

# On Free Action of Prime Rings

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## **Abstract**

In this paper we study and investigate a mapping free action on a prime ring and semiprime ring  $R$  by using some concepts, when  $R$  admits to satisfy some conditions, we give some results about that.

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## **1. Introduction and preliminaries**

This paper has been motivated by the work of M.A.Chaudhry and M.S.Samman [4], F.Ali and M.A.Chaudhry [2]. Some researchers have studied the notion of free action on operator algebras, Murray and Von Neumann [9] and Von Neumann [10] introduced the notion of free action on abelian Von Neumann algebras and used it for the construction of certain factors (see Dixmier [6]). Kallman [8] generalized the notion of free action of automorphisms of von Neumann algebras, not necessarily abelian, by using implicitly the dependent elements of an automorphism. Choda, Kashahara and Nakamoto [5] generalized the concept of freely acting automorphisms to  $C^*$ -algebras by introducing dependent elements associated to automorphisms. Several other authors have studied dependent elements on operator algebras. A brief account of dependent elements in  $W^*$ -algebras has also appeared in the book of Stratila [11]. It is well-known that all  $C^*$ -algebras and von Neumann algebras are semiprime rings; in particular, a von Neumann algebra is prime if and only if its center consists of scalar multiples of identity. Thus a natural extension of the notions of dependent elements of mappings and free actions on  $C^*$ -algebras and von Neumann algebras is the study of these notions in the context of semiprime rings and prime rings. Laradji and Thaheem [16] initiated a study of dependent elements of endomorphisms of semiprime rings and generalized a number of results of H.Choda, I.Kasahara, R.Nakamoto [5] to semiprime rings.

Vukman and Kosi-Ulbl [12] and Vukman [13] have made further study of dependent elements of various mappings related to automorphisms, derivations,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -derivations and generalized derivations of semiprime rings. The main focus of the authors of J. Vukman, I. Kosi-Ulbl [13] and [14] has been to identify various freely acting mappings related to these mappings, on semiprime and prime rings. The theory of centralizers (also called multipliers) of  $C^*$ -algebras and Banach algebras is well established (see C.A. Akemann, G.K. Pedersen, J. Tomiyama [1] and P. Ara, M. Mathieu [3]). Zalar [15] and Vukman and Kosi-Ulbl [14] have studied centralizers in the general framework of semiprime rings.

Throughout,  $R$  will stand for associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . As usual, the commutator  $xy - yx$  will be denoted by  $[x, y]$  and  $(xoy)$  stand for anti-commutator  $xy + yx$ . We shall use the basic commutator identities  $[xy, z] = [x, z]y + x[y, z]$  and  $[x, yz] = [x, y]z + y[x, z]$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be  $n$ -torsion free, where  $n$  is non-zero an integer, if whenever  $nx = 0$ , with  $x \in R$ , then  $x = 0$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = (0)$  implies that either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . We and it is  $R$  is semiprime if  $xRx = (0)$  implies  $x = 0$ . A prime ring is semiprime but the converse is not true in general. By Zalar [15], an additive mapping  $T: R \rightarrow R$  is called a left (right) centralizer if  $T(xy) = T(x)y$  ( $T(xy) = xT(y)$ ) for all  $x, y \in R$ . If  $a \in R$ , then  $La(x) = ax$  and  $Ra(x) = xa$  ( $x \in R$ ) define a left centralizer and a right centralizer of  $R$ , respectively. An additive mapping  $T: R \rightarrow R$  is called a centralizer if  $T(xy) = T(x)y = xT(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is called a derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $d$  is called left centralizer if  $d(xy) = d(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . An additive mapping  $D: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be a generalized derivation if there exists a derivation  $d: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $D(xy) = D(x)y + xd(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . However, generalized derivation covers the concept of derivation. Also with  $d = 0$ , a generalized derivation covers the concept of left multiplier (left centralizer) that is, an additive mapping  $D$  satisfying  $D(xy) = D(x)y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . [2]. Following A. Laradji, A.B. Thaheem [16], an element  $a \in R$  is called a dependent element of a mapping  $T: R \rightarrow R$  if  $T(x)a = ax$  holds for all  $x \in R$ . A mapping  $T: R \rightarrow R$  is called a free action or (act freely) on  $R$  if zero is the only dependent element of  $T$ . For a mapping  $T: R \rightarrow R$ ,  $D(T)$  denotes the collection of all dependent elements of  $T$ . For other ring theoretic notions used but not defined here we refer the reader to I.N. Herstein [7]. In this paper we study and investigate a mapping free action or (act freely) on a prime ring  $R$ , we give some results about that.

## 2.The main results

In this section, the main results related to this paper are presented which are given as theorems with their proofs.

### Theorem 2.1

Let  $R$  be a 3-torsion free prime ring , $d$  be a left centralizer of  $R$  and a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi (x)=[d(x^2),x]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\Psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ ,then

$$[d(x^2),x]a=ax \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.1)$$

Linearizing (2.1),we obtain

$$[d(x^2),x]a+[d(x^2),y]a+[d(xy),x]a+[d(xy),y]a+[d(yx),x]a+[d(yx),y]a+[d(y^2),x]a+[d(y^2),y]a=a(x+y) \text{ for all } x,y \in R.$$

According to (2.1) ,we get

$$[d(x^2),y]a+[d(xy),x]a+[d(xy),y]a+[d(yx),x]a+[d(yx),y]a+[d(y^2),x]a=0 \text{ for all } x,y \in R. \quad (2.2)$$

Since  $d$  is a left centralizer then(2.2) become

$$[d(x),y]xa+[d(x),x]ya+[d(x),y]ya+[d(y),x]xa+[d(y),y]xa+[d(y),x]ya=0 \text{ for all } x,y \in R. \quad (2.3)$$

Putting  $x = -x$  and using (2.3),we obtain

$$[d(x),y]xa+[d(x),x]ya +[d(y),x]xa =0 \text{ for all } x,y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ ,we get

$$3[d(x),x]xa =0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.4)$$

Also, since  $d$  is a left centralizer from(2.1),we obtain

$$[d(x),x]xa=ax \text{ for all } x \in R. \text{ According to (2.4),we get}$$

$$3ax =0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is 3-torsion free prime ring, we obtain

$$a=0. \text{ Thus, } \Psi \text{ is free action on } R.$$

### Theorem 2.2

Let  $R$  be a 6-torsion free prime ring , $d$  be a left centralizer mapping of  $R$  and a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi (x)=[d(x),x^2]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ ,then

$$[d(x),x^2]a=ax \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.5)$$

Linearizing (2.5)(i.e.  $x =x+y$ ),we obtain

$$[d(x),x^2]a+[d(x),xy]a+[d(x),yx]a+[d(x),y^2]a+$$

$$[d(y),x^2]a+[d(y),xy]a+[d(y),yx]a+[d(y),y^2]a = a(x+y) \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.6)$$

According to(2.5),the equation(2.6) reduced to

$$[d(x),xy]a+[d(x),yx]a+[d(x),y^2]a+[d(y),x^2]a+[d(y),xy]a+[d(y),yx]a = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ .

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$  and using (2.5),we obtain

$6ax=0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is 6-torsion free prime ring ,we get  $a=0$ . Hence  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

### Theorem 2.3

Let  $R$  be a 3-torsion free prime ring , $d$  be a left centralizer mapping of  $R$  and a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x)=[d(x)^2,x]$  for all  $x \in R$ .Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ ,then

$$[d(x)^2,x]a= ax \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Linearizing  $x$  by  $x+y$  and complete our proof by same method of Theorem 2.1.

### Theorem 2.4

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring , $d$  be a left centralizer mapping of  $R$  and a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x)=[d(x)^2,x^2]$  for all  $x \in R$ .Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ ,then

$$[d(x)^2,x^2]a= ax \text{ for all } x \in R. \text{ Replacing } x \text{ by } -x \text{ and using the result with our relation,we obtain}$$

$2[d(x)^2,x^2]=0$  for all  $x \in R$ . According to our relation and  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$ax=0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Again since  $R$  is prime ring, then  $a=0$ .Hence  $\Psi$  is a free action on  $R$ .

By the same method we can prove the following theorem.

### Theorem 2.5

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring , $d$  be a left centralizer mapping of  $R$  and a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x)=[d(x^2),x^2]$  for all  $x \in R$ .Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

### Corollary 2.6

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring ,  $d$  is additive mapping and let a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x)=[d(x),x]$  for all  $x \in R$ .Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ . Then

$$[d(x), x]a = ax \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.7)$$

Linearizing (2.7) and using the result with (2.7), we obtain

$$[d(x), y]a + [d(y), x]a = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$  with using  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$$[d(x), x]a = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \text{ According to (2.7), we obtain}$$

$ax = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime ring, then

$a = 0$ . Then  $\psi$  is a free action.

### Theorem 2.7

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring and  $d$  is a additive mapping and a mapping  $\psi: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x) = [d^2(x)^2, x^2]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** We have  $[d^2(x)^2, x^2]a = ax$  for all  $x \in R$ . (2.8)

Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  and comparing the result with (2.8), we obtain

$$2[d^2(x)^2, x^2]a = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R.$$

Since  $R$  is 2-torsion free, we get

$$[d^2(x)^2, x^2]a = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R. \quad (2.9)$$

Substituting (2.9) in (2.8), we obtain

$ax = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Since  $R$  is prime ring, then

$a = 0$ . Then  $\psi$  is a free action.

By the same method in Theorem 2.7, we can prove the following

### Theorem 2.8

Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free prime ring,  $d$  is additive mapping and a mapping  $\psi: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi(x) = [d^3(x), x]$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

### Remark 2.9

In the preceding theorems, we cannot exclude the condition "n-torsion free", and the following example demonstrates that

### Example 2.10

Let  $R$  be a ring of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over a field  $F$ ,  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} na & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} / a \in F \right\}$  and

$q = \begin{pmatrix} nh & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer. Let  $d$  be an additive map induced by  $w$

,that is,  $d(x)=[w,x]$  for all  $x \in R$ ,  $d(x)=\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}x-x\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $d$  is left centralizer of  $R$ . It is readily verified that  $d$  satisfies the conditions in preceding theorems where  $R$  is  $n$ -torsion free i.e. ,  $q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and the mapping  $\psi$  is free action on  $R$ .

### Theorem 2.11

Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring,  $T$  be a left centralizer and  $d$  a non-zero derivation on  $R$ , then a mapping  $\psi:R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\psi=To_d$  is free action on  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in D(\psi)$ . Then

$$\Psi(x)a=ax \quad \text{for all } x \in R. \quad (2.10)$$

$(To_d)(x)a=ax$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then

$$T(d(x)a)=ax \quad \text{for all } x \in R.$$

$$T(a)d(x)=ax \quad (2.11)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in (2.11), we obtain

$$T(a)d(xy)=axy \quad \text{for all } x,y \in R. \text{ Then}$$

$$T(a)d(x)y+T(a)xd(y)=axy \quad \text{for all } x,y \in R. \quad (2.12)$$

According to (2.11) above equation reduces to

$$T(a)xd(y)=0 \quad \text{for all } x,y \in R. \quad (2.13)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $d(y)rT(a)$  in (2.13), we obtain

$T(a)d(y)rT(a)d(y)=0$  for all  $x,y,r \in R$ . Then by using the semiprimeness, we obtain

$$T(a)d(y)=0 \quad \text{for all } y \in R. \quad (2.14)$$

Substituting (2.14) and (2.13) in (2.12), we get

$$axy=0 \quad \text{for all } x,y \in R.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $a$  with using the semiprimeness, we obtain

$$a=0. \text{ Then } \psi \text{ is a free action.}$$

The proof of theorem is completes.

### Theorem 2.12

Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $D:R \rightarrow R$  be a generalized derivation and  $a \in R$  be dependent element of  $D$  then either  $a \in Z(R)$  or  $D(x)=x$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Proof:** From our hypothesis, we get

$$D(x)a=ax \quad \text{for all } x \in R. \quad (2.15)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$ , we obtain

$$(D(x)y+xd(y))a=axy \quad \text{for all } x,y \in R. \quad (2.16)$$

By using the fact that  $D$  can be written in the form  $D=T+d$ , where  $T$  is the left centralizer, then according this we can in (2.16) replacing  $d(y)a$  by  $D(y)a - T(y)a$ , with using (2.15), we get

$$D(x)ya + xD(y)a - xT(y)a = axy \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R. \text{ Then}$$

$$D(x)ya + [a, x]y - xT(y)a = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R. \quad (2.17)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $yD(x)$  in above equation with using (2.15), we get

$$D(x)yax + [a, x]yD(x) - xT(y)ax = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R. \quad (2.18)$$

Right-multiplying (2.17) by  $x$ , we obtain

$$D(x)yax + [a, x]yx - xT(y)ax = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R. \quad (2.19)$$

Subtracting (2.18) and (2.19), we get

$$[a, x]y(D(x) - x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R. \text{ Then}$$

$[a, x]R(D(x) - x) = 0$ . Thus by the primeness of  $R$ , we obtain

either  $[a, x] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , which gives  $a \in Z(R)$

or  $D(x) = x$  for all  $x \in R$ .

The proof of theorem is completes.

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