# JORDAN DERIVATIONS ON PRIME RINGS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN BANACH ALGEBRAS, II

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to prove that the non-commutative version of the Singer-Wermer Conjecture is affirmative under certain conditions. Let A be a noncommutative Banach algebra. We show that if there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \to A$  such that  $[D(x), x]D(x)^3 \in \operatorname{rad}(A)$  for all  $x \in A$ , then  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ .

#### 1. Introduction

Throughout, R represents an associative ring and A will be a complex Banach algebra. We write [x,y] for the commutator xy-yx for x,y in a ring. Let  $\operatorname{rad}(R)$  denote the (Jacobson) radical of a ring R. And a ring R is said to be (Jacobson) semisimple if its Jacobson radical  $\operatorname{rad}(R)$  is zero.

A ring R is called n-torsion free if nx = 0 implies x = 0. Recall that R is prime if aRb = (0) implies that either a = 0 or b = 0, and is semiprime if aRa = (0) implies a = 0. And an additive mapping D from R to R is called a derivation if D(xy) = D(x)y + xD(y) holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . And an additive mapping D from R to R is called a Jordan derivation if  $D(x^2) = D(x)x + xD(x)$  holds for all  $x \in R$ .

Johnson and Sinclair[5] have proved that any linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. Singer and Wermer[13](or Theorem 16 in [1]) states that every continuous linear derivation on a commutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical. From these two results, we can conclude that there are no nonzero linear

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derivations on a commutative semisimple Banach algebra.

Thomas[14] has proved that any linear derivation on a commutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical.

A noncommutative version of Singer and Wermer's Conjecture states that every continuous linear derivation on a noncommutative Banach algebra maps the algebra into its radical.

Vukman[16] has proved the following: Let R be a 2-torsion free prime ring. If  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  is a derivation such that [D(x), x]D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ , then D = 0.

Moreover, using the above result, he has proved that the following holds: let A be a noncommutative semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose that [D(x), x]D(x) = 0 holds for all  $x \in A$ . In this case, D = 0.

Kim[6] has showed that the following result holds: Let R be a 3!-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \to R$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . In this case, we have  $[D(x), x]^5 = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

Kim[7] has showed that the following result holds: Let A be a non-commutative Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \to A$  such that  $D(x)[D(x), x]D(x) \in rad(A)$  for all  $x \in A$ . In this case, we have  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

For furthermore results, see the references [2, 8, 11, 15].

Kim[9] has proved the following result in the ring theory in order to apply it to the Banach algebra theory:

Let R be a 3!-torsion free semiprime ring, and suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$D(x)^2[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . In this case, we obtain [D(x), x] = 0 for all  $x \in R$ . In particular, if R is a 3!-torsionfree noncommutative and prime ring, then we get D = 0. And using the above result, we generalize Vukman's result[16] as follows: let A be a noncommutative Banach algebra and let  $D: A \longrightarrow A$  be a continuous linear Jordan derivation, and suppose that  $D(x)^2[D(x), x] \in rad(A)$  holds for all  $x \in A$ . Then we have  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

Kim[10] show that the following results hold:

Let R be a 7!-torsionfree prime ring, and if there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ , then D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ . Moreover, we show that if there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation D on a a noncommutative Banach Algebra A such that

$$D(x)^3[D(x), x] \in rad(A)$$

for all  $x \in A$ , then  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

In this paper, our first aim is to prove the following result in the ring theory in order to apply it to the Banach algebra theory:

Let R be a 7!-torsionfree prime ring, and suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)^3 = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . In this case, we obtain D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ . We apply the above result to the Banach algebra theory. Let A be a noncommutative Banach Algebra, and suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)^3 \in rad(A)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then we obtain  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

#### 2. Preliminaries

The following lemma is due to Chung and Luh[4].

LEMMA 2.1. ([4] Lemma 1.) Let R be a n!-torsion free ring. Suppose there exist elements  $y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_{n-1}, y_n$  in R such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n t^k y_k = 0$  for all  $t = 1, 2, \cdots, n$ . Then we have  $y_k = 0$  for every positive integer k with  $1 \le k \le n$ .

The following theorem is due to Brešar[3].

THEOREM 2.2. ([3] Theorem 1.) Let R be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring and let  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  be a Jordan derivation. In this case, D is a derivation.

### 3. Main results

The following lemmas are due to Kim[10].

Lemma 3.1. ([10] Lemma 3.) Let R be a 2-torsion free noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D:R\longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[D(x), x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

LEMMA 3.2. ([10] Lemma 1.) Let R be a 2-torsion free noncommutative semiprime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D:R\longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[[D(x), x], x] = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have [D(x), x] = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

Lemma 3.3. ([10] Lemma 4.) Let R be a 7!-torsionfree noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[[D(x), x], x]yD(x)^5 = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

Proof. Let  $[[D(x), x], x]yD(x)^5 = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then it is obvious that  $D(x)^5y[[D(x), x], x]zD(x)^5y[[D(x), x], x] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Then since R is a 7!-torsionfree noncommutative prime ring, it follows that  $D(x)^5y[[D(x), x], x] = 0$ . In fact, we see that  $D(x)^5y[[D(x), x], x] = 0 \iff [[D(x), x], x]yD(x)^5 = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Thus by Lemma 3.4 in [10], since  $D(x)^5y[[D(x), x], x] = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

We need the following notations. After this, by  $S_m$  we denote the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq k \leq m\}$  where m is a positive integer. when R is a ring, we shall denote the maps  $B: R \times R \longrightarrow R$ ,  $f,g: R \longrightarrow R$  by  $B(x,y) \equiv [D(x),y] + [D(y),x], f(x) \equiv [D(x),x], g(x) \equiv [f(x),x]$  for all  $x,y \in R$  respectively. And we have the basic properties:

$$B(x,y) = B(y,x), \ B(x,x) = 2f(x), \ B(x,x^2) = 2(f(x)x + xf(x)),$$

$$B(x,yz) = B(x,y)z + yB(x,z) + D(y)[z,x] + [y,x]D(z),$$

$$B(x,xy) = 2f(x)y + xB(x,y) + D(x)[y,x],$$

$$B(x,yx) = 2yf(x) + B(x,y)x + [y,x]D(x), \ x,y,z \in R.$$

THEOREM 3.4. Let R be a 7!-torsionfree noncommutative prime ring. Suppose there exists a Jordan derivation  $D: R \longrightarrow R$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)^3 = 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then we have D(x) = 0 for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.2, we can see that D is a derivation on R. Suppose

(3.1) 
$$f(x)D(x)^3 = 0, x \in R.$$

Replacing x + ty for x in (3.1), we have

$$(3.2) [D(x+ty), x+ty]D(x+ty)^3$$

$$\equiv f(x)D(x)^3 + t\{B(x,y)D(x)^3 + f(x)D(y)D(x)^2$$

$$+f(x)D(x)D(y)D(x) + f(x)D(x)^2D(y)\} + t^2H_1(x,y)$$

$$+t^3H_2(x,y) + t^4H_3(x,y) + t^5f(y)D(y)^3 = 0, x, y \in R, t \in S_3$$

where  $H_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le 3$ , denotes the term satisfying the identity (3.2). From (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

(3.3) 
$$t\{B(x,y)D(x)^{3} + f(x)D(y)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)D(y)D(x) + f(x)D(x)^{2}D(y)\} + t^{2}H_{1}(x,y) + t^{3}H_{2}(x,y) + t^{4}H_{3}(x,y) = 0, \ x,y \in R, t \in S_{3}.$$

Since R is 3!-torsionfree, by Lemma 2.1 (3.3) yields

(3.4) 
$$B(x,y)D(x)^{3} + f(x)D(y)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)D(y)D(x) + f(x)D(x)^{2}D(y) = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Letting  $y = x^2$  in (3.4), and using (3.1), we have

$$(3.5) \ 2(f(x)x + xf(x))D(x)^3 + f(x)(D(x)x + xD(x))D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)(D(x)x + xD(x))D(x) + f(x)D(x)^2(D(x)x + xD(x)) = 2g(x)D(x)^3 + 2xf(x)D(x)^3 + (g(x)D(x) + f(x)^2)D(x)^2 + g(x)D(x)^3 - f(x)D(x)^2f(x) + (g(x)D(x) + f(x)^2)D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)^3x - f(x)D(x)^2f(x) = 2g(x)D(x)^3 + g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2 + g(x)D(x)^3 - f(x)D(x)^2f(x) + g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2 - f(x)D(x)^2f(x) = 5g(x)D(x)^3 + 2f(x)^2D(x)^2 - 2f(x)D(x)^2f(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Right multiplication of (3.5) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to

(3.6) 
$$5g(x)D(x)^5 + 2f(x)^2D(x)^4 - 2f(x)D(x)^2f(x)D(x)^2$$
$$= 0, x \in R.$$

Comparing (3.1) with (3.6),

$$(3.7) 5q(x)D(x)^5 - 2(f(x)D(x)^2)^2 = 0, x \in R.$$

On the other hand, we get from (3.1)

(3.8) 
$$0 = [f(x)D(x)^{3}, x]$$
$$= g(x)D(x)^{3} + f(x)^{2}D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)$$
$$+ f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x), \quad x \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.8) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to

(3.9) 
$$g(x)D(x)^5 + f(x)^2D(x)^4 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^3 + (f(x)D(x)^2)^2 = 0, x \in R.$$

Comparing (3.1), (3.7) with (3.9),

$$7(f(x)D(x)^2)^2 = 0, x \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsionfree, the above relation gives

$$(3.10) (f(x)D(x)^2)^2 = 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.7) and (3.10),

$$5g(x)D(x)^5 = 0, x \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsionfree, the above relation yields

(3.11) 
$$g(x)D(x)^5 = 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.5) and (3.8), we get

(3.12) 
$$4f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x) + 2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x) - 3g(x)D(x)^{3}$$
$$= 0, x \in R.$$

Writing yx for y in (3.4), we obtain

(3.13) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}D(y)x + f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x) + f(x)D(x)D(y)xD(x) + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{2} + f(x)D(y)xD(x)^{2} + f(x)yD(x)^{3} + (2yf(x) + B(x,y)x + [y,x]D(x))D(x)^{3} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.4) by x leads to

(3.14) 
$$f(x)D(x)^2D(y)x + f(x)D(x)D(y)D(x)x + f(x)D(y)D(x)^2x + B(x,y)D(x)^3x = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.13) and (3.14), we arrive at

$$(3.15) \quad f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x) - f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{2} \\ -f(x)D(y)f(x)D(x) - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + f(x)yD(x)^{3} \\ +2yf(x)D(x)^{3} - B(x,y)f(x)D(x)^{2} - B(x,y)D(x)f(x)D(x) \\ -B(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + [y,x]D(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

By (3.1) and (3.15), it is obvious that

(3.16) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x) - f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x) + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{2}$$
$$-f(x)D(y)f(x)D(x) - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x) + f(x)yD(x)^{3}$$
$$-B(x,y)f(x)D(x)^{2} - B(x,y)D(x)f(x)D(x)$$
$$-B(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x) + [y,x]D(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.16) by  $D(x)^3$  leads to

$$(3.17) f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4} - f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{3} + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5} - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{3} - f(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{4} + f(x)yD(x)^{6} - B(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{3} - B(x,y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{4} - B(x,y)f(x)D(x)^{5} + [y,x]D(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.1) with (3.17), we see that

(3.18) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4} + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5} + f(x)yD(x)^{6} + [y,x]D(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing xy for y in (3.18), it follows that

(3.19) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}xyD(x)^{4} + f(x)D(x)xyD(x)^{5} + f(x)xyD(x)^{6} + x[y,x]D(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (3.18) by x leads to

(3.20) 
$$xf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^4 + xf(x)D(x)yD(x)^5 + xf(x)yD(x)^6 + x[y,x]D(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.19) with (3.20),

(3.21) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)^{2}D(x) + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{4}$$
$$+ (g(x)D(x) + f(x)^{2})yD(x)^{5} + g(x)yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Writing  $D(x)^4y$  for y in (3.21), we get

(3.22) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{6} + f(x)^{2}D(x)^{5} + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{4})yD(x)^{4} + (g(x)D(x)^{5} + f(x)^{2}D(x)^{4})yD(x)^{5} + g(x)D(x)^{4}yD(x)^{6}$$

$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (3.18) by f(x) leads to

(3.23) 
$$f(x)^2 D(x)^2 y D(x)^4 + f(x)^2 D(x) y D(x)^5 + f(x)^2 y D(x)^6 + f(x)[y, x] D(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Putting f(x)y instead of y in (3.18),

(3.24) 
$$f(x)D(x)^2f(x)yD(x)^4 + f(x)D(x)f(x)yD(x)^5 + f(x)^2yD(x)^6 + f(x)[y,x]D(x)^7 + g(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.23) with (3.24), we have

(3.25) 
$$(f(x)D(x)^2 f(x) - f(x)^2 D(x)^2) y D(x)^4$$

$$+ (f(x)D(x)f(x) - f(x)^2 D(x)) y D(x)^5 + g(x) y D(x)^7$$

$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.12) by D(x) leads to

$$(3.26) \quad 4f(x)D(x)^2f(x)D(x) + 2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2 - 3g(x)D(x)^4$$
  
= 0,  $x \in R$ .

Right multiplication of (3.5) by D(x) leads to

(3.27) 
$$2f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x) - 2f(x)^{2}D(x)^{3} - 5g(x)D(x)^{4}$$
$$= 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.1) and (3.27), we get

$$(3.28) 2f(x)D(x)^2f(x)D(x) - 5g(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.26) and (3.28), we get

$$(3.29) 2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2 + 7g(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x \in R.$$

Writing  $D(x)^2yg(x)$  for y in (3.21), we get

$$(3.30) \quad (g(x)D(x)^4 + f(x)^2D(x)^3 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2)yg(x)D(x)^4 + (g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2)yg(x)D(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^2yg(x)D(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.1), (3.11) and (3.30),

$$(3.31) \quad (f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2 + g(x)D(x)^4)yg(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.29), we obtain

$$(3.32) (2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2 + 7g(x)D(x)^4)yg(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.31) and (3.32),

(3.33) 
$$5g(x)D(x)^4yg(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion-free, (3.33) gives

(3.34) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{4}yg(x)D(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

By the semiprimeness of R, (3.34) yields

(3.35) 
$$g(x)D(x)^4 = 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.28) and (3.35), we get

$$2f(x)D(x)^2f(x)D(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(3.36) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

From (3.29) and (3.35),

$$2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2 = 0, x \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

(3.37) 
$$f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} = 0, x \in R.$$

Substituting  $D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.21), it follows that

(3.38) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^4 + f(x)^2D(x)^3 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4 + (g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2)yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^6$$

$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.1), (3.35), (3.37) and (3.38),

(3.39) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2)yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^6$$
$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Writing D(x)y for y in (3.39), we get

(3.40) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^4 + f(x)^2D(x)^3)yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^6$$
$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.1), (3.35) with (3.40),

$$(3.41) q(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Writing  $zg(x)D(x)^3y$  for y in (3.39), we get

(3.42) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (3.41) with (3.42),

(3.43) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Writing  $D(x)zg(x)D(x)^3y$  for y in (3.25), we get

$$(3.44) \qquad (f(x)D(x)^2f(x)D(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^3)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4 \\ + (f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5 \\ + g(x)D(x)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.1), (3.36), (3.41) and (3.44),

(3.45) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Comparing (3.43) and (3.45),

(3.46) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.8) and (3.46),

(3.47) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + 2f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)^2f(x))zq(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (3.5) with (3.47),

(3.48) 
$$(7g(x)D(x)^3 + 6f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.43) and (3.48),

(3.49) 
$$g(x)D(x)^3zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Letting  $yD(x)^5z$  for z in (3.49),

(3.50) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{5}zg(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Hence by the semiprimeness of R, (3.50) yields

(3.51) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (3.18) by  $g(x)D(x)^3z$  leads to

(3.52) 
$$g(x)D(x)^3zf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^4 + g(x)D(x)^3zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)^3zf(x)yD(x)^6 + g(x)D(x)^3z[y,x]D(x)^7 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.51) and (3.52),

(3.53) 
$$q(x)D(x)^3zf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.53), we get

(3.54) 
$$f(x)D(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4wf(x)D(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4$$
  
= 0, w, x, y, z \in R.

By the semiprimeness of R, (3.54) yields

(3.55) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}zg(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing f(x)z for z in (3.55),

(3.56) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x)zg(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.5) and (3.56),

(3.57) 
$$(5g(x)D(x)^3 + 2f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.55) and (3.57),

$$(3.58) 5g(x)D(x)^3zg(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $5yD(x)^4z$  for z in (3.58),

$$(3.59) 5g(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4z(5g(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4) = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

By the semiprimeness of R, (3.59) yields

$$(3.60) 5g(x)D(x)^3yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion free, (3.60) gives

(3.61) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.5) and (3.61),

$$(3.62) 2(f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion free, (3.62) yields

$$(3.63) (f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.25) and (3.63),

(3.64) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) - f(x)^2D(x))yD(x)^5 + g(x)yD(x)^7$$
$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.25),

(3.65) 
$$(f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2} - f(x)^{2}D(x)^{4})yD(x)^{4}$$

$$+(f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} - f(x)^{2}D(x)^{3})yD(x)^{5}$$

$$+g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.1), and (3.36), (3.37) and (3.65),

(3.66) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $zg(x)D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.64),

(3.67) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) - f(x)^2D(x))zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 + g(x)zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.66) and (3.67),

(3.68) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) - f(x)^2D(x))zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing D(x)z for z in (3.68),

(3.69) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.8) and (3.69),

(3.70) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + 2f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)^2f(x))zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.61) and (3.70),

(3.71) 
$$(2f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)^2f(x))zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.5) and (3.71),

$$(3.72) (3f(x)D(x)^2f(x) - 5g(x)D(x)^3)zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

From (3.61) and (3.72),

$$(3.73) 3f(x)D(x)^2f(x))zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion free, (3.73) yields

(3.74) 
$$f(x)D(x)^2f(x)zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.71) and (3.74),

$$(3.75) 2f(x)^2 D(x)^2 z g(x) D(x)^2 y D(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion free, (3.75) yields

(3.76) 
$$f(x)^2 D(x)^2 z g(x) D(x)^2 y D(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $zg(x)D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.21),

(3.77) 
$$f(x)^{2}D(x)^{2}zg(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{5} + g(x)D(x)^{2}z \times g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.76) with (3.77), we get

(3.78) 
$$g(x)D(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $yD(x)^6z$  for z in (3.78),

(3.79) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6}zg(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

By the semiprimeness of R, we obtain from (3.79),

(3.80) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.1), (3.35), (3.37), (3.38), and (3.80), one obtains

(3.81) 
$$f(x)^2 D(x)^2 y D(x)^5 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $zf(x)^2D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.21),

$$(3.82) \quad (g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))zf(x)^2D(x)^2 \times yD(x)^4 + (g(x)D(x)^2 + f(x)^2D(x))zf(x)^2D(x)^2yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)zf(x)^2D(x)^2yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (3.5) with (3.12),

(3.83) 
$$7g(x)D(x)^3 + 4f(x)^2D(x)^2 + 2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)$$
$$= 0, x \in R.$$

Combining (3.82) with (3.83),

(3.84) 
$$(f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))z(-7g(x)D(x)^3 -2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (3.61) with (3.84),

$$2(f(x)^{2}D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4}$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

Since R is 7!-torsion-free, the above relation gives

$$(3.85) (f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))zf(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)yD(x)^4$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

Combining (3.81) with (3.85),

(3.86) 
$$(f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))z(f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

(3.86) yields

(3.87) 
$$(f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 z(f(x)^2 D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

By the semiprimeness of R, we obtain from (3.87),

(3.88) 
$$(f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$
  
Combining (3.61) with (3.83),

$$(3.89) \quad (4f(x)^2D(x)^2 + 2f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Since R is 7!-torsion-free, (3.89) gives

(3.90) 
$$(2f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$
  
Combining (3.88) with (3.90),

(3.91) 
$$f(x)^2 D(x)^2 y D(x)^4 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.88) with (3.91),

(3.92) 
$$f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.8), (3.61), (3.91) with (3.92), we have

(3.93) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}f(x)yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.25), (3.91) with (3.93),

(3.94) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) - f(x)^2D(x))yD(x)^5 + g(x)yD(x)^7$$
$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing D(x)y for y in (3.94),

(3.95) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x) - f(x)^2D(x)^2)yD(x)^5 + g(x)D(x)yD(x)^7$$
  
= 0, x, y \in R.

Combining (3.91), (3.92) with (3.93),

(3.96) 
$$g(x)D(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.21) by D(x) leads to

(3.97) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)^{2}D(x) + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5}$$

$$+(g(x)D(x) + f(x)^{2})yD(x)^{6} + g(x)yD(x)^{7}$$

$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.80) with (3.97),

(3.98) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)^{2}D(x) + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5} + f(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6} + g(x)yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing D(x)y for y in (3.98),

(3.99) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^3 + f(x)^2D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x)D(x))yD(x)^5 + f(x)^2D(x)yD(x)^6 + g(x)D(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.61), (3.91), (3.92), (3.96) with (3.99),

(3.100) 
$$f(x)^{2}D(x)yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (3.18) by  $f(x)^2D(x)z$  leads to

$$(3.101) f(x)^{2}D(x)zf(x)^{2}D(x)yD(x)^{4} + f(x)^{2}D(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5} +f(x)^{2}D(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{6} + f(x)^{2}D(x)z[y,x]D(x)^{7} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Combining (3.100) with (3.101),

$$(3.102) f(x)^2 D(x)zf(x)^2 D(x)yD(x)^4 + f(x)^2 D(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^5$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

Right multiplication of (3.102) by D(x) leads to

$$(3.103) f(x)^2 D(x) z f(x)^2 D(x) y D(x)^5 + f(x)^2 D(x) z f(x) D(x) y D(x)^6$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

Combining (3.100) with (3.103),

(3.104) 
$$f(x)^2 D(x)zf(x)^2 D(x)yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $yD(x)^5z$  for z in (3.104),

$$(3.105) f(x)^2 D(x)yD(x)^5 z f(x)^2 D(x)yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Thus by the primeness of R, (3.105) gives

(3.106) 
$$f(x)^{2}D(x)yD(x)^{5} = 0, \ x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.94) with (3.106),

(3.107) 
$$f(x)D(x)f(x)yD(x)^5 + g(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.98) with (3.106),

(3.108) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5} + f(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6}$$
$$+g(x)yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing yD(x) for y in (3.21),

(3.109) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^2 + f(x)^2D(x) + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^5 + (g(x)D(x) + f(x)^2)yD(x)^6 + g(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.106) with (3.109),

(3.110) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^2 + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^5$$
$$+(g(x)D(x) + f(x)^2)yD(x)^6 + g(x)yD(x)^7 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.108) with (3.110),

(3.111) 
$$g(x)D(x)yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.111) with (3.111),

(3.112) 
$$(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5}$$
$$+f(x)^{2}yD(x)^{6} + g(x)yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.107) with (3.112),

(3.113) 
$$g(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 + f(x)^2yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing  $zg(x)D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.113),

(3.114) 
$$g(x)D(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 + f(x)^2zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^6$$
  
= 0, x, y, z \in R.

Combining (3.111) with (3.114),

(3.115) 
$$q(x)D(x)^2zq(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $yD(x)^5z$  for z in (3.115),

(3.116) 
$$g(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5zg(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Thus by the primeness of R, (3.116) gives

(3.117) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{5} = 0, \ x, y \in R.$$

Combining (3.113) with (3.117),

(3.118) 
$$f(x)^2 y D(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

On the other hand, left multiplication of (3.110) by  $g(x)D(x)^2z$  leads to

(3.119) 
$$g(x)D(x)z(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5} + g(x)D(x)^{2}z(g(x)D(x) + f(x)^{2})yD(x)^{6} + g(x)D(x)^{2}zg(x)yD(x)^{7} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.111), (3.117) and (3.119), we obtain

(3.120) 
$$g(x)D(x)^{2}z(g(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)f(x))yD(x)^{5}$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.118) and (3.120), we have

(3.121) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) + g(x)D(x)^{2})z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + g(x)D(x)^{2})yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.121), we obtain

(3.122) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) + g(x)D(x)^{2})yD(x)^{5}z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + g(x)D(x)^{2})yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is prime, we obtain (3.122)

$$(3.123) (f(x)D(x)f(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing 
$$z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)y$$
 for y in (3.21),

$$(3.124) \quad (f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4 + (f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))z \times (f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^5 + g(x)z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.106), (3.123) and (3.124), we get

(3.125) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)z(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.125), we get

(3.126) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4z$$

$$\times (f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4$$

$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is prime, we obtain (3.126)

(3.127) 
$$(f(x)D(x)f(x) + f(x)^2D(x) + g(x)D(x)^2)yD(x)^4$$
$$= 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.21) and (3.127),

$$(3.128) (f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))yD(x)^5 + g(x)yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Replacing zq(x)D(x)y for y in (3.128),

(3.129) 
$$(f(x)^{2} + g(x)D(x))zg(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5}$$
$$+g(x)zg(x)D(x)yD(x)^{6} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.111) and (3.129), we get

$$(3.130) (f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))zg(x)D(x)yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $zf(x)^2y$  for y in (3.128),

(3.131) 
$$(f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))zf(x)^2yD(x)^5 + g(x)zf(x)^2yD(x)^6$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.118) and (3.131),

$$(3.132) (f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))zf(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.130) and (3.132), we obtain

(3.133) 
$$(f(x)^2 + g(x)D(x))z(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x))yD(x)^5$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.133),

(3.134) 
$$(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x))yD(x)^5 z(f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x))yD(x)^5$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is prime, (3.134) yields

$$(3.135) (f(x)^2 + D(x)g(x))yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.128) and (3.135),

(3.136) 
$$g(x)yD(x)^6 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.17) by  $D(x)^2$  leads to

(3.137) 
$$f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{3} - f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4} - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{3} - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)yD(x)^{5} - B(x,y)f(x)D(x)^{4} - B(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2} - B(x,y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{3} + [y,x]D(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

From (3.1) and (3.137), we get

$$(3.138) f(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{3} - f(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{2} +f(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4} - f(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} + f(x)yD(x)^{5} -B(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2} + [y,x]D(x)^{6} = 0, x, y \in R.$$

Left multiplication of (3.138) by g(x)z leads to

$$(3.139) \quad g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{3} - g(x)zf(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ + g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4} - g(x)zf(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ + g(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{5} - g(x)zB(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ + g(x)z[y,x]D(x)^{6} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.136) and (3.139), we get

$$(3.140) \quad g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{3} - g(x)zf(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ + g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{4} - g(x)zf(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ + g(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{5} - g(x)zB(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{2} \\ = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.140) by D(x) leads to

(3.141) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4} + g(x)zf(x)D(x)D(y)f(x)D(x)^{3} + g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5} + g(x)zf(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^{3} + g(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{6} + g(x)zB(x,y)D(x)^{2}f(x)D(x)^{3} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.1), (3.136) and (3.141), we have

(3.142) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4} + g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5}$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing D(x)y for y in (3.142),

(3.143) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{3}yD(x)^{4} + g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{5}$$
$$= 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.1) and (3.143), we get

(3.144) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Replacing  $wf(x)D(x)^2y$  for y in (3.142),

(3.145) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^2wf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^4 + g(x)zf(x)D(x)w$$
  
  $\times f(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^5 = 0, w, x, y, z \in R.$ 

From (3.144) and (3.145), we have

$$(3.146) g(x)zf(x)D(x)^2wf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^4 = 0, w, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.146),

(3.147) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4}wg(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4}$$
$$= 0, w, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is prime, we obtain from (3.147)

(3.148) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)^{2}yD(x)^{4} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.142) and (3.148),

(3.149) 
$$g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Right multiplication of (3.140) by  $wD(x)^5$  leads to

$$(3.150) g(x)zf(x)D(x)^2yD(x)^3wD(x)^5 + g(x)zf(x)D(x)D(y) \\ \times f(x)D(x)^2wD(x)^5 + g(x)zf(x)D(x)yD(x)^4wD(x)^5 \\ + g(x)zf(x)D(y)D(x)f(x)D(x)^2wD(x)^5 + g(x)zf(x)y \\ \times D(x)^5wD(x)^5 + g(x)zB(x,y)D(x)^2f(x)D(x)^2wD(x)^5 \\ = 0, w, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.149) and (3.150), we have

(3.151) 
$$g(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{5}wD(x)^{5} = 0, w, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.151) and the semiprimeness of R,

(3.152) 
$$g(x)zf(x)yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

From (3.152) and simple calculations,

(3.153) 
$$g(x)yD(x)^{5}zg(x)yD(x)^{5} = 0, x, y, z \in R.$$

Since R is prime, by the semiprimeness of R, (3.153) gives

(3.154) 
$$g(x)yD(x)^5 = 0, x, y \in R.$$

By Lemma 3.3, (3.154) gives

$$D(x) = 0, x \in R.$$

## 4. Applications in Banach algebra theory

The following theorem is proved by the same arguments as in the proof of J. Vukman's theorem [16], but it generalizes his result.

THEOREM 4.1. Let A be a Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a continuous linear Jordan derivation  $D: A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)^3 \in rad(A)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then we have  $D(A) \subseteq rad(A)$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the case that A is noncommutative. By the result of B.E. Johnson and A.M. Sinclair[5] any linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. Sinclair[12] has proved that every continuous linear Jordan derivation on a Banach algebra leaves the primitive ideals of A invariant. Hence for any primitive ideal  $P \subseteq A$ one can introduce a derivation  $D_P: A/P \longrightarrow A/P$ , where A/P is a prime and factor Banach algebra, by  $D_P(\hat{x}) = D(x) + P$ ,  $\hat{x} = x + P$ . By the assumption that  $[D(x), x]D(x)^3 \in rad(A), x \in A$ , we obtain  $[D_P(\hat{x}), \hat{x}](D_P(\hat{x}))^3 = 0, \ \hat{x} \in A/P$ , since all the assumptions of Theorem 3.4 are fulfilled. Let the factor prime Banach algebra A/P be noncommutative. Then we have  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0$ ,  $\hat{x} \in A/P$ . Thus we obtain  $D(x) \in P$  for all  $x \in A$  and all primitive ideals of A. Hence  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ . And we consider the case that A/P is commutative. Then since A/P is a commutative Banach semisimple Banach algebra, from the result of B.E. Johnson and A.M. Sinclair[5], it follows that  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0, \ \hat{x} \in A/P$ . And so,  $D(x) \in P$  for all  $x \in A$  and all primitive ideals of A. Hence  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ . Therefore in any case we obtain  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$ .

Theorem 4.2. Let A be a semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose there exists a linear Jordan derivation  $D:A\longrightarrow A$  such that

$$[D(x), x]D(x)^3 = 0$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then we have D = 0.

Proof. It suffices to prove the case that A is noncommutative. According to the result of B.E. Johnson and A.M. Sinclair[5] every linear derivation on a semisimple Banach algebra is continuous. A.M. Sinclair[12] has proved that any continuous linear derivation on a Banach algebra leaves the primitive ideals of A invariant. Hence for any primitive ideal  $P \subseteq A$  one can introduce a derivation  $D_P: A/P \longrightarrow A/P$ , where A/P is a prime and factor Banach algebra, by  $D_P(\hat{x}) = D(x) + P$ ,  $\hat{x} = x + P$ . From the given assumptions  $[D(x), x]D(x)^3 = 0$ ,  $x \in A$ , it follows that  $[D_P(\hat{x}), \hat{x}](D_P(\hat{x}))^3 = 0$ ,  $\hat{x} \in A/P$ , since all the assumptions of Theorem 3.4 are fulfilled. The factor algebra A/P is noncommutative, by Theorem 3.4 we have  $D_P(\hat{x}) = 0$ ,  $\hat{x} \in A/P$ . Hence we get  $D(A) \subseteq P$ 

for all primitive ideals P of A. Thus  $D(A) \subseteq \operatorname{rad}(A)$  And since A is semisimple, D = 0.

As a special case of Theorem 4.2 we get the following result which characterizes commutative semisimple Banach algebras.

COROLLARY 4.3. Let A be a semisimple Banach algebra. Suppose

$$[[x, y], x][x, y]^3 = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . In this case, A is commutative.

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