# On rings and symmetric generalized biderivations 

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#### Abstract

In the present paper, our aim is to prove the following result: let $R$ be a prime ring of a characteristic different from two. If $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2}$ are two symmetric generalized biderivations on $R$ with associated biderivation $D$ such that $\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]=0$ for all $x \in R$, then the following results hold: 1. $R$ is commutative. 2. $\Delta_{1}$ and $\Delta_{2}$ act as left bi-multipliers on $R$.


## 1 Introduction

The idea of symmetric bi-derivations was introduced by Maksa [3] who showed showed [4] that symmetric bi-derivations are related to general solutions of some functional equations. The notion of additive commuting mappings is closely connected with the notion of bi-derivations. Every commuting additive mapping $f: R \longrightarrow R$ gives rise to a bi-derivation on $R$. Namely linearizing $[x, f(x)]=0$ for all $x, y \in R(x, y) \mapsto[f(x), y]$ is a bi-derivation. Now we introduce the concept of symmetric bi-derivations as follows:

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Definition 1.1. ( Symmetric mapping) A mapping $D: R \times R \rightarrow R$ is said to be symmetric if $D(x, y)=D(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in R$.

Definition 1.2. (Bi-additive mapping) Let $R$ be a ring. A mapping $D$ : $R \times R \rightarrow R$ is called bi-additive if it is additive in both arguments.

Definition 1.3. (Trace) A mapping $f: R \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x)=D(x, x)$, where $D: R \times R \rightarrow R$ is a symmetric mapping, is called the trace of $D$.

Remark 1.1. 1. The trace $f$ of $D$ satisfies the relation $f(x+y)=f(x)+$ $f(y)+D(x, y)+D(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in R$.
2. If $D$ is symmetric, then the trace $f$ of $D$ satisfies the relation $f(x+y)=$ $f(x)+f(y)+2 D(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in R$.
Definition 1.4. (Biderivation) A bi-additive mapping $D: R \times R \longrightarrow R$ is called a bi-derivation if for every $x \in R$, the map $y \mapsto D(x, y)$ as well as for every $y \in R$, the map $x \mapsto D(x, y)$ is a derivation of $R$; that is, $D(x y, z)=$ $D(x, z) y+x D(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in R$ and $D(x, y z)=D(x, y) z+y D(x, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in R$.

Following [6], we initiate the idea of generalized biderivation on rings given as:

Definition 1.5. (Generalized biderivation) A biadditive mapping $\Delta: R \times$ $R \longrightarrow R$ is said to be a generalized biderivation if for every $x \in R$, the map $y \mapsto \Delta(x, y)$ is a generalized derivation of $R$ associated with the function $y \mapsto D(x, y)$ as well as if for every $y \in R$, the map $x \mapsto \Delta(x, y)$ is a generalized derivation of $R$ associated with the function $x \mapsto D(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in R$. It also satisfies $\Delta(x, y z)=\Delta(x, y) z+y D(x, z)$ and $\Delta(x y, z)=\Delta(x, z) y+$ $x D(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in R$.
Example 1.1. Let $R=\left\{\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}a & 0 \\ b & 0\end{array}\right) \right\rvert\, a, b \in S\right\}$, where $S$ is any commutative ring. Consider $\Delta: R \times R \longrightarrow R$ be generalized biderivation with associated map $D: R \times R \longrightarrow R$ defined as $\Delta\left(\left(\begin{array}{ll}a_{1} & 0 \\ b_{1} & 0\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ll}a_{2} & 0 \\ b_{2} & 0\end{array}\right)\right)=$ $\left(\begin{array}{cc}a_{1} a_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0\end{array}\right)$, and $D\left(\left(\begin{array}{ll}a_{1} & 0 \\ b_{1} & 0\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{cc}a_{2} & 0 \\ b_{2} & 0\end{array}\right)\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{1} b_{2}\end{array}\right)$.

In this paper, we prove some theorems on symmetric generalized biderivations of prime ring generalizing the results proved in $[1,2,5]$.

## 2 Main Theorems

To prove our main theorems, we need the following lemma:
Lemma 2.1. [1] Let $R$ be a prime ring of characteristic different from two and let $I$ be a nonzero ideal of $R$. If $\Delta$ is a symmetric generalized biderivation on $R$ with associated biderivation $D$ such that $D(\Delta(x, y), z)=0$ for all $x, y, z \in I$, then either $R$ is commutative or $D=0$. Moreover, $\Delta$ acts as a left bimultiplier on $R$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $R$ be prime ring of a characteristic different from 2. If $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2}$ are generalized biderivations with associated biderivation $D$ such that $\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right]+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0$ for all $y, r \in R$, then the following results follow:

1. $R$ is commutative.
2. $\Delta_{1}$ and $\Delta_{2}$ act as left bi-multipliers.

Proof. By hypothesis, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right]+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } y, r \in R . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Linearization in $y$ yields

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right] } & +2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, z), r\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(z, z), r\right]+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +\left[r, \Delta_{2}(z, z)\right]+2\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, z)\right]=0 \text { for all } y, z, r \in R . \tag{2.2}
\end{align*}
$$

Using the characteristic condition and (2.1), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(y, z), r\right]+\left[\Delta_{2}(y, z), r\right]=0 \text { for all } y, z, r \in R . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitute $z u$ for $z$ in (2.3) to get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(y, z) u, r\right]+[z D(y, u), r]+\left[\Delta_{2}(y, z) u, r\right]+[z D(y, u), r]=0 \text { for all } y, z, u, r \in R . \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

This implies that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta_{1}(y, z)[u, r]+\left[\Delta_{1}(y, z), r\right] u+z[D(y, u), r]+[z, r] D(y, u)+\Delta_{2}(y, z)[u, r] \\
& +\left[\Delta_{2}(y, z), r\right] u+[z, r] D(y, u)+z[D(y, u), r]=0 \text { for all } u, y, z, r \in R . \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

Replace $u$ by $u r$ in (2.5) to obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta_{1}(y, z)[u, r] r 2[D(y, u), r] r+2 u[D(y, r), r]+z[u, r] D(y, r)+[z, r] D(y, u) r+[z, r] u D(y, r) \\
& +\Delta_{2}(y, z)[u, r][z, r] D(y, u) r+\left[\Delta_{2}(y, z), r\right] u+[z, r] D(y, u) r+[z, r] u D(y, r) \\
& +z[D(y, u), r] r+z[u, r] D(y, r)+z u[D(y, r), r]=0 \text { for all } u, y, z, r \in R . \tag{2.6}
\end{align*}
$$

After simplification and using the characteristic of $R$ is not two, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
z u[D(y, r), r]+z[u, r] D(y, r)+[z, r] u D(y, r)=0 \text { for all } u, y, z, r \in R \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $z$ by $t z$ in (2.7), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
[t, r] z u D(y, r)=0 \text { for all } u, y, z, r, t \in R . \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Primeness of $R$ implies that either $[t, r]=0$ or $D(y, r)=0$ for all $t, y, r \in R$. The first case shows that $R$ is commutative. If we take $D(y, r)=0$ for all $y, r \in R$, then the generalized biderivations $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2}$ reduces to the left bi-multiplier. This complete the proof.
Theorem 2.2. Let $R$ be prime ring of a characteristic not equal to two. If $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2}$ are two symmetric generalized biderivations on $R$ with associated biderivation $D$ such that $\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]=0$ for all $x \in R$, then the following condition holds:

1. $R$ is commutative.
2. $\Delta_{1}$ and $\Delta_{2}$ acts as a left bi-multiplier on $R$.

Proof. By hypothesis, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]=0 \text { for all } x \in R . \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Linearize (2.9) in $x$ to get

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right] } & +\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R \tag{2.10}
\end{align*}
$$

By given condition in hypothesis, we arrive at

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] } & +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R \tag{2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

Substitute $-y$ for $y$ in (2.11) to find

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] } & -2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]-2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& -2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]-2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R . \tag{2.12}
\end{align*}
$$

Addition of equations (2.11) and (2.12) and the use of characteristic restriction yield
$\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]=0$ for all $x, y \in R$.
Again linearize the above equation in $x$ to get

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(x, x), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] } & +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, x)\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]+2\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +2\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R . \tag{2.14}
\end{align*}
$$

From equation (2.13) and (2.14), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
4\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]+4\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R . \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since characteristic of $R$ is not two, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y)\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y \in R . \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Putting $x z$ in place of $z$ in (2.16), we get

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), \Delta_{2}(x, y) z\right] } & +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), x D(z, y)\right]+\left[\Delta_{1}(x, y) z, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +\left[x D(z, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]=0 \text { for all } x, y, z \in R . \tag{2.17}
\end{align*}
$$

Simplification of (2.17) and the use of (2.16) imply that

$$
\begin{align*}
\Delta_{2}(x, y)\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), z\right] & +\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), x\right] D(z, y)+x\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), D(z, y)\right]+\Delta_{1}(x, y)\left[z, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] \\
& +x\left[D(z, y), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+\left[x, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] D(z, y)=0 \text { for all } x, y, z \in R . \tag{2.18}
\end{align*}
$$

Applying (2.18) to the resulting equation after replacing $z$ by $z \Delta_{2}(y, y)$ in (2.18) and we see that

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), x\right] z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right) } & +x z\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)\right]+x\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), z\right] D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right) \\
& +x z\left[D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right), \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]+x\left[z, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right) \\
& +\left[x, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)=0 \text { for all } x, y, z \in R . \tag{2.19}
\end{align*}
$$

If we substitute $r x$ for $x$ in (2.19) and use (2.19), then the last equation takes the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right] x z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right] x z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)=0 \text { for all } r, x, y, z \in R . \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

The equation above implies that $\left\{\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right]+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]\right\} x z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)=$ 0 for all $r, x, y, z \in R$. By primeness of $R$ we bring that for all $r, x, y, z \in R$ either $\left\{\left[\Delta_{1}(y, y), r\right]+\left[r, \Delta_{2}(y, y)\right]\right\}=0$ or $x z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)=0$. In the first case, the conclusion follows from Theorem 2.1. Next consider the case $x z D\left(\Delta_{2}(y, y), y\right)=0$ for all $x, y, z \in R$. Consequently, we get the result by applying Lemma 3.1.

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