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Posner's Second Theorem and an Annihilator Condition with Generalized Derivations



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Abstract: Let R be a prime ring of characteristic different from 2, with extended centroid C , U its two-sided Utumi quotient ring, $\delta \neq 0$ a non-zero generalized derivation of R , $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ a non-central multilinear polynomial over C in n non-commuting variables, $a \in R$ such that $a[\delta(f(r_1, \dots, r_n)), f(r_1, \dots, r_n)] = 0$, for any $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$. Then one of the following holds: 1. $a = 0$; 2. there exists $\bullet \in C$ such that $\delta(x) = \bullet x$, for all $x \in R$; 3. there exist $q \in U$ and $\bullet \in C$ such that $\delta(x) = (q + \bullet)x + xq$, for all $x \in R$, and $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)^2$ is central valued on R .

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