# ON ALGEBRAS ARISING FROM THE ELEMENTS OF A GALOIS GROUP FOR A GALOIS ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT. Let B be a ring with 1 and C the center of B. It is shown that if B is a Galois algebra over R with a finite Galois group G,  $J_g = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$  for each  $g \in G$ , and  $e_g$  an idempotent in C such that  $BJ_g = Be_g$ , then the algebra B(g) generated by  $\{J_h \mid h \in G \text{ and } e_h = e_g\}$  for an  $g \in G$  is a separable algebra over  $Re_g$  and a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group K(g) generated by  $\{h \in G \mid e_h = e_g\}$ . Moreover,  $\{B(g) \mid g \in G\}$  and  $\{K(g) \mid g \in G\}$  are in a one-to-one correspondence, and three characterizations of a Galois extension are also given.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Boolean algebra of the idempotents in a commutative Galois algebra plays an important role ([2],[9]). For a noncommutative Galois algebra B over a commutative ring R with a finite Galois group G and center C, and  $J_q = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$ for each  $g \in G$ , it was shown that  $BJ_g = Be_g$  for some central idempotent  $e_g$  ( $\in C$ ) for any  $g \in G$  ([5]). We note that the central idempotent  $e_g$  is uniquely determined by g in G. To see this, let e be a central idempotent of B. Then the mapping  $b \longmapsto be \ (b \in B)$ defines a ring epimorphism  $B \longrightarrow Be$  because (b+b')e = be+b'e and (bb')e = (be)(b'e) for every  $b, b' \in B$ . Thus, as the image of 1, e is the identity of the subring Be. Therefore if f is another central idempotent of B such that Be = Bf, then f is also the identity of Be, and so we know that e = f. Hence, in particular, if f is a central idempotent such that  $BJ_g = Bf$ , i.e.,  $Be_g = Bf$ , then it follows that  $f = e_g$ . Let  $B_a$  be the Boolean algebra generated by  $\{0, e_q \mid g \in G\}$ . Then a structure theorem for B was given by using  $B_a$  ([6]) and the subalgebra  $\bigoplus \sum_{g \in K(1)} J_g$  was investigated where  $K(1) = \{h \in G \mid e_h = 1\}$  ([8]). We note that B is a central Galois algebra with Galois group G if and only if K(1) = G. Let  $S(g) = \{h \in G \mid e_h = e_g\}$  for each  $g \in G$ . Then S(1) = K(1), but S(g) is not a subgroup of G for any  $e_q \neq 1$  ([7]). Denote the subgroup generated by the elements in S(g) by K(g). The purpose of the present paper is to investigate a more general class of algebras B(g) generated by  $\{J_h \mid h \in S(g)\}$  for an  $g \in G$ . The major results are (1)  $B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$ , (2) B(g) is a separable algebra over  $Re_q$ , (3) B(g) is a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group K(g) where a weakly Galois algebra is in the sense of [9], and (4) there exists a oneto-one correspondence between the set of algebras  $\{B(g) \mid g \in G\}$  and the set of subgroups  $\{K(g) \mid g \in G\}$ . Thus  $B = \sum_{g \in G} B(g)$  such that B(g) is a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group K(g) for each  $g \in G$ . Three remarkable characterizations of a Galois extension in section 5 were given by the first author. This paper was written under the support of a Caterpillar Fellowship at Bradley University. The authors would like to thank Caterpillar Inc. for the support.

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#### 2. BASIC NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Throughout this paper, B will represent a ring with 1 and G a finite automorphism group of B. We keep the definitions of a Galois extension, a Galois algebra, a central Galois algebra, a separable extension, and an Azumaya algebra as defined in ([6]).

¿From now on, let B be a Galois algebra over a commutative ring R with a finite Galois group G, C the center of B,  $J_g = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$  for each  $g \in G$ ,  $e_g$  a central idempotent in C such that  $BJ_g = Be_g$  ([5]),  $S(g) = \{h \in G \mid e_h = e_g\}$  for each  $g \in G$ , K(g) the subgroup of G generated by  $\{h \mid h \in S(g)\}$ , B(g) the algebra contained in B generated by  $\{J_h \mid h \in S(g)\}$  for each  $g \in G$ , and  $J_g^{(A)} = \{a \in A \mid ax = g(x)a \text{ for all } x \in A\}$  for a subring A of B. A weakly Galois extension A with Galois group G is a finitely generated projective right module A over  $A^G$  such that  $A_lG = \operatorname{Hom}_{A^G}(A,A)$  where  $A_l = \{a_l$ , the left multiplication map by  $a \in A\}$  and  $(a_lg)(x) = ag(x)$  for each  $a_l \in A_l$  and  $x \in A$  ([9]). We call A a weakly Galois algebra with Galois group G if A is a weakly Galois extension with Galois group G such that  $A^G$  is contained in the center of A and that A is a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group G if A is a weakly Galois extension with Galois group G such that  $A^G$  is the center of A. An Azumaya Galois extension A with Galois group G is a Galois extension A of  $A^G$  which is a  $C^G$ -Azumaya algebra where C is the center of A ([1]). We call A an Azumaya weakly Galois extension with Galois group G if it is a weakly Galois extension of  $A^G$  which is a  $C^G$ -Azumaya algebra where C is the center of A.

# 3. THE SEPARABLE ALGEBRA B(g)

Let  $g \in G$  and B(g) the algebra generated by  $\{J_h \mid h \in S(g)\}$ . Keeping the notations in section 2, we shall show that  $B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$  and that B(g) is a separable algebra over  $Re_g$ . We begin with some lemmas.

#### Lemma 3.1.

Let  $G(g) = \{h \in G \mid h(e_g) = e_g\}$ . Then K(g) is a normal subgroup of G(g).

Proof. Clearly, G(g) is a subgroup of G. Next, let  $k \in S(g)$ . Then  $e_k = e_g$ ; and so  $k(e_g) = k(e_k) = e_{kkk^{-1}} = e_k = e_g$ . Hence  $k \in G(g)$ . Thus  $S(g) \subset G(g)$ . But K(g) is the subgroup generated by the elements in S(g) by the definition of K(g), so K(g) is a subgroup of G(g). Next we show K(g) is a normal subgroup of G(g). For any  $h \in G(g)$  and  $k \in S(g)$ , we have that  $e_{hkh^{-1}} = h(e_k) = h(e_g) = e_g$ , so  $hkh^{-1} \in S(g)$ . Clearly,  $k^{-1} \in S(g)$  if  $k \in S(g)$ . Hence for any  $k \in K(g)$ ,  $k = k_1k_2 \cdots k_m$  for some integer m and some  $k_i \in S(g)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \cdots, m$ . Thus, for any  $k \in G(g)$ ,  $hkh^{-1} = h(k_1k_2 \cdots k_m)h^{-1} = (hk_1h^{-1})(hk_2h^{-1}) \cdots (hk_mh^{-1}) \in K(g)$ . Therefore  $hK(g)h^{-1} \subset K(g)$  for any  $k \in G(g)$ . This proves that K(g) is a normal subgroup of G(g).

# Lemma 3.2.

 $Be_g$  is a separable algebra over  $Re_g$ .

*Proof.* Since B is a Galois algebra over R, B is a separable algebra over R. Hence  $Be_g$  is a separable algebra over  $Re_g$  ([3], Proposition 1.11, page 46).

# Lemma 3.3.

For each  $h \in G(g)$ ,  $J_h^{(Be_g)} = e_g J_h$ .

Proof. See Lemma 3.3 in [6].

## Theorem 3.4.

$$B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$$
.

*Proof.* Since B(g) is generated by  $\{J_h \mid h \in S(g)\},\$ 

$$B(g) = \left\{ \sum (\Pi J_h), \text{ a finite sum of finite products of } J_h \text{ for some } h \in S(g) \right\}.$$

By Proposition 2 in [5],  $J_h J_{h'} = e_h J_{hh'} = e_g J_{hh'}$  for any  $h, h' \in S(g)$ , so  $\Pi J_h = e_g J_{\Pi h}$  for some  $h \in S(g)$ . Hence  $B(g) = \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$ . But B is a Galois algebra over R with Galois group G, so  $B = \bigoplus \sum_{g \in G} J_g$  ([5], Theorem 1). Noting that  $J_h$  is a C-module, we have that  $e_g J_h \subset J_h$  for each  $h \in K(g)$ . Thus, the sum is direct, that is,  $B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$ .

## Theorem 3.5.

For each  $k \in K(g)$ ,  $e_k e_g = e_g$ .

*Proof.* We want to prove that

$$(*) e_{g_1} e_{g_2} \cdots e_{g_n} = e_{g_2} \cdots e_{g_n} e_{g_1 g_2 \cdots g_n}$$

for any integer  $n \geq 2$  and any elements  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  of G. Consider now the case for n=2. We know by Proposition 2 in [5] that  $J_{g_1}J_{g_2}=e_{g_2}J_{g_1g_2}$ , and so  $e_{g_1}e_{g_2}B=e_{g_1}BJ_{g_2}=BJ_{g_1}J_{g_2}=Be_{g_2}J_{g_1g_2}=e_{g_2}BJ_{g_1g_2}=e_{g_2}e_{g_1g_2}B$ . Since  $e_{g_1}e_{g_2}$  and  $e_{g_2}e_{g_1g_2}$  are central idempotents, we have

(1) 
$$e_{g_1}e_{g_2} = e_{g_2}e_{g_1g_2} \text{ for any } g_1, g_2 \in G.$$

Now assume that (\*) is true for an  $n(\geq 2)$  and any  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n \in G$ . Let  $g_{n+1}$  be any element of G. Then by applying (1) to  $g_1g_2\cdots g_n$  and  $g_{n+1}$  instead of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  respectively, we have

$$e_{g_1g_2...g_n}e_{g_{n+1}} = e_{g_{n+1}}e_{g_1g_2...g_ng_{n+1}}.$$

Thus we conclude

$$\begin{array}{lll} e_{g_1}e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n}e_{g_{n+1}} & = & (e_{g_1}e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n})e_{g_{n+1}} \\ & = & (e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n}e_{g_1g_2\cdots g_n})e_{g_{n+1}} \text{ by the assumption } (*) \\ & = & (e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n})(e_{g_1g_2\cdots g_n}e_{g_{n+1}}) \\ & = & (e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n})(e_{g_{n+1}}e_{g_1g_2\cdots g_ng_{n+1}}) \text{ by } (2) \\ & = & e_{g_2}\cdots e_{g_n}e_{g_{n+1}}e_{g_1g_2\cdots g_ng_{n+1}}. \end{array}$$

This shows by induction that (\*) holds for any  $n \geq 2$  and any  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n \in G$ .

Now assume that  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n \in S(g)$  for some integer n, so  $e_g = e_{h_1} = e_{h_2} = \dots = e_{h_n}$ . Then  $e_g = e_g e_{h_1 h_2 \dots h_n}$  by the above result (\*). Let L be the set of those elements of G which are finite products of elements in S(g). Then clearly L is closed under multiplication. Since  $e_h = e_{h^{-1}}$  for any  $h \in G$  ([5], Proposition 2-(3)),  $e_g = e_h = e_{h^{-1}}$  for any  $h \in S(g)$ ; and so  $h^{-1} \in S(g)$ . It follows that if  $h = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n \in L$  where  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n \in S(g)$  for some integer n, then  $h^{-1} = h_n^{-1} \dots h_1^{-1} \in L$ . Thus L is a subgroup generated by the elements in S(g); that is, L = K(g). Therefore, for any element  $k \in K(g)$ ,  $k = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n$  where  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n \in S(g)$  for some integer n, we have that  $e_g = e_g e_k$ . This completes the proof.

Next is the main theorem in this section.

#### Theorem 3.6.

B(g) is a separable algebra over  $Re_q$ .

*Proof.* Since B is a Galois algebra over R with Galois group G, there exists a  $c \in C$  such that  $\operatorname{Tr}_G(c) = 1$  by the proof of proposition 5 in [5]. Let  $\{K(g)g_i \mid g_i \in G, i = 1, 2, \cdots, m\}$ for some integer m} be the set of the right cosets of K(g) in G and  $d = \sum_{i=1}^{m} g_i(c)$ . Then  $\operatorname{Tr}_{K(g)}(d) = \sum_{k \in K(g)} k(d) = \sum_{k \in K(g)} \sum_{i=1}^{m} kg_i(c) = \operatorname{Tr}_{G}(c) = 1$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Tr}_{K(g)}(de_g x) = 1$  $e_g x$  for each  $e_g x \in (e_g B)^{K(g)}$ . Thus the map  $\operatorname{Tr}_{K(g)}(d_{\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}}): e_g B \longrightarrow (e_g B)^{K(g)}$  is a split bimodule homomorphism over  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$ . This implies that  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$  is a direct summand of  $e_q B$  as a bimodule over  $(e_q B)^{K(q)}$ . On the other hand,  $e_q B$  is a Galois extension of  $(e_qB)^{G(g)}$  with Galois group G(g) by Lemma 3.7 in [6], so  $e_qB$  is a Galois extension of  $(e_q B)^{K(g)}$  with Galois group K(g) for K(g) is a subgroup of G(g) by Lemma 3.1. Hence  $e_q B$  is a finitely generated and projective left (or right) module over  $(e_q B)^{K(g)}$ . Thus  $(e_q B)^{K(g)}$  is a separable algebra over  $Re_q$  by the proof of Theorem 3.8 on page 55 in [3] because  $Be_g$  is a separable algebra over  $Re_g$  by Lemma 3.2. Next, we claim that  $Ce_g \subset (e_g B)^{K(g)}$ . In fact, for any  $ce_g \in Ce_g$ ,  $k \in K(g)$ , and  $x \in J_k$ , we have that  $(ce_g)x = x(ce_g) = k(ce_g)x$ , so  $(ce_g - k(ce_g))x = 0$ . Hence  $(ce_g - k(ce_g))J_k = \{0\}$ . But  $J_k J_{k^{-1}} = e_k C$  ([5], Proposition 2), so  $(ce_g - k(ce_g))e_k C = \{0\}$ . By Lemma 3.5,  $e_g e_k = e_g$ , so  $(ce_g - k(ce_g))C = \{0\}$ . Thus  $ce_g - k(ce_g) = 0$ , that is,  $k(ce_g) = ce_g$ . This implies that  $Ce_g \subset (e_g B)^{K(g)}$ . Therefore  $Ce_g$  is contained in the center of  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$  for  $Ce_g$  is contained in the center of B. Consequently  $(e_q B)^{K(g)}$  is separable over  $Ce_q$  ([3], Proposition 1.12, page 46). Moreover, since  $Be_g$  is separable over  $Re_g$ ,  $Be_g$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $Ce_g$  and  $Ce_g$  is separable over  $Re_g$  ([3], Theorem 3.8, page 55). Hence  $V_{Be_g}((e_gB)^{K(g)})$  is separable over  $Ce_g$  by the commutator theorem for Azumaya algebras ([3], Theorem 4.3, page 57); and so it is separable over  $Re_g$  by the transitivity of separable algebras. But, by Proposition 1 in [5],  $V_{Be_g}((e_gB)^{K(g)}) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} J_k^{(Be_g)}$ , so  $V_{Be_g}((e_gB)^{K(g)}) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$  by Lemma 3.3. Therefore  $B(g) \ (= \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$  by Theorem 3.4) is a separable algebra over  $Re_q$ .

# 4. THE CENTRAL WEAKLY GALOIS ALGEBRA B(g)

We recall that an algebra A over a commutative ring R with a finite automorphism group G is called a weakly Galois extension with Galois group G if A is a finitely generated projective right  $A^G$ -module such that  $A_lG = \operatorname{Hom}_{A^G}(A,A)$  where  $A_l = \{a_l, \text{ the left multiplication map by } a \in A\}$ . We shall show that B(g) is a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group U(g) where U(g) = K(g)/L and  $L = \{k \in K(g) \mid k(a) = a \text{ for all } a \in B(g)\}$ . For each  $k \in K(g)$ ,  $\overline{k}$  is denoted as the coset  $kL \in U(g)$  and  $\overline{k}(b) = k(b)$  for  $b \in B(g)$ .

# Lemma 4.1.

 $(B(g))^{K(g)} = Z$ , the center of B(g).

*Proof.* Let x be any element in  $(B(g))^{K(g)}$  and b any element in B(g). Then  $b = \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g b_k$  where  $b_k \in J_k$  for each  $k \in K(g)$  by Theorem 3.4. Hence

$$bx = \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g b_k x = \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g k(x) b_k = \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g x b_k = x \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g b_k = x b.$$

Thus  $x \in Z$ . Therefore  $(B(g))^{K(g)} \subset Z$ . Conversely, for any  $z \in Z$ ,  $k \in K(g)$ , and  $x \in J_k$ , we have that zx = xz = k(z)x, so (k(z) - z)x = 0 for any  $x \in J_k$ . Hence  $(k(z) - z)J_k = \{0\}$ . Noting that  $J_kJ_{k^{-1}} = e_kC$ , we have that  $(k(z) - z)e_kC = \{0\}$ . By

Lemma 3.5,  $e_gC = e_ge_kC \subset e_kC$ . Hence  $(k(z) - z)e_gC = \{0\}$ , so  $(k(z) - z)e_g = 0$ , that is,  $k(ze_g) = ze_g$ . But z is in the center of B(g) and  $B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$ , so  $ze_g = z$ . Thus k(z) = z for any  $z \in Z$  and  $k \in K(g)$ ; and so  $Z \subset (B(g))^{K(g)}$ .

#### Theorem 4.2.

B(g) is a central weakly Galois algebra with Galois group U(g), that is, B(g) is a weakly Galois algebra over its center Z with Galois group U(g).

Proof. By Lemma 4.1, it suffices to show that B(g) is a weakly Galois algebra with Galois group U(g). In fact, by Theorem 3.6, B(g) is separable over  $Re_g$ , so B(g) is an Azumaya algebra over Z. Hence B(g) is a finitely generated projective module over Z (=  $(B(g))^{U(g)}$ ), and the map  $f: B(g) \otimes_Z (B(g))^o \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_Z(B(g), B(g))$  is an isomorphism ([3], Theorem 3.4, page 52) where  $(B(g))^o$  is the opposite algebra of B(g),  $f(a \otimes b)(x) = axb$  for each  $a \otimes b \in B(g) \otimes_Z (B(g))^o$  and each  $x \in B(g)$ . By denoting the left multiplication map with  $a \in B(g)$  by  $a_l$  and the right multiplication map with  $b \in B(g)$  by  $b_r$ ,  $f(a \otimes b)(x) = axb = (a_lb_r)(x)$ . Since  $B(g) = \bigoplus_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$ ,  $B(g) \otimes_Z (B(g))^o \cong \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g))_l (J_k)_r$ . Observing that  $(J_k)_r = (J_k)_l \overline{k}^{-1}$  where  $\overline{k} = kL \in U(g) = K(g)/L$ , we have that  $B(g) \otimes_Z (B(g))^o \cong \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g))_l (J_k)_r = \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g))_l (J_k)_l \overline{k}^{-1} = \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g)J_k)_l \overline{k}^{-1}$ . Moreover, since  $B(g) = \bigoplus_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k$  and  $e_g e_h = e_g$  for each  $h \in K(g)$ ,  $B(g)J_k = \bigoplus_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k J_k = \bigoplus_{k \in K(g)} e_g h_k J_{kk} = \bigoplus_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_{kk} = B(g)$  for each  $k \in K(g)$ . Therefore  $B(g) \otimes_Z (B(g))^o \cong \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g)J_k)_l \overline{k}^{-1} = \sum_{k \in K(g)} (B(g))_l \overline{k}^{-1}$  is completes the proof.

# Corollary 4.3.

By keeping the notations of Theorem 4.2,  $B = \sum_{g \in G} B(g)$ , a sum of central weakly Galois algebras.

*Proof.* Since B is a Galois algebra with Galois group G,  $B=\oplus \sum_{g\in G} J_g$  ([5], Theorem 1). But B(g) is generated by  $\{J_h \mid h\in S(g)\}$  which contains  $J_g$ , so  $J_g\subset B(g)$  for each  $g\in G$ . Thus  $B=\sum_{g\in G} B(g)$  such that B(g) is a central weakly Galois algebra by Theorem 4.2.

We recall that a Galois extension A with Galois group G is called an Azumaya Galois extension if  $A^G$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C^G$  where C is the center of A. We define a weakly Galois extension A with Galois group G a weakly Azumaya Galois extension if  $A^G$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C^G$ . As a consequence of Theorem 4.2,  $B(g)(B(g))^{K(g)}$  can be shown to be a weakly Azumaya Galois extension with Galois group U(g).

## Corollary 4.4.

 $(B(g))(e_gB)^{K(g)}$  is a weakly Azumaya Galois extension of  $(e_gB)^{K(g)}$  with Galois group U(g) = K(g)/L.

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.2,  $(B(g))_l U(g) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_Z(B(g), B(g))$ , so

$$\begin{split} \big( (B(g))(e_g B)^{K(g)} \big)_l U(g) & \cong & \operatorname{Hom}_Z(B(g), B(g))(e_g B)^{K(g)} \\ & \cong & \operatorname{Hom}_Z(B(g), B(g)) \otimes_Z (e_g B)^{K(g)} \\ & \cong & \operatorname{Hom}_{(e_g B)^{K(g)}}(B(g) \otimes_Z (e_g B)^{K(g)}, B(g) \otimes_Z (e_g B)^{K(g)}). \end{split}$$

Moreover, by the proof of Theorem 3.6, B(g) and  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$  are Azumaya algebras over Z, so it is easy to see that  $(B(g))(e_g B)^{K(g)} \cong B(g) \otimes_Z (e_g B)^{K(g)}$  which is a finitely generated projective module over  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$ . Thus  $(B(g))(e_g B)^{K(g)}$  is a weakly Azumaya Galois extension of  $(e_g B)^{K(g)}$  with Galois group U(g) = K(g)/L.

Next we characterize a Galois extension B(g) with Galois group U(g).

# Theorem 4.5.

The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) B(g) is a central Galois algebra with Galois group U(g).
- (2) B(g) is a Galois extension with Galois group U(g).
- (3)  $J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} = \bigoplus \sum_{l \in L} e_g J_{kl} \text{ for each } \overline{k} \in U(g).$

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$  is clear.

- $(2) \Longrightarrow (1)$  is a consequence of Lemma 4.1.
- $(1) \Longrightarrow (3) \text{ Let } B(g) \text{ be a central Galois algebra with Galois group } U(g). \text{ Then } B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{\overline{k} \in U(g)} J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} \text{ ([5], Theorem 1)}. \text{ Next it is easy to check that } \bigoplus \sum_{l \in L} e_g J_{kl} \subset J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} \text{ for each } k \in K(g). \text{ But } B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k \text{ by Theorem 3.4, so } \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k = \bigoplus \sum_{\overline{k} \in U(g)} J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} \text{ (by Lemma 3.3) such that } \bigoplus \sum_{l \in L} e_g J_{kl} \subset J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))}. \text{ Thus } J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} = \bigoplus \sum_{l \in L} e_g J_{kl} \text{ for each } \overline{k} \in U(g).$ 
  - (3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (1) Since  $J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))} = \bigoplus \sum_{l \in L} e_g J_{kl}$  for each  $\overline{k} \in U(g)$ ,

$$B(g) = \bigoplus \sum_{k \in K(g)} e_g J_k = \bigoplus \sum_{\overline{k} \in U(g)} J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))}.$$

Moreover, by Lemma 4.1,  $(B(g))^{K(g)} = Z$ , so U(g) is an Z-automorphism group of B(g). But then it is well known that  $J_{\overline{k}}^{(B(g))}J_{\overline{k}^{-1}}^{(B(g))} = Z$  for each  $\overline{k} \in U(g)$ . Thus B(g) is a central Galois algebra with Galois group U(g) ([4], Theorem 1) for B(g) is an Azumaya algebra over Z by Theorem 3.6.

### 5. A ONE-TO-ONE CORRESPONDENCE

In this section we shall establish a one-to-one correspondence between the set of algebras  $\{B(g) \mid g \in G\}$  and the set of subgroups  $\{K(g) \mid g \in G\}$ , and give three remarkable characterizations of a Galois extension due to the first author.

## Lemma 5.1.

Let  $\alpha: e_g \longrightarrow K(g)$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a bijection between  $\{e_g \mid g \in G\}$  and  $\{K(g) \mid g \in G\}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that K(g) = K(h) for some  $g, h \in G$ . Since  $h \in K(h)$ ,  $h \in K(g)$ . Hence  $e_g = e_g e_h$  by Lemma 3.5. Similarly,  $e_h = e_g e_h$ . Thus  $e_g = e_h$ ; and so  $\alpha$  is one-to-one. Clearly,  $\alpha$  is onto. Therefore  $\alpha$  is a bijection.

#### Lemma 5.2.

Let  $\beta: e_g \longrightarrow B(g)$ . Then  $\beta$  is a bijection between  $\{e_g \mid g \in G\}$  and  $\{B(g) \mid g \in G\}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that B(g)=B(h) for some  $g,h\in G$ . If  $B(g)=B(h)=\{0\}$ , then  $e_g=0=e_h$ . If  $B(g)=B(h)\neq\{0\}$ , noting that  $e_g\in e_gC=e_gJ_1\subset\oplus\sum_{k\in K(g)}e_gJ_k=B(g)$ 

by Theorem 3.4, we have that  $e_g$  is the identity of B(g) and  $e_h$  is the identity of B(h). Hence  $e_g = e_h$ . Thus  $\beta$  is one-to-one. Clearly,  $\beta$  is onto. Therefore  $\beta$  is a bijection.

Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.2 imply a one-to-one correspondence between  $\{B(g) \mid g \in G\}$  and  $\{K(g) \mid g \in G\}$ .

## Theorem 5.3.

Let  $\phi: K(g) \longrightarrow B(g)$ . Then  $\phi$  is a bijection between  $\{K(g) | g \in G\}$  and  $\{B(g) | g \in G\}$ . Proof. By Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.2,  $\phi = \beta \alpha^{-1}$  is a bijection.

We conclude the present paper with two interesting equivalent conditions for a Galois extension of a ring and a characterization of a Galois extension of a field. Let L be a ring with a finite automorphism group G,  $K = L^G$ , and R the endomorphism ring of the right K-module L. Then L can be regarded as a two-sided R-K-module. For each  $a \in L$ , denote by  $\overline{a}$  the mapping  $x \longrightarrow ax$  ( $x \in L$ ). Then  $\overline{a}$  is an endomorphism of  $L_K$ , i.e.,  $\overline{a} \in R$ , and the mapping  $a \longrightarrow \overline{a}$  an isomorphism from L into R. Let  $\overline{L}$  be the image of L by this isomorphism. Let  $\sigma$  be any element in G. Then  $\sigma$  is in R, because  $(ax)^{\sigma} = a^{\sigma}x^{\sigma} = a^{\sigma}x$  for every  $a \in L$  and  $x \in K$ . Moreover, we have  $(\sigma \overline{a})b = \sigma(ab) = (ab)^{\sigma} = a^{\sigma}b^{\sigma} = (\overline{a^{\sigma}}\sigma)b$  for any  $a, b \in L$ , which shows that  $\sigma \overline{a} = \overline{a^{\sigma}}\sigma$  for any  $a \in L$  and in particular  $\sigma \overline{L} = \overline{L}\sigma$ . Now L is called a Galois extension of K relative to G if the right K-module L is finitely generated and projective and  $R = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus \sigma \overline{L}$ . Thus, without using the crossed product of L and G with trivial factor set, a Galois extension is characterized.

## Theorem A.

The following are equivalent:

A. L is a Galois extension of K relative to G.

B. There exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n$  in L such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i^{\sigma} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. First we prove that A implies B: Assume A. Then  $L_K$  is finitely generated and projective, which means the existence of finite number of  $x_i \in L$  and homomorphism  $\phi_i: L_K \longrightarrow K_K \ (i=1,2,\ldots,n)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \phi_i(x) = x$  for all  $x \in L$ . Since  $K \subset L$ , each  $\phi_i$  is an endomorphism of  $L_K$ , i.e.,  $\phi_i \in R$ . Then the above equality can be written as  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \phi_i)x = x$  for all  $x \in L$ . But this means the following equality:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \phi_i = 1$ . Since  $R = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \overline{L}$  by assumption A, each  $\phi_i$  can be expressed as  $\phi_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \overline{y}_{i,\sigma}$  with  $y_{i,\sigma} \in L \ (1 \le i \le n, \ \sigma \in G)$ . On the other hand, since  $\phi_i x \in K$  for every  $x \in L$ , it follows that  $\phi_i x = \tau(\phi_i x) = (\tau \phi_i)x$  for every  $\tau \in G$  and  $x \in L$  and hence  $\phi_i = \tau \phi_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \tau \sigma \overline{y}_{i,\sigma}$  for every  $\tau \in G$ . Since R is a direct sum of  $\sigma \overline{L} \ (\sigma \in G)$ , this implies that  $y_{i,\tau\sigma} = y_{i,\sigma}$  for every  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$  in G and hence  $y_{i,\sigma}$  is independent of  $\sigma$  and depends only on i. Therefore we can write  $y_i = y_{i,\sigma}$  for every  $\sigma$ , so that we have  $\phi_i = (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \overline{y}_i$ . It follows then  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \phi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \overline{y}_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} (\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i y_i^{\overline{\sigma}}) \sigma$ . From this we can conclude that  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$  and  $0 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i^{\overline{\sigma}}$  if  $\sigma \neq 1$ .

Next we assume B. Let  $\phi_i = (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \overline{y}_i$  for each i  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$ . Then  $\phi_i$  is in R and satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \phi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \overline{y}_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} (\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \overline{y}_i^{\sigma}) \sigma = 1$ . This implies that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \phi_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (\phi_i x) = (\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i \phi_i) x = x$  for every  $x \in L$ . Moreover,  $\phi_i(x) = (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma)(y_i x)$  for every  $x \in L$  and so for any  $\tau \in G$  we have  $\phi_i(x)^\tau = \tau(\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma)(y_i x) = (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \tau \sigma)(y_i x) = (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma)(y_i x)$  whence  $\phi_i(x)^\tau = \phi_i(x)$  for every  $x \in L$  and  $\tau \in G$ . Thus

we know that  $\phi_i(x)$  is in  $L^G = K$  for every  $x \in L$ , i.e.,  $\phi_i$  is a homomorphism  $L_K \longrightarrow K_K$  and therefore  $L_K$  is finitely generated and projective.

Let  $\alpha$  be any endomorphism of  $L_K$ , i.e.,  $\alpha \in R$ . Then we have  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha x_i} \phi_i)x = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha x_i} \phi_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha x_i) \phi_i(x)$ . But  $\phi_i(x) \in K$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha x_i) \phi_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha(x_i \phi_i(x)) = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \phi_i(x) = \alpha x.$$

Thus we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha x_i} \phi_i = \alpha$ . Since  $\phi_i \in \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \overline{L}$ , this means that  $\alpha \in \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \overline{L}$ . Therefore we know that  $R = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \overline{L}$ . Let  $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \overline{a_\sigma} \sigma$  be any linear combination of  $\sigma \in G$  with  $a_\sigma \in L$ . Then for each  $\tau \in G$  we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \overline{a_\sigma} \sigma x_i) y_i^\tau = \sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma x_i^\sigma) y_i^\tau = \sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^\sigma y_i^\tau = \sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i^{\tau \sigma^{-1}})^\sigma = a_\tau$  because

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i^{\tau \sigma^{-1}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = \tau \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq \tau. \end{cases}$$

Therefore if  $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \overline{a}_{\sigma} \sigma = 0$ , then it follows  $a_{\tau} = 0$  for every  $\tau \in G$ , which shows that R is a direct sum of  $\overline{L}\sigma = \sigma \overline{L}$ , i.e.,  $R = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus \sigma \overline{L}$ . Thus L is a Galois extension of K relative to G.

Next, consider L as a left K-module and let S be the endomorphism ring of  ${}_KL$ . Then L can be regarded as a two-sided K-S-module. For each  $a \in L$ , denote by  $\underline{a}$  the mapping  $x \longrightarrow xa$  ( $x \in L$ ). Then  $\underline{a}$  is an endomorphism of  ${}_KL$ , i.e.,  $\underline{a} \in S$ , and the mapping  $a \longrightarrow \underline{a}$  an isomorphism from L into S. Let  $\underline{L}$  be the image of L by this isomorphism, so that  $\underline{L}$  ( $\cong L$ ) is a subring of S and  $\underline{a}\sigma = \sigma \underline{a}^{\sigma}$  for each  $\sigma \in G$  and  $a \in L$ . Now L is called a left Galois extension of K relative to G if L as a left K-module is finitely generated and projective and  $S = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus \sigma \underline{L}$ . Then it can be shown that a left Galois extension and a Galois extension are the same.

# Theorem B.

The following are equivalent:

A. L is a Galois extension of K relative to G.

 $A_l$ . L is a left Galois extension of K relative to G.

Proof. First we prove that  $A_l$  implies A: Assume  $A_l$ . Then  ${}_KL$  is finitely generated and projective, i.e., there exist finite number of  $y_i \in L$  and homomorphism  $\psi_i : {}_KL \longrightarrow_K K$   $(i=1,2,\ldots,n)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x)y_i = x$  for all  $x \in L$ . But since  $K \subset L$ , each  $\psi_i$  is an endomorphism of  ${}_KL$ , i.e.,  $\psi_i \in S$ . Then we have  $x \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x)y_i = x$  for all  $x \in L$ , which shows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y}_i = 1$ . On the other hand, each  $\psi_i$  is in  $S = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{L}$  and therefore it is expressed as  $\psi_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \underline{x}_{i,\sigma} \sigma$  with  $x_{i,\sigma} \in L$   $(1 \le i \le n, \sigma \in G)$ . Since  $x\psi_i = \psi_i(x) \in K$  for every i and  $x \in L$ , we have that  $x(\psi_i\tau) = \psi_i(x)\tau = \psi_i(x) = x\psi_i$  for every i,  $\tau \in G$  and  $x \in L$ , and thus  $\psi_i\tau = \psi_i$  for every i and  $\tau \in G$ . But since  $\psi_i\tau = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \underline{x}_{i,\sigma} \sigma \tau$  for every  $\tau \in G$  and S is a direct sum of  $\sigma \underline{L}$   $(\sigma \in G)$ , we know that  $x_{i,\tau\sigma} = x_{i,\sigma}$  for every i and  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$  in G and therefore  $x_{i,\sigma}$  is independent of  $\sigma \in G$ , which means that if we put  $x_i = x_{i,1}$  then  $x_i = x_{i,\sigma}$  for every  $\sigma \in G$ . Thus we have  $\psi_i = \underline{x}_i \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma$  and therefore

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x}_i (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \underline{y}_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \sum_{i=1}^n (\underline{x}_i^{\sigma} \underline{y}_i) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\sigma} y_i.$$

Since S is a direct sum of  $\sigma \underline{L}$  ( $\sigma \in G$ ), it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\sigma} y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq 1 \end{cases}$  and therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i^{\sigma} = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\sigma^{-1}} y_i)^{\sigma} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq 1. \end{cases}$  Thus the condition B of Theorem A holds. Therefore by Theorem A we have the condition A.

Next we want to prove that A implies  $A_l$ : Assume A. Then by Theorem A, there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n$  in L such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i^{\sigma} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = 1\\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^{\sigma} y_i = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i^{\sigma^{-1}})^{\sigma} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\psi_i = \underline{x}_i \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma$  for each i  $(1 \le i \le n)$ . Then  $\psi_i$  is in S and satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x}_i (\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma) \underline{y}_i = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x}_i^{\sigma} \underline{y}_i = 1$ . Therefore we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi_i(x) y_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x \psi_i) y_i = x \sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi_i \underline{y}_i = x \text{ for every } x \in L.$$

Furthermore,  $\psi_i(x)^{\tau} = (x\psi_i)^{\tau} = (x\underline{x}_i \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma)^{\tau} = x(\underline{x}_i \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma\tau) = x\underline{x}_i \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma = x\psi_i = \psi_i(x)$  for every  $x \in L$  and  $\tau \in G$  and this implies that  $\psi_i(x)$  is in  $L^G = K$  for every  $x \in L$  and thus  $\psi_i$  is a homomorphism  $KL \longrightarrow KK$ . This shows that KL is finitely generated and projective.

The rest part of the proof is similar to the proof for the implication  $B \Longrightarrow A$  of Theorem A. Namely, let  $\beta$  be any endomorphism of  ${}_KL$ , i.e.,  $\beta \in S$ . Then we have  $x(\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y_i \beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x)(y_i \beta) = (\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x)y_i)\beta = x\beta$  for every  $x \in L$ , and thus we know that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \underline{y_i \beta} = \beta$ . Since  $\psi_i \in \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{L}$ , it follows that  $\beta \in \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{L}$ , which shows that  $S = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{L}$ . Next let  $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{a}_{\sigma}$  be any linear combination of  $\sigma \in G$  with coefficients  $\underline{a}_{\sigma} \in \underline{L}$ . Then we have, for each  $\tau \in G$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\tau}(y_i(\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{a}_{\sigma})) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\tau} \sum_{\sigma \in G} y_i^{\sigma} a_{\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma \in G} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\tau} y_i^{\sigma}) a_{\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma \in G} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\tau \sigma^{-1}} y_i)^{\sigma} a_{\sigma} = a_{\tau}$  because  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\tau \sigma^{-1}} y_i = 1$  if  $\sigma = \tau$  and  $\sigma = 0$  if  $\sigma \neq \tau$ . Therefore it follows that  $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma \underline{a}_{\sigma} = 0$ , then  $\sigma = 0$  for every  $\sigma \in G$ . Thus we know that  $\sigma = 0$  if  $\sigma \in G$ . Thus we know that  $\sigma = 0$  if  $\sigma \in G$ . Thus we know that  $\sigma \in G$ .

#### Theorem C.

Let L be a (commutative) field and G a finite group of automorphism of L and let  $K = L^G$ . Then K is a subfield of L and [L:K] = n, where n is the order of G, and moreover L is a Galois extension of K relative to G.

Proof. I. First we prove that [L:K]=n. Let a be any element of L and let  $G(a)=\{\sigma\in G\,|\,a^{\sigma}=a\}$ . Then G(a) is a subgroup of G. Let n(a)=(G:G(a)). Then n(a)|n whence  $n(a)\leq n$ . Let  $\sigma,\tau$  be in G. Then  $a^{\sigma}=a^{\tau}$  if and only if  $a^{\sigma\tau^{-1}}=a$ , i.e.,  $\sigma\tau^{-1}\in G(a)$ , i.e.,  $G(a)\sigma=G(a)\tau$ . Let  $\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\ldots,\sigma_{n(a)}$  be in G such that  $G(a)\sigma_1,G(a)\sigma_2,\ldots,G(a)\sigma_{n(a)}$  are all distinct right cosets of G mod G(a). Then for each  $\sigma\in G$   $G(a)\sigma_1\sigma,G(a)\sigma_2\sigma,\ldots,G(a)\sigma_{n(a)}\sigma$  are all distinct right cosets of G mod G(a). Consider now a polynomial  $f(x)=(x-a^{\sigma_1})(x-a^{\sigma_2})\cdots(x-a^{\sigma_{n(a)}})$  over G(a). Then for each G(a) we have G(a) we have G(a) and G(a). Let  $G(a)\sigma_0=G(a)$ , i.e.,  $G(a)\sigma_0=G(a)$ . Therefore G(a) is a polynomial over G(a) and of degree G(a). Let  $G(a)\sigma_0=G(a)$ , i.e.,  $G(a)\sigma_0=G(a)$ .

Then  $a^{\sigma_e} = a$ . This implies that f(a) = 0. Let g(x) be a polynomial over K such that g(a) = 0. Then we have  $g(a^{\sigma_1}) = g(a)^{\sigma_1} = 0$ . Therefore  $g(x) = (x - a^{\sigma_1})g_1(x)$  with a polynomial  $g_1(x)$  over L. Next we have  $(a^{\sigma_2} - a^{\sigma_1})g_1(a^{\sigma_2}) = g(a^{\sigma_2}) = g(a)^{\sigma_2} = 0$ . But  $a^{\sigma_1} \neq a^{\sigma_2}$ , i.e.,  $a^{\sigma_2} - a^{\sigma_1} \neq 0$ , we have that  $g_1(a^{\sigma_2}) = 0$  and therefore  $g_1(x) = (x - a^{\sigma_2})g_2(x)$  with a polynomial  $g_2(x)$  over L. Thus we have  $g(x) = (x - a^{\sigma_1})(x - a^{\sigma_2})g_2(x)$ . Similarly, by considering  $\sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_{n(a)}$ , we have a polynomial  $g_{n(a)}(x)$  over L such that  $g(x) = (x - a^{\sigma_1})(x - a^{\sigma_2}) \cdots (x - a^{\sigma_{n(a)}})g_{n(a)}(x) = f(x)g_{n(a)}(x)$ . Thus f(x) is a minimal polynomial of a over k, which shows that [K(a):K] = n(a) and a is separable over K for every  $a \in L$ .

Now since  $n(a) \leq n$  for every  $a \in L$ , we can choose  $u \in L$  such that n(u) is maximal, i.e.,  $n(a) \leq n(u)$  for every  $a \in L$ . Let a be any element of L, and consider K(a,u). Then K(a,u) is a finite whence separable extension of K, and therefore as is well known there exists a  $b \in L$  such that K(b) = K(a,u). It follows that  $K(u) \subset K(b)$  whence  $n(u) \leq n(b)$ . But the maximality of n(u) implies that n(u) = n(b) whence K(u) = K(b). Thus we know that  $a \in K(u)$  for every  $a \in L$ , which means that L = K(u) and so [L : K] = n(u). Let now  $\sigma$  be any element of G(u). Then  $u^{\sigma} = u$  whence  $a^{\sigma} = a$  for every  $a \in L$ , i.e.,  $\sigma$  is the identity automorphism. Thus we know that n(u) = n and so [L : K] = n.

By using this we shall prove

II. L is a Galois extension of K relative to G: First L is a finite extension of K,  $L_K$  is finitely generated. Next since K is a field, every K-module and in particular  $L_K$  is projective. Let R be the endomorphism ring of  $L_K$  and we regard L as a left R-module. For each  $l \in L$ , we denote by  $\overline{l}$  the mapping  $x \longmapsto lx \ (x \in L)$ . Then  $\overline{l}$  is an endomorphism of  $L_K$ , and the mapping  $l \longmapsto \overline{l}$  is a ring isomorphism of L into R. We denote by  $\overline{L}$  the image of L by this isomorphism. Similarly we denote by  $\overline{K}$  the image of the subfield K of L. Now let  $\alpha$  be any endomorphism of  $L_K$ , i.e.,  $\alpha \in R$ . Let a and l be any elements of K and L respectively. Then by using the commutativity of the field L we have  $(\overline{a}\alpha)l = \overline{a}(\alpha l) = a(\alpha l) = (\alpha l)a = \alpha(la) = \alpha(al) = \alpha(\overline{a}l) = (\alpha \overline{a})l$ , which shows that  $\overline{a}\alpha = \alpha \overline{a}$ , i.e.,  $\overline{a}$  is whence  $\overline{K}$  is in the center of R.

Let  $(l_1l_2...l_n)$  be any vector of length n with  $l_i$  (i=1,2,...,n) in L and  $\alpha$  an endomorphism of  $L_K$ . Then we define

$$\alpha(l_1 \ l_2 \ \dots \ l_n) = (\alpha l_1 \ \alpha l_2 \ \dots \ \alpha l_n).$$

Let  $\beta$  be another endomorphism of  $L_K$ . Then we can see that

$$\alpha\beta(l_1 \ l_2 \ \dots \ l_n) = (\alpha\beta l_1 \ \alpha\beta l_2 \ \dots \ \alpha\beta l_n)$$

$$= \alpha(\beta l_1 \ \beta l_2 \ \dots \ \beta l_n)$$

$$= \alpha(\beta(l_1 \ l_2 \ \dots \ l_n)).$$

Let  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$  be a linearly independent basis of  $L_K$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of  $L_K$ . Then for each  $j, \alpha u_j$  is expressed as  $\alpha u_j = \sum u_i a_{ij}$  with  $a_{ij} \in K$ . Then if we put A as the  $n \times n$  matrix whose (i, j)-component is  $a_{ij}$ , we have  $(\alpha u_1 \ \alpha u_2 \ \ldots \ \alpha u_n) = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \ldots \ u_n)A$ . Since  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$  are linearly independent over K, A is uniquely determined by  $\alpha$ . Thus by associating  $\alpha$  with A we have a mapping  $\varphi$  from R into the set  $[K]_n$  of all  $n \times n$  matrices over K. Let conversely A be an  $n \times n$  matrix over K. Let k be any element of k. Then

$$l = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$
 with a unique vector  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$  in  $K$ . Then by associating  $l$  with

$$(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$
 we have an endomorphism  $\alpha$ . Since  $u_1 = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $u_2 = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , ...,  $u_n = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we know that

$$(\alpha u_1 \ \alpha u_2 \ \dots \ \alpha u_n) = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) A.$$

This shows that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from R onto  $[K]_n$ . Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  be in R and let  $\varphi(\alpha) = A$ ,  $\varphi(\beta) = B$ , i.e.,  $\alpha(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)A$ ,  $\beta(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)B$ . Assume  $\varphi(\alpha) = \varphi(\beta)$ , i.e., A = B. Then it follows that

$$\alpha(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = \beta(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n).$$

Since  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$  are basis of  $L_K$ , this implies that  $\alpha = \beta$ . Thus we know that  $\varphi$  is a one-to-one mapping from R onto  $[K]_n$ . Let again  $\alpha, \beta$  be in R and let  $\varphi(\alpha) = A, \varphi(\beta) = B$ . Then

$$(\alpha + \beta)(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = \alpha(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) + \beta(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)$$
  
=  $(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)A + (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)B$   
=  $(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)(A + B).$ 

Thus  $\varphi(\alpha + \beta) = A + B$ . Furthermore,

$$(\alpha\beta)(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = \alpha(\beta(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)) = \alpha((u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)B)$$
  
=  $\alpha(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)B = (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)AB$ ,

which shows that  $\varphi(\alpha\beta) = AB$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is a ring isomorphism from R onto  $[K]_n$ . Let a be any element of K. Then

$$\overline{a}(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = (au_1 \ au_2 \ \dots \ au_n) = (u_1a \ u_2a \ \dots \ u_na)$$

$$= (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)aE$$

where E is the identity matrix, i.e., the  $n \times n$  matrix whose (i, i)-components  $(1 \le i \le n)$  are 1 and other components are all 0. Thus we know that  $\varphi(\overline{a}) = aE$  whence  $\varphi(\overline{K}) = KE$ . Let for each pair (i, j) with  $1 \le i, j \le n$   $E_{ij}$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix whose (i, j)-component is 1 and other components are all 0. Then each  $A \in [K]_n$  whose (i, j)-component is  $a_{ij} \in K$  can be expressed as  $A = \sum a_{ij} E_{ij}$ . This implies that  $E_{ij}$   $(1 \le i, j \le n)$  are linearly independent basis of  $[K]_n$  over K. Thus the dimension of  $[K]_n$  over K is  $n^2$ . Since aA = aEA for

every  $a \in K$  and  $A \in [K]_n$ , this implies that  $[K]_n : KE = n^2$ . Therefore we know that  $[R : \overline{K}] = n^2$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be any element of G. Then  $\sigma$  is in R, because  $(lk)^{\sigma} = l^{\sigma}k^{\sigma} = l^{\sigma}k$  for every  $l \in L$  and  $k \in K$ . Moreover, we have  $(\sigma)l' = \sigma(ll') = (ll')^{\sigma} = l^{\sigma}l'^{\sigma} = (\overline{l^{\sigma}}\sigma)l'$  for every  $l, l' \in L$ , which shows that  $\sigma \overline{l} = \overline{l^{\sigma}}\sigma$  for any  $l \in L$  and in particular  $\sigma \overline{L} = \overline{L}\sigma$ . Therefore  $\overline{L}\sigma$  can be regarded as a two-sided  $\overline{L}$ -module  $\overline{L}\overline{L}\sigma_{\overline{L}}$ . Let  $\tau$  be another element of G such that  $\overline{L}\sigma$  and  $\overline{L}\tau$  are isomorphic as two-sided  $\overline{L}$ -modules. Let  $\mu$  be the isomorphism and  $\mu(\sigma) = \overline{a}\tau$  with  $a \in L$  ( $a \neq 0$  because  $\sigma \neq 0$ ). Then for every  $l \in L$   $\mu(\sigma \overline{l}) = \overline{a}\tau \overline{l} = \overline{a}l^{\overline{\tau}}\tau$ . But since  $\sigma \overline{l} = \overline{l^{\sigma}}\sigma$ , we also have  $\mu(\sigma \overline{l}) = \overline{l^{\sigma}}\overline{a}\tau$ . It follows then that  $al^{\tau} = l^{\sigma}a$  whence  $l^{\tau} = l^{\sigma}$  for every  $l \in L$ , i.e.,  $\sigma = \tau$ .

Now, since L is a field, the left  $\overline{L}$ -module  $\overline{L}\overline{L}$  is simple and therefore the two-sided  $\overline{L}$ -module  $\overline{L}\overline{L}\sigma_{\overline{L}}$  is simple for every  $\sigma \in G$ . Let  $\sigma_1, \ \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  be all distinct elements of G. Then if  $i \neq j$ , the corresponding  $\overline{L}(\overline{L}\sigma_i)_{\overline{L}}$  and  $\overline{L}(\overline{L}\sigma_j)_{\overline{L}}$  are not isomorphic. Consider now  $S = \overline{L}\sigma_1 + \overline{L}\sigma_2 + \cdots + \overline{L}\sigma_n$ . Then S is a two-sided  $\overline{L}$ -submodule of R. We want to show that  $S = \overline{L}\sigma_1 \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_n$ . For the proof, consider first  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 \cap \overline{L}\sigma_2$ . If  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 \cap \overline{L}\sigma_2 \neq 0$ , then this is a non-zero submodule of  $\overline{L}\sigma_1$  and  $\overline{L}\sigma_2$ . But since both  $\overline{L}(\overline{L}\sigma_1)_{\overline{L}}$  and  $\overline{L}(\overline{L}\sigma_2)_{\overline{L}}$  are simple, it follows that  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 \cap \overline{L}\sigma_2$  is equal to  $\overline{L}\sigma_1$  and to  $\overline{L}\sigma_2$  whence  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 = \overline{L}\sigma_2$ . But this contradicts to that  $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$ . Thus we have that  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 \cap \overline{L}\sigma_2 = 0$  whence  $\overline{L}\sigma_1 + \overline{L}\sigma_2 = \overline{L}\sigma_1 \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_2$ . Consider next  $S_r = \overline{L}\sigma_1 + \overline{L}\sigma_2 + \cdots + \overline{L}\sigma_r$  with 1 < r < n and assume that  $S_r = \overline{L}\sigma_1 \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_r$ . Let  $P_i$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, r)$  be the projection from  $S_r$  to  $\overline{L}\sigma_i$ . Now suppose  $S_r \cap \overline{L}\sigma_{r+1} \neq 0$ . Then since this is a non-zero submodule of the simple two-sided module  $\overline{L}\sigma_{r+1}$ , this coincides with  $\overline{L}\sigma_{r+1}$ , i.e.,  $\overline{L}\sigma_{r+1} \subset S_r$ . Then there must be a  $P_i$  such that  $P_i$  maps  $\overline{L}\sigma_{r+1}$  isomorphically onto  $\overline{L}\sigma_i$ . Then this contradicts to that  $\sigma_i \neq \sigma_{r+1}$ . Thus  $S_r \cap \overline{L}\sigma_{r+1} = 0$  whence  $S_r + \overline{L}\sigma_{r+1} = S_r \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_{r+1}$ . By applying this for  $r = 2, \dots, n-1$  we know that  $S = \overline{L}\sigma_1 \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \overline{L}\sigma_n$ .

for  $r=2,\ldots,n-1$  we know that  $S=\overline{L}\sigma_1\oplus\overline{L}\sigma_2\oplus\cdots\oplus\overline{L}\sigma_n$ . Since we have proved that [L:K]=n in I and  $\overline{L}\overline{L}\sigma_i\cong\overline{L}$  for every i  $(1\leq i\leq n)$ , it follows that  $[\overline{L}\sigma_i:\overline{K}]=n$  and therefore  $[S:\overline{K}]=n^2$ . But since S is a  $\overline{K}$ -submodule of R and we proved that  $[R:\overline{K}]=n^2$ , we can conclude that  $R=S=\sum_{\sigma\in G}\overline{L}\sigma$ , which shows that L is a Galois extension of K relative to G.

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