

## COMMUTATIVITY OF HOPF GALOIS EXTENSIONS WITH HOPF ALGEBRAS OF DERIVATION TYPE

Dedicated to Professor Hiroshi Nagao on his 60th birthday

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**Introduction.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity of prime characteristic  $p \neq 0$ . We recall that an  $R$ -Hopf algebra  $H(p^m)$  called as a *Hopf algebra of derivation type of degree  $p^m$*  is defined as follows :  $H(p^m)$  is an  $R$ -algebra freely generated by  $d$  with relation  $d^{p^m} = 0$  and its Hopf algebra structure is given by

$$\Delta(d) = d \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d, \quad \varepsilon(d) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(d) = -d,$$

where  $\Delta$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and  $\lambda$  are diagonalization, augmentation and antipode respectively. (Hereafter, the letter “ $d$ ” will always mean the above generator.) Also we denote  $H(p) \otimes_{R \dots} \otimes_R H(p)$  ( $m$ -times) as  $H(p)^m$  and its generators  $1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes d \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1$  ( $d$  in the  $i$ -th position) as  $d_i$ . In the previous paper [7] Theorem 7, the authors showed that a commutative  $R$ -algebra is an  $H(p^m)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  if and only if it is an  $H(p)^m$ -Hopf Galois extension. But the concepts of Hopf Galois extensions are extended to the case of non-commutative ring extensions, especially to that of algebras, which is natural from cohomological view-points cf. [3], [11], [12] etc.

In this paper we adopt the concepts of Hopf Galois extensions in the case of algebras, namely an  $R$ -algebra  $A$  (not necessarily commutative) is called to be an  $H$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  for a finite  $R$ -Hopf algebra  $H$  if  $A$  is a finitely generated faithful projective  $R$ -module and is an  $H$ -module algebra and the natural homomorphism from the smash product algebra  $A \# H$  to the endomorphism algebra  $\text{End}_R(A)$  is an isomorphism. And we shall show that there is a difference between  $H(p^m)$ -Hopf Galois extensions and  $H(p)^m$ -Hopf Galois extensions. More precisely, we shall determine the structure of  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extensions of  $R$ , especially we shall show that if  $R$  is a field then  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extensions are necessarily commutative—this is done in § 1. In § 2, we shall show that they are commutative ring extensions of  $R$  or  $R$ -Azumaya algebras.

Throughout this paper,  $R \langle X, Y \rangle$  means a polynomial ring with non-commutative variables  $X, Y$  and  $R \langle x, y \rangle$  means an algebra (not necessarily commutative) generated by  $x, y$  with certain relations. Unadorned  $\otimes$  and  $\text{Hom}$

etc. are taken over  $R$  and every map is  $R$ -linear. All modules and algebra homomorphisms considered are unitary.

**1.  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extensions of  $R$ .** Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -algebra not necessarily commutative and in this section we always assume that  $A$  is an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  unless otherwise stated. By the similar way as [6] Lemma 1.1, there exists  $c \in A$  such that  $d^{p^2-1}(c) = 1$ . Setting  $x = d^{p^2-2}(c)$ , we get  $d(x) = 1$ . As to  $R[x]$ , we have the following.

**Proposition 1.**  $R[x] = \{a \in A \mid d^p(a) = 0\}$ , and  $A$  is an  $R[d]$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R[x]$ .

*Proof.* Since  $d^p(x^i) = 0$ , the inclusion  $R[x] \subset \{a \in A \mid d^p(a) = 0\}$  is clear. Noting that  $R = A^{[d]} = \{a \in A \mid d(a) = 0\}$ , we get easily that if  $d^p(a) = 0$  then  $d^{p-1}(a) \in R$ . We put  $d^{p-1}(a) = r_1$ , so we get  $d^{p-2}(a) = r_1x + r_0 = d\left(\frac{r_1x^2}{2} + r_0x\right)$  for some  $r_0 \in R$ . Repeating this processes, we get  $a \in R[x]$ . Moreover by [11] Proposition 1.6, the latter assertion follows.

Next we shall set  $y' = d^{p^2-p-1}(c)$ . Then we get  $d^{p-1}(y') = x = d\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$ . Repeating this processes we get  $d(y') = \frac{1}{(p-1)!}x^{p-1} + f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  is an element of  $R[x]$  with degree less than  $p-1$ . Since  $\deg f(x) < p-1$ , there exists  $g(x) \in R[x]$  such that  $d(g(x)) = f(x)$  (cf. [7] Lemma 8). Setting  $y = y' - g(x)$ , we get the following.

**Lemma 2.** *Under the above notations, we have*

$$d(y) = \frac{1}{(p-1)!}x^{p-1} = -x^{p-1}, \quad d^{p-1}(y) = x, \quad yx - xy = r \in R$$

and  $R\langle x, y' \rangle = R\langle x, y \rangle$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove that  $yx - xy \in R$ . Since  $d(y) \in R[x]$ ,  $d(y)x = xd(y)$ . Hence  $d(yx - xy) = d(y)x + yd(x) - d(x)y - xd(y) = d(y)x + y - y - xd(y) = 0$ . Combining with the fact  $R = A^{[d]}$ , we get  $yx - xy \in R$ .

With the same notations in Lemma 2, we have the following.

**Lemma 3.**

$yx^n = x^n y + nrx^{n-1}$  and

$$y^n d(y) = \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (x^{p-1} y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (p-1) \cdots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{n-i}).$$

*Proof.* Using the relation  $yx - xy = r \in R$ , the first relation is easily seen by induction. So we shall prove the second relation by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$ , the assertion is clear by the first relation. We assume that the assertion is valid for  $n$ . For  $n+1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^{n+1} d(y) &= y(y^n d(y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} ((yx^{p-1})y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (p-1) \cdots (p-i) r^i yx^{p-i-1} y^{n-i}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} ((x^{p-1}y + (p-1)rx^{p-2})y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (p-1) \cdots (p-i) \cdot \\ &\quad r^i (x^{p-i-1}y + (p-i-1)rx^{p-i-2})y^{n-i}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (x^{p-1}y^{n+1} + r(p-1)(1 + \binom{n}{1})x^{p-2}y^n + \cdots \\ &\quad + r^i(p-1) \cdots (p-i) (\binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1}) x^{p-i-1} y^{n-i+1} + \cdots \\ &\quad + (p-1) \cdots (p-(n+1)) r^{n+1} x^{p-1-(n+1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (x^{p-1}y^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} (p-1) \cdots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{n+1-i}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

The following lemma is well-known.

**Lemma 4.**  $\binom{n}{i} + \binom{n-1}{i} + \cdots + \binom{i}{i} = \binom{n+1}{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Especially  $\binom{p-1}{i} + \binom{p-2}{i} + \cdots + \binom{i}{i} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p-2$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let  $y$  be the element of  $A$  defined in Lemma 2. Then we have  $d(y^n) = \sum_{k=1}^n y^{n-k} d(y) y^{k-1}$  and  $d(y^p) = r^{p-1}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $d$  is a derivation, the first relation is proved by easy induction. We shall prove the second relation. By the first relation we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d(y^p) &= \sum_{i=1}^p y^{p-i} d(y) y^{i-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} ((x^{p-1} y^{p-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{p-1}{i} (p-1) \dots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{p-1-i}) \\
&\quad + (x^{p-1} y^{p-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \binom{p-2}{i} (p-1) \dots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{p-2-i}) y + \dots \\
&\quad + (x^{p-1} y^{p-n} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-n} \binom{p-n}{i} (p-1) \dots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{p-n-i}) y^{n-1} + \dots \\
&\quad + x^{p-1} y^{p-1}) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (px^{p-1} y^{p-1} + ((\binom{p-1}{1}) + (\binom{p-2}{1}) + \dots + (\binom{1}{1})) (p-1) r x^{p-2} y^{p-2} \\
&\quad + ((\binom{p-1}{2}) + (\binom{p-2}{2}) + \dots + (\binom{2}{2})) (p-1) (p-2) r^2 x^{p-3} y^{p-3} + \dots \\
&\quad + ((\binom{p-1}{i}) + (\binom{p-2}{i}) + \dots + (\binom{i}{i})) (p-1) \dots (p-i) r^i x^{p-i-1} y^{p-i-1} + \dots \\
&\quad + ((\binom{p-1}{p-2}) + (\binom{p-2}{p-2})) (p-1) \dots 2 r^{p-2} x y + (p-1)! r^{p-1}) \\
&= r^{p-1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 4}).
\end{aligned}$$

In [5] Proposition 2.12, it is shown that  $A$  is freely generated by  $\{c, d(c), \dots, d^{p^2-2}(c) = x, d^{p^2-1}(c) = 1\}$  as  $R$ -module. The algebra structure of  $A$  is given by the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** *An  $R$ -algebra  $A$  is an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  if and only if  $A = R\langle X, Y \rangle / (X^p - r_1, Y^p - r^{p-1}X - r_0, YX - XY - r)$ ,  $(r_1, r_0, r \in R)$  as  $H(p^2)$ -module algebra, where the  $H(p^2)$ -module structure of a right hand side algebra is given by  $d(x) = 1$ ,  $d(y) = \frac{1}{(p-1)!} x^{p-1} = -x^{p-1}$ ,  $x, y$  residue classes of  $X, Y$  respectively.*

*Proof.* We first prove if part. Let  $A' = R\langle X, Y \rangle / (X^p - r_1, Y^p - r^{p-1}X - r_0, YX - XY - r)$ . Then by Lemmas 3 and 5,  $A'$  is an  $H(p^2)$ -module algebra. Now let  $\phi : A' \# H(p^2) \rightarrow \text{End}(A')$  be the natural homomorphism defined by  $\phi(\sum_{i=0}^{p^2-1} a_i \# d^i)(a') = \sum_{i=0}^{p^2-1} a_i d^i(a')$ . Substituting  $1, x, \dots, x^{p-1}, y, xy, x^2y, \dots, x^{p-1}y^{p-1}$  for  $a'$  inductively, we get easily that  $\phi$  is a monomorphism. The homomorphism  $\bar{\phi}$  induced by passing to residue class fields is also a monomorphism as is easily seen. Counting ranks, we get that  $\bar{\phi}$  is an isomorphism. So  $\phi$  is an isomorphism. Thus  $A'$  is an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ . Next we shall prove only if part. Let  $A$  be an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ , and  $x, y$  elements of  $A$  chosen as Lemma 2. Then by if part  $R\langle x, y \rangle$  is also an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ . So  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle$  by the similar manner as if part. This completes the proof.

**Corollary 7.** *If  $R$  is a field then any  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  is a commutative algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle$  be an  $H(p^2)$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ , where  $x^p = r_1$ ,  $y^p - r^{p-1}x = r_0$  and  $yx - xy = r$ ,  $r_1, r_0, r \in R$ . If  $r = 0$  there is nothing to prove. If  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r$  is a unit, so  $x \in R[y^p]$ . Thus  $R\langle x, y \rangle = R\langle y, y^p \rangle$ . But this is impossible since  $R\langle y, y^p \rangle$  is a commutative ring.

The assumption of Corollary 7 would be too strong. The following is due to the referee.

**Remark.** If  $R$  is reduced, then the assertion of Corollary 7 holds. In fact, from the relation  $y^p - r^{p-1}x = r_0$ , we get  $y^{p+1} - r^{p-1}yx = r_0y = y^{p+1} - r^{p-1}xy$ . Hence we have  $r^{p-1}(yx - xy) = r^p = 0$ , and so  $r = 0$ .

**2.  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extensions of  $R$ .** The structure of a commutative  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension is completely determined in [7] Corollary 4. So in this section we mainly consider a non-commutative Hopf Galois extension (of course if there exists).

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -algebra. Then  $A$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$  if and only if  $A = R\langle X, Y \rangle / (X^p - r_1, Y^p - r_2, XY - YX - r)$ ,  $r_1, r_2, r \in R$ , as  $H(p)^2$ -module algebra, where the  $H(p)^2$ -module structure of right hand side algebra is defined by  $d_1(x) = 1, d_2(x) = 0, d_1(y) = 0$  and  $d_2(y) = 1$ , and  $x, y$  are residue classes of  $X, Y$  respectively.*

*Proof.* Only if part. It is easily seen that the integral

$$H(p)^{2H(p)^2} = \{h \in H(p)^2 \mid gh = \varepsilon(g)h \text{ for any } g \in H(p)^2\}$$

is freely generated by  $d_1^{p-1}d_2^{p-1}$  over  $R$ . Now let  $A$  be an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ . Then by similar way as [6] Lemma 1.1, there exists an element  $c \in A$  such that  $d_1^{p-1}d_2^{p-1}(c) = 1$ . We set  $x = d_1^{p-2}d_2^{p-1}(c)$  and  $y = d_1^{p-1}d_2^{p-2}(c)$ . Then  $d_1(x) = 1, d_2(x) = 0, d_1(y) = 0$  and  $d_2(y) = 1$ . Since  $d_1(xy - yx) = d_1(x)y + xd_1(y) - d_1(y)x - yd_1(x) = 0$  and similarly  $d_2(xy - yx) = 0$ , we get  $xy - yx \in A^{H(p)^2} = R$ . Next by Lemma 5,  $d_1(x^p) = \sum_{k=1}^p x^{p-k}d_1(x)x^{k-1} = px^{p-1} = 0$ , and  $d_2(x^p) = \sum_{k=1}^p x^{p-k}d_2(x)x^{k-1} = 0$ . Hence  $x^p \in R$ . Similarly  $y^p \in R$ . Now we shall show that  $\{x^i y^j\}_{0 \leq i, j \leq p-1}$  is linearly independent over  $R$ . Assume that  $\sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} r_{ij}x^i y^j = 0$ . Applying  $d_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} r_{ij}d_1(x^i y^j) \\
 = & \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} r_{ij}d_1(x^i)y^j + \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} r_{ij}x^i d_1(y^j) \\
 = & \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^i r_{ij}x^{i-k}d_1(x)x^{k-1}y^j + \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^j r_{ij}x^i y^{j-k}d_1(y)y^{k-1} \\
 = & \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} r'_{ij}x^{i-1}y^j = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $r'_{ij} = ir_{ij}$ . Further applying  $d_1$ , we get  $\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{i=2}^{p-1} r''_{ij}x^{i-2}y^j = 0$ , where  $r''_{ij} = i(i-1)r_{ij}$ . And finally we get  $\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (p-1)!r_{p-1,j}y^j = 0$ . Next applying  $d_2$ ,  $(p-1)$ -times, we get  $r_{p-1,p-1} = 0$ . Hence inductively we get  $r_{p-1,j} = 0$  for all  $j$ . Again inductively, we get  $r_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Thus  $\{x^i y^j \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq p-1\}$  is linearly independent over  $R$ . Usual arguments of passing to residue class fields and counting ranks, we get that  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle$ .

If part. Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -algebra generated by  $x$  and  $y$  with the relation  $x^p = r_1$ ,  $y^p = r_2$  and  $xy - yx = r$ ,  $r_1, r_2, r \in R$ . We define the action of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  as follows ;  $d_1(x) = 1$ ,  $d_1(y) = 0$ ,  $d_2(x) = 0$  and  $d_2(y) = 1$ , and then extend the actions of  $d_1, d_2$  to  $A$  as  $R$ -derivation. Since  $xy - yx \in R$ ,  $d_1 d_2(xy) = d_1 d_2(yx)$ ,  $A$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -module algebra as is easily seen. We define an homomorphism  $\phi : A \# H(p)^2 \longrightarrow \text{End}(A)$  by  $\phi(\sum a_{ij} \# d_1^i \otimes d_2^j)(a) = \sum a_{ij} d_1^i d_2^j(a)$ . If  $\phi(\sum a_{ij} \# d_1^i \otimes d_2^j) = 0$ , then substituting  $\{x^i y^j \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq p-1\}$  for  $a$ , we get inductively  $a_{ij} = 0$ . Thus  $\phi$  is a monomorphism. By the usual way of passing to the residue class fields and counting ranks, we get  $\phi$  is an isomorphism. Thus  $A$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ .

In the case of  $R$  is a field, we have the following normal form of  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extensions.

**Theorem 9.** *Assume that  $R$  is a field and  $A$  is an  $R$ -algebra which is non-commutative. If  $A/R$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension, then we can define a new  $H(p)^2$ -action on  $A$  (of course if necessary) such that  $A/R$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension and  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle$  where  $x, y$  satisfies the following relations ;  $x^p, y^p \in R$ ,  $xy - yx = 1$ ,  $d_1(x) = 1$ ,  $d_1(y) = 0$ ,  $d_2(x) = 0$  and  $d_2(y) = 1$  — this means that  $d_1$  is an inner derivation afforded by  $-y$  and  $d_2$  is an inner derivation afforded by  $-x$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in A$  be an element which satisfies the relations of Theorem 8 (say  $xy - yx = r \neq 0$ ). We set  $y' = r^{-1}y$ , and define a new  $H(p)^2$ -action on  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle = R\langle x, y' \rangle$  by  $d_1(x) = 1$ ,  $d_1(y') = 0$ ,  $d_2(x) = 0$  and  $d_2(y') = 1$ . By this new  $H(p)^2$ -module structure,  $A$  is an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $R$  be a field and  $A = R\langle x, y \rangle$  an  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension of  $R$ , where  $x, y$  is chosen to satisfy  $x^p, y^p \in R$ ,  $xy - yx = 1$ ,  $d_1(x) = 1$ ,  $d_2(x) = 0$ ,  $d_1(y) = 0$  and  $d_2(y) = 1$  as Theorem 9. Then  $A$  is a central simple  $R$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra generated by  $d_1$ . Then  $R[x]/R$  is an  $H$ -Hopf Galois extension as is easily seen. We define a homomorphism  $f: H \rightarrow A$  by  $f(d_1^j) = (-1)^j y^j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq p-1$ . We note that  $f$  is an invertible element in the convolution algebra  $\text{Hom}(H, A)$  —  $f^{-1}$  is given by  $f^{-1}(d_1^j) = y^j$ . We want to show that  $f$  gives an  $A$ -inner action of  $H$  extending the action on  $R[x]$ . To this end we must show that  $d_1^j(z) = \sum_{(a|b)} f(d_{1(1)}^a) z f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b)$  for  $z \in R[x]$ . We proceed by induction on  $j$ . For  $j = 0, 1$  the assertion is valid and we assume that the assertion holds for  $j < p-1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_1^{j+1}(z) &= d_1(d_1^j(z)) = d_1\left(\sum_{(a|b)} f(d_{1(1)}^a) z f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b)\right) \\ &= -y \sum_{(a|b)} f(d_{1(1)}^a) z f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b) + \sum_{(a|b)} f(d_{1(1)}^a) z f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b) y \\ &= -y \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} (-y)^k z y^{j-k} + \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} (-y)^k z y^{j-k+1} \\ &= \binom{j}{j} (-y)^{j+1} z + \sum_{k=1}^j \left(\binom{j}{k-1} + \binom{j}{k}\right) (-y)^k z y^{j+1-k} + \binom{j}{0} z y^{j+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{j+1} \binom{j+1}{k} (-y)^k z y^{j+1-k} \\ &= \sum_{(a|b)} f(d_{1(1)}^{a+1}) z f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  gives a desired  $A$ -inner action. Next we shall consider the 2-cocycle  $\sigma$  associated of  $f$ . We formulate as the following lemma.

**Lemma 11.** *Let  $0 \leq i, j \leq p-1$ . Then  $\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = 1$  when  $i = j = 0$ ,  $\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = -y^p$  when  $i+j = p$ , and  $\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = 0$  otherwise.*

*Proof.* By definition  $\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = \sum_{(a|b)} \sum_{(c|d)} f(d_{1(1)}^a) f(d_{1(1)}^c) f^{-1}(d_{1(2)}^b d_{1(2)}^d)$ . So for  $0 \leq i+j < p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) &= \sum_{s=0}^i \sum_{t=0}^j \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} f(d_1^s) f(d_1^t) f^{-1}(d_1^{-s} d_1^{t+j}) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^i \sum_{t=0}^j \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-y)^{s+t} y^{i+j-s-t} \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^i \sum_{t=0}^j \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-1)^{s+t} y^{i+j} \\ &= (1-1)^i (1-1)^j y^{i+j} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

if  $i = j = 0$  or  $\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = 0$  if  $0 < i+j < p$ . Next we consider the case  $i+j \geq p$ . Noting that  $f^{-1}(d_1^{i+j-s-t}) = 0$  if  $s+t \leq i+j-p$ , we get

$$\sigma(d_1^i \otimes d_1^j) = \sum_{s=0}^i \sum_{t=0}^j \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-1)^{s+t} y^{i+j} - \sum_{s+t \leq i+j-p} \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-1)^{s+t} y^{i+j}.$$

We know that  $\sum_{s=0}^i \sum_{t=0}^j \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-1)^{s+t} y^{i+j} = (1-1)^i (1-1)^j y^{i+j} = 0$  and  $\sum_{s+t \leq i+j-p} \binom{i}{s} \binom{j}{t} (-1)^{s+t} =$  sum of coefficients of the polynomial

$(1-X)^i(1-Y)^j = (1-X^p)(1-X)^{i+j-p}$  degree less than or equal to  $i+j-p$ , which is equal to  $(1-1)^{i+j-p}$ . Thus  $\sigma(d_i^i \otimes d_j^j) = -y^p$  if  $i+j = p$ , or  $\sigma(d_i^i \otimes d_j^j) = 0$  otherwise. Since  $A$  is associative,  $\sigma$  is indeed a 2-cocycle. This completes the proof.

Now we return to the proof of Proposition 10. Since the associated 2-cocycle  $\sigma$  is  $R$ -valued, the smash product  $R[x] \#_{\sigma} H$  is a simple ring (cf. [8] Proposition 9.1 or [10] Proposition 1.2). We define a homomorphism  $\rho: R[x] \#_{\sigma} H \rightarrow A$  by  $\rho(a \# d^i) = af(d^i)$ .  $\rho$  is a non-zero algebra homomorphism, hence a monomorphism.  $\{\rho(x \# 1) = x, \rho(1 \# (-d_1)) = y\}$  is a generator of  $A$  over  $R$ , so  $\rho$  is an epimorphism. This completes the proof of proposition 10.

**Corollary 12.** *An  $H(p)^2$ -Hopf Galois extension  $A$  of  $R$  is a commutative algebra or an Azumaya algebra.*

*Proof.* We assume that  $A$  is non-commutative. By Theorem 8,  $A$  is central as is easily seen. Also by [4] Proposition 1.1,  $A$  is a separable  $R$ -algebra if and only if  $A/mA$  is a separable  $R/m$ -algebra for any maximal ideal  $m$  of  $R$ . So we may assume that  $R$  is a field. Since the ring structure is not changed in Theorem 9, we get the assertion by Proposition 10.

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