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ON (α, β) -DERIVATIONS OF SEMIPRIME RINGS, II

Abstract. Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms of a semiprime ring R . Then we show that: (i) If R is 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free and d is an (α, β) -derivation of R such that the mapping $x \rightarrow [d(x), x]$ is centralizing on R , then d is commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular, d is central. (ii) Let R be 2-torsion free and d, g be (α, β) -derivations of R such that d commutes with both α and β and the mapping $x \rightarrow d^2(x) + g(x)$ is centralizing on R , then d and g are both commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = g(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d and g are central. (iii) If R admits an (α, β) -derivation d which is strong commutativity-preserving on R , then R is commutative. (iv) An additive mapping d on R is an (α, β) -reverse derivation if and only if it is a central (α, β) -derivation. We also show that if α, β are automorphisms and d an (α, β) -reverse derivation on R which is strong commutativity-preserving, then R is commutative.

1. Introduction

Throughout, R denotes a ring with center $Z(R)$. We write $[x, y]$ for $xy - yx$. Then $[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$ and $[x, yz] = y[x, z] + [x, y]z$ hold in R . R is *prime* if $aRb = (0)$ implies either $a = 0$ or $b = 0$; it is *semiprime* if $aRa = (0)$ implies $a = 0$. A prime ring is obviously semiprime. An additive mapping d from R into itself is called a *derivation* (reverse derivation) if $d(xy) = xd(y) + d(x)y (d(xy) = d(y)x + yd(x))$ for all $x, y \in R$. A mapping f from R into itself is *commuting* if $[f(x), x] = 0$; and *centralizing* if $[f(x), x] \in Z(R)$ for all $x \in R$. If f is commuting then it is trivially centralizing but the converse is not true, in general. However, if f is a centralizing automorphism or a centralizing derivation of a semiprime ring, then it is commuting [1, Lemmas 2 and 4]. We call a mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ *central* if $f(x) \in Z(R)$ for all $x \in R$. Every central mapping is obviously commuting but not conversely,

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in general. Recall that if f is an additive commuting mapping from R into itself, then a linearization of $[f(x), x] = 0$ yields $[f(x), y] = [x, f(y)]$ for all $x, y \in R$. A mapping $f : R \rightarrow R$ is called strong commutativity preserving (SCP) on a set $S \subseteq R$ if $[f(x), f(y)] = [x, y]$ for all $x, y \in S$. For more information on SCP, we refer to [2, 6] and references therein.

Derivations are generalized as α -derivations and (α, β) -derivations, and have been extensively studied in pure algebra. They have played an important role in the solution of some functional equations (see, e.g., Brešar [4] and references therein). Recently, α -derivations have been used in [7] in connection with the noncommutative Singer-Wermer conjecture for derivations on Banach algebras. Let α, β be automorphisms of R . An additive mapping d of R into itself is called an α -derivation (α -reverse derivation) if $d(xy) = \alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)y(d(xy) = d(y)\alpha(x) + yd(x))$ for all $x, y \in R$. It is called an (α, β) -derivation ((α, β) -reverse derivation) if $d(xy) = \alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)\beta(y)(d(xy) = d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(x))$ for all $x, y \in R$. Of course a 1-derivation (1-reverse derivation) or a $(1, 1)$ -derivation ($(1, 1)$ -reverse derivation) is a derivation (reverse derivations), where 1 is the identity mapping of R . Simple calculations show that $\alpha - 1$ is an α -derivation and $\alpha - \beta$ is an (α, β) -derivation. For more information on α -derivations and (α, β) -derivations, we refer to [4, 5, 7–11, 13, 14]. For information on reverse derivations, we refer to [3].

This research is inspired by the work of Vukman [15, 16]. Vukman [16] has proved the following results:

THEOREM A. *Let R be a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free semiprime ring and $d : R \rightarrow R$ a derivation. Suppose that the mapping $x \rightarrow [d(x), x]$ is centralizing on R . In this case d is commuting on R .*

THEOREM B. *Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and $d : R \rightarrow R, g : R \rightarrow R$ be derivations. Suppose that the mapping $x \rightarrow d^2(x) + g(x)$ is centralizing on R . In this case D and G are both commuting on R .*

The purpose of this paper is to establish analogues of Theorems A and B, as well as to prove some other results, for (α, β) -derivations of semiprime rings. We prove the following:

(i) Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d an (α, β) -derivation of a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free semiprime ring R such that the mapping $x \rightarrow [d(x), x]$ is centralizing on R . Then d is commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d is central.

(ii) Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d, g be (α, β) -derivations of a 2-torsion free semiprime ring R such that the mapping $x \rightarrow d^2(x) + g(x)$ is centralizing on R . If d commutes with both α and β , then d, g are

commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0 = g(u)[x, y]$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d and g are central.

(iii) Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d an (α, β) -derivation of a semiprime ring R , respectively. If d is strong commutativity-preserving on R , then R is commutative.

(iv) An additive mapping d on a semiprime ring R is an (α, β) -reverse derivation if and only if it is a central (α, β) -derivation.

We also show that if α, β are automorphisms of a semiprime ring R and R admits an (α, β) -reverse derivation d which is also strong commutativity-preserving, then R is commutative.

We shall need the following results of Chaudhry and Thaheem in the sequel.

THEOREM C [10, Theorem 2.3]. *Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d an (α, β) -derivation of a 2-torsion free semiprime ring R , respectively, such that $[[d(x), x], x] = 0$ for all $x \in R$, then d is commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d is central.*

THEOREM D [9, Proposition 2.3]. *Let β be a centralizing automorphism and d a commuting (α, β) -derivation of a semiprime ring R . Then $d(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d maps R into its center.*

2. The results

We now prove our main results.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d an (α, β) -derivation of a 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free semiprime ring R , such that the mapping $x \rightarrow [d(x), x]$ is centralizing on R . Then d is commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d is central.*

Proof. According to the hypothesis we have

$$(1) \quad [[d(x), x], x] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Linearizing (1) (and using (1) again), we get

$$(2) \quad [[d(x), x], y] + [[d(x), y], x] + [[d(x), y], y] + [[d(y), x], x] \\ + [[d(y), x], y] + [[d(y), y], x] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing x by $-x$ in (2), we get

$$(3) \quad [[d(x), x], y] + [[d(x), y], x] - [[d(x), y], y] + [[d(y), x], x] \\ - [[d(y), x], y] - [[d(y), y], x] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Adding (2) and (3) and using the hypothesis that R is 2-torsion free, we get

$$(4) \quad [[d(x), x], y] + [[d(x), y], x] + [[d(y), x], x] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by x^2 in (4), we get $[[d(x), x], x^2] + [[d(x), x^2], x] + [[d(x^2), x], x] = x[[d(x), x], x] + [[d(x), x], x]x + [x[d(x), x] + [d(x), x]x, x] + [[\alpha(x)d(x) + d(x)\beta(x), x], x] \in Z(R)$, for all $x \in R$. That is,

$$(5) \quad x[[d(x), x], x] + [[d(x), x], x]x + x[[d(x), x], x] + [[d(x), x], x]x + [(\alpha(x)[d(x), x] + [\alpha(x), x]d(x) + [d(x), x]\beta(x) + d(x)[\beta(x), x]), x] \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since α and β are centralizing, therefore commuting by [1, Lemma 2]. Thus $\alpha - 1$ and $\beta - 1$ are commuting α -derivation and β -derivation, respectively. Hence by [14, Proposition 2.3],

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha(u)[x, y] = u[x, y]; [x, y]\alpha(u) = [x, y]u & \text{for all } x, y, u \in R, \\ \beta(u)[x, y] = u[x, y]; [x, y]\beta(u) = [x, y]u & \text{for all } x, y, u \in R, \quad \text{and} \\ \alpha(u) - u \in Z(R), \beta(u) - u \in Z(R) & \text{for all } u \in R. \end{cases}$$

Thus, $0 = [\alpha(u) - u, x] = [\alpha(u), x] - [u, x]$ for all $u, x \in R$. That is,

$$(7) \quad [\alpha(u), x] = [u, x] \text{ for all } x, u \in R.$$

Similarly,

$$(8) \quad [\beta(u), x] = [u, x] \text{ for all } x, u \in R.$$

Using (6)–(8) and the hypothesis $[[d(x), x], x] \in Z(R)$, from (5) we get $4x[[d(x), x], x] + [x[d(x), x] + [d(x), x]x, x] = 4x[[d(x), x], x] + x[[d(x), x], x] + [[d(x), x], x]x = 6x[[d(x), x], x] \in Z(R)$. Thus we have

$$(9) \quad 6x[[d(x), x], x] = 6[[d(x), x], x]x \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since R is 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free, therefore $[[d(x), x], x]x \in Z(R)$, which gives $[[d(x), x], x]x, y] = 0$. That is,

$$(10) \quad [[d(x), x], x][x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by $y[d(x), x]$ in (10) (and using (10) again), we get $0 = [[d(x), x], x]y[x, [d(x), x]] = -[[d(x), x], x]y[[d(x), x], x]$. Since R is semi-prime, we get

$$(11) \quad [[d(x), x], x] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R,$$

which by Theorem C implies that

$$(12) \quad d(u) \in Z(R) \text{ and } d(u)[x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, u \in R. \blacksquare$$

REMARK 2.2. (i) It will be interesting to prove the above theorem without one or both assumptions: R is 2-torsion free and 3-torsion free.

(ii) Since derivations are $(1, 1)$ -derivations, therefore Theorem A becomes a special case of Theorem 2.1.

THEOREM 2.3. *Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms and d and g be (α, β) -derivations of a 2-torsion free semiprime ring R such that the mapping $x \rightarrow$*

$d^2(x) + g(x)$ is centralizing on R . If d commutes with both α and β , then d and g are both commuting and $d(u)[x, y] = 0 = g(u)[x, y]$ for all $x, y, u \in R$; in particular d and g are central.

Proof. Since R is 2-torsion free and the mapping $x \rightarrow d^2(x) + g(x)$ is centralizing, therefore by Brešar [5, Proposition 3.1], it is commuting. Thus we have

$$(13) \quad [d^2(x) + g(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Linearizing (13) (and using (13) again), we get

$$(14) \quad [d^2(x) + g(x), y] + [d^2(y) + g(y), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by yx in (14), we get

$$(15) \quad [d^2(x) + g(x), yx] + [d^2(yx) + g(yx), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} [d^2(yx) + g(yx), x] &= [d(d(yx)) + g(yx), x] \\ &= [d(\alpha(y)d(x) + d(y)\beta(x)) + \alpha(y)g(x) + g(y)\beta(x), x] \\ &= [\alpha^2(y)d^2(x) + d(\alpha(y))\beta(d(x)) + \alpha(d(y))d(\beta(x)) \\ &\quad + d^2(y)\beta^2(x) + \alpha(y)g(x) + g(y)\beta(x), x] \\ &= [\alpha^2(y)d^2(x) + \alpha(d(y))\beta(d(x)) + \alpha(d(y))\beta(d(x)) \\ &\quad + d^2(y)\beta^2(x) + \alpha(y)g(x) + g(y)\beta(x), x]. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(16) \quad [d^2(yx) + g(yx), x] = [\alpha^2(y)d^2(x) + \alpha(y)g(x), x] + [d^2(y)\beta^2(x) \\ + g(y)\beta(x), x] + 2[\alpha(d(y))\beta(d(x)), x] \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Since α is commuting, therefore $[\alpha(x), x] = 0$, which after linearization gives

$$(17) \quad [\alpha(x), y] + [\alpha(y), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by $\alpha(x)$ in (17) we get $[\alpha^2(x), x] = 0$ for all $x \in R$. Hence α^2 is a commuting automorphism. Similarly, one can show that β^2 is a commuting automorphism. Thus $\alpha^2 - 1$ and $\beta^2 - 1$ are commuting α^2 -derivation and β^2 -derivation, respectively. Using (6)–(8) for α, β, α^2 and β^2 , from (16) we get

$$\begin{aligned} [d^2(yx) + g(yx), x] &= \alpha^2(y)[d^2(x), x] + [\alpha^2(y), x]d^2(x) + \alpha(y)[g(x), x] \\ &\quad + [\alpha(y), x]g(x) + [d^2(y), x]\beta^2(x) + d^2(y)[\beta^2(x), x] + g(y)[\beta(x), x] \\ &\quad + [g(y), x]\beta(x) + 2\alpha(d(y))[\beta(d(x)), x] + 2[\alpha(d(y)), x]\beta(d(x)) \\ &= y[d^2(x), x] + [y, x]d^2(x) + y[g(x), x] + [y, x]g(x) + [d^2(y), x]x \\ &\quad + [g(y), x]x + 2d(y)[d(x), x] + 2[d(y), x]d(x) \\ &= y[d^2(x) + g(x), x] + [y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + [d^2(y) + g(y), x]x \\ &\quad + 2d(y)[d(x), x] + 2[d(y), x]d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing this in (15), we get

$$(18) \quad [d^2(x) + g(x), y]x + y[d^2(x) + g(x), x] + [y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + [d^2(y) + g(y), x]x + 2d(y)[d(x), x] + 2[d(y), x]d(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Using (13) and (14), from (18) we get

$$(19) \quad [y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2[d(y), x]d(x) + 2d(y)[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by xy in (19), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [xy, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2[d(xy), x]d(x) + 2d(xy)[d(x), x] \\ &= x[y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2[\alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)\beta(y), x]d(x) \\ &\quad + 2(\alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)\beta(y))[d(x), x] \\ &= x[y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2\alpha(x)[d(y), x]d(x) + 2[\alpha(x), x]d(x) \\ &\quad + 2d(x)[\beta(y), x]d(x) + 2[d(x), x]\beta(y)d(x) + 2((\alpha(x) - x)dy + xd(y) \\ &\quad + d(x)\beta(y))[d(x), x] \\ &= x[y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2x[d(y), x]d(x) + 2d(x)[y, x]d(x) + 2[d(x), x]yd(x) \\ &\quad + 2(d(y)(\alpha(x) - x) + xd(y) + d(x)\beta(y))[d(x), x] \\ &= x[y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2x[d(y), x]d(x) + 2d(x)[y, x]d(x) + 2[d(x), x]yd(x) \\ &\quad + 2xd(y)[d(x)x] + 2d(x)y[d(x)x]. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(20) \quad x[y, x](d^2(x) + g(x)) + 2x[d(y), x]d(x) + 2d(x)[y, x]d(x) \\ + 2[d(x), x]yd(x) + 2xd(y)[d(x), x] + 2d(x)y[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Using (19), from (20) we get $0 = 2d(x)[y, x]d(x) + 2[d(x), x]yd(x) + 2d(x)y[d(x), x]$, which gives

$$(21) \quad [d(x), x]yd(x) + d(x)[y, x]d(x) + d(x)y[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by $yd(x)z$ in (21), we get $0 = [d(x), x]yd(x)zd(x) + d(x)[yd(x)z, x]d(x) + d(x)yd(x)z[d(x), x]$. That is,

$$(22) \quad [d(x), x]yd(x)zd(x) + d(x)[y, x]d(x)zd(x) + d(x)y[d(x), z]zd(x) \\ + d(x)yd(x)[z, x]d(x) + d(x)yd(x)z[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$

Using (21), from (22) we get $d(x)yd(x)[z, x]d(x) + d(x)yd(x)z[d(x), x] = 0$, which (using (21) again) reduces to

$$(23) \quad d(x)y[d(x), x]zd(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$

Multiplying (23) by $y[d(x), x]$ on right, we get

$0 = d(x)y[d(x), x]zd(x)y[d(x), x]$, which, by semiprimeness of R , gives

$$(24) \quad d(x)y[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing y by xy in (24), we get

$$(25) \quad d(x)xy[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (24) by x gives

$$(26) \quad xd(x)y[d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Subtracting (26) from (25), we get $[d(x), x]y[d(x), x] = 0$, which, by semi-primeness of R , implies

$$(27) \quad [d(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Linearizing (27), we get $[d(x), y] + [d(y), x] = 0$ for all $x, y \in R$. In particular for $y = d(x)$, we get

$$(28) \quad [d^2(x), x] = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Using (28), from (13) we get $[g(x), x] = 0$ for all $x \in R$. Thus d and g are both commuting (α, β) -derivations. Hence, using Theorem C, we get $d(u), g(u) \in Z(R)$ and $d(u)[x, y] = 0 = g(u)[x, y]$ for all $x, y, u \in R$. ■

REMARK 2.4. Taking $\alpha = \beta = 1$ in Theorem 2.3, we note that Theorem B is a special case of Theorem 2.3.

PROPOSITION 2.5. *Let α, β be centralizing automorphisms of a semiprime ring R . If R admits an (α, β) -derivation d which is strong commutativity-preserving on R , then R is commutative.*

Proof. Brešar (in the proof of Theorem 1 [6, page 458]) has proved that every additive strong commutativity-preserving mapping on a semiprime ring is commuting. Thus d is a commuting (α, β) -derivation. By Theorem D we conclude that d is central. Thus, $0 = [d(x), d(y)] = [x, y]$ for all $x, y \in R$. Hence R is commutative. ■

REMARK 2.6. Taking $\alpha = \beta = 1$ in Proposition 2.5, we get the result of Bell and Daif [2, Corollary 1] which states: If R is a semiprime ring admitting a derivation which is strong commutativity-preserving on R , then R is commutative.

We now establish a characterization of (α, β) -reverse derivations of semi-prime rings.

THEOREM 2.7. *Let α, β be automorphisms of a semiprime ring R . An additive mapping $d : R \rightarrow R$ is an (α, β) -reverse derivation if and only if it is a central (α, β) -derivation.*

Proof. Let d be an (α, β) -reverse derivation. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(xy^2) &= d(y^2)\alpha(x) + \beta(y^2)d(x) = (d(y)\alpha(y) + \beta(y)d(y))\alpha(x) + \beta(y)\beta(y)d(x) \\ &= d(y)\alpha(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)\beta(y)d(x). \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(29) \quad d(xy^2) = d(y)\alpha(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)\beta(y)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} d((xy)y) &= d(y)\alpha(xy) + \beta(y)d(xy) \\ &= d(y)\alpha(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(y)[d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(x)] \\ &= d(y)\alpha(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(y)d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)\beta(y)d(x). \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(30) \quad d((xy)y) = d(y)\alpha(x)\alpha(y) + \beta(y)d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)\beta(y)d(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

From (29) and (30), we get $d(y)\alpha(x)\alpha(y) = d(y)\alpha(y)\alpha(x)$. Thus,

$$(31) \quad d(y)[\alpha(x), \alpha(y)] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Since α is onto, therefore (31) gives $0 = d(y)[x, \alpha(y)] = d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, y]$.

Thus,

$$(32) \quad d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing x by zx in (32) (and using (32) again), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[zx, y] = d(\alpha^{-1}(y))z[x, y] + d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[z, y]x \\ &= d(\alpha^{-1}(y))z[x, y]. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(33) \quad d(\alpha^{-1}(y))z[x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R.$$

Linearizing (32) in y (and using (32) again), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(\alpha^{-1}(y+u))[x, y+u] = (d\alpha^{-1}(y) + d\alpha^{-1}(u))([x, y] + [x, u]) \\ &= d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, y] + d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, u] + d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y] + d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, u] \\ &= d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, u] + d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y]. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(34) \quad d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, u] = -d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y] \text{ for all } u, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing z by $[x, u]zd(\alpha^{-1}(u))$ in (33) and then using (34), we get $0 = d(\alpha^{-1}(y))[x, u]zd(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y] = -d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y]zd(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y]$, which, by semiprimeness of R , implies

$$(35) \quad d(\alpha^{-1}(u))[x, y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, u \in R.$$

Using Herstein [12, Lemma 1.1.8], from (35) we get that $d(\alpha^{-1}(u)) \in Z(R)$ for all $u \in R$. Since α^{-1} is onto, therefore $d(u) \in Z(R)$ for all $u \in R$. Thus

d is central. Now, $d(xy) = d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(x) = \alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)\beta(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. This implies that d is an (α, β) -derivation.

Conversely, let d be a central (α, β) -derivation. Then, $d(xy) = \alpha(x)d(y) + d(x)\beta(y) = d(y)\alpha(x) + \beta(y)d(x)$. Thus d is an (α, β) -reverse derivation. ■

COROLLARY 2.8. *Let α, β be automorphisms of a semiprime ring R . If R admits an (α, β) -reverse derivation d which is strong commutativity-preserving on R , then R is commutative.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.7, d is central. Since d is strong commutativity-preserving, therefore $[x, y] = [d(x), d(y)] = 0$ for all $x, y \in R$. Hence R is commutative. ■

Taking $\alpha = \beta = 1$ in Theorem 2.7, the following corollary is immediate.

COROLLARY 2.9. *Let R be a semiprime ring. An additive mapping $d: R \rightarrow R$ is a reverse derivation on R if and only if it is a central derivation.*

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