $x, z \in R$ . The semiprimeness of  $R$  yields that  $[x, z]g(z) = 0$  for all  $x, z \in R$ . Right multiplying this by  $z$  and replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  in the latter relation, we obtain  $[x, z]g(z)z = 0$  and  $[x, z]zg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, z \in R$ . Combining the last two relations, we obtain  $[x, z][g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, z \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $g(z)x$  in the last relation and then using it, we get  $[g(z), z]x[g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, z \in R$ . i.e.,  $[g(z), z]R[g(z), z] = \{0\}$  for all  $z \in R$ . The semiprimeness of  $R$  yields that  $[g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $z \in R$ .

In a similar manner, we can prove the same conclusions when  $F(xy) + \alpha(x)y = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \longrightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-derivation associated with the map  $g : R \longrightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(x)F(y) \pm xy = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $g$  is commuting on  $R$ .*

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \longrightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)-skew derivation associated with an automorphism  $\alpha$  and a map  $g : R \longrightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(x)F(y) \pm \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $[g(x), x] = 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ .*

*Proof.* From the assumption, let us take

$$F(x)F(y) - \alpha(x)y \in Z(R) \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , where  $z \in R$ , we get  $F(x)\{F(y)z + \alpha(y)g(z) - \alpha(x)yz\} \in Z(R)$  which implies after using (2.8) that  $[F(x)\alpha(y)g(z), z] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $\alpha^{-1}(y)$  in the latter relation, we get

$$[F(x)yg(z), z] = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $zy$  in (2.9), we get that

$$[F(x)zyg(z), z] = 0 \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xz$  in (2.9), we obtain  $\{[F(x)z + \alpha(x)g(z)]yg(z), z\} = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Using (2.10), last relation reduces to  $[\alpha(x)g(z)yg(z), z] = 0$  for all

$x, y, z \in R$ . Now replacing  $x$  by  $\alpha^{-1}(x)$ , implies that  $[xg(z)yg(z), z] = 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $g(z)x$  in the latter relation and then using it again, we obtain  $[g(z), z]xg(z)yg(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . On some appropriate substitutions on  $x$  and  $y$  in the last relation, we get  $[g(z), z]x[g(z), z]y[g(z), z] = 0$ , for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . That is  $(R[g(z), z])^3 = \{0\}$  for  $z \in R$ . Since  $R$  is semiprime, we find that  $R[g(z), z] = \{0\}$  for  $z \in R$ . Then semiprimeness of  $R$  implies that  $[g(x), x] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$  as desired.

In a similar manner, we can prove the same conclusions when  $F(x)F(y) + \alpha(x)y \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ .

□

**COROLLARY 5.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring and  $F : R \rightarrow R$  be a multiplicative (generalized)- derivation associated with the map  $g : R \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $F(x)F(y) \pm xy \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $g$  is commuting on  $R$ .*

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