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**Title:** Posner's first theorem and related identities for semiprime rings

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We generalize Posner's first theorem and related identities to arbitrary semiprime rings. For instance, Posner's first theorem for semiprime rings is proved as follows: Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring with extended centroid  $C$ , and let  $\delta, D: R \rightarrow R$  be derivations. Then  $\delta D$  is also a derivation if and only if there exist orthogonal idempotents  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in C$ ,  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 1$ , and  $\lambda \in C$  such that  $e_1 D = 0$ ,  $e_2 \delta = 0$  and  $e_3(\delta - \lambda D) = 0$ , where  $e_2 R$  is 2-torsion free and  $2e_3 R = 0$ .

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