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## ON ONE SIDED $(\sigma, \tau)$ -LIE IDEALS IN PRIME RINGS

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### Abstract

In this paper, we proved some results for one-sided  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideals in prime rings.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $U$  an additive subgroup of  $R$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\tau : R \rightarrow R$  two mappings. In [5] the following definitions were given: (i)  $[U, R]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$  then  $U$  is called  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  (ii)  $U$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$  (iii)  $U$  is said to be  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal of  $R$  if  $U$  is both a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$ , where the commutator  $[x, y]_{\sigma, \tau} = x\sigma(y) - \tau(y)x$  for  $x, y \in R$ .

In this paper the following results are proved. Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Aut}R$ , the set of automorphisms of  $R$ . (1) Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $\sigma(u) = \tau(u)$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $R$  is commutative. (2) Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal such that  $[U, U]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  and  $[U, U] = 0$ . Then  $U \subset Z$ . (3) Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $\tau(u) \neq \sigma(u)$  and  $\tau(v) + \sigma(v) \notin Z$ , for some  $u, v \in U$ . (a) There exist a nonzero left ideal  $A$  of  $R$  and a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  such that  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$  and  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ ; but  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$  and  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$ . (b) Suppose  $a, b \in R$  such that  $aUb = 0$ . Then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . (4). Let  $R$  be of characteristic not 2. Suppose  $U$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \subset Z$ . Then  $\sigma = \tau$  or  $R$  is commutative. (5) Let  $R$  be of characteristic not (2). Suppose  $U$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Then  $\sigma = \tau$  or  $R$  is commutative.

Throughout this paper  $R$  will be a prime ring,  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Aut}R$ , and  $Z$ , the center of  $R$ ,  $C_{\sigma, \tau} = \{c \in R : c\sigma(x) = \tau(x)c, \forall x \in R\}$  and  $C$  the extended centroid of  $R$  (See [7] and [4,p20-31] for the notion of the extended centroid). We will often use the identities: (i)  $[xy, z]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, z]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, \tau(z)]y = [y, \sigma(z)] + [x, z]_{\sigma, \tau}y$  and (ii)  $[x, yz]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(y)[x, z]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, y]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(z)$ .

**2. Results**

**Lemma 1.** [6, Lemma 3] Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $ab, b \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$  for  $a, b \in R$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $b = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.** [1, Lemma 4] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $(0) \neq U$  a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$  then  $U \subset Z$ .

**Lemma 3.** [2, Lemma 3] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $a \in R$  such that  $aU = (0)$  (or  $Ua = (0)$ ). (i) if  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  then  $a = 0$  or  $U \subset Z$ . (ii) if  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  then  $a = 0$  or  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ .

**Lemma 4.** [3, Lemma 2.3] Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $d, f, g$  and  $h$  be derivations of  $R$ . Suppose that

$$d(x)g(y) = h(x)f(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

If  $d \neq 0$  and  $f \neq 0$  then there exists  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $g(x) = \lambda f(x)$  and  $h(x) = \lambda d(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $U \subset Z$  then  $\sigma(u) = \tau(u)$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof.** For all  $x \in R, u \in U, [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \in U$ . Therefore  $\sigma(u) - \tau(u), [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \in Z$ . Then  $[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = x\sigma(u) - \tau(u)x = x(\sigma(u) - \tau(u)) \in Z$ . By the primeness of  $R$ , we conclude  $\sigma(u) = \tau(u)$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $R$  is commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  be  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . If  $[R, U]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ , then  $\sigma(u) = \tau(u)$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $R$  is commutative

**Proof.** For all  $x \in R, u \in U, [\tau(u)x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(u)[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(u), \tau(u)]x = \tau(u)[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \in C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . By Lemma 1 we have for any  $u \in U, u \in Z$  or  $[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . That is,  $U$  is the union of its additive subgroups  $L = \{u \in U : u \in Z\}$  and  $K = \{u \in U : [R, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0\}$ . Since a group cannot be the union of two proper subgroups we arrive at  $U = L$  or  $U = K$ . If  $U = K$  then  $0 = [xy, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[y, \sigma(u)] + [x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}y = x[y, \sigma(u)]$ , for all  $x, y \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ . Since  $R$  is prime we have  $U \subset Z$ . By Lemma 5 we prove the theorem.  $\square$

**Example.** In [2], N. Aydın, and H. Kandamar, proved that if  $U$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal and  $a \in R, [a, U] = 0$  then  $a \in Z$  or  $U \subset Z$ . The following easy example shows that this is not the case when  $U$  is a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ & z^t \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z, t \in I, \text{ the set of integers} \right\}$  and  $U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in I \right\}$ .

Let  $\tau : R \rightarrow R, \tau(x) = b \times x$ , where  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in R$ , then  $\tau$  is an automorphism of

$R.U$  is a  $(1, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \not\subseteq Z$ . If  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in R$ , then  $a \notin Z$  and  $[a, U] = 0$ .

From now on, we will assume that  $\sigma \neq \tau$  on  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal  $U$  of  $R$ .

**Lemma 6.** Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  be  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose there exists  $a \in R$  such that  $[a, U] = 0$ , then  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $a \in Z$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $a \notin Z$ . From the definition of  $U$  for all  $x \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ .  $[\tau(u)x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(u)[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [\tau(u), \tau(u)]x = \tau(u)[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} \in U$ . Therefore  $0 = [\tau(u)[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a] = \tau(u)[[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a] + [\tau(u), a][x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = [\tau(u), a][x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Consequently,

$$[\tau(u), a][x, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0, \text{ for all } x \in R \text{ and all } u \in U. \tag{1}$$

Taking  $xy$  for  $x$  in (1) we get  $[\tau(u), a]x[y, \sigma(u)] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ . The primeness of  $R$  implies that for any  $u \in U$ , either  $[\tau(u), a] = 0$  or  $u \in Z$ . It implies that  $[\tau(u), a] = 0$ . That is,

$$[\tau(U), a] = 0. \tag{2}$$

On the other hand, for  $u \in U, x, y \in R$ , expanding  $0 = [[x, u]_{\sigma, \tau}, a]$  and using (2) we have

$$\tau(u)[x, a] = x\sigma(u)a - ax\sigma(u) \text{ for all } x \in R, \text{ and all } u \in U. \tag{3}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $v, v \in U$ , in (3) we arrive at  $U[\sigma(v), a] = 0$ , for all  $v \in U$ . By Lemma 3(i) we obtain

$$[\sigma(U), a] = 0. \tag{4}$$

Considering (3) together with (4), one obtains

$$0 = [x, a]\sigma(u) + \tau(u)[a, x] \text{ for all } x \in R, \text{ and all } u \in U. \tag{5}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$  in (5) and using (5) we have

$$[x, \tau(u)][y, a] = [a, x][y, \sigma(u)] \text{ for all } x \in R, \text{ all } u \in U. \tag{6}$$

Now let  $d(x) = [x, \tau(u)], g(y) = [y, a], h(x) = [a, x]$  and  $f(y) = [y, \sigma(u)]$  be derivations of  $R$ . Moreover,  $d(x)g(y) = h(x)f(y)$  by (6). If  $d = 0$  and  $f = 0$  then it is clear that  $\sigma(u) + \tau(u) \in Z$  for all  $u \in U$ . Therefore we may assume that  $d \neq 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . Then by Lemma 4, (6) implies that there exists  $\lambda \in C$  such that

$$\lambda[x, \sigma(u)] = [x, a] = \lambda[\tau(u), x] \text{ for all } x \in R \quad (7)$$

Therefore, from (7) we have  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ . □

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  be  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$ . Suppose there exists  $a \in R$  such that  $[a, U]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  and  $[a, U] = 0$ , then  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$  for all  $u \in U$  or  $a = 0$ .*

**Proof.** By assumption, there exists a  $(0 \neq)u_0 \in U$  such that  $\sigma(u_0) \neq \tau(u_0)$ . That is,  $\sigma(u_0) - \tau(u_0) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 6, we have  $a \in Z$  or  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$ . If  $a \in Z$  then  $0 = [a, u_0]_{\sigma, \tau} = a\sigma(u_0) - \tau(u_0)a = a(\sigma(u_0) - \tau(u_0))$ . Since  $R$  is prime we have  $a = 0$ . □

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not 2 and  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $[U, U]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$  and  $[U, U] = 0$ . Then  $U \subset Z$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $U \not\subset Z$ . Then by Lemma 7 we get  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$  for all  $u \in U$ .  $[xv, u]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[v, u]_{\sigma, \tau} + [x, \tau(u)]v = [x, \tau(u)]v \in U$ . By hypothesis we also have  $0 = [w, [x, \tau(u)]v] = [w, [x, \tau(u)]]v$ , for all  $x \in R$  and all  $u, v, w \in U$ . Therefore we have  $[w, [x, \tau(u)]]U = 0$ . By Lemma 3 (i), we obtain  $[w, [\tau(u), x]] = 0$ , for all  $u, v \in U$  and all  $x \in R$ . Now let  $I_w$  and  $I_{\tau(u)}$  be two inner derivations determined by  $w$  and  $\tau(u)$  respectively. Then it implies that  $I_w I_{\tau(u)}(R) = 0$ . By [8, Theorem 1] we arrive at  $U \subset Z$ . A contradiction. □

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring and  $U$  be both a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and a subring of  $R$ . Then either  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \in Z$ , for all  $u \in U$  or  $U$  contains a nonzero left ideal of  $R$  and a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that for  $u_0 \in U, \sigma(u_0) + \tau(u_0) \notin Z$ . Then for  $x \in R, v \in U, [xu_0, v]_{\sigma, \tau} = x[u_0, \sigma(v)] + [x, v]_{\sigma, \tau}u_0 \in U$ . Then second member of this is in  $U$  (since  $U$  is both  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal and subring). And as we have

$$x[u_0, \sigma(v)] \in U \text{ for all } v \in U \text{ and all } x \in R$$

We have shown that the left ideal  $R[u_0, \sigma(U)]$  is in  $U$ . If  $R[u_0, \sigma(U)] = 0$ , by the primeness of  $R$  we obtain  $[\sigma^{-1}(u_0), U] = 0$ . By Lemma 6, we have  $u_0 \in Z$ . And so,  $\sigma(u_0) + \tau(u_0) \in Z$  gives a contradiction. Similarly, using the identity  $[ux, v]_{\sigma, \tau} = u[x, v]_{\sigma, \tau} + [u, \tau(u)]x \in U$  one can obtain that  $U$  contains a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ . □

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $\tau(v) + \sigma(v) \notin Z$ , for some  $v \in U$ . Then there exist a nonzero left ideal  $A$  of  $R$  and a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  such that  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ ,  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$  but  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$  and  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $T = \{x \in R : [R, x]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U\}$ . By the previous note, Theorem 1 in [2], we know  $T$  is both a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  and a subring of  $R$  such that  $U \subset T$ . Since  $U \not\subset Z$  we have  $T \not\subset Z$ . By Lemma 8,  $T$  contains a nonzero left ideal  $A$  of  $R$  and a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $R$ . From the definition of  $T$ , we obtain  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$  and  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ . If  $[R, A]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset Z$  then for  $x \in R$  and  $a \in A$ ,  $[\tau(a)x, a]_{\sigma, \tau} = \tau(a)[x, a]_{\sigma, \tau} \in Z$ . And so, we arrive at  $a \in Z$  or  $[x, a]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ . If  $[x, a]_{\sigma, \tau} = 0$ , for all  $x \in R$  then replacing  $x$  by  $xy$ , we obtain  $[x, \tau(a)]y = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . The primeness of  $R$  implies that  $a \in Z$ . Therefore we have  $A \subset Z$ . Then for all  $x, y \in R$  and all  $a \in A$ ,  $0 = [x, ya] = [x, y]a$ , this implies that  $A = (0)$  or  $R$  is commutative. So this is a contradiction to  $\tau(u) + \sigma(u) \notin Z$  for some  $u \in U$ . Similarly, using the identity  $[x\sigma(b), b]_{\sigma, \tau} = [x, b]_{\sigma, \tau}\sigma(b)$  one can prove easily that  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. Let  $U$  be a  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -left Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $\tau(v) + \sigma(v) \notin Z$ , for some  $v \in U$  and  $a, b \in R$ . If  $AUb = 0$ . Then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $b \neq 0$ . By Theorem 3, there exists a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  such that  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \subset U$ , but  $[R, B]_{\sigma, \tau} \not\subset Z$ . Therefore, for all  $x \in R$  and all  $s \in B$ ,  $a[x, s]_{\sigma, \tau}b = 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $xy$ , we obtain  $0 = ax[y, s]_{\sigma, \tau}b + a[x, \tau(s)]yb$ . In this equation, taking  $ub, u \in U$ , for  $x$  we get

$$a[ub, \tau(s)]yb = 0 \text{ for } \forall y \in R, \forall u \in U, \forall s \in B.$$

Since  $R$  is prime and  $b \neq 0$ , we have  $0 = a[ub, \tau(s)] = aub\tau(s) - a\tau(s)ub = -a\tau(s)ub$ . It implies that  $a\tau(B)RUb = 0$  because  $B$  is a right ideal of  $R$ . By Lemma 3(i) and since  $b \neq 0, Ub \neq 0$ . Thus we have  $a\tau(B) = 0$  since  $R$  is prime. Then  $0 = a[x, s]_{\sigma, \tau}b = ax\sigma(s)b - a\tau(s)xb = ax\sigma(s)b$  for all  $x \in R$  and all  $s \in B$ . That is

$$aR\sigma(B)b = 0$$

Since  $R\sigma(B)$  is a nonzero ideal of  $R$  and  $b \neq 0$ , the primeness of  $R$  implies that  $a = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not 2. Suppose  $U$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -right Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \subset Z$ . Then  $\sigma = \tau$  or  $R$  is commutative*

**Proof.** Assume that  $R$  is not commutative. For all  $x \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ ,  $[u, x]_{\sigma, \tau} = u\sigma(x) - \tau(x)u = u(\sigma(x) - \tau(x)) \in Z$ . Since  $R$  is prime we have  $u = 0$  or  $\sigma(x) - \tau(x) \in Z$ , for all  $x \in R$  and all  $u \in U$ . Since  $U \neq (0)$  we get  $\sigma(x) - \tau(x) \in Z$ , for all  $x \in R$ . Hence for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $0 = [\sigma(x) - \tau(x), y] = [\sigma(x), y] - [\tau(x), y]$ , from which we get

$$[\sigma(x), y] - [\tau(x), y] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \quad (8)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x^2$  in (8) and using (8) and  $\text{char } R \neq 2$ , we obtain  $(\sigma(x) - \tau(x))[\sigma(x), y] = 0$ . Since  $R$  is prime we get  $\sigma(x) = \tau(x)$  or  $x \in Z$ , for any  $x \in R$ . Therefore  $R$  is the union of its additive subgroups  $\{x \in R : \sigma(x) = \tau(x)\}$  and  $\{x \in R : x \in Z\}$ . Since a group cannot be the union of two proper subgroups and we have assumed that  $R$  is not commutative, it follows that  $\sigma(x) = \tau(x)$ , for all  $x \in R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic not 2. Suppose  $U$  is a nonzero  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $U \subset C_{\sigma, \tau}$ . Then  $\sigma = \tau$  or  $R$  is commutative*

**Proof.** By Lemma 2 we have  $U \subset Z$ . And so, by Lemma 9 the proof of theorem is completed.  $\square$

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**Asal Halkalarda Tek Yanlı  $(\sigma, \tau)$ - Lie İdealler**

**Özet**

Bu makalede, asal halkalarda tek yanlı  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -Lie idealler için bazı sonuçlar ispatlanmıştır.

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