

## PRIME SEMIRINGS ADMITTING GENERALIZED DERIVATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $S$  be a prime semiring. Motivated by some results on derivations in rings, in [2], we defined the notion of derivations and generalized derivations on semirings and investigated some simple and interesting results on the derivations in semirings. In this paper, we discuss the commutativity of  $S$  with generalized derivation  $F$  associated with the derivation  $D$ .

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### INTRODUCTION

There has been ongoing interest concerning the relationship between the commutativity of a ring  $R$  and the existence of certain specific types of derivations on  $R$ . In [1] some results on commutativity of rings with derivations and generalized derivations are discussed. In [2], we have introduced the notion of derivations on semirings and proved some simple but interesting results.

In this concern, in our paper [3], we have established the following theorem:

“Let  $S$  be a prime semiring and  $D$ , a non-zero derivation on  $S$ . If  $\text{Char}(S) \neq 2$  and  $[D(x), D(y)] = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ , then  $S$  is commutative.”

It is natural to ask what can we say about the commutativity of  $S$ , if the derivation  $D$  is replaced by generalized derivation  $F$ . In this paper, we discuss this question and find some interesting results.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $S$  be a semiring. For each  $x, y \in S$ , denote the **commutator**  $xy - yx$  by  $[x, y]$  and the **anti-commutator**  $xy + yx$  by  $x \circ y$ .

We call a semiring  $S$ , a **prime semiring** if for  $x, y \in S$ ,  $xSy = \{0\}$  implies  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .

An additive mapping  $D: S \rightarrow S$  is called a **derivation** if  $D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ .

An additive mapping  $F: S \rightarrow S$  is called **generalized derivation** with associated derivation  $D$  if

$$F(xy) = F(x)y + xD(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in S.$$

We recall the following results.

**Lemma 2.1: (Lemma 4.3, [3])**

1. Sum of two generalized derivations on a semiring  $S$  is a generalized derivation.
2. If  $F$  is a generalized derivation on a semiring  $S$  with associated derivation  $D$ , then it is of the form  $F(x) = cx + D(x)$ ,  $c$  is a fixed constant.

**Lemma 2.2: (Lemma 3.4, [4])** Let  $S$  be a prime semiring and  $I$ , a non-zero right ideal of  $S$ . If  $D$  is a non-zero derivation on  $S$ , then  $D$  is non-zero on  $I$ .

**Lemma 2.3: (Lemma 3.5, [4])** If a prime semiring  $S$  contains a non-zero commutative right ideal  $I$ , then  $S$  is commutative.

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**Lemma 2.4: (Theorem 4.5, [3])** Let  $S$  be a prime semiring.  $F$ , a generalized derivation with associated derivation  $D \neq 0$  such that  $D(F(x)) = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ . Let  $c = F(1)$ . Then  $cD(x) = D(x)c = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ . Moreover, if  $\text{Char}(S) \neq 2$ ,  $c^2 \in Z$  and if  $c \in Z$  then  $c = 0$  and  $F = D$ .

**Lemma 2.5: (Theorem 4.6, [3])** Let  $S$  be a prime semiring. If  $S$  admits a non-zero generalized derivation  $F$  with associated derivation  $D \neq 0$  such that  $[F(x), x] = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ , then  $S$  is commutative. We shall make use of the following commutator identities extensively:

$$\begin{aligned} [xy, z] &= x[y, z] + [x, z]y \\ [x, yz] &= [x, y]z + y[x, z] \\ x \circ (yz) &= (x \circ y)z - y[x, z] = y(x \circ z) + [x, y]z \\ (xy) \circ z &= x(y \circ z) - [x, z]y = (x \circ z)y + x[y, z] \end{aligned}$$

### 3. COMMUTATIVITY OF PRIME SEMIRINGS

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $S$  be a prime semiring and  $I$ , a non-zero ideal of  $S$ . If  $S$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a non-zero derivation  $D$  such that

$$F(x \circ y) = x \circ y, \text{ for all } x, y \in I, \quad (1)$$

then  $S$  is commutative.

**Proof:** If  $F = 0$ , then  $x \circ y = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in I$ .

Replacing  $y$  by  $yz$ , ( $z \in I$ ), we get  $x \circ (yz) = 0$ .

$$(x \circ y)z + [x, y]z = 0 \implies [x, y]z = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I \text{ since } x \circ y = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

$$[x, y]I = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I \implies [x, y]SI = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I$$

$$\implies [x, y] = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I \text{ due to the primeness of } S \text{ and } I \neq 0.$$

$$\implies I \text{ is commutative.}$$

Hence by Lemma (3),  $S$  is commutative.

Suppose  $F \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \implies F(xy + yx) &= xy + yx \\ \implies F(x)y + xD(y) + F(y)x + yD(x) &= xy + yx \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yx$  and simplifying using (2),

$$(xy + yx)x + xyD(x) + yxD(x) = xyx + yx^2$$

$$\text{implies } (x \circ y)D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I. \quad (3)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $zy$  in above equation and simplifying we arrive at

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

By primeness of  $S$ , If  $D(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in I$ ,  $D = 0$ , by lemma (2) which is not possible.

Hence  $[x, z]I = 0$ , for all  $x, z \in I$  which  $[x, z] = 0$ , for all  $x, z \in I$  since  $I \neq 0$ .

Hereby we get that  $I$  is commutative implying  $S$  is commutative from Lemma (3).

Following the same lines as above with necessary variations, we can prove the following:

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $S$  be a prime semiring and  $I$ , a non-zero ideal of  $S$ . If  $S$  admits a generalized derivation  $F$  associated with a non-zero derivation  $D$  such that

$$F(x \circ y) + x \circ y = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in I,$$

then  $S$  is commutative.

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