

## A CHARACTERIZATION OF AN ADDITIVE IDENTITY ON MATRIX ALGEBRAS

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*Abstract.* Let  $M_n(\mathcal{R})$  be the algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\mathcal{R}$  is a commutative two-torsion free ring. In this manuscript, we obtain a structure theorem for the map  $\psi$  on  $M_n(\mathcal{R})$  satisfying  $\psi(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}^*\mathcal{A}) = \psi(\mathcal{A})\mathcal{B}^*\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}\psi(\mathcal{B})^*\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}^*\psi(\mathcal{A})$ . Moreover, a complete characterization of  $\psi$  on  $B(\mathcal{H})$ , algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ , infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space, is given.

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