

INSEPARABLE GALOIS THEORY OF EXPONENT ONE

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Abstract. An exponent one inseparable Galois theory for commutative ring extensions of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$ is given in this paper.

Let C be a commutative ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$. Let \mathfrak{g} be both a C -module and a restricted Lie ring of derivations on C and denote by A the kernel of \mathfrak{g} , i.e., the set of all x in C such that $\partial x = 0$ for all ∂ in \mathfrak{g} . We say C over A is a purely inseparable Galois extension of exponent one if and only if C is finitely generated projective as A -module and $C[\mathfrak{g}] = \text{Hom}_A(C, C)$. In this paper, we present a Galois correspondence between the restricted Lie subrings of \mathfrak{g} which are also C -module direct summands of \mathfrak{g} and the intermediate rings between C and A over which locally C admits p -basis. The Galois hypothesis $C[\mathfrak{g}] = \text{Hom}_A(C, C)$ used here is an analog of the separable Galois hypothesis used in [7] and [8]. In case C is a field, our theory reduces to Jacobson's Galois theory for purely inseparable field extensions of exponent one.

In a subsequent paper [6], we shall present the attendant Galois cohomology results. Among other things, we shall show that there is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow L(C/A) \rightarrow P(A) \rightarrow P(C) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{g}, C) \rightarrow B(C/A) \rightarrow 0$, where $B(C/A)$ is the Brauer group for C over A , $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{g}, C)$ is Hochschild's group of regular restricted Lie algebra extensions of C by \mathfrak{g} , P is the functor of taking rank one projective class group and $L(C/A)$ is the logarithmic derivative group. We also show that the Amitsur cohomology groups $H^{n+2}(C/A, G_m)$, $n \geq 0$, are isomorphic to Hochschild's groups $\mathcal{E}(C^n \otimes_A \mathfrak{g}, C^{n+1})$ of regular restricted Lie algebra extensions of C^{n+1} , the $n+1$ -fold tensor product $C \otimes_A \cdots \otimes_A C$, by $C^n \otimes_A \mathfrak{g}$.

All rings in the following are assumed to be commutative with 1. If A is a subring of a ring C we understand that both A and C have the same identity. By an A -algebra C we mean that A is a subring of C . Finally all ring-homomorphisms and modules are unitary.

1. LEMMA. *Let C be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$, and let A be a subring of C such that $t^p \in A$ for all t in C . Then $\text{Spec } C$ is canonically homeomorphic to $\text{Spec } A$.*

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Proof. We have two ring homomorphisms between A and C .

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow C; & C &\rightarrow A, \\ x &\rightarrow x; & x &\rightarrow x^p \end{aligned}$$

which produce continuous mappings inverses to each other between $\text{Spec } A$ and $\text{Spec } C$.

2. **REMARK.** In view of the above lemma, we may regard the structural sheaf \tilde{A} associated to $\text{Spec } A$ as a subsheaf of the structural sheaf \tilde{C} associated to $\text{Spec } C$. Moreover given any \mathfrak{q} in $\text{Spec } A$, we shall always denote by \mathfrak{D} the corresponding element in $\text{Spec } C$ and vice versa.

Another simple fact which we repeatedly use is the following

3. **LEMMA.** *Let C be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$ and let A be a subring of C such that $t^p \in A$ for all $t \in C$. If \mathfrak{D} is any prime ideal in C then*

$$M_{\mathfrak{D}} = M \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}}$$

for all C -modules M .

Proof. We have a map

$$\begin{aligned} C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}} &\rightarrow C_{\mathfrak{D}}, \\ x \otimes (a/s) &\rightarrow (ax)/s \quad (s \in A - \mathfrak{q}). \end{aligned}$$

Given any x/t in $C_{\mathfrak{D}}$ with $t \in C - \mathfrak{D}$, then x/t is the image of $(xt^{p-1}) \otimes (1/t^p)$. So the map is onto. Now every element $\sum x_i \otimes (a_i/s_i)$ in $C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}}$ can be written in the form $x \otimes (1/s)$ with $x = \sum_i a_i x_i (\prod_{j \neq i} s_j)$ and $s = \prod_i s_i$. If $x \otimes (1/s)$ goes to zero in $C_{\mathfrak{D}}$ then for some $t \in C - \mathfrak{D}$, tx is zero in C . So $x \otimes (1/s) = (t^p x) \otimes (1/t^p s)$ is already zero in $C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}}$. This shows $C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}}$ may be identified with $C_{\mathfrak{D}}$. If M is any C -module, we have

$$M_{\mathfrak{D}} = M \otimes_C C_{\mathfrak{D}} = M \otimes_C C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}} = M \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{q}}.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Let S be a sheaf of rings over a topological space X . By a derivation d on S we mean a sheaf map $d: S^+ \rightarrow S^+$ such that for any open set U in X , $d(U): S(U) \rightarrow S(U)$ is a derivation where S^+ is the underlining sheaf of abelian groups of S . If R is a subsheaf of S , then the set $\mathcal{L}(U, S/R)$ of all R_U -derivations on the sheaf S_U has an obvious $S(U)$ -module structure. We shall call the sheaf $\mathcal{L}_{S/R} = \mathcal{L}(\quad, S/R)$ the S -module of all R -derivations on S .

Given a derivation ∂ on a ring C , then for any multiplicatively closed subset Σ of C there is a unique derivation, which we again denote by ∂ , on C_{Σ} making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \longrightarrow & C_{\Sigma} \\ \partial \downarrow & & \partial \downarrow \\ C & \longrightarrow & C_{\Sigma} \end{array}$$

commutative. Thus a derivation d on \tilde{C} is completely determined by $d(\text{Spec } C): C \rightarrow C$. So we have the following

4. **LEMMA.** *Let C be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$. Let A be a subring of C such that $t^p \in A$ for all $t \in C$. Then the correspondence $d \rightarrow d(\text{Spec } C)$ is an isomorphism between the C -module $\mathcal{L}(\text{Spec } C, \tilde{C}/\tilde{A})$ and the C -module $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ of all A -derivations on C .*

5. **LEMMA.** *Let C be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$. Let A be a subring of C such that C admits a p -basis over A ⁽¹⁾. Denote by $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ the C -module of all A -derivations on C . Then the sheaf $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{C}/\tilde{A}}$ is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{g}(C/A))$.*

Proof. Given any distinguished open set $D(f)$ in $\text{Spec } C (f \in A)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(D(f), \tilde{C}/\tilde{A}) &\cong \mathcal{L}(\text{Spec } C_f, \tilde{C}_f/\tilde{A}_f) \\ &\cong \mathfrak{g}(C_f/A_f) \\ &\cong \mathfrak{g}(C/A)_f. \end{aligned}$$

The last isomorphism follows from the fact that C has a p -basis over A . This completes the proof of the lemma.

6. **DEFINITION.** Let A be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$. An A -algebra C is called a Galois extension of A provided

- (i) C is finitely generated projective as A -module,
- (ii) $t^p \in A$ for all $t \in C$,
- (iii) Given any prime ideal \mathfrak{Q} in C , then $C_{\mathfrak{Q}}$ admits a p -basis over $A_{\mathfrak{Q}}$.

The equivalence of this definition with the one given in the introduction is a consequence of Theorems 9 and 10 below.

7. **LEMMA.** *Given a Galois extension C over A , then for any prime ideal \mathfrak{q} in A , there is some $f \in A - \mathfrak{q}$ such that C_f admits a p -basis over A_f .*

Proof. Since C is a finitely generated projective A -module, there is an $\alpha \in A - \mathfrak{q}$ such that C_{α} is a free A_{α} -module of finite dimension. Let t_1, \dots, t_m be elements in C_{α} such that their images in $C_{\mathfrak{Q}} = C \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{Q}}$ form a p -basis over $A_{\mathfrak{Q}}$. If $\{\gamma_i\}$ is an A_{α} -module basis for C_{α} , then there is an m^p by m^p matrix μ with entries from A_{α} which takes $\{\gamma_i\}$ to $\{t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_m^{e_m} \mid 0 \leq e_i < p\}$ because $t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_m^{e_m}$ can be expressed as a linear combination in the γ_i 's with coefficients from A_{α} . Write (determinant μ) $= \beta/\alpha^e$ where e is a nonnegative integer and β is from A . Put $f = \alpha\beta$. It is clear that $f \in A - \mathfrak{q}$ and the images of t_1, \dots, t_m in C_f form a p -basis over A_f .

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 7 and [2, p. 90, Theorem 1.4.1] we get

8. **LEMMA.** *Let C be a Galois extension over A . Then the \tilde{C} -module $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{C}/\tilde{A}}$ of all \tilde{A} -derivations on \tilde{C} is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{g}(C/A))$.*

⁽¹⁾ By a p -basis of C over A we mean a subset $\{t_1, \dots, t_r\}$ in C such that $\{t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_r^{e_r} \mid 0 \leq e_i < p\}$ form an A -module basis for C .

9. THEOREM. *Let C be a Galois extension over A , and denote by $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ the C -module of all A -derivations on C . Then*

- (1) *the C -module \mathfrak{g} is finitely generated and projective;*
- (2) *$A = \{t \in C \mid \partial t = 0 \text{ for all } \partial \in \mathfrak{g}(C/A)\} \cong \text{kernel } \mathfrak{g};$*
- (3) *$\text{Hom}_A(C, C) = C[\mathfrak{g}].$*

Proof. Only the last two statements are not already proven. That the inclusion map $A \hookrightarrow \text{kernel } \mathfrak{g}$ must be onto follows from the fact that at each prime \mathfrak{q} , the map $A_{\mathfrak{q}} \hookrightarrow \text{kernel } \mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{q}} = (\text{kernel } \mathfrak{g})_{\mathfrak{q}}$ is onto [1, p. 111, Theorem 1]. By the same token the inclusion map $C[\mathfrak{g}] \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(C, C)$ is onto because the corresponding map at each $\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec } A$ is onto.

10. THEOREM. *Let C be a ring of prime characteristic $p \neq 0$. Let \mathfrak{g} be a C -module of derivations on C . Put $A = \text{kernel } \mathfrak{g}$ and assume that C is finitely generated projective as A -module. If $\text{Hom}_A(C, C) = C[\mathfrak{g}]$ then C is a Galois extension over A . If in addition \mathfrak{g} is a restricted Lie ring, then $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(C/A)$.*

Proof. Let \mathfrak{q} be any prime ideal in A . We have, by [1, p. 98, Proposition 19], $\text{Hom}_{A_{\mathfrak{q}}}(C_{\mathfrak{q}}, C_{\mathfrak{q}}) = C_{\mathfrak{q}}[\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{q}}]$. For simplicity of notations write $\bar{A} = A_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q}A_{\mathfrak{q}}$, $\bar{C} = C_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q}C_{\mathfrak{q}}$, and denote by $\bar{\mathfrak{g}} =$ the image of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{q}}} \bar{A}$ in

$$\text{Hom}_{A_{\mathfrak{q}}}(C_{\mathfrak{q}}, C_{\mathfrak{q}}) \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{q}}} \bar{A} = \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{C}, \bar{C}).$$

So $\text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{C}, \bar{C}) = \bar{C}[\bar{\mathfrak{g}}]$. This means no nontrivial ideal in \bar{C} is stable under $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$. Since \bar{C} is finite dimensional over \bar{A} , it follows from [5, Corollary 2.8] that \bar{C} admits a p -basis over \bar{A} . Hence $C_{\mathfrak{q}}$ admits a p -basis over $A_{\mathfrak{q}}$ [1, p. 107, Corollaire 1] and C is a Galois extension over A .

It remains to show the inclusion map $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ is onto. In view of [1, p. 111, Theorem 1], it suffices to show that at each prime $\mathfrak{Q} \in \text{Spec } C$, the corresponding map $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(C/A)_{\mathfrak{Q}}$ is onto. Now $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ is a free \bar{C} -module [5, Lemma 3.2]. Let $\bar{\partial}_1, \dots, \bar{\partial}_r$ be a \bar{C} -module basis for $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$. The fact that $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ is a restricted Lie ring implies that the set $\{\bar{\partial}_1^{e_1} \cdots \bar{\partial}_r^{e_r} \mid 0 \leq e_i < p\}$ form a set of generators for the \bar{C} -module $\text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{C}, \bar{C}) = \bar{C}[\bar{\mathfrak{g}}]$. But $\mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A})$ is also a free \bar{C} -module because \bar{C} admits a p -basis over \bar{A} . Let r' be the dimension of $\mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A})$ over \bar{C} . Then $[\bar{C}:\bar{A}] = p^{r'}$. Now as vector spaces over \bar{A} , $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ is a subspace of $\mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A})$, so $rp^{r'} = [\bar{\mathfrak{g}}:\bar{A}] \leq [\mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A}):\bar{A}] = r'p^{r'}$. Hence $r \leq r'$. On the other hand the \bar{A} -module $\text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{C}:\bar{C})$ is of dimension $p^{2r'}$ but has a set of generators of cardinality $p^{r+r'} \leq p^{2r'}$. This shows $r = r'$ and therefore $\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A})$. So $\bar{\partial}_1, \dots, \bar{\partial}_r$ form a \bar{C} -module basis for $\mathfrak{g}(\bar{C}/\bar{A})$. Let ∂_i be a pre-image of $\bar{\partial}_i$ in $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}}$. Then $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_r$ form a $C_{\mathfrak{Q}}$ -module basis for $\mathfrak{g}(C_{\mathfrak{Q}}/A_{\mathfrak{q}})$. This proves that $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}} = \mathfrak{g}(C_{\mathfrak{Q}}/A_{\mathfrak{q}})$ because $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}} \subset \mathfrak{g}(C_{\mathfrak{Q}}/A_{\mathfrak{q}}) = \sum C_{\mathfrak{Q}}\partial_i \subset \mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}}$. Consequently $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{Q}} = \mathfrak{g}(C_{\mathfrak{Q}}/A_{\mathfrak{q}}) = \mathfrak{g}(C/A)_{\mathfrak{Q}}$ because C is a Galois extension over A .

11. THEOREM. *Let $A \subset B \subset C$ be a tower of rings such that C is a Galois extension both over A and over B . Then*

- (1) *B is a Galois extension over A .*

(2) Let $\mathfrak{h} = \{d \in \mathfrak{g}(C/A) \mid dB \subset B\}$. Then there is a B -module homomorphism $\mathfrak{g}(B/A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ which followed by the restriction map $\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)$ given by $d \rightarrow d|_B$ is the identity map on $\mathfrak{g}(B/A)$.

(3) Let $G(B/A)$ be the image of $\mathfrak{g}(B/A)$ in \mathfrak{h} . Then

$$C \cdot G(B/A) \oplus \mathfrak{g}(C/B) = \mathfrak{g}(C/A).$$

Proof. Let \mathfrak{Q} be a prime ideal in C and denote by \mathfrak{q} and q the corresponding prime ideals in A and B respectively. Since C is finitely generated projective both as A -module and as B -module, there is $\alpha \in A - \mathfrak{q}$ such that C_α is a free module of finite dimension both over A_α and over B_α . The A_α -module B_α as a direct summand of C_α is therefore finitely generated projective. So B is finitely generated projective as A -module. We would like to show that B_q admits a p -basis over A_q . For simplicity of notations, write $\bar{A} = A_q/qA_q$, $\bar{B} = B_q/qB_q$ and $\bar{C} = C_\mathfrak{Q}/qC_\mathfrak{Q}$. Let b_1, \dots, b_r be a basis for the free \bar{B} -module \bar{C} . Let ∂ be an \bar{A} -derivation on \bar{C} . For any $x \in \bar{B}$, ∂x may be expressed in the form $(\partial_1 x)b_1 + \dots + (\partial_r x)b_r$ with $\partial_i x \in \bar{B}$. It is easily seen that the map $x \rightarrow \partial_i x$ is an \bar{A} -derivation on \bar{B} . By Theorem 9 we have $C[\mathfrak{g}(C/A)] = \text{Hom}_A(C, C)$ and hence

$$\bar{C}[\bar{\mathfrak{g}}] = \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{C}, \bar{C})$$

where $\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}(C/A)_\mathfrak{Q}/q\mathfrak{g}(C/A)_\mathfrak{Q}$. So no nontrivial ideal in \bar{C} is stable under $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$. Let I be a nonzero proper ideal in \bar{B} . Then there is an \bar{A} -derivation ∂ on \bar{C} such that $\partial(I\bar{C})$ is not contained in $I\bar{C}$. This means $\partial_i I$ cannot be contained in I for some i . But \bar{B} is a finite dimensional vector space over \bar{A} so by [5, Corollary 2.8], \bar{B} admits a p -basis over \bar{A} . Hence B_q admits a p -basis over A_q [1, p. 107, Corollaire].

To show the identity map $\mathfrak{g}(B/A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)$ factors through the restriction map $\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)$, it suffices to show at each prime ideal q in B the identity map $\mathfrak{g}(B/A)_q \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)_q$ factors through $\mathfrak{h}_q \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)_q$. Let t_1, \dots, t_l be a p -basis for $C_\mathfrak{Q}$ over B_q and let $t_{l+1}, \dots, t_{l+\lambda}$ be a p -basis for B_q over A_q . If we denote by d_i the A_q -derivation on $C_\mathfrak{Q}$ given by $d_i t_j = \delta_{ij}$, then the B_q -module H^q of all A_q -derivations on $C_\mathfrak{Q}$ leaving B_q invariant is just

$$\sum_{i=1}^l C_\mathfrak{Q} d_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} B_q d_{l+i}.$$

It is obvious that the identity map on $\mathfrak{g}(B/A)_q = \mathfrak{g}(B_q/A_q)$ factors through the restriction map $H^q \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)_q$. So it suffices to show $\mathfrak{h}_q = H^q$.

Given any open set U in $\text{Spec } A$, let $H(U)$ be the set of all \tilde{A}_U -derivations on \tilde{C}_U leaving \tilde{B}_U invariant. The set $H(U)$ has an obvious $\tilde{B}(U)$ -module structure. So the sheaf $U \rightarrow H(U)$ is a \tilde{B} -module and its fibre at a point q in $\text{Spec } B$ is just H^q . It is easily seen that if C admits a p -basis over B and B admits a p -basis over A , then the sheaf H is just the sheaf $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$ associated to \mathfrak{h} . Hence by [2, p. 90, Theorem 1.4.1] H is always the sheaf $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$ associated to \mathfrak{h} whenever C is a Galois extension both over A and over B because locally C admits a p -basis over B as does B over A .

This shows the identity map on $\mathfrak{g}(B/A)$ factors through the restriction map $\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(B/A)$. In particular $\mathfrak{h} = G(B/A) \oplus \mathfrak{g}(C/B)$. Hence $\mathfrak{g}(C/A) = C \cdot G(B/A) + \mathfrak{g}(C/B)$ because $C \cdot \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g}(C/A)$. Assume $\partial \in [C \cdot G(B/A)] \cap \mathfrak{g}(C/B)$. We claim that $\partial = 0$. It suffices to show the corresponding derivation ∂_q at $q \in \text{Spec } A$ is zero. Now ∂_q as an element in $[C \cdot G(B/A)]_q$ can be written in the form $\sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} u_i \partial_{t_{i+1}}$ with $u_i \in C_{\mathbb{Z}}$ where $\partial_{t_{i+1}}$ is the image of $d_{t_{i+1}}$ in \mathfrak{h}_q . So $u_j = (\sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} u_i \partial_{t_{i+1}}) t_{1+j} = \partial_q t_{1+j} = 0$ because $\partial_q \in \mathfrak{g}(C_{\mathbb{Z}}/B_q)$ and $t_{1+j} \in B_q$. This shows $\partial_q = 0$ as desired.

12. **REMARK.** Given a tower of rings $A \subset B \subset C$ such that both B and C are Galois extensions over A , in general C need not be a Galois extension over B and not every A -derivation on B can be extended to a derivation on C . As an example, let $C = K[[x, y]]$ be the formal power series ring over a coefficient field K of characteristic $p \neq 0$. Put $A = K[[x^p, y^p]]$ and $B = K[[x^p, y^p, xy]]$. The A -derivation ∂ on B given by $\partial(xy) = 1$ cannot be extended to C . So in view of the above theorem, C cannot be a Galois extension over B . If d is the K -derivation on C given by $dx = x$ and $dy = y$, then $B = \text{kernel } d$ and $\text{Hom}_B(C, C) = C[d]$. This means that C is not a projective B -module.

12. **THEOREM.** *Let C be a Galois extension over A . Let \mathfrak{h} be a restricted Lie subring of $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ such that \mathfrak{h} is also a C -module direct summand of $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$. Put $B = \text{kernel } \mathfrak{h}$. Then C is a Galois extension over B and $\mathfrak{g}(C/B) = \mathfrak{h}$.*

Proof. We shall first prove the theorem under the additional assumption that C is a local ring⁽²⁾. So C admits a p -basis t_1, \dots, t_r over A . Let d_i be the A -derivation on C given by $d_i t_j = \delta_{ij}$. Then d_1, \dots, d_r form a C -module basis for $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$. Now the C -module \mathfrak{h} as a direct summand of $\mathfrak{g}(C/A)$ is also free. Let $\partial_{1,0}, \dots, \partial_{l,0}$ be a basis for \mathfrak{h} . We have $\partial_{i,0} = \sum_{j=1}^r (\partial_{i,0} t_j) d_j$. Clearly given any i , $\partial_{i,0} t_j$ must be an invertible element in C for at least one j ($1 \leq j \leq r$). We claim that there exist $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_l$ a basis for \mathfrak{h} and elements y_1, \dots, y_l in C such that $\partial_i y_j = \delta_{ij}$. Suppose we have already proven y_1, \dots, y_s in C and a C -module basis $\partial_{1,s}, \dots, \partial_{l,s}$ for \mathfrak{h} such that $\partial_{i,s} y_j = \delta_{ij}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$ and $1 \leq j \leq s$. If $s < l$, then there is an element y_{s+1} in C such that $\partial_{s+1,s} y_{s+1}$ is invertible in C . We set

$$\partial_{s+1,s+1} = (\partial_{s+1,s} y_{s+1})^{-1} \partial_{s+1,s}$$

so that $\partial_{s+1,s+1} y_{s+1} = 1$. For every $j \neq s+1$, we set

$$\partial_{j,s+1} = \partial_{j,s} - (\partial_{j,s} y_{s+1}) \partial_{s+1,s+1}.$$

Then we have $\partial_{i,s+1} y_j = \delta_{ij}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$ and $1 \leq j \leq s+1$, and that $\partial_{i,s+1}$ are still a basis for \mathfrak{h} . Proceeding in this fashion, starting from the case $s=0$, we finally obtain y_1, \dots, y_l in C and $\partial_i = \partial_{i,l}$ which satisfy the requirements of our assertion.

⁽²⁾ Hochschild's proof of the main theorem of Jacobson's Galois theory for purely inseparable field extensions of exponent one is used here practically without change; (c.f. [4, Lemma 2.1] and [5, Theorem 1]).

Writing $[\partial_i, \partial_j] = \sum_{s=1}^l v_s \partial_s$ with $v_s \in C$, we get $v_s = [\partial_i, \partial_j] y_s = 0$ whence $[\partial_i, \partial_j] = 0$. In the same way we find that $\partial_i^p = 0$. It is clear that y_1, \dots, y_l form a p -basis for $B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. It remains to prove that $C = B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. Suppose that this is false, i.e., that there is an element u_1 in C which does not belong to $B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. Assume inductively that we have already found an element u_s of C which is not in $B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$ and which is annihilated by every ∂_i with $i < s$. Since $\partial_s^p = 0$ there is an exponent e ($0 \leq e < p$) such that ∂_s^{e+1} but not ∂_s^e maps u_s into $B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. We have $\partial_i \partial_s^e(u_s) = \partial_s^e \partial_i(u_s)$ which is zero for $i < s$. Hence replacing u_s by $\partial_s^e(u_s)$, we may suppose that $\partial_s(u_s) \in B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. Since $\partial_s(u_s)$ is annihilated by each ∂_i with $i < s$ it follows then that $\partial_s(u_s) \in B[y_{s+1}, \dots, y_l]$. Write $\partial_s u_s$ as a polynomial of degree $p-1$ in y_s with coefficients in $B[y_{s+1}, \dots, y_l]$. Since this polynomial is annihilated by ∂_s^{p-1} (for $\partial_s^p = 0$) the coefficient of y_s^{p-1} must be 0. Hence we can integrate this polynomial with respect to y_s , i.e., there is an element $u \in B[y_s, \dots, y_l]$ such that $\partial_s(u_s) = \partial_s u$. Now put $u_{s+1} = u_s - u$. Then $u_{s+1} \notin B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$ and $\partial_i(u_{s+1}) = 0$ for all $i < s+1$. We can repeat this construction until we obtain $u_{l+1} \notin B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$ such that $\partial_i u_{l+1} = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, l$. But then $u_{l+1} \in B$, and we have a contradiction. Hence $C = B[y_1, \dots, y_l]$. Moreover, if ∂ is any B -derivation on C we have $\partial = \sum (\partial y_i) \partial_i \in \mathfrak{h}$. This proves the theorem when C is local.

To complete the proof of the theorem, it remains to show that C is finitely generated projective as B -module and that $\mathfrak{g}(C/B) = \mathfrak{h}$. Since C is finitely generated as A -module so surely finitely generated over B also. At each prime \mathfrak{D} in C , $C_{\mathfrak{D}}$ admits a p -basis over $B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ with $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{D} \cap B$. Moreover, the dimension $[C_{\mathfrak{D}} : B_{\mathfrak{q}}]$ is equal to the $[\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{D}} : C_{\mathfrak{D}}]$ th power of p . So $[C_{\mathfrak{D}} : B_{\mathfrak{q}}]$ is locally constant in $\text{Spec } C$ because $[\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{D}} : C_{\mathfrak{D}}]$ is. Hence C over B is finitely generated projective and therefore must be a Galois extension. Finally $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{D}}$ is equal to $\mathfrak{g}(C/B)_{\mathfrak{D}}$ at every $\mathfrak{D} \in \text{Spec } C$. So the inclusion map $\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(C/B)$ must be onto.

Summarizing the above results, we get

13. THEOREM. *Let C be a Galois extension over A and denote by $\mathfrak{g}_{C/A}$ the C -module of all A -derivations on C . Put*

$$\Theta = \{B \mid B \text{ is an } A\text{-subalgebra of } C \text{ and } C/B \text{ is a Galois extension}\},$$

$$\Xi = \{\mathfrak{g} \mid \mathfrak{g} \text{ is a restricted Lie subring and a } C\text{-module direct summand of } \mathfrak{g}_{C/A}\}.$$

Then the mappings $\Xi \xrightarrow{\theta} \Theta$, $\Theta \xrightarrow{\zeta} \Xi$ given respectively by $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{kernel } \mathfrak{g}$; $B \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{C/B}$ are inverses to each other.

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