

## ON GALOIS EXTENSION WITH INVOLUTION OF RINGS

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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

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

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  $t_\sigma$ . 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;

$$t_\sigma^u q: M \times M \rightarrow B; (m, m') \rightsquigarrow t_\sigma^u(q(m, m')), \quad \text{and} \\ \sigma q: {}_\sigma M \times {}_\sigma M \rightarrow A; (m, m') \rightsquigarrow \sigma(q(m, m')),$$

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  $ih: (A \otimes_B N) \times (A \otimes_B N) \rightarrow A; ih(a \otimes n, a' \otimes n') = ah(n, n')\bar{a}'$  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  $\Phi(a \otimes f) (a' \otimes n) = a'f(n)\bar{a}$  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  $(ag)(y) = g(y)\bar{a}$  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  $\sum f_i(n)\bar{a}_i = \Phi(\sum a_i \otimes f_i) (1 \otimes n) = 0$  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  $(\sum_i t_\sigma(y_j a_i) f_i)(n) = \sum_i f_i(n) t_\sigma(y_j a_i) = \sum_i t_\sigma(f_i(n) y_j a_i) = t_\sigma(\sum_i f_i(n) \bar{a}_i \bar{y}_j) = 0$  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  $\Phi(\sum \bar{y}_i \otimes f_i)(a \otimes n) = \sum a f_i(n) \bar{y}_i = \sum a t_\sigma(g(1 \otimes n) x_i) \bar{y}_i = a g(1 \otimes n) = g(a \otimes n)$  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  $uf(m) = \sum x_i t_\sigma(y_i uf(m)) = \sum x_i (t_\sigma^u \circ f)(y_i m) = 0$ , 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  $t_\sigma^u \circ f(m) = \sum t_\sigma(x_i g(y_i m)) = \sum t_\sigma(x_i) g(y_i m) = g(\sum t_\sigma(x_i) y_i m) = g(m)$  for all  $m \in M$ , therefore  $t_\sigma^u \circ f = g$  and so  $\theta$  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;

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

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  $e_\sigma$  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  $e_\sigma$  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  $e_\sigma(1 \otimes M)$  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  $\mathfrak{F}_r(A), (\mathfrak{F}_p(A))$ , 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  $\mathfrak{F}_r(A), (\mathfrak{F}_p(A))$ , consisting of metabolic left  $A$ -modules.<sup>1)</sup> Since  $\mathfrak{F}_r(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_r(A), (\mathfrak{F}_p(A)$  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  $\sigma$  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  $\xi: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_B(M, B), B); m \rightsquigarrow (f \rightsquigarrow \overline{f(m)})$  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  $\Phi: A \otimes_B \text{Hom}_B(M, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_B M, A); a \otimes f \rightsquigarrow (a' \otimes m \rightsquigarrow a'f(m)a)$  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  $\Phi' \circ (I \otimes \xi) (a \otimes m) (f) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m)) (f) = \text{Hom}(\Phi^{-1}, I) \circ (a \otimes \xi(m)) (f) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m)) (\Phi^{-1}(f)) = \Phi(a \otimes \xi(m)) (\sum b_i \otimes g_i) = \sum b_i \xi(m) (g_i) a = \sum b_i g_i (m) a = \overline{\sum a g_i (m) \overline{b_i}} = \overline{f(a \otimes m)}$ . 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,  $\theta: \text{Hom}_A(M, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M, B); f \rightsquigarrow t_\sigma \circ f$  is a  $B$ -isomorphism, the lemma is obtained from the following commutative diagram;

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

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

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  $\sigma^*$ , 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  $b_i^u : A \times A \rightarrow B; (a, a') \rightsquigarrow t_{\sigma}(aua')$  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  $(A, b_i^u) \cong \langle 1 \rangle \perp h_m$ ,  $\langle 1 \rangle = (B, I)$ ;  $I(b, b') = \overline{bb'}$ , 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  $A \times A \rightarrow A; (x, y) \rightsquigarrow xuy$ .*

Proof. If  $q=(M, q)$  is in  $\mathfrak{S}_r(R), (\mathfrak{S}_p(R))$ , then  $t_{\sigma^*}^u \circ i^*(q)=(A \otimes_R M, t_{\sigma^*}^u i q)$  is also in  $\mathfrak{S}_r(R), (\mathfrak{S}_p(R))$ . 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  $\mathfrak{S}_r(R), (\mathfrak{S}_p(R))$ , 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  $\mathfrak{S}_r(R), (\mathfrak{S}_p(R))$ . On the other hand,  $h_m \otimes q$  is also metabolic,<sup>2)</sup> (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  ${}^u q: M \times M \rightarrow A; (m, n) \rightsquigarrow u q(m, n)$ . 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  $[q] \rightsquigarrow [{}^u q]$  defines a group-automorphism  $\mu$  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  $\rho_{v_i}$  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  $Z/(2)$ -graded  $R$ -algebra (cf. [1], [8]). Each  $\rho_{v_i}$  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  $\partial u_j$  and  $\partial y_i$  denote the degree of  $u_j$  and  $y_i$ . Because,  $\sum_{i,j} (-1)^{\partial y_i \partial u_j} x_i \otimes u_j \cdot \sigma \times \tau (y_i \otimes w_j) = \sum_{i,j} x_i \sigma(y_i) \otimes u_j \tau(w_j) = \begin{cases} 1 \otimes 1; \\ 0 \end{cases}$ ;  $\sigma \times \tau = I \times I$ ,  $\sigma \times \tau \neq I \times I$ , 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  $(C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q) \otimes C(Rv_n, q))^{(\hat{\rho}_1)^{\hat{\rho}_2} \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_n)} = C(Rv_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rv_{n-1}, q)^{(\hat{\rho}_1)^{\hat{\rho}_2} \times \dots \times (\hat{\rho}_{n-1})} \otimes C(Rv_n, q)^{(\hat{\rho}_n)} = R \otimes R = R$ , 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  $A_n \rightarrow A_n; (a_{ij}) \rightsquigarrow {}^t(\bar{a}_{ij})$ , where  ${}^t(\ )$  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  $(A_n, b_i^y) \cong (B_n \otimes_B A, i b_i^y) \cong i^* \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^* h_g = \langle 1 \rangle \perp i^* h_g$  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  $u_1$  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  $\Lambda$ -module and so as  $A$ - $\Lambda$ -bimodule. We can define an involution  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda; \lambda \rightsquigarrow \bar{\lambda}$  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  $G \rightarrow G'; \sigma \rightsquigarrow \sigma'$  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  $m = \sum_{i, \sigma \in G} x_i \sigma(y_i) u_\sigma(m) = \sum_{i, \sigma \in G} x_i u_\sigma(y_i m) = \sum_i x_i t_G(y_i m)$ , 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  $\sum_{i,j,k} (m'_{ij}, m_k) \sigma'((n_k, n'_{ij})) = \sum_{i,j,k} [-, u_i] x_j \sigma(y_j) v_i (m_k, n'_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j} (m'_{ij}, u_\sigma(n'_{ij})) = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{for } \sigma = I \\ 0; & \text{for } \sigma \neq I \end{cases}$ . 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  $\Lambda$  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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