

## DERIVATIONS WHICH ARE INNER AS COMPLETELY BOUNDED MAPS

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*Abstract.* We consider derivations in the image of the canonical contraction  $\theta_A$  from the Haagerup tensor product of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with itself to the space of completely bounded maps on  $A$ . We show that such derivations are necessarily inner if  $A$  is prime or if  $A$  is central. We also provide an example of a  $C^*$ -algebra which has an outer derivation implemented by an elementary operator.

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