

## ON GAMMA-RINGS WITH $(\sigma, \tau)$ -SKEW-COMMUTING AND $(\sigma, \tau)$ -SKEW-CENTRALIZING MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $d(x) = D(x, x)$ . Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be an endomorphism and an epimorphism of  $M$ , respectively. We prove the following:

- (i) if  $d$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , then  $D = 0$ ;
- (ii) if  $d$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -skew-centralizing on  $M$ , then  $d$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ ;
- (iii) if  $M$  is a 3-torsion free  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying  $x\alpha y\beta z = x\beta y\alpha z$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , then 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -commutingness of  $d$  on  $M$  implies its  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -commutingness.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Yong-Soo Jung and Ick-Soon Chang [4] worked on  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew commuting and  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew centralizing maps of rings with left identity. Many authors (see, e.g. Bresar [3], Vukman [10] and references there in) investigated and studied skew-centralizing and skew-commuting mappings in classical ring theories. Bell and Lucier [2] studied skew-commuting and skew-centralizing additive maps by the existence of a left identity element instead of the condition of primeness of a ring and obtained some fruitful results concerning these. The study of permuting tri-derivations in prime and semiprime  $\Gamma$ -rings has been investigated by Duran Ozden and M. Ali Ozturk [5]. Symmetric bi-derivations and generalized symmetric bi-derivations have been studied in [6] and [7] by the authors Ozturk et al. and Ozturk and Sapanci, respectively. In [8], Ozturk worked on permuting tri-derivations in prime and semi-prime rings and developed some fruitful results in ring theories. M. A. Ozturk et al. [9] worked on symmetric

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bi-derivations on prime  $\Gamma$ -rings. They obtained some remarkable results on prime  $\Gamma$ -rings. In this paper, we study symmetric bi-additive maps with the generalized skew-commuting and skew-centralizing mappings of the trace, that is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting and  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-centralizing ones, in  $\Gamma$ -rings with left identity.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups. Then,  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring in the sense of Barnes [1] if there is a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$  for all  $a, b, c \in M$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $(a + b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c$ ,  $a(\alpha + \beta)b = a\alpha b + a\beta b$ ,  $a\alpha(b + c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$ ,
- (ii)  $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ .

Every ring is a  $\Gamma$ -ring and many notions on the ring theory are generalized to  $\Gamma$ -rings. Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. A subring  $I$  of  $M$  is an additive subgroup which is also a  $\Gamma$ -ring. A right ideal of  $M$  is a subring  $I$  such that  $I\Gamma M \subseteq I$ . Similarly, a left ideal can be defined. If  $I$  is both a right and a left ideal then we say that  $I$  is an ideal. In this paper, we shall take the following assumption

$$(2.1) \quad x\alpha y\beta z = x\beta y\alpha z,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Throughout this paper,  $M$  will represent a  $\Gamma$ -ring, and  $Z(M)$  will be its center. Let  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the commutator  $x\alpha y - y\alpha x$  will be denoted by  $[x, y]$ . It is easy to see that

$$[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = x\beta[y, z]_\alpha + [x, z]_\alpha\beta y + x[\beta, \alpha]_z y$$

and

$$[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta[x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha\beta z + y[\beta, \alpha]_x z,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . The assumption (2.1) reduces the above identities respectively to

$$[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = x\beta[y, z]_\alpha + [x, z]_\alpha\beta y$$

and

$$[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta[x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha\beta z,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be additive mappings from  $M$  into  $M$  and let  $x, y \in M$ . For convenience, the products  $y\alpha x + x\alpha y$ ,  $y\alpha\sigma(x) + \tau(x)\alpha y$  and  $y\alpha\sigma(x) - \tau(x)\alpha y$  are denoted by  $\langle y, x \rangle_\alpha$ ,  $\langle y, x \rangle_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)}$  and  $[y, x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)}$ , respectively.

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

We begin with the following results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$  be an endomorphism and  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism. Let  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $d$  the trace of  $D$ . If  $d$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , then we have  $D = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We are given that

$$(3.1) \quad \langle d(x), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = d(x)\alpha\sigma(x) + \tau(x)\alpha d(x) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . First, observe that if  $\tau$  is onto, then  $\tau(e)$  is also a left identity of  $M$ . This along with (3.1) gives

$$(3.2) \quad \langle d(e), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = d(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(e)\alpha d(e) = d(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + d(e) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then multiplying (3.2) from right-hand side by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  we obtain  $2d(e)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0$ , and it implies that  $d(e)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0$ . Hence, from (3.2) we get  $d(e) = 0$ . Let us replace  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.1). Then we have

$$\langle d(x + e), x + e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = d(x + e)\alpha\sigma(x + e) + \tau(x + e)\alpha d(x + e) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \langle d(x), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\langle D(x, e), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\langle D(x, e), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Substituting  $-x$  for  $x$  in (3.3) and comparing (3.3) with the result, we get

$$\langle d(-x), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\langle D(-x, e), -x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\langle D(-x, e), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$(3.4) \quad \langle d(x), e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = D(x, e)\alpha\sigma(e) + D(x, e) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , since  $d$  is an even function and  $M$  is 2-torsion free. Right multiplication (3.4) by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  gives

$$2D(x, e)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = D(x, e)\alpha\sigma(e),$$

and so, by (3.4), we have  $D(x, e) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ . Therefore we arrive at

$$d(x + e) = d(x) + d(e) + 2D(x, e) = d(x),$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Since  $d$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , the relation

$$d(x + e)\alpha\sigma(x + e) + \tau(x + e)\alpha d(x + e) = 0$$

becomes

$$d(x)\alpha\sigma(x) + d(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(x)\alpha d(x) + \tau(e)\alpha d(x) = 0,$$

and thus we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad d(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + d(x) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  in (3.5), we get  $2d(x)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = d(x)\alpha\sigma(e)$ , and hence the relation (3.5) implies that  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ , which gives the conclusion.  $\square$

The next result is to improve the above result.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$  be endomorphisms and  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be epimorphisms. If  $f$  is an additive map on  $M$  such that the mapping  $x \mapsto \langle f(x), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , then  $f = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Define a mapping  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  by

$$D(x, y) = \langle f(x), y \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + \langle f(y), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)},$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , and a mapping  $d : M \rightarrow M$  by  $d(x) = D(x, x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ , it is obvious that  $D$  is symmetric and bi-additive, and that  $d$  is the trace of  $D$ . The hypothesis that the mapping  $x \mapsto \langle f(x), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$  is equivalent to the fact that  $d$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , and so the theorem asserts us that  $d = 0$ , that is,  $f$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , from which it follows that

$$(3.6) \quad f(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(e)\alpha f(e) = f(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + f(e) = 0,$$

for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , and right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  gives  $2f(e)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = f(e)\alpha\sigma(e)$ . By (3.6), since  $M$  is a 2-torsion free  $\Gamma$ -ring we get  $f(e) = 0$  and so  $f(x + e) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in M$ . The condition that  $f(x + e)\alpha\sigma(x + e) + \tau(x + e)\alpha f(x + e) = 0$  now makes  $f(x)\alpha\sigma(x) + f(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(x)\alpha f(x) + f(x) = 0$ , and it follows that

$$(3.7) \quad f(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + f(x) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$ , we get  $2f(x)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = f(x)\alpha\sigma(e)$ , so by (3.7) we have  $f(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ .  $\square$

We continue our investigation with the next result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism. Let  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $d$  the trace of  $D$ . If  $d$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -skew-centralizing on  $M$ , then  $d$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$(3.8) \quad \langle d(x), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\tau, \tau)} = d(x)\alpha\tau(x) + \tau(x)\alpha d(x) \in Z(M),$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $\tau(e)$  is a left identity of  $M$  by the ontoeness of  $\tau$ , the supposition implies

$$(3.9) \quad d(e)\alpha\tau(e) + \tau(e)\alpha d(e) = d(e)\alpha\tau(e) + d(e) \in Z(M).$$

Commuting with  $\tau(e)$  we get  $d(e) = d(e)\alpha\tau(e)$ , and it along with (3.9) gives  $2d(e) \in Z(M)$ , hence  $d(e) \in Z(M)$ . Let us replace  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.8). Then we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} d(x)\alpha\tau(e) + 2\tau(x)\alpha d(e) + 2D(x, e)\alpha\tau(x) + 2D(x, e)\alpha\tau(e) + d(x) \\ + 2\tau(x)\alpha D(x, e) + 2D(x, e) \in Z(M), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Substituting  $-x$  for  $x$  in (3.10) and comparing (3.10) with the result, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(-x)\alpha\tau(e) + 2\tau(-x)\alpha d(e) + 2D(-x, e)\alpha\tau(-x) + 2D(-x, e)\alpha\tau(e) + d(-x) \\ + 2\tau(-x)\alpha D(-x, e) + 2D(-x, e) \in Z(M). \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$(3.11) \quad \tau(x)\alpha d(e) + D(x, e)\alpha\tau(e) + D(x, e) \in Z(M),$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , because of  $d$  is even and  $M$  is 2-torsion free.

Since  $d(e) \in Z(M)$  and  $e$  is a left identity of  $M$ , commuting with  $\tau(e)$  in (3.11) gives

$$(3.12) \quad [D(x, e), \tau(e)]_\alpha = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Thus, from (3.12) we conclude that  $D(x, e) = D(x, e)\alpha\tau(e)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Now, we can rewrite (3.11) as follows

$$(3.13) \quad \tau(x)\alpha d(e) + 2D(x, e) \in Z(M),$$

and commuting with  $\tau(x)$  in (3.13) gives

$$2[D(x, e), \tau(x)]_\alpha = 0 = [D(x, e), \tau(x)]_\alpha,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Due to the ontoeness of  $\tau$  we obtain  $D(x, e) \in Z(M)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

In view of  $D(x, e) = D(x, e)\alpha\tau(e)$  and  $D(x, e) \in Z(M)$ , the relation (3.10) can be rewritten in the form

$$(3.14) \quad d(x)\alpha\tau(e) + d(x) + 2\tau(x)\alpha d(e) + 4\tau(x)\alpha D(x, e) \in Z(M),$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Commuting with  $\tau(e)$  in (3.14) and then using the fact that  $[y, \tau(e)]_\alpha \beta z = 0$ , for all  $y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , yields

$$(3.15) \quad [d(x), \tau(e)]_\alpha \beta \tau(e) + [d(x), \tau(e)]_\alpha = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and right-multiplying by  $\beta\tau(e)$  gives

$$2[d(x), \tau(e)]_\alpha \beta \tau(e) = 0 = [d(x), \tau(e)]_\alpha \beta \tau(e)$$

and so it follows from (3.15) that  $d(x) = d(x)\alpha\tau(e)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Consequently, we see that the relation (3.14) becomes

$$(3.16) \quad d(x) + \tau(x)\alpha d(e) + 2\tau(x)\alpha D(x, e) \in Z(M),$$

since  $M$  is 2-torsion free. Commuting with  $\tau(x)$  in (3.16), we have  $[d(x), \tau(x)]_\alpha = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $\sigma, \tau : M \rightarrow M$  be endomorphisms. We define a mapping  $f : M \rightarrow M$  to be 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting (respectively, 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-centralizing) on the subset  $S$  if  $\langle f(x), x\beta x \rangle_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0$  (respectively,  $\langle f(x), x\beta x \rangle_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} \in Z(M)$ ), for all  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and  $f$  is said to be 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -commuting on  $S$  if  $[f(x), x\beta x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Of course, when  $\sigma = \tau = 1$  (the identity map on  $M$ ),  $f$  is simply called 2-skew-commuting, 2-skew-centralizing and 2-commuting on  $S$ , respectively. Here we extend the results on  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting maps to 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting ones.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a 2,3-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$  be an endomorphism and  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism. Let  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $d$  the trace of  $D$ . If  $d$  is 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting on  $M$ , then we have  $D = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that

$$(3.17) \quad \langle d(x), x\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Note that  $d(e) = 0$  by the same argument used in the proof of Theorem 3.1. Let  $t$  be any positive integer. Replacing  $x$  by  $x + te$  in (3.17) and using  $d(x + te) = d(x) + t^2d(e) + 2tD(x, e)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , we obtain

$$\langle d(x + te), (x + te)\beta(x + te) \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$\langle d(x) + 2tD(x, e), x\beta x + te\beta x + tx\beta e + t^2e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle d(x), x\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + t\langle d(x), e\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + t\langle d(x), x\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\ & + t^2\langle d(x), e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\ & + 2t\langle D(x, e), x\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2t^2\langle D(x, e), e\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\ & + 2t^2\langle D(x, e), x\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2t^3\langle D(x, e), e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $t$  is arbitrary and the coefficient determinant  $\neq 0$ , and also  $M$  is 2,3 torsion free, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D(x, e), x\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + \langle d(x), e\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + \langle d(x), x\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} &= 0, \\ \langle D(x, e), e\beta x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + \langle D(x, e), x\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} &= 0, \\ \langle D(x, e), e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$(3.18) \quad \langle D(x, e), e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0.$$

By (3.18), we obtain that

$$(3.19) \quad 2\{D(x, e)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(e)\alpha D(x, e)\} = 0 = D(x, e)\alpha\sigma(e) + D(x, e),$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ; and right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  and using (3.19), we get  $D(x, e) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$ . Hence this forces (3.19) to

$$(3.20) \quad \langle d(x), e\beta e \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = d(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(e)\alpha d(x) = d(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + d(x) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  on the right and utilizing (3.20), we conclude that  $d(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a 2,3-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$  be an endomorphism and  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism such that  $\sigma$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ . If  $f$  is an additive map on  $M$  which is 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-centralizing on  $M$ , then  $f$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $f(x)\alpha\sigma(x)\beta\sigma(x) + \tau(x)\beta\tau(x)\alpha f(x) \in Z(M)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$[f(x)\alpha\sigma(x)\beta\sigma(x) + \tau(x)\beta\tau(x)\alpha f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , hence

$$[f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma \alpha \sigma(x) \beta \sigma(x) + f(x) \alpha [\sigma(x) \beta \sigma(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma + \tau(x) \beta \tau(x) \alpha [f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma = 0,$$

which reduces to

$$(3.21) \quad [f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma \alpha \beta \sigma(x) \beta \sigma(x) + \tau(x) \beta \tau(x) \alpha [f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , because  $\sigma$  is  $(\tau, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ , i.e.,  $[\sigma(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . We introduce the mapping  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  by

$$D(x, y) = [f(x), \tau(y)]_\gamma + [f(y), \tau(x)]_\gamma,$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ; and the mapping  $d : M \rightarrow M$  by  $d(x) = D(x, x)$ , for all  $x \in M$ , it is obvious that  $D$  is symmetric and bi-additive, and that  $d$  is the trace of  $D$ . Now the relation (3.21) is equivalent to the fact that  $d$  is 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -skew-commuting, and so it follows from Theorem 3.3 that  $d(x) = 2[f(x), \tau(x)]_\gamma = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is 2-torsion-free, we obtain the conclusion of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a 2,3-torsion-free  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (3.1) with left identity  $e$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$  be an endomorphism and  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism. Let  $D : M \times M \rightarrow M$  be a symmetric bi-additive mapping and  $d$  the trace of  $D$ . If  $d$  is 2- $(\sigma, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ , then  $d$  is  $(\sigma, \tau)$ -commuting on  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let us define a mapping  $h : M \rightarrow M$  by  $h(x) = [d(x), x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)}$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Our assumption can now be written in the form

$$(3.22) \quad \langle h(x), x \rangle_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} = [d(x), x\beta x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$$

Since  $\tau(e)$  is also a left identity of  $M$  by the onto-ness of  $\tau$ , it follows that

$$(3.23) \quad h(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + \tau(e)\alpha h(e) = h(e)\alpha\sigma(e) + h(e) = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma,$$

and right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  gives  $2h(e)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = h(e)\alpha\sigma(e)$ . Hence, by (3.23), we get  $h(e) = [d(e), e]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0$ . Note that  $h$  is odd and for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,

$$(3.24) \quad h(x+e) = h(x) + [d(e), x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), e]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} + [d(x), e]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), x]_\alpha^{(\sigma, \tau)}.$$

We claim that  $h(x+e) = h(x)$   $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x+e$  in (3.22) and using (3.24), we have,  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.25) \quad 0 &= \langle h(x+e), x+e \rangle_{\beta}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\
 &= h(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &\quad + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &\quad + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &\quad + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + h(x) \\
 &\quad + \tau(x)\beta[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\tau(x)\beta[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\
 &\quad + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + \tau(x)\beta[d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\
 &\quad + 2\tau(x)\beta[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $-x$  for  $x$  in (3.25) and comparing (3.25) with the result, we get,  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.26) \quad &[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) \\
 &+ 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &+ 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + \tau(x)\beta[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \\
 &+ 2\tau(x)\beta[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

and right multiplication of (3.26) by  $\beta\sigma(e)$  gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.27) \quad 0 &= [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x)\beta\sigma(e) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x)\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &\quad + 2[d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 4[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) \\
 &\quad + \tau(x)\beta[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 2\tau(x)\beta[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us put  $x+e$  instead of  $x$  in (3.27) and utilize (3.27). Then we obtain

$$6[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 12[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) = 0;$$

and so

$$(3.28) \quad [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) = 0;$$

and the relation (3.28) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.29) \quad &[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(x) \\
 &= [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e\gamma x) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e\gamma x) \\
 &= \{[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e)\}\gamma\sigma(x) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the relation (3.27) becomes

$$2[d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) + 4[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)}\beta\sigma(e) = 0;$$



which gives

$$(3.30) \quad [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \beta \sigma(e) + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} \beta \sigma(e) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . According to (3.29) and (3.30), we therefore can be written (3.26) in the form

$$(3.31) \quad \tau(x) \beta [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2\tau(x) \beta [D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Finally, replacing  $x$  by  $x + e$  in (3.31) and applying (3.31) to the result, we obtain

$$3[d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 6[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0;$$

which implies that

$$(3.32) \quad [d(e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ; and the relation (3.31) with (3.32) yields

$$(3.33) \quad [d(x), e]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} + 2[D(x, e), x]_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . By applying (3.33) and (3.24), we now obtain that  $h(x + e) = h(x)$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , as claimed. Since  $\langle h(x), x \rangle_{\alpha}^{(\sigma, \tau)} = 0$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the relation  $h(x + e)\alpha\sigma(x + e) + \tau(x + e)\alpha h(x + e) = 0$  becomes  $h(x)\alpha(\sigma(x) + \sigma(e)) + (\tau(x) + \tau(e))\alpha h(x) = 0$ , and it follows that

$$(3.34) \quad h(x)\alpha\sigma(e) + h(x) = 0,$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Right-multiplying by  $\alpha\sigma(e)$  in (3.34), we get  $2h(x)\alpha\sigma(e) = 0 = h(x)\alpha\sigma(e)$ , and hence the relation (3.34) yields  $h(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  which gives the conclusion.  $\square$

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