# Identities with Multiplicative (Generalized) $(\alpha, \beta)$-derivations in Semiprime Rings 

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#### Abstract

Let $R$ be an associative ring and $\alpha, \beta$ be automorphisms on $R$. A mapping $F: R \rightarrow R$ (not necessarily additive) is said to be a multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$-derivation if $F(x y)=F(x) \alpha(y)+\beta(x) d(y)$ holds for all $x, y \in R$, where $d$ is any mapping on $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta)$-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. The main objective of this article is to study the following situations: (i) $G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$; (ii) $G(x y)+F(x \circ y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$; (iii) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x y)=0$; (iv) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha[x, y]=0 ;($ v $) G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$; for all $x, y$ in some non-zero subsets of a semiprime ring.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout the paper, $R$ will denote an associative ring with center $Z(R)$. Recall that a ring $R$ is prime if for any $a, b \in R$, $a R b=0$ implies that either $a=0$ or $b=0$ and is called semiprime if for any $a \in R, a R a=0$ implies that $a=0$. We shall write for any pair of elements $x, y \in R$, the commutator $[x, y]=x y-y x$ and skew commutator $x \circ y=x y+y x$.

An additive mapping $d: R \rightarrow R$ is called a derivation if $d(x y)=d(x) y+x d(y)$ holds for all $x, y \in R$. Following [1], an additive mapping $H: R \rightarrow R$ is called a left (resp. right) multiplier (centralizer) of $R$ if $H(x y)=H(x) y$ (resp. $H(x y)=x H(y))$ holds for all $x, y \in R$. If $H$ is both left as well as right multiplier, then it is called a multiplier. The concept of a derivation was extended to generalized derivation in [6] by Bresar. An additive mapping $F: R \rightarrow R$ is said to be a generalized derivation if there exists a derivation $d: R \rightarrow R$ such that $F(x y)=F(x) y+x d(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. Obviously generalized derivation with $d=0$ covers the concept of left multiplier.

Let us introduce the background of investigation about multiplicative generalized derivation. A mapping $d: R \rightarrow R$ which satisfies $d(x y)=d(x) y+x d(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$ is called a multiplicative derivation of $R$. Ofcourse these mappings are not additive. To the best of my knowledge, the concept of multiplicative derivation appeared for the first time in the work of Daif [7]. Then the complete description of those maps was given by Goldman and Semrl in [4]. Further, Daif and Tammam-El-Sayiad [9] extended the notion of multiplicative derivation to multiplicative generalized derivation as follows: A mapping $F: R \rightarrow R$ (not necessarily additive) is called a multiplicative generalized derivation if it satisfies $F(x y)=F(x) y+x d(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$, where $d$ is a derivation on $R$. Obviously, every generalized derivation is a multiplicative generalized derivation

[^0]on $R$. Chang [5] introduced the notion of a generalized ( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivation of a ring $R$ and investigated some properties of such derivations. Let $\alpha, \beta$ be mappings of $R$ into itself. An additive mapping $F: R \rightarrow R$ is called a generalized ( $\alpha, \beta$ )derivation of $R$, if there exists an $(\alpha, \beta)$ derivation $d$ of R such that $F(x y)=F(x) \alpha(y)+\beta(x) d(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. A mapping $F: R \rightarrow R$ is said to be a multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \beta)$-derivation if there exists a map $f$ on $R$ such that $F(x y)=F(x) \alpha(y)+\beta(x) f(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. Obviously every generalized ( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivation is a multiplicative (generalized)( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivation. Albas [3] introduced the notion of $\alpha$-multipliers (centralizers) of $R$, i.e., an additive mapping $H: R \rightarrow R$ is called a left (resp. right) $\alpha$-multiplier(centralizer) of $R$ if $H(x y)=H(x) \alpha(y)$ (resp. $\alpha(x) H(y)$ ) holds for all $x, y \in R$, where $\alpha$ is an endomorphism of $R$. If $H$ is both left as well as right $\alpha$-multiplier then it is called an $\alpha$-multiplier. Obviously every generalized $(\alpha, \beta)$-derivation with $d=0$ covers the concept of left $\alpha$ multiplier.
In 1992, Daif [8], proved a result that if $R$ is a semiprime ring, $I$ be a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $d$ is a derivation of $R$ such that $d([x, y])= \pm[x, y]$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $I \subseteq Z(R)$. Quadri [10] extended the result of Daif by replacing derivation $d$ with a generalized derivation in a prime ring. Further, Dhara [2] proved the following result: Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $F$ be a generalized derivation of $R$ with associated derivation $d$ satisfying $F[x, y] \pm[x, y]=0$ or $F(x \circ y) \pm(x \circ y)=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $R$ must contain a non-zero central ideal, provided $d(I) \neq 0$. In case $R$ is prime satisfying $F[x, y] \pm[x, y] \in Z(R)$ or $F(x \circ y) \pm(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $R$ must be commutative provided $d(Z(R)) \neq 0$.
Recently, Shuliang [11] studied the following identities related on generalized ( $\alpha, \beta$ ) derivation on prime rings : (i) $F[x, y] \pm$ $\alpha[x, y] \in Z(R)$, (ii) $F(x \circ y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y) \in Z(R)$, (iii) $F(x y) \pm \alpha(x y) \in Z(R)$, (iv) $F[x, y]=0$, (v) $F(x \circ y)=0$, for all $x, y$ in some appropriate subset of prime ring $R$. In this line of investigation, in the present article our aim is to extend the above mentioned results studying the following identities involving multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivation. (i) $G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=$ 0 , (ii) $G(x y)+F(x \circ y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$, (iii) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x y)=0$, (iv) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$, (v) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$, for all $x, y$ in some non-zero subsets of a semiprime ring.

### 1.1. Preliminary Result

Definition 1.1. Let $R$ be a ring, we need the following basic identities which will be used in the proof of our results. For any $x, y, z \in R$,

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

Lemma 1.2. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $\beta$ an epimorphism of $R$. Let $d: R \rightarrow R$ be an additive mapping of $R$ such that $\beta(I) d(I) \neq 0$. If $[R, \beta(x)] \beta(I) d(x)=\{0\}$, for all $x \in I$, then $R$ contains a non zero central ideal.

Proof. By our assumption, we have

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

Since $\beta$ is an epimorphism of $R$, we have

$$
[R, \beta(x)] R \beta(I) d(x)=\{0\} .
$$

Since a semiprime ring $R$ contains collection of prime ideals $\mathcal{P}=\left\{P_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \wedge\right\}$ such that $\cap P_{\alpha}=\{0\}$. Thus for any $P_{\alpha}$ and $x \in I$ either $[R, \beta(x)] \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ or $\beta(I) d(x) \subseteq P_{\alpha}$. These two forms an additive subgroups of $I$ whose union is $I$. Thus in
any case, we have $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I) \subseteq P_{\alpha}$. Therefore $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I) \subseteq \cap P_{\alpha}$. This implies that $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I)=\{0\}$. Thus we have $[R, \beta(R I R)] \beta(R I) d(I)=\{0\}$. Since $\beta$ is an epimorphism of $R$, we get $[R, R \beta(I) R] R \beta(I) d(I)=\{0\}$. This implies that $[R, R \beta(I) d(I) R] R \beta(I) d(I) R=\{0\}$. We can write this as $[R, J] R J=\{0\}$, where $J=R \beta(I) d(I) R$ is a nonzero ideal of $R$, since we have $\beta(I) d(I) \neq\{0\}$. This implies that $[R, J] R[R, J]=\{0\}$. By semiprimeness of $R$, we conclude that $[R, J]=\{0\}$. Therefore, $J$ is commutative. Thus $J \subseteq Z(R)$.

## 2. Main Section

Theorem 2.1. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R, \alpha$ and $\beta$ two epimorphisms of $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta)$-derivations on $R$ associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively, where $d$ is an additive map. If $G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$ for all $x, y \in I$ and $\beta(I) d(I) \neq 0$, then $R$ contains a non-zero central ideal.

Proof. By hypothesis,

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $y x$, we obtain that

$$
G(x y) \alpha(x)+\beta(x y) g(x)+F[x, y] \alpha(x)+\beta[x, y] d(x) \pm \alpha[x, y] \alpha(x)=0
$$

Using (1), it gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x y) g(x)+\beta[x, y] d(x)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Putting $y=r y$ in (2), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x) \beta(r) \beta(y) g(x)+\beta(r) \beta[x, y] d(x)+\beta[x, r] \beta(y) d(x)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I \text { and } r \in R . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Left multiplying (2) by $\beta(r)$ and subtracting from (3), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) g(x)+[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) d(x)=0 \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $x y$ in (4), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(x) \beta(y) g(x)+[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(x) \beta(y) d(x)=0 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Left multiplying (2) by $[\beta(x), \beta(r)]$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(x) \beta(y) g(x)+[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(x) \beta(y) d(x)-[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) \beta(x) d(x)=0 \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (5) in (6), we get

$$
[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) \beta(x) d(x)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I \text { and } r \in R .
$$

Since $\beta$ is an epimorphism of $R$, above relation yields that

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\beta(x), R] R \beta(I) \beta(I) d(x)=0 \text { for all } x \in I . \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now take a family $\left\{P_{\alpha}\right\}$ of prime ideals of $R$ such that $\cap P_{\alpha}=\{0\}$. Thus for any $P_{\alpha}$ either $[R, \beta(x)] \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ or $\beta(I) \beta(I) d(x) \subseteq$ $P_{\alpha}$. For each $x \in I$, these two forms an additive subgroup of $R$ whose union is $R$, Thus in any case, we get $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I) \subseteq$ $P_{\alpha}$. Therefore we have $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I) \subseteq \cap P_{\alpha}=\{0\}$. Thus we have $[R, \beta(I)] \beta(I) d(I)=\{0\}$. Now by using Lemma 1.2, we get the required result.

Corollary 2.2. Let $R$ be a prime ring, I a non-zero ideal of $R, \alpha$ and $\beta$ two epimorphisms of $R$ such that $\beta(I) \neq 0$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. If $G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then either $R$ is commutative or $g(I)=0$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.1 and using primeness of $R$, we have either $d(I)=0$ or $R$ is commutative. If $d(I)=0$ in (2), we get $\beta(x) \beta(y) g(x)=0$, for all $x, y \in I$. Again using primeness of $R$, we get either $\beta(I)=0$ or $g(I)=0$. By hypothesis $\beta(I)$ is a non-zero ideal of $R$ and since $\beta$ is an epimorphism of $R$, we get $g(I)=0$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $\alpha$ be an epimorphism on $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta$ )-derivations on $R$ associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively, where $d$ is an additive map. If $G(x y)+F(x \circ y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$ for all $x, y \in I$ and $\beta(I) d(I) \neq 0$, then $R$ contains a non-zero central ideal.

Proof. By hypothesis

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(x y)+F(x \circ y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $y x$ in (8), we get

$$
G(x y) \alpha(x)+\beta(x y) g(x)+F(x \circ y) \alpha(x)+\beta(x \circ y) d(x) \pm \alpha(x \circ y) \alpha(x)=0 .
$$

Using (8), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x y) g(x)+\beta(x \circ y) d(x)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $r y$ in (9), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x) \beta(r) \beta(y) g(x)+\beta(r) \beta(x \circ y) d(x)+[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) d(x)=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I \text { and } r \in R \text {. } \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Left multiplying (9) by $\beta(r)$ and subtracting from (10), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) g(x)+[\beta(x), \beta(r)] \beta(y) d(x)=0 . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is same as (4) of Theorem 2.1. Then by same argument, we obtain our conclusion.

Theorem 2.4. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R, \alpha$ and $\beta$ two epimorphisms of $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \beta$-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. If $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x y)=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $F$ and $G$ are left $\alpha$ - multipliers on $I$.

Proof. We begin with the hypothesis,

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x y)=0 . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $y z$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
G(x y) \alpha(z)+\beta(x y) g(z)+F(x)(F(y) \alpha(z)+\beta(y) d(z)) \pm \alpha(x y) \alpha(z) & =0 . \\
(G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x y)) \alpha(z)+\beta(x y) g(z)+F(x) \beta(y) d(z) & =0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using (12), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x y) g(z)+F(x) \beta(y) d(z)=0 . \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $r y$, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x) r \beta(y) g(z)+F(x) r \beta(y) d(z)=0 . \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting $x r$ for $x$ in (13), we get that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta(x) r \beta(y) g(z)+F(x) r \beta(y) d(z)+\beta(x) d(r) \beta(y) d(z)=0 . \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Subtracting (14) from (15), we obtain

$$
\beta(x) d(r) \beta(y) d(z)=0 \text { for all } x, y, z \in I \text { and } r \in R .
$$

In particular for $r=z$, we have $\beta(x) d(z) \beta(y) d(z)=0$. This implies that $\beta(x) d(z) R \beta(y) d(z)=0$. Replacing $y$ by $x, \beta(x) d(z) R \beta(x) d(z)=0$, for all $x, z \in I$. By semiprimeness of $R$, we have $\beta(I) d(I)=0$. Since we have $F(x y)=$ $F(x) \alpha(y)+\beta(x) d(y)$, using $\beta(I) d(I)=0$, we obtain $F(x y)=F(x) \alpha(y)$. Using $\beta(I) d(I)=0$ in (13), we get $\beta(x) \beta(y) g(z)=0$. Replacing $y$ by $r y$, we get $\beta(x) r \beta(y) g(z)=0$. Substituting $g(z) r$ for $r$ in the last expression, we have $\beta(x) g(z) R \beta(y) g(z)=0$. In particular, $\beta(x) g(z) R \beta(x) g(z)=0$ for all $x, z \in I$. By semiprimeness of $R$, we have $\beta(I) g(I)=0$. Thus we obtain $G(x y)=G(x) \alpha(y)$.

Theorem 2.5. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $\alpha$ an epimorphism of $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \alpha)$-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. If $G(x y)+$ $F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $\alpha(I)[d(z), \alpha(z)]=0$ and $\alpha(I)[g(z), \alpha(z)]=0$, for all $z \in I$.

Proof. We begin with the hypothesis,

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(x y)+F(x) F(y)-\alpha[x, y]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in I . \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting $y z$ in place of $y$ in (16), we obtain

$$
G(x y z)+F(x) F(y z)-\alpha[x, y z]=0 \text { for all } x, y, z \in I .
$$

$$
G(x y) \alpha(z)+\alpha(x y) g(z)+F(x)(F(y) \alpha(z)+\alpha(y) d(z))-\alpha(y[x, z]+[x, y] z)=0
$$

$$
(G(x y)+F(x) F(y)-\alpha[x, y]) \alpha(z)+\alpha(x y) g(z)+F(x) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha[x, z]=0
$$

Using (16), it gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x y) g(z)+F(x) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha[x, z]=0 . \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting $r y$ instead of $y$ for $r \in R$ in (17), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x) r \alpha(y) g(z)+F(x) r \alpha(y) d(z)-r \alpha(y) \alpha[x, z]=0 . \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now replacing $x$ with $x r$ in (17), we get

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\alpha(x) r \alpha(y) g(z)+F(x r) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha[x r, z]=0, \\
\alpha(x) r \alpha(y) g(z)+(F(x) r+\alpha(x) d(r)) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha(x[r, z]+[x, z] r)=0, \\
\alpha(x) r \alpha(y) g(z)+F(x) r \alpha(y) d(z)+\alpha(x) d(r) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha(x) \alpha[r, z]-\alpha(y) \alpha[x, z] r=0 . \tag{19}
\end{array}
$$

Subtracting (18) from (19), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x) d(r) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha(x) \alpha[r, z]-[\alpha(y) \alpha[x, z], r]=0 . \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Putting $y=r y$ in (20), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x) d(r) \alpha(r) \alpha(y) d(z)-\alpha(r) \alpha(y) \alpha(x) \alpha[r, z]-\alpha(r)[\alpha(y) \alpha[x, z], r]=0 . \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Left multiplying (20) by $\alpha(r)$ and then subtracting from (21), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\alpha(x) d(r), \alpha(r)] \alpha(y) d(z)=0 \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

In particular for $r=z$, we have $[\alpha(x) d(z), \alpha(z)] \alpha(y) d(z)=0$. Replacing $y$ by $r y$ and since $\alpha$ is an epimorphism we get $[\alpha(x) d(z), \alpha(z)] R \alpha(y) d(z)=0$. This implies that $[\alpha(x) d(z), \alpha(z)] R[\alpha(y) d(z), \alpha(z)]=0$. Replacing $y$ by $x$ and using semiprimeness, we obtain

$$
[\alpha(x) d(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \text { for all } x, z \in I
$$

Thus, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x)[d(z), \alpha(z)]+[\alpha(x), \alpha(z)] d(z)=0 . \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $x$ by $r x$ in (23), we get

$$
r \alpha(x)[d(z), \alpha(z)]+r[\alpha(x), \alpha(z)] d(z)+[r, \alpha(z)] \alpha(x) d(z)=0 \text { for all } x, z \in I \text { and } r \in R .
$$

Using (23), we have

$$
[r, \alpha(z)] \alpha(x) d(z)=0 \text { for all } x, z \in I \text { and } r \in R .
$$

This implies that

$$
[r, \alpha(z)] \alpha(x)[d(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \text { for all } x, z \in I
$$

Putting $r=d(z)$ and using semiprimeness, we get

$$
\alpha(I)[d(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \text { for all } z \in I
$$

Replacing $y$ by $y z$ in (17), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x y) \alpha(z) g(z)+F(x) \alpha(y) \alpha(z) d(z)-\alpha(y) \alpha(z) \alpha[x, z]=0 \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

Right multiplying (17) by $\alpha(z)$ and subtracting from (24), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x y)[\alpha(z), g(z)]+F(x) \alpha(y)[\alpha(z), d(z)]-\alpha(y)[\alpha(z), \alpha[x, z]]=0 \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using $\alpha(I)[d(z), \alpha(z)]=0$ in (25), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x y)[\alpha(z), g(z)]-\alpha(y)[\alpha(z), \alpha[x, z]]=0 \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $t y$ in (26), and since $\alpha$ is an epimorphism of $R$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(x) t \alpha(y)[\alpha(z), g(z)]-t \alpha(y)[\alpha(z), \alpha[x, z]]=0 \text { for all } x, z \in I \text { and } t \in R \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Left multiplying (26) by $t$ and subtracting from (27), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
[t, \alpha(x)] \alpha(y)[g(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

In particular for $x=z$ and putting $t=g(z)$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
[g(z), \alpha(z)] \alpha(y)[g(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $y$ by $r y$ and semiprimeness of $R$ yields that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(I)[g(z), \alpha(z)]=0 \text { for all } z \in I \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

By using similar argument, we arrive at the same conclusion for $G(x y)+F(x) F(y)+\alpha[x, y]=0$ for all $x, y \in I$.
Corollary 2.6. Let $R$ be a prime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $\alpha$ be an epimorphism of $R$ such that $\alpha(I) \neq 0$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)- $(\alpha, \alpha)$-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. If $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then either $R$ is commutative or $g(I)=0$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.5 and using primeness of $R$, we have either $d(I)=0$ or $R$ is commutative. If $d(I)=0$ then using (17) we get that $g(I)=0$.

Using the same techniques with necessary variations, we can prove the following:

Theorem 2.7. Let $R$ be a semiprime ring, $I$ a non-zero ideal of $R$ and $\alpha$ be an epimorphism of $R$. Suppose that $G$ and $F$ are two multiplicative (generalized)-( $\alpha, \alpha$ )-derivations associated with the mappings $g$ and $d$ on $R$ respectively. If $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha(x \circ y)=0$ for all $x, y \in I$, then $\alpha(I)[d(z), \alpha(z)]=0$ and $\alpha(I)[g(z), \alpha(z)]=0$, for all $z \in I$.

## 3. Example

The following example demonstrates that Corollary 2.2 and Corollary 2.6 do not hold for arbitrary rings.

Example 3.1. Consider $S$ be a set of integers. Let

$$
R=\left\{\left.\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & x & y \\
0 & 0 & z \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right) \right\rvert\, x, y, z \in S\right\}
$$

Define maps $F, d, \alpha: R \rightarrow R$ as

$$
F\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & x & y \\
0 & 0 & z \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 0 & x^{2} z \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right), d\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & x & y \\
0 & 0 & z \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & x & y \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right), \alpha\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & x & y \\
0 & 0 & z \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & -x & -y \\
0 & 0 & z \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Then $F$ is a multiplicative (generalized) $-(\alpha, \alpha)$-derivation on $R$ associated with mapping $d$ on $R$. Again define mappings $G, g$ :
$R \rightarrow R$ such that $G\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), g\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x & y^{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -z \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)$. Also $G$ is a multiplicative (generalized)$(\alpha, \alpha)$-derivation on $R$ associated with mapping $g$ on $R$. Suppose that $I=\left\{\left.\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right) \right\rvert\, y \in S\right\}$. Here we see that $I$ is an ideal of $R$. For all $x, y \in I$ (i) $G(x y)+F(x) F(y) \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$ and (ii) $G(x y)+F[x, y] \pm \alpha[x, y]=0$, however $R$ is neither commutative nor $g(I)=0$.

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