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## On Generalized (σ,τ)-n-Derivations in Prime Near-Rings

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, we investigate prime near – rings with generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ - n-derivations satisfying certain differential identities. Consequently, some well known results have been generalized.

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#### 1 Introduction

A right near – ring (resp. left 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  $\in$  N; we have (a + b).c = a.c + b.c (resp. a.(b + c) = a.b + b.c . Throughout this paper, N will be a zero symmetric left near – ring (i.e., a left near-ring N satisfying the property 0.x = 0 for all  $x \in N$ ). We will denote the product of any two elements x and y in N, i.e.; x.y by xy. The symbol Z will denote the multiplicative centre of N, that is  $Z = \{x \in N, xy = yx \text{ for all } y \in N\}$ . For any x,  $y \in N$  the symbol [x, y] = xy - yx and (x, y) = x + y - x - y

stand for multiplicative commutator and additive commutator of x and y respectively. Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be two endomorphisms of N. For any  $x, y \in N$ , set the symbol  $[x, y]_{\sigma,\tau}$  will denote  $x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$ , while the symbol  $(x \circ y)_{\sigma,\tau}$  will denote  $x\sigma(y) + \tau(y)x$ . N is called a prime near-ring if  $xNy = \{0\}$  implies that either x = 0 or y = 0. For terminologies concerning near-rings, we refer to Pilz [9].

An additive endomorphismd:N  $\rightarrow$ N is called a derivation if d(xy) = xd(y) + d(x)y, (or equivalently d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y) for all x, y  $\in$  N, as noted in [10, proposition 1]. The concept of derivation has been generalized in several ways by various authors. The notion of  $(\sigma,\tau)$  derivation has been already introduced and studied by Ashraf [1]. An additive endomorphism  $d:N \rightarrow N$  is said to be a  $(\sigma,\tau)$  derivation if  $d(xy) = \sigma(x)d(y) + d(x)\tau(y)$ , (or equivalently  $d(xy) = d(x)\tau(y) + \sigma(x)d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in N$ , as noted in [1, Lemma 2.1].

The notions of symmetric bi- $(\sigma,\tau)$  derivation and permuting tri- $(\sigma,\tau)$  derivation have already been introduced and studied in near-rings by Ceven [6] and Öztürk [7], respectively.

Motivated by the concept of tri-derivation in rings, Park [8] introduced the notion of permuting n-derivation in rings. Further, the authors introduced and studied the notion of permuting n-derivation in near-rings (for reference see [2]). In [4] Ashraf introduced the notion of generalized n-derivation in near-ring N and investigate several identities involving generalized n-derivations of a prime near-ring N which force N to be a commutative ring.

Inspired by these concepts, Ashraf [3] introduced  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation in near-rings and studied its various properties.

Let n be a fixed positive integer. An n-additive (i.e.; additive in each argument) mapping d:  $\underbrace{N \times N \times ... \times N}_{n-\text{times}} \to N$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation of N if there exist outomorphisms  $\sigma, \tau \colon N \to N$  such that the equations

$$\begin{split} &d(x_1x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) = &d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) + \tau(x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n)\\ &d(x_1,x_2x_2^{'},...,x_n) = &d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}) + \tau(x_2)d(x_1^{'},x_2^{'},...,x_n)\\ &\vdots\\ &d(x_1,x_2,...,x_nx_n^{'}) = &d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'}) + \tau(x_n)d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'})\\ &hold\ for\ all\ x_1,x_1^{'},x_2,x_2^{'},...,x_n,x_n^{'} \in N \end{split}$$

**Lemma 1.1 [5]** Let N be a prime near-ring. If there exists a non-zero element z of Z such that  $z + z \in Z$ , then (N, +) is abelian.

**Lemma 1.2 [1]** Let N be a prime near-ring and d be a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation on N. Then  $xd(N) = \{0\}$  or  $d(N)x = \{0\}$ , implies x = 0.

**Lemma 1.3 [3]** Let N be a near-ring, then d is a  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N if and only if

$$\begin{split} &d(x_1\,x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) = \tau(x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) \\ &d(x_1,x_2x_2^{'},...,x_n) = \tau(x_2)d(x_1^{'},x_2^{'},...,x_n) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}) \\ &\vdots \\ &d(x_1,x_2,...,x_nx_n^{'}) = \tau(x_n)d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'}) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'}) \end{split}$$

**Lemma 1.4** [3] Let N be a near-ring and d be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation of N, then

$$\begin{split} (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) + \tau(x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n))y &= \\ & d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) \ y + \tau(\ x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n)y \\ (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}) + \tau(x_2)d(x_1,x_2^{'},...,x_n))y &= \\ & d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}) \ y + \tau(x_2)d(x_1,x_2^{'},...,x_n)y \\ & \vdots \\ (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'}) + \tau(x_n)d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'}))y &= \\ & d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'}) \ y + \tau(x_n)d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'})y \end{split}$$

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

**Lemma 1.5** [3] Let N be a near-ring and d be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation of N, then

$$\begin{split} (\tau(\,x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'})\,)y = \\ & \tau(\,x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n)\,\,y + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'})\,y \\ (\tau(x_2^{'})d(x_1,x_2^{'},...,x_n) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}))y = \\ & \tau(x_2)d(x_1^{'},x_2^{'},...,x_n)y + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'})y \\ & \vdots \\ (\tau(x_n^{'})d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n^{'}) + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'})\,y = \\ & \tau(x_n^{'})d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'})\,\,y + d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'})y \end{split}$$

hold for all  $x_{1}, x_{1}', x_{2}, x_{2}', \dots, x_{n}, x_{n}', y \in N$ .

**Lemma 1.6 [3]** Let N be a prime near-ring, d a nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N and  $x \in N$ .

(i) If 
$$d(N, N, ..., N)x = \{0\}$$
, then  $x = 0$ .

(ii) If 
$$xd(N, N, ..., N) = \{0\}$$
, then  $x = 0$ .

In the present paper, we define generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation in near-rings and study some properties involved there, which gives a generalization of  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of near-rings.

### **2** Generalized $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-Derivation on Prime Near-Rings

**Definition 2.1** Let N be a near-ring and d be  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N. An n-additive mapping  $f: \underbrace{N \times N \times \ldots \times N}_{n-times} \longrightarrow N$  is called a right generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation associated with  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d if the relations

$$f(x_{1}x_{1}',x_{2},...,x_{n}) = f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}',x_{2},...,x_{n})$$
  
$$f(x_{1},x_{2}x_{2}',...,x_{n}) = f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{2}') + \tau(x_{2})d(x_{1},x_{2}',...,x_{n})$$
  
:

$$f(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) = f(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) \sigma(x_{2}) + t(x_{2}) d(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) \sigma(x_{2}) + t(x_{2}) d(x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) \sigma(x_{2}) + t(x_{2}) d(x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) \sigma(x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) \sigma$$

hold for all  $x_{1}, x_{1}', x_{2}, x_{2}', \dots, x_{n}, x_{n}' \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 2.2** Let n be a fixed positive integer and R be a commutative ring and S be zero symmetric left near-ring which is not a ring such that (S,+) is abelian, it can be easily verified that the set  $M=R\times S$  is a zero symmetric left near-ring with respect to component wise addition and multiplication. Now suppose that

$$N_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x,x') \\ (0,0) & (y,y') \end{pmatrix} | (x,x'), (y,y'), (0,0) \in M \right\}$$

It can be easily seen that N is a non commutative zero symmetric left near-ring with respect to matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

Define  $d_1, f_1 : N_1 \times N_1 \times \cdots \times N_1 \rightarrow N_1$  and  $\sigma_1, \tau_1 : N_1 \rightarrow N_1$  such that

$$d_{l}\!\left(\!\!\begin{pmatrix} (0,\!0) & (x_{1},x_{1}{}') \\ (0,\!0) & (y_{1},y_{1}{}') \end{pmatrix},\! \begin{pmatrix} (0,\!0) & (x_{2},x_{2}{}') \\ (0,\!0) & (y_{2},y_{2}{}') \end{pmatrix},...,\! \begin{pmatrix} (0,\!0) & (x_{n},x_{n}{}') \\ (0,\!0) & (y_{n},y_{n}{}') \end{pmatrix}\!\right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots y_n, 0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_1 \left( \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & ({x_1},{x_1}') \\ (0,0) & ({y_1},{y_1}') \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & ({x_2},{x_2}') \\ (0,0) & ({y_2},{y_2}') \end{pmatrix}, ..., \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & ({x_n},{x_n}') \\ (0,0) & ({y_n},{y_n}') \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots y_n, 0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{l} \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x,x') \\ (0,0) & (y,y') \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (-x,-x') \\ (0,0) & (y,y') \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tau_1 \left( \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x,x') \\ (0,0) & (y,y') \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x,-x') \\ (0,0) & (y,y') \end{pmatrix}$$

It can be easily verified that  $d_1$  is a  $(\sigma_1,\tau_1)$ -n-derivation of  $N_1$  and  $f_1$  is a right (but not left) generalized  $(\sigma_1,\tau_1)$ -n-derivation associated with  $d_1$ , where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\tau_1$  are automorphisms.

**Definition 2.3** Let N be a near-ring and d be  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N. An n-additive mapping  $f: \underbrace{N \times N \times \ldots \times N}_{n-times} \longrightarrow N$  is called a left generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-

derivation associated with  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation d if the relations

$$f(x_1x_1', x_2, ..., x_n) = d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1') + \tau(x_1)f(x_1', x_2, ..., x_n)$$

$$f(x_1, x_2x_2', ..., x_n) = d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_2') + \tau(x_2)f(x_1, x_2', ..., x_n)$$
  
 $\vdots$ 

$$f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n x_n') = d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \sigma(x_n') + \tau(x_n) f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n')$$

hold for all  $x_{1}, x_{1}', x_{2}, x_{2}', ..., x_{n}, x_{n}' \in N$ .

**Example 2.4** Let M be a zero symmetric left near-ring as defined in Example 2.2. Now suppose that

$$N_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} (x, x') & (y, y') \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix} \mid (x, x'), (y, y'), (0, 0) \in M \right\}$$

It can be easily seen that  $N_2$  is a non commutative zero symmetric left near-ring with respect to matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

Define  $d_2$ ,  $f_2 : N_2 \times N_2 \times \cdots \times N_2 \longrightarrow N_2$  and  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\tau_2 : N_2 \longrightarrow N_2$  such that

$$d_{2}\left(\begin{pmatrix} (x_{1},x_{1}') & (y_{1},y_{1}') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} (x_{2},x_{2}') & (y_{2},y_{2}') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}, ..., \begin{pmatrix} (x_{n},x_{n}') & (y_{n},y_{n}') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots x_n, 0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_2\bigg(\binom{(x_1,x_1')\quad (y_1,y_1')}{(0,0)},\binom{(x_2,x_2')\quad (y_2,y_2')}{(0,0)},...,\binom{(x_n,x_n')\quad (y_n,y_n')}{(0,0)}\bigg)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots x_n, 0) & (0, 0) \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} (x, x') & (y, y') \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} (x, x') & (y, -y') \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tau_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} (x, x') & (y, y') \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} (x, x') & (-y, -y') \\ (0, 0) & (0, 0) \end{pmatrix}$$

It can be easily verified that  $d_2$  is a  $(\sigma_2, \tau_2)$ -n-derivation of  $N_2$  and  $f_2$  is a left (but not right) generalized $(\sigma_2, \tau_2)$ -n-derivation associated with  $d_2$ , where  $\sigma_2$  and  $\tau_2$  are automorphisms.

**Definition 2.5** Let N be a near-ring and d be  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N. An n-additive mapping  $f: \underbrace{N \times N \times ... \times N}_{n-times} \longrightarrow N$  is called a generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation

associated with( $\sigma$ , $\tau$ )-n-derivation d if it is both a right generalized ( $\sigma$ , $\tau$ )-n-derivation associated with( $\sigma$ , $\tau$ )-n-derivation d as well as a left generalized ( $\sigma$ , $\tau$ )-n-derivation associated with( $\sigma$ , $\tau$ )-n-derivation d.

**Example 2.6** Let M be a zero symmetric left near-ring as defined in Example 2.2. Now suppose that

$$N_{3} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x,x') & (y,y') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z,z') \end{pmatrix}, (x,x'), (y,y'), (z,z'), (0,0) \in M \right\}$$

It can be easily seen that  $N_3$  is a non commutative zero symmetric left near-ring with respect to matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

Define  $d_3$ ,  $f_3:N_3\times N_3\times \cdots \times N_3 \rightarrow N_3$  and  $\sigma_3$ ,  $\tau_3:N_3\rightarrow N_3$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_1,x_1') & (y_1,y_1') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_1,z_1') \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_2,x_2') & (y_2,y_2') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_2,z_2') \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_n,x_n') & (y_{n1},y_n') \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_n,z_n') \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n, 0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
(0,0) & (x_1,x_1') & (y_1,y_1') \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (z_1,z_1')
\end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix}
(0,0) & (x_2,x_2') & (y_2,y_2') \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (z_2,z_2')
\end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix}
(0,0) & (x_n,x_n') & (y_{n1},y_n') \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\
(0,0) & (0,0) & (z_n,z_n')
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{3}\left(\begin{pmatrix}(0,0) & (x_{1},x_{1}') & (y_{1},y_{1}')\\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0)\\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_{1},z_{1}')\end{pmatrix}\right) = \left(\begin{pmatrix}(0,0) & (x_{1},x_{1}') & (-y_{1},-y_{1}')\\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0)\\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_{1},z_{1}')\end{pmatrix}\right),$$

$$\tau_{3}\left(\begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_{1},x'_{1}) & (y_{1},y'_{1}) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (z_{1},z'_{1}) \end{pmatrix}\right) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (x_{1},x'_{1}) & (y_{1},y'_{1}) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) & (-z_{1},-z'_{1}) \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

It can be easily seen that  $d_3$  is  $(\sigma_3, \tau_3)$ -n-derivations of N and  $f_3$  is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma_3, \tau_3)$ -n-derivations associated with  $d_3$ , where  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_3$  are automorphisms of near-rings  $N_3$ .

If f = d then generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation is just  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation. If  $\sigma = \tau = 1$ , the identity map on N, then generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation is simply a generalized n-derivation. If  $\sigma = \tau = 1$  and d = f, then generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation is an n-derivation. Hence the class of generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations includes those of n-derivations, generalized n-derivations and  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation.

#### **Lemma 2.7** *Let N be a near-ring, then*

(i) f is a right generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N associated with  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d if and only if

$$\begin{split} f(x_1x_1',x_2,...,x_n) &= \tau(x_1)d(x_1',x_2,...,x_n) + f(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1') \\ f(x_1,x_2x_2',...,x_n) &= \tau(x_2)d(x_1,x_2',...,x_n) + f(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2') \\ &\vdots \\ f(x_1,x_2,...,x_nx_n') &= \tau(x_n)d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n') + f(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n') \\ \end{split}$$
 for all  $x_1,x_1',x_2,x_2',...,x_n,x_n' \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(ii) f is a left generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation of N if and only if

$$f(x_{1}x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) = \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) + d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})$$

$$f(x_{1}, x_{2}x_{2}^{'}, ..., x_{n}) = \tau(x_{2})f(x_{1}, x_{2}^{'}, ..., x_{n}) + d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{2}^{'})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}x_{n}^{'}) = \tau(x_{n})f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}^{'}) + d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{n}^{'})$$

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

#### **Proof:**

(i) By hypothesis, we get for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{split} f(x_{1}(x_{1}^{'}+x_{1}^{'}),x_{2},...,x_{n}) \\ &= f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}+x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'}+x_{1}^{'},x_{2},...,x_{n}) \\ &= f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'},x_{2},...,x_{n}) \\ &+ \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'},x_{2},...,x_{n}) \end{split}$$
 (1)

And

$$f(x_{1}(x_{1}' + x_{1}'), x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}x_{1}' + x_{1}x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) + f(x_{1}x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$+ f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$(2)$$

Comparing the two equations (1) and (2), we conclude that

$$\begin{split} f(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) &+ \tau(x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) = \\ &\tau(x_1)d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n) + f(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Similarly we can prove the remaining (n-1) relations. Converse can be proved in a similar manner.

(ii) Use same arguments as used in the proof of (i).

**Lemma 2.8** Let N be a near-ring admitting a right generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation f associated with  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d of N, then

$$(f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}))y =$$

$$f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})y + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})y$$

$$\begin{split} (f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{2}^{'}) + &\tau(x_{2})d(x_{1},x_{2}^{'},...,x_{n}))y = \\ &f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{2}^{'})y + \tau(x_{2})d(x_{1}^{'},x_{2}^{'},...,x_{n})y \\ &\vdots \\ (f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{n}^{'}) + \tau(x_{n}^{'})d(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n}^{'}))y = \\ &f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{n}^{'})y + \tau(x_{n}^{'})d(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n}^{'})y \end{split}$$

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

**Proof:** for all  $x_1, x_1', x_1'', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$f((x_{1}x_{1}')x_{1}'',x_{2},...,x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}x_{1}',x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1}x_{1}')d(x_{1}'',x_{2},...,x_{n})$$

$$= (f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}',x_{2},...,x_{n}))\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1})\tau(x_{1}')d(x_{1}'',x_{2},...,x_{n}).$$
(3)

Also

$$f(x_{1}(x_{1}'x_{1}''), x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}'x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}'x_{1}'', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}')\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1})\tau(x_{1}')d(x_{1}'', x_{2}, ..., x_{n}).$$
(4)

Combining relations (3) and (4), we get

$$(f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}))\sigma(x_{1}^{''}) = f(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})\sigma(x_{1}^{''}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{''})$$

for all  $x_1, x_1', x_1'', x_2, ..., x_n \in N$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, putting y in place of  $\sigma(x_1^{''})$ , we find that

$$\begin{split} (f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'},x_{2},...,x_{n}))y = \\ \\ f(x_{1},x_{2},...,x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})y + \tau(x_{1})d(x_{1}^{'},x_{2},...,x_{n})y. \end{split}$$

 $\text{for all } x_1, x_1^{'}, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in \mathbb{N}.$ 

Similarly other (n-1) relations can be proved.

**Lemma 2.9** Let N be a near-ring admitting a generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation f associated with  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d of N, then

$$\begin{split} (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'}) + \tau(x_1^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n^{'})y = \\ d(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_1^{'})y + \tau(x_1^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n^{'})y, \\ (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'}) + \tau(x_2^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2^{'},...,x_n^{'})y = \\ d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_2^{'})y + \tau(x_2^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2^{'},...,x_n^{'})y = \\ (d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)\sigma(x_n^{'}) + \tau(x_n^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n^{'})y = \\ d(x_1,x_2,...,x_n^{'})\sigma(x_n^{'})y + \tau(x_n^{'})f(x_1^{'},x_2,...,x_n^{'})y \end{split}$$

hold for all  $x_{1}, x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, x_{2}^{'}, \dots, x_{n}, x_{n}^{'}, y \in N.$ 

**Proof:** for all  $x_1, x_1', x_1'', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$f((x_{1}x_{1}')x_{1}'', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= f(x_{1}x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1}x_{1}')d(x_{1}'', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= (d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}') + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n}))\sigma(x_{1}'') + \tau(x_{1})\tau(x_{1}')d(x_{1}'', x_{2}, ..., x_{n}).$$
(5)

Also

$$f(x_{1}(x_{1}^{'}x_{1}^{"}), x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}x_{1}^{"}) + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}^{'}x_{1}^{"}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})$$

$$= d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})\sigma(x_{1}^{"}) + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{"}) + \tau(x_{1})\tau(x_{1}^{'})d(x_{1}^{"}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}).$$
(6)

Combining relations (5) and (6), we get

$$(d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'}) + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}))\sigma(x_{1}^{''}) =$$

$$d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{'})\sigma(x_{1}^{''}) + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}^{'}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}^{''})$$

for all  $x_1, x_1', x_1'', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, putting y in place of  $\sigma(x_1^{"})$ , in previous equation we find that

$$(d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1') + \tau(x_1)f(x_1', x_2, ..., x_n))y =$$

$$d(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n})\sigma(x_{1}')y + \tau(x_{1})f(x_{1}', x_{2}, ..., x_{n})y$$

for all  $x_1, x_1', x_1'', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Similarly other (n-1) relations can be proved.

**Lemma 2.10** *Let* N *be a prime near-ring admitting a generalized*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation f with associated nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d of N and  $x \in N$ .

- (i) If  $f(N, N, ..., N)x = \{0\}$ , then x = 0.
- (ii) If  $xf(N, N, ..., N) = \{0\}$ , then x = 0

#### **Proof:**

(i) By our hypothesis we have

$$f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)x = 0$$
, for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in N$  (7)

Putting  $x_1x_1'$  in place of  $x_1$ , where  $x_1' \in N$ , in equation (7) and using Lemma 2.9 we get

$$d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1')x + \tau(x_1)f(x_1', x_2, ..., x_n)x = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Using (7) again we get 
$$d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1')x = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, then we have  $d(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)Nx = \{0\}$  for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $d \neq 0$ , primeness of N implies that x = 0.

(ii) It can be proved in a similar way.

# Commutativity Results for Prime Near-Rings with Generalized $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-Derivation

In [3, Theorem 3.1] M. Ashraf and M. A. Siddeeque proved that if a prime nearring N admits a nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d such that  $d(N,N,...,N) \subseteq Z$ , then N is a commutative ring. We have extended this result in the setting of generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation f of N.

**Theorem 3.1** Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation f with associated  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d of N. If  $f(N,N,...,N) \subseteq Z$ , then N is a commutative ring.

**Proof:** Since  $f(N,N,...,N) \subseteq Z$  and f is a nonzero generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation, there exist nonzero elements  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in N$ , such that  $f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in Z\setminus\{0\}$ . We have  $f(x_1+x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) + f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in Z$ . By Lemma 1.1 we obtain that (N, +) is abelain. By hypothesis we get

$$f(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)y = yf(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$$
 for all  $y, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \subseteq N$ .

Now replacing  $y_1$  by  $y_1y_1'$ , where  $y_1' \in \mathbb{N}$ , in previous equation we have

$$(d(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(y_1^{'}) + \tau(y_1)f(y_1^{'}, y_2, \dots, u_n)) \ y =$$
 
$$y(d(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\sigma(y_1^{'}) + \tau(y_1)f(y_1^{'}, y_2, \dots, u_n))$$
 for all  $y, y_1, y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}.$  (8)

Putting  $\tau(y_1)$  for y in (8) and using Lemma 2.9 we get

$$\begin{split} d(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)\sigma(y_1^{\ \prime})\tau(y_1) + \tau(y_1)f(y_1^{\ \prime},\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)\tau(y_1) \\ \\ = \tau(y_1)d(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)\sigma(y_1^{\ \prime}) + \tau(y_1)\tau(y_1)f(y_1^{\ \prime},\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) \end{split}$$

for all y,  $y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By using hypothesis again the preceding equation reduces to

$$d(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)\sigma(y_1^{\ '})\tau(y_1)=\tau(y_1)d(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)\sigma(y_1^{\ '})$$

for all  $y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Replacing  $y_1'$  by  $y_1'x$ , where  $x \in N$ , in previous equation and using it again we get  $d(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)\sigma(y_1')[\tau(y_1), \sigma(x)] = 0$  for all  $x, y_1, y_1', y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an auotomorphism we conclude that

 $d(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)N[\tau(y_1), \sigma(x)] = \{0\}$  for all  $x, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Primeness of N implies that for each  $y_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  either  $[\tau(y_1), \sigma(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  or  $d(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$  for all  $y_2, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $d(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$  for all  $y_2, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then equation (8) takes the form  $f(y_1', y_2, \ldots, y_n) \mathbb{N}[y, \tau(y_1)] = \{0\}$ . Since  $f \neq 0$ , primeness of  $\mathbb{N}$  implies that  $[y, \tau(y_1)] = \{0\}$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ . But  $\tau$  is an automorphism, we conclude that  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . On the other hand if  $[\tau(y_1), \sigma(x)] = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ , then again  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , hence we find that  $\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathbb{N}$  is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.1 [4, Theorem 3.1]** Let N be a prime near-ring and f a nonzero generalized n-derivation with associated n-derivation d of N. If  $f(N,N,...,N) \subseteq Z$ , then N is a commutative ring.

**Corollary 3.2 [3, Theorem 3.1]** *Let* N *be a prime near-ring and* d *a nonzero*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d of N. If  $d(N,N,...,N) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , then N is a commutative ring.

**Theorem 3.2** Let N be a prime near-ring and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations with associated nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively. If  $[f_1(N, N, \ldots, N), f_2(N, N, \ldots, N)] = \{0\}$ , then (N,+) is abelian.

**Proof:** Assume that  $[f_1(N, N, \ldots, N), f_2(N, N, \ldots, N)] = \{0\}$ . If both z and z + z commute element wise with  $f_2(N, N, \ldots, N)$ , then for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in N$  we have

$$zf_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)z$$
 (9)

and

$$(z+z)f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)(z+z)$$
(10)

Substituting  $x_1 + x_1'$  instead of  $x_1$  in (10) we get

$$(z+z)f_2(x_1+x_1',x_2,\ldots,x_n)=f_2(x_1+x_1',x_2,\ldots,x_n)(z+z)$$
 for all  $x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_n\in N$ .

From (9) and (10) the previous equation can be reduced to

$$zf_2(x_1 + x_1' - x_1 - x_1', x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Which means that

$$zf_2((x_1, x_1'), x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Putting  $z = f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$ , in previous equation, we get

$$f_1(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) f_2((x_1, x_1'), x_2, \ldots, x_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

By Lemma 2.10 (i) we conclude that

$$f_2((x_1, x_1'), x_2, ..., x_n) = 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_1', x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (11)

Since we know that for each  $w \in N$ ,  $w(x_1, x_1') = w(x_1 + x_1' - x_1 - x_1') = wx_1 + wx_1' - wx_1' = (wx_1, wx_1')$  which is again an additive commutator, putting  $w(x_1, x_1')$  instead of  $(x_1, x_1')$  in (11) we get

$$f_2(w(x_1, x_1), x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, w \in N$ .

Therefore

 $d_2(w,\ x_2,\ \dots,\ x_n)\sigma(x_1\ ,\ x_1')\ +\ \tau(w)f_2((x_1\ ,\ x_1'),\ x_2,\ \dots,\ x_n)\ =\ 0\ \ \text{for\ all}\ \ x_1'\ ,x_2,\dots,x_n,w\ \in\ N.$ 

Using (11) in previous equation yields

 $d_2(w, x_2, \ldots, x_n)\sigma(x_1, x_1') = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_1', x_2, \ldots, x_n, w \in N$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, using Lemma 1.6 (i) we conclude that  $(x_1, x_1') = 0$ . Hence (N, +) is abelain.

**Corollary 3.3 [4, Theorem 3.16]** Let N be a prime near-ring and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized n-derivations with associated nonzero n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively such that  $[f_1(N, N, \ldots, N), f_2(N, N, \ldots, N)] = \{0\}$ . Then (N,+) is abelian.

**Corollary 3.4 [3, Theorem 3.2]** Let N be a prime near-ring and  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be any two nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations. If  $[d_1(N, N, \ldots, N), d_2(N, N, \ldots, N)] = \{0\}$  then (N,+) is abelian.

**Theorem 3.3** Let N be a prime near-ring and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations with associated nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations  $d_1, d_2$  respectively. If  $f_1(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)f_2(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) + f_2(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)f_1(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ , then (N, +) is abelian.

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

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$
for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (12)

Substituting  $y_1 + y_1'$  instead of  $y_1$  in (12) we get

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)f_2(y_1 + y_1', y_2, ..., y_n) + f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)f_1(y_1 + y_1', y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So we get

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_2(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) + & f_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_2(y_1{}',\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) + \\ & f_2(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_1(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) + f_2(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_1(y_1{}',\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Using (12) again in last equation we get

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1, & x_2, \ldots, x_n) f_2(y_1, \, y_2, \ldots, \, y_n) + f_1(x_1, \, x_2, \ldots, \, x_n) f_2(y_1', \, y_2, \ldots, \, y_n) \\ \\ &+ f_1(x_1, \, x_2, \ldots, \, x_n) f_2(-y_1, \, y_2, \ldots, \, y_n) + f_1(x_1, \, x_2, \ldots, \, x_n) f_2(-y_1', \, y_2, \ldots, \, y_n) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ . Thus, we get

$$f_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_2((y_1,\,y_1'),\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)=0\ \ \text{for all}\ x_1\,,x_2,\ldots,x_n,y_1,y_1',\,y_2,\ldots,y_n\in N.$$

By Lemma 2.10 (i) we obtain

$$f_2((y_1, y_1'), y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$
 for all  $y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Now pitting  $w(y_1, y_1')$  instead of  $(y_1, y_1')$ , where  $w \in N$ , in previous equation and using it again we get

 $d_2(w, y_2, \ldots, y_n)\sigma(y_1, y_1') = 0$  for all  $w, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ , using Lemma 1.6 (i); as used in the Theorem 3.2, we conclude that (N, +) is abelain.

**Corollary 3.5** Let N be a prime near-ring and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized n-derivations with associated nonzero n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively.

If 
$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ ,  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Corollary 3.6 [3, Theorem 3.3]** *Let* N *be a prime near-ring and*  $d_1$  *and*  $d_2$  *be any two nonzero*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations.

If 
$$d_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)d_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + d_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)d_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ ,  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Theorem 3.4** Let N be a prime near-ring, let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations with associated nonzero  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively.

If 
$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \sigma f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + \tau f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

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

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)) f_1(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (13)

Substituting  $y_1 + y_1$ , where  $y_1 \in N$ , for  $y_1$  in (13) we get

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1+\,y_1{}'\,,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)) \;+ \\ \\ \tau(f_2(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n))f_1(y_1+\,y_1{}'\,,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we get

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1, &x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \\ &\tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) f_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) f_1(y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Using (13) in previous equation implies

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1, &x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \\ \\ f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(-y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(-y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n)) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

which means that

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(f_2((y_1, y_1'), y_2, ..., y_n)) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now using Lemma 2.10, in previous equation, we conclude that

 $\sigma(f_2((y_1\ ,\ y_1'),\ y_2,\ .\ .\ .,\ y_n))=0\ \text{for all}\ y_1\ ,\ y_1',y_2,...,y_n\in N. Since}\ \sigma\ \text{is an}\ \text{automorphism of}\ N,\ \text{we conclude that}\ f_2((y_1\ ,\ y_1'),\ y_2,\ .\ .\ .,\ y_n)=0\ \text{for all}\ y_1\ ,\ y_1',y_2,...,y_n\in N. \ \text{Now putting}\ w(y_1,\ y_1')\ \text{instead of}\ (y_1,\ y_1'),\ \text{where}\ w\in N\ \text{in last}\ \text{equation}\ \text{and}\ \text{using}\ \text{it}\ \text{again},\ \text{we}\ \text{get}$ 

 $d_2(w, y_2, \ldots, y_n)\sigma(y_1, y_1') = 0$  for all  $y_1, y_1', y_2, \ldots, y_n, w \in N$ . Using Lemma 12.6 (i) as used in the Theorem 3.2, we conclude that (N, +) is abelain.

**Corollary 3.7** Let N be a prime near-ring, let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be any two generalized n-derivations with associated nonzero n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively.

If 
$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Corollary 3.8 [3, Theorem 3.4]** *Let* N *be a prime near-ring, let*  $d_1$  *and*  $d_2$  *be any two nonzero*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivations.

$$If \ d_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(d_2(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)) + \tau(d_2(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n))d_1(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Theorem 3.5** Let N be a prime near-ring, let  $f_1$  be a generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation with associated nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation  $d_1$  and  $f_2$  be a generalized n-derivation with associated nonzero n-derivation  $d_2$ .

(i) If 
$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n))f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ , then (N,+) is abelian.

$$(ii) \ If \ f_2(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n) \sigma(f_1(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n)) + \tau(f_1(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)f_2(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Proof:** (i) By our hypothesis we have,

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))f_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$$
for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (14)

Substituting  $y_1 + y_1'$ , where  $y_1' \in N$ , for  $y_1$  in (14) we get

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1 + y_1', y_2, ..., y_n)) +$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

So we have

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1, & x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \sigma(f_2(y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n)) + \\ & \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) f_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) f_1(y_1', y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Using (14) in previous equation implies

$$\begin{split} f_1(x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1,\!y_2,\ldots,y_n)) + & f_1(x_1,\!x_2,\ldots,x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1',\!y_2,\ldots,\!y_n)) + \\ & f_1(x_1,\!x_2,\!\ldots,\!x_n)\sigma(f_2(-y_1,\!y_2,\ldots,\!y_n)) + f_1(x_1,\!x_2,\!\ldots,\!x_n)\sigma(f_2(-y_1',\!y_2,\ldots,\!y_n)) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we get

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(f_2((y_1, y_1'), y_2, ..., y_n)) = 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_1', y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Now, using Lemma 2.10 we conclude that  $\sigma(f_2((y_1,y_1'),y_2,\ldots,y_n))=0$  for all  $y_1,y_1',y_2,\ldots,y_n\in N$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of N, we conclude that

 $f_2((y_1, y_1'), y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$  for all  $y_1, y_1', y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ . Treating  $f_2$  as generalized (I,I)-n-derivation of N and  $d_2$  as (I,I)-n-derivation, where I is the identity automorphism of N and arguing on similar lines as in case of Theorem 3.2; we conclude that (N, +) is an abelian group.

(ii) Use same arguments as used in the proof of (i).

**Corollary 3.9** *Let* N *be a prime near-ring, let*  $d_1$  *be a nonzero*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation and  $d_2$  be a nonzero n-derivation.

(i) If 
$$d_1(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \sigma(d_2(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)) + \tau(d_2(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)) d_1(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ , then  $(N,+)$  is abelian.

(ii) If 
$$d_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \sigma(d_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) + \tau(d_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)) d_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$$
 for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is abelian.

**Theorem 3.6** Let N be a semiprime near-ring. Let f be a generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation associated with the  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d,

If  $\tau(x_1)f(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)\sigma(y_1)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ , then d = 0.

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

$$\tau(x_1)f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(y_1) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\tag{13}$$

Substituting  $z_1x_1$  for  $x_1$  in (13), where  $z_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , and using Lemma 2.11 we get

$$\begin{split} \tau(z_1x_1)f(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) \;&= f(z_1x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(y_1) \\ \\ &= d(z_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(y_1) + \tau(z_1)f(x_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(y_1) \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, z_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in N$ .

Using (13) in previous equation we get

$$\begin{split} \tau(z_1x_1)f(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) &= d(z_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(y_1) + \tau(z_1)\tau(x_1)f(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) \\ &= d(z_1,\,x_2,\,\ldots,\,x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(y_1) + \tau(z_1x_1)f(y_1,\,y_2,\,\ldots,\,y_n) \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1, z_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This yields that

 $d(z_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(y_1) = 0$  for all  $x_1, z_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of N, we get

 $d(z_1, x_2, ..., x_n)uv = 0$  for all  $z_1, x_2, ..., x_n, u, v \in N$ . Now replacing v by  $d(z_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  in previous equation we get

$$d(z_1, x_2, ..., x_n)Nd(z_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \{0\}$$
 for all  $z_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in N$ .

Semiprimeness of N implies that d = 0.

**Corollary 3.10** Let N be a semiprime near-ring, let f be a generalized n-derivation associated with the n-derivation d, If  $x_1 f(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$   $y_1$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ . Then d = 0.

**Corollary 3.11 [3, Theorem 3.8]** *Let* N *be a semiprime near-ring, let* d *be a*  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation,

If  $\tau(x_1)d(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(y_1)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then d = 0.

**Example 3.1** Let S be a zero-symmetric left near-ring. Let us define

 $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, x, y \in S \right\}$ is zero symmetric near-ring with regard to matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

Define  $f_1, f_2, d_1, d_2$ :  $\underbrace{N \times N \times ... \times N}_{n-times} \longrightarrow N$  such that

$$f_1\left(\begin{pmatrix}0 & x_1 & y_1\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix}0 & x_2 & y_2\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix}0 & x_n & y_n\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix}0 & x_1x_2 \dots x_n & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_{1}\begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_{1} & y_{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_{2} & y_{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_{n} & y_{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y_{1}y_{2} \dots y_{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_{2}\left(\begin{pmatrix}0&x_{1}&y_{1}\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&x_{2}&y_{2}\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix},\ldots,\begin{pmatrix}0&x_{n}&y_{n}\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix}\right)=\begin{pmatrix}0&0&y_{1}y_{2}\ldots y_{n}\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_2\left(\begin{pmatrix}0&x_1&y_1\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&x_2&y_2\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix},\ldots,\begin{pmatrix}0&x_n&y_n\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix}\right)=\begin{pmatrix}0&x_1x_2\ldots x_n&0\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix}$$

Now we define  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau: N \to N$  by

$$\tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It can be easily seen  $\tau$  are automorphism of near-rings N which is not semiprime, having  $d_1, d_2$  as a nonzero( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ )-n-derivations and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are nonzero generalized ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ )-n-derivations associated with the ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ )-n-derivations  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  respectively where  $\sigma = I$ , the identity outomorphism of N. We also have

- (i)  $f_1(N,N,...,N) \subseteq Z$
- (ii)  $[f_1(N, N, ..., N), f_2(N, N, ..., N)] = \{0\},\$
- (iii)  $f_1(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) f_2(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) = -f_2(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) f_1(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \in N$ ,
- (iv)  $f_1(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(f_2(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)) + \tau(f_2(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n))f_1(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . However (N, +) is non abelain.
- (v)  $\tau(x_1)f_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\sigma(y_1)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . However  $d \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 3.7** Let N be a prime near-ring, let f be a generalized  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation associated with the  $(\sigma,\tau)$ -n-derivation d,

If  $K = \{ a \in N \mid [f(N, N, ..., N), \tau(a)] = \{0\}$ , then  $a \in K$  implies either  $d(a, x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$  for all  $x_2, ..., x_n \in N$  or  $a \in Z$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $a \in K$ , we have

$$f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\tau(a) = \tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (14)

Putting  $ax_1$  in place of  $x_1$  in (14) and using Lemma 2.9 we get

$$d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)\tau(a) + \tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\tau(a) =$$

$$\tau(a)d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1) + \tau(a)\tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using (14) in previous equation we get

$$d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)\tau(a) = \tau(a)d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$$
 (15)

Putting  $x_1y_1$ , where  $y_1 \in N$ , for  $x_1$  in (15) and using it again

 $d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)[\sigma(y_1), \tau(a)] = 0$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, we get

 $d(a, x_2, \ldots, x_n)N[\sigma(y_1), \tau(a)] = \{0\}$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in N$ . Since  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are automorphisms, primeness of N yields either  $d(a, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = 0$  for all  $x_2, \ldots, x_n \in N$  or  $a \in Z$ .

**Theorem 3.8** Let N be a prime near-ring, let f be a generalized  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation associated with the  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -n-derivation d.

If  $[f(N, N, ..., N), a]_{\sigma,\tau} = \{0\}$ , then either  $d(a, x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$  for all  $x_2,...,x_n \in N$  or  $a \in Z$ .

**Proof:** For all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in N$  we have

$$f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(a) = \tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n).$$
(16)

Putting  $ax_1$  in place of  $x_1$  in (16) and using Lemma 2.9 we get

$$d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(a) + \tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(a) =$$

$$\tau(a)d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1) + \tau(a)\tau(a)f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using (16) in previous equation we get

$$d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)\sigma(a) = \tau(a)d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)$$
(17)

Putting  $x_1y_1$ , where  $y_1 \in N$ , for  $x_1$  in (17) and using it again

 $d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)\sigma(x_1)[\sigma(y_1), \sigma(a)] = 0$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, we have

$$d(a, x_2, ..., x_n)N[\sigma(y_1), \sigma(a)] = \{0\}.$$

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphisms, Primeness of N yields either  $d(a, x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$  for all  $x_2,...,x_n \in N$  or  $a \in Z$ .

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