

On Generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -Derivations in Near-Rings

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Abstract: In the present paper, we introduce the notion of generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation in near-ring N and investigate a property involving generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation of a prime near-ring N , which forces N to be a commutative ring. Additive commutativity of a prime near-ring N satisfying certain identities involving generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation has also been obtained.

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INTRODUCTION

A nonempty set N equipped with two binary operations '+' and '.' is called a left nearring provided that $(N, +)$ is a group (not necessarily abelian), (N, \cdot) is a semigroup and $x(y + z) = xy + xz$ for all $x, y, z \in N$. A left near-ring N is called zero symmetric if $0x = 0$ for all $x \in N$ (recall that in a left near-ring N , $x \cdot 0 = 0$ holds for all $x \in N$). N is called a prime near-ring if $xNy = \{0\}$ implies $x = 0$ or $y = 0$. The symbol Z will denote the multiplicative center of N , that is, $Z = \{x \in N \mid xy = yx \text{ for all } y \in N\}$. For any $x, y \in N$ the symbols $[x, y] = xy - yx$ and $(x, y) = x + y - x - y$ stand for multiplicative commutator and additive commutator of x and y respectively. Let X and Y be nonempty subsets of N . By the notation $[X, Y]$, we mean a subset of N defined by $[X, Y] = \{[x, y] \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$. Throughout this paper by the term "near-ring N ", we mean a zero symmetric left near-ring. For terminologies concerning near-rings, we refer to G. Pilz [1].

An additive map $d: N \rightarrow N$ is called a derivation if $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$ (or equivalently $d(xy) = xd(y) + d(x)y$) holds for all $x, y \in N$. The concept of derivation has been generalized in several ways by various authors [2-8]. Very recently the authors [5, 6] extended the above notion of derivation by introducing the notions of generalized n -derivation and (σ, τ) - n -derivation, where n is a positive integer.

Let n be a fixed positive integer. An n -additive (i.e., additive in each argument) mapping $D: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called an n -derivation if the relations $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, xix'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'i + xiD(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ [4].

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a left generalized n -derivation of N with associated n -derivation D if the relations $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, xix'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'i + xiF(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a right generalized n -derivation of N with associated n -derivation D if the relations $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, xix'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'i + xiD(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Lastly an n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a generalized n -derivation of N with associated n -derivation D if it is both a right generalized n -derivation as well as a left generalized n -derivation of N with associated n -derivation D [5].

An n -additive (i.e., additive in each argument) mapping $D: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a (σ, τ) - n -derivation of N if there exist functions $\sigma, \tau: N \rightarrow N$ such that the relations $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, xix'0i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'i) + \tau(xi)D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ [4].

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *left generalized (σ, τ) - n -derivation* of N if there exists a (σ, τ) - n -derivation D and the relations $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

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The literature on near-ring N contains a number of theorems asserting additive or multiplicative commutativity of N . Bell & Mason [6, 9], Ashraf *et al.* [2-6], G'olbasi [10-12] etc. have proved several results on commutativity of addition and multiplication of prime near-rings which admit derivations, generalized derivations, (σ, τ) -derivations and n -derivations. Our aim in this paper is to study the commutativity of addition and multiplication of a prime near-ring which admits a generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation. In fact our theorems extend, generalize and unify several results obtained earlier.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Now we introduce a weaker family of derivations in near-ring N . Of course this family generalizes the notions of n -derivations, generalized n -derivations, (σ, τ) - n -derivations and generalized (σ, τ) - n -derivations discussed above.

Let n be a fixed positive integer and i be an integer with $1 \leq i \leq n$. An n -additive (i.e., additive in each argument) mapping $D: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *i - n -derivation* of N if the relation $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'_i + x_i D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ holds for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$. From the above definition it is obvious that if D is a i - n -derivation of N for each i with $1 \leq i \leq n$, then D is an n -derivation of N and conversely. It can be also observed that every n -derivation is a i - n -derivation but its converse is not true.

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *right generalized i - n -derivation* of N with associated i - n -derivation D if the relation $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'_i + x_i D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ holds for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$.

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *left generalized i - n -derivation* of N with associated i - n -derivation D if the relation $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)x'_i + x_i F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ holds for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$. Finally an n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *generalized i - n -derivation* of N with associated i - n -derivation D if it is both a right generalized i - n -derivation as well as a left generalized i - n -derivation of N with associated i - n -derivation D .

An n -additive (i.e., additive in each argument) mapping $D: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *(σ, τ) - i - n -derivation* of N if there exist functions $\sigma, \tau: N \rightarrow N$ such that the relation $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ holds for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$.

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *left generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation* of N if there exists a (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D and the relation $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$.

An n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *right generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation* of N if there exists a (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D and the relation $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ hold for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$. Here we say that F is a left generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation (resp. right generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation) of N with associated (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D .

derivation) of N with associated (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D . Finally an n -additive mapping $F: N \times N \times \dots \times N \rightarrow N$ is called a *generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation* of N if there exists a (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D and F is both a left generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation as well as a right generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation of N with associated (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D of N .

We facilitate our discussion with the following lemmas which are essential for developing the proofs of our main results. Proofs of Lemmas 2:1 & 2:2 can be seen in [9, 13]. Throughout further discussion, σ and τ will represent automorphisms of N .

Lemma 2:1: Let N be a prime near-ring. If $Z \setminus \{0\}$ contains an element z for which $z + z \in Z$, then $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Lemma 2:2: Let N be a prime near-ring. If $z \in Z \setminus \{0\}$ and x is an element of N such that $xz \in Z$ or $zx \in Z$ then $x \in Z$:

In a left near-ring N , right distributive law does not hold in general, however, we can prove the following partial distributive properties in N .

Lemma 2:3: Let N be a near-ring admitting a generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation F with associated (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D of N . Then, $(D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n))y = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)y + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)y$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \in N$:

Proof. For all $x_1, \dots, x_i, x'_i, x''_i, \dots, x_n \in N$,
 $F(x_1, \dots, (xix'_i)x''_i, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1, \dots, xix'_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x''_i)$
 $+ \tau(xix'_i)D(x_1, \dots, x''_i, \dots, x_n)$
 $= fD(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)$
 $+ \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)g\sigma(x''_i)$
 $+ \tau(x_i)\tau(x'_i)D(x_1, \dots, x''_i, \dots, x_n)$

Also

$$F(x_1, \dots, xix'_ix''_i, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(xix''_i)$$

$$+ \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_ix''_i, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= D(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)\sigma(x''_i)$$

$$+ \tau(x_i)fF(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\sigma(x''_i) + \tau(x'_i)D(x_1, \dots, x''_i, \dots, x_n)g$$

$$= D(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)\sigma(x''_i)$$

$$+ \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\sigma(x''_i) + \tau(x_i)\tau(x'_i)D(x_1, \dots, x''_i, \dots, x_n)$$

Combining the above two relations, we get

$$fD(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)g\sigma(x''_i)$$

$$= D(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)\sigma(x''_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x''_i)$$

Since σ is an automorphism, replacing x''_i by $\sigma^{-1}(y)$, where $y \in N$ we find that

$$fD(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)gy$$

$$= D(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i)y + \tau(x_i)F(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)y$$

Lemma 2:4: Let N be prime near-ring admitting a generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation F with associated nonzero (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D of N and $x \in N$:

- (i) If $xF(N, N, \dots, N) = \{0\}$, then $x = 0$:
- (ii) If $F(N, N, \dots, N)x = \{0\}$, then $x = 0$:

Proof. (i) Given that $xF(x_1, \dots, xix'_i, \dots, x_n) = 0$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_i, x'_i, \dots, x_n \in N$.

This yields that $x(fF(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)\sigma(x'_i) + \tau(x_i)D(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n)g) = 0$: By hypothesis, we have $x\tau(x_i)D(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n) = 0$. Since τ is an automorphism of N , this implies that $xND(x_1, \dots, x'_i, \dots, x_n) = \{0\}$. Now primeness of N and $D \neq 0$, provide us $x = 0$:

(ii) It can be proved in a similar way by using Lemma 2:3.

MAIN RESULTS

The main result of the present paper states as follows:

Theorem 3:1: Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a nonzero generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation F with associated (σ, τ) - i - n -derivation D of N : If $F(N, N, \dots, N) \in Z$, then N is a commutative ring.

Proof. Here we divide the proof in two cases:

Case I: Assume that $D \neq 0$. We have for all $x_1, \dots, xi, x'i, \dots, xn \in N$

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xix'i, xi+1, \dots, xn) = D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i) + \tau(xi)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn) \in Z: (3:1)$$

Hence

$$fD(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i) + \tau(xi)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn)g\tau(xi) = \tau(xi)fD(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i) + \tau(xi)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn)g:$$

By hypothesis and Lemma 2:3 we obtain $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i)\tau(xi) = \tau(xi)D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i)$, putting $x'i$ where $y \in N$ for $x'i$ in the preceding relation and using it again we get

$$D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)\sigma(x'i)(\sigma(y)\tau(xi) - \tau(xi)\sigma(y)) = 0$$

i.e., $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn)N[\sigma(y), \tau(xi)] = \{0\}$. But primeness of N yields that for each fixed xi either $\tau(xi) \in Z$ or $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xi, xi+1, \dots, xn) = 0$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xn \in N$: If first case holds then $xi \in Z$. If second case holds then equation (3:1) takes the form

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xix'i, xi+1, \dots, xn) = \tau(xi)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn \in N$: By hypothesis and Lemma 2:2, $\tau(xi) \in Z$ i.e., $xi \in Z$. Including both cases we obtain that $xi \in Z$ i.e., $N = Z$. Thus we conclude that N is a commutative near-ring. Since $N \neq \{0\}$, there exists $0 \neq p \in N = Z$ such that $p + p \in N = Z$. By Lemma 2:1 we find that N is a commutative ring.

Case II: Now let $D = 0$. Then under this condition relation (3:1) takes the form

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, xix'i, xi+1, \dots, xn) = \tau(xi)F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi-1, x'i, xi+1, \dots, xn) \in Z$$

for all $x_1, \dots, xi, x'i, \dots, xn \in N$. Using the hypothesis and Lemma 2:2, we infer that $\tau(xi) \in Z$ i.e., $xi \in Z$. This implies that $N = Z$: Now arguing in the similar lines as in the above Case I, we conclude that N is a commutative ring.
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Corollary 3:1 ([6], Theorem 3:1). Let N be a prime near-ring admitting a nonzero generalized (σ, τ) - n -derivation F with associated (σ, τ) - n -derivation D of N : If $F(N, N, \dots, N) \subseteq Z$, then N is a commutative ring.

Theorem 3:2: Let F_1 and F_2 be generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivations of prime near-ring N with associated nonzero (σ, τ) - i - n -derivations D_1 and D_2 of N respectively. If $[F_1(N, N, \dots, N), F_2(N, N, \dots, N)] = \{0\}$, then $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Proof. If both z and $z + z$ commute element wise with $F_2(N, N, \dots, N)$, then $zF_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, \dots, xn) = F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, \dots, xn)z$ and $(z+z)F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, \dots, xn) = F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, \dots, xn)(z+z)$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, \dots, xn \in N$: In particular, $(z+z)F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi+x'i, \dots, xn) = F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi+x'i, \dots, xn)(z+z)$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xi, x'i, \dots, xn \in N$: From the previous equalities we get $zF_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, xi+x'i-xi-x'i, \dots, xn) = 0$, i.e., $zF_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, (xi, x'i), \dots, xn) = 0$: Putting $z = F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn)$ we get $F_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn)F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, (xi, x'i), \dots, xn) = 0$: By Lemma 2:4(ii) we conclude that $F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, (xi, x'i), \dots, xn) = 0$: Putting $w(xi, x'i)$ in place of additive commutator $(xi, x'i)$ where $w \in N$ we have $F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, w(xi, x'i), \dots, xn) = 0$: i.e., $D_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, w, \dots, xn)\sigma(xi, x'i) + \tau(w)F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, (xi, x'i), \dots, xn) = 0$: Previous equality yields $D_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, w, \dots, xn)\sigma(xi, x'i) = 0$. By Lemma 2:4(ii), we conclude that $\sigma(xi, x'i) = 0$: But σ is an automorphism, we obtain that $(xi, x'i) = 0$ and hence $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Corollary 3:2 ([6], Theorem 3:2). Let F_1 and F_2 be generalized (σ, τ) - n -derivations of prime near-ring N with associated nonzero (σ, τ) - n -derivations D_1 and D_2 of N respectively. If $[F_1(N, N, \dots, N), F_2(N, N, \dots, N)] = \{0\}$, then $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Theorem 3:3: Let F and G be generalized (σ, τ) - i - n -derivations of prime near-ring N with associated nonzero (σ, τ) - i - n -derivations D and H of N respectively.

If $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn) = -G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn)$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xn, y_1, y_2, \dots, yn \in N$, then $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Proof. For all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xn, y_1, y_2, \dots, yn \in N$ we have,

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn) = -G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn).$$

We substitute $yi + yi'$ for yi in preceding relation thereby obtaining,

$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi + yi, \dots, yn) + G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi + yi, \dots, yn) = 0$ i.e., $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn) + F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi', \dots, yn) + G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn) + G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi', \dots, yn)$: Using the hypothesis we get, $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn) + F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi', \dots, yn) - F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, \dots, yn) - F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yi', \dots, yn) = 0$ i.e., $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, (yi, yi'), \dots, yn) = 0$: Now using Lemma 2:4(ii) we get $H(y_1, y_2, \dots, (yi, yi'), \dots, yn) = 0$. Replacing (yi, yi') by $w(yi, yi')$ where $w \in N$ in the previous relation and using it again we have $H(y_1, y_2, \dots, w, \dots, yn)\sigma(yi, yi') = 0$ for all $w, y_1, y_2, \dots, yi, yi', \dots, yn \in N$: By Lemma 2:4(ii), we conclude that $\sigma(yi, yi') = 0$ and hence $(N, +)$ is abelian.

Corollary 3:3 ([6], Theorem 3:3). Let F and G be generalized (σ, τ) - n -derivations of prime near-ring N with associated nonzero (σ, τ) - n -derivations D and H of N respectively. If $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)H(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn) = -G(x_1, x_2, \dots, xn)D(y_1, y_2, \dots, yn)$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, xn, y_1, y_2, \dots, yn \in N$, then $(N, +)$ is abelian.

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