

A GALOIS THEORY FOR LINEAR TOPOLOGICAL RINGS

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Separable algebras have been studied recently by M. Auslander, D. Buchsbaum and Chase-Harrison-Rosenberg. The question of a Galois theory for linear topological rings opposite to the Krull type theory obtained in the above works was raised by H. Röhrl. In this paper, a Galois theory relating the complete subalgebras of restricted type of a complete algebra A to a set of subgroups of a discrete group G of automorphisms of A is developed.

The notion of a linear topological module has been discussed in [1], [5], [6], [7]; while the concepts pertaining to separables algebras are now available in the monograph [4] for the most part. We employ two results of [3] which we will state below. All rings considered will be commutative with 1.

DEFINITION 0.1 [3]. Two ring morphisms $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ are *strongly distinct* if, for each nonzero idempotent $e \in B$, there is $a \in A$ with $f(a)e \neq g(a)e$. Where B is connected, f and g are strongly distinct if and only if they are distinct.

THEOREM 0.2 [3]. Let G be a finite group of automorphisms of the ring A having (pointwise) fixed ring k . The following statements are equivalent:

(0) A is a separable k -algebra [and the elements of G are pairwise strongly distinct].

(1) There are families of elements of A , $(x_i)_{i=1}^n, (y_i)_{i=1}^n$ with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sigma(y_i) = \delta_{1\sigma}$$

for each $\sigma \in G$, where $\delta_{1\sigma}$ is the Kronecker delta.

(2) For each $\sigma \in G \setminus \{1\}$ and each maximal ideal $m < A$, there is $a \in A$ with $a - \sigma(a) \notin m$.

(3) For each connected k -algebra B and each pair $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ of k -algebra morphism, there is a unique $\sigma \in G$ with $\sigma g = f$.

Proof. (0) \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (0) is contained in [3], Theorem (1.3), and the implication (2) \rightarrow (3) is Corollary (3.2) of [3]. We establish (3) \rightarrow (2). Let $m < A$ be a maximal ideal and suppose $\sigma \in G \setminus \{1\}$. Then the