

## Symmetric bi-additive maps of rings with generalized skew-centralizing traces

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### Abstract

In this paper, we characterize symmetric bi-additive mappings on rings with left identity under some conditions involving skew-centralizing. Moreover, we describe the structure of the trace of symmetric bi-additive mappings on rings.

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $R$  denote a ring with center  $Z(R)$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = \{0\}$  with  $a, b \in R$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and semiprime in case  $aRa = \{0\}$  with  $a \in R$  implies  $a = 0$ . For an integer  $n > 1$ , an element  $x \in R$  is called  $n$ -torsion free if  $nx = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ . A ring  $R$  is called an  $n$ -torsion free ring if every element in  $R$  is  $n$ -torsion free. Moreover, a ring  $R$  is called an  $n!$ -torsion free if it is  $d$ -torsion free for any divisor  $d$  of  $n!$ . For any  $x, y \in R$  the symbol  $[x, y]$  will represent the commutator  $xy - yx$  and the symbol  $\langle x, y \rangle$  stands for the skew-commutator  $xy + yx$ .

For a subset  $S$  of  $R$ , a mapping  $f : S \rightarrow R$  is called commuting (centralizing) on  $S$  if  $[f(x), x] = 0$  (resp.  $[f(x), x] \in Z(R)$ ) for all  $x \in S$ .

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A mapping  $f : S \rightarrow R$  is called skew-commuting (skew-centralizing) on  $S$  if  $\langle f(x), x \rangle = 0$  (resp.  $\langle f(x), x \rangle \in Z(R)$ ) holds for all  $x \in S$ .

Over the last sixty years, several authors [1, 2, 3, 4, 9] have proved commutativity theorems for prime rings admitting automorphisms which are centralizing on appropriate subsets of a ring  $R$ .

In [8], Bresar proved that there are no nonzero skew-commuting additive mappings on a 2-torsion free semiprime rings. In other words, if  $R$  is a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive mapping such that  $\langle f(x), x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Park and Jung [7] introduced the concept of  $n$ -skew commuting (resp.  $n$ -skew centralizing) on  $R$  if  $\langle f(x), x^n \rangle = 0$  (resp.  $\langle f(x), x^n \rangle \in Z(R)$ ) for all  $x \in R$ .

Recently, Leerawat and Lapuangkham [11] introduced and investigated some results on the notion of generalizations of commuting/centralizing and skew-commuting/skew-centralizing in suitable rings. Later, Leerawat and Lapuangkham [12] obtained a characterization of generalizations of skew-commuting in prime rings. More precisely, let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring with  $g : R \rightarrow R$  non-zero isomorphism or anti-isomorphism of  $R$  and  $f : R \rightarrow R$  an additive mapping. If  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-commuting on  $R$ , then  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  in  $R$ .

A mapping  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is said to be symmetric if  $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $g : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $g(x) = G(x, x)$ , where  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is symmetric mappings, is called a trace of  $G$ . Vukman [5, 6] investigated symmetric bi-derivations in prime and semiprime rings. In Muthana [10] obtained a similar type of results on Lie ideals of  $R$ . Jung [13] studied bi-additive maps with trace which is skew-commuting or skew-centralizing on rings with left identity and proved the following result:

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion-free ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and let  $g$  be the trace of  $G$ . If  $g$  is skew-commuting on  $R$ , then  $G = 0$ . The aim of this paper is to investigate some results on the notion of generalized skew-commuting/skew-centralizing of traces in rings which partially extend some results of Jung [13].

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some known definitions.

**Definition 2.1.** A mapping  $G : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  is called symmetric if  $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $g : R \longrightarrow R$  defined by  $g(x) = G(x, x)$  for all  $x \in R$ , where  $G : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  is a symmetric mapping, is called a trace of  $G$ . A mapping  $G : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  is called bi-additive if for all  $x, y, z \in R$ , the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $G(x + y, z) = G(x, z) + G(y, z)$ ,
- (ii)  $G(x, y + z) = G(x, y) + G(x, z)$ .

The following are some basic properties of a symmetric bi-additive mapping  $G : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  with the trace  $g$  of  $G$ .

The proofs of these properties are straightforward and hence omitted.

- (1)  $g(x + y) = g(x) + g(y) + 2G(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,
- (2)  $G(x, 0) = G(0, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ ,
- (3)  $G(-x, y) = -G(x, y) = G(x, -y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,
- (4)  $g(-x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ ,
- (5)  $g(x + y) + g(x - y) = 2g(x) + 2g(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([11])

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be mapping from  $R$  into itself.

(1) We say that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized centralizing on  $R$  if  $[f(x), g(x)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ , and we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized commuting on  $R$  if  $[f(x), g(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

(2) We say that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-centralizing on  $R$  if  $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ , and we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-commuting on  $R$  if  $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

## 3 Main results

In this section, we extend a part of [13] to the generalized skew-commuting/centralizing traces.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free ring with left identity  $e$ .

Let  $G : R \times R \longrightarrow R$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping with trace  $g$ .

Let  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  be an additive mapping such that  $f(e) = e$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-commuting on  $R$ , then  $G(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be generalized skew-commuting on  $R$ . Then

$$f(x)g(x) + g(x)f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.1.1)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $e$  in (3.1.1), we obtain

$$g(e) + g(e)e = 0, \quad (3.1.2)$$

and right multiplication by  $e$  gives  $2g(e)e = 0$ . Since  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring,  $g(e)e = 0$ . Hence, by (3.1.2),  $g(e) = 0$ .

Replacing  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.1.1) and using  $g(x + e) = g(x) + 2G(x, e)$ , we get

$$2f(x)G(x, e) + g(x) + 2G(x, e) + g(x)e + 2G(x, e)f(x) + 2G(x, e)e = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.1.3)$$

Take  $-x$  for  $x$  in (3.1.3) and compare the relation, so obtained, with (3.1.3). Since  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring, it follows that

$$G(x, e) + G(x, e)e = 0, \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.1.4)$$

Right multiplication of (3.1.4) by  $e$  gives

$$2G(x, e)e = 0, \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.1.5)$$

Since  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring,  $G(x, e)e = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then, by (3.1.4),  $G(x, e) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Therefore,  $g(x + e) = g(x) + 2G(x, e) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.1.1) and using  $g(x + e) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ , it follows that

$$g(x) + g(x)e = 0, \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.1.6)$$

Right multiplication of (3.1.6) by  $e$  yields  $2g(x)e = 0$ . Since  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring, it follows that  $g(x)e = 0$  and hence the relation (3.1.6) implies  $g(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $g$  is the trace of  $G$ ,  $G(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

By linearization, we get

$$G(y, x) + G(x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \quad (3.1.7)$$

Since  $G$  is symmetric and  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring, it follows that  $G(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping with the trace  $g$ .*

*Let  $f : R \rightarrow R$  be an additive mapping such that  $f(e) = e$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-centralizing on  $R$  then  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized commuting on  $R$ . Moreover, there exist an additive map  $\lambda : R \rightarrow R$  and a symmetric map  $H : R \times R \rightarrow R$  with trace  $h : R \rightarrow R$  such that*

$$g(x) = \lambda(x)f(x) + h(x) \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-centralizing on  $R$  then

$$f(x)g(x) + g(x)f(x) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.2.1)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $e$  in (3.2.1), we have  $g(e) + g(e)e \in Z(R)$ .

Commuting with  $e$  gives  $g(e) = g(e)e$ . Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free,  $g(e) \in Z(R)$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &2f(x)G(x, e) + g(x) + 2G(x, e) + 2f(x)g(e) \\ &+ 2G(x, e)f(x) + g(x)e + 2G(x, e)e \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.2)$$

Substituting  $-x$  for  $x$  in (3.2.2) and comparing (3.2.2) with the result, we obtain

$$4G(x, e) + 4G(x, e)e + 4f(x)g(e) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.2.3)$$

Commuting with  $e$  gives

$$4(G(x, e) - G(x, e)e) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free,  $G(x, e) = G(x, e)e$  for all  $x \in R$ .

By (3.2.3), and using  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we have

$$2G(x, e) + f(x)g(e) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.2.4)$$

Commuting with  $f(x)$  gives  $f(x)G(x, e) = G(x, e)f(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ , and by (3.2.2) and (3.2.4) we have

$$4f(x)G(x, e) + g(x) + g(x)e \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R, \quad (3.2.5)$$

and commuting with  $e$  gives  $g(x) = g(x)e$  for all  $x \in R$ . Applying this relation to (3.2.5) and  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we obtain

$$2f(x)G(x, e) + g(x) \in Z(R) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.2.6)$$

Commuting with  $f(x)$ , we have  $[f(x), g(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . This means that  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized commuting on  $R$ .

Next, let  $\lambda(x) = -2G(x, e)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\lambda : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive map.

Define  $H : R \times R \rightarrow R$  by

$$H(x, y) = G(x, y) + G(x, e)f(x) + G(y, e)f(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

It is obvious that  $H$  is symmetric. Let  $h$  be the trace of  $H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= H(x, x) = G(x, x) + 2G(x, e)f(x) \\ &= g(x) - \lambda(x)f(x) \text{ for all } x \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $g(x) = \lambda(x)f(x) + h(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $f$  and  $h$  be additive mappings such that  $f(e) = e$ . If  $f$  and  $h$  are generalized skew-centralizing on  $R$ , then  $f$  and  $h$  are generalized commuting on  $R$ .*

*Proof.* By assumption, we have  $\langle f(x), h(x) \rangle \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then

$$f(x) \langle f(x), h(x) \rangle = \langle f(x), h(x) \rangle f(x) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.3.1)$$

This implies that

$$\langle [h(x), f(x)], f(x) \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.3.2)$$

Let  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a mapping defined by

$$G(x, y) = [h(x), f(y)] + [h(y), f(x)] \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Then it is clear that  $G$  is symmetric and bi-additive, and that the mapping  $g : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $g(x) = G(x, x)$  for all  $x \in R$  is the trace of  $G$ .

Note that for each  $x \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g(x), f(x) \rangle &= g(x)f(x) + f(x)g(x) \\ &= G(x, x)f(x) + f(x)G(x, x) \\ &= 2([h(x), f(x)]f(x) + f(x)[h(x), f(x)]) \\ &= 2 \langle [h(x), f(x)], f(x) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (3.3.2), we obtain

$$\langle g(x), f(x) \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Therefore,  $f$  and  $g$  are generalized skew-commuting on  $R$ . Using Theorem 3.1, we have  $G(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . In particular,  $G(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Using the fact that  $R$  is a 2-torsion free ring, we have  $[h(x), f(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Hence  $f$  and  $h$  are generalized commuting on  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  be a fixed positive integer and let  $R$  be an  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $G : R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping with the trace  $g$ . If  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $f(e) = e$  and  $\langle f(x^n), g(x) \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , then  $G(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$\langle f(x^n), g(x) \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (3.4.1)$$

For  $x = e$  in (3.4.1), we have

$$g(e) + g(e)e = 0. \quad (3.4.2)$$

Using a similar approach as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have  $g(e) = 0$ . Let  $t$  be any positive integer. Replacing  $x$  by  $x + te$  in (3.4.1) and using  $g(x + te) = g(x) + 2tG(x, e)$  for all  $x \in R$ , we get

$$tP_1(x, e) + t^2P_2(x, e) + \dots + t^nP_n(x, e) + t^{n+1}P_{n+1}(x, e) = 0, \quad (3.4.3)$$

for all  $x \in R$ , where  $P_k(x, e)$  is the sum of terms involving  $x$  and  $e$  such that  $P_k(x, te) = t^kP_k(x, e)$ , for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n, n + 1$ .

Next, replacing  $t$  by  $1, 2, \dots, n + 1$  in turn and consider the resulting system of  $n + 1$  homogeneous equations, we get

$$AX = [0],$$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1^2 & \dots & 1 \\ 2 & 2^2 & \dots & 2^{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n+1 & (n+1)^2 & \dots & (n+1)^{n+1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} P_1(x, e) \\ P_2(x, e) \\ \vdots \\ P_{n+1}(x, e) \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $[0]$  is  $(n + 1) \times 1$  zero matrix.

Since  $\det A = \prod_{i=0}^n (n + 1 - i)!$  and  $R$  is  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free, it follows that the system has only the trivial solution.

In particular,  $P_{n+1}(x, e) = 0$  implies that  $2e^n G(x, e) + 2G(x, e)e^n = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free and  $e^n = e$ , it follows that

$$G(x, e) + G(x, e)e = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Right multiplication of this equation by  $e$  and using  $R$  is  $(n + 1)!$ -torsion free, we have  $G(x, e)e = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Therefore,  $G(x, e) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Next,  $P_n(x, e) = 0$  implies that

$$e^n g(x) + g(x)e^n = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Then  $g(x) + g(x)e = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we get  $g(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$  and  $G(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

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