

## ON ABELIAN EXTENSIONS OF RINGS II

Dedicated to Professor Takeshi Inagaki for his 60th birthday

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**Introduction.** In [5], the author has studied abelian extensions of an algebra over  $GF(p)$  with Galois group of order  $p^f$ . In the present paper, as a continuation of [5], we shall continue our study on Kummer case. This paper, as well as [5], depends on [1], [3], [4] and [6], and the reader should consult them for relevant definitions and basic properties of Galois extensions of rings.

In this paper, we assume the following :

1)  $\mathfrak{G}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{G}^*$ ) is a cyclic group of order  $n$  with a generator  $\sigma$  (resp.  $\sigma^*$ ) or a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\sigma_i)$  (resp.  $(\sigma_i^*)$ ) of order  $n_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ , such that  $\prod_{i=1}^e n_i = n$ .

2)  $B$  is a ring without proper central idempotents whose center  $Z$  contains a primitive  $n$ -th root  $\zeta$  of 1 and  $n, 1-\zeta^i, i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , are units in  $Z$ .

3) Galois extensions are always Galois extensions without proper central idempotents and the base ring is contained in the extension ring as a right (as well as left) direct summand.

**Definition 1.** A ring extension  $T/S$  will be called an *abelian*  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension (resp. a *cyclic*  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension) if  $S$  is a ring extension of  $B$  and  $T$  is a Galois extension of  $S$  with an abelian Galois group  $\mathfrak{G}$  (resp. with a cyclic Galois group  $\mathfrak{G}$ ) such that the center of  $T$  contains  $\zeta$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $\mathfrak{G} = (\sigma_1) \times (\sigma_2) \times \dots \times (\sigma_e)$ . A ring extension  $T/S$  will be called a *strongly abelian*  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension (resp. a *strongly cyclic*  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension) if  $T/S$  is an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension (resp. a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension with  $\mathfrak{G} = (\sigma_1)$ ) and  $\{\sum_{k=0}^{n_i-1} \zeta_i^k \sigma_i^k(x) \mid x \in S_i\} \cap U(S_i)^1 \neq \emptyset$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ , where  $\zeta_i = \zeta^{n/n_i}$ ,  $S_i = T^{\check{\mathfrak{G}}_i}$  and  $\check{\mathfrak{G}}_i = (\sigma_1) \times (\sigma_2) \times \dots \times (\sigma_{i-1}) \times (\sigma_{i+1}) \times \dots \times (\sigma_e)$ .

The purpose of this paper is to give

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1) Let  $T$  be a ring. Then, by  $U(T)$  we denote the set of unit elements of  $T$ .

I) necessary and sufficient conditions for  $B$  to have strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extensions;

II) necessary and sufficient conditions for an abelian  $(\mathfrak{A}, \zeta)$ -extension  $T/B$  to be embedded in an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A/B$  in such a way that  $A/T$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension,  $T = (\tau_1) \times (\tau_2) \times \cdots \times (\tau_e)$ ,  $\mathfrak{G} = (\gamma_1) \times (\gamma_2) \times \cdots \times (\gamma_e)$ ,  $\gamma_i | T = \tau_i$  and  $\sigma_i = \gamma_i^{m_i}$  where  $m_i$  is the order of  $\tau_i$ ;

III) sufficient conditions for a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of a commutative ring to be strongly cyclic.

In §1, we restrict our attention to the case that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is cyclic.

In §2, as a generalization of §1, we consider the case  $\mathfrak{G} = (\sigma_1) \times (\sigma_2) \times \cdots \times (\sigma_e)$ .

In §3, we consider a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  of  $B$  such that  $B$  is a commutative ring and  $A$  is an algebra over  $B$ . Then  $A$  is also commutative ([2, Theorem 11]). Firstly, we shall show that if  $A$  has a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -normal basis then it is strongly cyclic. Moreover, if  $B$  is semi-local then the converse is true. As an application of this fact, I) and II) are given for the case of semi-local rings.

§4 deals with an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of commutative rings.

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### 1. Cyclic $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension with $\mathfrak{G} = (\gamma)$ of order $nm$

Throughout the present section, we assume that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$  with a generator  $\sigma$ . In a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  of  $B$ , an element  $x$  will be called a  $\sigma$ -generator for  $A/B$  if  $\sigma(x) = x\zeta^{-1} (= \zeta^{-1}x)$  and  $x$  is a unit in  $A$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $A/B$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension. Then there exists a non-zero element  $x$  in  $A$  with  $\sigma(x) = x\zeta^{-1}$ . If  $A/B$  is strongly cyclic then there exists a  $\sigma$ -generator for  $A/B$ , and conversely<sup>2)</sup>.*

*Proof.* We set  $f(a) = a + \zeta\sigma(a) + \cdots + \zeta^{n-1}\sigma^{n-1}(a)$ ,  $a \in A$ . Then there exists an element  $c$  in  $A$  with  $f(c) \neq 0$ . Hence  $\sigma(f(c)) = f(c)\zeta^{-1}$ . If  $x \in A$  and  $\sigma(x) = x\zeta^{-1}$  then  $f(x) = nx$ . This implies our assertion.

The first theorem of this section is the following

**Theorem 1.1.** *In order that  $B$  have a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension*

2) Cf. [7, Theorem 10.6].

sion  $A$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  of  $B$  and an element  $b_0$  in  $U(B)$  satisfying

- (a)  $\rho^n = \tilde{b}_0^{-1}$ ,  $\rho(b_0) = b_0$  and  $\rho(\zeta) = \zeta$ ,
- (b)  $X^n - b_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $B[X; \rho]$ .

More precisely, if there exist  $\rho$ ,  $b_0$  satisfying (a) and (b), then  $M = (X^n - b_0)B[X; \rho] = \{(X^n - b_0)f(X) \mid f(X) \in B[X; \rho]\}$  is a two-sided ideal of  $B[X; \rho]$  and  $A^* = B[y] = B[X; \rho]/M$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}^*, \zeta)$  extension of  $B$  where  $y$  is the residue class of  $X$  modulo  $M$  and  $\mathfrak{G}^*$  is the cyclic group of order  $n$  generated by  $\sigma^*$  defined by  $\sigma^*(y) = y\zeta^{-1}$ . Conversely, if  $A$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ , then we can find such  $\rho$ ,  $b_0$  satisfying (a) and (b) that there exists a  $B$ -isomorphism  $\varphi^*: A^* \rightarrow A$  with  $\varphi^*\sigma^* = \sigma\varphi^*$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let  $A$  be a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ . Then there exists a  $\sigma$ -generator  $x$  for  $A/B$  by Lemma 1.1. Since  $\sigma(x^{-1}bx) = x^{-1}bx$  for each  $b \in B$ , the inner automorphism  $\tilde{x}^{-1}$  of  $A$  effected by  $x^{-1}$  induces an automorphism of  $B$ . Now we set  $\rho = \tilde{x}^{-1}|_B$ . Then  $\sigma(x^n) = (x\zeta^{-1})^n = x^n$  shows that  $b_0 = x^n \in U(B)$ . Thus  $\rho$ ,  $b_0$  satisfy (a). If we note that  $bx = x\rho(b)$  for each  $b \in B$ ,  $T = B + xB + \dots + x^{n-1}B$  forms a subring of  $A$  with  $\sigma(T) \subseteq T$ . In the following, we shall show  $T = B \oplus xB \oplus \dots \oplus x^{n-1}B = A$ . Let  $T \ni t = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i d_i = 0$  ( $d_i \in B$ ). Then  $\sigma(t) - t = x(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^{i-1} d_i (\zeta^{-i} - 1))$ , and hence  $t_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x^{i-1} d_i (\zeta^{-i} - 1) = 0$ . Since  $\zeta^i - 1$  is a unit for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , repeating the same procedure, we have  $d_{n-1} = d_{n-2} = \dots = d_1 = d_0 = 0$ . Therefore  $T = B \oplus xB \oplus \dots \oplus x^{n-1}B$ . To be easily seen,  $X^n b_0^{-1} - 1$  is central in  $B[X; \rho]$ ,  $T^n = B$  and  $T \cong B[X; \rho]/(X^n - b_0)B[X; \rho]$ . Now, for  $\tau \in \mathfrak{G}$  we have

$$\delta_{1,\tau} = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \{(\zeta^{-j} - 1)^{-1} x^{-1} \sigma^j(x) - (\zeta^{-j} - 1)^{-1} x^{-1} \tau(x)\},$$

whence we obtain  $\delta_{1,\tau} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \tau(x^k)$  with some  $a_k$  in  $T$ . Hence, we see that  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}; 1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$  is a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -Galois coordinate system for  $A/B$ . Since  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, x$  are elements of  $T$ , it follows from [6, Theorem 2.3] that  $T = A$  and  $X^n - b_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $B[X; \rho]$ .

Sufficiency: Assume that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  and an element  $b_0$  satisfying the conditions (a) and (b). Let  $\psi$  be the map of  $B[X; \rho]$  defined by  $f(X) \mapsto f(X\zeta^{-1})$ . Then  $\psi$  is an automorphism of  $B[X; \rho]$  of order  $n$  with  $\psi(X^n b_0^{-1} - 1) = X^n b_0^{-1} - 1$  where  $X^n b_0^{-1} - 1$  is a central polynomial. Hence  $\psi$  induces an automorphism  $\sigma^*$  of order  $n$  in  $A^* = B \oplus yB \oplus \dots \oplus y^{n-1}B = B[X; \rho]/(X^n b_0^{-1} - 1) = B[X; \rho]/M$  and  $\sigma^*(y) = y\zeta^{-1}$ ,

where  $y$  is the residue class of  $X$  modulo  $M$ . Since  $y^n b_0^{-1} = 1$ ,  $y$  is a unit in  $A^*$ . Noting  $n$  is a unit in  $A^*$ , we have  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \zeta^i \sigma^{*i}(y) = ny \in U(A^*)$ . The existence of  $(\sigma^*)$ -Galois coordinate system for  $A^*/B$  will be seen in the same way as in the proof of the necessity. The rest of the proof will be almost evident.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ . Then  $A/B$  has a  $\sigma$ -generator and if  $x$  is a  $\sigma$ -generator for  $A/B$  then  $A = B[x]$  and  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$  is a right free  $B$ -basis for  $A$ .*

Let  $A/B$  be a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension with  $\sigma = \bar{v}$  for some  $v \in A$ . Then we have  $v \in V = V_A(B)$ . Hence  $v \in V^{\bar{v}} = B \cap V = Z$ . Further, since  $x\zeta^{-1} = \bar{v}(x) = vxv^{-1}$  for a  $\sigma$ -generator  $x$  for  $A/B$ , we have  $v\zeta^{-1} = x^{-1}vx$ . Thus we have proved the necessity in the following

**Corollary 1.2.** *In order that  $B$  have a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension with  $\sigma = \bar{v}$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  of  $B$ , an element  $b_0 \in U(B)$  and an element  $z \in U(Z)$  satisfying*

- (a)  $\rho^n = \bar{b}_0^{-1}$ ,  $\rho(b_0) = b_0$  and  $\rho(\zeta) = \zeta$ ,
- (b)  $X^n - b_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $B[X; \rho]$ ,
- (c)  $\rho(z) = z\zeta^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove the sufficiency. Under the same notations as in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we set  $A^* = B \oplus yB \oplus \dots \oplus y^{n-1}B = B[X; \rho]/M$ . If  $\rho(z) = z\zeta^{-1}$  for some  $z \in U(Z)$ , then  $zyz^{-1} = y\rho(z)z^{-1} = y\zeta^{-1} = \sigma^*(y)$ , and hence  $\sigma^*(a) = zaz^{-1}$  for every  $a \in A^*$ . This implies  $\sigma^* = \bar{z}$ , that is,  $(\sigma^*) = (\bar{z})$ .

Now we shall prove the following embedding theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $T$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{I}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  where  $\mathfrak{I}$  is of order  $m$  and generated by  $\tau$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be a cyclic group of order  $nm$  with a generator  $\eta$ . In order that  $B$  have a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  such that  $A \cong T$ ,  $A/T$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension,  $\eta|_T = \tau$ , and  $\tau^m = \sigma$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  of  $T$  and elements  $t_0, u$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying*

- (a)  $\rho^n = \bar{t}_0^{-1}$ ,  $\rho(t_0) = t_0$  and  $\rho(\zeta) = \zeta$ ,
- (b)  $X^n - t_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $T[X; \rho]$ ,
- (c)  $\rho\tau\rho^{-1}\tau^{-1} = \bar{u}$ ,
- (d)  $RN_m(u; \tau) (= u\tau(u)\tau^2(u)\dots\tau^{m-1}(u)) = \zeta^{-1}$ ,
- (e)  $LN_n(u; \rho) (= \rho^{n-1}(u)\rho^{n-2}(u)\dots\rho(u)u) = t_0^{-1}\tau(t_0)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  such that  $A \supseteq T$ ,  $A/T$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension,  $\eta|T = \tau$  and  $\tau^m = \sigma$ . Then there exists a  $\tau^m$ -generator  $x$  for  $A/T$ . Set  $t_0 = x^n$ . Then  $x^n \in U(T)$ . Since  $\tau^m(x^{-1}tx) = x^{-1}tx$  for each  $t \in T$ ,  $\rho = \tilde{x}^{-1}$  is an automorphism of  $T$  with  $\rho(t_0) = t_0$ . Set  $u = x^{-1}\tau(x)$ . Then  $\tau^m(u) = x^{-1}\zeta\tau(x)\zeta^{-1} = x^{-1}\tau(x) = u$  shows that  $u \in U(T)$ . For  $t \in T$ ,  $\rho\tau\rho^{-1}\tau^{-1}(t) = \rho\tau(x\tau^{-1}(t)x^{-1}) = \rho(\tau(x)t\tau(x^{-1})) = x^{-1}\tau(x)t\tau(x^{-1}) = \tilde{u}(t)$ . This implies  $\rho\tau\rho^{-1}\tau^{-1} = \tilde{u}$ . Further,  $RN_m(u, \tau) = (x^{-1}\tau(x))\tau(x^{-1}\tau(x))\tau^2(x^{-1}\tau(x)) \cdots \tau^{m-1}(x^{-1}\tau(x)) = x^{-1}\tau^m(x) = \zeta^{-1}$ . Next,  $LN_n(u; \rho) = \rho^{n-1}(x^{-1}\tau(x))\rho^{n-2}(x^{-1}\tau(x)) \cdots \rho(x^{-1}\tau(x))x^{-1}\tau(x) = x^{-n}\tau(x^n) = t_0^{-1}\tau(t_0)$ . Consequently, we can see that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  and elements  $t_0, u$  satisfying the conditions (a)–(e).

Conversely, assume that there exist an automorphism  $\rho$  and elements  $t_0, u$  satisfying the conditions (a)–(e). Then the map  $\psi$  of  $T[X; \rho]$  defined by  $\sum_i X^i u_i \mapsto \sum_i (Xu)^i \tau(u_i)$  ( $u_i \in T$ ) is an automorphism of order  $nm$ . For,  $\psi(tX) = \tau(X\rho(t)) = Xu\tau(t)$  and  $\psi(t)\tau(X) = \tau(t)Xu = X\rho\tau(t)u$  show that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism if and only if there holds (c). Noting that  $\psi^m(X) = XRN_m(u; \tau)$ , (d) implies that  $\psi^m = 1$ , and hence  $\psi$  is an automorphism.  $\psi(X^n - t_0) = (Xu)^n - \tau(t_0) = X^n LN_n(u; \rho) - \tau(t_0) = (X^n - t_0) LN_n(u; \rho)$  by (e). Thus  $\psi$  induces an automorphism  $\eta^*$  of order  $nm$  in  $T[X; \rho]/(X^n - t_0) = T \oplus yT \oplus \cdots \oplus y^{n-1}T = A^*$ , where  $y$  is the residue class of  $X$  modulo  $(X^n - t_0)$ . By Theorem 1.1, it is clear that  $(\eta^*)_T \equiv \{\nu \in (\eta^*) \mid \nu(t) = t \text{ for all } t \in T\} = (\eta^*)^m$ ,  $A^*/B$  is a cyclic  $((\eta^*)^m, \zeta)$ -extension by [5, Lemma 1.1].

## 2. Abelian $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension with $\mathfrak{G} = \langle \tau_1 \rangle \times \langle \tau_2 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle \tau_e \rangle$

In this section, we assume that  $\mathfrak{G} = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle \times \langle \sigma_2 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle \sigma_e \rangle$  where every  $\langle \sigma_i \rangle$  is a cyclic group of order  $n_i$  generated by  $\sigma_i$  and  $n = \prod_{i=1}^e n_i$ . Firstly, we shall state several remarks without proofs.

Let  $\rho_i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ ) be automorphisms of  $B$ ,  $b_i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ ) elements of  $U(B)$  and  $b_{ij}$  ( $i, j=1, 2, \dots, e$ ) elements of  $U(B)$  with  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}^{-1}$  and  $b_{ii} = 1$ . If they satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i \rho_j \rho_i^{-1} \rho_j^{-1} &= \tilde{b}_{ij} \quad \text{and} \\ b_{ij}(\rho_j b_{ik})b_{ik} &= \rho_i(b_{ik})b_{ik}\rho_k(b_{ij}), \end{aligned}$$

then the set of polynomials of  $e$  indeterminates  $\mathcal{B} \equiv B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_e] = \{ \sum X_1^{r_1} X_2^{r_2} \cdots X_e^{r_e} b_{r_1, \dots, r_e} \mid b_{r_1, \dots, r_e} \in B \}$  forms a ring if we define the multiplication by the distributive law and the rules  $bX_i = X_i \rho_i(b)$  ( $b \in B$ ) and  $X_i X_j = X_j X_i b_{ij}$  [4, Proposition 2.2]. Further, if there holds

$$\rho_i^{n_i} = \bar{b}_i^{-1}, \quad \rho_i(b_i) = b_i \quad \text{and} \\ RN_{n_i}(b_{ji}; \rho_i) = \rho_j(b_i^{-1})b_i,$$

then the polynomials  $X_i^{n_i}b_i^{-1}-1$  are central in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $k \leq e$ , and  $\pi$  an arbitrary permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Then  $B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_k] \cong B[X_{\pi(1)}, X_{\pi(2)}, \dots, X_{\pi(k)}; \rho_{\pi(1)}, \rho_{\pi(2)}, \dots, \rho_{\pi(k)}]$  ([4, Proposition 2. 2]).

Let  $M_{k-1} = (X_1^{n_1} - b_1, X_2^{n_2} - b_2, \dots, X_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}} - b_{k-1})$ . Then  $B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k-1}; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{k-1}] / M_{k-1} = B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}] = \bigoplus_{0 \leq y_i < n_i} y_1^{y_1} y_2^{y_2} \dots y_{k-1}^{y_{k-1}} B$ , where  $y_i$  is the residue class of  $X_i$  modulo  $M_{k-1}$ . Further,  $B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}][X_k; \rho_k] = \{ \sum X_k^{\gamma} a_{\gamma} \mid a_{\gamma} \in B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}] \}$  forms a ring if we define the multiplication by the distributive law and the rule  $aX_k = X_k P_k(a)$  ( $a_{\gamma} \in B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}]$ ), where  $P_k$  is an automorphism of  $B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}]$  defined by  $P_k|B = \rho_k$  and  $P_k(y_i) = y_i b_{ik}$ . Moreover, the polynomial  $X_k^{n_k} b_k^{-1} - 1$  is a central polynomial of  $B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}][X_k; \rho_k]$  and  $B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k] \cong B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}][X_k; \rho_k] / (X_k^{n_k} - b_k) B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}][X_k; \rho_k]$ . We denote this residue class ring by  $A_k$ .

Now the set of polynomials  $\{X_1^{n_1} - b_1, X_2^{n_2} - b_2, X_3^{n_3} - b_3, \dots, X_e^{n_e} - b_e\}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  will be called a *system of directly indecomposable polynomials* if  $X_k^{n_k} - b_k$  is directly indecomposable in  $B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}][X_k; \rho_k]$ .

Corresponding to Theorem 1. 1, we shall prove the following

**Theorem 2.1.** *In order that  $B$  have a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  such that for every  $\mathfrak{G}_i = (\sigma_{i+1}) \times (\sigma_{i+2}) \times \dots \times (\sigma_e)$  ( $0 \leq i \leq e-1$ ),  $A^{\mathfrak{G}_i}$  has no proper central idempotents, it is necessary and sufficient that there exist automorphisms  $\{\rho_i; i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  of  $B$ , and elements  $\{b_i, b_{ij} \mid i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  in  $U(B)$  with  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}^{-1}$  and  $b_{ii} = 1$  such that*

- (a)  $\rho_i \rho_j \rho_i^{-1} \rho_j^{-1} = \bar{b}_{ij}$ ,
- (b)  $b_{ij}(\rho_j b_{ik}) b_{jk} = \rho_i(b_{jk}) b_{ik} \rho_k(b_{ij})$ ,
- (c)  $\rho_i^{n_i} = \bar{b}_i^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_i(b_i) = b_i$  and  $\rho_i(\zeta) = \zeta$ ,
- (d)  $RN_{n_i}(b_{ji}; \rho_i) = \rho_j(b_i^{-1}) b_i$ ,
- (e)  $\{X_i^{n_i} - b_i \mid i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  is a system of directly indecomposable polynomials.

More precisely, if there exist automorphisms  $\{\rho_i \mid i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$ , elements  $\{b_i, b_{ij} \mid i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  with  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}^{-1}$  and  $b_{ii} = 1$  satisfying (a)–(e), then  $M_i = (X_1^{n_1} - b_1, X_2^{n_2} - b_2, \dots, X_i^{n_i} - b_i) B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_i]$  is a two sided ideal of  $B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_i]$  and  $A_i^* = B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_i] = B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_i] / M_i$  is a strongly abelian

$(\mathbb{G}_i^*, \zeta^{n_1 \cdots n_i})$ -extension with  $\mathbb{G}_i^* = (\sigma_{i+1}^*) \times (\sigma_{i+2}^*) \times \cdots \times (\sigma_e^*)$ , where  $y_j$  is the residue class of  $X_j$  modulo  $M_i$  and  $\sigma_i^*$  is defined by  $\sigma_i^*(y_s) = y_s \zeta^{n_i n_s}$ ,  $\sigma_i^*(y_j) = y_j$  for  $j \neq s$ .

Conversely, if  $A$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathbb{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  such that  $A^{\mathbb{G}_i}$  has no proper central idempotents, then we can find such  $\{\rho_i | i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$ ,  $\{b_i, b_{ij} | i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  with  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}^{-1}$ ,  $b_{ii} = 1$  satisfying (a)–(e) that there exists a  $B$ -isomorphism  $\varphi_i^* : A_i^* \rightarrow A^{\mathbb{G}_i}$  with  $\varphi_i^* \sigma_j^* = \sigma_j \varphi_i^*$  for every  $i, j=1, 2, \dots, e$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let  $A$  be a strongly abelian  $(\mathbb{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  such that  $A^{\mathbb{G}_i}$  has no proper central idempotents for  $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ . By Definition 2 and by making use of the same method as in the proof of Lemma 1.1, we obtain elements  $x_i \in U(B_i)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq e$ ) such that  $\sigma_i(x_i) = x_i \zeta_i^{-1}$  and  $\sigma_i(x_j) = x_j$  for  $i \neq j$  where  $\zeta_i = \zeta^{n_i n_i}$  and  $B_i = A^{\mathbb{G}_i}$ . Then it is clear that  $x_i^{-1} b x_i \in B$  ( $b \in B$ ) and  $x_i^{n_i}, x_i x_j x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} \in U(B)$ . We set  $\rho_i = \tilde{x}_i^{-1}$ ,  $b_i = x_i^{n_i}$  and  $b_{ij} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j$ . Then they satisfy (c).

$$(a) \quad \rho_i \rho_j \rho_i^{-1} \rho_j^{-1} (b) = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j b x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j x_i = b_{ij} b b_{ij}^{-1} = \tilde{b}_{ij}(b).$$

$$(b) \quad b_{ij} \rho_j (b_{ik}) b_{jk} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j (x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_k^{-1} x_i x_k x_j) \cdot x_j^{-1} x_k^{-1} x_j x_k \\ = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_k^{-1} x_i x_j x_k = (x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_k^{-1} x_j x_k x_i) (x_i^{-1} x_k^{-1} x_i x_k) \cdot \\ (x_k^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j x_k) = \rho_i (b_{jk}) b_{ik} \rho_k (b_{ij}).$$

$$(d) \quad RN_{n_i}(b_{ji}; \rho_i) = (x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j x_i) x_i^{-1} (x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j x_i) x_i x_i^{-1} (x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j x_i) x_i^2 \cdots \\ x_i^{1-n_i} (x_j^{-1} \cdot x_i^{-1} x_j x_i) x_i^{n_i-1} = x_j x_i^{-n_i} x_j x_i^{n_i} = \rho_j (b_i^{-1}) b_i.$$

As to (e), we first consider  $T = B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e] = \sum_{0 \leq \nu_1 < n_1} x_1^{\nu_1} x_2^{\nu_2} \cdots x_e^{\nu_e} B$ . Then  $T$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -(setwise) invariant subring of  $A$  with  $T^{\mathbb{G}} = B$ . By the similar method as in the proof of [4, Theorem 2.1], we can easily see that  $\{x_1^{\nu_1} x_2^{\nu_2} \cdots x_e^{\nu_e} | 0 \leq \nu_i < n_i\}$  is a  $B$ -right linearly independent set. Let  $\tau = \sigma_1^{i_1} \sigma_2^{i_2} \cdots \sigma_e^{i_e}$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Then by making use of the same method as in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we can easily see the existence of elements  $\{c_1^{(i)}, c_2^{(i)}, \dots, c_e^{(i)}; d_1^{(i)}, d_2^{(i)}, \dots, d_e^{(i)}\}$  in  $B[x_i]$  such that

$$\delta_{1, \tau_i} = \sum_j c_j^{(i)} \tau_i(d_j^{(i)}) \text{ for } \tau_i = \sigma_i^{i_i}.$$

Since  $\sum_j c_j^{(i)} \tau(d_j^{(i)}) = \sum_j c_j^{(i)} \sigma_i^{i_i}(d_j^{(i)})$ , it follows that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{1, \tau} = \sum_{(j_e, j_{e-1}, \dots, j_1)} c_{j_e}^{(e)} c_{j_{e-1}}^{(e-1)} \cdots c_{j_1}^{(1)} \tau(d_{j_1}^{(1)} d_{j_2}^{(2)} \cdots d_{j_e}^{(e)}).$$

This means the existence of a  $\mathbb{G}$ -Galois coordinate system for  $T/B$ . Thus we obtain  $T = A$ . Noting here that  $A^{\mathbb{G}_i}/B$  is  $(\sigma_1) \times (\sigma_2) \times \cdots \times (\sigma_i)$ -Galois, the above argument enables us to see  $A^{\mathbb{G}_i} = B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i]$ . While,

$B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_i] / M_i \cong A_{i-1}[X_i; \rho_i] / (X_i^{n_i} - b_i) A_{i-1}[X_i; \rho_i] \cong A^{\mathfrak{G}_i}$ .  
Hence there holds (e).

Let  $\varphi^*$  be the map of  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $A = B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e]$  defined by  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e) \mapsto f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e)$ . Then  $\varphi^*$  is a  $B$ -(ring) epimorphism and its kernel contains  $M_e$ . On the other hand, we can write  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e) = (X_1^{n_1} - b_1) g_1(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e) + (X_2^{n_2} - b_2) g_2(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e) + \dots + (X_e^{n_e} - b_e) g_e(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e) + r(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e)$  with a polynomial  $r(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e)$  whose degree with respect to each  $X_i$  is smaller than  $n_i$ . Hence we have  $\mathcal{B} / M_e \cong A$ .

**Sufficiency:** Assume that there exist automorphisms  $\{\rho_i | i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  and  $\{b_i, b_{ij} | i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  with  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}^{-1}$  and  $b_{ii} = 1$  satisfying (a)–(e). Then, by (e),  $A^* = \bigoplus_{0 \leq v_i < n_i} y_1^{v_1} y_2^{v_2} \dots y_e^{v_e} B \cong \mathcal{B} / M_e$  has no proper central idempotents, where  $y_i$  is the residue class of  $X_i$  modulo  $M_e$ . By (c), the map  $\psi_i$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  defined by  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_e) \mapsto f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i \zeta_i^{-1}, \dots, X_e)$  is an automorphism of order  $n_i$  and each  $X_j^n b_j^{-1} - 1$  is central by (d),  $\psi_i$  induces an automorphism  $\sigma_i^*$  of order  $n_i$  of  $A^*$ . If  $\mathfrak{G}^*$  is the group generated by  $\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*, \dots, \sigma_e^*$ , then  $\mathfrak{G}^* = (\sigma_1^*) \times (\sigma_2^*) \times \dots \times (\sigma_e^*)$  and  $A^{\mathfrak{G}^*} = B$ . Since  $B_i^* = A^{\mathfrak{G}_i^*} = B[y_i]$ ,  $y_i + \zeta_i \sigma_i^*(y_i) + \dots + \zeta_i^{n_i-1} \sigma_i^{*(n_i-1)}(y_i) = n_i y_i$  is a unit. The existence of a  $\mathfrak{G}^*$ -Galois coordinate system for  $A^*/B$  will be seen as in the necessity part. Finally,  $A^{\mathfrak{G}_i^*} = B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_i] \cong B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{i-1}][X_i; \rho_i] / (X_i^{n_i} - b_i) B[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{i-1}][X_i; \rho_i]$ , which contains no proper central idempotents by (e). The rest of the proof will be almost evident.

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $A$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  such that  $A^{\mathfrak{G}_i}$  has no proper central idempotents for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ , then  $A$  is  $B$ -free.*

Now, corresponding to Theorem 1.2, we shall prove the following

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $T$  be an abelian  $(\mathfrak{T}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  where  $\mathfrak{T} = (\tau_1) \times (\tau_2) \times \dots \times (\tau_e)$  is a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\tau_i)$  of order  $m_i$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G} = (\gamma_1) \times (\gamma_2) \times \dots \times (\gamma_e)$  a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\gamma_i)$  of order  $n_i m_i$ , and  $\prod_{i=1}^e n_i = n$ . Then, in order that  $B$  have an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  such that  $A \supseteq T$ ,  $A/T$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension,  $\gamma_i | T = \tau_i$ ,  $\gamma_i^{m_i} = \sigma_i$  and the fixing of  $\mathfrak{G}_i = (\sigma_{i+1}) \times (\sigma_{i+2}) \times \dots \times (\sigma_e)$  in  $A$  has no proper central idempotents ( $i=1, 2, \dots, e$ ), it is necessary and sufficient that there exist automorphisms  $\{\rho_i | i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  of  $T$ , elements  $\{t_i, t_{ij} | i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  in  $U(T)$  with  $t_{ij} = t_{ji}^{-1}$ ,  $t_{ii} = 1$  satisfying the conditions (a)–(e) of Theorem 2.1 ( $T$  replacing  $B$ ) and there exist*



elements  $\{u_{ij}; i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying

- (f)  $\tau_i \rho_j \tau_i^{-1} \rho_j^{-1} = \tilde{u}_{ji}^{-1}$ ,
- (g)  $RN_{m_i}(u_{ii}; \tau_i) = \zeta_i^{-1}$ ,  $RN_{m_j}(u_{ij}; \tau_j) = 1$  ( $i \neq j$ ),
- (h)  $LN_{n_j}(u_{ji}; \rho_j) = t_j^{-1} \tau_i(t_j)$ ,
- (i)  $t_{ij}(\rho_j u_{ik}) u_{jk} = (\rho_i u_{jk}) \tau_k(t_{ij})$ ,
- (j)  $u_{ki} \tau_i(u_{ik}) = u_{kj} \tau_j(u_{ki})$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let  $A$  be an extension requested in the theorem. Then there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e$  in  $U(T)$  such that  $\gamma_i^{m_i}(x_i) = x_i \zeta_i^{-1}$  and  $\gamma_i^{m_i}(x_j) = x_j$  for each  $i \neq j$  where  $\rho_i = \zeta_i^{m_i}$  (see the proof of Theorem 2.1). We set  $t_i = x_i^{n_i} \in U(T)$ ,  $t_{ij} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j \in U(T)$  and  $\rho_i = \tilde{x}_i^{-1}$ . Then they satisfy the conditions (a)–(e), and  $A = T[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e] \cong \mathcal{T}/M$  by  $x_i \mapsto X_i + M$  where  $\mathcal{T} = T[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e; \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_e]$  and  $M = (X_1^{n_1} - t_1, X_2^{n_2} - t_2, \dots, X_e^{n_e} - t_e)$ . Now, we set  $u_{ij} = x_i^{-1} \gamma_j(x_i)$ . Then  $\gamma_k^{m_k}(u_{ij}) = u_{ij}$  for each  $k=1, 2, \dots, e$ . Hence  $u_{ij} \in U(T)$ . In the following, we shall show that  $u_{ij}$  satisfies the conditions (f)–(j).

$$(f) \quad \tau_i \rho_j \tau_i^{-1} \rho_j^{-1}(t) = \tau_i \rho_j(t_i^{-1}(x_j) \gamma_i^{-1}(t) \gamma_i^{-1}(x_j^{-1})) = \tau_i(x_j^{-1} \gamma_i^{-1}(x_j) \gamma_i^{-1}(t) \gamma_i^{-1}(x_j^{-1}) x_j) = \gamma_i(x_j^{-1}) x_j t x_j^{-1} \gamma_i(x_j) = \tilde{u}_{ji}^{-1}(t).$$

$$(g) \quad RN_{m_i}(u_{ii}; \tau_i) = x_i^{-1} \gamma_i(x_i) \gamma_i(x_i^{-1}) \gamma_i^2(x_i) \cdots \gamma_i^{m_i-1}(x_i^{-1}) \gamma_i^{m_i}(x_i) = x_i^{-1} \gamma_i^{m_i}(x_i) = \zeta_i^{-1}.$$

$$RN_{m_j}(u_{ij}; \tau_j) = (x_i^{-1} \gamma_j(x_i)) (\gamma_j(x_i^{-1}) \gamma_j^2(x_i)) \cdots (\gamma_j^{m_j-1}(x_i^{-1}) \gamma_j^{m_j}(x_i)) = x_i^{-1} \gamma_j^{m_j}(x_i) = 1.$$

$$(h) \quad LN_{n_j}(u_{ji}; \rho_j) = x_j^{1-n_j} x_j^{-1} \gamma_i(x_j) x_j^{n_j-1} x_j^{-1} \gamma_i(x_j) x_j^{n_j-1} \cdots x_j^{-1} x_j^{-1} \gamma_i(x_j) x_j x_j^{-1} \gamma_i(x_j) = x_j^{-n_j} \gamma_i(x_j^{n_j}) = t_j^{-1} \tau_i(t_j).$$

$$(i) \quad t_{ij}(\rho_j u_{ik}) u_{jk} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1} x_i x_j (x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} \gamma_k(x_i) x_j) x_j^{-1} \gamma_k(x_j) = \rho_i(u_{jk}) u_{ik}(\tau_k(t_{ij})).$$

$$(j) \quad u_{ki} \tau_i(u_{ik}) = x_k^{-1} \gamma_i(x_k) \gamma_i(x_k^{-1} \gamma_j(x_k)) = x_k^{-1} \gamma_j \gamma_i(x_k) = x_k^{-1} \gamma_j \gamma_i(x_k) = x_k^{-1} \gamma_j(x_k) \gamma_j(x_k^{-1} \gamma_i(x_k)) = u_{kj} \tau_j(u_{ki}).$$

Sufficiency: Assume there exist  $\{\rho_i, t_i, t_{ij}$  and  $u_{ij} | i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  satisfying the conditions (a)–(j). Then the map  $\psi_i$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  defined by  $\sum X_1^{y_1} X_2^{y_2} \cdots X_e^{y_e} t_{y_1 \dots y_e} \mapsto \sum (X_1 u_{1i})^{y_1} (X_2 u_{2i})^{y_2} \cdots (X_e u_{ei})^{y_e} \tau_i(t_{y_1 \dots y_e})$  is an automorphism by (f) and (h), and its order is  $n_i m_i$  by (g) ([4, Theorem 4.2]). Next,  $\psi_i(X_j^{n_j} - t_j) = X_j^{n_j} LN_{n_j}(u_{ji}; \rho_j) - \tau_i(t_j)$  implies  $\psi_i(X_j^{n_j} - t_j) = (X_j^{n_j} - t_j) t_j^{-1} \tau_i(t_j)$  by (h). Hence each  $\psi_i$  induces respectively  $\tau_i$  and an automorphism  $\gamma_i^*$  of order  $n_i m_i$  on  $T$  and  $A^* = \bigoplus_{0 \leq y_i < n_i} y_1^{y_1} y_2^{y_2} \cdots y_e^{y_e} T = \mathcal{T}/M_e$ ,

where each  $y_i$  is the residue class of  $X_i$  modulo  $M_e$ . Now  $\gamma_i^* \gamma_j^*(y_k) = \gamma_i^*(y_k u_{kj}) = y_k u_{ki} \gamma_i(u_{kj})$  and  $\gamma_j^* \gamma_i^*(y_k) = \gamma_j^*(y_k u_{ki}) = y_k u_{kj} \gamma_j(u_{ki})$  show that  $\gamma_i^* \gamma_j^* = \gamma_j^* \gamma_i^*$  by (j). By a brief computation, we can see that the group  $\mathfrak{G}^*$  generated by  $\gamma_1^*, \gamma_2^*, \dots, \gamma_e^*$  is  $(\gamma_1^*) \times (\gamma_2^*) \times \dots \times (\gamma_e^*)$  and  $A^* \mathfrak{G}^* = B$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}^* = (\gamma_1^{*m_1}) \times (\gamma_2^{*m_2}) \times \dots \times (\gamma_e^{*m_e})$ . Then by (g), we have  $\gamma_i^{*m_i}(y_i) = y_i \zeta_i^{-1}$  and  $\gamma_i^{*m_i}(y_j) = y_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Hence  $A^*/T$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}^*, \zeta)$ -extension. Since  $\mathfrak{G}^*|T = \mathfrak{T}$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_T^* = \mathfrak{G}^*$ ,  $A^*/B$  is an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}^*, \zeta)$ -extension ([5, Lemma 1.1]).

### 3. Cyclic extensions of commutative rings

In this section,  $\mathfrak{G}$  will be a cyclic group of order  $n$  generated by  $\sigma$ . As has been observed in §1, if  $A$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ , then  $A = B[x]$  for some  $x \in A$  (Corollary 1.1). Hence, if an algebra  $A$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension over  $B$ , then  $A$  is commutative. However, DeMeyer proved that any cyclic Galois algebra is commutative ([2, Theorem 11]). In the rest we assume that rings are commutative.

The following lemma gives a sufficient condition for a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension to be strongly cyclic.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ , and  $x$  an element of  $A$  with  $\sigma(x) = x\zeta^{-1}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $B[x]$  is separable over  $B$ .
- (2)  $x$  is a unit.
- (3)  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$  is a free  $B$ -basis for  $A$ .

*Proof.* (2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) is already shown in Corollary 1.1 and (3)  $\rightarrow$  (1) is obvious. If  $B[x]$  is separable over  $B$  then, by [3, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.7],  $x - \sigma(x) = x - x\zeta^{-1} = x(1 - \zeta^{-1})$  is a unit in  $A$  and hence so is  $x$ .

**Remark.** In [3, Definition 5], a strongly separable  $B$  algebra  $A$  without proper idempotents is called a splitting ring for the separable polynomial  $f(X)$  if  $f(X)$  is a product of linear factors from  $A[X]$  and if  $A$  is generated over  $B$  by the roots of  $f(X)$ . By [3, Proposition 2.6] and Lemma 3.1, we can see that  $A$  is a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  if and only if  $A$  is a splitting ring for a directly indecomposable separable polynomial  $X^n - b_0$  with  $b_0 \in U(B)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ . If  $B$  has a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -normal basis then it is strongly cyclic.*

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be a normal basis element of  $A$ . Then  $A = aB \oplus \sigma(a)B \oplus \dots \oplus \sigma^{n-1}(a)B$  shows that an element  $y$  of  $A$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}A$ , where  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a maximal ideal of  $B$ , if and only if  $y = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sigma^i(a)p_i$ ,  $p_i \in \mathfrak{p}$ . Let  $x = a + \zeta\sigma(a) + \dots + \zeta^{n-1}\sigma^{n-1}(a)$ . Then  $\sigma(x) = x\zeta^{-1}$  and  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}A$  for each maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $B$ . While  $A/\mathfrak{p}A$  is a Galois extension of the field  $(B + \mathfrak{p}A)/\mathfrak{p}A \cong B/\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $A/\mathfrak{p}A$  is a direct sum of a finite number of fields. Thus it contains no non-zero nilpotent element. Now, if we assume that  $x^n \in \mathfrak{p}$  for some  $\mathfrak{p}$ , it yields a contradiction  $x \in \mathfrak{p}A$ . Thus  $x^n \notin \mathfrak{p}$ . Consequently,  $x^n$  and hence  $x$  is a unit.

Since a Galois extension of a semi-local ring is semi-local, the following result is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 1.1. (Cf. the necessity part of the proof of Theorem 1.1.)

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $B$  be semi-local. In order that  $B$  have a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension, it is necessary and sufficient that there exists an element  $b_0$  in  $U(B)$  such that  $X^n - b_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $B[X]$ .*

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T$  be a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{T}, \zeta)$ -extension of a semi-local ring  $B$  where  $\mathfrak{T}$  is of order  $m$  and is generated by  $\tau$ . Let  $\mathfrak{H}$  be a cyclic group of order  $nm$  with a generator  $\eta$ . In order that  $B$  have a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{H}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  with  $A \cong T$ ,  $\eta|T = \tau$  and  $\eta^m = \sigma$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist elements  $t_0$  and  $u$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying*

- (a)  $X^n - t_0$  is directly indecomposable in  $T[X]$
- (b)  $N_\tau(u) (= u\tau(u)\tau^2(u)\dots\tau^{m-1}(u)) = \zeta^{-1}$
- (c)  $\tau(t_0) = t_0 u^n$

*Proof.* Assume first that there exist elements  $t_0, u$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying the conditions (a), (b) and (c). Then  $\rho = 1, t_0$  and  $u$  satisfy the conditions (a)–(e) of Theorem 1.2.

Conversely, we assume that  $A$  is a cyclic  $(\mathfrak{H}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  with  $A \cong T$  and  $\eta|T = \tau$ . Then  $A/T$  is a cyclic  $((\eta^m), \zeta)$ -extension. Hence by Lemma 3.2,  $A/T$  is a strongly cyclic  $((\eta^m), \zeta)$ -extension. Now, the rest is clear from the proof of Theorem 1.2.

As an immediate consequence of [3, Corollary 2.10], we see that if a separable polynomial is irreducible then it is directly indecomposable. Now, we shall prove the following

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $B$  be a domain. In order that  $B$  have a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$  which is a domain, it is necessary and sufficient that there exists an element  $b_0$  in  $U(B)$  such that  $X^n - b_0$  is irreducible in  $K[X]$  where  $K$  is the quotient field of  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a strongly cyclic  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  which is a domain. Then by Theorem 1.1, we have  $A \cong B[X]/(X^n - b_0)$  for some  $b_0 \in U(B)$ . Since  $A$  is a domain, it follows that  $X^n - b_0$  is irreducible in  $K[X]$ . The converse is almost evident.

#### 4. Abelian extensions of commutative rings

In this section, we assume that  $\mathfrak{G} = (\sigma_1) \times (\sigma_2) \times \cdots \times (\sigma_e)$ , where every  $(\sigma_i)$  is a cyclic group of order  $n_i$  generated by  $\sigma_i$  and  $n = \prod_{i=1}^e n_i$ .

Corresponding to Theorem 2.1, we shall prove the following

**Theorem 4.1.** *In order that  $B$  have a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension  $A$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist elements  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_e$  in  $U(B)$  such that  $\{X_1^{n_1} - b_1, X_2^{n_2} - b_2, \dots, X_e^{n_e} - b_e\}$  is a system of indecomposable polynomials in  $B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e]$ . Moreover, if this is the case,  $A = A^{\mathfrak{G}_1} \otimes_B A^{\mathfrak{G}_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes_B A^{\mathfrak{G}_e}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$ . Then, as is shown in Theorem 2.1, there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e$  in  $U(A)$  such that  $\sigma_i(x_i) = x_i \zeta_i^{-1}$ ,  $\sigma_i(x_j) = x_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $A = B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_e]$ . Set  $B_i = B[x_i]$ . Then  $B_i = B \oplus x_i B \oplus \cdots \oplus x_i^{n_i-1} B$ ,  $b_i = x_i^{n_i} \in U(B)$ ,  $A^{\mathfrak{G}_i} = B_i$ ,  $B_i/B$  is a strongly cyclic  $((\sigma_i), \zeta)$ -extension and  $A^{\mathfrak{G}_i} = B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i] \cong B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}][X_i]/(X_i^{n_i} - b_i)B[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}][X_i]$ . By the same argument as in the proof of [5, Theorem 4.1], we can easily see that  $A = B_1 \otimes_B B_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes_B B_e$ .

Conversely, assume that there exist elements  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_e$  in  $U(B)$  satisfying the condition. If we set  $\rho_i = 1$ ,  $b_{ij} = 1$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, e$ ,  $\{\rho_i, b_i$  and  $b_{ij} | i, j = 1, 2, \dots, e\}$  satisfies the conditions (a)–(e) of Theorem 2.1. Hence  $A^* = B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e]/M_e$  is a requested extension.

Now, corresponding to Theorem 2.2, we shall give a necessary and sufficient condition that there holds the embedding theorem for abelian extensions of commutative rings.

First we have the following theorem which is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $T$  be an abelian  $(\mathfrak{T}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  where*

$\mathfrak{Z}=(\tau_1)\times(\tau_2)\times\cdots\times(\tau_e)$  is a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\tau_i)$  of order  $m_i$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}=(\gamma_1)\times(\gamma_2)\times\cdots\times(\gamma_e)$  be a direct product of cyclic groups of  $(\gamma_i)$  of order  $n_im_i$ , and  $\prod_{i=1}^e n_i=n$ . Then, in order that  $A\cong T$ ,  $A/T$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension and  $\gamma_i|T=\tau_i$ ,  $\gamma_i^{m_i}=\sigma_i$  it is necessary and sufficient that there exist elements  $\{t_i, u_{ij}|i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying

- (a)  $N_{\tau_i}(u_{ii})=\zeta_i^{-1}$ ,  $N_{\tau_j}(u_{ij})=1$ ,
- (b)  $u_{ij}^{n_i}=t_i^{-1}\tau_j(t_i)$ ,
- (c)  $u_{ki}\tau_i(u_{kj})=u_{ki}\tau_j(u_{ki})$ ,
- (d)  $\{X_i^{n_i}-t_i|i=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  is a system of directly indecomposable polynomials in  $T[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_e]$ .

Combining Theorem 3.2 with Theorem 4.2, we have the following

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $T$  be an abelian  $(\mathfrak{Z}, \zeta)$ -extension of  $B$  such that  $T$  is a domain and  $\mathfrak{Z}=(\tau_1)\times(\tau_2)\times\cdots\times(\tau_e)$  is a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\tau_i)$  of order  $m_i$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}=(\gamma_1)\times(\gamma_2)\times\cdots\times(\gamma_e)$  be a direct product of cyclic groups  $(\gamma_i)$  of order  $n_im_i$ , and  $\prod_{i=1}^e n_i=n$ . Then, in order that  $B$  have an abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension domain  $A$  such that  $A\cong T$ ,  $A/T$  is a strongly abelian  $(\mathfrak{G}, \zeta)$ -extension,  $\tau_i|T=\tau_i$  and  $\tau_i^{m_i}=\sigma_i$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there exist elements  $\{t_i, u_{ij}|i, j=1, 2, \dots, e\}$  in  $U(T)$  satisfying

- (a)  $N_{\tau_i}(u_{ii})=\zeta_i^{-1}$ ,  $N_{\tau_j}(u_{ij})=1$ ,
- (b)  $u_{ij}^{n_i}=t_i^{-1}\tau_j(t_i)$ ,
- (c)  $u_{ki}\tau_i(u_{kj})=u_{kj}\tau_j(u_{ki})$ ,
- (d)  $X_i^{n_i}-t_i$  is irreducible in  $K_{i-1}[X_i]$ , where  $K_{i-1}$  is the quotient field of  $B[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}]/(X_1^{n_1}-t_1, X_2^{n_2}-t_2, \dots, X_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}}-t_{i-1})$ .

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