# On some exact sequences concerning with H-separable extensions

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## Introduction

In his paper [5] K. Hirata showed an exact sequence concerning with an H-separable extension A of B as follows

 $1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A | B) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A | B) \longrightarrow P(A)$ 

where P(A) is the group of isomorphism classes of some type of A-A-modules. But if we follow the same method as Azumaya algebras we can obtain also the following exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A | B) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A | B) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} (C)$$

where Pic (C) is the Picard group of the center C of A. Being stimulated by these facts the author tried to obtain some additional sequences. In this paper we will show that if A is an H-separable extension of B (*i.e.*,  ${}_{A}A \otimes_{B}A_{A} \langle \bigoplus_{A} (A \bigoplus A \bigoplus \cdots \bigoplus A)_{A} \rangle$  such that  $V_{A}(B) \subset B$ , there exists an exact sequence of group homomorphisms

 $1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A | B) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A | B) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} (C) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} (B')$ 

where  $B' = V_A(V_A(B))$ . From this we can induce an exact sequence

 $1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A|S) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A|S) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} (C) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} (S)$ 

in the case where A is an Azumaya C-algebra and S is a maximal commutative subring of A such that A is left S-projective, that is, A is an S/C-Azumaya algebra.

### Sequence of group homomorphisms

Throughout this paper A is a ring with the identity 1 and B is a subring of A such that  $1 \in B$ . Aut (A|B) denotes the group of all automorphisms of A which fix all elements of B and Inn (A|B) denotes the

subgroup of Aut (A|B) consisting of all inner automorphisms. For an A-A-module M and an automorphism  $\sigma$  of A we denote by  ${}_{\sigma}M$  a new A-A-module such that  ${}_{\sigma}M=M$  as right module and  $am=\sigma(a)m$  for  $m\in_{\sigma}M$  and  $a\in A$  as left A-module. Similarly we can define  $M_{\sigma}$ . For each A-A-module M set  $M^{A} = \{m\in M | ma=am \text{ for all } a\in A\}$ . Then we have  $({}_{\sigma}M)^{A} = (M_{\sigma^{-1}})^{A}$ . Especially we will set  ${}_{\sigma}J = ({}_{\sigma}A)^{A}$  and  $(A_{\sigma})^{A} = J_{\sigma}$ .

The most part of the next lemma have already been known and appeared in the proofs of Prop. 3 [11] Prop. 5 [12] and in [5], though they are not stated as lemmas. But here we will state them definitely

LEMMA 1. Let A be an H-separable extension of B, C the center of A and  $D = V_A(B)$ , the centralizer of B in A. Then we have

(1) For each  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|B)$  the map  $g_{\sigma}$  of  $D \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma}$  to D such that  $g_{\sigma}(d \otimes d_{\sigma}) = dd_{\sigma}$  for  $d \in D$  and  $d_{\sigma} \in J_{\sigma}$  is an isomorphism

(2)  $J_{\sigma}$  is a C-finitely generated projective module of rank 1, and  ${}_{c}J_{\sigma} < \bigoplus_{c}D$ , (a C-direct summand of D).

 $(3) \quad J_{\sigma}J_{\tau} = J_{\tau\sigma} \cong J_{\sigma} \otimes_{C} J_{\tau}, \text{ and } J_{\sigma}J_{\sigma^{-1}} = C \text{ for any } \sigma, \ \tau \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|B)$ 

(4)  $\sigma$  is inner if and only if  $J_{\sigma} = Cv$  for some  $v \in J_{\sigma}$ .

(5) Aut (A|B) = Aut (A|B') and Inn (A|B) = Inn (A|B'), where  $B' = V_A(V_A(B))$ .

PROOF. Since A is H-separable over B, D is C-finitely generated projective, and consequently  $_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}D$  (See Th. 2.1 [4] or Th. 1.2 [8]). (1). We can apply Th. 1.2 (c) [8] to an A-A-module  $A_{\sigma}$ , and we have  $D \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma} = D \otimes_{c} (A_{\sigma})^{A} \cong (A_{\sigma})^{B} = D. \quad (2). \quad \text{Since } cC < \bigoplus_{c} D, \ C \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma} < \bigoplus_{c} D \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma} \text{ as}$ C-module. But  $g_{\sigma}(C \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma}) = J_{\sigma}$ . Hence  ${}_{c}J_{\sigma} < \bigoplus_{c} D$ . Then  $J_{\sigma}$  is C-finitely generated projective.  $D \otimes_c J_{\sigma} \cong D$  shows that  $J_{\sigma}$  is of rank 1. (3). Let  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|B)$ . Clearly  $J_{\sigma}J_{\tau} \subset J_{\tau\sigma}$ , and  $J_{\sigma}J_{\sigma^{-1}} \subset C$ . But by (1) we have  $DJ_{\sigma} =$ D,  $DJ_{\sigma}J_{\sigma^{-1}} = DJ_{\sigma^{-1}} = D$ . Then since  $_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}D$ ,  $J_{\sigma}J_{\sigma^{-1}} = DJ_{\sigma}J_{\sigma^{-1}} \cap C = D \cap C = C$  $(=J_{\sigma^{-1}}J_{\sigma})$ . Now there exist  $x_i$  in  $J_{\sigma}$  any  $y_i$  in  $J_{\sigma^{-1}}$  such that  $\sum x_i y_i = 1$ . Then for any d in  $J_{\tau\sigma}$ ,  $y_i d \in J_{\sigma^{-1}} J_{\tau\sigma} \subset J_{\tau}$  and  $d = \sum x_i y_i d \in J_{\sigma} J_{\tau}$ . Thus we have  $J_{\tau\sigma} \subset J_{\sigma}J_{\tau}$ , and  $J_{\sigma}J_{\tau} = J_{\tau\sigma}$ . Thus the map  $\mu$  of  $J_{\sigma} \bigotimes_{c} J_{\tau}$  to  $J_{\tau\sigma}$  such that  $\mu(d_{\sigma}\otimes d_{\tau}) = d_{\sigma}d_{\tau}$  for  $d_{\sigma} \in J_{\sigma}$  and  $d_{\tau} \in J_{\tau}$  is a C-epimorphism. Then  $\mu$  splits, since  $J_{\tau\sigma}$  is C-projective. But both  $J_{\sigma} \otimes_{C} J_{\tau}$  and  $J_{\tau\sigma}$  are of rank 1. Hence  $\mu$  is an isomorphism. (4). If  $J_{\sigma} = Cv(v \in J_{\sigma})$ ,  $D = DJ_{\sigma} = J_{\sigma}D = Dv = vD$ . Hence v is a unit, and  $\sigma(x) = v^{-1}xv$  for all  $x \in A$ . The converse is also clear. (5) is due to Th. 1 [11].

Let P(A) be the group of isomorphism classes of A-A-modules M such that M is a left A-progenerator and  $A \cong \text{Hom}(_{A}M, _{A}M)$ , and denote by |M| the class to which M belongs.

THEOREM 1. Let A be an H-separable extension of B,  $C = V_A(A)$ and  $B' = V_A(V_A(B))$ . Then we have the following sequence of group maps

$$1 \xrightarrow{} \operatorname{Inn} (A | B) \xrightarrow{} i \operatorname{Aut} (A | B) \xrightarrow{} j \operatorname{P} (C) \xrightarrow{} t \operatorname{P} (B')$$

such that  $i(\sigma) = \sigma$ ,  $j(\sigma) = |_{\sigma}J| = |J_{\sigma^{-1}}|$  and  $t(|E|) = |B' \otimes_{c} E|$  for  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|B)$ and  $|E| \in P(C)$ . Furthermore we have

(1) Ker j = Im i and Ker  $t \subset \text{Im } j$ 

(2) If furthermore  $B \supset V_A(B)$  (i.e.,  $V_A(B) =$  the center of B), then the above sequence is exact.

**PROOF.** By Lemma 1 j is a group homomorphism. It is also clear that t is a group homomorphism. (1). That Im i = Ker j is also obvious by Lemma 1 (4). As for the rest we can assume that B=B', since Aut (A|B)=Aut (A|B') and Inn (A|B) = Inn (A|B') by Lemma 1 and A is also H-separable over B' by Th. 1.3' [8]. Now let E be any rank 1 C-projective module such that  $B \otimes_c E \cong B$  as B - B-module. Denote this isomorphism by  $\varphi$ .  $\varphi$ induces  $B^{B}\otimes_{C}E = (B\otimes_{C}E)^{B} \simeq B^{B}$ , since E is C-projective (See Lemma 2.1 [10]). Set  $C' = B^B$ , the center of B. Then we have  $A \otimes_c E = A \otimes_{c'} C' \otimes_c E = A \otimes_{c'} C'$  $\cong A$  as  $A - V_A(C')$ -module. Denote this isomorphism also by  $\varphi$ . Thus  $\varphi(x \otimes m) = x \varphi(1 \otimes m)$  for  $x \in A$  and  $m \in E$ . Let  $E = \sum C m_i$  (finite). Then there exist  $c_i \in C'$  such that  $\varphi(\sum c_i \otimes m_i) = 1$ . Hence for each x in A there exists a unique element, say  $\sigma(x)$ , in A such that  $\sum c_i x \otimes m_i = \sum \sigma(x) c_i \otimes m_i$ . But  $\sum c_i x \otimes m_i = x^{(r)} (\sum c_i \otimes m_i)$ , where  $x^{(r)}$  is the left A-endomorphism of the right multiplication of an A - A-module  $A \otimes_c E$  by x. Hence we have  $\sigma(xy)$  $=\sigma(x) \sigma(y)$  for x,  $y \in A$ . Thus  $\sigma$  is a ring-endomorphism of A which fixes all elements of B. Then  $\sigma$  is an automorphism by Th. 1 [11] (or Th. 2 [13]). Now set  $K = [\sigma(A \otimes_C E)]^A = \{\sum x_j \otimes n_j \in A \otimes_C E \mid \sum \sigma(x) x_j \otimes n_j = \sum x_j x \otimes n_j \}$ for all  $x \in A$ . Then by Theorem 1.2 (c) [8],  $D \cong D \otimes_c E = [ (A \otimes_c E) ]^B =$  $D \otimes_{c} [ (A \otimes_{c} E) ]^{4} = D \otimes_{c} K$ , where  $D = V_{A}(B)$ . Hence K is rank 1 C-projective. Next since  $1 \in \varphi(K)$  and  $_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}D$ , we have  $_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}\varphi(K)$ . Hence  $\varphi(K) = C$ . On the other hand since  $c_{\sigma}J < \bigoplus_{c}D$ ,  $J \otimes_{c}E < \bigoplus_{c}D \otimes_{c}E$  as C-module. Hence  $_{c}\varphi(_{\sigma}J\otimes_{c}E) < \bigoplus_{c}\varphi(D\otimes_{c}E) = D.$  But we have  $_{\sigma}J\otimes_{c}E \subset K.$  Hence  $\varphi(_{\sigma}J\otimes_{c}E) = D.$  $\varphi(K) = C$ . Thus we have  $|E| = |_{\mathfrak{g}} J|^{-1} = |J_{\mathfrak{g}}|$ . Therefore Ker  $t \subset \text{Im } j$ . (2). Suppose D=C'. Then for each  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|B)$ , the isomorphism  $g_{\sigma}$  of  $D \otimes_{c} J_{\sigma}$ to D induces a B-B-isomorphism of  $B\otimes_c J_a$  to B, since  $J_a \subset D \subset B$ . Hence Im  $j \subset \text{Ker } t$ .

COROLLARY 1. Let A be an Azumaya C-algebra, and S a maximal commutative subalgebra of A such that A is a left S-projective. Then we

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have the following exact sequence defined by the same way as Theorem 1.

$$1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A|S) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A|S) \longrightarrow P(C) \longrightarrow P(S)$$

PROOF. Set B=S. Since  $V_A(S)=S$ , D=B=B'=S. By Prop. 2. 4 [2],  $D\otimes_{c}A^{0}\cong \text{Hom}({}_{s}A, {}_{s}A)$ . Since A is left S-finitely generated projective and S-faithful, A is a left S-generator and  ${}_{s}S < \bigoplus_{s}A$ . Hence D is C-finitely generated projective. Then by Cor. 3 [9], A is an H-separable extension of S. Now we can apply Theorem 1.

We can replace P(B') by P(C') in Theorem 1. Because  $C' \otimes_c E \cong C'$ induces  $A \otimes_c E \cong A$  as  $A - V_A(C')$ -module, and we can follow the same lines as Theorem 1 for the rest. Note that Ker  $f \subset j(\operatorname{Aut}(A|V_A(C')))$ , since  $\sum c_i x \otimes m_i = \sum x c_i \otimes m_i$  for all x in  $V_A(C')$ . Conversely let  $\tau \in \operatorname{Aut}(A|V_A(C'))$ . Then since  $\tau | D =$ identity,  $J_{\tau}$  and  $J_{\tau^{-1}}$  are contained in C' by Prop. 5 [12]. Hence  $C' J_{\tau} \supset J_{\tau^{-1}} J_{\tau} \supseteq 1$ , and we have  $C' J_{\tau} = C'$ . Then  $C' \otimes_c J_{\tau} \cong C'$ , since both are rank 1 C'-projective. Therefore we have

PROPOSITION 1. Let A be an H-separable extension of B, and C' the center of  $V_A(B)$ . Then we have the following exact sequence

 $1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A | V_{A}(C')) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A | V_{A}(C')) \longrightarrow P(C) \longrightarrow P(C')$ 

Remark. By Prop. 2.13 [2] and Cor. 1 we have the following exact sequence in the case where A is an S/R-Azumaya algebra

 $1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Inn} (A|S) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} (A|S) \longrightarrow P(R) \longrightarrow P(S) \longrightarrow A(S, R) \longrightarrow B(S/R) \longrightarrow 1$ See for detail [2].

REMARK. In [3], S. Elliger proved the exactness of i and j under a different conditions. He added the condition that  ${}_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}A$ . But we did not need this condition in this paper. He also defined Azumaya extension. But from his definition we can easily induce that A is an Azumaya extension of B if and only if  $A = B \bigotimes_{c} D$  with an Azumaya C-algebra D and  $C = V_{B}(B) = V_{A}(A)$  and  ${}_{c}C < \bigoplus_{c}B$ . Hence this is a special case of H-separable extensions.

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