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ON GALOIS EXTENSION WITH INVOLUTION OF RINGS

Dedicated to Professor Kiiti Morita on his 60th birthday

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1. Introduction

For a Galois extension field L of a field K with Galois group G , A. Rosenberg and R. Ware [9] proved that if $[L:K]$ is odd then the Witt ring $W(K)$ is isomorphic to $W(L)^G$. The proof was simplified by M. Knebusch and W. Scharlau [5], and the theorem was generalized by M. Knebusch, A. Rosenberg and R. Ware [6] to the case of commutative semilocal rings. In this note, concerning with sesqui-linear forms over a non commutative ring defined in [2], we want to extend the theorem to a case of non commutative rings. In §2 and §3, we define a *Galois extension with involution* of a ring and an *odd type Galois extension with involution*. From the theorem of Scharlau (cf. [11], [7]), we know that for a Galois extension with involution $L \supset K$ of fields, $L \supset K$ is an odd type Galois extension with involution if and only if $[L:K]$ is odd. If $A \supset B$ is a G -Galois extension with involution of rings, then we can prove the isomorphism $i^* \circ t_{G*}(q) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^*(q)$ for any sesqui-linear left A -module $q = (M, q)$. This isomorphism is a generalization of the case of fields [4], semilocal rings [6]. If A is an algebra over a commutative ring R , and if $A \supset R$ is an odd type G -Galois extension with involution, then it is obtained that the inclusion map $i: R \rightarrow A$ induces a group monomorphism $i^*: W(R) \rightarrow W(A)$ of Witt groups of hermitian left modules, and its image is $T_{G*}(W(A))$. Throughout this paper, we assume that every ring has identity element and module is unitary. Furthermore, ring homomorphisms are assumed to correspond identity element to identity element.

2. Sesqui-linear forms

DEFINITION 1. Let A be a ring with involution $A \rightarrow A; a \mapsto \bar{a}$, i.e. $\overline{a+b} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$, $\overline{ab} = \bar{b} \bar{a}$ and $\bar{\bar{a}} = a$ for every a, b in A . For a subring B and a finite group G of ring-automorphisms of A , $A \supset B$ is called a *G -Galois extension with involution* if every element in G is compatible with the involution, i.e. $\overline{\sigma(a)} = \sigma(\bar{a})$ for all $a \in A$, $\sigma \in G$, and if $A \supset B$ a G -Galois extension, i.e. $A^G = B$ and there exist

elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n in A , called a G -Galois system, such that $\sum x_i y_i = 1$ and $\sum x_i \sigma(y_i) = 0$ for $\sigma \neq I$ in G .

DEFINITION 2. (cf. [2]) Let A be a ring with involution, and M a left A -module. A form $q: M \times M \rightarrow A$ is called a sesqui-linear form if it satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} q(a(m+m'), n) &= aq(m, n) + aq(m', n) \quad \text{and} \\ q(m, b(n+n')) &= q(m, n)\bar{b} + q(m, n')\bar{b} \end{aligned}$$

for every $a, b \in A$ and $m, m', n, n' \in M$.

DEFINITION 3. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution, C the center of A and C_0 the fixed subring of C by the involution, i.e. $C_0 = \{c \in C; c = \bar{c}\}$. For any $u \in C_0$ let us denote by $t_\sigma^u: A \rightarrow B$ a B -linear map defined by $t_\sigma^u(a) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma(ua)$ for $a \in A$, particularly, when $u=1$, it is denoted by t_σ . For a sesqui-linear left A -module $q=(M, q)$, a sesqui-linear left B -module $t_{\sigma*}^u(q)=({}_B M, t_\sigma^u q)$ and a sesqui-linear left A -module $\sigma^*(q)=({}_\sigma M, \sigma q)$, for $\sigma \in G$, are defined as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} t_{\sigma*}^u q: M \times M &\rightarrow B; (m, m') \mapsto t_\sigma^u(q(m, m')), \quad \text{and} \\ \sigma q: {}_\sigma M \times {}_\sigma M &\rightarrow A; (m, m') \mapsto \sigma(q(m, m')), \end{aligned}$$

where ${}_\sigma M$ is a left A -module defined by a new operation $*$; $a*m = \sigma^{-1}(a)m$, for $a \in A, m \in M$. For a sesqui-linear left B -module $h=(N, h)$ and the inclusion map $i: B \rightarrow A$, a sesqui-linear left A -module $i^*(h)=(A \otimes_B N, ih)$ is defined by $ih: (A \otimes_B N) \times (A \otimes_B N) \rightarrow A$; $ih(a \otimes n, a' \otimes n') = ah(n, n')a'$ for $a \otimes n, a' \otimes n' \in A \otimes_B N$.

Lemma 1. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. For any left B -module N there is an A -isomorphism $\Phi: A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(N, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B N, A)$ defined by $\Phi(a \otimes f)(a' \otimes n) = a'f(n)a$ for $a \otimes f \in A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(N, B)$ and $a' \otimes n \in A \otimes_B N$, where the operations by A and B are as follows: $(bf)(x) = f(x)\bar{b}$, for $f \in \text{Hom}_B(N, B), b \in B, x \in N$, and $(ag)(y) = g(y)a$ for $g \in \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes N, A), a \in A, y \in A \otimes_B N$.

Proof. If $\sum a_i \otimes f_i$ is in $\text{Ker } \Phi$, then $\sum f_i(n)a_i = \Phi(\sum a_i \otimes f_i)(1 \otimes n) = 0$ for all n in N . Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be a G -Galois system of A . Then we have $\sum a_i \otimes f_i = \sum_{i,j} x_j t_\sigma(y_j a_i) \otimes f_i = \sum_{i,j} x_j \otimes t_\sigma(y_j a_i) f_i = 0$, since $\sum_i t_\sigma(y_j a_i) f_i = 0$ is obtained by $(\sum_i t_\sigma(y_j a_i) f_i)(n) = \sum_i f_i(n) t_\sigma(y_j a_i) = \sum_i t_\sigma(f_i(n) y_j a_i) = t_\sigma(\sum_i f_i(n) a_i \bar{y}_j) = 0$ for all $n \in N$. Hence $\text{Ker } \Phi = 0$. If g is any element in $\text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B N, A)$, we put $f_i: N \rightarrow B$; $f_i(n) = t_\sigma(g(1 \otimes n) x_i)$ for every $n \in N, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then f_i is in $\text{Hom}_B(N, B)$ and so $\sum \bar{y}_i \otimes f_i$ is an element in $A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(N, B)$ such that $\Phi(\sum \bar{y}_i \otimes f_i) = g$, because $\Phi(\sum \bar{y}_i \otimes f_i)(a \otimes n) = \sum a f_i(n) y_i = \sum a t_\sigma(g(1 \otimes n) x_i) y_i = a g(1 \otimes n) = g(a \otimes n)$ for all $a \otimes n \in A \otimes_B N$.

Lemma 2. *Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. If M is a left A -module, then for any element u in the unit group $U(C_0)$ of the fixed subring C_0 of the center of A by the involution, a map*

$$\theta: \text{Hom}_A(M, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M, B); f \mapsto t_\sigma^u \circ f$$

is a B -isomorphism as left B -modules defined by $(bf)(m) = f(m)\bar{b}$ for $b \in B, m \in M$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_A(M, A)$ or $\text{Hom}_B(M, B)$.

Proof. If f is in $\text{Hom}_A(M, A)$ and $t_\sigma^u \circ f = 0$, then for any $m \in M$ we have $uf(m) = \sum x_i t_\sigma^u(y_i uf(m)) = \sum x_i t_\sigma^u \circ f(y_i m) = 0$, hence $f = 0$. If g is in $\text{Hom}_B(M, B)$, an A -homomorphism $f: M \rightarrow A$ defined by $f(m) = \sum u^{-1} x_i g(y_i m)$ for $m \in M$, satisfies $t_\sigma^u \circ f(m) = \sum t_\sigma^u(x_i g(y_i m)) = \sum t_\sigma^u(x_i) g(y_i m) = g(\sum t_\sigma^u(x_i) y_i m) = g(m)$ for all $m \in M$, therefore $t_\sigma^u \circ f = g$ and so θ is a B -isomorphism.

Proposition 1. *Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution, and C_0 the subring of the center of A whose element is fixed by the involution.*

1) *If a sesqui-linear left B -module $h = (N, h)$ is non degenerate i.e. $\phi: N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N, B); n \mapsto h(-, n)$ and $\psi: N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N, B); n \mapsto \overline{h(n, -)}$ are B -isomorphisms, then $i^*(h) = (A \otimes_B N, ih)$ is also non degenerate, where $i: B \rightarrow A$ is the inclusion map.*

2) *If a sesqui-linear left A -module $q = (M, q)$ is non degenerate, then $t_{\sigma*}^u(q) = ({}_B M, t_\sigma^u q)$ and $\sigma^*(q) = ({}_B M, \sigma q)$ are also non degenerate for every $u \in U(C_0)$ and $\sigma \in G$.*

Proof. 1) Let $h = (N, h)$ be a non degenerate sesqui-linear left B -module. Since $\phi: N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N, B); n \mapsto h(-, n)$ and $\Phi: A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(N, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B N, A)$ are B -isomorphisms, the composition $\Phi \circ (I \otimes \phi): A \otimes_B N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B N, A)$ is an A -isomorphism. And, it is obtained that $\Phi \circ (I \otimes \phi)(a \otimes n) = ih(-, a \otimes n)$ for $a \otimes n \in A \otimes_B N$, because $\Phi \circ (I \otimes \phi)(a \otimes n)(a' \otimes n') = \Phi(a \otimes h(-, n))(a' \otimes n') = a' h(n', n) \bar{a} = ih(a' \otimes n', a \otimes n)$ for every $a' \otimes n' \in A \otimes_B N$. For $\psi: N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N, B); n \mapsto \overline{h(n, -)}$, similarly, we obtain the isomorphism $\Phi \circ (I \otimes \psi): A \otimes_B N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B N, A); a \otimes n \mapsto \overline{ih(a \otimes n, -)}$. Therefore, $i^*(h) = (A \otimes_B N, ih)$ is non degenerate. 2) Let $q = (M, q)$ be a non degenerate sesqui-linear left A -module. From the following diagram and Lemma 2, we can conclude that $t_{\sigma*}^u(q)$ is non degenerate;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\phi, (\psi)} & \text{Hom}_A(M, A) \\ \downarrow \phi', (\psi') & \searrow \theta & \\ \text{Hom}_B(M, B) & & \end{array}$$

where $\phi', (\psi'), : M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M, B); m \mapsto t_\sigma^u q(-, m), (m \mapsto \overline{t_\sigma^u q(m, -)})$. $\sigma^*(q)$ is obviously non degenerate.

Theorem 1. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. For any sesqui-linear left A -module $q=(M, q)$, we have an isometry

$$i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*}(q) \cong \sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^*(q).$$

Proof. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be a G -Galois system of A . For each $\sigma \in G$, we can define an A -homomorphism $e_\sigma: A \otimes_B M \rightarrow A \otimes_B M$; $a \otimes m \mapsto \sum_i a \sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m$. Because, for any $c \in A$, we have $e_\sigma(ac \otimes m) = \sum_i ac \sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m = \sum_{i,j} a \sigma(x_j t_\sigma(y_j \sigma^{-1}(c) x_i)) \otimes y_i m = \sum_{i,j} a \sigma(x_j) \otimes t_\sigma(y_j \sigma^{-1}(c) x_i) y_i m = \sum_j a \sigma(x_j) \otimes y_j \sigma^{-1}(c) m = e_\sigma(a \otimes \sigma^{-1}(c) m)$, particularly, if c is in B , we obtain $e_\sigma(ac \otimes m) = e_\sigma(a \otimes cm)$, therefore e_σ is well defined. Since $e_\sigma(a \otimes m) = e_\sigma(1 \otimes \sigma^{-1}(a) m)$ for $a \otimes m \in A \otimes_B M$, the image of e_σ is equal to $e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$. Now, we check identities $e_\sigma \circ e_\tau = \begin{cases} e_\sigma, & \text{for } \sigma = \tau \\ 0, & \text{for } \sigma \neq \tau \end{cases}$, $(\sigma, \tau \in G)$, and $\sum_{\sigma \in G} e_\sigma = I$. For any $a \otimes m \in A \otimes_B M$, we have $e_\sigma \circ e_\tau(a \otimes m) = \sum_i e_\sigma(a \tau(x_i) \otimes y_i m) = \sum_i e_\sigma(a \otimes \sigma^{-1} \tau(x_i) y_i m) = \begin{cases} e_\sigma(a \otimes m), & \text{for } \sigma = \tau \\ 0, & \text{for } \sigma \neq \tau \end{cases}$, and $\sum_{\sigma \in G} e_\sigma(a \otimes m) = \sum_{i, \sigma \in G} a \sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m = \sum_i a t_\sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m = a \otimes \sum_i t_\sigma(x_i) y_i m = a \otimes m$. Accordingly, $A \otimes_B M = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$ is obtained. Further, $e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$ and ${}_ \sigma M$ are A -isomorphic by an A -homomorphism $\zeta_\sigma: {}_\sigma M \rightarrow e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$; $m \mapsto e_\sigma(1 \otimes m)$. Because, $\zeta_\sigma(a * m) = \zeta_\sigma(\sigma^{-1}(a) m) = e_\sigma(1 \otimes \sigma^{-1}(a) m) = e_\sigma(a \otimes m) = a e_\sigma(1 \otimes m) = a \zeta_\sigma(m)$, and if $\zeta_\sigma(m) = e_\sigma(1 \otimes m) = \sum_i \sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m = 0$ then by a canonical homomorphism $A \otimes_B M \rightarrow M$; $a \otimes m \mapsto \sigma^{-1}(a) m$, $\zeta_\sigma(m) = 0$ is sent to $m = \sum_i x_i y_i m = 0$. Thus, $A \otimes_B M = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus e_\sigma(1 \otimes M) \cong \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus {}_\sigma M$ as left A -modules. Now, we shall show that the subspaces $\{e_\sigma(1 \otimes M); \sigma \in G\}$ of $i^* t_{\sigma^*}(q) = (A \otimes_B M, it_\sigma q)$ are orthogonal each other and $e_\sigma(1 \otimes_B M)$ is isometric to $\sigma^*(q) = ({}_ \sigma M, \sigma q)$ for each $\sigma \in G$. For $m, n \in M$ and $\sigma, \tau \in G$, we have $it_\sigma q(e_\sigma(1 \otimes m), e_\tau(1 \otimes n)) = it_\sigma q(\sum_i \sigma(x_i) \otimes y_i m, \sum_j \tau(x_j) \otimes y_j n) = \sum_{i,j} \sigma(x_i) t_\sigma q(y_i m, y_j n) \tau(x_j) = \sum_{i,j, \gamma \in G} \sigma(x_i) \gamma(q(y_i m, y_j n)) \tau(x_j) = \sum_{\gamma \in G} \sigma(\sum_i x_i \sigma^{-1} \gamma(y_i)) \gamma(q(m, n)) \tau(\sum_j x_j \tau^{-1} \gamma(y_j)) = \begin{cases} \sigma q(m, n) & \text{for } \sigma = \tau \\ 0 & \text{for } \sigma \neq \tau \end{cases}$. Accordingly, we obtain $(A \oplus_B M, it_\sigma q) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$ and an isometry $\zeta_\sigma: ({}_ \sigma M, \sigma q) \rightarrow (e_\sigma(1 \otimes M), it_\sigma q)$; $m \mapsto e_\sigma(1 \otimes m)$ for each $\sigma \in G$, hence $i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*}(q) \cong \sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^*(q)$.

3. Witt groups

Let A be a ring with involution.

DEFINITION 4. (cf. [2]) A sesqui-linear left A -module $q=(M, q)$ is called hermitian, if $q(m, n) = \overline{q(n, m)}$ is satisfied for every $m, n \in M$. And, a hermitian left A -module (M, q) is called metabolic, if there exists a hermitian left A -module $(V \oplus V^*, h_g)$ defined by $h_g(v + f, v' + f') = \overline{f(v')} + f'(v) + g(v, v')$, $v, v' \in V, f, f' \in V^* = \text{Hom}_A(V, A)$ for some hermitian left A -module (V, g) , and if (M, q) is isometric to $(V \oplus V^*, h_g)$. We shall call that a hermitian left A -module (M, q) is

reflexive, (finitely generated projective), if M is reflexive i.e. the map $\xi: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), A)$; $\xi(m)(f) = \overline{f(m)}$, $f \in \text{Hom}_A(M, A)$, $m \in M$, is an A -isomorphism, (M is finitely generated projective).

Let $\mathfrak{H}_r(A)$, ($\mathfrak{H}_p(A)$), denote the category of non degenerate and reflexive, (finitely generated projective), hermitian left A -modules and their isometries, and $\mathfrak{M}_r(A)$, ($\mathfrak{M}_p(A)$), the subcategory of $\mathfrak{H}_r(A)$, ($\mathfrak{H}_p(A)$), consisting of metabolic left A -modules.¹⁾ Since $\mathfrak{H}_r(A)$ and $\mathfrak{M}_r(A)$, ($\mathfrak{H}_p(A)$ and $\mathfrak{M}_p(A)$), have the product \perp , we can construct the Witt-Grothendieck group $GW_r(A)$, ($GW_p(A)$), and the Witt group $W_r(A)$, ($W_p(A)$). We can check that from the inclusion map $i: B \rightarrow A$, the trace map $t_\sigma^u: A \rightarrow B$ and σ in G ,

$$\begin{aligned} i^*: W_r(B) &\rightarrow W_r(A), (W_p(B) \rightarrow W_p(A)), \\ t_{\sigma^*}^u: W_r(A) &\rightarrow W_r(B), (W_p(A) \rightarrow W_p(B)), \text{ and} \\ \sigma^*: W_r(A) &\rightarrow W_r(A), (W_p(A) \rightarrow W_p(A)), \end{aligned}$$

are induced, where $u \in U(C_0)$ and $A \supset B$ is a G -Galois extension with involution.

Lemma 3. *Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. If M is a reflexive left B -module, then $A \otimes_B M$ is also a reflexive A -module.*

Proof. If $\xi: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_B(M, B), B)$; $m \mapsto (f \mapsto \overline{f(m)})$ is a B -isomorphism, $I \otimes \xi: A \otimes_B M \rightarrow A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_B(M, B), B)$ is an A -isomorphism. Since $\Phi: A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(M, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B M, A)$; $a \otimes f \mapsto (a' \otimes m \mapsto a' f(m) a)$ is an A -isomorphism, the composition $\Phi' = \text{Hom}(\Phi^{-1}, I) \circ \Phi: A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_B(M, B), B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), A)$ is also an A -isomorphism, and so is $\Phi' \circ (I \otimes \xi): A \otimes_B M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B M, A), A)$. We can check $\Phi' \circ (I \otimes \xi)(a \otimes m)(f) = \overline{f(a \otimes m)}$ for $f \in \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B M, A)$ and $a \otimes m \in A \otimes_B M$; For $f \in \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B M, A)$, we put $\Phi^{-1}(f) = \sum b_i \otimes g_i$ in $A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(M, B)$, then we have $\Phi' \circ (I \otimes \xi)(a \otimes m)(f) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m))(f) = \text{Hom}(\Phi^{-1}, I) \circ (a \otimes \xi(m))(f) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m))(\Phi^{-1}(f)) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m))(\sum b_i \otimes g_i) = \sum b_i \xi(m)(g_i) a = \sum b_i g_i(m) a = \sum a g_i(m) \overline{b_i} = \overline{f(a \otimes m)}$. Thus, $A \otimes_B M$ is reflexive over A .

Lemma 4. *Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. If M is a reflexive left A -module, then M is also reflexive over B .*

Proof. Since by Lemma 2, $\theta: \text{Hom}_A(M, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M, B)$; $f \mapsto t_\sigma \circ f$ is a B -isomorphism, the lemma is obtained from the following commutative diagram;

1) In order that $\mathfrak{H}_r(A)$ becomes a set, we need to do an restriction on the cardinal number of module, for example, $\mathfrak{H}_r(A) \subset \{(M, q); \text{cardinal number of } M \leq \aleph\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{\xi_A} & \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), A) \\
 & \searrow \quad \curvearrowright & \downarrow \theta \\
 & & \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), B) \\
 & \searrow \xi_B & \downarrow \text{Hom}(\theta^{-1}, I) \\
 & & \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_B(M, B), B) .
 \end{array}$$

The commutativity is as follows; for any $m \in M$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_B(M, B)$, setting $g = \theta^{-1}(f)$ in $\text{Hom}_A(M, A)$, we have $\text{Hom}(\theta^{-1}, I) \circ \theta \circ \xi_A(m)(f) = \text{Hom}(\theta^{-1}, I)(t_{\sigma} \circ \xi_A(m))(f) = t_{\sigma} \circ \xi_A(m)(\theta^{-1}(f)) = t_{\sigma}(g(m)) = \overline{t_{\sigma} \circ g(m)} = \overline{f(m)} = \xi_B(m)(f)$.

Lemma 5. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution, C_0 the fixed subring of the center of A by the involution, and u an element of the unit group $U(C_0)$. If $q = (M, q)$ is in $\mathfrak{M}_r(A)$, $(\mathfrak{M}_p(A))$, then $i^*(q) = (A \otimes_B M, iq)$, $t_{\sigma^*}^u(q) = ({}_B M, t_{\sigma^*}^u q)$ and $\sigma^*(q) = (M, \sigma q)$, for $\sigma \in G$, are in $\mathfrak{M}_r(A)$, $(\mathfrak{M}_p(A))$.

Proof. This is easily obtained from Lemma 3 and Lemma 4.

Thus, group-homomorphisms of Witt groups i^* , $t_{\sigma^*}^u$ and σ^* , for $\sigma \in G$, are well defined. From now on, we shall denote by $W(A)$ one of $W_r(A)$ and $W_p(A)$. We put $G^* = \{\sigma^*: W(A) \rightarrow W(A); \sigma \in G\}$, $T_{G^*} = \sum_{\sigma^* \in G^*} \sigma^*$ and $W(A)^{G^*} = \{[q] \in W(A); \sigma^*([q]) = [q] \text{ for all } \sigma^* \in G^*\}$.

From Theorem 1 we have

Theorem 2. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. Then, we have

$$i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*}^u = T_{G^*} \text{ on } W(A).$$

Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution, C_0 the fixed subring of the center of A by the involution. Then easily we have

Lemma 6. For any $u \in U(C_0)$, a sesqui-linear left B -module (A, b_i^u) defined by $b_i^u: A \times A \rightarrow B$; $(a, a') \mapsto t_{\sigma}(aua')$ is non degenerate and hermitian.

DEFINITION 5. $A \supset B$ is called an odd type G -Galois extension with involution, if there exists u in $U(C_0)$ such that $(A, b_i^u) \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m$, $\langle 1 \rangle = (B, I)$; $I(b, b') = b\bar{b}'$, for $b, b' \in B$, and h_m is a metabolic left B -module.

Proposition 2. Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R , and $A \supset R$ an odd type G -Galois extension with involution. We suppose that u is in the fixed subring of the center of A by the involution such that u is unit in A and $(A, b_i^u) \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m$ for a metabolic left R -module $h_m = (N, h_m)$. Then we have $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^* = I$ on $W(R)$ and $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^* \langle u \rangle \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^*(h_m)$ as hermitian left A -modules, where $\langle u \rangle$ denotes a hermitian left A -module defined by a form $A \times A \rightarrow A$; $(x, y) \mapsto xuy$.

Proof. If $q=(M, q)$ is in $\mathfrak{H}_r(R)$, $(\mathfrak{H}_p(R))$, then $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^*(q) = (A \otimes_R M, t_{\sigma^*}^u i q)$ is also in $\mathfrak{H}_r(R)$, $(\mathfrak{H}_p(R))$. We can check $t_{\sigma^*}^u i q = b_i^u \otimes q$ as follows; for any $a \otimes m$, $a' \otimes m'$ in $A \otimes_R M$, we have $t_{\sigma^*}^u i q(a \otimes m, a' \otimes m') = t_{\sigma^*}(u a q(m, m') a') = t_{\sigma^*}(u a a') q(m, m') = b_i^u(a, a') q(m, m') = b_i^u \otimes q(a \otimes m, a' \otimes m')$. Since R is commutative and A is an R -algebra, the tensor product $(A, b_i^u) \otimes (M, q) = (A \otimes_R M, b_i^u \otimes q) = (A \otimes_R M, t_{\sigma^*}^u i q)$ is well defined in $\mathfrak{H}_r(R)$, $(\mathfrak{H}_p(R))$, and so we have $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^*(q) = b_i^u \otimes q \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m \otimes q \cong \langle 1 \rangle \otimes q \perp (h_m \otimes q) = q \perp (h_m \otimes q)$. But, by Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, if M is reflexive over R then $A \otimes_R M \cong (R \oplus N) \otimes_R M = M \oplus (N \otimes_R M)$ is also reflexive over R , and hence so is $N \otimes_R M$. Accordingly, $h_m \otimes q = (N \otimes_R M, h_m \otimes q)$ is in $\mathfrak{H}_r(R)$, $(\mathfrak{H}_p(R))$. On the other hand, $h_m \otimes q$ is also metabolic,²⁾ (cf. [5], Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.5). Therefore, we have $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^*([q]) = [q]$ for all $[q]$ in $W(R)$. Since we have easily $(A, b_i^u) = t_{\sigma^*}(\langle u \rangle)$ and $(A, b_i^u) \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m$ as hermitian left R -modules, we obtain $i^*(b_i^u) = i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*}(\langle u \rangle) \cong \sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^* \langle u \rangle$ by Theorem 1. Therefore $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \perp \sigma^* \langle u \rangle \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^*(h_m)$.

Theorem 3. Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R , and $A \supset R$ an odd type G -Galois extension with involution. Then we have

- 1) $i^*: W_r(R) \rightarrow W_r(A)$ and $i^*: W_p(R) \rightarrow W_p(A)$ are injective,
- 2) $t_{\sigma^*}: W_r(A) \rightarrow W_r(R)$ and $t_{\sigma^*}: W_p(A) \rightarrow W_p(R)$ are surjective and split, and so $W_r(A) \cong i^*(W_r(R)) \oplus \text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*}$, $W_p(A) \cong i^*(W_p(R)) \oplus \text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*}$,
- 3) $\text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*} = \text{Ker } T_{G^*}$, $\text{Im } i^* = \text{Im } T_{G^*}$, i.e. $i^*: W_r(R) \rightarrow T_{G^*}(W_r(A))$ and $i^*: W_p(R) \rightarrow T_{G^*}(W_p(A))$ are isomorphisms.

Furthermore, if A is commutative, then we have $T_{G^*}(W_r(A)) = W_r(A)^{G^*}$ and $T_{G^*}(W_p(A)) = W_p(A)^{G^*}$, i.e. $i^*: W_r(R) \rightarrow W_r(A)^{G^*}$ and $i^*: W_p(R) \rightarrow W_p(A)^{G^*}$ are isomorphisms.

Proof. Let C_0 be the fixed subring of the center of A by the involution. For any $u \in U(C_0)$ and a sesqui-linear left A -module $q=(M, q)$, the scaling ${}^u q=(M, {}^u q)$ by u is defined to be ${}^u q: M \times M \rightarrow A; (m, n) \mapsto u q(m, n)$. If $q=(M, q)$ is non degenerate, or hermitian, then so is ${}^u q=(M, {}^u q)$, respectively. If q is metabolic then so is ${}^u q$. Therefore, a scaling $[q] \mapsto [{}^u q]$ defines a group-automorphism μ of the Witt group $W(A)$. Take u in $U(C_0)$ such that $(A, b_i^u) \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m$. Since by Proposition 2 $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^* = I$, we have that $i^*: W(R) \rightarrow W(A)$ is injective and $I = t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^* = t_{\sigma^*} \circ \mu \circ i^*$. Therefore, it is obtained that $t_{\sigma^*}: W(A) \rightarrow W(R)$ is surjective and split, and $W(A) = \text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*} \oplus \mu \circ i^*(W(R)) \cong \text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*} \oplus i^*(W(R))$. Since by Theorem 1 $i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*} = T_{G^*}$ on $W(A)$, we have $i^* = i^* \circ t_{\sigma^*} \circ \mu \circ i^* = T_{G^*} \circ \mu \circ i^*$, and so $i^*: W(R) \rightarrow T_{G^*}(W(A))$ is an isomorphism and $\text{Ker } t_{\sigma^*} = \text{Ker } T_{G^*}$. If A is a commutative ring, then $W(A)$ becomes a commutative ring with identity $[\langle 1 \rangle]$. $T_{G^*}: W(A) \rightarrow W(A)^{G^*}$ is a ring-homomorphism, and $T_{G^*}(W(A))$ is an ideal of $W(A)^{G^*}$. But by Proposition 2 $T_{G^*}(\langle u \rangle) = \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^*(h_m)$ and $i^*(h_m)$ is a metabolic

2) See Appendix.

left A -module. Therefore, $[\langle 1 \rangle] = T_{G^*}([\langle u \rangle])$ is in $T_{G^*}(W(A))$, and so $T_{G^*}(W(A)) = W(A)^{G^*}$.

4. Examples

In this section, we expose some examples of Galois extension with involution.

EXAMPLE 1. Let L, K be fields and $L \supset K$ a G -Galois extension with non trivial involution. Put $L_0 = \{a \in L; a = \bar{a}\}$ and $K_0 = L_0 \cap K$. Then we have two cases;

Case I; $K \neq K_0$, then $L \supset L_0$ and $K \supset K_0$ are quadratic extensions, G induces the Galois group of $L_0 \supset K_0$, and $L = L_0 K = L_0 \otimes_{K_0} K$.

Case II; $K = K_0$, then $L \supset L_0 \supset K$ and $[L : K] = |G|$ is even.

Proposition 3. (cf. [11]) *Let L, K be fields and $L \supset K$ a G -Galois extension with involution. Then $L \supset K$ odd type if and only if $|G| = [L : K] = \text{odd}$.*

Proof. If $L \supset K$ is odd type then obviously $[L : K] = \text{odd}$. We shall show the converse. Firstly, we suppose that $L \supset K$ is a G -Galois extension with trivial involution and $|G| = \text{odd}$. Then there is an a in L such that $L = K[a]$. Put $[L : K] = 2m + 1$. From the proof of Scharlau's theorem (cf. [7], Th. 1.6, p. 195), we have that a K -linear map $f: L \rightarrow K$ defined by $f(1) = 1$ and $f(a^i) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2m$, defines a non degenerate bilinear left K -module (L, b_i^u) by $b_i^u(x, y) = f(xy)$ for $x, y \in L$, where $u \in L$ is determined by $b_i^u(u, -) = f$. Then we have $(L, b_i^u) = K \perp (Ka \oplus Ka^2 \oplus \dots \oplus Ka^{2m})$, where $K = \langle 1 \rangle$, and $Ka \oplus \dots \oplus Ka^{2m}$ is a metabolic subspace, because $Ka \oplus \dots \oplus Ka^m$ is a total isotropic subspace of it. Accordingly, $L \supset K$ is odd type. Secondly, suppose that $L \supset K$ is a G -Galois extension with non trivial involution, and $|G| = \text{odd}$. By Case I, the involution is non trivial on K , i.e. $K \neq K_0$, and so $L = L_0 K \cong L_0 \otimes_{K_0} K$. Since $L_0 \supset K_0$ becomes a G -Galois extension with trivial involution, $L_0 \supset K_0$ is odd type, and so there is u in L_0 such that (L_0, b_i^u) is isometric to the orthogonal sum of $\langle 1 \rangle$ and some metabolic K_0 -subspace h_m . Then we have $(L, b_i^u) \cong i^*(L_0, b_i^u) = (K \otimes_{K_0} L_0, i b_i^u) \cong i^*(\langle 1 \rangle) \perp i^*(h_m) = \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^*(h_m)$ as hermitian K -modules, and $i^*(h_m)$ becomes a metabolic K -module. Thus, $L \supset K$ is odd type.

Corollary 1. *Let $L \supset K$ be fields and a G -Galois extension with involution. If $|G| = \text{odd}$, then the inclusion map $i: K \rightarrow L$ induces an isomorphism of hermitian Witt groups; $i^*: W(K) \rightarrow T_{G^*}(W(L)) = W(L)^{G^*}$.*

EXAMPLE 2. Let R be a commutative ring, (V, q) a non degenerate quadratic R -module having a orthogonal base; $(V, q) = Rv_1 \perp Rv_2 \perp \dots \perp Rv_n$. Then 2 and $q(v_i)$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are invertible in R . Let ρ_{v_i} be a symmetry defined by

v_i , i.e. $\rho_{v_i}(x) = x - \frac{B_q(x, v_i)}{q(v_i)} v_i$ for $x \in V$. The Clifford algebra $C(V, q) = C_0(V, q) \oplus C_1(V, q)$ is a separable and $\mathbb{Z}/(2)$ -graded R -algebra (cf. [1], [8]). Each ρ_{v_i} is extended to an algebra-automorphism $\hat{\rho}_i$ of $C(V, q)$, for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$, and $\hat{\rho}_i$ is homogeneous i.e. $\hat{\rho}_i(C_j(V, q)) = C_j(V, q)$, $j=0, 1$. $C(V, q)$ has an involution defined by $\overline{(x_1 x_2 \dots x_r)} = x_r \dots x_2 x_1$ for $x_i \in V$. Then $\hat{\rho}_i$ is compatible with this involution. Let G be a group of automorphisms of $C(V, q)$ generated by $\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_2, \dots, \hat{\rho}_n$. Then, we can show that $C(V, q) \supset R$ is a G -Galois extension with involution.

Proposition 4. *Let $C(V, q)$, $\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_2, \dots, \hat{\rho}_n$ and G be as above. Then $C(V, q) \supset R$ is a G -Galois extension with involution, and $G = (\hat{\rho}_1) \times (\hat{\rho}_2) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_n)$.*

Proof. If $n=1$, $C(Rv_1, q) \cong R[X]/(X^2 - q(v_1))$ is a separable quadratic extension of R , and so $C(Rv_1, q) \supset R$ is a Galois extension with Galois group $(\hat{\rho}_1)$ (cf. [8]). Suppose that $n > 1$ and $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \supset R$ is a Galois extension with Galois group $(\hat{\rho}_1) \times (\hat{\rho}_2) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1})$. Since $Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_n = (Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}) \perp Rv_n$, it is well known that $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_n, q) = C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \hat{\otimes} C(Rv_n, q)$, where $\hat{\otimes}$ denotes the graded tensor product over R . Let x_1, \dots, x_s and y_1, \dots, y_s be a $(\hat{\rho}_1) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1})$ -Galois system of $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q)$ and u_1, \dots, u_t and w_1, \dots, w_t a $(\hat{\rho}_n)$ -Galois system of $C(Rv_n, q)$. x_i, y_i and u_j, w_j are chosen as homogeneous elements in $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q)$ and $C(Rv_n, q)$, respectively. Then, $\{(-1)^{\partial y_i \partial u_j} x_i \otimes u_j; 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq t\}$ and $\{y_i \otimes w_j; 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq t\}$ are a $(\hat{\rho}_1) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1}) \times (\hat{\rho}_n)$ -Galois system of $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_n, q) = C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \hat{\otimes} C(Rv_n, q)$, where ∂u_j and ∂y_i denote the degree of u_j and y_i . Because, $\sum_{i,j} (-1)^{\partial y_i \partial u_j} x_i \otimes u_j \cdot \sigma \times \tau (y_i \otimes w_j) = \sum_{i,j} x_i \sigma(y_i) \otimes u_j \tau(w_j) = \begin{cases} 1 \otimes 1; \\ 0 \end{cases}$; $\sigma \times \tau = I \times I$, for $\sigma \in (\hat{\rho}_1) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1})$ and $\tau \in (\hat{\rho}_n)$. Since $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \hat{\otimes} C(Rv_n, q) = C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \otimes C(Rv_n, q)$ as R -modules and $(C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \otimes C(Rv_n, q))^{(\hat{\rho}_1)^{\hat{\rho}_1} \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_n)^{\hat{\rho}_n}} = C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q)^{(\hat{\rho}_1)^{\hat{\rho}_1} \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1})^{\hat{\rho}_{n-1}}} \otimes C(Rv_n, q)^{(\hat{\rho}_n)^{\hat{\rho}_n}} = R \otimes R = R$, we have that $C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_n, q) \supset R$ is a Galois extension with Galois group $(\hat{\rho}_1) \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_n)$. Thus, the proposition is obtained by induction.

EXAMPLE 3. Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution. The $n \times n$ -matrix ring A_n over A has an involution $A_n \rightarrow A_n; (a_{ij}) \mapsto {}^t(a_{ij})$, where ${}^t(\quad)$ denotes the transpose matrix. Then, $A_n \supset B_n$ is also a G -Galois extension with involution. Furthermore, if $A \supset B$ is odd type, then so is $A_n \supset B_n$. Because, we suppose that u is a unit in the fixed subring C_0 of the center of A by the involution, and (A, b_i^u) is a orthogonal sum of $\langle 1 \rangle$ and a metabolic B -left module $h_g = (N, h_g)$. Then $A_n \cong B_n \otimes_B A$ as B_n -left modules and C_0 is the fixed subring

of the center of A_n by the involution. Therefore, we have $(A_n, b_t^u) \cong (B_n \otimes_B A, i b_t^u) \cong i^* \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^* h_g = \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^* h_g$ as sesqui-linear B_n -left modules, and $i^* h_g$ is a metabolic B_n -module, where $i: B \hookrightarrow B_n$.

Using the Morita context, Example 3 is extended as follows;

EXAMPLE 4. (cf. [2], Chap. I, 8.) Let $A \supset B$ be a G -Galois extension with involution, $\Delta(A, G) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \oplus A u_\sigma$ a crossed product of A and G with a trivial factor set, and M a faithful left $\Delta(A, G)$ -module. We may assume that u_I is the identity element in $\Delta(A, G)$, and A is a subring of $\Delta(A, G)$. We suppose that M has a non degenerate hermitian form $[,]: M \times M \rightarrow A$ satisfying $[u_\sigma(m), u_\sigma(n)] = \sigma([m, n])$ for every $\sigma \in G$ and $m, n \in M$. Put $\Lambda^0 = \text{Hom}_A(M, M)$ and $\Gamma^0 = \text{Hom}_{\Delta(A, G)}(M, M)$, then M is regarded as right Λ -module and so as A - Λ -bimodule. We can define an involution $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda; \lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}$ by $[m, n\lambda] = [m\bar{\lambda}, n]$ for every $m, n \in M$ (cf. [2], p. 61). For each $\sigma \in G$, a ring-automorphism $\sigma': \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ is defined by $m\sigma'(\lambda) = u_\sigma((u_\sigma^{-1}(m))\lambda)$ for $m \in M$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Put $G' = \{\sigma'; \sigma \in G\}$. Since $u_\sigma u_\tau = u_{\sigma\tau}$ in $\Delta(A, G)$, the map $G \rightarrow G'; \sigma \mapsto \sigma'$ is a group homomorphism. We can easily check $\Lambda^{G'} = \Gamma$. For any $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $\sigma' \in G'$, $\sigma'(\bar{\lambda}) = \overline{\sigma'(\lambda)}$ is satisfied; for any $m, n \in M$, we have $[m\sigma'(\bar{\lambda}), n] = [u_\sigma(u_\sigma^{-1}(m)\bar{\lambda}), n] = \sigma([u_\sigma^{-1}(m)\bar{\lambda}, u_\sigma^{-1}(n)]) = \sigma([u_\sigma^{-1}(m), u^{-1}(n)\lambda]) = [m, n\sigma'(\lambda)] = [m\sigma'(\lambda), n]$. Put $M^G = \{m \in M; u_\sigma(m) = m \text{ for all } \sigma \in G\}$, then M^G becomes a left B -module. We can show that if M^G is finitely generated projective and generator over B , then $\Lambda \supset \Gamma$ is also a G' -Galois extension with involution and $G' \cong G$. Now, we shall prove this. We denote by $(,)$ a sesqui-linear form $M \times M \rightarrow \Lambda$ defined by $[m, m']m'' = m(m', m'')$ for every m, m' and $m'' \in M$ (see [2], p. 61).

Lemma 7. *Under above conditions, we have $M = AM^G \cong A \otimes_B M^G$, and $[,]$ induces a non degenerate hermitian form $[,]|_{M^G \times M^G}$ over B .*

Proof. Let x_1, \dots, x_n and y_1, \dots, y_n be a G -Galois system of A . For any $m \in M$, m is written as $m = \sum_{i, \sigma \in G} x_i \sigma(y_i) u_\sigma(m) = \sum_{i \in G} x_i u_\sigma(y_i m) = \sum_i x_i t_G(y_i m)$, and is contained in AM^G , where $t_G(y_i m) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} u_\sigma(y_i m)$ is in M^G . If $\sum_i a_i \otimes m_i$ is an element in $A \otimes_B M^G$ such that $\sum_i a_i m_i = 0$, then we have $\sum_i a_i \otimes m_i = \sum_{i, j} x_j t_G(y_j a_i) \otimes m_i = \sum_{i, j} x_j \otimes t_G(y_j a_i) m_i = \sum_{j, x_j} x_j \otimes t_G(y_j \sum_i a_i m_i) = 0$. Therefore, $M = AM^G \cong A \otimes_B M^G$ is obtained. Since $\sigma([m, n]) = [u_\sigma(m), u_\sigma(n)]$ for every $\sigma \in G$ and $m, n \in M$, $[,]' = [,]|_{M^G \times M^G}$ defines a hermitian B -form $[,]': M^G \times M^G \rightarrow B$. By $M = AM^G$, $[M^G, m]' = 0$ implies $m = 0$. If f is any element in $\text{Hom}_B(M^G, B)$, then $I \otimes f$ is in $\text{Hom}_A(M, A)$, hence there is an element m in M such that $f = [-, m]$. But, $f(n)$ is in B for all $n \in M^G$, then we have $[n, m] = f(n) = \sigma([n, m]) = [u_\sigma(n), u_\sigma(m)] = [n, u_\sigma(m)]$ for all $n \in M^G$, $\sigma \in G$, and so $m = u_\sigma(m)$ for all $\sigma \in G$, i.e. $m \in M^G$. Therefore, $[,]'$ is non degenerate.

Proposition 5. *If M^G is finitely generated projective and generator over B ,*

then $\Lambda \supset \Gamma$ is a G' -Galois extension with involution, and $G' \cong G$.

Proof. Let x_1, \dots, x_n and y_1, \dots, y_n be G -Galois system of A . Since M^G is a finitely generated projective and generator B -module, and $[\ , \] M^G \times M^G$ is non degenerate, hence there exist m_1, \dots, m_r and $n_1, \dots, n_r, u_1, \dots, u_s$ and v_1, \dots, v_s in M^G such that $\sum_i [m_i, n_i] = 1, I = \sum_i [-, u_i] v_i = \sum_i (u_i, v_i)$. Put $m'_{ij} = \bar{x}_j u_i n'_{ij} = y_j v_i$. Then we have $\sum_{i,j} (m'_{ij}, u_\sigma(n'_{ij})) = \sum_{i,j} (x_j u_i, u_\sigma(y_j v_i)) = \sum_{i,j} [-, x_j u_i] \sigma(y_j) u_\sigma(v_i) = \sum_{i,j} [-, u_i] x_j \sigma(y_j) v_i = \begin{cases} \sum_j [-, u_i] v_i; & \text{for } \sigma = I \\ 0 & \text{for } \sigma \neq I \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{for } \sigma = I \\ 0; & \text{for } \sigma \neq I \end{cases}$. Since n'_{ij} is expressed as $n'_{ij} = \sum_k [m_k, n_k] n'_{ij} = \sum_k m_k (n_k, n'_{ij})$, we have $\sum_{i,j,k} (m'_{ij}, m_k) \sigma'((n_k, n'_{ij})) = \sum_{i,j,k} (m'_{ij}, u_\sigma(m_k(n_k, n'_{ij}))) = \sum_{i,j} (m'_{ij}, u_\sigma(n'_{ij})) = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{for } \sigma = I \\ 0; & \text{for } \sigma \neq I \end{cases}$. Therefore, $\{(m'_{ij}, m_k); 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq r\}$ and $\{(n_k, n'_{ij}); 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq r\}$ are G' -Galois system of Λ and $G \cong G'$. Thus $\Lambda \supset \Gamma$ is a G' -Galois extension with involution.

Corollary 2. Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R , and $A \supset R$ a G -Galois extension with involution. If M is a faithful left $\Delta(A, G)$ -module such that M is finitely generated projective over A and M has a non degenerate hermitian form $[\ , \] M \times M \rightarrow A$ satisfying $\sigma([m, n]) = [u_\sigma(m), u_\sigma(n)]$ for all $n, m \in M$ and $\sigma \in G$, then $\Lambda = \text{Hom}_A(M, M) \supset \Gamma = \text{Hom}_{\Delta(A, G)}(M, M)$ is a G -Galois extension with involution.

Proof. Since, under the condition of the corollary, we have $t_\sigma(A) = R$ and $M = AM^G \cong A \otimes_B M^G$, we conclude that M^G is a direct summand of M as R -module. Therefore M^G is finitely generated projective and generator over R , and by Proposition 5 $\Lambda \supset \Gamma$ is a G' -Galois extension with involution and $G \cong G'$.

Appendix

Let R be a commutative ring.

Lemma A. ([5], Lemma 1.2) Let (M, q) be a non degenerate hermitian R -module. Then (M, q) is metabolic if and only if there is an R -direct summand N of M such that $N^\perp = N$.

Lemma B. (cf. [5], Lemma 1.5) Let (M, q) be any non-degenerate hermitian R -module and (N, h_m) a metabolic R -module such that N is a projective R -module. If $(N, h_m) \otimes (M, q) = (N \otimes_R M, h_m \otimes q)$ is non degenerate, then $(N, h_m) \otimes (M, q)$ is also metabolic.

Proof. Suppose $(N, h_m) \cong (U \oplus U^*, h_g)$, where $U^* = \text{Hom}_R(U, R)$ and (U, g) is a hermitian R -module. By Lemma A, it is sufficient to show $(U^* \otimes M)^\perp = U^* \otimes M$ in $(U \otimes M \oplus U^* \otimes M, h_g \otimes q)$. If $\sum u_i \otimes m_i$ is in $(U^* \otimes M)^\perp \cap (U \otimes M)$, then we have $h_g \otimes q(\sum u_i \otimes m_i, f \otimes x) = \sum h_g(u_i, f) q(m_i, x) = \sum f(u_i) q(m_i, x) =$

$q(\sum f(u_i)m_i, x)=0$, for every $x \in M$ and $f \in U^*$, hence $\sum f(u_i)m_i=0$ for every $f \in U^*$. Since U is projective over R , there exist $\{f_j \in U^*; j \in I\}$ and $\{v_j \in U; j \in I\}$ such that $x = \sum_{j \in I} v_j f_j(x)$ for all $x \in U$. Accordingly, $\sum u_i \otimes m_i = \sum_{i,j \in I} v_j f_j(u_i) \otimes m_i = \sum_{j \in I} v_j \otimes \sum_i f_j(u_i)m_i = 0$. We obtain that $(U^* \otimes M)^\perp \cap (U \otimes M) = 0$ and so $(U^* \otimes M)^\perp = U^* \otimes M$.

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