

# GENERALIZED N-DERIVATIONS IN PRIME NEAR-RINGS

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**ABSTRACT:** *The main purpose of this paper is to show that zero symmetric prime left near-rings satisfying certain identities on generalized n- derivation are commutative rings.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A near – ring is a set N together with two binary operations (+) and (.) such that (i) (N,+) is a group (not necessarily abelian). (ii) (N, .) is a semi group. (iii) For all a,b,c ∈ N ; we have. a.(b + c) = a.b + b.c. We will denote the product of any two elements x and y in N , i.e.; x.y by xy.. A nonempty subset U of N is called semigroup ideal if NU ⊆ U and UN ⊆ UN. N is called a prime near-ring if xNy = {0} implies that either x = 0 or y = 0 [7].

Throughout this paper, N will be a zero symmetric near – ring ( i.e., N satisfying the property 0.x = 0 for all x ∈ N ) and Z = {x ∈ N, xy = yx for all y ∈ N}. [x, y] = xy - yx and (x , y) = x + y – x - y while the symbol x◦y will denote xy + yx.

In [8] X.K. Wang derivations in near-rings and this concept has been studied and in several ways by various authors. In [3] , [4] M. Ashraf defined n-derivations and generalized n-derivation in near-ring respectively.

Throughout this paper, we show that prime near-rings having generalized n-derivation (as defined by M. Ashraf in [4]) and satisfying some identities are commutative rings.

## 2. Preliminary Results

We begin with the following lemmas which are essential for developing the proofs of our main results.

**Lemma 2.1[6]** Let N be a prime near-ring. If z ∈ Z \ {0} and x is an element of N such that xz ∈ Z or zx ∈ Z, then x ∈ Z.

**Lemma 2.2[6]** Let N be a prime near-ring and U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N. If x, y ∈ N and xUy = {0} then x = 0 or y = 0.

**Lemma 2.3 [6]** Let N be a prime near-ring and Z contains a nonzero semigroup left ideal or nonzero semigroup right ideal, then N is a commutative ring.

**Lemma 2.4 [4]** Let d be an n-derivation of a near ring N. Then d(Z,N,...,N) ⊆ Z.

**Lemma 2.5 [3]** Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a nonzero n-derivation d such that d(N, N, . . . , N) ⊆ Z then N is a commutative ring.

**Lemma 2.6 [4]** Let N be a prime near ring, d a nonzero n-derivation of N, and U<sub>1</sub>,U<sub>2</sub>,...,U<sub>n</sub> be nonzero semigroup left ideals of N. If d(U<sub>1</sub>,U<sub>2</sub>,...,U<sub>n</sub>) ⊆ Z, then N is a commutative ring.

**Lemma 2.7 [5]** Let N be a near-ring. Then f is a left generalized n-derivation of N associated with n-derivation d if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= x_1f(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_1 \\ f(x_1, x_2x'_2, \dots, x_n) &= x_2f(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_2 \\ f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_nx'_n) &= x_nf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_n \end{aligned}$$

hold for all x<sub>1</sub>, x'<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, x'<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub>, x'<sub>n</sub> ∈ N.

**Lemma 2.8 [5]** Let N be a near-ring admitting a generalized n-derivation f with associated n-derivation d of N. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_1 + x_1f(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))y &= \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_1y + x_1f(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y, & \\ (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_2 + x_2f(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n))y &= \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_2y + x_2f(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n)y, & \\ \vdots & \\ (d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_n + x_nf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n))y &= \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_ny + x_nf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n)y, & \end{aligned}$$

for all x<sub>1</sub>, x'<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, x'<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub>, x'<sub>n</sub>, y ∈ N.

**Lemma 2.9[5]** Let N be a near-ring admitting a generalized n-derivation f with associated n-derivation d of N. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1f(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_1)y &= x_1f(x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y + \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_1y, & \\ (x_2f(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_2)y &= x_2f(x_1, x'_2, \dots, x_n)y + \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_2y, & \\ (x_nf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n) + d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_n)y &= x_nf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n)y + \\ d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)x'_ny & \end{aligned}$$

for all x<sub>1</sub>, x'<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, x'<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub>, x'<sub>n</sub>, y ∈ N.

**Lemma 2.10 [2]** Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a left generalized n-derivation f with associated nonzero n-derivation d of N. Let U<sub>1</sub>, U<sub>2</sub>, . . . , U<sub>n</sub> be nonzero semigroup ideals of N. If f(u<sub>1</sub>u'<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>, . . . , u<sub>n</sub>) = f(u'<sub>1</sub>u<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>, . . . , u<sub>n</sub>) for all u<sub>1</sub>, u'<sub>1</sub> ∈ U<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub> ∈ U<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub> ∈ U<sub>n</sub>, then N is a commutative ring.

**Lemma 2.11 [2]** Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a nonzero generalized n-derivation f with associated n-derivation d of N. Let U<sub>1</sub>, U<sub>2</sub>, . . . , U<sub>n</sub> be nonzero semigroup right ideals of N. If f(U<sub>1</sub>, U<sub>2</sub>, . . . , U<sub>n</sub>) ⊆ Z, then N is a commutative ring.

## 3. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 3.1** Let N be a prime near ring admitting a generalized n-derivation f associated with nonzero n-derivation d of N. Let U<sub>1</sub>,U<sub>2</sub>,...,U<sub>n</sub> be semigroup ideals of N. Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i) f([x, y], u<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub>) = [f(x, u<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub>), y] for all x, y ∈ U<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub> ∈ U<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub> ∈ U<sub>n</sub>.
- (ii) [f(x, u<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub>), y] = [x, y] for all x, y ∈ U<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub> ∈ U<sub>2</sub>, ..., u<sub>n</sub> ∈ U<sub>n</sub>.
- (iii) N is a commutative ring.

**Proof.** It is easy to verify that (iii) ⇒ (i) and (iii) ⇒ (ii)

(i) ⇒ (iii) Assume that

$$f([x, y], u_2, \dots, u_n) = [f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] \text{ for all } x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{1}$$

If we take y = x in (1) we get

$$f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)x = xf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n) \text{ for all } x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n. \tag{2}$$

Replacing y by xy in (1) to get

$$f([x, xy], u_2, \dots, u_n) = [f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), xy] \text{ for all } x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n.$$

Therefore

$$f(x[x, y], u_2, \dots, u_n) = [f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), xy] \text{ for all } x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n.$$

Hence, we get

$d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)[x, y] + xf([x, y], u_2, \dots, u_n) = [f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), xy]$  for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

Using (1) again, previous equation implies that

$$d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)[x, y] + x[f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = [f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), xy]$$
 for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

Which means that

$$d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)[x, y] + xf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)y - xyf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n) = f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)xy - xyf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$
 for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

Using (2) previous equation can be reduced to

$$d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)xy = d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)yx$$
 for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

(3)

Replacing  $y$  by  $yr$ , where  $r \in N$ , in (3) and using it again to get  $d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1[x, r] = 0$  for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, r \in N$ .

(4)

Using Lemma 2.2 in (4), we conclude that

for each  $x \in U_1$  either  $x \in Z$  or  $d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$  for all  $u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ , but using Lemma 2.4 lastly, we get  $d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in Z$  for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ . So we get  $d(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \subseteq Z$ . Now by using Lemma 2.6 we find that  $N$  is a commutative ring.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) suppose that

$$[f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = [x, y]$$
 for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

(5)

If we take  $y = x$  in (5), we get

$$f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)x = xf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$
 for all  $x \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

(6)

Replacing  $x$  by  $yx$  in (5) and using it again, we get

$$[f(yx, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = [yx, y] = y[x, y] = y[f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y]$$
 for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

So we have

$$f(yx, u_2, \dots, u_n)y - yf(yx, u_2, \dots, u_n) = yf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)y - y^2f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$

for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

In view of Lemmas 2.7 and 2.9 the last equation can be rewritten as

$$yf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)y + d(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)xy - (y^2f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n) + yd(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)x) =$$

$$yf(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)y - y^2f(x, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$
 for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

So we have

$$d(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)xy = yd(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)x$$
 for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .

(7)

Replacing  $x$  by  $xr$  in (7) and using it again to get

$$d(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)xry = yd(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)xr = d(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)xyr$$

Therefore

$$d(y, u_2, \dots, u_n)U_1[y, r] = 0$$
 for all  $y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, r \in N$ .

(8)

Since equation (8) is the same as equation (4), arguing as in the proof of (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) we find that  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.2** Let  $N$  be a prime near ring admitting a generalized  $n$ -derivation  $f$  associated with nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i)  $f([x_1, y], x_2, \dots, x_n) = [f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y]$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .
- (ii)  $[f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y] = [x_1, y]$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .
- (iii)  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.3 [1, Theorem 2.1]** Let  $N$  be a prime near ring which admits a nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$ , if  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  are semigroup ideals of  $N$ , then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i)  $d([x, y], u_2, \dots, u_n) = [d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y]$  for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .
- (ii)  $[d(x, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$ .
- (iii)  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $N$  be prime near ring admitting a nonzero right generalized  $n$ -derivation  $f$  associated with  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$ . If  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  are nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i)  $[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] \in Z$  for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .
- (ii)  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Proof.** It is clear that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that

$$[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] \in Z$$
 for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .

(9)

Replacing  $y$  by  $f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)y$  in (9) to get

$$[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)y] \in Z$$
 for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .

Which means that

$$[[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)y], t] = 0$$
 for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$  and  $y, t \in N$ .

Therefore, we get

$$[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) [f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y], t] = 0$$
 for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y, t \in N$ .

Hence,

$$f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) [f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y]t = tf(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) [f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y]$$

for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y, t \in N$ .

Using (9) in previous equation implies that

$$[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y][f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), t] = 0$$

for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n$  and  $y, t \in N$ .

(10)

In view of (9), equation (10) assures that

$$[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y]N[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = 0$$
 for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .

Primeness of  $N$  shows that  $[f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] = 0$  for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .

Hence  $f(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \subseteq Z$ . By Lemma 2.11 we conclude that  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.5** Let  $N$  be prime near ring admitting a nonzero right generalized  $n$ -derivation  $f$  associated with  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i)  $[f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y] \in Z$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .
- (ii)  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.6 [1, Theorem 2.9]** Let  $N$  be a prime near ring admitting a nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$ . If  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  are nonzero semigroup ideals of  $N$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (i)  $[d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y] \in Z$  for all  $u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2, \dots, u_n \in U_n, y \in N$ .
- (ii)  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $N$  be a 2-torsion free prime near ring, then there exists no generalized  $n$ -derivation  $f$  associated with nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$  such that

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y = x_1 \circ y$$
 for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y = x_1 \circ y$$
 for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .

(11)

Replacing  $x_1$  by  $yx_1$  in (11) and using it again, we get

$$f(yx_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y = (yx_1) \circ y$$

$$= y(x_1 \circ y)$$

$$= y(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y)$$

Using Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.9 in previous equation, we obtain

$$yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y + d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1y + yd(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1 + y^2f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$$

$$yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y + y^2f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N.$$

Hence we get

$$d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1y = -yd(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)x_1 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N. \tag{12}$$

Replacing  $x_1$  by  $zx_1$  in (12), where  $z \in N$ , we get

$$d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1y = -yd(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1$$

$$= (yd(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)z)(-x_1)$$

$$= d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)z(-y)(-x_1) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, z \in N.$$

Since  $-d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1y = d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1(-y)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, z \in N$ .

The last expression reduced to

$$d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1(-y) = d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n)z(-y)x_1 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, z \in N.$$

Taking  $-y$  instead of  $y$  in previous equation, we get

$$d(-y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zx_1y = d(-y, x_2, \dots, x_n)zyx_1 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, z \in N.$$

So that  $d(-y, x_2, \dots, x_n)z[x_1, y] = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, z \in N$ .

Therefore,  $d(-y, x_2, \dots, x_n)N[x_1, y] = \{0\}$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .

Primeness of  $N$  yields that for each  $y \in N$ ,

either  $d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -d(-y, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$  for all  $x_2, \dots, x_n \in N$  or  $y \in Z$ .

Using Lemma 2.4 lastly, we get  $d(y, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in Z$  for all  $y, x_2, \dots, x_n \in N$ . Hence we conclude that  $d(N, N, \dots, N) \subseteq Z$  and using Lemma 2.5 implies that  $N$  is a commutative ring. Since  $N$  is 2-torsion free, therefore (11) assures that

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y = x_1y \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N. \tag{13}$$

Replacing  $x_1$  by  $x_1t$  in (13) and using it again, we get

$$d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)ty = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, t \in N. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)Ny = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N. \text{ Primeness of } N$$

implies that either  $d = 0$  or  $y = 0$  for all  $y \in N$ ; a contradiction. **Corollary 3.8 [1, Theorem 2.13]** Let  $N$  be a 2-torsion free prime near ring, then there exists no nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$  such that  $d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y = x_1 \circ y$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .

**Theorem 3.9** Let  $N$  be 2-torsion free a prime near ring which admits a nonzero right generalized  $n$ -derivation  $f$  associated with  $n$ -derivation  $d$ . If  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y \in Z$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ , then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Proof.** By our hypothesis, we have

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y \in Z \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N. \tag{14}$$

(a) If  $Z = \{0\}$ , then equation (14) reduced to

$$yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N. \tag{15}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $ry$ , where  $r \in N$ , in (15) to get

$$ryf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)ry$$

$$= f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)r(-y)$$

$$= rf(-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)(-y) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, r \in N.$$

Thus we get

$$r(yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y) = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, r \in N.$$

Replacing  $x_1$  by  $-x_1$  in last equation we get

$$r(-yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y) = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, r \in N.$$

which implies that

$$rN(-yf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y) = \{0\} \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, r \in N.$$

Primeness of  $N$  implies that  $f(N, N, \dots, N) \subseteq Z$  and thus  $f = 0$ , which contradicts our hypothesis, consequently, there exists an element  $z \in Z$  such that  $z \neq 0$

$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y \in Z$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ . Then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ z = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)z + zf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in Z \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N, z \in Z. \text{ which implies that}$$

$z(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \in Z$ , by Lemma 2.1 we find that

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in Z \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in N. \tag{16}$$

Moreover from (14) it follows that

$$f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y \in Z \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N.$$

Which means that

$$f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)y + yf(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))y + y(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \in Z$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ .

Which because of (16), yields that

$$(f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))y \in Z \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N.$$

Therefore, for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, t \in N$  we have

$$(f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))ty$$

$$= y(f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))t$$

$$= (f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))yt$$

So that

$$(f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))N[t, y] = \{0\}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y, t \in N$ .

In view of the primeness and 2-torsion freeness of  $N$ , the previous equation yields

either  $f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + f(x_1 + x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$  and thus  $f = 0$ , a contradiction, or  $N \subseteq Z$  and  $N$  is a commutative ring by Lemma 2.3.

**Corollary 3.10 [1, Theorem 2.16]** Let  $N$  be 2-torsion free a prime near ring which admits a nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$ . If  $d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \circ y \in Z$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in N$ , then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

The following example proves that the hypothesis of primeness in various theorems is not superfluous.

Let  $S$  be a 2-torsion free commutative near-ring. Let us define

$$:N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, x, y, 0 \in S \right\} \text{ is zero symmetric near-ring}$$

with regard to matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

Define  $d: \underbrace{N \times N \times \dots \times N}_{n\text{-times}} \rightarrow N$  such that

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1x_2 \dots x_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_n & y_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y_1 y_2 \dots y_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is easy to verify that  $f$  is generalized  $n$ -derivation associated with a nonzero  $n$ -derivation  $d$  of  $N$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $A, B, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in N$ ,

- (i)  $f([A, B], A_2, \dots, A_n) = [f(A, A_2, \dots, A_n), B]$
- (ii)  $[f(A, A_2, \dots, A_n), B] = [A, B]$
- (iii)  $[f(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n), B] \in Z$  for all  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B \in N$ .
- (iv)  $f(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \circ B = A_1 \circ B$
- (v)  $f(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \circ B \in Z$

However,  $N$  is not a ring.

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