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**Title:** Local characterization of Jordan \*-derivations on  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ 

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Let H be an infinite-dimensional real Hilbert space, and  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  the algebra of all bounded linear operators on H. Assume that  $\delta : \mathcal{B}(H) \to \mathcal{B}(H)$  is a real linear map and  $P \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is zero, or the unit element, or a nontrivial idempotent with infinite-dimensional range and infinite-dimensional kernel. It is shown that  $\delta$  satisfies  $\delta(A^2) = \delta(A)A^* + A\delta(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  with  $A^2 = P$  if and only if  $\delta$  is an inner Jordan \*-derivation. An example is also given to illustrate that this is not necessarily true when H is finite-dimensional.

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