## ON THE IMBEDDING PROBLEM OF NORMAL ALGEBRAIC NUMBER FIELDS

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Let G and H be finite groups. If a group  $\overline{G}$  has an invariant subgroup  $\overline{H}$ , which is isomorphic with H, such that the factor group  $\overline{G}/\overline{H}$  is isomorphic with G, then we say that  $\overline{G}$  is an extension of H by G. Now let G be the Galois group of a normal extension K over an algebraic number field k of finite degree. The imbedding problem concerns us with the question, under what conditions K can be imbedded in a normal extension L over k such that the Galois group of L over k is isomorphic with  $\overline{G}$  and K corresponds to  $\overline{H}$ . Brauer connected this problem with the structure of algebras over k, whose splitting fields are isomorphic with K. Following his idea, Richter investigated its local aspect using the norm theorem in the class field theory. Considering the case, where G is a p-group and the order of H is p, Scholz, Reichardt, and Tannaka succeeded to construct a normal extension over k, whose Galois group is a given p-group with  $p \neq 2$ . Scholz also solved the case, where G and H are both abelian. In spite of the efforts of these mathematicians the general case remains in a situation very difficult to approach. In the present paper we shall investigate the case, where G is arbitrary and H abelian of type  $(p, \ldots, p)$  for a prime number p. In view of the fact, that every solvable group has a chief series  $(G_i)$  such that the factor groups  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  are abelian of type  $(p, \ldots, p)$ , the following investigation shall be available for the construction of normal extensions with solvable groups.

In the following we identify  $\overline{H}$  with H. Let  $g_s \in \overline{G}$  be a representative of the coset, which corresponds to  $s \in G$ . We denote with sh the element  $g_s h g_s^{-1} \in H$ , which is uniquely determined for  $s \in G$  and  $h \in H$  irrespective of the choice of  $g_s$  from the coset. H becomes a G-module by this operation and yields a representation  $\Lambda$  of G. If the rank of H is n, then every element in H can be regarded as an n-dimensional vector, whose components are integers mod. p. If it corresponds a matrix  $\Lambda(s)$  for  $s \in G$  in the representation  $\Lambda$ , then  $sh = \Lambda(s)h$ . From  $g_s g_t = A(s, t)g_{st}$  with  $A(s, t) \in H$  it follows

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$$A(s, t) + A(st, u) = A(s, tu) + A(s)A(t, u),$$

where A(s, t) is called the factor set of the extension  $\overline{G}$  of H by G. If we take  $g'_s = B(s)g_s$  with  $B(s) \in H$  in place of  $g_s$ , then we have a factor set A'(s, t), which Received September 19, 1951.