

ON GALOIS EXTENSIONS OVER A FIELD AND ABELIAN GALOIS GROUPS

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Throughout the present paper, we use the following conventions: $A \ni 1$ is always a simple ring (with minimum condition), B a unital simple subring of A , and \mathcal{G} means the group of all B -(ring) automorphisms of A . We set $C = V_A(A)$, $Z = V_B(B)$, $V = V_A(B)$ and $H = V_A^2(B) = V_A(V)$. Finally, as to other notations and terminologies used in this paper, we follow [5] and [9].

In [8], we have proved the following proposition that plays often important roles in Galois theory of simple rings (cf. [2], [5] and [6]).

Proposition 1. *If $[A : C] < \infty$ then $[B : Z] < \infty$. Conversely, if $[A : B]_i < \infty$ and $[B : Z] < \infty$ then $[A : C] < \infty$.*

One of the purposes of this paper is to present several results concerning Galois extensions over a field and Galois extensions with abelian Galois groups (§ 1). Prop. 1 will be used often to prove most of those results. Whereas, Prop. 1 was requested originally to prove that if $[A : B]_i = 2$ and A is not of characteristic 2 then A/B is Galois [8]. In § 2, we shall present a new proof of the last fact without making use of Prop. 1.

§ 1. At first, we shall prove the following proposition that was cited in [2, § 1].

Proposition 2. *If A is outer Galois and finite over B and $[B : Z] < \infty$ then $A = B \otimes_z C$.*

Proof. Since $[A : C] < \infty$ (Prop. 1), $V_A(B \cdot C) = V = C$ and $B \cdot C = B \otimes_z C$ is simple, the principal theorem of simple rings yields at once $A = B \otimes_z C$.

Corollary 1. *If A is outer Galois and left algebraic over a field B then A is a field.*

Proof. By [6, Lemma 4], A/B is locally finite. Hence, A/B is locally Galois by [5, Lemma 2.2], and our assertion is obvious by Prop. 2.

By the way, we shall show that [2, Cor. 2.2] can be extended as follows:

Proposition 3. *Let A/B be \mathfrak{G} -regular (or strictly Galois with respect to \mathfrak{G}). If Z is a perfect field of prime characteristic p and \mathfrak{G} is of order p^e , then A/B is outer Galois. If moreover $[B:Z] < \infty$, then $A = B \otimes_Z C$.*

Proof. Since any derivation of the perfect field Z into B is 0, the case $e=1$ is obvious by [2, Th. 2.1 (c)]. Now, we shall proceed by the induction with respect to e . Assume $e > 1$. If \mathfrak{G} contains an inner automorphism different from 1, then $\mathfrak{G}_0 = \mathfrak{G} \cap \tilde{V}$ is an invariant DF -subgroup of \mathfrak{G} by [3, Th. 5], and $B_0 = J(\mathfrak{G}_0, A)$ is $(\mathfrak{G}|B_0)$ -regular over B by [9, Cor. 3]. Noting that B_0/B is outer Galois by the induction hypothesis, we see that the center of B_0 is still perfect. As is well known, \mathfrak{G}_0 contains an invariant subgroup \mathfrak{H} of order p . Then, $J(\mathfrak{H}, A)/B_0$ is $(\mathfrak{G}_0|J(\mathfrak{H}, A))$ -regular and the center of $J(\mathfrak{H}, A)$ is perfect. Hence, by the case $e=1$, $A/J(\mathfrak{H}, A)$ is outer Galois, which is a contradiction. The second assertion is now a direct consequence of the former and Prop. 2.

In [3, Th. 1], we have seen that if \mathfrak{G} is an N -group of A with $B = J(\mathfrak{G}, A)$ then A is always $\mathfrak{G}B_r$ -homomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}B_r$. If \mathfrak{G} is abelian, we can prove the following:

Theorem 1. *If \mathfrak{G} is an abelian N -group of A with $B = J(\mathfrak{G}, A)$, then A is $\mathfrak{G}B_r$ -isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}B_r$.*

Proof. If we set $A = \bigoplus_1^m x_i B$ ($m = [A:B]$) then $\text{Hom}_{B_r}(A, A) = \mathfrak{G}A_r = \bigoplus_1^m \sigma_i A_r = \bigoplus_{i,j} \sigma_i x_j B_r$ with some $\sigma_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ([7, Th. 1]), and so the subring $\mathfrak{G}B_r$ of $\mathfrak{G}A_r$ satisfies the minimum condition for right ideals. If $\sigma = \sum_i \sigma_i y_{ir}$ ($y_i \in A$) is an arbitrary element of \mathfrak{G} , then for each $\tau \in \mathfrak{G}$ there holds $\sum_i \tau \sigma_i y_{ir} = \sigma \tau = \sum_i \tau \sigma_i (y_i \tau)_r$, whence it follows $y_i = y_i \tau$. Hence, each y_i is contained in B , namely, $\mathfrak{G}B_r = \bigoplus_1^m \sigma_i B_r$. Accordingly, it follows $\mathfrak{G}A_r = A_r \mathfrak{G} = \bigoplus_{i,j} x_j B_r \sigma_i = \bigoplus_1^m x_j (\mathfrak{G}B_r)$. Noting that $A^{(m)}$ (the direct sum of m copies of the $\mathfrak{G}A_r$ -module A) is $\mathfrak{G}A_r$ -isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}A_r$, it is obvious that $A^{(m)}$ is $\mathfrak{G}B_r$ -isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{G}B_r)^{(m)}$, and so Krull-Schmidt theorem yields the $\mathfrak{G}B_r$ -isomorphism between A and $\mathfrak{G}B_r$.

Concerning a Galois extension with the abelian Galois group, there is a striking result that is essentially due to Faith [1, Th. 1].

Theorem 2. *Let A be Galois and finite over B , and $[B:Z] < \infty$. If \mathfrak{G} is abelian then $V = C$ or $V \subseteq B$, and so A/B is either outer Galois or inner Galois. If moreover B is a field then either A is a field or B coincides with V .*

Proof. Assume that \mathfrak{G} is not outer, namely, the field V does not coincide with C ([1, prop. 1]). If x is in $V \setminus C$ then $x+c \in V$ (the multiplicative group of the regular elements in V) and $c = (x+c) - x$ for every

$c \in C$. We see therefore that V is generated by $V \setminus C$. Now, for arbitrary $x \in V \setminus C$ and $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}$ there holds $\sigma \tilde{x} \sigma = \tilde{x} \sigma = \sigma \tilde{x}$, whence it follows $x \sigma = x c$ with some $c \in C$. Similarly, $(x-1)\sigma = (x-1)c'$ with some $c' \in C$. Accordingly, we obtain $x(c-c') = 1-c'$, so that $c=c'=1$, which proves evidently $x \sigma = x$. Hence, it follows $C \subseteq V \subseteq B$. Noting that $[A : C] < \infty$ by Prop. 1, we readily obtain $V_A^2(B) = B$. The latter assertion is a consequence of Cor. 1.

In the rest of this section, we assume always that A is \mathfrak{G} -locally Galois over a field B and \mathfrak{G} is abelian. Under this situation, the latter part of Th. 2 is still valid.

Corollary 3. *If A is \mathfrak{G} -locally Galois over a field B and \mathfrak{G} is abelian, then either A is a field or B coincides with V , and so every intermediate ring of A/B is simple.*

Proof. By [5, Th. 2.3], A/B is Galois. In case \mathfrak{G} is outer, the commutativity of A has been shown in Cor. 1. Therefore, in what follows, we may restrict our attention to the case $V \neq C$. Let v be an arbitrary element in $V \setminus C$. Then, there exists $a \in A$ such that $va \neq av$. Now, for each $w \in V$, we can find a \mathfrak{G} -shade A' of $B[a, v, w]$. Since $\mathfrak{G}(A'/B) (\subseteq \mathfrak{G}|A')$ is abelian and $V_{A'}(B)$ does not coincide with the center of A' , $V_{A'}(B)$ coincides with B (Th. 2), which proves evidently $V = B$. The simplicity of every intermediate ring is then a consequence of [11, Cor. 2].

In what follows, we assume further that A is non-commutative, namely, A is inner Galois over the maximal subfield B (Cor. 3). We shall introduce here the following conditions :

(i) If C' is an intermediate field of B/C with $[B : C'] < \infty$, and T an intermediate ring of A/B with $V_T(T) \subseteq C'$, then there exists an intermediate ring B' of T/B with $V_{B'}(B') \subseteq C'$ and $[B' : B] < \infty$.

(ii) If C' is an intermediate field of B/C then there exists a family $\{C'_\alpha\}$ of intermediate fields C'_α of B/C such that $[B : C'_\alpha] < \infty$ and $\bigcap C'_\alpha = C'$.

(iii) If C' is an intermediate field of B/C with $[B' : C'] < \infty$ then $[C'' : C' \cap C''] < \infty$ for each intermediate field C'' of B/C .

If T and T' are arbitrary (simple) intermediate rings of A/B then $V_A(T) = V_{T'}(T) = V_B(T)$, and $J(\tilde{B}|T, T) = B$, so that T/B is always inner Galois. In particular, if $[T : B] < \infty$ then $[T : V_T(T)] = [B : V_T(T)]^2 = [T : B]^2 < \infty$.

Lemma 1. *Let $A \neq C$ be \mathfrak{G} -locally Galois over a field B , and let \mathfrak{G} be abelian. Let C' be an intermediate field of B/C with $[B : C'] < \infty$, and T an intermediate ring of A/B with $V_T(T) \subseteq C'$. Assume the condi-*

tion (i). If T' is an arbitrary intermediate ring of A/T then $V_{T'}(C')$ is a central simple algebra of finite rank over C' .

Proof. By the condition (i), there exists an intermediate ring B' of T/B such that $V_{B'}(B') \subseteq C'$ and $[B':B] < \infty$. Then, $[B':V_{B'}(B')] < \infty$ by the above remark, and so we have $V_{B'}^2(C') = C'$. Hence, the center of $B'' = V_{B'}(C')$ coincides with C' . If $B^* = V_{T'}(C') (\supseteq B'')$ then $C' \subseteq V_{B^*}(B^*) \subseteq V_{B^*}(B'') = V_{B'}(B'') = C'$, namely, $V_{B^*}(B'') = V_{B^*}(B^*) = C'$. We obtain therefore $\infty > [B'':C'] = [B'':V_{B^*}(B'')] = [B^*:C']$.

Now, we shall prove the following theorem that contains [4, Th. 2]. (Cf. [4, Lemma 2].)

Theorem 3. Let $A \neq C$ be \mathfrak{G} -locally Galois over a field B , and let \mathfrak{G} be abelian. If the conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) are satisfied, then there exists a 1-1 dual correspondence between closed regular subgroups of \mathfrak{G} and intermediate rings of A/B , in the usual sense of Galois theory.

Proof. Let T be an arbitrary intermediate ring of A/B , and x an arbitrary element of $T' = V_A^2(T)$. If $T_1 = B[x]$ and $C_1 = V_{T_1}(T_1)$, then $\infty > [T_1:B] = [B:C_1]$. Noting that $C_1 = V_{T'}(T_1) \supseteq V_{T'}(T') = V_T(T') = V_T(T)$, we see that $V_{T'}(C_1)$ and $V_T(C_1)$ are central simple algebras of finite rank over C_1 (Lemma 1). Hence, $[B:C_1]$ coincides with $[V_{T'}(C_1):B]$ as well as with $[V_T(C_1):B]$, and so x is contained in $V_{T'}(C_1) = V_T(C_1) \subseteq T$. We have proved thus $V_A^2(T) = T$. Next, we shall prove that $V_A^2(C') = C'$ for each intermediate field C' of B/C . By the condition (i), there exists a family $\{C'_\alpha\}$ of intermediate fields C'_α of B/C such that $[B:C'_\alpha] < \infty$ and $\bigcap C'_\alpha = C'$. Since each $V_A(C'_\alpha)$ is a central simple algebra (of finite rank) over C'_α (Lemma 1), $C'_\alpha = V_A^2(C'_\alpha) \cap V_A(C'_\alpha) = V_A^2(C'_\alpha)$. It follows therefore $C' \subseteq V_A^2(C') \subseteq \bigcap V_A^2(C'_\alpha) = \bigcap C'_\alpha = C'$, namely, $V_A^2(C') = C'$. Finally, we shall prove that A/T is left locally finite. Let F be an arbitrary finite subset of A . If we set $T^* = B[F]$ and $C^* = V_{T^*}(T^*)$, then $[B:C^*] = [T^*:B] < \infty$. Accordingly, if $C'' = V_T(T) = V_A(T)$ then $[C'':C^* \cap C''] < \infty$ by the condition (iii). Since the center of $T_1 = V_A(C^* \cap C'')$ coincides with $V_A^2(C^* \cap C'') = C^* \cap C''$ by the second assertion cited above, we obtain $[T_1:V_{T_1}(C'')] = [C'':C^* \cap C''] < \infty$. Recalling here that $T_1 \supseteq V_A(C'') = V_A^2(T) = T$ by the first assertion cited above, it is evident that $T = V_A(C'') = V_{T_1}(C'')$. We obtain therefore $[T_1:T] = [C'':C^* \cap C'']$. Since T_1 contains obviously T^* as well as T , it follows then $[T[F]:T]_i \leq [T_1:T] < \infty$, which proves the left local finiteness of A/T . Since A is B - A -irreducible by [10, Th. 1], A is T - A -irreducible much more. Accordingly, A/T is h -Galois by [10, Prop. 4], and so $\mathfrak{G}(T) = \text{Cl } \widetilde{V_A(T)}$ by [10, Th. 11 (a)].

§ 2. At first, we shall prove the following proposition.

Proposition 4. *Let A be left locally finite over B . If $\tilde{V}A_r$ is dense in $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(A, A)$ then A/T is inner Galois for any simple intermediate ring T of A/B with $[T : B]_i < \infty$.*

Proof. In the proof of [10, Th. 1], we have $\mathfrak{G}(T^*, A/B) = \tilde{V}|T^*$ by [11, Cor. 1], so that $\mathfrak{M}_j = \sigma_j \mu_j A_r = (v_j | T^*) A_r$ for some $v_j \in V$. Recalling here that $v_j | T^*$ is contained in $\text{Hom}_{T^r}(T^*, A)$, we see that v_j is contained in $V_A(T)$. It follows therefore $M_j = (Te)_j \mathfrak{M}_j = v_j (TeA) = v_j M$ is a T - A -homomorphic image of M , which proves that A is homogeneously T - A -completely reducible. Hence, $V_A(T)$ is a simple ring. The rest of the proof is obvious by [11, Cor. 1].

Corollary 4. *If $[A : B]_i = 2$ and $J(\mathfrak{G}, A) = B$ then A/B is Galois.*

Proof. Since $2 = [A : B]_i = [\text{Hom}_{B_i}(A, A) : A_r]_r \geq [\mathfrak{G}A_r : A_r]_r = (\mathfrak{G} : \tilde{V}) \cdot [I(\mathfrak{G}) : C]$ by [5, Lemmas 1.3 (i), (iv) and 1.4 (ii)] (those are valid without the assumption that B is regular), $\mathfrak{G} \neq 1$ yields at once $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(A, A) = \mathfrak{G}A_r$. If $[I(\mathfrak{G}) : C] = 1$, then \mathfrak{G} is an outer group of order 2, and then A/B is outer Galois. On the other hand, if $(\mathfrak{G} : \tilde{V}) = 1$ then $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(A, A) = \tilde{V}A_r$, and so A/B is inner Galois by Prop. 4.

In the proof of Prop. 1 given in [8], the standard identity played an essential role. We shall remark finally that the following theorem [8, Th.] can be proved without making use of the standard identity.

Theorem 4. *If $[A : B]_i = 2$, $[B : Z] < \infty$ and Z is not of characteristic 2, then A/B is Galois.*

Proof. Obviously, there exist no intermediate rings of A/B except A and B . If $B = C$, there is nothing to prove. Next, if $B \supseteq C$ then $\mathfrak{G} \neq 1$, and then A/B is Galois by Cor. 4. Finally, we shall consider the case $B \not\supseteq C$. Let c be an arbitrary element of $C \setminus B$. Then, as we readily obtain $B \cap Bc = 0$, there holds $A = B \oplus Bc$. Consequently, it follows $V = V_A(B \cdot C) = C$ and $Z = C \cap B$. We set here $c^2 = b_1 c + b_2$ ($b_i \in B$). Then, for each $b \in B$ we have $(bb_1)c + bb_2 = (b, b)c + b_2 b$, which implies $b_1, b_2 \in Z = C \cap B$. Hence, $u = c - \frac{1}{2} b_1$ is an element of $C \setminus B$ (and so $A = B \oplus Bu$) and u^2 is contained in Z . Now, one will easily verify that the mapping $\sigma : x + yu \rightarrow x - yu$ ($x, y \in B$) is an automorphism of A with $J(\sigma, A) = B$.

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