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## ON THE TRACE OF PERMUTING TRI-DERIVATIONS ON RINGS

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In the paper we examined the some effects of derivation, trace of permuting tri-derivation and endomorphism on each other in prime and semiprime ring. Let R be a 2, 3-torsion free prime ring and  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  be a permuting tri-derivation with trace  $f, d: R \to R$  be a derivation. In particular, the following assertions have been proved:

- if [d(r), r] = f(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then R is commutative or d = 0 (Theorem 1);
- if  $g: R \to R$  is an endomorphism such that F(d(r), r, r) = g(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0 or d = 0 (Theorem 2);
- if F(d(r), r, r) = f(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then (i) F = 0 or d = 0, (ii)  $d(r) \circ f(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$  (Theorem 3).

On the other hand, if there exist permuting tri-derivations  $F_1, F_2: R \times R \times R \to R$  such that  $F_1(f_2(r), r, r) = f_1(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are traces of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , respectively, then (i)  $F_1 = 0$  or  $F_2 = 0$ , (ii)  $f_1(r) \circ f_2(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$  (Theorem 4).

1. Introduction and preliminaries. Throughout this paper, R will denote an associative ring. Recall that a ring R is prime if for any  $r, s \in R$ , rRs = 0 implies r = 0 or s = 0and R is semiprime if rRr = 0 implies r = 0. An element  $r \in R$  is called n-torsion free, where n > 1 is an integer, if nr = 0 implies r = 0. A ring R is called n-torsion free ring if every element in R is n-torsion free. For any  $r, s \in R$ , the symbol [r, s] will denote the commutator rs - sr and the symbol  $r \circ s$  will stand for the anti-commutator rs + sr. We will use the commutator identities: [rs, t] = [r, s]t + r[s, t] and [r, st] = [r, s]t + s[r, t]. An additive map  $d: R \to R$  is called a derivation if d(rs) = d(r)s + rd(s) holds for all  $r, s \in R$ . The commutativity of prime rings with derivations was introduced by E. C. Posner in [6]. In [5], M. A. Öztürk achieved some results by introducing the idea of permuting tri-derivations in rings. A mapping  $F(.,.,.): R \times R \times R \to R$  is called permuting if the equation  $F(r_1, r_2, r_3) = F(r_{\pi(1)}, r_{\pi(2)}, r_{\pi(3)})$  holds for all  $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  and every permutation  $\pi(1), \pi(2), \pi(3)$ . A map  $f: R \to R$  defined by f(r) = F(r, r, r) is called the trace of F, where  $F(.,.,.): R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting map. Clearly, if  $F(.,.,.): R \times R \times R \to R$ is permuting tri-additive (i.e., additive in all three arguments), then the trace of F satisfies the relation f(r+s) = f(r) + f(s) + 3F(r, r, s) + 3F(r, s, s) for all  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ . A permuting tri-additive map  $F(.,.,.): R \times R \times R \to R$  is called a permuting tri-derivation if F(rw, s, t) =F(r, s, t)w + rF(w, s, t) for all  $r, s, t, w \in \mathbb{R}$ . The trace of F is an odd function. In [4], [1], [7] and [8], the authors investigated some properties of permuting tri-derivations in prime and semiprime rings.

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In the present paper we study and investigate some results involving the traces of permuting tri-derivations, derivations and endomorphisms in the prime and semiprime rings. Our results extend some results contained in [2].

**Lemma 1** ([6]). Let R be a prime ring and d be a derivation of R such that [d(r), r] = 0 for all  $r \in R$ . Then R is commutative or d = 0.

**Lemma 2** ([3]). Let R be a 2-torsion free prime ring. If  $r, s \in R$  such that rxs + sxr = 0 for all  $x \in R$ , then r = 0 or s = 0.

**Lemma 3** ([5]). Let R be a 2,3-torsion free ring, F be a permuting tri-additive mapping of R and f be the trace of F. If f(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0.

**Lemma 4** ([5]). Let R be a 2, 3-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose that  $F(.,.,.): R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. If F(f(r), r, r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0.

## 2. Results.

**Theorem 1.** Let R be a 2, 3-torsion free prime ring. Suppose that  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. Let  $d: R \to R$  be a derivation. If [d(r), r] = f(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then R is commutative or d = 0.

Proof. We have

$$[d(r), r] = f(r) \tag{1}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . Substituting r + s for r in (1) and using (1), we get

$$[d(r), s] + [d(s), r] = 3F(r, r, s) + 3F(r, s, s)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Substituting r = -r in (2), comparing with (2) and using the fact that R is a 2,3-torsion free ring, we find that

$$F(r,r,s) = 0 \tag{3}$$

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing r by r + w in (3), we have

$$0 = F(r, r, s) + 2F(r, w, s) + F(w, w, s)$$
(4)

for all  $r, s, w \in R$ . Combining (3) and (4), we get 2F(r, s, w) = 0 for all  $r, s, w \in R$ . Since R is the 2-torsion free ring, we have F(r, s, w) = 0 for all  $r, s, w \in R$ . This implies that F = 0 and so f = 0. In view of Lemma 1, the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.** Let R be a 2,3-torsion free prime ring. Suppose that  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting tri-derivation with trace f and d:  $R \to R$  is a derivation. If  $g: R \to R$  is an endomorphism such that F(d(r), r, r) = g(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0 or d = 0.

*Proof.* Let g be an endomorphism satisfying

$$F(d(r), r, r) = g(r) \tag{5}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . Linearizing (5) and using (5), we have

$$0 = 2F(d(r), r, s) + F(d(r), s, s) + F(d(s), r, r) + 2F(d(s), r, s)$$
(6)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Putting -s instead of s in (6) and subtracting the result from equation (6), we find that

$$0 = 2F(d(r), r, s) + F(d(s), r, r)$$
(7)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since R is 2-torsion free. Replacing s by sr in (7), we get

$$0 = 3sF(d(r), r, r) + d(s)f(r) + F(s, r, r)d(r)$$
(8)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing s by rs in (8), we obtain

$$0 = 3rsF(d(r), r, r) + d(r)sf(r) + rd(s)f(r) + f(r)sd(r) + rF(s, r, r)d(r)$$
(9)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . In view of (8) and (9), we get 0 = d(r)sf(r) + f(r)sd(r) for all  $r, s \in R$ . Application of Lemma 2 gives that d(r) = 0 or f(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ . Then by Lemma 3, the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 3.** Let R be a 2,3-torsion free prime ring,  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  be a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. If  $d: R \to R$  is a derivation such that F(d(r), r, r) = f(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then (i) F = 0 or d = 0,

(ii)  $d(r) \circ f(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ .

*Proof.* Given that

$$F(d(r), r, r) = f(r) \tag{10}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . Replacing r by r + s in (10) and using (10) in the last equation, we get

$$2F(d(r), r, s) + F(d(r), s, s) + F(d(s), r, r) + 2F(d(s), r, s) = 3F(r, r, s) + 3F(r, s, s)$$
(11)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing s by -s in (11) and subtracting the new equation from (11), we have

$$2F(d(r), r, s) + F(d(s), r, r) = 3F(r, r, s)$$
(12)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since R is 2-torsion free. Taking sr for s in (12), we obtain

$$2F(d(r), r, s)r + 2sF(d(r), r, r) + F(d(s), r, r)r + d(s)f(r) + F(s, r, r)d(r) + sF(d(r), r, r) = 3F(r, r, s)r + 3sf(r)$$

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Using equations (10) and (12), we conclude that

$$0 = d(s)f(r) + F(s, r, r)d(r)$$
(13)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing s by rs in (13) and using (13), we find that 0 = d(r)sf(r) + f(r)sd(r) for all  $r, s \in R$ . Lemma 2 implies that d(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$  or f(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ . From Lemma 3, we have F = 0. Replacing s by r in (13), we have d(r)f(r) + f(r)d(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ . This means that  $d(r) \circ f(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.** Let R be a 2, 3-torsion free prime ring. Suppose that there exist permuting tri-derivations  $F_1, F_2: R \times R \times R \to R$  such that  $F_1(f_2(r), r, r) = f_1(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are traces of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , respectively. Then:

(i) 
$$F_1 = 0$$
 or  $F_2 = 0$ , (ii)  $f_1(r) \circ f_2(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are permuting tri-derivations satisfying

$$F_1(f_2(r), r, r) = f_1(r) \tag{14}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . The linearization of (14) gives

$$2F_1(f_2(r), r, s) + F_1(f_2(r), s, s) + F_1(f_2(s), r, r) + 2F_1(f_2(s), r, s) + +3F_1(F_2(r, r, s), r, r) + 6F_1(F_2(r, r, s), r, s) + 3F_1(F_2(r, r, s), s, s) + 3F_1(F_2(r, s, s), r, r) + +6F_1(F_2(r, s, s), r, s) + 3F_1(F_2(r, s, s), s, s) = 3F_1(r, r, s) + 3F_1(r, s, s)$$
(15)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing s by -s in (15) and comparing with (15), we obtain

$$2F_1(f_2(r), r, s) + F_1(f_2(s), r, r) + 3F_1(F_2(r, r, s), r, r) + +3F_1(F_2(r, r, s), s, s) + 6F_1(F_2(r, s, s), r, s) = 3F_1(r, r, s)$$
(16)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since R is 2-torsion free. Replacing r by r + s in (16) and applying (14) and (16), we get

$$0 = 12F_1(f_2(s), s, s) + 9F_1(F_2(r, r, s), s, s) + 18F_1(F_2(r, s, s), r, s) + +18F_1(F_2(r, s, s), s, s) + 3F_1(f_2(s), r, r) + 12F_1(f_2(s), r, s)$$
(17)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Taking s = -s in (17), comparing with (17) and using the fact that R is 2, 3-torsion free ring, we get

$$0 = 3F_1(F_2(r, s, s), s, s) + 2F_1(f_2(s), r, s)$$
(18)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Now substituting rs for r in (18) and using (18), we obtain

$$0 = F_2(r, s, s)f_1(s) + F_1(r, s, s)f_2(s)$$
(19)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , because R is 3-torsion free. Replacing r by sr in (19), we find that  $f_1(s)rf_2(s) + f_2(s)rf_1(s) = 0$  for all  $r, s \in R$ . Lemma 2 implies that  $f_1(s) = 0$  or  $f_2(s) = 0$  for all  $s \in R$ . From Lemma 3, we have  $F_1 = 0$  or  $F_2 = 0$ . Replacing s by r in (19), we get  $f_2(r)f_1(r) + f_1(r)f_2(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ . Hence,  $f_1(r) \circ f_2(r) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let R be a 2, 3, 5-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose that there exist permuting tri-derivations  $F_1, F_2: R \times R \times R \to R$  such that  $F_1(f_1(r), r, r) = f_2(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are traces of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , respectively. Then  $F_1 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume that

$$F_1(f_1(r), r, r) = f_2(r)$$
(20)

for all  $r \in R$ . Linearization of (20) yields

$$F_{1}(f_{1}(r), r, r) + 2F_{1}(f_{1}(r), r, s) + F_{1}(f_{1}(r), s, s) + F_{1}(f_{1}(s), r, r) + 2F_{1}(f_{1}(s), r, s) + F_{1}(f_{1}(s), s, s) + 3F_{1}(F_{1}(r, r, s), r, r) + 6F_{1}(F_{1}(r, r, s), r, s) + 3F_{1}(F_{1}(r, r, s), s, s) + 3F_{1}(F_{1}(r, s, s), r, r) + 6F_{1}(F_{1}(r, s, s), r, s) + 3F_{1}(F_{1}(r, s, s), s, s) = f_{2}(r) + f_{2}(s) + 3F_{2}(r, r, s) + 3F_{2}(r, s, s)$$
(21)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Putting s = -s in (21) and comparing with the obtained equation, we get

$$2F_1(f_1(r), r, s) + F_1(f_1(s), r, r) + 3F_1(F_1(r, r, s), r, r) + +3F_1(F_1(r, r, s), s, s) + 6F_1(F_1(r, s, s), r, s) = 3F_2(r, r, s)$$
(22)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since R is 2-torsion free. Substituting r+s for r in (22), using (20) and (22), we get  $0 = 12F_1(f_1(s), s, s) + 9F_1(F_1(r, r, s), s, s) + 18F_1(F_1(r, s, s), r, s) + 18F_1(F_1(r, s, s), s, s) + 3F_1(f_1(s), r, r) + 12F_1(f_1(s), r, s)$  for all  $r, s \in R$ . Since R is 3-torsion free, we have

$$0 = 4F_1(f_1(s), s, s) + 3F_1(F_1(r, r, s), s, s) + 6F_1(F_1(r, s, s), r, s) + + 6F_1(F_1(r, s, s), s, s) + F_1(f_1(s), r, r) + 4F_1(f_1(s), r, s)$$
(23)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing r by r + s in (23) and using (23) we get  $0 = 20F_1(f_1(s), s, s) + 12F_1(F_1(r, s, s), s, s) + 8F_1(f_1(s), r, s)$  for all  $r, s \in R$ . The last expression implies that  $40F_1(f_1(s), s, s) = 0$  for all  $s \in R$ . Since R is 2, 5-torsion free ring, we have  $F_1(f_1(s), s, s) = 0$  for all  $s \in R$ . In view of Lemma 4, the last equation implies that  $F_1 = 0$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let R be a 2,3,5-torsion free semiprime ring. Let  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  be a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. If F(f(r), r, r) = f(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0.

**Theorem 6.** Let R be a 2, 3, 5-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose that  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. If  $g: R \to R$  is an endomorphism such that F(f(r), r, r) = g(r) for all  $r \in R$ , then F = 0.

Proof. We have

$$F(f(r), r, r) = g(r) \tag{24}$$

for all  $r \in R$ . Linearizing of (24) and using (24), we obtain

$$0 = 2F(f(r), r, s) + F(f(r), s, s) + F(f(s), r, r) + 2F(f(s), r, s) + +3F(F(r, r, s), r, r) + 6F(F(r, r, s), r, s) + 3F(F(r, r, s), s, s) + +3F(F(r, s, s), r, r) + 6F(F(r, s, s), r, s) + 3F(F(r, s, s), s, s)$$
(25)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Taking s = -s in (25) and subtracting the result from (25), we obtain

$$0 = 2F(f(r), r, s) + F(f(s), r, r) + 3F(F(r, r, s), r, r) + +3F(F(r, r, s), s, s) + 6F(F(r, s, s), r, s)$$
(26)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since R is 2-torsion free. Replacing r by r + s in (26) and using (26), we get

$$0 = 15F(f(s), s, s) + 12F(F(r, r, s), r, s) + 9F(F(r, r, s), s, s) + 24F(F(r, s, s), s, s) + +18F(F(r, s, s), r, s) + 16F(f(s), r, s) + 2F(f(r), s, s) + 6F(F(r, s, s), r, r) + 3F(f(s), r, r)$$
(27)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Putting -s instead of s in (27) and comparing with (27), since f is odd and R is 2, 3-torsion free, we get

$$0 = 5F(f(s), s, s) + 3F(F(r, r, s), s, s) + 6F(F(r, s, s), r, s) + F(f(s), r, r)$$
(28)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Putting r = r + s in (28) and using (28), we get

$$0 = 12F(F(r, s, s), s, s) + 8F(f(s), r, s) + 10F(f(s), s, s)$$
(29)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing r by s in (29), it is obvious to verify that F(f(s), s, s) = 0, because R is 2, 3, 5-torsion free. It follows from Lemma 4 that we have F = 0. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 7.** Let R be a 2,3-torsion free prime ring. Suppose that  $F: R \times R \times R \to R$  is a permuting tri-derivation with trace f. Let  $d: R \to R$  be a derivation. If d([f(r), r]) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ , then [f(r), r]d(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ .

*Proof.* Assume that

$$d([f(r), r]) = 0 (30)$$

for all  $r \in R$ . In the given condition, replacement of r by r + s leads to

$$0 = d([f(r), s]) + d([f(s), r]) + 3d([F(r, r, s), r]) + + 3d([F(r, r, s), s]) + 3d([F(r, s, s), r]) + 3d([F(r, s, s), s])$$
(31)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Putting -s instead of s in (31) and subtracting the new equation from (31), we get

$$d([f(r),s]) + d([f(s),r]) + 3d([F(r,r,s),r]) + 3d([F(r,s,s),s]) = 0$$
(32)

for all  $r, s \in R$ , since f is odd and R is 2-torsion free. Replacing r by r + s in (32), using (30) and (32), we get

$$6d([F(r,r,s),s]) + 9d([F(r,s,s),s]) + 6d([F(r,s,s),r]) + 3d([f(s),r]) = 0$$
(33)

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Taking s = -s in (33), subtracting the resulting equation from (33), we get 0 = 18d([F(r, s, s), s]) + 6d([f(s), r]) for all  $r, s \in R$ . Since R is 2, 3-torsion free ring, we conclude that 0 = 3d([F(r, s, s), s]) + d([f(s), r]) for all  $r, s \in R$ . Replacing r by sr in this equality and using it, we get 0 = 4[f(s), s]d(r) + 3d(f(s))[r, s] + 3f(s)d([r, s]) = 0 for all  $r, s \in R$ . Again we replace s with r in the last equality. Since R is a 2-torsion free prime ring, we get [f(r), r]d(r) = 0 for all  $r \in R$ .

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