

## On Left Centralizers of Semiprime $\Gamma$ -Rings

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### Abstract

Let  $M$  be a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying an assumption  $x\alpha y\beta z = x\beta y\alpha z$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . In this paper, we prove that a mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is a centralizer if and only if it is a centralizing left centralizer. We also show that if  $T$  and  $S$  are left centralizers of  $M$  such that  $T(x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(x) \in Z(M)$  (the center of  $M$ ) for all  $x \in M$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then both  $T$  and  $S$  are centralizers.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups.  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring if for all  $x, y, z \in M$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  the following conditions are satisfied :

- (i)  $x\beta y \in M$ ,
- (ii)  $(x + y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$ ,  $x(\alpha + \beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y$ ,  $x\alpha(y + z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$ ,
- (iii)  $(x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z)$ .

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  $I\Gamma M \subset I$ . 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.

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $M$ . If  $x\alpha y + y\alpha x \in S$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $S$  is called a Jordan subring of  $M$ .

The commutator  $x\alpha y - y\alpha x$  will be denoted by  $[x, y]_\alpha$ . We know that  $[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = [x, z]_\alpha \beta y + x\beta [y, z]_\alpha + x[\beta, \alpha]_z y$  and  $[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta [x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha \beta z + y[\beta, \alpha]_x z$ . We take an assumption (\*)  $x\beta z\alpha y = x\alpha z\beta y$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Using the assumption the

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basic commutator identities reduce to  $[x\beta y, z]_\alpha = [x, z]_\alpha\beta y + x\beta[y, z]_\alpha$  and  $[x, y\beta z]_\alpha = y\beta[x, z]_\alpha + [x, y]_\alpha\beta z$ .

Throughout,  $M$  denotes a  $\Gamma$ -ring with center  $Z(M)$ .  $M$  is said to be semiprime if  $x\Gamma M\Gamma x = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , it is prime if  $x\Gamma M\Gamma y = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . An additive mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is called a left (right) centralizer if  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y$  ( $T(x\alpha y) = x\alpha T(y)$ ) for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . If  $a \in M$ , then  $L_a(x) = a\alpha x$  and  $R_a(x) = x\alpha a, (x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma)$  define a left centralizer and a right centralizer of  $M$ , respectively. An additive mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is called a centralizer if  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y = x\alpha T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . A mapping  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is called centralizing (skew centralizing) if  $[f(x), x]_\alpha \in Z(M)$  ( $f(x)\alpha x + x\alpha f(x) \in Z(M)$ ) for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ , in particular, if  $[f(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  ( $f(x)\alpha x + x\alpha f(x) = 0$ ) for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ , then it is called commuting (skew-commuting). Obviously every commuting (skew-commuting) mapping  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is centralizing (skew centralizing). We recall if  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is commuting, then  $[f(x), y]_\alpha = [x, f(y)]_\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . A mapping  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is called central if  $f(x) \in Z(M)$  for all  $x \in M$ .

The theory of centralizers in rings is well established. Many mathematicians worked on centralizers of rings and found out some remarkable results. The theories of Banach algebras and  $C^*$ -algebra with centralizers are established by many authors.

Bresar [1-3] studied centralizing mappings with derivation in prime rings. Mayne [4] worked on centralizing automorphisms of prime rings. Recently, Vukman [5-7] and Zalar [8] studied on centralizer of semiprime rings and 2-torsion free semiprime rings. Samman and Chaudhry [9] established the necessary and sufficient condition for a mapping to be a centralizer. If two left centralizers  $T$  and  $S$  of a semiprime ring  $R$  satisfying  $T(x)x + xS(x) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ , then they also prove that both  $T$  and  $S$  are centralizers. Haque and Paul [10] worked on Jordan centralizers on a  $\Gamma$ -ring with certain assumption. For the extended centroid we refer to [11, 12]. They proved that every Jordan left centralizer on a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring is a left centralizer. They also proved that every Jordan centralizer on a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying a certain condition is a centralizer.

In this paper, we develop the results of [9] in Gamma rings. Our results are the generalizations of the results of Samman and Chaudhry [9]. The results in this paper for left centralizers are also true for right centralizers because of left-right symmetry.

## 2. Left Centralizers on Semiprime $\Gamma$ -rings

In this section, we prove our main results.

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $S$  be a set and  $M$  be a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring. If the functions  $f$  and  $g$  of  $S$  into  $M$  satisfy

$$f(s)\alpha x\beta g(t) = g(s)\alpha x\beta f(t) \text{ for all } s, t \in S, x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, \quad (1)$$

then there exist idempotent elements  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in C$ , the extended centroid on  $M$  and an invertible  $k \in C$  such that  $e_i\alpha e_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 1$  and  $e_1\alpha f(s) = k\beta e_1\alpha g(s)$ ,  $e_2\alpha g(s) = 0$ ,  $e_3\alpha f(s) = 0$  hold for all  $s \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Obviously, the identity holds in case  $x$  is an element from  $C(M)$ , the central closure of  $M$ . Thus there is no loss of generality in assuming that  $M$  is centrally closed. Let  $A = M\Gamma f(s)\Gamma M$  and  $B = M\Gamma g(s)\Gamma M$ . We have  $A^\perp = p\Gamma M$  and  $B^\perp = q\Gamma M$  for some idempotent elements  $p, q \in C$ . We set  $e_1 = (1 - p)\alpha(1 - q)$ ,  $e_2 = (1 - p)\alpha q$  and  $e_3 = p$ . Clearly  $e_i$ 's ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are mutually orthogonal idempotent elements with sum 1. Since  $q\alpha g(s) \in B^\perp$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , we have  $q\alpha g(s)\beta x \delta q\alpha g(s) = 0$ , which implies  $q\alpha g(s) = 0$ . Hence  $e_2\alpha g(s) = 0$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Similarly we see that  $e_3\alpha f(s) = 0$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

We note that  $(e_1\alpha A)^\perp = (e_1\alpha B)^\perp = (1 - e_1)\alpha M$ , that is,  $(e_1\alpha A)^\perp = (e_1\alpha B)^\perp = (1 - e_1)\Gamma M$ . Hence  $E = e_2\Gamma A \oplus (1 - e_1)\Gamma M$  is an essential ideal of  $M$ . Define  $\phi: E \rightarrow M$  by  $\phi(e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta f(s_i) \delta y_i) + (1 - e_1)\lambda r) = e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta g(s_i) \delta y_i) + (1 - e_1)\lambda r$ .

In order to show that  $\phi$  is well defined, we suppose that

$$e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta f(s_i) \delta y_i) = 0. \text{ Consequently } e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta f(s_i) \delta y_i) \gamma z \lambda g(t) = 0 \text{ holds for all } z \in M, t \in S, \alpha, \beta, \delta, \gamma, \lambda \in \Gamma.$$

Since by (1) we have  $f(s_i) \delta y_i \gamma z \lambda g(t) = g(s_i) \delta y_i \gamma z \lambda f(t)$ , it follows that

$$e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta g(s_i) \delta y_i) \gamma z \lambda f(t) = 0 \text{ for all } z \in M, t \in S, \alpha, \beta, \delta, \gamma, \lambda \in \Gamma.$$

Thus the elements  $e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta g(s_i) \delta y_i)$  lies in  $A^\perp$ . Since  $A^\perp = p\Gamma M$  and  $e_1 = (1 - p)\alpha(1 - q)$ , it follows that  $e_1\alpha(\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \beta g(s_i) \delta y_i) = 0$ . This proves that  $\phi$  is well defined.

Clearly  $\phi$  is an  $M_\Gamma$ -module homomorphism. Then there exist  $k \in C$  such that  $\phi(u) = k\beta u$  for every  $u \in E$ ,  $\beta \in \Gamma$ . Hence  $e_1\alpha f(s) = k\beta e_1\alpha g(s)$  for all  $s \in S$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . It remains to prove that  $k$  is invertible. Note that  $k\Gamma E = e_1\Gamma B \oplus (1 - e_1)\Gamma M$ . Since  $e_1\Gamma B \oplus (1 - e_1)\Gamma M$  is an essential ideal (namely  $(e_1\Gamma B)^\perp = (1 - e_1)\Gamma M$ ),  $k$  can not be a divisor of zero. Consequently,  $C$  is the extended centroid of  $M$ ,  $k$  is invertible. The proof is complete.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $M$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*) and  $U$  be a Jordan subring of  $M$ . If an additive mapping  $F$  of  $M$  into itself is centralizing on  $U$ , then  $F$  is commuting on  $U$ .

**Proof:** A linearization of  $[F(x), x]_\alpha \in Z$  gives  $[F(x), y]_\alpha + [F(y), x]_\alpha \in Z$  for all  $x, y \in U$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Replacing  $y$  by  $x\beta x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & [F(x), x\beta x]_\alpha + [F(x\beta x), x]_\alpha \in Z. \text{ Since } [F(x), x]_\alpha \in Z, \text{ we have } [F(x), x\beta x]_\alpha \\ & = x\beta[F(x), x]_\alpha + [F(x), x]_\alpha\beta x \\ & = [F(x), x]_\alpha\beta x + [F(x), x]_\alpha\beta x = 2[F(x), x]_\alpha\beta x. \text{ Thus} \\ & 2[F(x), x]_\alpha\beta x + [F(x\beta x), x]_\alpha \in Z \text{ for all } x \in U, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

By assumption  $[F(x\beta x), x\beta x]_\alpha \in Z$ , for all  $x \in U$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . That is

$$[F(x\beta x), x]_\alpha\beta x + x\beta[F(x\beta x), x]_\alpha \in Z. \tag{3}$$

Now fix  $x \in U$  and let  $z = [F(x), x]_\alpha$ ,  $u = [F(x\beta x), x]_\alpha$ . We must show that  $z = 0$ . By (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [F(x), 2z\beta x + u]_\alpha \\ &= 2z\beta[F(x), x]_\alpha + 2[F(x), z]_\alpha\beta x + [F(x), u]_\alpha = 2z\beta z + [F(x), u]_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[F(x), u]_\alpha = -2z\beta z$  (4)

According to (3) we have  $0 = [F(x), u\beta x + x\beta u]_\alpha = [F(x), u]_\alpha\beta x + u\beta[F(x), x]_\alpha + [F(x), x]_\alpha\beta u + x\beta[F(x), u]_\alpha$ , applying (4) we then get  $-4z\beta z\beta x + 2z\beta u = 0$ .

Thus  $z\beta u = 2z\beta z\beta x$ . Multiplying (4) by  $z\beta$  and using the last relation we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -2z\beta z\beta z &= z\beta[F(x), u]_\alpha = [F(x), z\beta u]_\alpha - [F(x), z]_\alpha\beta u = [F(x), z\beta u]_\alpha \\ &= [F(x), 2z\beta z\beta x]_\alpha = 2z\beta z\beta[F(x), x]_\alpha + [F(x), 2z\beta z]_\alpha\beta x = 2z\beta z\beta z. \text{ Hence } z\beta z\beta z = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since the center of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring contains no nonzero nilpotent elements, we conclude that  $z = 0$ . This proves the theorem.

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $T$  be a centralizing left centralizer of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  satisfying the condition (\*). Then  $T$  is commuting.

**Proof.** If  $M$  is 2-torsion free, then  $T$  is commuting follows from Theorem 2.3 by taking  $U = M$  in it. If  $M$  is not a 2-torsion free semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring, then

$$\begin{aligned} 2[T(x), x]_\alpha &= 0 \text{ for all } x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma \text{ (5) and} \\ 2([T(x), y]_\alpha + [T(y), x]_\alpha) &= 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$
 (6)

By assumption  $[T(x), x]_\alpha \in Z(M)$ . Linearizing this, we get

$$[T(x), y]_\alpha + [T(y), x]_\alpha \in Z(M) \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \tag{7}$$

Using (5) – (7) and the hypothesis that  $[T(x), x]_\alpha \in Z(M)$ , the following identity follows easily

$$[T(x), x\beta y + y\beta x]_\alpha + [T(y), x\beta x]_\alpha = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \tag{8}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y\delta x$  in (8), we get  $[T(x), x\beta y\delta x + y\delta x\beta x]_\alpha + [T(y\delta x), x\beta x]_\alpha = 0$ , which gives  $(x\beta y + y\beta x)\delta[T(x), x]_\alpha + [T(x), x\beta y + y\beta x]_\alpha\delta x + T(y)\delta[x, x\beta x]_\alpha + [T(y), x\beta x]_\alpha\delta x = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Combining this with (8), we get  $(x\beta y + y\beta x)\delta[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma$ , which gives  $(x\beta y - y\beta x + 2y\beta x)\delta[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $(x\beta y - y\beta x)\delta[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma$ . In particular, (replacing  $y$  by  $T(x)$  and  $\delta$  by  $\alpha$ )  $(x\beta T(x) - T(x)\beta x)\delta[T(x), x]_\alpha = -[T(x), x]_\alpha\beta[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Since a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring has no nontrivial central nilpotents, therefore  $[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $T$  be a centralizing left centralizer of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  satisfying the condition (\*), then  $T$  is a centralizer of  $M$ .

**Proof.** We have  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We now show that  $T(x\alpha y) = x\alpha T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $T$  is a centralizing left centralizer of  $M$ , therefore by Theorem 2.3, it is commuting. Thus  $[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . That is,  $T(x)\alpha x - x\alpha T(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Linearizing this, we get  $T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x - y\alpha T(x) - x\alpha T(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Replacing  $y$  by  $x\beta y$  in the last identity, we get

$$0 = T(x)\alpha x\beta y + T(x\beta y)\alpha x - x\beta y\alpha T(x) - x\alpha T(x\beta y) = T(x)\alpha x\beta y + T(x)\beta y\alpha x - x\beta y\alpha T(x) - x\alpha T(x)\beta y = (T(x)\alpha x - x\alpha T(x))\beta y + T(x)\beta y\alpha x - x\alpha y\beta T(x) = T(x)\beta y\alpha x - x\alpha y\beta T(x).$$

That is,

$$T(x)\beta y\alpha x - x\beta y\alpha T(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \tag{9}$$

Taking  $S = M, s = t = x, f(x) = T(x)$  and  $g(x) = x$  in (9) and applying Theorem 2.1 to (9) we conclude that there exist idempotent elements  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in C$  and an invertible  $p \in C$  such that  $e_i\alpha e_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 1$  and  $e_1\alpha T(x) = p\beta e_1\alpha x, e_2\alpha x = 0$  and  $e_3\alpha T(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Now  $e_2\alpha x = 0$  implies  $x\alpha e_2 = 0$ . Thus  $T(x\alpha e_2) = T(0)$ , which gives  $T(x)\alpha e_2 = T(0)\alpha 0 = 0$ . That is,  $T(x)\alpha e_2 = 0$  or  $e_2\alpha T(x) = 0$ . Thus

$$T(x) = e_1 + e_2 + e_3\alpha T(x) = e_1\alpha T(x) = p\beta e_1\alpha x.$$

That is,  $T(x) = p\beta e_1\alpha x$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $T(x)\alpha y - x\alpha T(y) = p\beta e_1x\delta y - x\alpha p\beta e_1\delta y = p\beta e_1\alpha x\delta y - p\beta e_1\alpha x\delta y = 0$ . That is,

$$T(x)\alpha y = x\alpha T(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \tag{10}$$

$$(T(x\alpha y) - T(x)\alpha y)\beta z\gamma(T(x\alpha y) - T(x)\alpha y) = 0.$$

By the semiprimeness of  $M$ , we have,  $T(x\alpha y) - T(x)\alpha y = 0$ . This implies  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y$ . Thus  $T(x\alpha y) = T(x)\alpha y = x\alpha T(y)$ . This shows that  $T$  is a centralizer.

**Remark 2.5** Obviously every centralizer is commuting because  $T(x\alpha x) = T(x)\alpha x = x\alpha T(x)$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ , and hence is a centralizing left centralizer. Thus we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6** A mapping  $T$  of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  satisfying the condition (\*) is a centralizer if and only if it is a centralizing left centralizer. Let  $T$  be a commuting left centralizer of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring, then  $T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha = x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha$  holds for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Since  $T$  is commuting, therefore  $[T(x), x]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . (11)

Linearizing (11), we get

$$[T(x), y]_\alpha + [T(y), x]_\alpha = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \tag{12}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x\beta y$  in (12) and using (12), we get  $0 = [T(x), x\beta y]_\alpha + [T(x\beta y), x]_\alpha = [T(x), x\beta y]_\alpha + [T(x)\beta y, x]_\alpha = [T(x), x]_\alpha\beta y + x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha + [T(x), x]_\alpha\beta y + T(x)\beta[y, x]_\alpha = x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha - T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha$ .

That is,  $x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha - T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Thus  $T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha = x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Remark 2.7** If  $T$  is a central left centralizer of a prime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$ , then either  $T = 0$  or  $M$  is commutative. This is because  $T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha = x\beta[T(x), y]_\alpha$  gives  $T(x)\beta[x, y]_\alpha = 0$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y\delta z$  in the last identity and using it, we get  $T(x)\beta y\delta[x, z]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ . Since  $M$  is prime, therefore  $T(x) = 0$  or  $[x, z]_\alpha = 0$  for all  $x, z \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . That is,  $T = 0$  or  $M$  is commutative.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $M$  be a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring satisfying the condition (\*) and  $T$  and  $S$  be left centralizers of  $M$  such that

$$T(x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(x) \in Z(M) \text{ for all } x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (13)$$

Then  $T$  and  $S$  are both centralizers.

**Proof.** Linearizing (13), we get

$$T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y) + y\alpha S(x) \in Z(M) \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \quad (14)$$

Thus  $[T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y) + y\alpha S(x), x]_\beta = 0$ , which gives

$$[T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y), x]_\beta = -[y\alpha S(x), x]_\beta \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (15)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta x$  in (14), we get  $T(x)\alpha y\beta x + T(y\beta x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y\beta x) + y\beta x\alpha S(x) = T(x)\alpha y\beta x + T(y)\beta x\alpha x + x\alpha S(y)\beta x + y\beta x\alpha S(x) = (T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y))\beta x + y\alpha x\beta S(x) \in Z(M)$ .

Thus  $[(T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y))\beta x + y\alpha x\beta S(x), x]_\beta = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This implies that

$$[T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x + x\alpha S(y), x]_\beta \beta x + [y\beta x\alpha S(x), x]_\beta = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (16)$$

Using (15), from (16) we get

$$-[y\alpha S(x), x]_\beta \beta x + [y\alpha x\beta S(x), x]_\beta = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (17)$$

Since  $[y\alpha S(x)\beta x, x]_\beta = [y\alpha S(x), x]_\beta \beta x$ , therefore (17) gives  $0 = -[y\alpha S(x)\beta x, x]_\beta + [y\alpha x\beta S(x), x]_\beta = [y\alpha(x\beta S(x) - S(x)\beta x), x]_\beta = [y\alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta, x]_\beta = y\alpha[[x, S(x)]_\beta, x]_\beta + [y, x]_\beta \alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta$ .

Thus

$$y\alpha[[x, S(x)]_\beta, x]_\beta + [y, x]_\beta \alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (18)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $z\lambda y$  in (18) and using (18), we get  $0 = z\lambda y\alpha[[x, S(x)]_\beta, x]_\beta + [z\lambda y, x]_\beta \alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta = z\lambda y\alpha[[x, S(x)]_\beta, x]_\beta + z\lambda[y, x]_\beta \alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta + [z, x]_\beta \lambda y\alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta = [z, x]_\beta \lambda y\alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta$ .

$$\text{That is, } [z, x]_\beta \lambda y\alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \Gamma. \quad (19)$$

In particular,  $[S(x), x]_\beta \lambda y\alpha[x, S(x)]_\beta = 0$  which, by semiprimeness of  $M$ , implies  $[S(x), x]_\beta = 0$ . Thus  $S$  is a commuting left centralizer and, by Theorem 2.2, is a centralizer.

We now show that  $T$  is commuting. By hypothesis and by the assumption, we have

$$0 = [T(x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(x), x]_\beta = [T(x), x]_\beta \alpha x + x\alpha[S(x), x]_\beta = [T(x), x]_\beta \alpha x. \text{ That is,}$$

$$[T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha x = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \tag{20}$$

From (15), we get  $[T(x)\alpha y + T(y)\alpha x, x]_{\beta} = [-x\alpha S(y) - y\alpha S(x), x]_{\beta}$ . Thus  $T(x)\alpha[y, x]_{\beta} + [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y + [T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha x = -x\alpha[S(y), x]_{\beta} - y\alpha[S(x), x]_{\beta} - [y, x]_{\beta} \alpha S(x) = -x\alpha[y, S(x)]_{\beta} - [y, x]_{\beta} \alpha S(x) = x\alpha[S(x), y]_{\beta} + [x, y]_{\beta} \alpha S(x)$ .

That is, for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$

$$T(x)\alpha[y, x]_{\beta} + [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y + [T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha x = x\alpha[S(x), y]_{\beta} + [x, y]_{\beta} \alpha S(x). \tag{21}$$

Again by hypothesis, we get

$$0 = [T(x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(x), y]_{\beta} = T(x)\alpha[x, y]_{\beta} + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha x + [x, y]_{\beta} \alpha S(x) + x\alpha[S(x), y]_{\beta}.$$

That is, for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$

$$-T(x)\alpha[y, x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha x = -[x, y]_{\beta} \alpha S(x) - x\alpha[S(x), y]_{\beta}. \tag{22}$$

Adding (21) and (22), we get

$$[T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y + [T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha x + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha x = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \tag{23}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y\beta T(x)$  in (23) and using (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y\beta T(x) + [T(y\beta T(x)), x]_{\beta} \alpha x + [T(x), y\beta T(x)]_{\beta} \alpha x \\ &= [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y\beta T(x) + [T(y)\beta T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha x + [T(x), y\beta T(x)]_{\beta} \alpha x \\ &= [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha y\beta T(x) + T(y)\beta[T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha x + [T(y), x]_{\beta} \beta T(x)\alpha x + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \beta T(x)\alpha x \\ &= -[T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha x\beta T(x) - [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha x\beta T(x) + [T(y), x]_{\beta} \beta T(x)\alpha x + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \beta T(x)\alpha x \\ &= [T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$[T(y), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \tag{24}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y\lambda x$  in (24) and using (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [T(y\lambda x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y\lambda x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} \\ &= [T(y)\lambda x, x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y\lambda x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} \\ &= [T(y), x]_{\beta} \lambda x\alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \lambda x\alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} \\ &= ([T(y), x]_{\beta} \lambda x + [T(x), y]_{\beta} \lambda x)\alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} \\ &= -[T(x), x]_{\beta} \lambda y\alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} + y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$[T(x), x]_{\beta} \lambda y\alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} = y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \Gamma. \tag{25}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x\alpha y$  in (25) and using (20), we get  $x\alpha y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha [T(x), x]_{\beta} = [T(x), x]_{\beta} \alpha x\alpha y\lambda [T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ .

That is,

$$x\alpha y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in M, \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \Gamma, \quad (26)$$

which gives  $T(x)\beta x\alpha y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ .

Further, replacing  $y$  by  $T(x)\beta y$  in (26), we get  $x\alpha T(x)\beta y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ . Combining the last two identities, we get  $(T(x)\beta x - x\beta T(x))\alpha y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ . That is,  $[T(x), x]_{\beta}\gamma\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ , which gives  $[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ . Since  $M$  is semiprime, therefore,

$$[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma. \quad (27)$$

Using (23), from (21) we get  $[T(x), x]_{\beta}\alpha y\lambda[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ , which by semiprimeness of  $M$  implies  $[T(x), x]_{\beta} = 0$ . Thus  $T$  is a commuting left centralizer and hence by Theorem 2.2,  $T$  is a centralizer.

Taking  $S = T$  in Theorem 2.7, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $T$  be a skew centralizing left centralizer of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  satisfying the condition (\*). Then  $T$  is a centralizer.

The following corollary is also obvious.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $T$  and  $S$  be left centralizers of a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  satisfying the condition (\*) such that  $T(x)\alpha x + x\alpha S(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then both  $T$  and  $S$  are centralizers.

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