

SEPARABLE EXTENSIONS AND CENTRALIZERS OF RINGS

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We have introduced in [9] a type of separable extensions of a ring as a generalization of the notion of central separable algebras. Unfortunately it was unsuitable to call such extensions 'central' as Sugano pointed out in [15] (Example below Theorem 1. 1). Some additional properties of such extensions were given in [15]. Especially Propositions 1. 3 and 1. 4 in [15] are interesting and suggested us to consider the commutor theory of separable extensions. Let A be a ring and Γ a subring of A . When $A \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of A as a two-sided A -module we shall denote it by ${}_{A}A \otimes_{\Gamma} A_{A} < \oplus {}_{A}(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{A}$ and call A an H -separable extension of Γ (cf. [9] and [15]). Let \mathcal{A} be a subring of A containing the center C of A and let Γ be the centralizer of \mathcal{A} in A , $\Gamma = V_{A}(\mathcal{A}) = A^{\mathcal{A}} = \{\lambda \in A \mid \delta\lambda = \lambda\delta, \delta \in \mathcal{A}\}$. If ${}_{A}A \otimes_{C} \mathcal{A}_{A} < \oplus {}_{A}(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{A}$ and \mathcal{A} is C -finitely generated and projective then A is an H -separable extension of Γ and A is right Γ -finitely generated and projective. Conversely for such an H -separable extension A over Γ , if we set $\mathcal{A}' = V_{A}(\Gamma)$, then ${}_{A}A \otimes_{C} \mathcal{A}'_{A'} < \oplus {}_{A}(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{A'}$ and \mathcal{A}' is C -finitely generated and projective. In this way we can give a one to one correspondence between Γ 's and \mathcal{A} 's. A more general situation than H -separable extensions is possible and is symmetric to each other. Let B and Γ be subrings of A such that $B \supset \Gamma$. Let $\mathcal{A} = V_{A}(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_{A}(B)$. If ${}_{B}B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_{A} < \oplus {}_{B}(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{A}$ and B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective then ${}_{A}A \otimes_{D} \mathcal{A}_{A} < \oplus {}_{A}(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{A}$ and \mathcal{A} is left D -finitely generated and projective. Same considerations are possible for H -separable subextensions. These are treated in §2, 3 and 4. §1 is a continuation of §1 in [9] and the results are applied to the following sections. In §5 we give some notes on two-sided modules. It is well known that any finitely generated projective module over a commutative ring is a generator (completely faithful) if it is faithful. Let M be a two-sided module over a

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ring R and assume that ${}_R M_R < \bigoplus_R (R \oplus \cdots \oplus R)_R$. (It is natural to say such a module ‘centrally projective’.) Set $M^R = \{m \in M \mid rm = mr, r \in R\}$. Then if M^R is C -faithful, where C is the center of R , then ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus_R (M \oplus \cdots \oplus M)_R$.

Throughout this paper we assume that all rings have a unit element, subrings contain this element and modules are unitary.

§1. Continuation of §1 in [9]

Let R be a ring and let A and B be left R -modules respectively. Put $S = \text{End}_R(A)$ and $T = \text{End}_R(B)$. Following to [9] we note that S and T operate on the right of A and B respectively. Then $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ is a left S - and right T -module, and $\text{Hom}_R(B, A)$ is a left T - and right S -module.

THEOREM 1. 1. *For R -modules A and B the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) ${}_R B < \bigoplus_R (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)$.
- (2) $\text{Hom}_R(B, A)$ is S -finitely generated projective and B is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_S(\text{Hom}_R(B, A), A)$ as an R -module.
- (3) $\text{Hom}_R(B, A) \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(B, M)$ for any left R -module M .

Proof. By (1. 2) in [9], (1) implies (2). Assume (2). Then since $\text{Hom}_R(B, A)$ is S -finitely generated and projective $\text{Hom}_R(B, A) \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_S(\text{Hom}_R(B, A), A), M)$ and by the second condition of (2) the last is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_R(B, M)$. If we put $M = B$ then (3) implies (1) by (1. 1) in [9].

PROPOSITION 1. 2. *Assume that ${}_R B < \bigoplus_R (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)$. If A is an S -generator so is B as a T -module.*

Proof. By (1. 2) in [9] B is isomorphic to $A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ as a right T -module. Since $S_S < \bigoplus (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_S$ tensoring with $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ over S we have $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)_T < \bigoplus (A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B) \oplus \cdots \oplus A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B))_T \cong (B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_T$. As $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ is a T -generator so is B .

PROPOSITION 1. 3. *Assume that both ${}_R B < \bigoplus_R (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)$ and ${}_R A < \bigoplus_R (B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)$. Then*

- (1) $\text{End}_T(B) \cong \text{End}_S(A)$ as rings.
- (2) A is S -finitely generated projective if and only if B is so as a T -module.
- (3) A is an S -generator if and only if B is so as a T -module.

Proof. (1) By (1. 2) in [9] we have both $B_T \cong A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B)_T$ and $A_S \cong \text{Hom}_T(\text{Hom}_R(A, B), B)_S$. Then we have $\text{Hom}_T(B, B) \cong \text{Hom}_T(A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B), B) \cong \text{Hom}_S(A, \text{Hom}_T(\text{Hom}_R(A, B), B)) \cong \text{Hom}_S(A, A)$.

(2) Assume that A is S -finitely generated and projective. So $A_S < \oplus (S \oplus \cdots \oplus S)_S$. Tensoring with $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ over S we have $B_T \cong A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B)_T < \oplus (\text{Hom}_R(A, B) \oplus \cdots \oplus \text{Hom}_R(A, B))_T$. Since $\text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ is T -finitely generated and projective by (1. 5) in [9] so is B . The converse is similar. (3) was proved in (1. 2) already.

Remark 1. When the assumptions in (1. 3) are fulfilled the category of left (right) S -modules is equivalent to the category of left (right) T -modules ((1. 5) in [9]). Therefore Proposition 1. 3 is an obvious fact. Furthermore the property ‘direct summand’ is preserved in the above equivalences. We shall use this fact in §2.

Remark 2. The isomorphism $\text{End}_T(B) \cong \text{End}_S(A)$ is given as follows. Let $v \in \text{End}_S(A)$. Then corresponding $u \in \text{End}_T(B)$ is given by the composition $B \cong A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B) \xrightarrow{v \otimes 1} A \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(A, B) \cong B$, and so, the isomorphisms stated in (1. 2) in [9] are all $\text{End}_T(B) \cong \text{End}_S(A)$ -admissible.

§2. Pairs of subrings and their centralizers

Let A be a ring and let B and Γ be subrings of A such that $B \supset \Gamma$. We consider the case that ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A < \oplus {}_B (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$. Then $\text{End}_{(B, A)}(A, A)$, left B - and right A -endomorphisms of A , is isomorphic to the left multiplication of $D = V_A(B) = A^B$, the centralizer of B in A , and $\text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A, A)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{A} = V_A(\Gamma) = A^{\Gamma}$, the centralizer of Γ in A . We have, by (1. 2) in [9], $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_{D(D\mathcal{A}, D\mathcal{A})}(b \otimes \lambda \longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow b\delta\lambda)$, as left B - and right A -modules and \mathcal{A} is left D -finitely generated and projective. Furthermore we have following isomorphisms.

$A \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_A(A_A, A_A) \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_{D(D\mathcal{A}, D\mathcal{A})_A, A_A}) \cong \text{Hom}_A(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A, A_A) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \text{Hom}_A(A_A, A_A)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma})$. The isomorphism of $A \otimes_D \mathcal{A}$ to $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma})$ is given by $\lambda \otimes \delta \longrightarrow (b \longrightarrow \lambda b \delta)$. Therefore this is left A - and right \mathcal{A} -admissible. If B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective, then ${}_A \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma})_{\mathcal{A}} < \oplus {}_A \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}((\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma})_{\mathcal{A}} \cong {}_A (\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\Gamma_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma}) \oplus \cdots \oplus \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\Gamma_{\Gamma}, A_{\Gamma}))_{\mathcal{A}} \cong {}_A (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{\mathcal{A}}$. We have

PROPOSITION 2. 1. *Let A be a ring and let B and Γ be subrings of A such*

that $B \supset \Gamma$. If ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \triangleleft \bigoplus_B (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_A$ then ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \cong {}_B \text{Hom}_{D(D\mathcal{A}, D\mathcal{A})} \Lambda$, $\Lambda \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong {}_{\Lambda} \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \Lambda_{\Gamma})_{\mathcal{A}}$ and \mathcal{A} is left D -finitely generated and projective. If, further, B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective then $\Lambda \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \triangleleft \bigoplus_{\Lambda} (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_{\mathcal{A}}$.

We shall call a subring of a ring Λ be closed if it coincides with its second centralizer in Λ . From the above proposition we have

THEOREM 2. 2. *There is a one to one correspondence between the set of pairs (B, Γ) of closed subrings of a ring Λ such that $B \supset \Gamma$, ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \triangleleft \bigoplus_B (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_A$ and B is right Γ -finitely generated projective and the set of pairs (\mathcal{A}, D) of closed subrings of Λ such that $\mathcal{A} \supset D$, ${}_{\Lambda} \Lambda \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \triangleleft \bigoplus_{\Lambda} (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_{\mathcal{A}}$ and \mathcal{A} is left D -finitely generated projective.*

Now the endomorphism ring of $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$ as a (B, Λ) -module is isomorphic to $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Gamma} = \{\xi \in B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \mid \gamma \xi = \xi \gamma, \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ and, as is easily seen, it is also isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_{D(D\mathcal{A}, D\mathcal{A})}$ if ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \triangleleft \bigoplus_B (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_A$, where $\mathcal{A} = V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_{\Lambda}(B)$. Contrary to §1 we consider $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$ as a left $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Gamma}$ -module.

PROPOSITION 2. 3. *Let $B \supset \Gamma$ be subrings of a ring Λ such that ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \triangleleft \bigoplus_B (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_A$ and let $\mathcal{A} = V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_{\Lambda}(B)$. Then the following hold.*

(1) *If $\Gamma \triangleleft \bigoplus_B \Gamma$ then the contraction map $\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}: \Lambda \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \Lambda$, $\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda \otimes \delta) = \lambda \delta$, splits as a (Λ, \mathcal{A}) -homomorphism.*

(2) *If the contraction map $\varphi_B: B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$, $\varphi_B(b \otimes \lambda) = b \lambda$, splits as a (B, Λ) -homomorphism then ${}_D D \triangleleft \bigoplus_D \mathcal{A}$.*

(3) *Let C be the center of Λ and define the map $\eta: \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_C(\mathcal{A}, \Lambda)$ by $\eta(x \otimes y)(\delta) = x \delta y$. If $B_{\Gamma} \triangleleft \bigoplus_{\Gamma} \Lambda$ and η is a monomorphism, or if B is right Γ -finitely generated projective, $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$ and ${}_{\Gamma} \Gamma \triangleleft \bigoplus_{\Gamma} \Lambda$, then $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(B)) = B$.*

(4) *Assume that ${}_B \Lambda \triangleleft \bigoplus_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$. Then $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Gamma} \triangleleft \bigoplus_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$ as left $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Gamma}$ -modules if and only if ${}_D \mathcal{A} \triangleleft \bigoplus_D \mathcal{A}$.*

(5) *Assume that $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)) \subset B$. (This is the case when $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(B)) = B$.) If $\Gamma \triangleleft \bigoplus_B \Gamma$ or ${}_{\Gamma} \Gamma \triangleleft \bigoplus_{\Gamma} \Lambda$ then $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$.*

Proof. (1) Let $\psi_B: \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \Lambda_{\Gamma}) \longrightarrow \Lambda$ be the map defined by $\psi_B(f) = f(1)$, $f \in \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \Lambda_{\Gamma})$. Then the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda \otimes_D \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \Lambda_{\Gamma}) \\ & \searrow \varphi_{\mathcal{A}} & \swarrow \psi_B \\ & \Lambda & \end{array}$$

is commutative. If $\Gamma\Gamma < \bigoplus B\Gamma$, let $\pi: B \rightarrow \Gamma$ be the projection and define $\psi'_B: A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Gamma(B\Gamma, A\Gamma)$ by $\psi'_B(\lambda) = \lambda_i \circ \pi$ where λ_i is the left multiplication of λ on B . Then ψ'_B is a (A, A) -homomorphism such that $\psi_B \circ \psi'_B = 1_A$. Therefore ψ_B splits.

(2) By (2.1) $B \otimes_{\Gamma A} \cong \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$ and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B \otimes_{\Gamma A} & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)} \\ & \searrow \varphi_B & \swarrow \psi_A \\ & A & \end{array}$$

is commutative, where $\psi_A(g) = g(1)$, $g \in \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$. If $\varphi_B: B \otimes_{\Gamma A} \rightarrow A$ splits as a (B, A) -homomorphism, then there exists $\psi'_A: A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$ such that $\psi'_A \circ \psi'_A = 1_A$. If we let $\psi'_A(1) = \rho$, then $b \circ \rho = \rho \circ b$, $b \in B$ and $\rho(1) = 1$. From this D is a left D -direct summand of A . We note that $\varphi_B: B \otimes_{\Gamma A} \rightarrow A$ splits if and only if there exists an element $\sum b_i \otimes \lambda_i \in B \otimes_{\Gamma A}$ such that $\sum b b_i \otimes \lambda_i = \sum b_i \otimes \lambda_i b$ for $b \in B$ and $\sum b_i \lambda_i = 1$. Then the projection from A to D is given by $\delta \rightarrow \sum b_i \delta \lambda_i$, $\delta \in A$.

(3) Assume that $B\Gamma < \bigoplus A\Gamma$ and $\eta: A \otimes_{\Gamma A} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, A)$ is monomorphic. Let x be in $V_A(V_A(B)) = V_A(D)$ and consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \longrightarrow & A \otimes_{\Gamma A} & \xrightarrow{\eta} \text{Hom}_C(A, A) \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & B \otimes_{\Gamma A} & \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)} \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Then since $\eta(x \otimes 1)$ may consider as is in $\text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$ we have $x \otimes 1 \in B \otimes_{\Gamma A}$. Therefore $x \in B$, as $B\Gamma < \bigoplus A\Gamma$. Next we assume that B is right Γ -projective, $V_A(V_A(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$ and $\Gamma\Gamma < \bigoplus \Gamma A$. Since B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective, $A\Gamma \otimes_D DA < \bigoplus A(\Gamma \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma)A$ by (2.1). Therefore if we put $V_A(A) = B'$ then $B' \otimes_{\Gamma A} \cong \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$. Since $B \otimes_{\Gamma A} \cong \text{Hom}_{D(DA, DA)}$, from the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow B' \longrightarrow B'/B \longrightarrow 0$$

we have $B'/B \otimes_{\Gamma A} = 0$. As $\Gamma\Gamma < \bigoplus \Gamma A$, $B'/B = 0$ and $B = B'$.

(4) Since ${}_B A\Gamma < \bigoplus {}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma A} \Gamma < \bigoplus {}_B (\Gamma \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma)A$ we can use Remark 1 in §1. By (1.1) in [9] we have $(B \otimes_{\Gamma A})^\Gamma \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma A}, B \otimes_{\Gamma A}) \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}$

$(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A, A)$. On the other hand by (1. 2) in [9] $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D A$. Here we are considering A and $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ as left D - and left $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}$ -modules respectively. Then ${}_{(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma} < \oplus_{(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}} B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ means that $\text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A, A) < \oplus \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D A$. By Remark 1 in §1, this implies that ${}_D A \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A, A) < \oplus {}_D A$. The converse is obtained by tensoring with $\text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)$ over D .

(5) Let x be in $V_A(V_A(\Gamma)) = V_A(A)$. Since $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_D({}_D A, {}_D A)$ we have $x \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes x$ in $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$. Assume $B_{\Gamma} = (\Gamma \oplus \Gamma')_{\Gamma}$ and write $x = y + z$, $y \in \Gamma$, $z \in \Gamma'$. Then $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A = \Gamma \otimes_{\Gamma} A \oplus \Gamma' \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ and $y \otimes 1 + z \otimes 1 = x \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes x \in \Gamma \otimes A$. Therefore $x \otimes 1 = y \otimes 1$ and $x = y \in \Gamma$. The case of ${}_r \Gamma < \oplus {}_r \Gamma$ is similar.

Remark 1. η in (3) of (2. 3) is a monomorphism (isomorphism) if A is H -separable over B . For, then we have $A \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong A \otimes_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A < \oplus A \otimes_B A \oplus \cdots \oplus A \otimes_B A < \oplus A \oplus \cdots \oplus A$ and A is H -separable over Γ , and so $A \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, A)$ (cf. §2 in [9]).

Remark 2. If ${}_B A_A < \oplus {}_B (B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \oplus \cdots \oplus B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)_A$ then ${}_B A_A < \oplus {}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A$ and the contraction map $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \longrightarrow A$ splits as a (B, A) -homomorphism.

PROPOSITION 2. 4. *Assume that ${}_B A_A < \oplus {}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A < \oplus {}_B (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$ and let $A = V_A(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_A(B)$. Then ${}_D D < \oplus {}_D A$ if and only if ${}_D A < \oplus {}_D A$.*

Proof. By (1. 3) $V = \text{End}_D(A) \cong \text{End}_T(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) = U$ where $T = \text{End}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \cong (B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}$. If ${}_D D < \oplus {}_D A$ then A is V -finitely generated and projective. Since $\text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)$ is D -finitely generated and projective by (1. 2) in [9], $\text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D A$ is V -finitely generated and projective. Since the isomorphism of U to V is given through the isomorphism $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, A)}(A, B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \otimes_D A$ (Remark 2 in §1) $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ is U -finitely generated and projective. On the other hand $U \longrightarrow B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ defined by $f \longrightarrow f(1 \otimes 1)$, $f \in U$, is epimorphic since B_l and A_r are in U , and so splits as a U -homomorphism. Therefore $\text{End}_U(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) = \text{End}_{(B, A)}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \cong (B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}$ is a direct summand of $B \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ as a $(B \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}$ -module. So ${}_D A < \oplus {}_D A$ by (4) in (2. 3). The converse is a similar argument. Or, by (2) in (2. 3) ${}_D D < \oplus {}_D A$ and so ${}_D D < \oplus {}_D A$.

PROPOSITION 2. 5. *Assume that ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A < \oplus {}_B (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$ and let $A = V_A(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_A(B)$. Then for every right A -module M , $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, M_{\Gamma}) \cong M \otimes_D A$.*

If further B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective then $B \otimes_{\Gamma} N \cong \text{Hom}_{D({}_D\mathcal{A}, {}_D N)}$ for any left \mathcal{A} -module N .

Proof. Since $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{D({}_D\mathcal{A}, {}_D\mathcal{A})}$ and \mathcal{A} is D -finitely generated and projective, we have $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, M_{\Gamma}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}, M)_{\Gamma}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(B \otimes_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A}, M) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\text{Hom}_{D({}_D\mathcal{A}, {}_D\mathcal{A})}, M) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}, M) \otimes_{D\mathcal{A}} = M \otimes_{D\mathcal{A}}$. Similarly we have $\text{Hom}_{D({}_D\mathcal{A}, {}_D N)} \cong \text{Hom}_{D\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}, N)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A} \otimes_{D\mathcal{A}}, N) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(B_{\Gamma}, \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}), N) \cong B \otimes_{\Gamma} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}, N) \cong B \otimes_{\Gamma} N$ since B is right Γ -finitely generated and projective.

§3. Separable extensions

In §2 if we take $B = \mathcal{A}$ then we have the condition ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A} < \bigoplus {}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{A}}$ for a ring \mathcal{A} and its subring Γ . When this condition holds we have proved that \mathcal{A} is a separable extension of Γ , that is, the contraction map $\varphi: \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$, $\varphi(x \otimes y) = xy$, splits as a $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ -homomorphism ((2. 2) in [9]). We shall call such an extension an H -separable extension. Let $\mathcal{A} = V_{\mathcal{A}}(\Gamma)$ and $C =$ the center of \mathcal{A} . Then by (2. 1)

PROPOSITION 3. 1. *If \mathcal{A} is an H -separable extension of Γ , then $\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_c(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$, ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}, \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma})$, $\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}({}_{\Gamma}\mathcal{A}, {}_{\Gamma}\mathcal{A})$ and \mathcal{A} is C -finitely generated and projective. Furthermore, if \mathcal{A} is right Γ -finitely generated and projective then ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} < \bigoplus {}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{A}}$, and, if \mathcal{A} is left Γ -finitely generated and projective then ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} < \bigoplus {}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{A}}$.*

Remark. We shall show further $\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{(C, C)}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ in §4.

PROPOSITION 3. 2. *Let \mathcal{A} be an H -separable extension of Γ and let $\mathcal{A} = V_{\mathcal{A}}(\Gamma)$ and $C =$ the center of \mathcal{A} . Then ${}_{\Gamma}\mathcal{A} < \bigoplus \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}$ if and only if the contraction map ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ splits as a $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ -homomorphism and $V_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Gamma$. Similarly ${}_{\Gamma}\mathcal{A} < \bigoplus \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}$ if and only if $\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ splits as a $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ -homomorphism and $V_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Gamma$.*

Proof. The following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} {}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes_c \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{i} & \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}, \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}) \\ & \searrow \varphi & \swarrow \psi \\ & \mathcal{A} & \end{array}$$

is commutative where i, φ and ψ are defined as follows: $i(\lambda \otimes \delta)(x) = \lambda x \delta$, $\varphi(\lambda \otimes \delta) = \lambda \delta$ and $\psi(f) = f(1)$ respectively. If ${}_{\Gamma}\mathcal{A} < \bigoplus \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}$ then letting π be the projection from \mathcal{A} to Γ , the map $\psi': \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}, \mathcal{A}_{\Gamma})$, $\psi'(\lambda) = \lambda_i \circ \pi$, is a $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ -homomorphism and $\psi \circ \psi' = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$. Therefore $\varphi: {}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ splits as a

(A, Δ) -homomorphism. That $V_A(\Delta) = \Gamma$ is Proposition 1.2 in [15]. Conversely if there exists $\varphi': A \longrightarrow A \otimes_C \Delta$ such that $\varphi \circ \varphi' = 1_A$, let $\pi = i \circ \varphi'(1)$. Then $\delta \circ \pi = \pi \circ \delta$ for any $\delta \in \Delta$ and $\pi(1) = 1$. Therefore $\pi(\lambda) \in V_A(\Delta) = \Gamma$ for $\lambda \in A$ and $\pi(\gamma) = \gamma$ for $\gamma \in \Gamma$, and so $\Gamma \prec \bigoplus A_\Gamma$. Another statement is similar.

PROPOSITION 3.3. *Let A be a ring C the center of A , Δ a subring of A containing C and let $\Gamma = V_A(\Delta)$. If ${}_A A \otimes_C \Delta \prec \bigoplus {}_A(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_\Delta$ then $A \otimes_C \Delta \cong \text{Hom}_\Gamma(A_\Gamma, A_\Gamma)$, $A \otimes_{\Gamma A} \cong \text{Hom}_C(\Delta, A)$ and A is right Γ -finitely generated projective. If ${}_\Delta \Delta \otimes_C A \prec \bigoplus {}_\Delta(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$ then $\Delta \otimes_C A \cong \text{Hom}_\Gamma(\Gamma A, \Gamma A)$, $A \otimes_{\Gamma A} \cong \text{Hom}_C(\Delta, A)$ and A is left Γ -finitely generated projective.*

Proof. This is a special case of (2.1).

From (3.3) and (2.3) we can easily prove the following proposition by the same argument.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let A be a ring with the center C , Δ a subring of A containing C and let $\Gamma = V_A(\Delta)$. Assume that ${}_A A \otimes_C \Delta \prec \bigoplus {}_A(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_\Delta$. Then*

- (1) ${}_C C \prec \bigoplus {}_C \Delta$ if and only if A is a separable extension of Γ .
- (2) If Δ is C -finitely generated and projective then A is an H -separable extension of Γ .
- (3) If the contraction map $A \otimes_C \Delta \longrightarrow A$ splits as a (A, Δ) -homomorphism then $\Gamma \prec \bigoplus A_\Gamma$.
- (4) If ${}_C C \prec \bigoplus {}_C A$ and $\eta: A \otimes_C A \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, A)$ is a monomorphism or if ${}_C C \prec \bigoplus {}_C A$ and Δ is C -finitely generated projective then $V_A(V_A(\Delta)) = \Delta$.

There is a similar statement for A, Δ and C such that ${}_\Delta \Delta \otimes_C A \prec \bigoplus {}_\Delta(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$.

From (3.1), (3.3) and (3.4) we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.5. *There is a one to one correspondence between the set of closed subrings Γ 's of a ring A such that A is H -separable over Γ and A is right (left) Γ -finitely generated projective, and the set of closed subrings Δ 's of A containing the center C of A such that ${}_A A \otimes_C \Delta \prec \bigoplus {}_A(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_\Delta$ (${}_\Delta \Delta \otimes_C A \prec \bigoplus {}_\Delta(A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$) and Δ is C -finitely generated projective.*

From (2.3) and (2.4) letting $B = A$ we have

PROPOSITION 3.6. *Let A be a ring with the center C, Γ a subring of A .*

Assume that ${}_A A \otimes_{\Gamma} A \ll \bigoplus {}_A (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$ and let $T = \text{End}_{(A, A)} (A \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \cong (A \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma}$. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1) ${}_C C \ll \bigoplus {}_C A$.
- (2) ${}_T (A \otimes_{\Gamma} A)^{\Gamma} \ll \bigoplus {}_T A \otimes_{\Gamma} A$.
- (3) ${}_C \Delta \ll \bigoplus {}_C A$.

THEOREM 3.7. *Let A be a ring with the center C , Γ a subring of A . Assume that C is a C -direct summand of A . Then there is a one to one correspondence between the set of subrings Γ 's of A such that A is H -separable over Γ , A is right (left) Γ -finitely generated projective and $\Gamma_{\Gamma} \ll \bigoplus A_{\Gamma} (\Gamma_{\Gamma} \ll \bigoplus {}_{\Gamma} A)$, and the set of subrings Δ 's of A containing C such that ${}_A A_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_A A \otimes_C \Delta_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_A (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{\Delta}$ (${}_{\Delta} A_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_{\Delta} \Delta \otimes_C A_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_{\Delta} (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{\Delta}$), and Δ is C -finitely generated projective.*

Proof. If $\Gamma_{\Gamma} \ll \bigoplus A_{\Gamma}$ then Γ is closed by (3.2). If Δ satisfies the assumptions of the theorem then Δ is closed by (4) of (3.4). Therefore the theorem follows from (3.5).

Note that ${}_A A \otimes_C \Delta_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_A (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_{\Delta}$ means that left $A \otimes_C \Delta^0$ -module A is a generator where Δ^0 is the opposite ring of Δ .

PROPOSITION 3.8. *Let A be a ring with the center C and Γ a subring of A . Assume that A is an H -separable extension of Γ and let $T = \text{End}_{(A, A)} (A \otimes_{\Gamma} A)$. Then $\text{End}_T (A \otimes_{\Gamma} A) \cong \text{Hom}_C (A, A)$, and A is C -finitely generated projective if and only if $A \otimes_{\Gamma} A$ is T -finitely generated projective.*

Proof. Since ${}_A A_{\Delta} \ll \bigoplus {}_A A \otimes_{\Gamma} A_{\Delta}$ we can apply (1.3). From (2.5) we have

PROPOSITION 3.9. *Let A be an H -separable extension of Γ and let $\Delta = V_A(\Gamma)$ and C the center of A . Then for any right (left) A -module M (N) $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma} (A_{\Gamma}, M_{\Gamma}) \cong M \otimes_C \Delta$ ($\text{Hom}_{\Gamma} ({}_{\Gamma} A, {}_{\Gamma} N) \cong \Delta \otimes_C N$). If further A is right (left) Γ -finitely generated projective then $A \otimes_{\Gamma} N \cong \text{Hom}_C (\Delta, N)$ ($M \otimes_{\Gamma} A \cong \text{Hom}_C (\Delta, M)$).*

§4. Separable subextensions

In this section we shall deal with a ring A and its subrings $B \supset \Gamma$ such that B is H -separable over Γ . Since ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} B_B \ll \bigoplus {}_B (B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_B$, tensoring with A over B there yields ${}_A A \otimes_{\Gamma} B_B \ll \bigoplus {}_A (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_B$ or ${}_B B \otimes_{\Gamma} A_A \ll \bigoplus {}_B (A \oplus \cdots \oplus A)_A$. Therefore all propositions in §2 hold for the data A , B and Γ such

that B is H -separable over Γ . We shall study about further properties of them.

Let B^Γ be the centralizer of Γ in B and B^B the center of B . Then, since B is H -separable over Γ , for any two-sided B -module M , $M^\Gamma \cong B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} M^B$ by Theorem 1.2 in [15] where $M^\Gamma = \{m \in M \mid \gamma m = m\gamma, \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ and $M^B = \{m \in M \mid bm = mb, b \in B\}$. Therefore if we put $A^\Gamma = \mathcal{A}$ and $A^B = D$ then $\mathcal{A} \cong B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} D$.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let Λ be a ring, B and Γ subrings of Λ such that $B \supset \Gamma$. Let \mathcal{A} and D be the centralizers of Γ and B in Λ respectively. If B is H -separable over Γ then $\mathcal{A} \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda)$ and ${}_D D_D < \bigoplus {}_D \mathcal{A}_D < \bigoplus (D \oplus \cdots \oplus D)_D$. If further B is closed in Λ ($V_\Lambda(V_\Lambda(B)) = B$) then $B \otimes_\Gamma B \cong \text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(\mathcal{A}, \Lambda)$.*

Proof. Since B is H -separable over Γ , $B \otimes_\Gamma B \cong \text{Hom}_{B^B}(B^\Gamma, B)$ and B^Γ is B^B -finitely generated and projective. And so B^B is B^B -direct summand of B^Γ . We have $B_{B^B}^B < \bigoplus B_{B^B}^\Gamma < \bigoplus (B^B \oplus \cdots \oplus B^B)_{B^B}$. Tensoring with D over B^B this yields $D < \bigoplus \mathcal{A} < \bigoplus D \oplus \cdots \oplus D$ as two-sided D -modules.

Next, we have $\mathcal{A} \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} D \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} \mathcal{A} \cong B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} \text{Hom}_{(B, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{(B, \Gamma)}(\text{Hom}_{B^B}(B^\Gamma, B), \Lambda)$ (B^Γ is B^B -finitely generated and projective) $\cong \text{Hom}_{(B, \Gamma)}(B \otimes_\Gamma B, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \text{Hom}_{B^B}(B, \Lambda)) \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda)$.

Last, we assume that B is closed. We have $\text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(\mathcal{A}, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(B^\Gamma \otimes_{B^B} D, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{B^B}(B^\Gamma, \text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(D, \Lambda)) \cong \text{Hom}_{B^B}(B^\Gamma, B)$ as $\text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(D, \Lambda) \cong V_\Lambda(D) = B$. Since $B \otimes_\Gamma B \cong \text{Hom}_{B^B}(B^\Gamma, B)$ we have $\text{Hom}_{(D, D)}(\mathcal{A}, \Lambda) = B \otimes_\Gamma B$.

COROLLARY 4.2. *Let Λ be a ring, B and Γ subrings of Λ such that B is H -separable over Γ . If ${}_r \Gamma_r < \bigoplus {}_r B_r$ then \mathcal{A} is separable over D , and if ${}_r B_r < \bigoplus {}_r (\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_r$ then \mathcal{A} is H -separable over D .*

Proof. We have following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A} \otimes_D \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda) \\ \searrow \varphi & & \swarrow \psi \\ & \mathcal{A} & \end{array}$$

where φ is the contraction map and $\psi(f) = f(1)$, $f \in \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda)$. If ${}_r \Gamma_r < \bigoplus {}_r B_r$ then, letting π be the projection of B to Γ , $\psi': \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda)$ defined by $\psi'(\delta) = \delta_i \circ \pi = \delta_r \circ \pi$ is a two-sided \mathcal{A} -homomorphism. Therefore \mathcal{A} is separable over D .

If ${}_r B_r < \bigoplus {}_r (\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_r$ then $\mathcal{A} \otimes_D \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(B, \Lambda) < \bigoplus \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}$

$(\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(\Gamma, \Lambda) \oplus \cdots \oplus \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(\Gamma, \Lambda) \cong \Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda$.
Therefore Λ is H -separable over D .

Proposition 1.4 in [15] asserts that for a separable subextension B of Γ in an H -separable extension Λ of Γ , Λ is an H -separable extension of B if Λ , Γ and B satisfy the assumption in Proposition 1.3 in [15]. But the last assumption is not necessary. That is

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Let Λ be an H -separable extension of Γ and B a separable subextension of Γ in Λ . Then Λ is H -separable over B and ${}_D D_D < \bigoplus {}_D \Lambda_D$ where $\Lambda = V_\Lambda(\Gamma)$ and $D = V_\Lambda(B)$.*

Proof. Since B is separable over Γ , ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus {}_B B \otimes_\Gamma B_B$. Tensoring with Λ over B on both sides, we have ${}_\Lambda \Lambda \otimes_B \Lambda_\Lambda < \bigoplus {}_\Lambda \Lambda \otimes_\Gamma \Lambda_\Lambda$ and since Λ is H -separable over Γ we have ${}_\Lambda \Lambda \otimes_\Gamma \Lambda_\Lambda < \bigoplus {}_\Lambda (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_\Lambda$. Therefore ${}_\Lambda \Lambda \otimes_B \Lambda_\Lambda < \bigoplus {}_\Lambda (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_\Lambda$ and Λ is H -separable over B . That ${}_D D_D < \bigoplus {}_D \Lambda_D$ has been proved in [15] without further assumptions.

Instead of the assumption ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus {}_B \Lambda_B$ in Proposition 1.3 in [15] we can assume that B is H -separable over Γ or more weakly ${}_B B \otimes_\Gamma \Lambda_\Lambda < \bigoplus {}_B (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_\Lambda$.

LEMMA 4.4. *Let Λ be a ring, $B \supset \Gamma$ subrings of Λ . If B is H -separable over Γ and $\Gamma_\Gamma < \bigoplus \Lambda_\Gamma$ (${}_\Gamma \Gamma < \bigoplus {}_\Gamma \Lambda$) then $B_B < \bigoplus \Lambda_B$ (${}_B B < \bigoplus {}_B \Lambda$).*

Proof. Since ${}_B B \otimes_\Gamma B_B < \bigoplus {}_B (B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_B$ tensoring with Λ over B we have ${}_\Lambda \Lambda \otimes_\Gamma B_B < \bigoplus {}_\Lambda (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_B$. If $\Gamma_\Gamma < \bigoplus \Lambda_\Gamma$ then $B_B \cong \Gamma \otimes_\Gamma B < \bigoplus \Lambda \otimes_\Gamma B$. Therefore $B_B < \bigoplus (\Lambda \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda)_B$ and $B_B < \bigoplus \Lambda_B$ since Λ is a ring.

LEMMA 4.5. *Assume that Λ is H -separable over Γ and that B is an H -separable subextension of Γ in Λ . If $\Gamma_\Gamma < \bigoplus \Lambda_\Gamma$ or ${}_\Gamma \Gamma < \bigoplus {}_\Gamma \Lambda$ then $V_\Lambda(V_\Lambda(B)) = B$.*

Proof. By (4.3) Λ is H -separable over B , and by (4.4) $B_B < \bigoplus \Lambda_B$ or ${}_B B < \bigoplus {}_B \Lambda$. Therefore by Proposition 1.2 in [15] $V_\Lambda(V_\Lambda(B)) = B$.

Let R be a ring, M a two-sided R -module. If ${}_R M_R < \bigoplus {}_R (R \oplus \cdots \oplus R)_R$ we shall call M a centrally projective module. We shall prove in §5 the following fact in more general form. Let S be an overring of a ring R . If S is R -centrally projective then ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus {}_R S_R$.

LEMMA 4.6. *Let Λ be a ring, $B \supset \Gamma$ subrings of Λ . If B is H -separable over Γ and Λ is Γ -centrally projective then Λ is B -centrally projective and B is Γ -centrally projective.*

Proof. Since ${}_rA\Gamma < \bigoplus_r(\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_\Gamma$ tensoring with B over Γ we have ${}_B B \otimes_\Gamma A\Gamma < \bigoplus_B(B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_\Gamma$. On the other hand since ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus_B B \otimes_\Gamma B_B$ we have ${}_B A\Gamma \cong {}_B B \otimes_B A\Gamma < \bigoplus_B B \otimes_\Gamma A\Gamma$. Therefore ${}_B A\Gamma < \bigoplus_B(B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_\Gamma$. Furthermore tensoring with B over Γ we have ${}_B A \otimes_\Gamma B_B < \bigoplus_B(B \otimes_\Gamma B \oplus \cdots \oplus B \otimes_\Gamma B)_B$. Since ${}_A A_B < \bigoplus_A A \otimes_\Gamma B_B$ and ${}_B B \otimes_\Gamma B_B < \bigoplus_B(B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_B$ we have ${}_B A_B < \bigoplus_B(B \oplus \cdots \oplus B)_B$. As we noted above we have also ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus_B A_B$ and of course ${}_r B\Gamma < \bigoplus_r A\Gamma$. Since ${}_r A\Gamma < \bigoplus_r(\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_\Gamma$ we have ${}_r B\Gamma < \bigoplus_r(\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_\Gamma$.

Letting $B = A$ in (4.1) and (4.2) we have

PROPOSITION 4.7. *Let A be an H -separable extension of Γ and let $\Delta = V_A(\Gamma)$, C the center of A . Then $\Delta \otimes_C \Delta \cong \text{Hom}_{(\Gamma, \Gamma)}(A, A)$ and Δ is C -finitely generated projective. If further ${}_r \Gamma\Gamma < \bigoplus_r A\Gamma$ then Δ is a separable C -algebra, and if ${}_r A\Gamma < \bigoplus_r(\Gamma \oplus \cdots \oplus \Gamma)_\Gamma$ then Δ is an H -separable C -algebra.*

Combining these lemmas and propositions we have

THEOREM 4.8. *Let A be a ring, $B \supset \Gamma$ subrings of A . Assume that A is a Γ -centrally projective H -separable extension of Γ and B is an H -separable subextension of Γ in A . Let $\Delta = V_A(\Gamma)$, $D = V_A(B)$ and $C =$ the center of A . Then (1) Δ is a finitely generated projective, H -separable C -algebra and closed in A . (2) D is a C -finitely generated projective H -separable C -subalgebra of Δ . (3) $V_A(V_A(B)) = B$ and $V_A(V_A(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$. Conversely assume that Δ is a subring of A containing C , that Δ is a finitely generated projective, H -separable C -algebra and that D is an H -separable C -subalgebra of Δ . Then (4) A is $V_A(\Delta)$ -centrally projective and H -separable over $V_A(\Delta)$. (5) $V_A(D)$ is H -separable over $V_A(\Delta)$. (6) $V_A(V_A(D)) = D$. In this way there is a one to one correspondence between the set of H -separable subextensions of Γ in A and the set of H -separable C -subalgebras of Δ .*

Proof. If A is a centrally projective H -separable extension of Γ then, by (4.7), Δ is C -finitely generated projective and H -separable over C . Closedness of Δ is clear. If B is an H -separable subextension of Γ then, by (4.3), A is H -separable over B and B -centrally projective by (4.6). Therefore D is C -finitely generated projective and H -separable over C . As we have noted above, ${}_r \Gamma\Gamma < \bigoplus_r A\Gamma$ and ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus_B A_B$ since A is both Γ - and B -centrally projective. Therefore $V_A(V_A(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$ and $V_A(V_A(B)) = B$ by Proposition 1.2 in [15], since A is H -separable over Γ and over B . The converse is similar. We note that under these assumptions for Δ , D and C , Δ is D -

centrally projective and H -separable over D , and so (5) follows from (4. 1) and (4. 2). That $V_A(V_A(D)) = D$ follows from (5) in (2. 3).

Finally we give the converse of Proposition 3. 4 in [9]. Let A be an H -separable extension of its subring Γ and assume that ${}_r\Gamma r < \bigoplus {}_r A r$. Let $\Delta = V_A(\Gamma)$ and C the center of A . Then $V_A(\Delta) = \Gamma$ by Proposition 1. 2 [15]. So center $\Gamma = \Gamma \cap \Delta = V_A(\Delta) \cap \Delta = \text{center } \Delta \supset C$. Let $C' = \text{center } \Gamma = \text{center } \Delta$ and $A' = V_A(C')$. Since Δ is separable over C by (4. 7), Δ is central separable over C' and so H -separable over C' . By Theorem 1. 2 in [15] $A' = \Gamma \otimes_{C'} \Delta$. If $C' = C$ then $A = \Gamma \otimes_C \Delta$.

PROPOSITION 4. 10. *Let A be a ring with the center C , Γ a subring of A with the center equal to A . If A is H -separable over Γ and ${}_r\Gamma r < \bigoplus {}_r A r$ then $V_A(\Gamma)$ is central separable over C , $A \cong \Gamma \otimes_C V_A(\Gamma)$ and A is Γ -centrally projective.*

§5. Centrally projective modules

As we have seen in the last section there is a type of two-sided modules which we have called ‘centrally projective’. In this section we shall study some properties of these modules. Let R be a ring with the center C , M a two-sided R -module. If ${}_R M_R < \bigoplus {}_R (R \oplus \dots \oplus R)_R$ we shall call M a centrally projective module. Note that $\text{Hom}_{(R,R)}(R, M)$ is isomorphic to $M^R = \{m \in M \mid rm = mr, r \in R\}$. Let $\Omega = \text{End}_{(R,R)}(M)$. By (1. 1) in [9] we have

PROPOSITION 5. 1. *M is centrally projective if and only if $\text{Hom}_{(R,R)}(M, R) \otimes_C M^R \cong \Omega$.*

The isomorphism is given by $g \otimes m \longrightarrow (x \longrightarrow g(x)m)$, where $g \otimes m \in \text{Hom}_{(R,R)}(M, R) \otimes_C M^R$ and $x \in M$.

From (1. 2) in [9] we have

PROPOSITION 5. 2. *If M is centrally projective then M^R is C -finitely generated projective as well as an Ω -generator, $M \cong R \otimes_C M^R$ and $\text{End}_C(M^R) = \Omega$.*

The isomorphism $M \cong R \otimes_C M^R$ is given by $r \otimes m \longrightarrow rm$ for $r \otimes m \in R \otimes_C M^R$.

PROPOSITION 5. 3. *If M is centrally projective and M^R is C -faithful then ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus {}_R (M \oplus \dots \oplus M)_R$.*

Proof. Since M^R is C -finitely generated projective, if it is C -faithful then ${}_C C < \bigoplus {}_C (M^R \oplus \dots \oplus M^R)$. Therefore tensoring with R over C we have $R < \bigoplus R \otimes_C M^R \oplus \dots \oplus R \otimes_C M^R \cong M \oplus \dots \oplus M$ as two-sided R -modules.

Let $\text{Tr}_{(R,R)}(M)$ be the two-sided ideal in R generated by $g(m)$, $g \in \text{Hom}_{(R,R)}(M, R)$ and $m \in M$. Then by (1. 2) in [9]

PROPOSITION 5. 4. ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus_R (M \oplus \cdots \oplus M)_R$ if and only if $\text{Tr}_{(R,R)}(M) = R$. When this is the case M^R is Ω -finitely generated projective as well as a C -generator and $\text{Hom}_C(M^R, M^R) \cong C$.

Let $\text{Tr}_C(M^R)$ be the ideal in C generated by $f(m)$, $f \in \text{Hom}_C(M^R, C)$ and $m \in M^R$. If $M \cong R \otimes_C M^R$ then since $\text{Hom}_{(R,R)}(M, R) \cong \text{Hom}_C(M^R, C)$ it is easily seen that $R \cdot \text{Tr}_C(M^R) = \text{Tr}_{(R,R)}(M)$. Let $\mathfrak{A} = \{x \in R \mid xM = 0, Mx = 0\}$ and $\mathfrak{a} = \{x \in C \mid xM^R = 0\}$. If $M \cong R \otimes_C M^R$ then it is clear that $R \cdot \mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{A}$.

PROPOSITION 5. 5. If M is centrally projective then $\mathfrak{A} + \text{Tr}_{(R,R)}(M) = R$.

Proof. Since M^R is C -finitely generated and projective, by Proposition A. 3 [1], $\mathfrak{a} + \text{Tr}_C(M^R) = C$. From the above remarks we have the conclusion.

Next we consider an overring of R which is centrally projective.

PROPOSITION 5. 6. Let S be an overring of a ring R , C the center of R . If S is R -centrally projective then $S \cong R \otimes_C S^R$, S^R is C -finitely generated projective and ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus_R S_R$.

Proof. The first two assertions follow from (5. 2). Since S^R is C -finitely generated projective and $S^R \supset C$, ${}_C C < \bigoplus_C S^R$ and $R < \bigoplus R \otimes_C S^R$ as two-sided R -modules.

We also note that if ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus_R (S \oplus \cdots \oplus S)_R$ then ${}_R R_R < \bigoplus_R S_R$.

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