# On strongly separable extensions

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E. McMahon and A. C. Mewborn introduced a type of separable extensions in [4], which is called strongly separable extension. In this paper, we shall study some properties of strongly separable extensions corresponding to H-separable extensions. In § 1, we give some equivalent conditions (1.4) and in § 2, we give the commutor theorem for strongly separable extensions (2.5).

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## 1. Strongly separable extensions

Let R be a ring and M and N left R-modules. We shall denote M > N if M is a direct sum of submodules S and K such that  $RS < \bigoplus_{R} (N \oplus \cdots \oplus N)$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}(RK, RN) = 0$ . It is easy to see that K coincides with the reject of N in M (cf. [1]), which is defined by

$$\operatorname{Rej}_{M}(N) = \bigcap \{ \ker f ; f \in \operatorname{Hom}(_{R}M,_{R}N) \}.$$

Using this notation, we can state that a ring  $\Lambda$  is a strongly separable extension of a subring  $\Gamma$  if and only if  $\Lambda \otimes_r \Lambda \to \Lambda$  as  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -medules.

LEMMA 1. 1. Let R be a ring and M and N left R-modules such that  $M \gg N$ . Then for every R-direct summand  $L_1$  of M,  $L_1 \gg N$ .

PROOF. We can writ 
$$M = L_1 \oplus L_2$$
 and  $M = S \oplus K$  with  ${}_RS < \bigoplus_R (N \oplus \cdots \oplus N)$ ,  $\operatorname{Hom}({}_RK, {}_RN) = 0$ .

Let  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  be projections of M to  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively, and  $p_K$  the projection M to K. By (8.18) in [1], we have  $K = \pi_1(K) \oplus \pi_2(K)$ . Then the restriction of  $\pi_i p_K$  to  $L_i$  is the projection of  $L_i$  to  $\pi_i(K)$  (i=1,2). Hence we can write  $L_1 = S_1 \oplus \pi_1(K)$  and  $L_2 = S_2 \oplus \pi_2(K)$ . Then we have  $M = S \oplus K = S_1 \oplus S_2 \oplus K$  and  $S \cong M/K \cong S_1 \oplus S_2$ . Hence  $S_1 < \oplus S < \oplus (N \oplus \cdots N)$ . Since  $\pi_1(K) < \oplus K$ ,  $\text{Hom}(_R\pi_1(K),_RN) = 0$ . Then  $L_1 \Rightarrow N$ .

Let  $\Gamma \subset B \subset \Lambda$  be rings. In case the map  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  such that  $b \otimes_{\lambda} \longmapsto b\lambda$  for  $b \in B$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  splits as a  $B \cdot \Lambda$ -map, we shall call briefly that  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits. In this case, by tensoring on the left with  $\Lambda$  over B,  $\Lambda \otimes_{B} \Lambda < \bigoplus \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$  as  $\Lambda \cdot \Lambda$ -modules. So, from the above lemma, we

obtain

PROPOSITION 1. 2. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ . Then for every subring B of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\Gamma \subseteq B$  and  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits,  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over B.

COROLLARY 1. 3. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ . Then for every separable subextension B of  $\Lambda$  over  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over B.

For any  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -module M, we denote by  $M^{\Lambda}$  the subset  $\{m \in M : \lambda m = m\lambda \text{ for all } \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of M, and for any subring A of  $\Lambda$ , we denote by  $V_{\Lambda}(A)$  the commutor ring of A in  $\Lambda$ .

Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda$  be arbitrary rings C the center of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Delta = V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)$ . Then we always have a  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -map  $\varphi: \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom} _{c}(\Delta, \Lambda)$  defined by  $\varphi(\lambda \otimes \lambda')$   $(\delta) = \lambda \delta \lambda'$  for  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda$  and  $\delta \in \Delta$ . We shall denote its kernel by  $R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ . Since  $\operatorname{Hom}(_{\Lambda} \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda_{\Lambda}, _{\Lambda} \Lambda_{\Lambda}) \cong \Delta$  by the map  $f \longmapsto f(1 \otimes 1)$  for  $f \in \operatorname{Hom}(_{\Lambda} \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda_{\Lambda}, _{\Lambda} \Lambda_{\Lambda})$ ,  $R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$  coincides with the reject of  $\Lambda$  in  $\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$  as a  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -module. In particular, if  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma$  then we can write

$$\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \simeq \text{Hom } c(\Delta, \Lambda) \oplus R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$$

as  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -modules.

The next theorem is a generalization of Theorem 1.2 in [6].

THEOREM 1. 4. Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda$  be rings, C the center of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Delta = V_{\Lambda}$  ( $\Gamma$ ). Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $\Lambda$  is a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ .
- (2) For every  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -module M,  $M^{\Gamma} = \Delta M^{\Lambda} \otimes X$

such that the map  $g: \Delta \otimes_c M^{\Lambda} \longrightarrow \Delta M^{\Lambda}$  defined by  $g(\delta \otimes m) = \delta m$  for  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $m \in M^{\Lambda}$  is an isomorphism and  $X \in \text{Rej }_{M}(\Lambda)$ .

$$(3) \quad (\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Gamma} = \Delta (\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^{\Lambda} \otimes X$$

such that the map g for  $M = \Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda$  is an isomorphism and  $X \subseteq R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ .

PROOF. Assum (1). By (3. 10) in [4],

$$M^{\Gamma} \simeq (\Delta \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} M^{\Lambda}) \otimes \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda} R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)_{\Lambda, \Lambda} M_{\Lambda}).$$

 p is a map of  $\Lambda \otimes_{r} \Lambda$  to  $\Lambda$ . Since  $k \in R_{r}(\Lambda)$ , the reject of  $\Lambda$  in  $\Lambda \otimes_{r} \Lambda$ ,  $g(f(k)) = g \circ f \circ p(k) = 0$ . Then g(X) = 0 and  $X \subset \operatorname{Rej}_{M}(\Lambda)$ . Hence (2) holds. If we put  $M = \Lambda \otimes_{r} \Lambda$  then (2) implies (3). Assume (3). We can write

$$1 \otimes 1 = \sum_{ij} \delta_i x_{ij} \otimes y_{ij} + k$$

for some  $\delta_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\sum_{i} x_{ji} \otimes y_{ij} \in (\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda)^A$  and  $k \in X$ . By definition of  $R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ ,

$$\delta = \varphi(1 \otimes 1)(\delta) = \sum_{ij} \delta_i x_{ij} \delta y_{ij} \qquad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta.$$

Hence  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma$  by (3.5)(2) in [4]. This completes the proof.

As a generalization of (3.4) in [2], we have

PROPOSITION 1. 5. Let  $\Gamma$  be a ring R the center of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  a separable R-algebra such that  $\Delta$  is R-f. g. projective. Then  $\Lambda = \Delta \bigotimes_R \Gamma$  is a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma'$  where  $\Gamma'$  is a natural homomorphic image of  $R \bigotimes_R \Gamma$  in  $\Delta \bigotimes_R \Gamma$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 3 in [7],  $\Lambda^r = \Delta$ . By (3.3) in [4],  $\Delta$  is strongly separable over R. Then we have  $\Delta \otimes_R \Delta = S \oplus K$  with

$$_{\Delta}S_{\Delta} < \bigoplus_{\Delta} (\Delta \oplus \cdots \oplus \Delta)_{\Delta}, \text{ Hom}(_{\Delta}K_{\Delta}, _{\Delta}\Delta_{\Delta}) = 0.$$

Hence

$$\Lambda \otimes_{\varGamma} \Lambda = (S \otimes_{R} \Gamma) \oplus (K \otimes_{R} \Gamma)$$

with

$$_{\Lambda}(S \bigotimes_{R} \Gamma)_{\Lambda} < \bigoplus_{\Lambda} (\Lambda \bigoplus \cdots \bigoplus \Lambda)_{\Lambda}.$$

On the orther hand,

$$\operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda}K \otimes_{R}\Gamma_{\Lambda}, {}_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Lambda}) = \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Gamma-\Delta}K \otimes \Gamma_{\Gamma-\Delta}, {}_{\Gamma-\Delta}\Lambda_{\Gamma-\Delta})$$
$$= \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Delta}K_{\Delta}, {}_{\Delta}\operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Gamma}\Gamma_{\Gamma}, {}_{\Gamma}\Lambda_{\Gamma})_{\Delta}) = \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Delta}K_{\Delta}, {}_{\Delta}\Delta_{\Delta}) = 0$$

Thus  $\Lambda \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \Rightarrow \Lambda$  as  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -modules and  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma$ .

For any  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -module M, we call that M is centrally projective over  $\Lambda$  if M is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of copies of  $\Lambda$  as a  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -module.

COROLLARY 1. 6. Let  $\Lambda$  be a separable extension of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Lambda$  is  $\Gamma$ -centrally projective. Then  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma$ .

PROOF. Let R be the center of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta = V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)$ . By (5.6) in [3],  $\Lambda = \Gamma \otimes_{R} \Delta$  and  $\Delta$  is R-f. g. projective. By Theorem 2 in [7],  $\Delta$  is a sepa-

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rable R-algebra. Then by (1.5),  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ , C the center of  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Delta = V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)$  and  $\Gamma' = V_{\Lambda}(\Delta)$ . By (3.6) in [4],  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over  $\Gamma'$ , and by (3.9) in [4], the map  $\Delta \otimes_{c} \Lambda \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(_{r}\Lambda,_{r}\Lambda)$  defined by  $\delta \otimes \lambda \longmapsto [\lambda' \longmapsto \delta \lambda' \lambda]$  for  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda' \in \Lambda$  is a (split) monomorphism. Then a generalization of (2.2) in [4] can be obtained in the same way.

PROPOSION 1. 8. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Lambda = \Delta \Gamma$ . Then  $\Lambda \simeq \Delta \otimes_c \Gamma'$ ,  $\Delta$  is a central C-separable algebra and  $\Lambda$  is an H-separable extension of  $\Gamma'$ , where  $\Gamma' = V_{\Lambda}(\Delta)$ .

PROOF. The latter assertion follows from (3.4) in [2].

#### 2. Commutor theorem

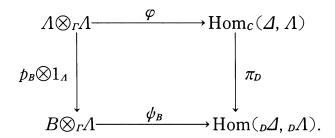
Throughout this section, whenever we denote a ring and its subring by  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$ , respectively, we denote the center of  $\Lambda$  by C and  $V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma) = \Delta$ .

Let  $\mathscr{B}_{l}$  be the set of subrings B of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\Gamma \subseteq B$ ,  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits and there exists a B- $\Gamma$ -projection  $p_{B}: \Lambda \longrightarrow B$  such that  $(1_{\Lambda} \otimes p_{B})$   $(R_{B}(\Lambda))=0$ , where  $1_{\Lambda}$  is the identity map of  $\Lambda$  and  $1_{\Lambda} \otimes p_{B}$  is the map of  $\Lambda \otimes_{B} \Lambda$  to  $\Lambda$  given by  $(1_{\Lambda} \otimes p_{B})$   $(\lambda \otimes \lambda') = \lambda p_{B}(\lambda')$  for  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda$ , and  $\mathscr{D}_{l}$  the set of C-subalgebras D of  $\Delta$  such that  ${}_{D} D \subset \oplus_{D} \Delta$  and  $D \otimes_{C} \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  splits.  $\mathscr{B}_{r}$  and  $\mathscr{D}_{r}$  are defined similarly. Furthermore, let  $\mathscr{B}$  be the set of subrings B of  $\Lambda$  such that B is a separable extension of  $\Gamma$  and there exists a B-B-projection  $p_{B}: \Lambda \longrightarrow B$  such that  $(1_{\Lambda} \otimes p_{B})$   $(R_{B}(\Lambda))=0$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  the set of separable C-subalgebras of  $\Delta$ .

Firstly, we prove

PROPOSION 2. 1. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ , D a C-subalgebra of  $\Delta$  such that  $D \otimes_c \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  splits, and  $B = V_\Lambda(D)$ . Then there exists a B- $\Gamma$ -projection  $p_B : \Lambda \longrightarrow B$  such that  $(1_\Lambda \otimes p_B) (R_B(\Lambda)) = 0$  and the map  $\psi_B : B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}({}_D \Delta, {}_D \Lambda)$  defined by  $\psi_B(b \otimes \lambda)$   $(\delta) = b \delta \lambda$  for  $b \in B$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $\delta \in \Delta$  is a split epimorphism as a B- $\Lambda$ -map. If furthermore  ${}_D D < \otimes_D \Delta$ , then  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits.

PROOF. Let  $\sum_i d_i \otimes \delta_i \in (D \otimes_c \Delta)^D$  such that  $\sum_i d_i \lambda \delta_i = 1$ . If we put  $p_B : \Lambda \longrightarrow B$  by  $p_B(\lambda) = \sum_i d_i \lambda \delta_i$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , and  $\pi_D : \operatorname{Hom}_C(\Delta, \Lambda) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_D(\Delta, \Lambda)$  by  $\pi_D(f)(\delta) = \sum_i d_i f(\delta_i \delta)$  for  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_C(\Gamma, \Lambda)$  then these maps are split epimorphisms as a  $B - \Gamma$ -map and a  $B - \Lambda$ -map, respectively. Now, consider the commutative diagram



Since  $\varphi$  is a split eprimorphism,  $\psi_B$  is a split epimorphism. If we put  $\eta$ : Hom  $_{\mathcal{C}}(D', \Lambda) \longrightarrow \Lambda$  by  $\eta(f) = \sum f(d_i) \delta_i$  for  $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(D', \Lambda)$ , where  $D' = V_{\Lambda}(B)$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$0 \longrightarrow R_B(\Lambda) \longrightarrow \Lambda \otimes_B \Lambda \xrightarrow{\psi_B} \operatorname{Hom}_C(D', \Lambda)$$

$$1_A \otimes p_B \qquad \qquad \Lambda$$

where the row is exact. Then we have

$$(1_{\Lambda} \otimes p_{B}) (R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)) = \eta \circ \varphi_{B}(R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)) = 0.$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\psi_B} \operatorname{Hom}({}_{D} \Delta, {}_{D} \Lambda)$$

$$\Lambda$$

where  $\alpha$  is the map given by  $\alpha(f) = f(1)$  for  $f \in \text{Hom}({}_{D}\Delta, {}_{D}\Lambda)$ . If  ${}_{D}D < \bigoplus_{D}\Delta$ , then  $\alpha$  is a split epimorphism and  $B \otimes_{T}\Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits.

PROPOSITION 2. 2. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ . Then for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}_l$ ,  $V_{\Lambda}(B) \in \mathcal{D}_l$ .

PROOF. Since  $B \otimes_{\Gamma} \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  splits, we have  ${}_{D}D < \bigoplus_{D} \Delta$ , where  $D = V_{\Lambda}(B)$ . By (1.2),  $\Lambda$  is strongly separable over B. D is  $C \cdot f$ . g. projective since  ${}_{D}D < \bigoplus_{D} \Delta$ . Then we have the following isomorphisms

$$\operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda}\Lambda \otimes_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Gamma})$$

$$\simeq \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda}\operatorname{Hom}_{C}(D, \Lambda)_{\Gamma}, {}_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Gamma}) \oplus \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda}R_{B}(\Lambda)_{\Gamma}, {}_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Gamma})$$

$$\simeq (D \otimes_{C}\Delta) \oplus \operatorname{Hom}({}_{\Lambda}R_{B}(\Lambda)_{\Gamma}, {}_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Gamma}).$$

In the above direct decomposition, the injection  $\psi_D: D \otimes_c \Delta \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}({}_B \Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_B \Lambda_{\Gamma})$  is given by  $\psi_D(d \otimes \delta) \ (\lambda) = d\lambda \delta$  for  $d \in D$ ,  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Clearly  $\psi_D$  is the D- $\Lambda$ -homomorphism. In this case, the action of D and  $\Delta$  to  $\operatorname{Hom}({}_B \Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_B \Lambda_{\Gamma})$  is given by  $(df) \ (\lambda) = df(\lambda)$  and  $(f\delta) \ (\lambda) = f(\lambda) \delta$  for  $d \in A$ 

 $D, \ \delta \in \Lambda \ \text{ and } \ f \in \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}).$  Let  $\alpha : \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}({}_{A}R_{B}(\Lambda)_{\Gamma}, {}_{A}\Lambda_{\Gamma})$  be the projection in the above decomposition, and M the map of  $\Lambda \otimes_{B}\Lambda$  to  $\Lambda$  given by  $M(\lambda \otimes \lambda') = \lambda \lambda'$  for  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda$ . Then  $\alpha(f)(x) = M(1_{A} \otimes f)(x)$  for  $f \in \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{\Gamma})$  and  $x \in R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ . Since  $\alpha(p_{B}) = 0$  by the definition of  $\mathscr{B}_{l}$ , we have  $p_{B} \in \psi_{D}(D \otimes_{c} \Delta)$ . Hence there exists  $\Sigma d_{i} \otimes \delta_{i} \in D \otimes_{c} \Delta$  such that  $p_{B} = \psi_{D}(\Sigma d_{i} \otimes \delta_{i})$ . Then we have

$$\sum d_i \delta_i = \psi_D(\sum d_i \otimes \delta_i) (1) = p_B(1) = 1$$

and for any  $d \in D$ ,

$$\psi_D(\sum dd_i \otimes \delta_i) = d\psi_D(\sum d_i \otimes \delta_i) = dp_B = p_B d = \psi_D(\sum d_i \otimes \delta_i) d = \psi_D(\sum d_i \otimes \delta_i d)$$

as the image of  $p_B$  is B. Since  $\psi_D$  is a monomorphism,  $\sum dd_i \otimes \delta_i = \sum d_i \otimes \delta_i d$ . Then  $\sum d_i \otimes \delta_i \in (D \otimes_c \Delta)^D$  and this implies  $D \otimes_c \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  splits.

As a generalization of Proposition 1.2 in [6], we have the next lemma.

LEMMA 2. 3. Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda$  be rings and there exists a left  $\Gamma$ -projection  $p: \Lambda \longrightarrow \Gamma$  such that  $(1_{\Lambda} \otimes p) (R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)) = 0$ , the  $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma)) = \Gamma$ .

PROOF. Let  $x \in V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(\Gamma))$ . By definition of  $R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ ,  $x \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes x \in R_{\Gamma}(\Lambda)$ . By hypothesis, we have x - p(x) = 0 and  $x \in \Gamma$ .

LEMMA 2. 4. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ . Then for every  $D \in \mathcal{D}_l$ ,  $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(D)) = D$ .

PROOF. Since  $D \otimes_c \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  splits and  $\Delta$  is C-f. g. projective,  $\Delta$  is left D-f. g. projective. Let  $B = V_A(D)$  and  $D' = V_A(B)$ . By (2.1),  $_B \operatorname{Hom}(_D \Delta, _D \Lambda)_A < \otimes_B B \otimes_r \Lambda_A$ . Then we have

$$D' \otimes_{D} \Delta \simeq \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\Lambda_{A}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{A}) \otimes_{D} \Delta \simeq \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}\operatorname{Hom}({}_{D}\Delta, {}_{D}\Lambda)_{A}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{A})$$
$$< \bigoplus \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}B \otimes_{P}\Lambda_{A}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{A}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}({}_{B}B_{P}, {}_{B}\Lambda_{P}) \simeq \Delta.$$

Hence the map  $D' \otimes_D \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  ginen by  $d' \otimes \delta \longrightarrow d' \delta$  is injective. Since this map is always surjective,  $D' \otimes_D \Delta \cong \Delta$ . Then D' = D, since  $D \otimes D \Delta \cong \Delta$ .

Now, we can obtain the commutor theorem for strongly separable extensions, which is a generalization of (1.3) in [9].

THEOREM 2. 5. Let  $\Lambda$  be a strongly separable extension of  $\Gamma$ , and consider the correspondence  $V: A \leadsto V_{\Lambda}(A)$  for a subring A of  $\Lambda$ . Then we have

(1) V yields a one to one correspondence between  $\mathcal{B}_{l}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{l}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{B}_{r}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{r}$ ) such that  $V^{2}$ =identity.

- (2) V yields a one to one correspondence between  $\mathscr B$  and  $\mathscr D$  such that  $V^2\!=\!identity$ .
- PROOF. (1) For any  $B \in \mathcal{B}_l$ ,  $V_{\Lambda}(B) \in \mathcal{D}_l$  by (2.2) and  $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(B)) = B$  by (2.3). For any  $D \in \mathcal{D}_l$ ,  $V_{\Lambda}(D) \in \mathcal{B}_l$  by (2.1) and  $V_{\Lambda}(V_{\Lambda}(D)) = D$  by (2.4).
- (2) Since  $\mathscr{B} \subset \mathscr{B}_l$ , for any  $B \in \mathscr{B}$ ,  $V_A(V_A(B)) = B$  and  $V_A(B) = D \in \mathscr{D}_l$ . Since  $B \otimes_r B \longrightarrow B$  splits,  ${}_D D_D < \bigoplus_D \Delta_D$ . Hence D is a C-separable algebra by (1,4) in [9].
- By (1.1) in [9],  $\mathscr{D} \subset \mathscr{D}_l$ . Then for any  $D \in \mathscr{D}$ ,  $V_A(V_A(D)) = D$  and  $V_A(D) = B \in \mathscr{B}_l$ . Since  $D \otimes_c D \longrightarrow D$  splits,  ${}_B B_B < \bigoplus_B \Lambda_B$ . Hence B is separable over  $\Gamma$  by (1.4) in [9].

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