



## NILPOTENCY OF DERIVATIONS

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### Abstract

In this paper we show the nilpotency of nilpotent derivation of simeprime  $\Gamma$ -ring with characteristic 2 must be a power of 2 and we show the nilpotency of a nilpotent derivation of simeprime  $\Gamma$ -ring is either odd or a power of 2 without torsion condition.

**Keywords:** Nilpotency , Nilpotent derivation ,Semiprime , $\Gamma$ -ring.

### القوة المعدومة للمشتقات

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### الخلاصة

في هذه البحث بينا ان القيمة الصفيرية للمشتقة عديمة القوى المعرفة على حلقة شبه اولية من النمط كما التي ممثلها يساوي 2 يجب ان تكون من مضاعفات العدد 2 . كذلك بينا ان القيمة الصفيرية للمشتقة عديمة القوى المعرفة على الحلقة شبه الاولية من النمط كما تكون اما من مضاعفات العدد 2 او عدد فردي بدون شرط الالتواء .

### 1. Introduction

Nobusawa in [1] presented the idea of a  $\Gamma$ -ring , the concept of  $\Gamma$ -ring is more general of the ring , Barnes in [2] the definition of the  $\Gamma$ -ring with less conditions . On the basis of these two definitions many researchers in pure mathematics have made working on  $\Gamma$ -ring sense Barnes and Nobusawa see [3],[4],[5],and [6] , which parallel results in the ring theory, Barnes in [2] defined it as following : suppose  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be an additive abelian groups , if there exists a map from  $M \times \Gamma \times M$  to  $M$  , for all  $a,b,c \in M$  and  $\gamma,\delta \in \Gamma$  satisfying the following conditions :

1.  $a\gamma b \in M$  .
2.  $(a+b)\gamma c = a\gamma c + b\gamma c$  ,  $a(\gamma+\delta)b = a\gamma b + a\delta b$  and  $a\gamma(b+c) = a\gamma b + a\gamma c$
3.  $(a\gamma b)\delta c = a\gamma(b\delta c)$  .

Then  $M$  is called  $\Gamma$ -ring. Some preliminaries of  $\Gamma$ -rings was given by S.Kyuno [7] as following : "Let  $I$  be a non-zero subset of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$ , then  $I$  is called a left (right) ideal , if  $I$  be an additive subgroup of  $M$  and  $M\Gamma I \subseteq I$  ( $I\Gamma M \subseteq I$ ), if  $I$  is a left and right ideal then  $I$  is called an ideal of  $M$  .  $M$  is called 2-torsion free if  $2a=0$  obtain  $a=0$  ,  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is said to be prime if  $a\Gamma M \Gamma b = (0)$  with  $a,b \in M$  , obtain  $a=0$  or  $b=0$  and it simeprime if  $a\Gamma M \Gamma a = (0)$ , with  $a \in M$ , obtain  $a=0$  . A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is called commutative if  $a\gamma b = b\gamma a$  , for all  $a,b \in \Gamma$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

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The subset  $Z(M)=\{a \in M \mid ayb=bya, \text{ for all } a \in M \text{ and } \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is called center of  $M$ . An additive mapping  $d:M \rightarrow M$  is called a derivation if  $d(x\alpha y)=d(x)\alpha y+x\alpha d(y)$ , for all  $x,y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Let  $M$  be a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $d$  be a nilpotent derivation of  $M$  ( $d$  is derivation of  $M$  and  $d^n(M)=(0)$  for some positive integer  $n$ ) the smallest  $n$  is called nilpotency of  $d$  this definition of nilpotent derivation is given by sameer in [8] which proved the nilpotency of  $d$  is odd number if  $M$  is 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring. In this paper extended the results of Chung and Luh [9] they proved that for semiprime ring of characteristic 2 the nilpotency of nilpotent derivation was a power of 2 and was odd or a power of 2 when the ring without torsion condition.

**2. The results :**

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  of characteristic 2 and  $d^n(M) = (0)$  where  $2^k < n \leq 2^{k+1} - 1$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Then  $d^{2^k}(M) = (0)$ .

**Proof.** we will prove the theory by induction on  $k$ . if  $k=1$  then  $n=3$  and  $d^3(M) = (0)$ . For all  $x,y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,  $0=d^3(d(x)\alpha y) = \sum_{j=0}^3 \binom{3}{j} d^j(d(x))\alpha d^{3-j}(y) = d^2(x)\alpha d^2(y)$ . By replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta x$  for all  $\beta \in \Gamma$  and note that  $d$  is derivation on  $M$  because  $M$  of characteristic 2, we have  $0=d^2(x)\alpha d^2(y\beta x) = d^2(x)\alpha(d^2(y)\beta x + y\beta d^2(x)) = d^2(x)\alpha y\beta d^2(x)$ , but  $M$  is semiprime then  $d^2(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ . Assume the theory is true on  $2^k$ , i.e.  $d^{2^k}(x) = (0)$ , for all  $x \in M$ . We now assume  $k > 1$  where  $2^k < n \leq 2^{k+1} - 1$ , we want prove that  $d^{2^{k+1}}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ , the prove will be by two cases as following :

Case one : Suppose  $n < 2^{k+1} - 1$ , then  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^i$ , where  $a_i$  is either zero or one and at least one of  $a_i$ 's is zero, pick  $k=0$ ,  $a_0 = a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = 1$

we have  $\sum_{i=0}^2 a_i 2^i = 2^2 < 2^3 - 1$ . Let  $i$  be the smallest one with  $a_i = 0$ , then  
 If  $i=0$  and  $a_0 = 0$  then  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^i = 2 \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^{i-1} = 2n_0$ , where  $n_0 = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^{i-1}$ , but  $2^k < n \leq 2^{k+1} - 1$  then  $2^{k-1} < n_0 \leq 2^k - 1$ , let  $d_1 = d^2$  then  $d_1$  is derivation on  $M$  and  $d_1^{n_0} = 0$  because  $2^{k-1} < n_0 \leq 2^k - 1$  by the induction hypothesis corresponding to the derivation  $d$ , then  $0 = d_1^{2^{k-1}} = (d^2)^{2^{k-1}} = d^{2^k}$   
 If  $i > 0$ , then  $a_0 = 1$  and  $n + 1 = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^i + 2^0 = 2^0 + 2^0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^i = 2^1 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i 2^i$   
 $= 2^1 + 2^1 + \sum_{i=2}^k a_i 2^i$ , where  $a_1 = 1$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\vdots$   
 $= 2^j + \sum_{i=j+1}^k a_i 2^i = 2^j(1 + \sum_{i=j+1}^k a_i 2^{i-j})$

Therefore  $n + 1 = 2^j(1 + \sum_{i=j+1}^k a_i 2^{i-j}) = 2^j s$ , where  $s = 1 + \sum_{i=j+1}^k a_i 2^{i-j}$ .

Let  $d_1 = d^{2^j}$ , then  $d_1$  is derivation on  $M$  and  $2^{k-i} < s \leq 2^k - 1$ , also by the induction hypothesis corresponding to the derivation  $d$  then  $d_1^{2^{k-i}} = 0$  or  $d^{2^k} = 0$ .

Case two: Suppose  $n = 2^{k+1} - 1$ , then  $n - 1 < 2^{k+1} - 1$  in view of case one we need only to prove that  $d^{n-1} = 0$ . Assume the contrary that  $d^{n-1} \neq 0$  then for any  $x,y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  we have

$$0 = d^n(d^{n-2}(x)\alpha y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} d^i(d^{n-2}(x))\alpha d^{n-i}(y)$$

$$= d^{n-2}(x)\alpha d^n(y) + \binom{n}{1} d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y) + \binom{n}{2} d^n(x)\alpha d^{n-2}(y) + \binom{n}{3} d^{n+1}(x)\alpha d^{n-3}(y)$$

$$+ \dots + \binom{n}{n} d^n(d^{n-2}(x)\alpha y) = n d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y)$$

But  $n = 2^{k+1} - 1$  then  $0 = 2^{k+1} d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y) - d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y)$  and  $d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y) = 2^{k+1} d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y) = 2(2^k d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y)) = 0$  therefore  $d^{n-1}(x)\alpha d^{n-1}(y) = 0$  (1)

Since  $d^{n-1} \neq 0$  then there exist a non-zero element  $a \in d^{n-1}(M)$ ,  $d(a) = 0$  and by eq. 1 then  $d^{n-1}(x)\alpha a = 0$  and  $a\alpha d^{n-1}(y) = 0$ .

Let  $I = \cap \{J \mid J \text{ is an ideal of } M \text{ and } d^{n-1}(M) \subseteq J\}$  then  $I$  is an ideal of  $M$  generated by  $d^{n-1}(M)$ . And let  $H = \{(s,t) \mid s,t \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ such that there exist a non-zero element } b \in I \text{ with } d(b) = 0, d^s(M)\alpha b = b\alpha d^t(M) = (0)\}$ , then

1.  $H \neq \emptyset$ , since  $(n-1, n-1) \in H$ .
2.  $H$  subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$  and is partial order

Suppose  $(p,q)$  be a minimal element in  $H$  and let  $c$  be a non-zero in  $I$  such that  $d(c)=0$  and  $d^p(M)ac = cad^q(M)$

Let  $p$  or  $q$  less than or equal of  $2^k$  say  $q$  then  $cad^{2^k}(x\beta y) = cad^q(d^{2^k-q}(x\beta y)) = 0$

Therefore  $0 = c\alpha(x\beta d^{2^k} + d^{2^k}(x)\beta y) = c\alpha x\beta d^{2^k}$  for all  $x,y \in M$  and  $\beta \in \Gamma$  and consequently  $c\alpha I = (0)$ . but  $M$  is semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring that means  $c=0$ , a contradiction.

If both  $p$  and  $q$  great than  $2^k$ , then for any  $x,y \in M$  and  $\alpha,\beta \in \Gamma$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^n(d^{p-2^k-1}(x)\alpha d^{q-2^k}(y)) = d^{2^k-1}(d^{2^k}(d^{p-2^k-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-2^k}(y))) \\ &= d^{2^k-1}(d^{2^k}(d^{p-2^k-1}(x)\alpha c))\beta d^{q-2^k}(y) + d^{p-2^k-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{2^k}(d^{q-2^k}(y)) \\ &= d^{2^k-1}((d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c + d^{p-2^k-1}(x)\alpha d^{2^k}(c))\beta d^{q-2^k}(y)) \\ &= d^{2^k-1}(d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-2^k}(y)) \\ &= d^{2^k-2}(d(d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-2^k}(y))) \\ &= d^{2^k-2}(d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-2^k+1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-1}(y)$$

From the above equation if  $d^{q-1}(y) = 0$ , then  $(p,q-1) \in H$  a contradiction with minimal of  $(p,q)$  in  $H$

Suppose that  $0 \neq c_0 = c\beta d^{q-1}(y_0)$ , for some  $y_0 \in M$ , then it is clear that

1.  $c_0 \in I$
2.  $d(c_0) = 0$
3.  $c_0\beta d^q(y) = 0$
4.  $d^{p-1}(x)\alpha c_0 = d^p(x)\alpha c\beta d^{q-1}(y_0) = 0$

Then from the point 4 we have a contradiction with minimal of  $(p,q)$  in  $H$ , therefore  $d^{n-1} = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $d$  be a nilpotent derivation of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$ . Then the nilpotency of  $d$  is either a power of 2 or an odd number.

**Proof.** Let  $M_2 = \{x \in M \mid 2x = 0\}$ , if  $M_2 = (0)$ , then  $M$  is 2-torsion free and by [8] the nilpotency of  $d$  is odd number.

If  $M_2 \neq (0)$ , then  $\frac{M}{M_2}$  is a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring, define the derivation map as following:

$$\bar{d}: \frac{M}{M_2} \rightarrow \frac{M}{M_2} \text{ by } \bar{d}(x + M_2) = d(x) + M_2 \text{ now by [8] then the nilpotency of } \bar{d} \text{ is an odd number say } 2n+1 \text{ (where } n \text{ is positive integer) i.e. } \bar{d}^{2n+1}(\frac{M}{M_2}) = M_2 \text{ which means } d^{2n+1}(M) \subseteq M_2 \tag{1}$$

If  $d^{2n}(M) \subseteq M_2$  then  $d^{2n}(M) + M_2 = M_2$  or  $\bar{d}^{2n}(\frac{M}{M_2}) = M_2$  contradiction, therefore  $d^{2n}(M) \not\subseteq M_2$ .

also it is clear that  $M_2$  is 2-torsion free simeprime  $\Gamma$ -ring then by Theorem 2.1

$$d^{2^k}(M_2) = 0 \tag{2}$$

Clime that  $d^{2^k}(M) \cap M_2 = (0)$

Let  $a \in M_2$  then  $x\alpha a \in M_2$  and from eq. 2 we have

$$0 = d^{2^k}(x\alpha a) = \sum_{i=0}^{2^k} \binom{2^k}{i} d^i(x)\alpha d^{2^k-i}(a) = d^{2^k}(x)\alpha a + x\alpha d^{2^k}(a)$$

$$0 = d^{2^k}(x)\alpha a \tag{3}$$

From eq.3 then  $d^{2^k}(x)$  belong to left annihilator of  $M_2$  which means  $d^{2^k}(x) = 0$ .

If  $2n+1 > 2^k$ , then  $d^{2n+1}(M) \subseteq d^{2^k}(M)$  and by eq. 1  $d^{2n+1}(M) \subseteq d^{2^k}(M) \cap M_2 = (0)$ . it follows that  $d^{2n+1}(M) = (0)$  with  $d^{2n}(M) \neq (0)$ .

If  $2n+1 < 2^k$ , then  $d^{2^k}(M) \subseteq d^{2n+1}(M) \subseteq M_2$ , but  $(0) = d^{2^k}(M) \cap M_2 = d^{2^k}(M)$  and since  $(0) \neq d^{2^k}(M_2) \subseteq d^{2^k}(M)$ , then the nilpotency of  $d$  is a power of 2.

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