

## DERIVATIONS ON TERNARY RINGS OF OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** To each projection  $p$  in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  we associate a family of derivations on  $A$ , called  $p$ -derivations, and relate them to the space of triple derivations on  $pA(1-p)$ . We then show that every derivation on a ternary ring of operators is spatial and we investigate whether every such derivation on a weakly closed ternary ring of operators is inner.

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