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### 1. INTRODUCTION

For preliminary definitions and results related to near-rings, we refer for Pilz [5]. The concept of a symmetric bi-derivation has been introduced by Maksa [3]. In recent years, many mathematicians studied the commutativity of prime and semiprime rings admitting suitably-constrained symmetric bi-derivations. In [4], Öztürk (together with Jun) introduced the notion of a symmetric bi-derivations in near-rings and proved some results. Moreover the concept of symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of near-ring has been introduced by Çeven (together with Öztürk) [2]. The aim of this paper is to investigate some results on 3-prime near-rings and generalize the results on near-rings to semi-group ideals of 3-prime near-rings.

# 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper N will be a zero-symmetric left near-ring, and usually N will be 3-prime, that is, it will have the property that  $xNy = \{0\}$  implies x = 0 or y = 0. The symbol Z will denote the multiplicative center of N. A nonempty subset U of N will be called semigroup right ideal (resp. semigroup left ideal) if  $UN \subset U$  (resp.  $NU \subset U$ ) and U is both a semigroup right ideal and a semigroup left ideal, it is called a semigroup ideal. For  $x, y \in N$ , the symbol [x, y] will denote the commutator xy - yx, while the symbol (x, y) will denote the additive-group commutator x + y - x - y. A mapping  $D : N \times N \to N$  is said to be symmetric if D(x, y) = D(y, x) for all  $x, y \in N$ . A mapping  $d : N \to N$  defined by d(x) = D(x, x) is called the trace of D where  $D : N \times N \to N$  is a symmetric mapping. It

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is obvious that, if  $D: N \times N \to N$  is a symmetric mapping which is also bi-additive (i.e., additive in both arguments), then the trace of D satisfies the relation d(x + y) = d(x) + 2D(x, y) + d(y) for all  $x, y \in N$ . A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $D: N \times N \to N$  is called a symmetric bi-derivation if D(xy,z) = D(x,z)y + xD(y,z) is fulfilled for all  $x, y, z \in N$ . Then, for any  $y \in N$ , a mapping  $x \mapsto D(x, y)$  is a derivation. A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $D: N \times N \to N$  is called symmetric bi-additive mapping  $D: N \times N \to N$  is called symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation if there exist automorphisms  $\sigma, \tau: N \to N$  such that  $D(xy, z) = D(x, z)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)D(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in N$ . Note that if  $\sigma = 1$  and  $\tau = 1$  then D is a symmetric bi-derivation.

## 3. Results

The following lemmas and theorems are necessary for the paper.

**Lemma 1** ([3, Lemma 3]). Let N be a 3-prime near-ring.

- (i) If  $z \in Z \{0\}$ , then z is not a zero divisor.
- (ii) If  $Z \{0\}$  contains an element z for which  $z + z \in Z$ , then (N, +) is abelian.

**Lemma 2** ([1, Lemma 1.3]). *Let N be 3-prime, and let d be a nonzero derivation on N.* 

- (i) If U is a nonzero semi-group right ideal (resp. semi-group left ideal) and x is an element of N such that  $Ux = \{0\}$  (resp.  $xU = \{0\}$ ), then x = 0.
- (ii) If U is nonzero semi-group right ideal or semi-group left ideal, then  $d(U) \neq \{0\}$ .
- (iii) If U is a nonzero semi-group right ideal and x is an element of N which centralizes U, then  $x \in Z$ .

**Lemma 3** ([1, Lemma 1.4]). Let N be 3-prime, and U a nonzero semi-group ideal of N. Let d be a nonzero derivation on N.

(i) If  $x, y \in N$  and  $xUy = \{0\}$ , then x = 0 or y = 0.

(ii) If  $x \in N$  and  $d(U)x = \{0\}$ , then x = 0.

(iii) If  $x \in N$  and  $xd(U) = \{0\}$ , then x = 0.

**Lemma 4** ([1, Lemma 1.5]). *If N is 3-prime and Z contains a nonzero semigroup left ideal or semigroup right ideal, N is a commutative ring.* 

**Lemma 5** ([2, Lemma 3]). Let N be a 2-torsion free 3-prime near-ring, D a symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and d the trace of D. If  $xd(N) = \{0\}$  for all  $x \in N$ , then x = 0 or D = 0.

**Lemma 6** ([2, Lemma 4]). Let N be a near-ring. D is a symmetric  $bi-(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N if and only if  $D(xy,z) = \tau(x) D(y,z) + D(x,z)\sigma(y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in N$ .

**Lemma 7** ([2, Lemma 5]). Let N be a near-ring, D a symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N. Then, for all  $x, y, z, w \in N$ ,

- (i)  $[D(x,z)\sigma(y) + \tau(x)D(y,z)]w = D(x,z)\sigma(y)w + \tau(x)D(y,z)w$ ,
- (ii)  $[\tau(x) D(y,z) + D(x,z)\sigma(y)]w = \tau(x) D(y,z)w + D(x,z)\sigma(y)w.$

**Theorem 1** ([2, Theorem 1]). Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, D a nonzero symmetric  $bi-(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N. If N is 2-torsion free and  $D(N, N) \subset Z$ , then N is commutative ring.

**Lemma 8.** Let N be a 2-torsion free 3-prime near-ring, U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N and D symmetric  $bi-(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N. If  $D(U,U) = \{0\}$ , then D = 0.

*Proof.* Suppose D(x, y) = 0 for all  $x, y \in U$ . Then taking  $xz, z \in N$  instead of x, we have

$$0 = D(xz, y) = D(x, y)\sigma(z) + \tau(x)D(z, y)$$
$$= \tau(x)D(y, z)$$

Replacing yw by  $y, w \in N$  in last relation, we get

$$0 = \tau (x) D (y, z) \sigma (w) + \tau (x) \tau (y) D (w, z)$$
$$= \tau (x) \tau (y) D (w, z)$$

for all  $x, y \in U$ ,  $w, z \in N$ . Since  $\tau$  is an automorphism of N and,  $U \neq \{0\}$ , we get  $D(N, N) = \{0\}$  by Lemma 3. That is, D = 0.

**Lemma 9.** Let N be a 2-torsion free 3-prime near-ring, U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N, D a nonzero symmetric  $bi-(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivation of N and  $a \in N$ . If  $D(U,U)a = \{0\}$ , then a = 0. (Similarly, if D(U,U)a = 0, then a = 0.)

*Proof.* Suppose D(x, y)a = 0 for all  $x, y \in U$ . Taking  $wy, w \in N$  instead of y and using Lemma 7(i), we get

$$0 = D(x, wy)a = [D(w, x)\sigma(y) + \tau(w)D(y, x)]a$$
$$= D(w, x)\sigma(y)a + \tau(w)D(y, x)a$$
$$= D(x, w)\sigma(y)a$$

Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of N and  $U \neq \{0\}$ , we get  $D(N,U) = \{0\}$  or a = 0 by Lemma 3(i). Assume  $D(N,U) = \{0\}$ . Hence  $D(U,U) = \{0\}$ , and so D = 0 by Lemma 8. This completes the proof.

The other case  $(aD(U, U) = \{0\})$  can be treated similarly.

**Theorem 2.** Let N be a 3-prime near-ring, U a nonzero semigroup ideal of N and D a nonzero symmetric  $bi-(\sigma,\tau)$ -derivation of N. If N is 2-torsion free and  $D(U,U) \subset Z$ , then N is commutative ring.

*Proof.* Since  $D(x, y) \in Z$  for all  $x, y \in U$ , we have D(x, y)z = zD(x, y), for all  $x, y \in U$  and  $z \in N$ . Relacing xw by  $w, w \in U$ , we get

$$D(xw, y)z = zD(xw, y)$$
  

$$D(x, y)\sigma(w)z + \tau(x)D(w, y)z$$
  

$$= zD(x, y)\sigma(w) + z\tau(x)D(w, y)$$
(3.1)

Taking  $z = \sigma(w)$  and using  $D(U, U) \subset Z$ , we obtain that

$$D(x, y)\sigma(w)\sigma(w) + \tau(x) D(w, y)\sigma(w)$$
  
=  $\sigma(w) D(x, y)\sigma(w) + \sigma(w)\tau(x) D(w, y)$ 

and so

$$D(w, y)[\sigma(w), \tau(x)] = 0$$
, for all  $x, y, w \in U$ 

Since Z contains no nonzero divisors of zero, we see that for each  $w \in U$ , either D(w, y) = 0 for all  $y \in U$  or  $[\tau(x), \sigma(w)] = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ . In the first case, equation (3.1) yields

$$D(x, y)[\sigma(w), z] = 0,$$
 for all  $x, y, w \in U, z \in N.$ 

By the same argument as above, we have, we have  $[\sigma(w), z] = 0$ , for all  $z \in N$ . In particular, we obtain for all  $x \in U$ ,  $[\tau(x), \sigma(w)] = 0$ , in each case. That is,  $U \subset Z$  by Lemma 2(iii). Hence N is a commutative ring by Lemma 4. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.** Let N be a 2-torsion free 3-prime near-ring. Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be nonzero symmetric bi- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -derivations of N and  $d_1$  and let  $d_2$  be nonzero trace of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , respectively. If  $d_2(y)$ ,  $d_2(y) + d_2(y) \in C$   $(D_1(x,z))$  for all  $x, y, z \in N$ , then (N, +) is abelian and  $d_2(N) \subseteq Z$ .

*Proof.* Since  $d_2(y)$ ,  $d_2(y) + d_2(y) \in C$   $(D_1(x, z))$  for all  $x, y, z \in N$ , if both w and w + w commute elementwise with  $D_1(x, z)$  for all  $s \in N$ , then

 $[D_1(x,z) + D_1(s,z)](w+w) = [D_1(x,z) + D_1(x,z) + D_1(s,z) + D_1(s,z)]w$ 

On the other hand,

$$[D_1(x,z) + D_1(s,z)](w+w) = [D_1(x,z) + D_1(s,z) + D_1(x,z) + D_1(s,z)]w$$

Comparing these expressions we get, for all  $x, s \in N$ ,

$$D_1((x,s),z)w = 0 (3.2)$$

Thus, let  $w = d_2(y)$  in (3.2), we get  $D_1((x,s), z) d_2(y) = 0$  for all  $x, z, s, y \in N$ , so  $D_1((x,s), z) = 0$ . Since (x, s) is also an additive commutator for any  $z \in N$ , we have

$$0 = D_1((x,s)z,z) = D_1((x,s),z)\sigma(z) + \tau((x,s))d_1(z)$$
  
=  $\tau((x,s))d_1(z)$ 

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Since  $\tau$  is an automorphism, we get (x, s) = 0. That is, (N, +) is abelian. Now, replacing xw by x in  $D_1(x, z) d_2(y) = d_2(y) D_1(x, z)$ , we get

$$0 = D_1(xw,z) d_2(y) - d_2(y) D_1(xw,z)$$
  
=  $D_1(x,z) \sigma(w) d_2(y) + \tau(x) D_1(w,z) d_2(y)$   
 $- d_2(y) \tau(x) D_1(w,z) - d_2(y) D_1(x,z) \sigma(w)$ 

Taking  $d_1(t)$  for  $\sigma(w)$  in the last relation, we get

$$\tau(x) D_1(w, z) d_2(y) = d_2(y) \tau(x) D_1(w, z)$$
(3.3)

Replacing wu by w in (3.3) and using (3.3), we have

$$\tau(x) D_1(w, z) \sigma(u) d_2(y) = d_2(y) \tau(x) D_1(w, z) \sigma(u)$$
  
=  $\tau(x) D_1(w, z) d_2(y) \sigma(u)$ 

$$\tau(x) D_1(w, z) [\sigma(u), d_2(y)] = 0$$

Since U is a nonzero semi-group ideal and  $D_1$  is nonzero, we get  $[\sigma(u), d_2(y)] = 0$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, we have  $d_2(N) \subseteq Z$ .

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