

## Right Sided Ideals and Multilinear Polynomials with Derivations on Prime Rings

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**ABSTRACT** - Let  $R$  be an associative prime ring of char  $R \neq 2$  with center  $Z(R)$  and extended centroid  $C$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a nonzero multilinear polynomial over  $C$  in  $n$  noncommuting variables,  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $R$  and  $\rho$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ . We prove that: (i) if  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$  then  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent element  $e$  in the socle of  $RC$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued in  $eRCe$  unless  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $b\rho = 0$ ; (ii) if  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$  then  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent element  $e$  in the socle of  $RC$  and either  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central in  $eRCe$  or  $eRCe$  satisfies the standard identity  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  unless  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $b\rho = 0$ .

Throughout this paper,  $R$  always denotes a prime ring with extended centroid  $C$  and  $Q$  its two-sided Martindale ring of quotient. By  $d$  we mean a nonzero derivation of  $R$ . For  $x, y \in R$ , the commutator of  $x, y$  is denoted by  $[x, y]$  and defined by  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ . We denote  $[x, y]_2 = [[x, y], y] = [x, y]y - y[x, y]$ .

A well known result proved by Posner [17] states that  $R$  must be commutative if  $[d(x), x] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ . In [10] Lanski generalized the Posner's result to a Lie ideal. More precisely Lanski proved that if  $L$  is a noncommutative Lie ideal of  $R$  such that  $[d(x), x] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in L$ ,

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then  $\text{char } R = 2$  and  $R$  satisfies  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , the standard identity. Note that a noncommutative Lie ideal of  $R$  contains all the commutators  $[x_1, x_2]$  for  $x_1, x_2$  in some nonzero ideal of  $R$  ( see [10, Lemma 2 (i), (ii)]). So, it is natural to consider the situation when  $[d(x), x] \in Z(R)$  for all commutators  $x = [x_1, x_2]$  or more general case  $x = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a multilinear polynomial. In [11] Lee and Lee proved that if  $[d(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in some nonzero ideal of  $R$ , then  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$ , except when  $\text{char } R = 2$  and  $R$  satisfies  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ . Recently, De Filippis and Di Vincenzo (see [7]) consider the situation  $\delta([d(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ , where  $d$  and  $\delta$  are two derivations of  $R$ . The statement of De Filippis and Di Vincenzo's theorem is the following:

**THEOREM A** ([7, Theorem 1]). *Let  $K$  be a noncommutative ring with unity,  $R$  a prime  $K$ -algebra of characteristic different from 2,  $d$  and  $\delta$  nonzero derivations of  $R$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a multilinear polynomial over  $K$ . If  $\delta([d(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ , then  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$ .*

*In case  $\delta$  and  $d$  are two same derivations, the differential identity becomes  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ . So, it is natural to ask, what happen in cases  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$  and  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is a non-zero right ideal of  $R$ . In the present paper our object is to study these cases.*

For the sake of completeness we recall some basic notations, definitions and some easy consequences of the result of Kharchenko [8] about the differential identities on a prime ring  $R$ . First, we denote by  $Der(Q)$  the set of all derivations on  $Q$ . By a derivation word  $\Delta$  of  $R$  we mean  $\Delta = d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots d_m$  for some derivations  $d_i$  of  $R$ . For  $x \in R$ , we denote by  $x^\Delta$  the image of  $x$  under  $\Delta$ , that is  $x^\Delta = (\dots (x^{d_1})^{d_2} \dots)^{d_m}$ . By a differential polynomial, we mean a generalized polynomial, with coefficients in  $Q$ , of the form  $\Phi(x_i^{\Delta_j})$  involving noncommutative indeterminates  $x_i$  on which the derivations words  $\Delta_j$  act as unary operations.  $\Phi(x_i^{\Delta_j}) = 0$  is said to be a differential identity on a subset  $T$  of  $Q$  if it vanishes for any assignment of values from  $T$  to its indeterminates  $x_i$ .

Now let  $D_{int}$  be the  $C$ -subspace of  $Der(Q)$  consisting of all inner derivations on  $Q$ . By Kharchenko's theorem [8, Theorem 2], we have the following result:

Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic different from 2. If two nonzero derivations  $d$  and  $\delta$  are  $C$ -linearly independent modulo  $D_{int}$  and  $\Phi(x_i^{A_j})$  is a differential identity on  $R$ , where  $A_j$  are derivations words of the following form  $\delta, d, \delta^2, \delta d, d^2$ , then  $\Phi(y_{ji})$  is a generalized polynomial identity on  $R$ , where  $y_{ji}$  are distinct indeterminates.

As a particular case, we have:

If  $d$  is a nonzero derivation on  $R$  and  $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^d, \dots, x_n^d, x_1^{d^2}, \dots, x_n^{d^2})$  is a differential identity on  $R$ , then one of the following holds:

(i) either  $d \in D_{int}$

or

(ii)  $R$  satisfies the generalized polynomial identity  $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n)$

Denote by  $Q *_C C\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  the free product of the  $C$ -algebra  $Q$  and  $C\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , the free  $C$ -algebra in noncommuting indeterminates  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

Since  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a multilinear polynomial, we can write

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n + \sum_{I \neq \sigma \in S_n} \alpha_\sigma x_{\sigma(1)} \dots x_{\sigma(n)}$$

where  $S_n$  is the permutation group over  $n$  elements and any  $\alpha_\sigma \in C$ . We denote by  $f^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  the polynomial obtained from  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  by replacing each coefficient  $\alpha_\sigma$  with  $d(\alpha_\sigma \cdot 1)$ . In this way we have

$$d(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = f^d(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) &= d(f^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)) + d\left(\sum_i f(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n)\right) \\ &= f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n) \\ &+ \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n) + \sum_{i \neq j} f(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, d(x_j), \dots, x_n) \\ &\quad + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, d^2(x_i), \dots, x_n) \\ &= f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n) \\ &+ 2 \sum_{i < j} f(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, d(x_j), \dots, x_n) + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, d^2(x_i), \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

**1. The case for  $\rho = R$ .**

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $R = M_k(F)$  be the ring of all  $k \times k$  matrices over a field  $F$  of characteristic  $\neq 2$ ,  $b \in R$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a multilinear polynomial over  $F$ . If  $k \geq 2$  and  $[[b, [b, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]], f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$  or if  $k \geq 3$  and  $[[b, [b, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]], f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ , then either  $b \in F \cdot I_k$  or  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$ .*

PROOF. Let  $b = (b_{ij})_{k \times k}$ . Let  $e_{ij}$  be the usual matrix unit with 1 in  $(i, j)$  entry and zero else where. Now we proceed to show that  $b \in Z(R)$  if  $\in f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is non central valued on  $R$ .

For simplicity, we write  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x)$ , where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$   $R^n = R \times \dots \times R$  ( $n$  times). Then by assumption,

$$[[b, [b, f(x)]], f(x)] = [b^2f(x) - 2bf(x)b + f(x)b^2, f(x)] \in Z(R)$$

for all  $x \in R^n$ . Since  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is assumed to be noncentral on  $R$ , by [15, Lemma 2, Proof of Lemma 3] there exists a sequence of matrices  $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$  in  $R$  such that  $f(r) = f(r_1, \dots, r_n) = \alpha e_{ij} \neq 0$  where  $0 \neq \alpha \in F$  and  $i \neq j$ . Thus

$$[b^2\alpha e_{ij} - 2b\alpha e_{ij}b + \alpha e_{ij}b^2, \alpha e_{ij}] \in Z(R).$$

Since the rank of  $[b^2\alpha e_{ij} - 2b\alpha e_{ij}b + \alpha e_{ij}b^2, \alpha e_{ij}]$  is  $\leq 2$ ,  $[b^2\alpha e_{ij} - 2b\alpha e_{ij}b + \alpha e_{ij}b^2, \alpha e_{ij}] = 0$ . Left multiplying by  $e_{ij}$ , we get  $0 = e_{ij}(-2b\alpha e_{ij}b\alpha e_{ij}) = -2\alpha^2 b_{ji}^2 e_{ij}$ . Since  $\text{char } F \neq 2$ ,  $b_{ji} = 0$ . For  $s \neq t$ , let  $\sigma$  be a permutation in the symmetric group  $S_m$  such that  $\sigma(i) = s$  and  $\sigma(j) = t$ . Let  $\psi$  be the automorphism of  $R$  defined by  $x^\psi = \left(\sum_{p,q} \xi_{pq} e_{pq}\right)^\psi = \sum_{p,q} \xi_{pq} e_{\sigma(p), \sigma(q)}$ . Then  $f(r^\psi) = f(r_1^\psi, \dots, r_n^\psi) = f(r)^\psi = \alpha e_{st} \neq 0$  and we have as above  $b_{ts} = 0$  for  $s \neq t$ . Thus  $b$  is a diagonal matrix. For any  $F$ -automorphism  $\theta$  of  $R$ ,  $b^\theta$  enjoys the same property as  $b$  does, namely,  $[[b^\theta, [b^\theta, f(x)]], f(x)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x \in R^n$ . Hence,  $b^\theta$  must be diagonal. Write  $b = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{ii} e_{ii}$ ; then for each  $j \neq 1$ , we have

$$(1 + e_{1j})b(1 - e_{1j}) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{ii} e_{ii} + (b_{jj} - b_{11})e_{1j}$$

diagonal. Therefore,  $b_{jj} = b_{11}$  and so  $b$  is a scalar matrix.

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic different from 2 and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a multilinear polynomial over  $C$ . If for any  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,*

$$[f(x_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$$

*for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n, z_i \in R$ , then the polynomial  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$ .*

PROOF. Let  $a$  be a noncentral element of  $R$ . Then replacing  $z_i$  with  $[a, x_i]$  we have that for any  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$[f(x_1, \dots, [a, x_i], \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$$

and so

$$\left[ \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_1, \dots, [a, x_i], \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right] = 0$$

which implies,  $[a, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]_2 = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ . By [11, Theorem],  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$ .

THEOREM 1.3. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring of characteristic different from 2,  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $R$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a multilinear polynomial over  $C$ . If*

$$[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R) \quad \text{for all } x_1, \dots, x_n \in R,$$

*then either  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $R$  or  $R$  satisfies the standard identity  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $I$  be any nonzero two-sided ideal of  $R$ . If for every  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in I$ ,  $[d^2(f(r_1, \dots, r_n)), f(r_1, \dots, r_n)] = 0$ , then by [14], this generalized differential identity is also satisfied by  $Q$  and hence by  $R$  as well. By Theorem A,  $f(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  is then central-valued on  $R$  and we are done. Now we assume that for some  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in I$ ,  $0 \neq [d^2(f(r_1, \dots, r_n)), f(r_1, \dots, r_n)] \in I \cap Z(R)$ . Thus  $I \cap Z(R) \neq 0$ . Let  $K$  be a nonzero two-sided ideal of  $R_Z$ , the ring of central quotients of  $R$ . Since  $K \cap R$  is a nonzero two-sided ideal of  $R$ ,  $(K \cap R) \cap Z(R) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $K$  contains an invertible element in  $R_Z$  and so  $R_Z$  is a simple ring with identity 1.

By assumption,  $R$  satisfies the differential identity

$$\begin{aligned} &g(x_1, \dots, x_n, d(x_1), \dots, d(x_n), d^2(x_1), \dots, d^2(x_n)) \\ &= [[f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, x_n) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i < j} f(x_1, \dots, d(x_i), \dots, d(x_j), \dots, x_n) \\ &\quad + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, d^2(x_i), \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}]. \end{aligned}$$

If  $d$  is not  $Q$ -inner, then by Kharchenko's theorem [8],

$$(1) \quad \left[ \left[ f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, x_n) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + 2 \sum_{i < j} f(x_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_j, \dots, x_n) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right], x_{n+1} \right] = 0$$

for all  $x_i, y_i, z_i, x_{n+1} \in R$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . In particular, for any  $i$ , assuming  $y_1 = \dots = y_{i-1} = y_{i+1} = \dots = y_n = 0, z_1 = \dots = z_n = 0$ , we have

$$[[f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 2f^d(x_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}] = 0$$

and so

$$\left[ \left[ f^{d^2}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(x_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right], x_{n+1} \right] = 0$$

for all  $x_i, y_i, x_{n+1} \in R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus from (1), we obtain

$$(2) \quad \left[ \left[ 2 \sum_{i < j} f(x_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_j, \dots, x_n) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sum_i f(x_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right], x_{n+1} \right] = 0$$

for all  $x_i, y_i, z_i, x_{n+1} \in R$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

By localizing  $R$  at  $Z(R)$ , we obtain that (2) is also an identity of  $R_Z$ . Since  $R$  and  $R_Z$  satisfy the same polynomial identities, in order to prove that  $R$  satisfies  $S_4$ , we may assume that  $R$  is a simple ring with 1. Thus  $R$  satisfies the identity (2). Now putting  $y_i = [b, x_i] = \delta(x_i)$  and  $z_i = [b, [b, x_i]] =$

$= \delta^2(x_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  for some  $b \notin Z(R)$ , where  $\delta$  is an inner derivation induced by some  $b \in R$ , we obtain that  $R$  satisfies

$$[[\delta^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}] = 0.$$

Thus by Martindale's theorem [16],  $R$  is a primitive ring with a minimal right ideal, whose commuting ring  $D$  is a division ring which is finite dimensional over  $Z(R)$ . However, since  $R$  is simple with 1,  $R$  must be Artinian. Hence  $R = D_{k'}$ , the ring of  $k' \times k'$  matrices over  $D$ , for some  $k' \geq 1$ . Again, by [9, Lemma 2], it follows that there exists a field  $F$  such that  $R \subseteq M_k(F)$ , the ring of all  $k \times k$  matrices over the field  $F$ , and  $M_k(F)$  satisfies

$$[[\delta^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}] = 0.$$

If  $k \geq 3$ , then by Lemma 1.1, we have  $b \in Z(R)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $k = 2$ , that is,  $R$  satisfies  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ .

Similarly, the same conclusion can be drawn in case  $d$  is an  $Q$ -inner derivation induced by some  $b \in Q$ .

## 2. The case for one-sided ideal.

We begin with the following lemmas

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $\rho$  be a nonzero right ideal of  $R$  and  $d$  a derivation of  $R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by some  $b \in Q$  such that  $bp = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $d(\rho)\rho = 0$ .

For its proof, we refer to [2, Lemma].

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring,  $\rho$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_t)$  a multilinear polynomial over  $C$ ,  $a \in R$  and  $n$  a fixed positive integer. If  $f(x_1, \dots, x_t)^n a = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_t \in \rho$ , then either  $a = 0$  or  $f(\rho)\rho = 0$ .*

For its proof, we refer to [3, Lemma 2 (II)].

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $R$  be a prime ring. If  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$ , then  $R$  satisfies nontrivial generalized polynomial identity unless  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $bp = 0$ .*

PROOF. Suppose on the contrary that  $R$  does not satisfy any nontrivial generalized polynomial identity (GPI). Thus we may assume that  $R$  is noncommutative, otherwise  $R$  satisfies trivially a nontrivial GPI. Now we consider the following two cases:

CASE I. Suppose that  $d$  is a  $Q$ -inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 \neq 0$ . Then for any  $x_0 \in \rho$

$$[[b, [b, f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)]], f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)] \in Z(R)$$

that is

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} & [[b^2f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n) - 2bf(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)b \\ & + f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)b^2, f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)], x_0X_{n+1}] \end{aligned}$$

is a GPI for  $R$ , so it is the zero element in  $Q *_C C\{X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}\}$ . Denote  $l_R(\rho)$  the left annihilator of  $\rho$  in  $R$ . Suppose first that  $\{1, b, b^2\}$  are linearly  $C$ -independent modulo  $l_R(\rho)$ , that is  $(\alpha b^2 + \beta b + \gamma)\rho = 0$  if and only if  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$ . Since  $R$  is not a GPI-ring, a fortiori it can not be a PI-ring. Thus, by [13, Lemma 3] there exists  $x_0 \in \rho$  such that  $\{b^2x_0, bx_0, x_0\}$  are linearly  $C$ -independent. Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & [[b^2f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n) - 2bf(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)b \\ & + f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)b^2, f(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)], x_0X_{n+1}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a nontrivial GPI for  $R$ , a contradiction.

Therefore,  $\{1, b, b^2\}$  are linearly  $C$ -dependent modulo  $l_R(\rho)$ , that is there exist  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in C$ , not all zero, such that  $(\alpha b^2 + \beta b + \gamma)\rho = 0$ . Suppose that  $\alpha = 0$ . Then  $\beta \neq 0$ , otherwise  $\gamma = 0$ . Thus by  $(\beta b + \gamma)\rho = 0$ , we have that  $(b + \beta^{-1}\gamma)\rho = 0$ . Since  $b$  and  $b + \beta^{-1}\gamma$  induce the same inner derivation, we may replace  $b$  by  $b + \beta^{-1}\gamma$  in the basic hypothesis. Therefore, in any case we may suppose  $b\rho = 0$  and then from (3),  $R$  satisfies  $x_0X_{n+1}f^2(x_0X_1, \dots, x_0X_n)b^2 = 0$ . Since  $R$  does not satisfy any nontrivial GPI,  $b^2 = 0$ , a contradiction.

Next suppose that  $\alpha \neq 0$ . In this case there exist  $\lambda, \mu \in C$  such that  $b^2x_0 = \lambda bx_0 + \mu x_0$  for all  $x_0 \in \rho$ . If  $bx_0$  and  $x_0$  are linearly  $C$ -dependent for all  $x_0 \in \rho$ , then again we obtain  $b\rho = 0$  and so  $b^2 = 0$ . Therefore choose  $x_0 \in \rho$  such that  $bx_0$  and  $x_0$  are linearly  $C$ -independent. Then replacing  $b^2x_0$  with  $\lambda bx_0 + \mu x_0$ , we obtain from (3)



that  $R$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \{ (\lambda b + \mu) f^2(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n) - 2bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n) \right. \\ & \quad + f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)(\lambda b + \mu)f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n) \} \\ & \quad - \{ f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)(\lambda b + \mu)f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n) \\ & \quad \left. - 2f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)b + f^2(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)b^2 \}, x_0 X_{n+1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This is a nontrivial GPI for  $R$ , because the term

$$(\lambda b f^2(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n) - 2bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n))x_0 X_{n+1}$$

appears nontrivially, a contradiction.

CASE II. Suppose that  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$ . Thus we have that  $[-2bf(X_1, \dots, X_n)b, f(X_1, \dots, X_n)] \in Z(R)$  is satisfied by  $\rho$ . In case there exists  $x_0 \in \rho$  such that  $\{bx_0, x_0\}$  are linearly  $C$ -independent, we have that  $[[ -2bf(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)b, f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)], x_0 X_{n+1}]$  is a non trivial GPI for  $R$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\{bx_0, x_0\}$  are linearly  $C$ -dependent for all  $x_0 \in \rho$ , that is there exists  $\alpha \in C$  such that  $(b - \alpha)\rho = 0$ . Thus we have that  $[\alpha f^2(X_1, \dots, X_n)(\alpha - b), X_{n+1}]$  is satisfied by  $\rho$ , in particular  $R$  satisfies:

$$[\alpha f^2(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)(\alpha - b), f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)] = \alpha f^3(X_1, \dots, X_n)(\alpha - b)$$

for any  $x_0 \in \rho$ . Since  $R$  is not GPI, it follows that either  $b = \alpha \in C$ , which is a contradiction, or  $\alpha = 0$  which means  $b\rho = 0$ , as required.

CASE III. Suppose that  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b\rho = 0$ . Thus we have that  $[-f^2(X_1, \dots, X_n)b^2, X_{n+1}]$  is satisfied by  $\rho$ , in particular  $R$  satisfies:

$$[-f^2(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)b^2, f(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)] = f^3(x_0 X_1, \dots, x_0 X_n)b^2$$

for any  $x_0 \in \rho$ . Again since  $R$  is not GPI we conclude that  $b^2 = 0$ .

CASE IV. Next suppose that  $d$  is not  $Q$ -inner derivation. By our assumption we have that  $R$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \left[ [f^{d^2}(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i + xd(X_i), \dots, xX_n) \right. \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{i < j} f(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i + xd(X_i), \dots, d(x)X_j + xd(X_j), \dots, xX_n) \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_i f(xX_1, \dots, d^2(x)X_i + 2d(x)d(X_i) + xd^2(X_i), \dots, xX_n), f(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) \right], X_{n+1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By Kharchenko's theorem [8],

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ f^{d^2}(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i + xr_i, \dots, xX_n) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2 \sum_{i < j} f(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i + xr_i, \dots, d(x)X_j + xr_j, \dots, xX_n) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_i f(xX_1, \dots, d^2(x)X_i + 2d(x)r_i + xs_i, \dots, xX_n), f(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) \right], X_{n+1} \Big] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X_1, \dots, X_n, r_1, \dots, r_n, s_1, \dots, s_n \in R$ . In particular, for  $r_1 = r_2 = \dots = r_n = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ f^{d^2}(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) + 2 \sum_i f^d(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i, \dots, xX_n) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2 \sum_{i < j} f(xX_1, \dots, d(x)X_i, \dots, d(x)X_j, \dots, xX_n) + \sum_i f(xX_1, \dots, d^2(x)X_i, \dots, xX_n) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_i f(xX_1, \dots, xs_i, \dots, xX_n), f(xX_1, \dots, xX_n) \right], X_{n+1} \Big] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $R$  satisfies the blended component

$$[[f(xs_1, \dots, xX_n), f(xX_1, \dots, xX_n)], X_{n+1}] = 0$$

which is a nontrivial GPI for  $R$ , a contradiction.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be an associative prime ring of char  $R \neq 2$  with center  $Z(R)$  and extended centroid  $C$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a nonzero multilinear polynomial over  $C$  in  $n$  noncommuting variables,  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $R$  and  $\rho$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ . If  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$  then  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent  $e$  in the socle of  $RC$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $eRCe$  unless  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $bp = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $d$  is not a  $Q$ -inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $bp = 0$ .

Now assume first that  $f(\rho)\rho = 0$ , that is  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)x_{n+1} = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} \in \rho$ . Then by [12, Proposition],  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent  $e \in \text{soc}(RC)$ . Since  $f(\rho)\rho = 0$ , we have  $f(\rho R)\rho R = 0$  and hence  $f(\rho Q)\rho Q = 0$  by [4, Theorem 2]. In particular,  $f(\rho C)\rho C = 0$ , or equivalently,  $f(eRC)e = 0$ . Then  $f(eRCe) = 0$ , that is,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a PI for  $eRCe$  and, a fortiori, central valued on  $eRCe$ .

Next assume that  $f(\rho)\rho \neq 0$ , that is  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)x_{n+1}$  is not an identity for  $\rho$  and then we derive a contradiction. By Lemma 2.3,  $R$  is a GPI-ring

and so is also  $Q$  (see [1] and [4]). By [16],  $Q$  is a primitive ring with  $H = soc(Q) \neq 0$ . Moreover, we may assume  $f(\rho H)\rho H \neq 0$ , otherwise by [1] and [4],  $f(\rho Q)\rho Q = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Choose  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \rho H$  such that  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)a_0 \neq 0$ . Let  $a \in \rho H$ . Since  $H$  is a regular ring, there exists  $e^2 = e \in H$  such that

$$eH = aH + a_0H + a_1H + \dots + a_nH.$$

Then  $e \in \rho H$  and  $a = ea, a_i = ea_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Thus we have  $f(eHe) = f(eH)e \neq 0$ . By our assumption and by [14, Theorem 2], we also assume that

$$[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$$

is an identity for  $\rho Q$ . In particular  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$  is an identity for  $\rho H$  and so for  $eH$ . It follows that, for all  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in H$ ,

$$0 = [d^2(f(er_1, \dots, er_n)), f(er_1, \dots, er_n)].$$

We may write  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})x_n + h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $x_n$  never appears as last variable in any monomials of  $h$ . Let  $r \in H$ . Then replacing  $r_n$  with  $r(1 - e)$ , we have

$$(4) \quad 0 = [d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)].$$

Now, we know the fact that  $d(x(1 - e))e = -x(1 - e)d(e)$  and  $(1 - e)d(ex) = (1 - e)d(e)ex$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - e)d^2(ex(1 - e))e &= (1 - e)d\{d(e)ex(1 - e) + ed(ex(1 - e))\}e \\ &= (1 - e)d(e)d(ex(1 - e))e + (1 - e)d(e)d(ex(1 - e))e \\ &= -2(1 - e)d(e)ex(1 - e)d(e). \end{aligned}$$

Thus using this facts, we have from (4),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1 - e)[d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)] \\ &= (1 - e)d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e))t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e) \\ &= -2(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e) \\ &= -2((1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er)^2(1 - e). \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$0 = -2\{(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er\}^3$$

that is

$$0 = -2\{(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})eH\}^3.$$

By [6],  $(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})eH = 0$  which implies

$$(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1e, \dots, er_{n-1}e) = 0.$$

Since  $eHe$  is a simple Artinian ring and  $t(eHe) \neq 0$  is invariant under the action of all inner automorphisms of  $eHe$ , by [5, Lemma 2],  $(1 - e)d(e) = 0$  and so  $d(e) = ed(e) \in eH$ . Thus  $d(eH) \subseteq d(e)H + ed(H) \subseteq eH \subseteq \rho H$  and  $d(a) = d(ea) \in d(eH) \subseteq \rho H$ . Therefore,  $d(\rho H) \subseteq \rho H$ . Denote the left annihilator of  $\rho H$  in  $H$  by  $l_H(\rho H)$ . Then  $\overline{\rho H} = \frac{\rho H}{\rho H \cap l_H(\rho H)}$ , a prime  $C$ -algebra with the derivation  $\bar{d}$  such that  $\bar{d}(\bar{x}) = \overline{d(x)}$ , for all  $x \in \rho H$ . By assumption, we have that

$$[\bar{d}^2(f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)), f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)] = 0$$

for all  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \in \overline{\rho H}$ . By Theorem A, either  $\bar{d} = 0$  or  $f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$  is central-valued on  $\overline{\rho H}$ .

If  $\bar{d} = 0$ , then  $d(\rho H)\rho H = 0$  and so  $d(\rho)\rho = 0$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b\rho = 0$ . Then for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$ , we have by assumption that

$$0 = [[b, [b, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]], f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = -f^2(x_1, \dots, x_n)b^2.$$

By [3, Lemma 4], either  $b^2 = 0$  or  $f(\rho)\rho = 0$ . In both cases we have contradiction.

If  $f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$  is central-valued on  $\overline{\rho H}$ , then  $\rho H$ , as well as  $\rho$ , satisfies  $[f(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1}]x_{n+2} = 0$ . Then  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent element  $e \in soc(RC)$  by [12, Proposition] and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $eRCe$  and we are done.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be an associative prime ring of char  $R \neq 2$  with center  $Z(R)$  and extended centroid  $C$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a nonzero multilinear polynomial over  $C$  in  $n$  noncommuting variables,  $d$  a nonzero derivation of  $R$  and  $\rho$  a nonzero right ideal of  $R$ . If  $[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \in Z(R)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \rho$  then  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent  $e$  in the socle of  $RC$  and either  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $eRCe$  or  $eRCe$  satisfies  $S_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  unless  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $b\rho = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $d$  is not a  $Q$ -inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b^2 = 0$  and  $b\rho = 0$ .

If  $[f(\rho), \rho]\rho = 0$ , that is  $[f(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1}]x_{n+2} = 0$  for all

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+2} \in \rho$ , then by [12, Proposition],  $\rho C = eRC$  for some idempotent  $e \in \text{soc}(RC)$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is central-valued on  $eRCe$ .

So, assume that  $[f(\rho), \rho] \neq 0$ , that is  $[f(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1}]x_{n+2}$  is not an identity for  $\rho$  and then we derive that  $eRCe$  satisfies  $S_4$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $R$  is a GPI-ring and so is also  $Q$  (see [1] and [4]). By [16],  $Q$  is a primitive ring with  $H = \text{soc}(Q) \neq 0$ . Moreover, we may assume  $[f(\rho H), \rho H]\rho H \neq 0$ , otherwise by [1] and [4],  $[f(\rho Q), \rho Q]\rho Q = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Choose  $a_1, \dots, a_{n+2}, b_1, \dots, b_5 \in \rho H$  such that  $[f(a_1, \dots, a_n), a_{n+1}]a_{n+2} \neq 0$  and  $S_4(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4)b_5 \neq 0$ . Let  $a \in \rho H$ . Since  $H$  is a regular ring, there exists  $e^2 = e \in H$  such that

$$eH = aH + a_1H + \dots + a_{n+2}H + b_1H + \dots + b_5H.$$

Then  $e \in \rho H$  and  $a = ea, a_i = ea_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n + 2, b_i = eb_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ . Thus we have  $f(eHe) = f(eH)e \neq 0$ . Moreover, by [14, Theorem 2], we may also assume that

$$[[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}]$$

is an identity for  $\rho Q$ . In particular,  $[[d^2(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n)], x_{n+1}]$  is an identity for  $\rho H$  and so for  $eH$ . It follows that, for all  $r_1, \dots, r_{n+1} \in H$ ,

$$0 = [[d^2(f(er_1, \dots, er_n)), f(er_1, \dots, er_n)], er_{n+1}].$$

We may write  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})x_n + h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $x_n$  never appears as last variable in any monomials of  $h$ . Let  $r \in H$ . Then replacing  $r_n$  with  $r(1 - e)$  and  $r_{n+1}$  with  $r_{n+1}(1 - e)$ , we have

$$(5) \quad 0 = [[d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)], er_{n+1}(1 - e)].$$

Now, we know the fact that  $d(x(1 - e))e = -x(1 - e)d(e)$ ,  $(1 - e)d(ex) = (1 - e)d(e)ex$  and  $(1 - e)d^2(ex(1 - e))e = -2(1 - e)d(e)ex(1 - e)d(e)$ . Thus using these facts, we have from (5),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [[d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)], er_{n+1}(1 - e)] \\ &= [d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)]er_{n+1}(1 - e) \\ &\quad - er_{n+1}(1 - e)[d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)), t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)] \\ &= -t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e))er_{n+1}(1 - e) \\ &\quad - er_{n+1}(1 - e)d^2(t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e))t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e) \\ &= t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)d(e)er_{n+1}(1 - e) \\ &\quad + er_{n+1}(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er(1 - e). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $r_{n+1}$  with  $t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er$  in the above relation, we get

$$2t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er((1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er)^2(1 - e) = 0.$$

This implies

$$2((1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})er)^4 = 0$$

that is

$$2\{(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})eH\}^4 = 0.$$

By [6],  $(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1, \dots, er_{n-1})eH = 0$  which implies

$$(1 - e)d(e)t(er_1e, \dots, er_{n-1}e) = 0.$$

Since  $eHe$  is a simple Artinian ring and  $t(eHe) \neq 0$  is invariant under the action of all inner automorphisms of  $eHe$ , by [5, Lemma 2],  $(1 - e)d(e) = 0$  and so  $d(e) = ed(e) \in eH$ . Thus  $d(eH) \subseteq d(e)H + ed(H) \subseteq eH \subseteq \rho H$  and  $d(a) = d(ea) \in d(eH) \subseteq \rho H$ . Therefore,  $d(\rho H) \subseteq \rho H$ . Denote the left annihilator of  $\rho H$  in  $H$  by  $l_H(\rho H)$ . Then  $\overline{\rho H} = \frac{\rho H}{\rho H \cap l_H(\rho H)}$ , a prime  $C$ -algebra with the derivation  $\bar{d}$  such that  $\bar{d}(\bar{x}) = \overline{d(x)}$ , for all  $x \in \rho H$ . By assumption, we have that

$$[[\bar{d}^2 f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n), f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)], \bar{x}_{n+1}] = 0$$

for all  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \in \overline{\rho H}$ . By Theorem 1.3, either  $\bar{d} = 0$  or  $f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$  is central-valued on  $\overline{\rho H}$  or  $\overline{\rho H}$  satisfies the standard identity  $S_4(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_4)$ .

If  $\bar{d} = 0$ , then as in the proof of Theorem 2.4, we have  $d(\rho)\rho = 0$  and hence by Lemma 2.1,  $d$  is an inner derivation induced by an element  $b \in Q$  such that  $b\rho = 0$ . Thus for all  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \rho H$ ,

$$[d^2(f(r_1, \dots, r_n)), f(r_1, \dots, r_n)] = -f(r_1, \dots, r_n)^2 b^2 \in C.$$

Commuting both sides with  $f(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ , we obtain  $f(r_1, \dots, r_n)^3 b^2 = 0$ . In this case by Lemma 2.2, since  $b^2 \neq 0$ ,  $f(\rho H)\rho H = 0$ . If  $f(\rho H)\rho H = 0$ , then  $[f(\rho H), \rho H]\rho H = 0$ , a contradiction.

If  $f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$  is central-valued on  $\overline{\rho H}$ , then we obtain that

$$[f(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1}]x_{n+2}$$

is an identity for  $\rho$ , a contradiction.

Finally, if  $S_4(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_4)$  is an identity for  $\overline{\rho H}$ ,  $S_4(x_1, \dots, x_4)x_5$  is an identity for  $\rho H$  and so for  $\rho C$  and this contradicts the choices of the elements  $b_1, \dots, b_5 \in \rho H$ . Therefore, we conclude that in any case  $\rho C$  satisfies a polynomial identity, hence by [12, Proposition], there exists an idempotent  $e \in Soc(RC)$  such that  $\rho C = eRC$ , as desired.

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