

## SOME RESULTS ON $(\sigma, \tau)$ -LIE IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. In this note we give some basic results on one sided  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideals of prime rings with characteristic not 2.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma, \tau$  be two mappings from  $R$  into itself. We write  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ , and  $[x, y]_{\sigma, \tau} = x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$  for  $x, y \in R$ . For subsets  $A, B \subset R$ , let  $[A, B]$  be the additive subgroup generated by all  $[a, b]$ , and  $[A, B]_{\sigma, \tau}$  be the additive subgroup generated by all  $[a, b]_{\sigma, \tau}$  for  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . We recall that a Lie ideal  $L$  is an additive subgroup of  $R$  such that  $[R, L] \subset L$ . We first introduce the generalized Lie ideal in [3] as follows. Let  $U$  be an additive subgroup of  $R$ . (i)  $U$  is called a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $[U, R]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ , (ii)  $U$  is called a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal if  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ . (iii)  $U$  is called a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal if  $U$  is both a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right and a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal. An additive mapping  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . We write  $C_{\sigma, \tau} = \{c \in R \mid c\sigma(r) = \tau(r)c \text{ for } r \in R\}$ , and will make extensive use of the following basic commutator identities:

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

Throughout the present paper,  $R$  will represent a prime ring (of  $\text{char } R \neq 2$ , exclude Lemmas 1 and 2) and  $\sigma, \tau, \alpha, \beta, \lambda$  and  $\mu$  will be automorphisms of  $R$ . In this note, we give the following properties on prime rings and some results on one sided  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideals. Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . (1) If  $[[I, a]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ , then  $[\tau(a), \beta(b)] = 0$ . (2) If  $[[a, I]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ , then  $b \in Z$  or  $[a, \tau^{-1}\beta(b)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . (3) If  $[b, [a, R]_{\sigma, \tau}]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ , then  $b \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$ ,  $a \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  or  $a + \tau\sigma^{-1}(a) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . On the other hand, in [4] Park and Jung proved that if  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation and  $a \in R$  such that  $d[R, a]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ , then  $\sigma(a) + \tau(a) \in Z$ . We prove that if  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation and  $a \in R$  such that  $d[a, R]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a) \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$ .

### 2. RESULTS

The following Lemmas 1 and 2 are generalizations of [1, Lemma 1.5].

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**Lemma 1.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$ . If  $[[I, a]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $[\tau(a), \beta(b)] = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $[[I, a]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ . Then we have,  $0 = [[\tau(a)y, a]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = [\tau(a)[y, a]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(a), \tau(a)]y, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = \tau(a)[[y, a]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} + [\tau(a), \beta(b)][y, a]_{\sigma, \tau}$  for all  $y \in I$ . This gives that

$$(2.1) \quad [\tau(a), \beta(b)][y, a]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \text{ for all } y \in I.$$

Replacing  $yr, r \in R$  by  $y$  in (2.1), we get  $0 = [\tau(a), \beta(b)]y[r, \sigma(a)] + [\tau(a), \beta(b)][y, a]_{\sigma, \tau}r$  and so

$$(2.2) \quad [\tau(a), \beta(b)]y[r, \sigma(a)] = 0 \text{ for all } y \in I, r \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is prime, we get

$$(2.3) \quad [\tau(a), \beta(b)] = 0 \text{ or } a \in Z.$$

Thus,  $[\tau(a), \beta(b)] = 0$  is obtained for two cases in (2.3)  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** (1) *If  $I$  is a nonzero ideal of  $R$  and  $a \in R$  such that  $[I, a]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ , then  $a \in Z$ .*

(2) *Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right(left) Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $[[I, I]_{\sigma, \tau}, U]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  then  $U \subset Z$ .*

(3) *If  $a \in R$  such that  $[[I, I]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $[I, a]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$  implies that  $[[I, a]_{\alpha, \beta}, R]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$ . By Lemma 1 we obtain that  $[\beta(a), \mu(R)] = 0$ . Since  $\mu$  is onto, we have  $\beta(a) \in Z$  and so  $a \in Z$ .

(2) By Lemma 1 we have  $[\tau(I), \beta(U)] = 0$  and so  $U \subset Z$ .

(3)  $[[I, I]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  implies that  $[\tau(I), \beta(a)] = 0$  by Lemma 1 and so  $a \in Z$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R$ . If  $a, b \in R$  and  $[[a, I]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $b \in Z$  or  $[a, \tau^{-1}\beta(b)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x, y \in I$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [[a, xy]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} \\ &= [\tau(x)[a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [a, x]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(y), b]_{\alpha, \beta} \\ &= \tau(x)[[a, y]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta} + [\tau(x), \beta(b)][a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [a, x]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)] \\ &\quad + [[a, x]_{\sigma, \tau}, b]_{\alpha, \beta}\sigma(y) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$(2.4) \quad [\tau(x), \beta(b)][a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [a, x]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $rx, r \in R$  in (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [\tau(rx), \beta(b)][a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [a, rx]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)] \\ &= \tau(r)[\tau(x), \beta(b)][a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(r), \beta(b)]\tau(x)[a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + \tau(r)[a, x]_{\sigma, \tau}[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)] \\ &\quad + [a, r]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(x)[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)]. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$(2.5) \quad [\tau(r), \beta(b)]\tau(x)[a, y]_{\sigma, \tau} + [a, r]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(x)[\sigma(y), \alpha(b)] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in I, r \in R.$$

If we take  $\tau^{-1}\beta(b)$  instead of  $r$  in (2.5) then we have

$$(2.6) \quad [a, \tau^{-1}\beta(b)]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(I)[\sigma(I), \alpha(b)] = 0.$$

Since  $\sigma(I) \neq 0$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $R$  is prime we get

$$(2.7) \quad [a, \tau^{-1}\beta(b)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0 \text{ or } [\sigma(I), \alpha(b)] = 0.$$

Since  $R$  is prime,  $[\sigma(I), \alpha(b)] = 0$  implies that  $b \in Z$ . Thus  $[a, \tau^{-1}\beta(b)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  or  $b \in Z$  is obtained.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $a \in R$ . If  $[U, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in Z$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $[[U, R]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset [U, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  then we have

$$a \in Z \text{ or } [U, \tau^{-1}\beta(a)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$$

by Lemma 2. If  $[U, \tau^{-1}\beta(a)]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  by [6, Lemma 2].  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $I \neq 0$  an ideal of  $R$ .*

- (1) *If  $a \in R$  and  $[[U, I]_{\alpha, \beta}, a]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$ , then  $a \in Z$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ .*
- (2) *If  $[U, I]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ , then  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  or  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* (1)  $[[U, I]_{\alpha, \beta}, a]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$  implies that  $a \in Z$  or  $[U, \beta^{-1}\mu(a)]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , by Lemma 2. If  $[U, \beta^{-1}\mu(a)]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  by Lemma 3.

(2) Let  $[U, I]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$  then we have  $[[U, I]_{\alpha, \beta}, R]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$ . If we use (1) we get  $R \subset Z$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  and so  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  or  $R$  is commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $d$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation on  $R$  and  $a \in R$ . If  $d[a, R]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a) \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x, y \in R$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d[a, xy]_{\alpha, \beta} = d(\beta(x)[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + [a, x]_{\alpha, \beta}\alpha(y)) \\ &= d\beta(x)\sigma[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + \tau[a, x]_{\alpha, \beta}d\alpha(y) \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $\beta^{-1}[a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}$  in the last relation we get

$$[a, \beta^{-1}[a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\alpha, \beta} d\alpha(y) = 0 \text{ for all } y, z \in R$$

and so

$$(2.8) \quad [a, \beta^{-1}[a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0 \text{ for all } z \in R$$

by [5, Lemma 3]. Taking  $zy$  for  $z$  in (2.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [a, \beta^{-1}[a, zy]_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\alpha, \beta} = [a, \beta^{-1}(\beta(z)[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + [a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}\alpha(y))]_{\alpha, \beta} \\ &= [a, z\beta^{-1}[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + \beta^{-1}[a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}\beta^{-1}\alpha(y)]_{\alpha, \beta} \\ &= [a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}\alpha\beta^{-1}[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + [a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}[a, \beta^{-1}\alpha(y)]_{\alpha, \beta} \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$(2.9) \quad [a, z]_{\alpha, \beta}(\alpha\beta^{-1}[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + [a, \beta^{-1}\alpha(y)]_{\alpha, \beta}) = 0 \text{ for all } z, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $z$  by  $zt$  in (2.9), we get

$$(2.10) \quad [a, z]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0, \forall z \in R \text{ or } \alpha\beta^{-1}[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + [a, \beta^{-1}\alpha(y)]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0 \text{ for all } y \in R.$$

Hence  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $0 = \alpha\beta^{-1}[a, y]_{\alpha, \beta} + a\alpha\beta^{-1}\alpha(y) - \alpha(y)a$  for all  $y \in R$ . If we apply  $\alpha^{-1}$  and  $\beta$  to the last relation we have  $a\alpha(y) - \beta(y)a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a)\alpha(y) - \beta(y)\beta\alpha^{-1}(a) = 0$  for all  $y \in R$ . This implies that  $(a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a))\alpha(y) - \beta(y)(a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a)) = 0$  and so  $a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a) \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  for all  $y \in R$ . Thus we obtain  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $a + \beta\alpha^{-1}(a) \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  by (2.10).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *If  $[b, [a, R]_{\sigma, \tau}]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  or  $b \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $a + \tau\sigma^{-1}(a) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ .*

*Proof.*  $d(x) = [b, x]_{\alpha, \beta}$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation on  $R$ . Furthermore  $d[a, R]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . This implies that  $a \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ ,  $b \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $a + \tau\sigma^{-1}(a) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  by Theorem 2.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $d : R \rightarrow R$  a nonzero  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -derivation.*

- (1) *If  $d(U) = 0$ , then  $v + \tau\sigma^{-1}(v) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  for all  $v \in U$ .*
- (2) *If  $d[U, R] = 0$ , then  $U \subset Z$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $d(U) = 0$ . Then  $d[U, R]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . This implies that  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  or  $v + \tau\sigma^{-1}(v) \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  for all  $v \in U$  by Theorem 2.

- (2) Taking  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  in Theorem 2, we have  $U \subset Z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $d : R \rightarrow R$  a nonzero  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation.*

- (1) *If  $d(U) = 0$ , then  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .*
- (2) *If  $a \in R$  and  $[U, a] = 0$ , then  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .*

(3) If  $a \in R$  and  $[U, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .

(4) If  $[[R, U]_{\alpha, \beta}, a]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $d(U) = 0$ . Then  $d[R, v]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  for all  $v \in U$ . This implies that  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$  by [4, Corollary 5] for all  $v \in U$ .

(2) Let  $d(x) = [x, a]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $d$  is a derivation and furthermore  $d(U) = 0$ . Thus we have  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$  by (1).

(3) Since  $[[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset [U, a]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  we have  $[\tau(U), \beta(a)] = 0$  by Lemma 1. That is  $[U, \tau^{-1}\beta(a)] = 0$ . This implies that  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$  by (2).

(4) By Lemma 1 and hypothesis, we have  $[\beta(U), \mu(a)] = 0$ . That is  $[U, \beta^{-1}\mu(a)] = 0$ . This implies that  $a \in Z$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$  by (2).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $[U, U]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ . Then we have  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4(3) we have  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $U$  be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and  $a \in R$ .

(1) If  $[a, U]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$ , then  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .

(2) If  $[a, [R, U]_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$ , then  $a \in C_{\lambda, \mu}$  or  $\alpha(v) + \beta(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$ .

(3) If  $[R, U]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ , then  $R$  is commutative or  $\sigma(v) = \tau(v)$  for all  $v \in U$ .

(4) If  $U \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ , then  $\sigma(v) = \tau(v)$  for all  $v \in U$  or  $R$  is commutative.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $d(x) = [a, x]_{\alpha, \beta}$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $d$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivation of  $R$ . Since  $[a, [R, U]_{\sigma, \tau}]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset [a, U]_{\alpha, \beta} = 0$  then we have  $d[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . This implies that  $a \in C_{\alpha, \beta}$  or  $\sigma(v) + \tau(v) \in Z$  for all  $v \in U$  by [4, Corollary 5].

(2) Considering as in the proof (1) we obtain the result.

(3) Suppose that  $[R, U]_{\alpha, \beta} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ . Then we have  $[[R, U]_{\alpha, \beta}, R]_{\lambda, \mu} = 0$ . This gives  $[\beta(U), \mu(R)] = 0$  by Lemma 1 and so  $U \subset Z$ . Thus  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U \subset Z$  is obtained. For any  $r, s \in R, v \in U$  we have  $0 = [[r, v]_{\sigma, \tau}, s] = [r\sigma(v) - \tau(v)r, s] = [r(\sigma(v) - \tau(v)), s] = r[\sigma(v) - \tau(v), s] + [r, s](\sigma(v) - \tau(v))$  which leads to

$$(2.11) \quad [r, s](\sigma(v) - \tau(v)) = 0 \text{ for all } r, s \in R, v \in U.$$

Since  $R$  is prime and  $\sigma(v) - \tau(v) \in Z$  we get

$$(2.12) \quad [r, s] = 0 \text{ for all } r, s \in R \text{ or } \sigma(v) = \tau(v) \text{ for all } v \in U.$$

and so  $R$  is commutative or  $\sigma(v) = \tau(v)$  for all  $v \in U$ .

(4) If  $U \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ , then  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\lambda, \mu}$ . This implies that  $R$  is commutative or  $\sigma(v) = \tau(v)$  for all  $v \in U$  by (3).  $\square$

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